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HIPOA prepares petition to close sewer plant

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The Holiday Island Property Owners Association has prepared a petition asking the state to close the subdivision's wastewater treatment plant that serves approximately 100 customers in the camping areas.

HIPOA Board of Govern-
nors member Frank Tyner said in an email that the petition for closure has been prepared and their attorney has been in contact with the state.

"The state will now begin their process and we will have to comply with their wishes," Tyner wrote.

Two state agencies also confirmed that HIPOA

plans to close the plant that is operating in violation with state environmental rules and regulations.

Officials with both the North Carolina Utilities Commission and Division of Water Quality say they have been notified that HIPOA plans to move forward with closure.

Ken Rudder, director of

public staff, water and sewer engineering division for the NCUC, said that while he has not seen a petition for closure from HIPOA yet, "I understand such is going to be filed."

Rudder said if a petition is filed, the NCUC would first give notice before holding a public hearing on the matter. Once the hear-

ing is held, the issue would be turned over to a NCUC panel or hearing examiner for a decision based on its merits.

Susan Massengale, public information officer with DENR-Division of Water Quality, also said her department was notified that HIPOA plans to move forward with closure.

"DWQ has conveyed to Holiday Island's consulting engineer regarding closure requirements that a closure plan needs to be provided prior to initiating closure activities," she added.

Massengale also said a notice of violation was issued to HIPOA just over a

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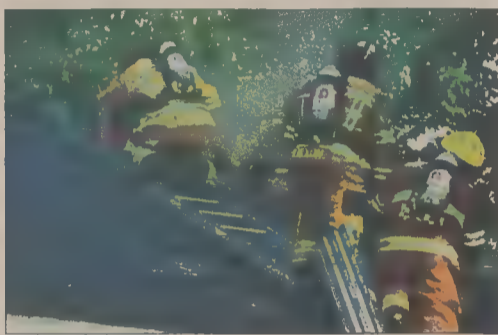


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Firefighters check the roof for flames at a home at 507 Castleton Drive in Hertford Friday evening.

Cause of fire investigated

By CATHY WILSON
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Hertford Police are investigating what they term a "suspicious fire" that occurred at a Hertford home late Friday afternoon.

Police Chief Joe Amos said investigation is continuing into the cause of a fire that was reported at 507 Castleton Drive around 6 p.m.

"No one was at home when the fire was reported," said Amos. "It appears the fire started where there was no appliances, no heating or electrical elements that could have caused it."

Hertford Fire Chief Todd Tilley said heavy smoke was coming from the structure when firefighters first arrived on the scene. Fire was discovered in the utility room and attic area just above that room. Firefighters extinguished the fire within minutes and contained fire and water damage to those areas of the home. The remainder of the house suffered smoke damage.

According to county records, the house is owned by Deborah Snyder. Police say the property is undergoing foreclosure process.

Mutual aid assistance was provided by Bethel and Winfall firefighters. Perquimans EMS was also on the scene.

Tilley said the HFD Auxiliary helped with rehab for firefighters because of the extreme heat and humidity. Approximately 30 firefighters responded.

Wind farm OK'd to tap power line

By CATHY WILSON
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The North Carolina Utilities Commission issued a certificate of environmental compatibility to construct a transmission tap line for the proposed commercial scale wind farm on Monday.

Atlantic Wind, LLC received the certificate to construct a transmission tap line to allow the proposed Desert Wind Power Project to connect to the 230 KV Dominion Resources transmission line.

The mile-long transmission tap line is set to be built in Perquimans County.

Craig Poff, senior business developer for Iberdrola Renewables (parent company of Atlantic Wind, LLC), said the certificate approved Monday was a minor technical certificate needed after the company adjusted the position of the sub-station slightly.

"That's why this was delayed by a couple of months," he explained.

Poff said the company is still waiting for final permits and a power purchase agreement to be in place before construction can begin.

"We've always said this is not a done deal

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DESPITE HEAT, BAND MARCHES ON



PERQUIMANS COUNTY SCHOOLS PHOTOS

The Perquimans County High School Marching Pirates held band camp last week despite temperatures pushing 100 degrees.



Even the color guard got in practice time during band camp.

Marching Pirates prepare for season

From staff reports

Even with temperatures nearing 100 degrees last week, the dedicated Perquimans County High School Marching Pirates held band camp to learn new routines for the upcoming band season.

With just three weeks to prepare for their first half-time show and in preparation for future

band competitions, band members marched in the morning heat to perfect their routines.

Shade trees and bottles of water helped cool the students during practice. Many of the activities were held inside to prevent students from overheating as well.

Band director Sarah Fenske is leading the Marching Pirates for the second straight year.



The drum line finds a cool spot under a tree to practice.

Morris receives French award

From staff reports

A Holiday Island man recently received the French Legion of Honor Medal, the highest honor given by France.

Carl Morris, 91, received his award in West Columbia, South Carolina, nearly three months ago for serving during World War II.

The medal was presented by Council General of France Pascal Le Deunff who thanked the America Army veteran for his courage in helping France during a difficult time.

"I felt very humble and grateful," said Morris about receiving the award. "It is a very beautiful medal."

Morris served in France during the Normandy invasion and helped free several French cities from oppression in 1944-45.

He has received a Purple Heart Medal as well as the American Defense Service Medal in recognition of his services.

Morris was a member of the 4th Infantry Division.

Founded by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802, the National Order of the Legion of Honor is the highest honor given in France, acknowledging services rendered to France. Recipients are designated by the President of the Republic of France.

According to the National 4th Infantry Division Association, the medal is a sign of



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Carl Morris of Hertford (left) received the French Legion of Honor Award for his actions during World War II. Congratulating Morris is Richard Adams, president of the National 4th Infantry Division Association.

France's true and unforgettable gratitude and appreciation for personal and precious contribution by American servicemen and women during the liberation of France during WWII.

Online zoning map available

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Technology has helped the Hertford Planning Department make the town's zoning map more accessible to citizens.

Before, the only way citizens could see where parcels are located on the town zoning map was to go to the town office and look at the large, aged, black and white map hanging on the wall.

Now, citizens can see and download the color-coded map from the town's website: <http://townofhertfordnc.com>.

"This has been several years in the making," explained Brandon Shoaf, town planner. "Creating it on the computer insured more accuracy. Parcel lines were cleaned up including overlay districts. No zoning districts

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