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County Schools before earning a spot to attend the magnet North Carolina School of Science and Math in Durham that spurred her interest in medicine.

"Yes, my upbringing in Hertford was critical for my personal and academic development," she said. "The safe, small-town community where everyone looked out for each other and where education was supported enabled me to grow up with a huge safety net filled with good friends and loving adults."

Trent, the daughter of Vivian and Graham Trent, said her fondest memories of Hertford include walking to the library by herself at age 10, and having "a little old lady at church" one day press \$20 into her hand, according to an article from the Daily Advance's archives.

A class act, Trent praised family for her upbringing that provided the foundation for success. Interested in math and science all along, Trent said she regularly completed her homework before going home from school.

"I am grateful that my parents highly valued education and understood the necessary steps for achievement, and my extended family who also always looked supported me," she said.

Trent, whose mother grew up in Hertford and whose father lived there until his death several years ago, says she received a lot of community support and encouragement growing up.

Trent's high school science teacher, Ms. Driber, nominated her in 10th grade to attend the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics in Durham. The application process was rigorous, but she was accepted, and attended during her 11th and 12th grades in school.

"I was also fortunate to

have teachers like Edith Driber (my high school biology teacher) who nominated me for important opportunities like attending the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics."

And worth noting, based on this country editor's research, Trent held two NC 2A State Records in 1987 - 800-meter and 1600-meter. State meet that year, that was a hot day to run too. Needed sprinklers to cool the runners pacing themselves around the red and white track at North Carolina State University.

After running and gunning around the track, Trent earned degrees from Yale to University, University of North Carolina School of Medicine and the Harvard School of Public Health. She completed her pediatric residency at Children's National Medical Center in D.C. and was an adolescent medicine fellow at Boston Children's Hospital (Harvard Medical School). Trent has been on the faculty at the John Hopkins School of Medicine since 2001 and has served as a professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the School of Medicine; Department of Population, Family and Reproductive Health at the Bloomberg School of Public Health; the Department of Acute and Chronic Care at the John Hopkins School of Nursing. She is an independent scientist that serves as the principal or key investigator on multiple research projects, both domestic and international, that are funded by the National Institute of Health (NIH) and other funding agencies.

Among Trent's many accolades, she was named to Ebony Magazine's Power 100 list of the nation's most influential African-Americans, among peers including President/CEO of McDonald's Don Thompson, national security adviser Susan Rice, director/producer Shonda Rhimes and President Barack Obama.

STORY

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work, faith and family.

"Even before Story's seafood was opened, crabbing helped to put food on the table for me and my family," Story said. "I'm thankful that my granddaddy passed his commercial fishing and crabbing passion down to not only my mom but also my uncle who brings in fresh fish from the Perquimans River to sell at Story's Seafood whenever possible. It has taught me to work hard and not complain about it because hard work always pays off."

Story's Tale

So who is Lizzy Story? A hero origin story like that deserves more ink, so let's start small, like the popular crab bomber that the restaurant sells.

Come fall, Story will be attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she plans to major in biology and minor in Spanish because she hopes to do a bit traveling, most likely Latin American.

"I would like to be a dentist," Story said with certainty. "Ever since I went to Ecuador with fountain of life church last summer on my first mission trip, I have hoped to travel and use my profession to give free dental care to others in need. Traveling has and will always be one of my biggest passions."

Academics and sports achievement are the twin pillars of anyone attending Perquimans County Schools and Story is no different.

"My most important activity that I've participated in through Perquimans High School is the volleyball program," she said. "I treasure the time I got to bond with my amazing teammates and my coach. We all put so much heart in the game and each other most importantly."

Moreover, Story is vice president of Interact Club at Perquimans High School and secretary of Student Government Association.

"Interact club is amazing because I get to work firsthand in being able to make an impact on the community," she said. "It also excites me to be a part of SGA because it teaches me leadership and inspires creativity for pep rallies and student



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Rather than waste hours playing video games such as Minecraft while her senior year is on lockdown, Lizzy Story used her time wisely to go hunting, bag this turkey.

functions."

A proud Pirate, Story extols the virtues of the county school system.

"I can honestly say that I am completely satisfied with the education I have gotten from the Perquimans School System," she said.

True fishermen are good at math - same is true with this Pirate.

"My favorite subject has always been math, mostly because I feel that it is my strongest subject," Story said. "My junior year I took AP Calculus with Mrs. (Kim) Tyson and the intensity of the course is what made it so much fun."

Some of Story's fondest memories of High School are the ones with her best friends and teammates.

"Everyone knows how awesome the memory of a win is, but I also cherish that long bus ride to Ocracoke with the volleyball team and singing throwback songs super loud," she said. "None of us had any talent but it didn't matter because we were having fun."

They say water has memory - so does this child of Perquimans schools.

"I love getting up early and walking the ALS walk every year with my teammates and I love contemplating every year what character group we are going to be for character day on Spirit Week," Story said. "I know it may be something everyone says but pep rally memories really are the best. Especially that one my freshman year when a classmate ran across the field in his underpants and the boys dressed up like cheerleaders to dance to a silly song."

Story has taken advantage of the high school's dual enrollment program

with College of the Albemarle.

"With the exception of advanced placement calculus, the past two years all of my classes have been through College of the Albemarle. I love that Perquimans gives us that option," she said. "An important aspect of a good education are continuous relationships and its easy for me to say that no matter if I'm learning through high school courses or college courses, I am getting the support and encouragement that I need to continue to learn."

Not everything is sweet - quarantine all but killed senior year for 120 Pirates, but Story transformed lemons into lemonade, or buckshot into a turkey dinner.

"The stay-at-home thing has affected me but in a good way," she said. "I have done a lot of things that I don't normally do. For instance, I killed my first turkey during quarantine, have been fishing multiple times (more than ever), and found that I love to kayak. It is something about being on the water that is so calming. It's a pain that such a thing could happen during my senior year, but I still have hope. Even if I don't get prom or my senior walk I will still smile. I've learned how much I love people's faces during quarantine. I don't always get to talk to everyone in my school, but I'd do anything to see all of their faces again. I really do miss it."

Time Spent at the 'Fish House'

Story works at Story's Seafood which is a restaurant down Harvey Point Road in Hertford. Most of the time, Story is in control of the cash register and to-

go orders. However, there are also times when she is/was the waitress.

"No matter if I am waitressing or being the cashier, I am also always making sure the market is stocked for any customers that are looking to get some pounds of fish or shrimp," she said.

Story's Seafood knows how to season its shrimp and fish - no doubt. But more than that, this family knows the water, so let's talk about the water that dominates the landscape around our neck of the woods. Maybe Google Billy Joel's song "Downeaster Alexa" - much respect to the Story family who works with the rod and reel when trolling Atlantis.

"We get up around 5 a.m. or so and try to get out on the water as soon as sunlight hits," Story said. "Ever since I was little I have been going on the boat with my mom and my two brothers to crab."

Story is a bay(woman) as is her heritage.

"Now that I am older and my oldest brother has found his own career, I've had bigger responsibilities," she said. "I drive the boat for my mom as she grabs and shakes the pots. This is not very fun when its windy because you want to get the pot in an easy position for my mom to grab. It's not my favorite thing to do, but it's needed and people love crabs in the summertime. It's also my job to help my mom grade the crabs when we get them back to the fish house - what we call Story's Seafood."

Shop Local

Last word goes to the community support for Story's Seafood during this damn quarantine - Bless your heart King Cooper (not a compliment).

Shop local by getting your fish at Story's - join the revolution!

"I think the community has been very supportive during this time," Story said. "I have not worked much since the pandemic went down, to give hours to the ones that need it most, but when I am there, I am glad to see familiar faces and new faces. I can't wait until we get to open up the entire place again."

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LAW ENFORCEMENT LOG

BY STAFF REPORTS

Hertford Police Department activity between April 17 and April 27:

- 4/17: Hit and Run Accident on Edenton Road. Investigator Duncan is investigating where a bicyclist was hit.
- 4/18: Drug Possession at the Rec. Center. Officer Martin has filed juvenile petitions.
- 4/19: Breaking and Entering at Wynne Fork. Officer Martin investigating where an unknown person entered a window and damaged the property.
- 4/19: Assault on LEO and Resist Arrest at Wynne Fork. Officer Martin has filed juvenile petitions.
- 4/19: Incident Liberties with a Minor. Investigator Duncan is investigating.
- 4/21: Damage to Prop-

erty at Wynne Fork. Officer Downing has filed juvenile petitions.

- 4/23: Damage to Property at Wynne Fork. Investigator Duncan has filed juvenile petitions.
- 4/25: Suspicious Person at the Family Dollar. Officer Downing trespassed the suspect.
- 4/27: Damage to Property at Wynne Fork. Officer Martin has filed juvenile petitions.
- Perquimans Sheriff's arrests between April 24 and April 30:
- Jimmy Tarkington of Bethel Fishing Center, Hertford, was arrested April 27 and charged with possession of heroin. Bond/other.
- Marcus Quintana of Pender Road, Hertford, was arrested April 30 and charged with cyberstalking and assault with a deadly weapon. Bond/other.

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DEATH

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suffering from this virus."

The death is the sixth in the eight-county health district served by ARHS.

Meanwhile, the number of COVID-19 cases in the eight-county region increased to 165 on Monday, as Bertie County and Hertford County reported new cases.

Bertie is now reporting 48 cases, including 10 cases at Bertie Correctional Institution and three at Three Rivers Health & Rehabilitation, a nursing home. Only 15 of Bertie's cases are still active. Bertie has reported two COVID-19 deaths.

Hertford County is reporting 44 cases, including 27 cases at Rivers Correctional Institution, a private prison housing federal inmates. Only 20 of Hertford's cases are still active. The county has reported one COVID-19 death.

Pasquotank County, whose case count did not increase from Sunday, is reporting 37 cases, only four of which are active. Pasquotank has reported one COVID-19 death.

Nineteen of the cases in Pasquotank are prison inmates incarcerated at Pasquotank Correctional Institution. All 19 have recovered. Two others are cases reported on Saturday at Elizabeth City Health

and Rehabilitation, a long-term care facility in Elizabeth City. Only one of those cases is currently active.

Only 42 percent of cases in ARHS' eight-county region remain active.

The 165 cases in ARHS' eight-county district don't include 18 lab-confirmed cases in Dare County, which has its own health department. The county's health agency reported two other positive tests for the virus on Friday.

The agency said both new cases are family members of an individual whose positive test was reported on April 30. The agency said the persons contracted the virus through direct contact, not by community spread.

Dare County began a phased-in reopening of the county to 25,000 non-resident property owners on Monday. The phased-in reopening will continue on Wednesday and Friday.

Statewide, the number of COVID-19 cases rose to 11,848, an increase of more than 200 from Sunday. The number of deaths rose from 422 to 439.

The number of people hospitalized with COVID-19 in North Carolina rose to 498, an increase of 23 since Sunday. The N.C. Department of Health and Human Services also reported another 2,604 COVID-19 tests had been completed, raising the statewide total to 146,439.

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