

A large pile of blue crabs is shown in a metal crate. In the background, the legs of a person wearing blue jeans and white socks with red stripes are visible. The title "SWAN QUARTERLY" is written in a large, white, serif font across the top of the image.










# SWAN QUARTERLY

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Hyde County's Country Magazine



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I HATE MOSQUITOES



Driving in Summer with the music turned up.



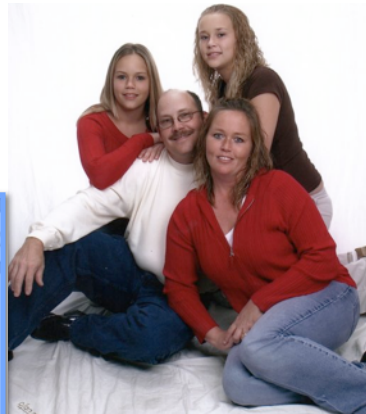
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I love Swan Quarter



I LOVE MY MOM



## Teen of the Quarter Billie Michelle Herina of Swan Quarter



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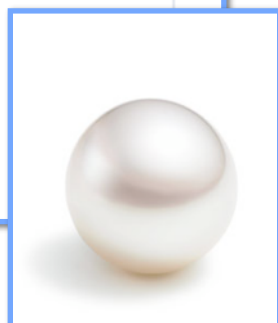
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*E-mail from  
Dorothy Tool*

*I just want to tell you that I  
think this is a very nice  
publication. I love the look,  
feel and local flavor.*

*Very nice photographs.*



## ✧ Quote of the Quarter ✧

*It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want - oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!*

~Mark Twain

### DEAR READER

Just a couple of weeks are left until Easter and we all will see Hyde County finally in bloom.

The photo above was taken Easter week 2009 in Swan Quarter village, isn't it pretty? - We sure had some unusual snow days in Hyde

recently and we are thanking Tom Carmine not only for his

amazing Time Traveler story but also for sharing his wonderful "snow day journey"

with us. You may want to see more of these photos on the I LOVE SWAN QUARTER facebook page! See ya'll at the Easter Sunrise

Service at the 'Lake' - Happy Easter! - Ingrid and family



## Who is Wayne?

**YES!** We found Wayne, or actually he found us and he contacted us by my e-mail, and we talked by phone, after a member of his family read about it in the Swan Quarterly and

called him. Now we are finally able to return this bracelet, after almost 4 decades, to its original owner. We know the story behind "Wayne's Bracelet" and may say that it is a beautiful story about 2 young people, but

it is very personal and that it is not meant to be shared...





# Kid of the Quarter

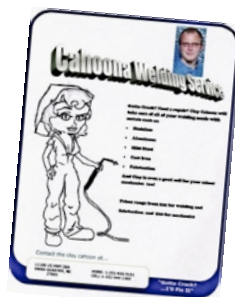


## **Miss Cheyenne Gibbs**

She is 3 years old, here with horse Ally. Her parents are David Gibbs and Jaime Spencer. They live in Engelhard. Cheyenne enjoys fishing with her daddy, playing with her toys, watching movies, helping her momma take care of the horses, and playing with her dogs.

*Photo  
by  
Debbie  
Carawan*





## ...On the Board Walk...

### Kid of the Quarter

Miss Cheyenne Gibbs who is 3 years old. see page 4 - photo by: Miss Debbie Carawan.

### Pet of the Quarter

The chocolate lab dog's name is Choco. His owner is Candy Spencer. Candy and Choco live in Fairfield.

### Business of the Quarter

Cahoona Welding Service of Swan Quarter

### Reader of the Quarter

Jerry Hardison, Hyde County Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer.



### **SURPRISE-BIRTHDAY OF THE QUARTER: Ms. Nellie Sawyer!**

Angelia Sawyer Truluck (in photo on the left) wrote on our facebook page: "We are be giving my mother (Nellie Sawyer) a Surprise 75th Birthday Party on the 3rd of April at Scranton Christian Church, Grilled Chicken, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, etc. *Visitation starts at 4 and eating at 5pm*



### Book of the Quarter

Our TriCounty Telecom Phonebook featuring Swan Quarter Landing on the cover.



### Teen of the Quarter

The lovely Ms. Billie Michelle Herina, (Mattamuskeet '11).

### Keeping Hyde County Beautiful

Artist Mark Hierholzer and his wife Kathy, who fixed up their house in SQ on Hwy 45 so nicely and Mark created a painting of the house.



### Event of the Quarter

Save the weekend for the best ever Engelhard Seafood Festival 2010, May 14 and 15th

[www.engelhardseafoodfestival.com](http://www.engelhardseafoodfestival.com)

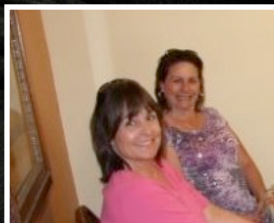


# Lady of the Quarter

A genuinely good,  
kind and helpful  
person:

**Ms. Jane Hodges**

*Ms. Jane is our  
Hyde County  
Permit Technician*



Sue Beck wrote on the [Swan Quarterly facebook page](#):

Hello everyone - my search for ancestors has brought me to this website. My sister and I have been looking for ancestors and can now trace our Hyde Co. ancestry back to Timothy MURRAY (and further) who was in the revolutionary war. He as my GGGgrandfather. His grandson Thomas Murphy ALLEN was my GGgrandfather. SWINDEL...L is my fathers, mothers maiden name. Anyone who has information you would like to share. Please do. Thank you very much!



## NATURAL EASTER EGG DYES

It's fun and easy to use foods and flowers to make your own natural Easter egg dyes. The two main ways to use your own dyes are to add dyes to the eggs when boiling them or to dye the eggs after they have been hard-boiled. It's a lot faster to boil the dyes and eggs together, but you will use several pans if you want to make multiple colors. Dyeing the eggs after they have been cooked takes as many dishes and more time, but may be more practical (after all, most stoves only have four burners!).

Try both fresh and frozen produce. Canned produce will produce much paler colors. Boiling the colors with vinegar will result in deeper colors. Some materials need to be boiled to impart their color (name followed by 'boiled' in the table). Some of the fruits, vegetables, and spices can be used cold. To use a cold material, cover the boiled eggs with water, add dyeing materials, a teaspoon or less of vinegar, and let the eggs remain in the refrigerator until the desired color is achieved. In most cases, the longer you leave

Easter eggs in the dye, the more deeply colored they will become.

Here is the preferred method for using natural dyes:

1. Place the eggs in a single layer in a pan. Add water until the eggs are covered.

2. Add approximately one teaspoon of vinegar.

3. Add the natural dye. Use more dye material for more eggs or for a more intense color.

4. Bring water to a boil.

5. Reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes.

6. If you are pleased with the color, remove the eggs from the liquid.

7. If you want more intensely colored eggs, temporarily remove the eggs from the liquid. Strain the dye

through a coffee filter (unless you want speckled eggs). Cover the eggs with the filtered dye and let them remain in the refrigerator overnight.

8. Naturally-colored eggs will not be glossy, but if you want a shiny appearance you can rub a bit of cooking oil onto the eggs once they are dry.

You can use fresh and frozen berries as 'paints', too. Simply crush the berries against dry boiled eggs. Try coloring on the eggs with crayons or wax pencils before boiling and dyeing them. Happy Easter!

*For more information about "Natural Easter Egg Dyes, Colors and Ingredients" please check out <http://chemistry.about.com/od/>*





When I asked Debbie Carawan to tell me the story about the photo she took with the horse and the roosters, she wrote: “There isn't any incredibly exciting story about the horse and the rooster. However, the animals in the pictures all belong to my friend Jaime Spencer, her sister Candy Spencer, and their father, Dale Spencer. Between the three of them, they have several horses, including a mini horse, roosters and chickens, pigs/hogs, goats, turkeys, several breeds of dogs, cats, and more. Candy has been raising, breeding, and showing many of her animals.”

The horse's name is Ally, by the way.

Debbie Carawan:  
“John Deere tractor in the field behind my house, taken a few weeks ago.”







## Artist of the Quarter Ms. Debbie Carwawan

The first time I laid my eyes on Debbie Carawan's photos was on Engelhard's facebook page where she had posted them. They are breathtakingly beautiful photos of the late evening light over Engelhard's harbor. When I asked how it all started, she explained: "I grew up with my mom constantly taking pictures (something which she still does and is very good at it), and I suppose somewhere along the way the desire to do photography struck me too." *Ms. Debbie we are glad it did.* She continued: "Once the great invention of the digital camera came out, I was finally able to give it a try. Four years and four cameras later, I'm still going at it and trying to improve. Unfortunately, I don't spend as much time taking pictures as I would like (having just finished up college at ECU and now working at Mattamuskeet Schools), but I get out when I can."



"My favorite things to photograph are the great rural scenes of Hyde County, the beach, animals, concerts, and people, although when it comes to people I have a much harder time finding willing models! Also, at one time, I did have an obsession with Vans shoes and went around documenting the journey of my feet: )". - *That is a very interesting and fun series, indeed.*

"I know a lot of young people in Hyde County look forward to the day when they are finally through with high school and can set off on their journey somewhere else, away from the less-traveled roads of Hyde County. I was never one of those people. I lived in the city in Columbia, SC for the first 7 years of my life while my parents were stationed at Ft. Jackson, and in 1996 we moved back to

Engelhard where my dad is originally from. I love living in Hyde County in the 'middle of nowhere'. I like that when I look out into my backyard I see farmland. I like that when I drive to work I don't have to wait on stop lights or compete with traffic. I like that no matter where I go, there's always someone I know or who knows me or my family. It's a great feeling having that sense of community. And I'd rather have that than a shopping mall any day."

*Anyone interested in viewing more of Debbie's*

*art may go to <http://kaleidoscopeeyes06.deviantart.com/gallery/>*





## TIME TRAVELER BY TOM CARMINE

People don't throw things away any more. They just put the stuff on EBay, and people like me buy it. Having roots in Hyde County, I will occasionally search for memorabilia from the area and all sorts of things show up.

I have seen a postcard of Mr. Harry's Tree at Swindell Fork, a Volunteer Fire Dept. patch and year books galore. I have bought two Mattamuskeet Sportsman shotgun shell boxes which I now use to store CDs, and a NC Duck Stamp print featuring the Lodge in the background. For a while various Hyde County area oyster cans were hot sellers. Occasionally though you find something of real interest, but seldom do you find something that reaches back into your own family history.

I found and purchased this postcard one evening simply because it was an old picture of the Swan Quarter, and it was cheap. The postmark dated the mailing to 1914 and the newly completed Providence

Methodist Church in the background placed the picture after 1913. There was no historical note on the card nor even who printed it. Perhaps the car was the real novelty in the picture. In 1915, there were only 2.3 million cars registered in the US for about 100 million Americans.

The card was interesting, but there was something else that initially eluded me. The postcard was mailed to my hometown of Newport News, VA to a Mr. E. Clay McClaud by Leta Brown from Swan Quarter.

My mom passed away in 2003. She used to mention someone she called E.C. who I gathered must have been about her age, but my only recollection of him was that he once flew a plane to Hyde County. End of story about him, so I needed more information.

I sent an email to the EBay seller who lived in Maryland, and asked him how he had acquired the card. He replied that he had bought the card at a card show in Pennsylvania. Somehow this postcard had traveled further in its U.S. Mail afterlife than it had in its

original mailing, but I was still no closer to unraveling the story.

The internet is a wonderful research tool so when I Googled E. C. McClaud, I found that he had attended the funeral of George A. Selby, Jr. his brother-in-law as recorded in Selby's obituary in the Hyde County Messenger, June 1939 edition, a monthly newsletter published by Reverend Elliot Rufus Stewart. According to the obituary, Selby was married to Minnie McClaud Selby one of E.C.'s two sisters.

Clay was born in the Lake Landing area in 1886, but he moved to Newport News to work at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company. A company parking lot now occupies the location of his 1914 residence. His two sisters Minnie and Mary stayed in Hyde County and married locally, but sometime after Minnie's husband George died, Minnie also moved to Newport News where some of her family still lives.

continues...





Photo by Tom Carmine



In 1934 my grandmother Lizzie Swindell Bonner died. My grandfather Claude Bonner still had two daughters at home which included my 17 year old mom and my 24 year old aunt who was a school teacher in Swan Quarter. A year later, Claude married Mary McClaud, Clay's sister. Amazingly, I had managed to snag a bit of family memorabilia right out of thin air.

Edward Clay McClaud died at 66, and he was buried in Newport News in 1952, next to his wife Eva Wiggins McClaud who had died in 1948. Further research led me to an obituary for E. C. McClaud, Jr., his only child and my mom's E.C. He had retired to and died in Florida in 2007 at the age of 86, and he had been a test pilot for Pratt & Whitney.

Leta Berry Brown was not family, but apparently just a friend. Her obituary recorded in the Dare County Times on December 7, 1945 states that she was 56 when she

died, and she had been a school teacher in the County.

So 95 years later and after having exchanged hands at least four times in four states, a casually sent postcard has found its way back home to Swan Quarter.



#### Text of Postcard

*"Do you recognize the picture? Swan Quarter doesn't look so bad, do you think? I am hard at work again, but am enjoying it. I guess you did not get your trip to New York did you?"*

*Photo by Tom Carmine*





Did you recognize the  
 picture? How much detail  
 there is had, do you think?  
 I am hard at work  
 again, but am enjoying it.  
 I guess you did not get  
 your trip to New York,  
 did you? With love,  
 Peter.

PLACE  
 STAMP  
 HERE  
 NAME AND ADDRESS



Mr. E. Clay McClaude,  
 132 - 35<sup>th</sup> Street,  
 New York News,  
 Va.



# Man of the Quarter JC Williams of Chris's Groceries

*JC collected all Swan Quarterly  
magazines from the first issue on*



**BBQ-Chicken Dinner**  
**Time: 11:00AM Saturday, March 27th**  
**Location: Swan Quarter Fire Department**





# Chris's is Growing

I remember the first time I stepped into Chris's groceries like it was today. It was a Memorial weekend and we had rented a room at the Tunnell Farm House B & B for a few days. They were raising our house in Swan Quarter and we wanted to see this and celebrate Memorial Day with the kids in Tyrrell County, if I remember this correctly. So we got all kinds of food from Chris's that we just needed to heat up in the old farm house kitchen. The people were friendly and packed the bags and even helped me to carry all to the car. That store next to Chris's was closed, at one time it was a hardware store.



## *A Hardware Store*

we need badly in Swan Quarter and if they also sell fishing and hunting supply, even better. Everyone knows that, who ever had to drive for a few nails just one more time to Belhaven or Engelhard. Don't get us wrong we love to visit the neighbors, but it's a lot of gas money, and time when you are working on a project.

## *Chris's Hardware?*

We can only assume that this is the name of the old - all new hardware store, in Swan Quarter. Here in the photo on the right, ya'll see Chris's dad JC Williams stocking the shelves in the hardware and fishing / hunting supply store. JC said that he thinks that the store should be ready by the summer for the Grand Opening.

*Photos by Ingrid Lemme*







Gloria Burrus and Chorus



Cody Catlett



## Music Across the Sound

"Music Across the Sound concert in Hyde County at Mattamuskeet School on Saturday night, March 6, at 7:30pm. The Concert is FREE and open to the public. The Barnraisers from Wilmington are a last minute addition to the line-up of performers. Make plans to attend. You won't be sorry!" it said on Beaufort County Arts Council's facebook page - and everyone had a great time.



### < Green Grass Cloggers

This annual concert held at Mattamuskeet School includes Hyde County musicians from the mainland and the island and special guests.

### Carolina Still Band, below

Photo courtesy by Beaufort County Arts Council's Joey Toler, THANK YOU.

Mac & Tammy McRoy Band, below

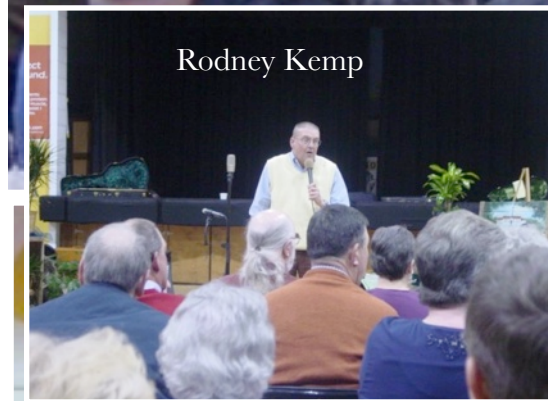





Miss Jamie Tunnell



Rodney Kemp



**MUSIC ACROSS  
THE SOUND**  
— SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2010 —  
7:30 PM  FREE



FEATURING:

MOLASSES CREEK  
CAROLINA STILL  
GREEN GRASS CLOGGERS  
THE MAC & TAMMY McROY BAND  
GLORIA BURRUS CHORUS  
EARL CARAWAN  
AARON CASWELL  
CODY CATLETT & CHI SRICHAISAWAT  
RODNEY KEMP  
JAMIE TUNNELL

MATTAMUSKEET  
HIGH SCHOOL GYM

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## GRAND FINALE





“...in response to your inquiry, my best estimate is that the branch (in Swan Quarter) will open in mid-April but that could change. The contractor is finishing his work and then we will need a couple of weeks to prepare the facility in terms of phones, furniture, computers and other equipment....”

Russ Taylor  
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