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10U GIRLS ARE STATE CHAMPS!



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Celebrating a state championship! The 10U Perquimans Girls Softball All-Stars celebrate after winning the Tarheel League state championship over the weekend in Morganton.

Game-5 rally keeps them alive

By CATHY WILSON
Staff Writer

Unbelievable! The 10U Perquimans Girls Softball All Stars heard that word said so many times during tournament play over the weekend, they adopted it as their motto. Unbelievable ... that a team from a small county that selects all-stars from a pool of about 40 players could travel nearly 350 miles one way to play against teams that select all-stars from rosters holding as many as 200 players.

Unbelievable ... that the Perquimans team that lost one of its leading hitters to a broken leg ended up having to play in a state tournament without her.

Unbelievable ... that the local ladies who were down 5-0 in game 5, in the final inning, in their last bat and waiting for the last out to send them



The 10U Perquimans All-Stars began every game with prayer.

home, would make a come-from-behind rally, scoring 6 runs to win that game.

Unbelievable ... that the Perquimans team lost only one game out of seven, and went on to win

the state championship in the Tarheel League. "They were throwing their gloves in the air, jumping for joy and crying at the same time," said Beth Chappell, a parent who made the trip

with the team. "It really was unbelievable how the team worked together." Head coach Ricky Trueblood said the girls started tournament ball

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Fire destroys home on Chapanoke

Red Cross puts 12 in hotel for 4 nights

By CATHY WILSON
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Officials say nine children and a mother were at home Thursday afternoon when fire destroyed their home on Chapanoke Road.

Perquimans County Sheriff Eric Tilley said everyone managed to get out of the house located at 820 Chapanoke Road.

Firefighters from three



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A home on Chapanoke Road was destroyed by fire Thursday afternoon. Nine children and a mother were at home when the fire started, the sheriff said.

scene, said a child smelled something burning, then went outside the home and saw fire coming from the top of the house. The child returned inside and alerted the rest of the family to get out, Tilley said.

Tilley said he believes the fire started in a storage area upstairs.

According to county records, the home located at 820 Chapanoke Road

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Perquimans County departments responded around 3:30 p.m. and fought the hot afternoon blaze that destroyed the single-story frame house that featured a storage area above the living space, officials said. Firefighters responded

Tilley, who went to the



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Holiday Island property owners line up to enter a meeting at the subdivision's clubhouse, Saturday. Owners voted Saturday to reject two proposals that would have paid for closing the wastewater treatment plant that serves the subdivision's camping areas.

Residents say they won't pay to close plant

Holiday Island association votes not to use \$25K in reserve funds

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Members of the Holiday Island Property Owners Association voted Saturday not to seek voluntary contributions or use up to \$25,000 from the group's capital reserve fund to close the subdivision's aging wastewater treatment plant.

While both votes failed to pass during the standing-room-only meeting, it does not mean the sewer plant won't close. Leaders of the property owners group say if they don't fund the closure, the state may take over, close the plant, and send the owners group the bill.

Barbara Bostwick, secretary of the property owners association, said the no vote means residents of Holiday Island's residential and camping sections do not wish to give voluntary contributions.

"We have to notify the state now, and they will

tell us what to do," she said. "We'll have to go from there."

Association leaders say the state indicates the plant is "unsafe" and that the subdivision may be fined \$25,000 a day if something is not done to correct it now.

Affected residents say the vote didn't include an option to keep the plant open.

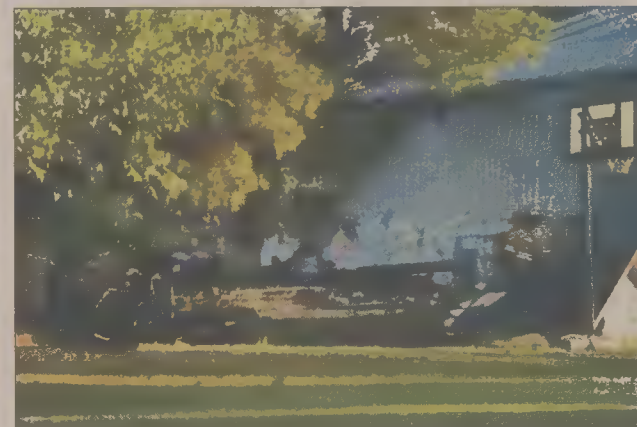
The vote ballot given to lot-owning members included two questions for approval:

- seek voluntary contributions from residents to abandon service and close the plant;

- borrow up to \$25,000 from the association's reserve fund to help pay for it if enough voluntary contributions aren't received.

"If you vote yes, you are voting to close the plant," said Clay Helms, plant operator who also owns property in the camping areas

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Firefighters from three departments work to save a large metal garage adjacent to a vacant house on Old U.S. Highway 17 that was destroyed by fire Saturday evening.

Vacant house on Old US 17 burns

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A small abandoned house located adjacent to a large metal building with garage entrances burned to the ground Saturday evening on Old U.S. Highway 17.

Three fire departments responded to the scene and discovered the building totally engulfed in flames. Firefighters from Intercounty, Durants Neck and

Winfall fire departments managed to save the metal building and prevent the fire from spreading.

Eric Boyce, captain with Intercounty Fire Department, said the property owner was burning trash when flames got away from him. No one had lived in the house for years, he said. The roof had fallen in prior to being destroyed by flames.

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