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Groups sue Edenton to stop monument's relocation

UDC, SCV want Confederate monument to stay where it is

BY TYLER NEWMAN
Chowan Herald

EDENTON — Two groups with connections to the Confederacy have sued the town of Edenton to halt its efforts to relocate the town's Confederate monument from its current site.

The N.C. Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the N.C. Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Colonial William F. Martin Camp 1521 of the Sons

of Confederate Veterans filed the lawsuit in Chowan Superior Court earlier this month, documents show. Edenton Town Manager Corey Gooden was served a civil summons connected to the suit on Dec. 6.

Plaintiffs include Beth Zeiss, president of the NC UDC, and Scott Perry, adjutant of the Col. William F. Martin Camp 1521 of the SCV. Neither could be reached for comment.

According to the complaint, the UDC and SCV are seeking a court injunction to prevent any movement of Edenton's Confederate

monument located at the foot of South Broad Street in Edenton.

The suit claims Edenton is invoking "one or more ordinances" to justify the immediate relocation and removal of the Confederate monument. Those ordinances "require that there be an imminent threat to public health and safety," but the plaintiffs contend there has been no vandalism to the monument or violence because of it.

The UDC and SCV say neither group is founded on hatred, are nonpartisan and oppose use of the Confed-

erate battle flag for political agendas. They said they only seek to defend Confederate soldiers who died during the Civil War and to see that "the true history of the South is presented to future generations."

Both organizations also said they have members who live in Edenton and Chowan County.

A now-dissolved chapter of the NC UDC, the Edenton Bell Battery Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, was responsible for erecting the



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A group of Confederate monument protesters gather on the plaza at the foot of South Broad Street while a pro-monument counter-protester marches in the foreground.

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A TikTok sensation



CHRIS DAY/THE DAILY ADVANCE

Jesse Wood, 63, demonstrates how he films a TikTok video at his work table. TikTok under his username jessewood06.

EC biz owner has 170K followers on app

Most Wood videos are of him cooking old-fashioned meals

BY CHRIS DAY
The Daily Advance

ELIZABETH CITY — Many local residents may know Jesse Wood as the 63-year-old owner of Wood's Automotive in Elizabeth City. But do they know Jesse Wood, the TikTok sensation known as "jessewood06"?

Nearly 170,000 people on TikTok follow Jesse's videos that he has been posting to the popular video app TikTok for the past two years. On TikTok, his username is jessewood06.

TikTok is an app that allows users to share their homemade videos using

their phones or other digital recording devices. The videos can be anywhere from 15 seconds to ten minutes long and include dialogue, narration and music and can cover a variety of topics. TikTok even allows for posting live video content.

Wood, who owns Wood's Automotive at 881 Thunder Road, was inspired to make his own videos after a friend of his shared a funny TikTok video with him.

"That's how it all started ... I was just goofing around and figured I'd get about 100 views," Wood said.

His videos get way more than 100 views, as about six of them have been viewed more than a million times. Several others have garnered more than a half-mil-

lion views, he said.

Wood's videos primarily feature him cooking up old-fashioned meals that

he learned from his mother growing up.

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'EC's The Voice' seeks singing star

Contest will be held over 3 nights in January at COA

BY CHRIS DAY
Multimedia Editor

A local contest styled after the NBC reality series "The Voice" is seeking the area's next rising singing sensation.

"Elizabeth City's The Voice" contest will be held in January and feature a top cash prize of \$1,000, said local performer and contest creator Robby Goodman.

The local competition is not affiliated with NBC's hit show but will follow

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