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## Hearing on Minzies Creek sewer district nears Commissioners concerned about financial burden on customers

By CATHY WILSON  
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County commissioners will hold a public hearing Aug. 6 on a petition to create a sanitary sewer district in Holiday Island.

The petition was made by Minzies Creek Village, an unincorporated nonprofit association of residents in the subdivision's camping areas who are served

by an aging sewer system. At their monthly work session Monday night, commissioners expressed concerns on whether or not the 91 customers of the troubled utility service actu-

ally know how much money they will be required to pay if they form their own sanitary system.

County leaders want to make sure those residents know that each customer will have to pay

upfront costs estimated at \$3,500 with additional monthly costs of \$80-\$100 if the sewer system project gets under way, according

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## FIRE DESTROYS WINSLOW HOME



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The home of Scott and Sherree Winslow on Up River Road burned late Sunday afternoon despite the efforts of firefighters. No one was at home at the time the blaze was discovered by passersby. The first officials on scene said flames were shooting out of the roof of the home.

## No one home when blaze reported

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A two-story frame home on Up River Road in Perquimans County burned Sunday afternoon despite the efforts of firefighters from four fire departments spanning two counties who battled the blaze in 85-degree heat.

No one was at home when the fire was reported around 5:45 p.m. at the home of Scott and Sherree Winslow.

Both levels of the house were destroyed in the fire. Firefighters were seen bringing out pieces of furniture to prevent further damage from smoke and water.

Winslow said he and his son, Zack, were watching a movie in Elizabeth City when he received a phone call from his daughter, Conley, who, with her mother, was in Georgia at a horse show. A friend had notified Conley of the fire via cell phone, he said.

Firefighters from Belvidere, Winfall, Hertford and Newland fire departments responded as well as Perquimans EMS, Per-



Firefighters from four departments, weary from the heat, rest and replenish with water after fighting the Up River Road fire.

quimans Sheriff's Department, and Perquimans Emergency Management. No injuries were reported.

Perquimans Sheriff Eric Tilley said Monday he and Fire Marshal Barry Overman arrived on the scene Sunday night.

"It looks like the fire started in the left-hand side of the house," said Tilley. "There is nothing suspicious about the cause of the fire at this point."



Belvidere firefighters work to vent and extinguish hot spots during the fire that destroyed the Scott Winslow home on Up River Road Sunday afternoon.

## Election turnout limited

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Less than three percent of the registered voters in the county participated in last week's primary runoff election deciding party candidates for five state races in November.

According to the Perquimans County Board of Elections, 272 votes were cast in the county July 17 for an election turnout of 2.8 percent. Perquimans has 9,642 registered voters eligible to vote.

Nearly half of the total number of votes cast was in the Bethel precinct which includes the residential areas of Albemarle Plantation, Holiday Island, and Snug Harbor. Out of 272 votes cast in the county last week, 110 were cast in Bethel.

Forty-three persons voted in East Hertford, 42 in New Hope, 30 in Parksville, 24 in Belvidere, 17 in West Hertford, and just 6 in Nicanor.

Results in last week's run-offs in Perquimans included:

\*NC Commissioner of Labor (Democrats) Marlowe Foster-71 (63.39 percent); John C. Brooks-41 (36.61 percent).

\*NC Lieutenant Governor (Republicans) Dan Forest-123 (80.92 percent); Tony Gurley-29 (19.08 percent).

\*NC Commissioner of Insurance (Republicans) Richard Morgan-43 (29.05 percent); Mike Causey-105 (70.95 percent).

\*NC Secretary of State (Republicans) Kenn Gardner-34 (22.22 percent); Ed Goodwin-119 (77.78 percent).

\*NC Superintendent of Public Instruction (Republicans) John Tedesco-82 (56.94 percent); Richard Alexander-62 (43.06 percent).

## School supplies needed

By CATHY WILSON  
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It's almost that time of year again.

Perquimans County Schools will open their doors to students on Aug. 27 and several groups are trying to make sure students have the supplies they need.

The Perquimans County Mentoring Focus Group (PCMFG) will sponsor a Community Back to School Supply Drive July 25-Aug. 16. Chapel on the Sound will have a "Stuff the Bus" school supply campaign Aug. 4.

Other churches and civic groups, like the Albemarle Plantation Women's Club, are collecting school

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## 'Catfish' tops News & Observer online poll

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Perquimans County's favorite son, Jimmy "Catfish" Hunter, was recently voted the best all-time na-

tive North Carolina athlete in an informal poll conducted by the Raleigh News and Observer newspaper.

N&O Sports Editor Steve Ruinsky, in an email, said the online poll was designed as an NCAA-tournament-style matchup starting with 64 athletes.

The original 64 athletes, who had to be born in the

state, were selected by a sports columnist and other sports writers with the Raleigh-based newspaper. The readers voted online, and each week the list narrowed based on those votes.

Hertford's finest defeated David Thompson (former NC State and UCLA basketball star) in the final contest. Hunter topped

Thompson by a 56-44 margin.

After hearing of the contest, local "Catfish" fans conducted an all-out campaign via social media urging folks to support Hunter in the poll. Apparently it worked.

Hunter, himself a Baseball Hall of Famer, played for the Perquimans County High School baseball

team, Oakland A's, and New York Yankees. He won 224 games over 14 major-league seasons. He was a Cy Young Award winner, threw a perfect game in 1968, and a five-time World Series champ.

He died in 1999 of complications from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. His family still resides in Perquimans County.



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