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Eagle of Hyde

Driving across Lake road to go get some delicious dinner at Harris' Steakhouse, we happened upon this big guy atop a tree growing next to the Mattamuskeet Lake. Also his dinner time, this brown eagle had a very large fish in his grasps. He didn't stick around long though, he took his fish..."to go"....and flew off to enjoy his meal a few minutes later! - Jessica Swindell

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$^{\times}$ Quote of the Quarter $^{\times}$

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MAGCLOUD









...On the Board Walk...

Lady of the Quarter

Wonderful Mrs. Eloise Smithwick Harris Man of the Quarter

Man of the Quarter C.W. Carawan - An all around nice guy! Kid of the Quarter

Leia is 1 year old. Her parents are Landise and Crystal Cutrell of Engelhard. Couple of the Quarter

Melissa & Mat, they got married August 7th at the Swan Quarter Christian Church

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Boat of the Quarter
This Swan Quarter
Shrimp boat by artist
Mike Rooney





Movie of the Quarter
EAT PRAY LOVE with Julia Roberts

Teen of the Quarter

Jennifer Guzman, read all about this pretty young lady with great values, in this issue.





Event of the Quarter

Rose Bay Baptist Church celebration and fish fry near Swan Quarter on Labor day weekend

TEEN OF THE QUARTER JENNIFER GUZMAN OF ENGELHARD

She writes: "Well I don't do drugs, or like getting 'high' or anything you think is 'cool' ".

Jennifer's favorite colors are black, blue and purple. Her Italian.

"I go to Mattamuskeet Middle School [Go Lakers]. That's my last year there & I think I am a pretty good student. I love cheerleading, it's fun."

Jennifer Guzman of Engelhard,

NC was born in the U.S. and is of Mexican descent. She speaks Spanish fluently and declares on her Facebook page, "I will understand what you say, but I might not be able to say it back if you write me in Spanish; so therefore English would be the language you should best speak to me in."

Jennifer is a selfproclaimed
"Myspace/
Facebook freak."
One of her best
friends is Brock
Logan Williams. She is a
straight forward girl, the kind
who does not like nonsense.

Tennifer

favorite thing to do is listen to music. She plays the guitar and saxophone. Her favorite food is Jennifer also describes herself as a "Go with the flow girl, who doesn't mind being herself. I'm not perfect, that is for sure. I can burst out laughing, it will creep you out, I'll probably be hyper. I don't care of what people think of me. I am mostly a very positive

person... who loves to be happy."





Country Dream Wedding

MELISSA CAHOON & MATTHEW PHELPS

are Hyde County high school sweethearts who dated for seven years all through college and August 7th, 2010 was their special day. Melissa had invited her childhood Minister, Rafael Farrow, to marry the couple at the beautiful steepled Christian Church in Swan Quarter where she is a member. It was a gorgeous 'Carolina Blue' sky, one every bride can only wish for. The little church was packed, and all

MELISSA & MATTHEW

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149 seats were filled, and then some. Melissa, a teacher in the Hyde County school system, and Matthew, who is a farmer, have a lot of family and friends and everyone wanted to celebrate their love with

They guess that at least 150 guest attended the catered wedding reception at the pretty, white tents that were

them.

set up in the bride's parents, Lonnie and Joyce Cahoon, backyard in Kilkenny. The grooms parents are Sammy and Nancy Phelps. The delicious wedding cake was created by "Amy's Sweets" of Plymouth,

NC. The newlyweds went for their honeymoon to Tennessee.

We especially like the wedding photos that were taken at Lake Mattamuskeet and the swathes of flowers, a dream.















Many Stories About Large Blue Crabs

One of the favorite pastimes at Lake Mattamuskeet for young and old alike is crabbing. There are as many stories about the large blue crabs in Lake Mattamuskeet as there are hunting stories of the 1940s and 1950s when the lake was regarded as the "Canada Goose Hunting Capitol of the World."

Hand lines and hand-activated traps are authorized by Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge. The owner of a hand line or approved trap must be in attendance at all times. Each person may keep up to twelve (12)

crabs per day that are caught in the lake. Crab pots are prohibited.



Chicken necks or fish heads are the favorite bait, tied to the end of a weighted line and allowed to settle to the bottom. The crab will begin to drag the bait away. A careful crabber must gently lift his or her catch into a nearby bucket or cooler. No special skill is required, and a first-timer can catch as many crabs as a seasoned veteran. A dip-net with a long handle is a handy tool for scooping up the catch at the top of the water. The crabs from Lake Mattamuskeet are perfectly safe to eat.

Steamed or boiled crabs are a delicacy to enjoy.

Crabbing is a thriving commercial enterprise in Hyde County, with crab houses located nearby at Swan Quarter, Engelhard, and Rose Bay. However, commercial crabbing is not permitted in Lake Mattamuskeet.

Photos by Elizabeth Gurganus



Text from The Mattamuskeet Foundation, Inc. website





3rd Place to Brett Mason of Swan Quarter

Brett Mason traveled all the way to Odessa, Delaware to compete in the Delaware State Open Swan Competition, held on Saturday August 21st, and sure enough the Hyde County man made 3rd place! Congrats Brett!



MEET SUZANNE & SELDON OF SWAN QUARTER

for us by the construction company that Seldon worked with. The first opportunity for our journey would be the week of Christmas when Seldon



would leave me in Virginia to visit with family for the week & he'd go fishing in Ocracoke for the weekend, before returning to MD for work. Seldon drove the "road less traveled" and wanted to take me back to see

the area. We took that trip in February, when there's not much to look at around here, but we "knew" this was the place! The first thing we did was stop in Engelhard at the Lake Landing realty office and met a southern belle named Kris. That brought a BIG smile on my face, I felt like I'd come

home, listening to the sweet southern drawl as Kris welcomed us and told us a little about the area. After a trip around the loop & looking around a bit, we returned north and

couldn't wait to come back, which we did in March. Kris showed us some homes in different communities, but when we visited Swan Quarter, we "knew" that was it! We found the perfect place for us, thanks be to God, and bought our home in June 2007. After that, we could never get here fast enough from the North, each month, as much as we could. In January 2009, Seldon was laid off from work & we had a home to come to here in Swan Quarter. We loved the people here before we even met them. Can't explain it other than God put the love there as He put us here. I can't tell you how much joy and contentment we have here in a community that really cares for and loves it's people. That was one of the things that Kris said to us "I love my people".

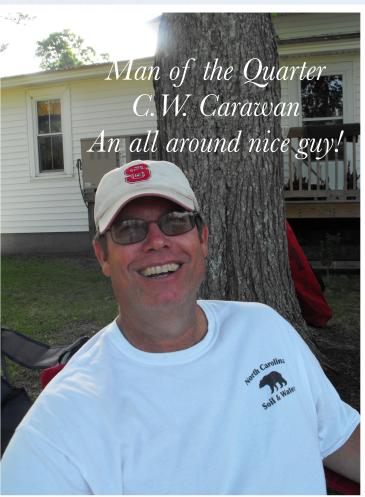
By Suzanne Snead Taylor

Seldon is from Parkersburg, Wv & I'm from Richmond, Va. Living in Powhatan, Va - we were preparing for retirement in 2012. We'd starting searching VA & WV areas in 2004 for a place to live out our golden yrs, and after searching for 2yrs and not finding the right spot, we ran out of places to look. Then it dawned on us that we didn't ask God about where to go; He was actually the One who urged us to start looking for a place. It didn't take but a minute; after opening up a map my eyes settled on this loop off 64 in NC. We were very intrigued. At the time, we had sold our home in Powhatan, and were living in MD in a home that was rented



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DOWNEAST CUSTOM FISHING RODS

BY BOB THOMAS DESIGNER-MAKER

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MEMORIES OF SWAN QUARTER

A HI-TIDER AT HEART

My memories of childhood are spiced with visions of fireflies, mosquitos as big as my thumbnail, fish jumping in the canal, and the sound of bullfrogs croaking outside my cousin's window, the sound almost deafening.

My mom, Audrey Smithwick Tyson, was born in Ponzer, NC and while still a small child she moved to Swan Quarter. She later moved to Goldsboro and went to college to be a nurse and later moved to Kinston, NC where she married my dad and I was born. Her family owned a small restaurant in Swan Quarter called the Cafe, which is where the Quarter Grille is now, I believe. My mom's mother and father were Bruce and Jesse Smithwick and mom had four siblings, Eloise, Hilda, Danny and Sherwood; there was twin who died at four months of age, Brenda Joyce, Danny's twin. To this day I am still so thankful for all the times

I spent in Swan Quarter, and the close relationships I still have today with all my aunts, uncles and cousins.

As early as I can remember, most of my childhood and many summers were spent in SQ. I remember driving into Swan Quarter, smelling the salty air and marshes, and seeing my uncle's fishing and shrimp boats as we drove by on the way to Grandma Jesse's house. As soon as we reached Grandma's house I could not wait to call my cousin Annette to let her know I had arrived. Our plans began before I reached her house, better known as Aunt Eloise's house. Their house was simple and full of great cooking. Any night of the week we would have venison, crabs, shrimp or fish. I thought I was in heaven! The best part was dessert, usually yummy chocolate cake. Annette and I would drink that with at least a gallon of milk! Aunt Eloise used to say that every time I came down she may consider buying a cow!

This one particular weekend Annette and I planned out a wonderful time. After dinner Friday night we would wake up early Saturday and catch the 9:00 a.m. ferry to Ocracoke. We would usually ride our bike there, or a parent would drop us off. We arrived on the ferry with our bikes, towels, baby oil with iodine in it for tanning purposes, and a battery operated radio, praying for Hotel California to come on! Next stop was to see the captain of the ferry, usually one of our 2nd or 3rd cousins. One trip the captain let me steer the ferry, a few minutes later my cousin came up and saw me driving and said, "I thought it was you up here, the ferry was zigzagging!" So that ended my career as a ferry boat captain!

Most of our three-hour trip in the sound to Ocracoke we would just lay out, listen to music, talk to cute guys and enjoy our Pepsi's. Once we arrived in Ocracoke we would make a mad dash for the closest restaurant and grab a soft shelled crab sandwich and fries for the trip back to Swan Quarter! Usually the ferry stayed docked no more than 30 minutes before the next crew of cars came aboard. Almost every time we made it just in time for the ferry to leave, and the captain would always give us a look of "you barely made it, again!"



My consin

Annette and I.

I am sure we
were up to no
good - 1979



all of us cousins a Grandma Jesse's house in Swan Guarter at Christmas - On arriving back in Swan Quarter we would arrive at my cousin's home to a wonderful dinner Aunt Eloise had prepared. No more than an hour later we were heading out for a night of dancing at Soundside in Englehard! Oh the fun times we had there! You would think after a day or traveling, in the sun, we would be so tired. But no, we were young and carefree. (If we could bottle up that energy and sell it, we would be rich!) We were lucky to get home by midnight, always waking my aunt and uncle up. My aunt would always yell at us to be quiet, because Annette and I would get the giggles for hours it seemed. My aunt's favorite thing to do was bang on the wall, poor lady; she must have lost so many hours of sleep over us crazy kids.

But I figured it out! My aunt's payback was waking us up early for church on Sunday morning! I remember laying there praying she would oversleep because Annette and I wanted to sleep in after a night or dancing and partying at Soundside. But never! Aunt Eloise loved her Christian Church and would never miss a service! I remember us all sitting in the back row and hearing the

beautiful piano and going to our classes and hearing the preacher preaching away! A few times Annette and I would get the giggles and Aunt Eloise would pinch the daylights out of us to be quiet! Oh my, that would quieten us down!

After church, we had a nice lunch and drove to Lake Mattamuskeet with Uncle Gilbert. We would have our chicken leg tied to a string and position it in the water for a ton of crabs to bite. In seconds with our nets we would usually scoop us 15-20 crabs at a time. We would throw them in a cooler and take them home, throw them in a pot of boiling water and pray they would not crawl out. A few times some crabs got out of the pot and would fall on the floor, Annette and I would usually jump up on the table screaming and praying we would not get pinched by one of those huge claws! The best time came an hour later as we all sat around the table, with newspapers laid out enjoying what people pay lots of money for at fine restaurants nowadays. Nothing like fresh crabs, that you caught that day and enjoying it with those you love.

These were the days of no cell phones, no computers and lucky to get three channels on the TV! We had no air conditioning in those dog days of summer, but the fans were a treasure and so were the shade trees!

Sometimes I long for those days again. They were peaceful and carefree. The bullfrogs singing put us to sleep and the fireflies lit the night sky like miniature fireworks outside my cousin's window. Sometimes even now when I close my eyes at night, I can still hear the fish jumping outside the window in the canal; and of course Aunt Eloise yelling through the bedroom wall, " Annette and Denise if you two do not get quiet and quit giggling I am going to go knock a knot in the both of you!" Of course she never did!

WRITTEN BY:
DENISE TYSON
MILLER, WHO NOW
RESIDES IN
ATLANTA, GA
WITH HER HUSBAND
AND 3 CHILDREN

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LADY OF THE **QUARTER**

MRS. HELEN ELOISE **SMITHWICK**

Helen Eloise Smithwick was born in Ponzer, NC to Bruce and Jesse Smithwick. After spending a few years in Ponzer they moved to Swan Quarter where she and her 4 other siblings grew up. Later she went onto college to become a nurse and married Gilbert Harris. She followed him while he was in the army (82nd airborne) to Fort Bragg, NC and then onto Virginia Beach and finally back to Swan Quarter. They raised 4 children. Their first child died at 10 years of age.

She was a school nurse for the state of NC in Hyde County

for 30 years, and also made yearly trips to Ocracoke to serve children in those schools. She was a devoted member of Swan Quarter Christian church and was known for her amazing baking skills and her generosity to others in the community.

She is famous for her Yummy Chocolate cake and Heath Bar cake! She would be the first to help out with the sick and bring a meal or send a card or a visit. Eloise survived many hurricanes in Swan Quarter through her life.

All three of her children share the fun story of how when they used to all go and hang the clothes in the backyard and while they were walking back, she would spray them through the kitchen window with the spray nozzle! She loved to see their reactions! She is quite the trooper! Eloise has survived many hardships in her life but through it all, never lost her sense of humor, love for God, others and her family. No



The last two hurricanes Isabelle and finally Floyd destroyed her home. The past few years she has lived with her oldest daughter in Conway, SC enjoying her 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 4 great - grandchildren.

doubt Swan Quarter makes good people like Eloise Smithwick Harris!

Written by: Denise Tyson Miller (niece) with the help of her 3 children, Deborah Harris Cahoon, David Harris and Annette Harris. (Photo: Aunt Eloise with all her children and grandchildren.)

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RIP BOOK MOBILE BY CARLA TAYLOR

The BHM bookmobile has been permanently pulled off the road because of budget restraints.

according to Mary Jane Carbo Director of the BHM library. For over 70 years this library on wheels brought joy to the rural residents of Beaufort, Hyde and Martin County.

With the bookmobile you could read current novels without buying them. It's not that easy for a mother with children to always go to the

local library. But we knew come rain or shine the book mobile would be here once

a month.

And if you weren't finished with the books you could just keep them, they never charged a late fee. From the age of 11 I lived In Scranton NC.

I went from living in a place that a person could walk to the library to a place that the nearest library was in another town and not always open when I needed it. That first summer I was

so miserable

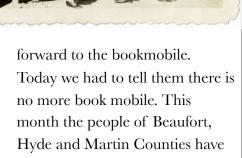
until my neighbor, invited me



over to her house so I could find some books on the

> bookmobile. I had never heard of this before. To have all my favorite authors at my fingertips was a dream come true. I was in heaven. I used the bookmobile up until I graduated

HS and left Hyde Co. Eventually I settled down got married had kids and moved to Pinetown N.C. My best friend lives next door and during the summer I keep her child. The kids always looked



RIP BHM, book mobile you will be missed.

lost a real treasure.

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MISSION TRIP EXPERIENCES AURORA IL TO SWAN QUARTER

Dear Ingrid: Our time in Swan Quarter came and left us so quickly! What a beautiful area you live in! We enjoyed every moment and fell in love with the people of Hyde County! Each year we travel to a different part of the United States and I can safely say that this trip has to be at the top of our favorite locations! All 40 of us come from a very busy, urban area just 45 miles west of Chicago and our lifestyles are so different. It was unbeliveably refreshing to see all our high school youth enjoying conversations with the homeowners whose houses we worked on and with the elderly at a senior center and of course all the beautiful children we met at Kid's Club.

The people of Hyde County were not only willing to allow us to help them with jobs such as painting their homes, but they also helped us to realize the importance of slowing down.....sitting down.....taking the time to get to know one another and enjoying each other's company.

We are grateful for the time we spent in Hyde County and will always remember our wonderful experience there! To follow is an excerpt from our group journal. It was written by my 18 year

old daughter who was deeply moved by two of the Englehard residents.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to share with you.

Donna Kuntzi

St. Mark's Lutheran ChurchYouth Group - Mission Trip 2010 Aurora, IL.

 $It^{3}\!\!S$ 135 miles one way from

Engelhard to Wilson North Carolina. Quite a distance by any standards but even more of a trip for Millie & Tilson....a 70 plus year old couple we met while on our mission trip. Thankfully, Millie is finished with her chemo therapy and won't have to make the 270 mile round trip in hopes of arresting her breast cancer. The mastectomy left her without her right breast but as far as we could tell, it didn't change her positive attitude on life and her thankfulness that she showed for the help and support of her family and friends in Hyde County.

Mille and Tilson were like many of the people we met in Coastal Carolina. They lived a simpler life....not complicated by technology and traffic and urban development. They relied on their families and the

relationships made with those close to them.

One morning while painting Millie and Tilson's house, Millie was visibly upset. She had called a neighbor to find out why her trash had not yet been picked up from the front of her home and learned that the two young men who drove the truck had rolled it into the ditch and the driver was killed in the accident. The news travelled faster than email through the little villages. Everyone knew "Larry Love" as he had been called and everyone's sympathies flowed to his family. On the day we left, all the chairs available were set out in the school gymnasium to accommodate all the family and friends that would gather for his memorial service.

Family and friend connections were important in Swan Quarter. Not only did you know everyone's business, but you were there to help. People there took the time to know you, to know what you were like and what you needed. It wasn't a kind gesture or good deed to help out.....it was part of their life and would do it for whomever needed it.

continues...

Taking a week off to step back away from my life has given me insight to a part of me that has been smothered by my high expectations.

The pace here is fast.....maybe faster than it should be. I'm beginning a three nursing program this fall at Waubonsee Community College and it seems like just yesterday, I was beginning 5th grade at Schneider Elementary!

I hope I can remember the slower, simpler pace in Coastal Carolina and I hope I always remember the importance of friends and family and to take the time to appreciate all of them!

Thank you for allowing me to have this opportunity and for all of us to experience these mission trips. Your support of these trips is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Emily Kuntzi





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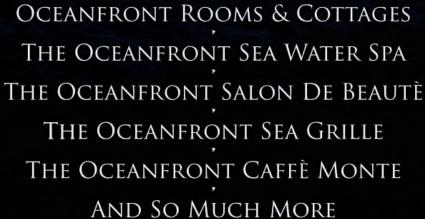
























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