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farm was sold to a timber land and was lived in off and on by tenant farmers. After the 1950s, the house mostly sat empty. It was used as a barn for hay storage somewhere in that time, she said.

In the 1970s, the house was scheduled to be burned down by the fire department for practice when it was bought and thus saved by someone from Virginia.

"The fact that no one lived in the house for most of its history was also its saving grace," she said. "When we bought the house in 1995, no one had made a lot of changes to the house to make it 'livable' so the house was mostly in original condition. It also meant that there hadn't been

any maintenance for 150 years."

She admits others didn't appreciate the couple's purchase.

"Everyone thought we were crazy when we bought the house, it was so run down and the front yard was a junk yard. But it was my dream to fix up an old house and my husband Mark is an extremely talented wood worker. We were in our early 30s with a 2-year-old daughter. We were so young.

"After we bought the house, we had to put in a new foundation, new roof, new porches and replace windows. We worked on the house for two years before we were able to move into one room. When we did, our family had grown, so we had a 4-year-old and 18-month-old, and were living in one room."



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Edmund Blount Skinner House is part of the "Jollification" event on Sept. 30. This is what it looked like when Julie Phelps and her husband Mark bought it in 1995.

She said they've been continuously working on the house for the last 22 years.

"It's where we raised our family. It is part of our family."

Yet the house is part of the family they had to fight to keep.

"Three years ago, during the tornado outbreak, our house was hit a tornado," she said. "The roof was

ripped off, the front door was blown open, a chimney was knocked off, and there was severe damage to most of the porches on the house. While we've repaired most of the damage, our porches haven't been replaced.

"With a house like this you can't just go to Lowe's and buy replacement handrails and columns. It's all custom woodwork with sizes of wood that aren't generally available. After the tornado, my husband Mark used a portable mill to mill wood from downed trees in the sizes we would need. It takes years for the wood to dry. Hopefully, the porches will be this winter's project."

PCRA, which is putting on the Jollification event Saturday, operates the Newbold-White House and another historic property on the site on Harvey Point Road. It

and three others, including the Phelps home, will be open to walk-in tours. Another six sites will be part of a drive-by tour.

The driving tour runs from 1:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. and then dinner and music from 5:30 until 8 p.m. on the lawn of the Newbold White House. Music will be by the band "Uphill" and there will be a silent auction and live cake auction.

"Uphill" is the same band that performed at the Jollification event in Belvidere last year.

Tickets are \$20 per person.

For more information, call the Newbold White House, 426-7567; the Perquimans Chamber of Commerce, 426-5657; Layden's Country Store, 297-2875; the Museum of the Albemarle gift shop, 331-4026 or the Barker House at 482-7800.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Perquimans County Planning Board will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the 1st floor of the Perquimans County Courthouse Annex Building located at 110 North Church Street, Hertford, NC, next door to the Historic County Courthouse, to consider: Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-17-04, requested by Paul Copeland to locate an Internet-based Used Automobile Sales Business (Home Occupation of a Commercial Nature) at 1189 W. Bear Swamp Road (SR 1101). Property is zoned RA, Rural Agriculture District and known as Tax Parcel No. 3-0058-00008A.

Property owners, residents and other interested parties may review this item during normal business hours before the public meeting at the Perquimans County Planning & Zoning Office, at 104 Dobbs Street, Hertford, NC, or call 252-426-2027 or email rhondamoney@perquimanscountync.gov for more information. You may make comments at the meeting and/or provide written comments. If you are unable to attend the meeting but wish to make comments for the Board's consideration, please do so in writing by 12 noon the day before the meeting.

HURRICANE

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When he saw multiple large donations of shrink-wrapped wooden pallets of water, bleach and food Stallings realized the dream would become a reality.

"People here understand a disaster," Stallings said.

One person brought a case of nothing but tooth-brushes.

The donations are now in Alva a town of about 2,200 people. It's located in Lee County near Fort Myers.

In addition to the donations, people gave about \$3,000 in cash and they

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Michael Stallings

Member, Bagley Swamp Wesleyan Church

had items they still needed shipped to Stallings' office in time to pack them on the truck. The 54-foot trailer can hold 22 pallets, but it can hold twice that much if a second layer is stacked on top of the first.

"By Friday night we had to unload the trailer and reload it so we could double-stack the pallets," Stallings

said. Spough also credited a couple of radio stations for doing live remote broadcasts from the site at Wal-Mart Saturday for giving a surge in late donations.

Spough stresses his church played only a small part in the effort.

"It wasn't our church that did it. It took a lot of different people and churches. Ninety percent of the stuff on the truck came from somewhere else," Spough said referring to sources other than his church.

But the church did add something special, a prayer.

On Sunday, the congregation surrounded the truck and joined hands and prayed for those in Florida who would be getting the supplies.

"They are going through hardship. A lot of us have," Spough said.

The destination for the donations was Countryside Wesleyan Church. A coordinator is there from the greater Wesleyan Church to help with storm recovery. Oddly enough the same man was somebody Spough worked with when a Perquimans County group went to Coney Island after Hurricane Sandy.

Spough thanks everyone involved for helping.

"Saturday somebody came up and brought four or five boxes of diapers. I know a box of diapers cost \$20. That was \$100 that they donated. I was just surprised that random people would do that. They knew people needed it."

"We couldn't have done it without Abby (Stallings) and Michael," Spough said.

Spough also credited Superintendent Matthew Cheeseman for quickly signing on when they asked to locate collection bins in local schools.

"He said 'sure we can do this,'" Spough said.

The benefits, Spough said, will help Perquimans County too, now and in the future.

"We're teaching on kids that this (donating to help others) is what we do."

Town of Hertford Board Vacancy Notice

The Hertford Town Council is seeking residents of the Town of Hertford interested in serving on the Hertford Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. This Board acts as an advisory board for operation of the local Town of Hertford ABC Store. Interested parties must be legal residents of the Town of Hertford and are asked to send a letter of interest and resume to the Town Manager, Brandon Shoaf, at PO Box 32, Hertford, NC 27944. For further information, please call 426-1969 x 9. Letters and resumes will be accepted with a post mark no later than Friday, September 29th.

NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION PERQUIMANS COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA

A municipal election will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 in Perquimans County for the Town of Hertford and the Town of Winfall.

Please note that the Election Day polling place for the precinct of WEST HERTFORD has been changed from the Hertford Grammar School to Louise's Event Center, 1132 Don Juan Road, Hertford, NC 27944. Voters in the West Hertford precinct who present to vote on Election Day must now report to Louise's Event Center. Voting will no longer be held at the Hertford Grammar School.

Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the day of the election, Tuesday, November 7. One-stop early voting will be held at the Perquimans County Board of Elections office 601 S. Edenton Road St. Hertford, NC 27944. One-stop early voting will be open from 8:00 AM Thursday, October 19 until 1:00 PM on Saturday, November 5. The hours are as follows: **October 19-November 1, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. November 2-3, 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM. November 4, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.** Canvass will be held in the Perquimans County Board of Elections office at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 17.

Absentee voting by mail is available. Requests for an absentee ballot must be made on an absentee request form (available at ncsbe.gov and at the county board of elections office), and must be returned to the Perquimans County Board of Elections office by Tuesday, October 31. Absentee voting requires the voter to complete an application on the return envelope that must be witnessed by two qualified persons or a notary public. Completed absentee ballots must be returned to the Board of Elections by 5:00 p.m. on Election Day (ballots received by mail after this time will be considered timely if they are received within three business days and postmarked on or before Election Day). Voters may receive assistance voting a mail-in absentee ballot from a qualified person of their choice.

All persons who are registered to vote with Perquimans County may vote in this election. Persons who are not already registered to vote in the county must register by **Friday, October 13** to be eligible to vote in this election. **Voters who are not registered in the county by that deadline may register and vote during one stop early voting only, and will be required to provide documentation of their identity and residence.** Voters who wish to change party affiliation or who have changed name or address must do so by the registration deadline. Voters who fail to timely make a change in name or address in the county must update the information when presenting to vote, and may be required to vote a provisional ballot.

Voters voting in person are entitled to assistance by an election official, or, if assistance is needed due to disability or illiteracy, by a qualified person of their choice. Voting sites are accessible to all voters. Curbside voting is available for voters who are not able to enter voting sites. For additional information, please call the Perquimans County Board of Elections Office at 252-426-5598

Board Meeting Dates: October 17, 24, 31, and November 15 at 10:00 AM, November 6, 13 at 5:00 PM.

Perquimans County Board of Elections

PUBLIC NOTICE

Perquimans County will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 2, 2017 in the Commissioners' Room of the Perquimans County Annex Building located at 110 North Church Street, Hertford, NC. The Public Hearing is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. and will be held as time permits. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive citizen's comments concerning the consideration of Administrative Text Amendment No. TXT-17-01, to revise the Zoning Ordinance with regard to the Large Scale Solar Energy Facilities. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

Property owners, residents and other interested parties may review this amendment during normal business hours before the Public Hearing at the Perquimans County Planning & Zoning Office, 104 Dobbs Street, Hertford, NC, or call 252-426-2027 or email rhondamoney@perquimanscountync.gov for more information. You may make comments at the Hearing and/or provide written comments. If you are unable to attend the Public Hearing but wish to make comments for the Board's consideration, please do so in writing if possible by 4:00 PM the Friday before the Public Hearing.

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