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Supply chain issues hold up signs' install at monument

Heath: Affixing signs to granite slants to take 2 months

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

Perquimans County has received interpretive signs to be placed next to the Confederate Monument on the county courthouse lawn but supply chain issues will delay their installation for another two months.

County Manager Frank

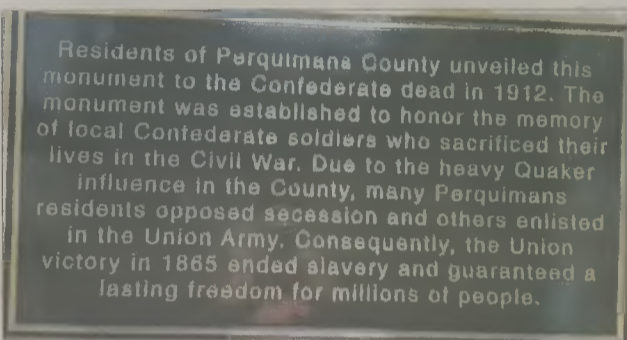


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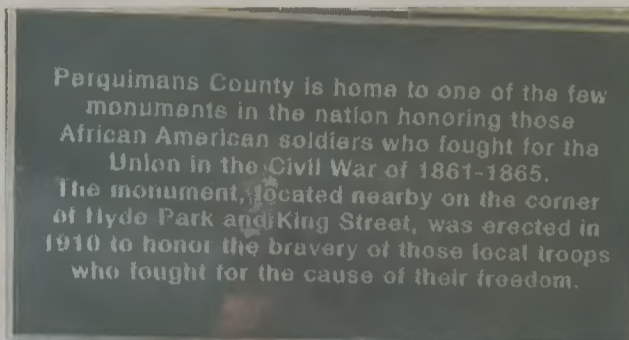
Heath said Monday that the signs putting the monument in historical context have arrived "but have to be affixed to granite slants."

Heath said he's been told it will be between four

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Shown are the two interpretive signs to be placed next to the Confederate Monument on the lawn at the Perquimans County Courthouse. Supply chain issues will delay their installation for another two months, the county manager said.



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Congressman in Class



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U.S. Rep. Don Davis, D-N.C. greets students at Perquimans County High School in Hertford, Tuesday, March 14. Citing the importance of teachers to students' success, Davis said he wants to look at how to incentivize boosting teacher salaries across the country to at least \$60,000 a year.

Davis: Set teacher pay floor at \$60K

Congressman meets with students at Perquimans High

BY REGGIE PONDER
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U.S. Rep. Don Davis told students at Perquimans County High School last week that he wants to help boost pay for the teachers who make a difference in their lives.

"Listening to the students today, it's very clear to me

that teachers and coaches are making a difference," Davis said during a meeting with Career and College Promise students from Perquimans County High School on Tuesday, March 14. The meeting was also attended by Perquimans High School Principal Mickey Drew and a few other school administrators.

Davis, a Greene County Democrat who represents North Carolina's 1st Congressional District, has

been on what he calls the "Living the Dream in Eastern North Carolina" tour in recent weeks. The tour has focused on education in schools around the newly drawn 1st District.

Citing the importance of teachers to students' success, Davis said he wants to look at how to incentivize boosting teacher salaries across the country to at least \$60,000 a year. He said he and others in Congress are currently looking at

what kind of federal incentives could get teachers to that goal.

Perquimans County High School Principal Mickey Drew asked Davis what he sees as the greatest need in education.

"My biggest concern right now is, how do we support education in eastern North Carolina — and not just eastern North Carolina, but rural America?" Davis

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Perquimans woman, Va. couple charged in overdose death

3 charged with concealing Va. man's Jan. 30 death

BY REGGIE PONDER
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A Perquimans County woman and a Virginia Beach couple have been charged in connection with the overdose death of a Virginia man whose body was found in Pasquotank County in late January.

Brittany Cartledge, 26, of the 110 block of Wildwood Drive, Hertford, was arrested Tuesday, March 14, and charged with concealing/failing to report a death following an overdose, Perquimans Sheriff Shelby White said. She was being held at Albemarle District Jail on Tuesday in lieu of a \$100,000 secured bond.

A day earlier, Tia Medlin, 34, of Landfall Arch, Virginia Beach, Virginia, was arrested and charged with concealing a death and stealing, altering or destroying criminal evidence. She also was being detained at ADJ Tuesday in lieu of a \$100,000 secured bond.

Medlin's husband, Holden Medlin, 32, of Landfall Arch,



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Virginia Beach, was also arrested Monday, March 13, and is facing a host of charges. According to jail records, he's charged with concealing a death and altering, stealing or destroying criminal evidence; assault on a law enforcement officer with a firearm; assault by pointing a gun; three separate charges of possession of a weapon by a felon; carrying a concealed weapon; possession of a weapon of mass destruction; and trafficking an opiate or heroin. He also was being detained at ADJ Tuesday in lieu of secured bonds total-

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Study eyes public transport option to OBX for workers

Employers in Perquimans, 4 others, asked for feedback

From staff reports

The Albemarle Rural Planning Organization is spearheading a workforce transportation study to evaluate the feasibility of public transportation options for workers commuting to Dare County from five area counties.

The five counties included in the study include Perquimans, Chowan, Pasquotank, Washington and Tyrrell counties.

The ARPO, the Inter-County Public Transportation Authority and the N.C. Department of Transportation are asking employers and employees to complete a survey as part of the study.

"The study is aimed at identifying transportation

solutions for employees traveling to the Outer Banks for work," a press release from the ARPO states. "This survey is geared toward decision-makers asking questions specific to your business operations on the Outer Banks."

The employer survey features 21 questions on subjects ranging from onsite parking availability for employees to difficulty in hiring qualified candidates because of transportation challenges.

"The study will analyze the existing barriers and challenges that employers and employees may currently encounter and the role transportation plays in those," the press release states. "The study will also gather information on the expected participation in a workforce transportation program

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PAL showcasing student artwork this month

Annual youth art exhibit at gallery through March 31

BY TYLER NEWMAN
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Artworks by students in the Perquimans County Schools are on display at the Perquimans Arts League in Hertford, part of an annual exhibit that draws attention to the youngest artists in the community.

Portraits, still lifes, multi-colored turtles, eccentric masks, rainbow hearts, fall landscapes, even a giant cellphone are currently on display in the PAL exhibit, which continues through the end of the month.

Aaryn Hunter, a third-grader, illustrated beautiful geometric snowflakes with her entry. Shaniyah White, a fourth-grader, crafted a portrait of a person standing in a rainstorm, shielded by a rainbow umbrella.

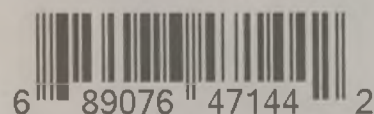
Meanwhile, Raelinn Winslow and Champ Blount — a first- and second-grader,



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A giant Crayola marker hand designed by Perquimans County school students is shown on display at the Perquimans Arts League's gallery last week. The artwork is part of PAL's annual Art Youth Month exhibit that will remain on display at the gallery through March 31.

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