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County considers library lease

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Perquimans County will hold a hearing next month on a plan to lease the old Perquimans County Library to Historic Hertford Inc.

Commissioners were presented with a copy of the lease in advance of Monday's meeting. They were asked if they wanted to make any changes to it and none did.

The lease sets out an initial term of five years with the option to renew it up to five more times in increments of one year each. In exchange the county wants \$1 a year for lease payments.

The building has stood vacant since the Perquimans County Library moved from 110 W. Academy St. to a new \$2.5 million facility on Church Street in 2018.

The Town of Hertford expressed interest in the old library for a police station, but ultimately county officials agreed to extend the offer to HHI and the Carolina Moon Theater Group. The county board directed County Manager Frank Heath and Commission Chair Wallace Nelson to oversee the lease of the old library and talk to their counterparts at the town.

Hertford Mayor Pro Tem Quintin Jackson made an appearance at Monday's county meeting to speak. Hertford was holding a town workshop meeting at the same time. Without naming names, Jackson said the town wasn't being considered.

"They seem to want to talk to only those they want to talk to," Jackson said. "This is something we've wanted to discuss for five months."

Heath said he and Nelson did meet with Hertford Town Manager Pam Hurdle and Mayor Horace Reid, and while they expressed an interest in the building, they didn't offer specifics on what the building would be used for.

HHI and Carolina Moon currently leases two buildings from the Town of Hertford that may no longer be needed by the groups if the library lease moves forward. HHI uses one part of a building that once housed the Perquimans County Senior Center on Grubb Street. Carolina Moon's theater is in another part of the same building. Carolina Moon also uses a town-owned building across Grubb Street to store props and costumes.

While she didn't speak

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Riverbash



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Top, a crowd takes off down Market Street for a Star Wars-themed fun run during the Riverbash Festival in Hertford on Saturday. Right, a group assembles the boats for a paddle event at Winfall Landing Park that was part of Riverbash. Bottom left, a radio-controlled car takes flight after going over a ramp at the Riverbash Festival in Hertford.

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Bottom right, people sit outside at the Perquimans County Recreation Center for a jazz concert Sunday as part of the Riverbash Festival.



Trent to be honored at holiday parade

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Dr. Maria Trent, a Perquimans County native and award-winning doctor at Johns Hopkins will be the grand marshal in an Independence Day parade in Hertford on July 6.

Trent earned her medical degree from the University of Chapel Medical School in 1995 and a PH degree from Harvard School of Public Health. She was named one of the nation's 100 most influential African-Americans for 2013. She and



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Center.

But her roots are in Hertford. In a Baltimore Sun article she talks about why she got into the health

her fellow honorees — including President Barack Obama, Kerry Washington, Magic Johnson, Harry Belafonte, Marian Wright Edelman and — were celebrated at New York's Lincoln

field.

"I grew up in a small rural town in North Carolina as part of a large extended family, so caring for children and aging relatives came with the territory. I attended the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics in Durham, which has an intense curriculum and early exposure to health-related courses, so a health care career was a natural progression."

A major focus of Trent's research and professional interest has been on adolescent and young adult re-

productive health with specific focus on fertility preservation among high-risk youth.

Dr. Trent provides primary and subspecialty clinical care to children, adolescents, and young adults as a part of the Harriet Lane Program in the Johns Hopkins Children's Center.

The Perquimans County parade will be held July 6 starting at Hertford Grammar School. The route goes down Dobbs Street, takes a

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Murphy, Perry to face off in second primary

From Staff Reports

Two Republicans who are physicians will face off in a second primary this summer for the right to take on Democratic nominee Allen Thomas and the nominees

of the state Libertarian and Constitution parties for the vacant seat in North Carolina's 3rd Congressional District.

Dr. Greg Murphy, a urologic surgeon from Greenville, and Dr. Joan Perry, a pediatrician from Kinston, will compete for the GOP nomination in a runoff election on July 9.

Murphy, who is also a

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DAY OF PRAYER



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Students from Perquimans County High School singing during a National Day of Prayer event last week on the Perquimans Courthouse lawn. For more, see the May 15 edition of The Perquimans Weekly.



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Comedy to start Thursday

From Staff Reports

The Carolina Moon Theater will present "The Savannah Sipping Society" on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. each night.

The play is a comedy

about four unique Southern women, all needing to escape the sameness of their day-to-day routines. They are drawn together by fate — an impromptu happy

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