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## HOUSE

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the barn was — there was no moldy odor at all — and how neatly stacked everything was and had apparently stayed during 40-plus years of storage.

It took until dusk to load as much of this very heavy, dense wood as possible. Three of the original six men returned to Perquimans County that night, in spite of their exhaustion. The other three stayed overnight at a nearby hotel and launched another attack — to find food!

The hotel recommend-



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This is an exterior view of the barn that contained the planks of the Pasquotank Plank House in Bethania before they were returned to Perquimans County in January.

ed a steakhouse that could be seen from the lobby but would've been too dangerous to walk to. When they pulled into the restaurant's

lot they wondered if it was too dangerous to go inside as it looked like a "divey" place.

Turns out, it was "the best

steak I ever had" kind of place, my husband said. Located very close to Wake Forest University, Putter's Patio and Grill is very popular with the students. He still raves about his steak and it's on my list to return. But again, I digress.

Next morning, the three men made the long drive back to Perquimans with a trailer heavily laden with lumber that was taken to a secret location in the county for offloading and winter storage.

The offloading process was just as strenuous as the loading had been. However, it was a more organized effort as the lumber was sort-

ed by size and then covered for protection.

But — and it's a big but — the men still didn't have all of the plank house! And with the busy holiday season looming, returning to Bethania would have to wait.

Finally, on Jan. 19 of this year, three men once again drove a pickup truck with the 18-foot enclosed trailer to Bethania to pick up the siding they had left behind.

All went well with the loading and they started home; but somewhere in the Williamston area the trailer blew a tire (the second mishap). Certain it would take a long time to

change the tire, one of the men headed toward an open gas station he could see from I-64.

Little did he know just how efficient the two who stayed behind were: they ended up changing the tire and picking him up. The trailer was dropped off at another secret place and their day ended at 9 p.m.

Stay tuned for part four of the story of the Pasquotank Plank House's resurrection and what has to happen next!

*Penny Byrd is chair of publicity for the Perquimans County Restoration Association.*

## GARDEN

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only to return to make another hands-loaded trip to the car moments later.

The 10th annual event, canceled the past three years because of the COVID-19 pandemic, drew more than 500 attendees and attracted 30 nursery, artisan and food vendors.

"We had a great show," said Katy Shook, an area Extension agent. "Our financials are still being settled, but it looks like we will have (raised) enough to continue our \$1,000 scholarship award."

The Katherine G. Shook Master Gardener Scholarship is a \$1,000 award presented to an area student planning to study horticulture, agriculture or a related field at a college or university.

Marshal Bateman of Sunshine Nursery put out a great spread at the Garden Show, offering a wide variety of plants, shrubs and bushes that will soon be



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Les Bennett and Carol Wynne discuss the ins and outs of carpenter bee traps at the vendor booth manned by Les Bennett of Wood-N-Things at Saturday's Albemarle Master Gardeners Spring Garden Show at the Perquimans County Recreation Center.

spreading their roots in other gardens.

For those who dream of fields of daylilies, Pat Mansfield of Mansfield's Daylilies had plenty to offer. She showcased 49 varieties of cultivars from the more than 2,000 she has at her Hertford daylily farm. A retired Extension Master Gardener, Mansfield opens

her daylily farm to the public the last three weekends in June.

Proving you don't need a lot of land to become a farmer, Sherry Beauchamp of Verdant Vittles offered a variety of her micro greens for sale. She also gave away educational tips on the huge health benefits from eating tiny greens.

Specializing in ready-to-eat packages of micro greens, harvest-your-own trays, sprouting kits and cultivation supplies, Beauchamp hopes to grow her business online and eventually offer micro greens to area restaurants.

Local resident Becky Kirby had her hands full of plants more than once, making an estimated five trips to her car.

"This is wonderful. I came looking for a few plants. I can't fit anything else in my car after this trip," she said.

And while Kirby's car was full, many of the vendors at Saturday's Spring Garden Show left with empty vehicles.

"We had a wonderful show," Mansfield said. "I was tired on Saturday night. The show was very busy and a lot of fun."

While bees in the garden are helpful, that's not the case with carpenter bees, who can damage wood. Edenton woodworker Les Bennett of Wood-N-Things, who displayed his carpenter

bee traps, said he had a "very successful show" on Saturday. He said he's already looking forward to the NC Coastal Gardening Festival, May 14, in Kill Devil Hills.

"I just sent in our paperwork today," he said. "The Extension program events are wonderful for small artisans and gardeners. We really enjoy them."

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## JACKSON

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Alan Lennon, a former commissioner, and believes Lennon will be missed on the board.

"Alan was a nice guy and I was sorry to see him go," Jackson said.

Jackson said issues he is focusing on in his campaign include transparency, "bridging the gap" and infrastructure.

Perquimans County and the town of Hertford both have old buildings that are in need of repair and are under-utilized, he said. Improving roads and planning for the construction of Interstate 87 also are important to economic development

in the county, he said.

Since his release, Jackson said he has gone door to door to meet voters and also has done a lot of calls by phone. His campaign has been built around "seeing people and meeting people," he said.

In February Superior Court Judge Jerry Tillett found Jackson guilty of second-degree trespassing and of violating probation. Tillett revoked Jackson's probation and sentenced him to 45 days on the violating probation charge. Jackson was sentenced to 20 days in jail on the trespassing charge but Tillett credited him for four days he had already served in jail on the charge.

The trespassing charge stemmed from a dispute

between Jackson and a cousin, Catherine Flowers, over property she owns in Hertford.

Jackson's 45-day jail sentence for the probation violation stems from his conviction in January 2019 of assault on a government official. District Court Judge Eula Reid found Jackson guilty of punching Sid Eley, at the time a fellow member of Hertford Town Council, in October 2018.

Reid sentenced Jackson to 120 days in jail but he remained out of jail because he again appealed the verdict.

Jackson pleaded guilty in December 2019 to simple assault in the case and was sentenced by Superior Court Judge Wayland Ser-

mons to a suspended 60-day sentence. Sermons did require Jackson to serve 15 days in jail but credited him with seven days he had already served on the charge.

In addition to the active jail sentence, Jackson was ordered to serve two years of supervised probation and required to attend anger management counseling and pay court costs and fees, including \$900 in attorney fees.

According to court records, Jackson was charged with violating probation three times after Sermons' verdict.

Jackson was defeated last November in his bid for re-election to a seat on the Hertford Town Council.

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## HISTORY

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I think it's cool to build stuff by hand," he said.

Student Brody Griffin had a good time playing a tabletop version of bowling with wooden pins. He said the game was fun.

Brenda Hollowell-White and Lyn Winslow were co-chairs of the Living History Day. Both were dressed in Colonial era attire, as were many of the volunteers who helped with the activities.

They said it takes about 50 volunteers to make the event work.

"We've got a big crew," Hollowell-White said of the volunteer corps.

Her husband, Glenn White, played the role of Abraham Sanders. Sanders built the brick structure now known as the Newbold-White House.

White explained that Sanders, who was his sixth-great-grandfather, bought the land in 1726 and built the house in 1730.

The farm included about 600 acres. White noted that Sanders got most of what he needed to build the house from the land that he owned.

Sanders cut trees for the framing timbers and found clay to make the brick, White said.

The glass and metalwork were imported from England, but the other materials came from the local area.

Sanders and his family were Quakers and attended a Sunday meeting on the other side of the Perquimans River from where they lived. White said they

probably crossed the river in a dugout canoe or possibly in a periauger, which he described as the "truck" of its day.

White noted travel took place mainly on the rivers since there were few roads in the area.

The periauger shed, which houses a replica of

a periauger, was one of the stops for the students on the Living History Day tour.

Other activities included weaving, games, dancing, spinning, candlemaking, quilting, taxidermy, brickwork, garden and vineyard, and tours of the historic Newbold-White House.

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