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Schools move forward with grant application

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

School officials approved a more detailed plan Monday showing how they would put tablet computers in the hands of more than 1,300 students and provide a way to sustain the program in the future.

The Perquimans proposal

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The computer project was one of three in the Perquimans County package. The county is also asking

for money to build an industrial-sized boat ramp at the Perquimans County Industrial Park. The county is also asking money to help fund a group that is trying to attract boat builders to the region.

The school proposal asks for \$864,000 from Golden LEAF so every student in grades three through 12 can

have access to a computer. In exchange, the school board is willing to provide \$174,000 as a match. The money will come from the school system's capital reserve fund. Along with in-kind contributions, the total cost of the computer program is projected at \$1.1 million.

Students won't be

charged a fee to use the devices. Some school systems have gone that route as way to raise money to sustain a program.

"Let's start without it (a fee) and see if we can make it happen," said Victor Eure, the director of technology.

The school board wanted

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TRENT HONORED FOR HELPING OTHERS



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Dr. Maria Trent, a Perquimans County native and adolescent medicine specialist at Johns Hopkins Children's Center, was named to the 28th annual "Power 100 List" that will appear in Ebony magazine's December-January issue.

State sets liquor rules

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

Restaurants — new or old — that look to offer mixed drinks to the menu in Hertford will find themselves having to follow a list of state regulations that govern it.

The good news is that if all the paperwork is up to snuff, getting a permit is pretty quick, according to Agnes Stevens, a spokesman for the N.C. ABC commission.

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Spokesman, NC ABC commission

Hertford native named to Ebony's 'Power 100'

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Marie Trent when she as a child is seen with her father, Graham Trent, at their house on Hyde Park Street in Hertford.



BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

Growing up as a girl in Hertford, Maria Trent remembers she always got the support she needed. Now as a pediatrician at John Hopkins Children's Center in Baltimore, she's trying to give that same support to others.

For her efforts, Trent was honored this month as one of Ebony Magazine's Power 100 list most influential black leaders. The list is topped by President Barack Obama and includes actress Kerry Washington, NBA legend and entrepreneur Earvin "Magic" Johnson and activist Harry Belafonte. They gathered together for a gala in New York City.

Hertford residents might remember Trent as the younger daughter of Vivian and the late Graham Trent. Her fondest memories of Hertford include walking to

the library by herself at age 10 and riding her bike to Woodard's Pharmacy for ice cream.

The community, she said, was always looking out for her and helping.

"I remember growing up it was a safe environment. People in the community would look out after young people. I remember the adults of Hertford would take us to places like Kings Dominion. Teachers were always in touch. It was the kind of experience that you don't have growing up in other places."

In high school, Trent remembers getting a lot of support from her sister Granette, Valerie Vaughn, Demetria Felton, Rodney Lyons, Todd Tilley, Virgil Whitehurst and Janice Talley.

Aside from her parents, she says she had plenty of support from Nellie Hollie,

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"If someone comes in early in the day and all the paperwork is order, usually that person can leave that day with a temporary permit," she said. "It's a fairly quick operation."

There are fees — both one-time and annual that come as a part of the application. Restaurants also have to follow state rules, including a rule that mandates that they pay a higher price for the liquor they sell.

The state tacks on extra charges when the liquor is sold to a restaurant for resale. A bottle of liquor that would cost \$11.95 before tax to a normal customer (\$12.79 after tax) would cost \$15.70 after tax to a restaurant.

Businesses that try and

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Chowan eyeing wind project rules

BY REGGIE PONDER
Chowan Herald

Chowan County is moving forward with a plan that would bring its zoning rules more in line with that of Perquimans County when it comes to major utility-scale wind turbines.

The Chowan County Planning Board last week endorsed an amendment that would more than double the permissible height for wind turbines in the county. The Chowan County Board of Commissioners is scheduled to hold a public hearing on the issue Dec. 2.

"A 600-foot anything is just not consistent with what we talk about. All of a sudden we throw out everything that we have talked about in terms of our vision."

Patti Kersey
Member, Chowan planning board

The move is required before a Virginia company can move forward on a plan to build a 10,000-acre wind project on Weyerhaeuser-owned land that straddles the Perquimans-Chowan line.

About three fourths of the project is in Perquimans Coun-

ty, which permits such development but hasn't been asked to approve the specific plan by Apex Clean Energy, Inc.

At the Nov. 19 planning board meeting, a motion by board member Allen Nixon to recommend approval of the amendment by the county commissioners passed with board member Patti Kersey casting the lone vote against it.

Asked later about her opposition to the proposed text amendment,

Kersey said anything — not just a wind turbine — that is built 600 feet high is contrary to the county's vision and land use plan.

"A 600-foot anything is just not consistent with what we talk about," Kersey said. "All

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CHRISTMAS COLORS



SUBMITTED ART

Lauren Heath, a third-grader at Hertford Grammar School, drew this Christmas picture. The Perquimans Weekly will be running more holiday artwork from students over the next few weeks.

