

# SWAN QUARTERLY

A full-page background photograph showing a sunset over a calm body of water. The sun is a bright yellow orb on the horizon, casting a long, shimmering reflection down the center of the water. The sky is filled with horizontal bands of orange, red, and yellow. Several dark, silhouetted trees stand in the water, their forms reflected in the still surface. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

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## Last Month's Man of the Quarter

Lee Williams

*is a grandpa too! His oldest daughter lives in Houston, TX with her husband Valentine and two adorable granddaughters Aleanna & Zoey. They recently visited Swan Quarter and all family members are hoping that they will move back home in the near future.*



## ✕ Quote of the Quarter ✕

*"I have thoroughly enjoyed living in Hyde County. I have some of the best friends, best neighbors and the best church family at the Swan Quarter Baptist Church in the world!" - Ms. Geri*

## DEAR READER

The Swan Quarter Landing fire got a major part of editorial in this issue, *so other stories and features have to wait until next month*; sorry about that. We had a fine chicken dinner at the SQ firehouse Memorial Weekend and since all the firemen were busy with the big fire, their spouses and friends cooked all day and

helped. The next day we had the pleasure of celebrating the 100th anniversary with the Swan

Quarter Baptist Church members and met Pastor Jim whose uncle founded the very same church 100 years ago! We missed Ms. Lola's surprise party, but have the long

guest list and the photos for ya'll to see. xox Love Ingrid & Sunny



**"WHYC is back on the air from the campus at Mattamuskeet High School, broadcasting Public Radio East. 88.5 on your radio."**

*After being off the air for some time due to equipment damage, the Hyde County Board of Education made arrangements to install a new transmitter and studio equipment with the help of volunteers, and bring them back on the air. Public Radio East's*

*classical programming will be broadcasted during times when the school is not programming the system.*



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# *Lady of the Quarter*

## *Ms. Geri of Hyde County*

We met Ms. Geri at the 100th anniversary celebration of the Swan Quarter Baptist Church over Memorial weekend. She is the most positive and kindest person you want to know. Ms. Geri was born in Greenville, NC as the youngest of eight. Geraldine C. Pittman ('Ms. Geri') moved to Virginia at 17. She and her husband had four children, 2 boys and 2 girls. ~ In 1964 she married a Hyde County native who she moved with from Virginia to Long Beach, CA, to the Philippines and then to Vallejo, CA. During these travels she worked as distribution clerk for the US Postal Service in Long Beach, as a rental car supervisor for off-base and on-base vehicles in the Philippines and secretary/ bookkeeper for an orthodontist in Vallejo.

*Her husband's retirement brought them to move again, this time to Scranton, Hyde County. Her first job landed her in Dr. Charles Boyette's office in Belhaven and then she became part of City Hall in Belhaven. She joined Hyde County's finance office for 7 1/2 years and then she served 12 1/2 years in the Hyde County Manager's office. Currently Ms. Geri enjoys working with the principal, staff and children of Mattamuskeet Middle School. She volunteered for 10 years as Secretary / Treasurer for the Swan Quarter Service Group and says: "I have thoroughly enjoyed living in Hyde County. I have some of the best friends, best neighbors and the best church family at the Swan Quarter Baptist Church in the world!" Ms. Geri bought a house (built in 1872) from Sam & Phyllis Sewell in the suburbs of Swan Quarter which belonged at one time to Cora Mayo. "This house has been and will be a life-long restoring and renovation project, but I enjoy every endeavor," she adds. Ms. Geri comes across as a rather enthusiastic person. She stretches and enjoys her time with additional projects like crocheting, traveling, cooking, eating out, collecting lighthouses, reading, puzzles, working with plastic mesh, and playing cards and scrabble.*





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

### Men of the Quarter

Swan Quarter's Fire Chief Jeff Stotesberry and all the men who worked the SQL fire

### Kid of the Quarter

We met the nice young girl at the Swan Quarter Fire House chicken dinner last month

### Teen of the Quarter

Pretty Miss Stacey Stotesberry of Hyde County

### Fire Department Supporters of the Quarter

A Hyde County couple took their family and friends for dinner at the SQ Firehouse

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### Hot tip of the Quarter

Eggs from Ms. Ruby's the Hyde 'n Dream Farm



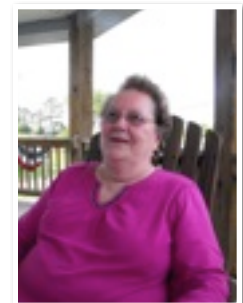
### Book of the Quarter

"Simple Down East Cooking" by Elisabeth Gurganus. To order a copy call her at 252-926-8461 or email [gurganus1@cbarqmail.com](mailto:gurganus1@cbarqmail.com)



### Couple of the Quarter

Artist Mark Hierholzer and his wife Kathy, a registered nurse, part-time residents of Swan Quarter



### Lady of the Quarter

Wonderful Ms. Geri



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*Photo by Ms. Elisabeth*

## PICKLED BEETS

1 can beets  
2/3 cup sugar  
1/2 cup vinegar

Put beets in small boiler. Add sugar and vinegar. Cook until boils. Boil for 3 minutes. Remove from heat. Cool to serve if desired.

## *Book of the Quarter* "Simple Down East Cooking"

by Elisabeth Gurganus of Swan Quarter.

I bought my book at

Harris Steak & Seafood in Fairfield, I am sure that you may find the book also at other places.

To order your own signed copy please call her at 252-926-8461 or email her at [gurganus1@embarqmail.com](mailto:gurganus1@embarqmail.com)

Photo features Ms. Elisabeth Gurganus with her book



## MATTAMUSKEET TEACHER OF THE YEAR

*Dear Ingrid, thank you for your e-mails.  
Yes, it's true that I was selected as Hyde  
County School's Teacher of the Year!  
WOW this is so cool. I will now go to  
Regional selections and if I get to be  
selected for the region, I will get to compete  
to become part of the State's.*

For more than 50 years our nation has honored teachers with the National Teacher of the Year Program, sponsored by the ING Foundation, is a project of the Council of Chief State School Officers. Since 1970 North Carolina has participated in this program recognizing outstanding teachers.

In accordance with national guidelines, North Carolina chooses a candidate who is "dedicated and highly skilled, a candidate proven capable of inspiring students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn." Because the Teacher of the Year will be asked to travel, speak on behalf of education and demonstrate master teaching skills, the candidate must be poised, articulate, and energetic in order to meet the demanding responsibilities.

The individual selected as the State Teacher of the Year is given the year off from the classroom to serve as an

ambassador for public schools and the teaching profession. He/She also advises the State Board of Education and actively works to bridge the gap between the business and educational communities.

The program recognizes teachers at the school, local, regional and statewide levels. Individuals who are chosen to represent their school as Teacher of the Year advance to competition at the local school system level. Once that selection has



been made, LEA Teachers of the year and representatives of the public Charter Schools vie for the regional Teacher of the Year in the eight educational regions and Charter Schools of the State. Using a regional process including a portfolio, interviews, a formal speech, and group activity, the statewide Teacher of the Year is chosen from among the eight regional winners and the Charter Schools by a selection committee consisting of professional educators and community leaders. The

Teacher of the Year finalists, along with the state Teacher of the Year, comprise the Teacher of the year Team and work collaboratively on issues critical to education in North Carolina. The regional Teachers of the Year also assist in planning and implementing a Teacher of the Year Symposium/Celebration. The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, along with its corporate sponsor, AT&T, administers the program.

In the 40 years of the program in North Carolina, three state Teachers of the Year have become National Winners. Four have become National Finalists and one has been inducted into the National Teachers' Hall of Fame.

Thirteen North Carolina Teachers of the Year have taught at the elementary school level, seven at the middle or junior high school

level and twenty at the high school level.

*If you like more info and details on this program, here is the link:*

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/recruitment/recognition/toy/>

*I am so excited! A lot of work is ahead of me, though, if I want to have a good chance for regionals and state selections.*

*I will keep you posted!*

*Julio Morales*

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## *'Just Because'*

Ms. Ingrid - How are you and the family? We all are doing good. Unfortunately, I had to put my foundation on hold due to fact I have not received my 501c status. It is still pending. By the way I will be in Hyde County on May 29th. Please join us for a "Just Because Family and Friends Day" brunch at my sister's home on May 30th. Lola M Jones 255 Gullrock Rd. Engelhard, NC 27824 It will be a lots of fun, entertainments, activities, meet new and old family and friends. Door prizes and awards will be given out. The time is 2:00 o'clock - until. If any addition information is needed please contact Janet Jones-King or Joanne Harper by telephone or email. It is a surprise in recognition of my sister Lola M Jones

### JUST BECAUSE FAMILY AND FRIENDS DAY THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CAME



to the Just Because Family and Friends Day to recognize Ms. Lola Mae Jones. This surprise for her was a joyful one. Many family came in town for the event including her oldest Brother Noah "Noah Jr or Buddy" Jones IV with his wife Marion and son Bernard, youngest sisters Janet Jones-King, Joanne Harper, son Randy "Skinner" Selby, daughter Velma "Lil Puddin" Lane, granddaughter Antoinette Selby, nephew Wesley X. King and Archie Benjamin "Pee Wee" Jones, Jr. Many cousins Thad Merrick, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. David "Buddy" Freeman along with their friends to name a few. It was other cousins in attendance from Belhaven, NC and Washington, NC. We had George and Pam Ranson from Chesapeake, VA, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lewis with all their children husbands and wives from Hyde County. Ms. Leona Pugh, Gullrock, NC., Mr. Archie Howard and his mother Ms. Ezzie Howard from Brooklyn, NY., and Ms. Joyce Fulford Farrow, Mr. Melvin Blount, Mrs. Minnie Murray and family included was Kathleen and her husband Thomas, Derek and his fiancée and Jackie, David Earl Spencer, Engelhard, NC., Dorothea Gibbs, and two of her grandchildren Tony Gibbs and friends, Pee Wee cousin Trina, Jerome Bryant, Linwood Earl Blount.



Those who was not in attendance expressed their love of appreciation as Dr. Chadik Hewett, Mrs. Shirley Hewett, and Mrs. Patricia Robinson all from NY. How grateful we are to have Janet's husband X. Alvin King, Jr. provided all resources for this arrangement. Lola's oldest son US Army Sgt 1st Class Retiree Michael "Duke" Selby was on via phone with wife Donna Selby and son Aarron in Leesville, Louisiana. Also, called via phone was her nephew Pete Joqalus "Lil Pete" Harper, Greenville, NC.,

Other individuals who couldn't attended expressed their love of appreciation by via phone, texting and email to Janet for Lola included: (all Lola's grandchildren) Raquel, RaShawn, Emmanuel, Ambrosia Selby Skinner wife Mrs. Camella Selby, Mrs. Brenda Williams, Liddie Gibbs, Sharesa "Daisy" Gibbs, Mr. and Mrs. James Jig" Gibbs, Coletta and Cindy Gibbs, Marie Gibbs, Mrs. Jamie Gibbs Brigman, Mrs. Debra Johnson, Mrs. Maggie Lene Spencer, Lewis Spencer, Athur Benston, Frederick "Pop" Benston, Darlene Greene Rodgers, Viola Pitts, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Collins and Mrs. Shirley Griffin,

Ida Mae Jefferson, Alfonza and Robert Wells, Doris Blue, Evelyn Selby Inez Wilkinson and Leon "Shine" Gibbs, Grethen Davis, Jimmy Shelton.

As family arrived in town and set up of tent, tables, and chairs, for the event that Lola believed was a get-together for Skinner; she



questioned why so many light colors were being used for the decorations. After much prayers and thoughts, the family decided to break the news of the surprise to her late Saturday evening. At the event she was presented with a scrap book by her oldest brother Noah IV "Buddy" and many gifts along with many words of appreciation and encouragement from family and friends. All who attended participated in games,

enjoyed delicious food, cake and desserts, and departed with door prizes. From the youngest to oldest, all enjoyed themselves and look forward to next year's "Just Because Family and Friends Day" end of May.

So mark your calendar and hope to see you there!

*Janet Jones-King*

Always remember

1 Corth. 16:14 - "Let all affairs take place with love"

*Dear Ms Janet*

I can't believe that we missed this big event on the 29th. By the way, we also missed the parade on Saturday in Swan Quarter. Our son and his wife had invited us for a fishing trip on their boat on Saturday and then we had trouble with the engine, and, and, and. Also, we have no internet service in SQ, so I didn't get your e-mail reminder. Please forgive me.

We both were truly honored to have been invited and if we are next year in Hyde, we shall attend! Rain or shine.

*Ms. Lola, congratulation to such a big family and so many old and new friends, but especially to your sister Janet.*

*Ingrid Lemme*

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## Inshore Slam Report

Swan Quarter, NC - Speckled Trout, Flounder and Puppy Drum were brought in at the First Annual Swan Quarter Inshore Slam held Saturday June 12th. The first registrant was waiting at 4:30AM at the Wildlife Ramp - departure time was set at 5:00AM. With temperatures reaching close to 90 degrees, ten teams competed for a cash prize and trophies. First prize went to Hunter Smith for flounder and puppy drum with a combined weight of 4.55 pounds; Joey Williams got second prize for flounder and puppy drum with a combined weight of 4.30 pounds and third prize went to Dan Smith for a combined weight of 3.55 for flounder and puppy drum.



The cash prize percentage split was 50, 20 and 10 of the registration fees. The remainder went to the Swan Quarter Volunteer Fire Department.

The Swan Quarter Volunteer Fire Department cooked a fried fish dinner before the awards ceremony. The Hyde County Waterfowl Association sponsored the event. As part of their mission, the Association believes that partnering with local groups helps keep community connected and responsibly promotes the many

wonderful assets Hyde County has.

Coming soon is the Hyde County Waterfowl Associations Second Annual Mattamuskeet Decoy & Waterfowl Festival November 20 and 21, 2010 at the Mattamuskeet High School in Swan Quarter. Details can be found at [www.hydewaterfowl.com](http://www.hydewaterfowl.com)

Contact: Brad Gurganus 252-944-5636

Photos above: Left to right: Bret Mason, Brad Gurganus, Gary Cahoon are cleaning fish. Photo on the right: Brad Gurganus presenting a check to Swan Quarter Fire Chief Jeff Stotesberry.



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## SWAN QUARTER AN ART COLONY JUST WAITING TO BE DISCOVERED?

“Swan Quarter is an art colony just waiting to be discovered” is the first thing I read from Mark Hierholzer after we connected through the ‘I LOVE SWAN QUARTER’ facebook® page. I didn’t know that we are practically neighbors at that time, and that Mark and his wife Kathy live just steps away from us when they come out on weekends. Their main home is still in Richmond, the capital of Virginia, and they just can’t wait until they can move for good. Both seem to be too young to retire; well we know how that goes. Kathy is a registered nurse, a kind and patient lady; after all, she put up with her husband’s dog, who does not like her. “Kathy and I travel as much as we can and I always carry a painting kit with me. Kathy has a wonderful eye for composition and color and is a great painting companion,” he tells me on our front porch while he smiles at his wife. She smiles back.

When I asked him why he feels that Swan Quarter is an art

colony just waiting to be discovered, he explains: “I say this because I think it has the most diverse and beautiful landscapes and water perspectives anywhere on the East Coast. Most of Swan Quarter is surrounded by federally protected wild life refuges that keep the area pristine and natural. Sunsets are over water and stunning and that included Lake Mattamuskeet. Get it? I have done many landscapes around Swan Quarter



and they were all a joy to paint.” Oh, we all know, but it’s nice to hear it from an artist’s point of view.

Mark continues: “I love boats and Swan Quarter is full of them. I have painted a number of boat scenes and I find that people really like them. Farm landscapes abound with beautiful and historical houses, many with beautiful, reflective bodies of

water and canals - the locals call them ditches”.

A light summer breeze picks up while we sip our iced tea. Mark plans to open a small business that includes a studio, a gallery and perhaps an internet cafe with coffee and books sometime in the near future in Swan Quarter.

“Ocracoke and the traffic to the ferry provide an excellent market for local art,” he believes.

“I am also hoping to bring artists from Richmond (and other areas) to Swan Quarter for plain air workshops and ‘paint-outs’. This is really no different from the hunting and fishing groups that come to the area. Besides the great painting views, the seafood is amazing. I could not imagine having an event like this without steamed

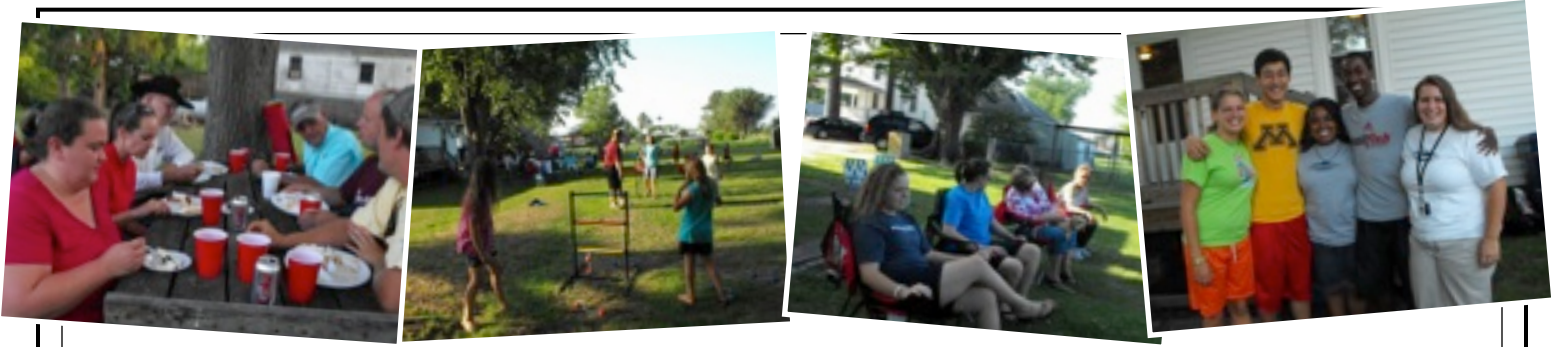
crabs, fish and oysters! And yes, beer from Chris' Grocery. Right now I am looking to meet some of the local artists and do some painting with them.”

Folks can contact him at 804-784-5357 or [swanquarterart@mac.com](mailto:swanquarterart@mac.com) or check out [www.hierholzer.net](http://www.hierholzer.net)

*Looks for Mark's paintings at Ms. Emily's consignment shop in Swan Quarter and on Ocracoke at Island Arts Works [www.islandartworks.com](http://www.islandartworks.com)*







## *Happy 100th Birthday SQ Baptist Church*

We saw a big hand painted sign inviting everyone for the 100th anniversary celebration of the Swan Quarter Baptist Church at Pat's Gas Station and thought that might be a nice way to spend a Sunday afternoon and meet new people. It was Memorial weekend, a great time to celebrate, especially the birthday of the pretty, little white church down on Swan Quarter's Main Street. Sheriff Mason was grilling Hamburgers and Hot Dogs with Pastor Jim Johnson as we stepped on the church grounds. The backyard was filled with the friendly people who invited us to join them. We met many wonderful folks, and got to talk with lots of people while we were sipping iced tea and watched the 'kids of all ages' and the pastor's family play together.



Finally the Pastor (on the left) called all for a wonderful meal that was lovingly prepared by members of the church. **To our surprise we found out that Pastor Jimmy's great uncle, George Merrell was the first pastor at Swan Quarter Baptist Church 100 years ago.** In 1907 the N.C. Baptist State Convention had realized that there was still one county without a missionary Baptist Church; Hyde. So Reverend and Mrs. George Merrell were send to Hyde County. On the 3rd Sunday of November 1910 the congregation was organized as a body of believers and the church was build during Reverent

Merrell's tenure. During that timeframe he preached at six other places in the county and remained in Hyde County until January 1912.

*Congratulations!*

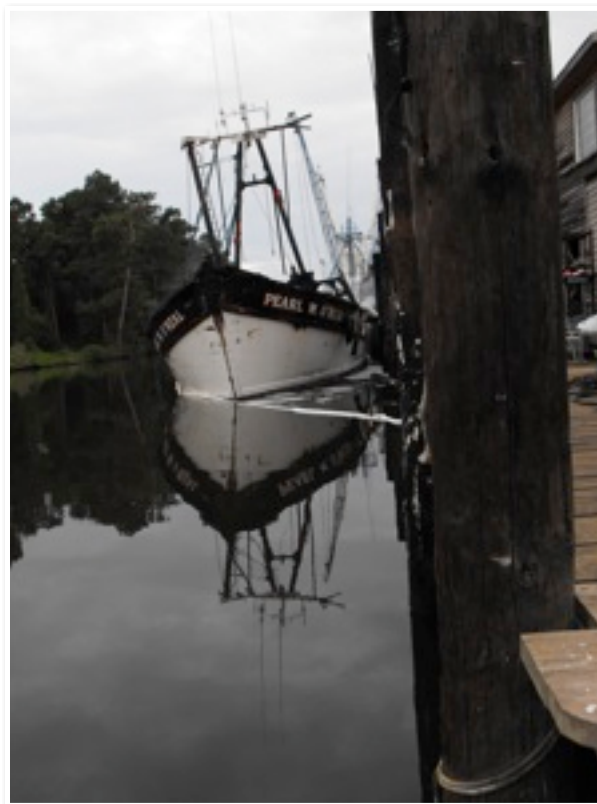


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## “TRAWLER COMPLETELY INVOLVED” BY SUNNY LEMME

“Trawler Completely Involved” was the call that Chief Jeffrey Stotesberry got at quarter of nine as the Memorial Day weekend began on Friday evening. Being a veteran firefighter, he did not get very excited, knowing that most pages have some element of exaggeration in them. Before he got to Main Street he realized that the call was accurate, as it appeared that the whole waterfront was on fire. He called for mutual aid from Fairfield Station #7 before he got to the scene and set Swan Quarter Volunteer Fire Department Engine 91 to draft directly from the canal; there would be plenty of water for this fire, and they would need it. The firefighters took two 1 ½” lines from the engine, one for the exterior wall of the close fish house that was beginning to burn, and the other for the shrimp boat “Pearl W. O’Neal”. The fish house fire was knocked down quickly with only exterior damage, but the “O’Neal” would be another matter.

Other apparatus began to arrive, including Swan Quarter’s Tanker 97, Truck 96 with equipment and support, and Rescue 94 with its light tower and equipment. Shortly, Fairfield arrived with its engine, support vehicle and a tanker. The engine was placed next to Swan Quarter’s and ran another 1 ½” line to the boat. Fairfield’s tanker was not needed



as there was plenty of water, though it is part of the automatic Mutual Aid response package, and the personnel were certainly welcome. After the attack was going pretty well, one of the diesel tanks aboard exploded, spewing flaming diesel fuel around. As everybody’s head was

down at the explosion, nobody noticed the flaming fuel that went through the hole in the roof of the old Jarvis Crab House, setting the interior on fire behind the firefighters, and they didn’t initially know about it. It was detected after a few minutes, and an interior attack was made, putting out the fire completely in about half an hour. Later, a second diesel tank exploded, but did not have the same impact on the fire scene.

Other agencies also responded to assist at the fire. Scanton sent a tanker and an engine, the latter placed on the landward side, drafting from the canal and attacking over the bow.

Ponzer sent seven firefighters without apparatus that could not be deployed. Hyde EMS set up a rehab for the firefighters, an essential section to reduce the physical stress on them, and stood by for any injuries among the responders;

luckily, there were none reported. North Carolina Forestry provided foam to help put out at the fire, and NC Marine Fisheries responded with booms to prevent oil pollution. The Coast Guard was consulted but did not respond, letting Marine Fisheries take care of the pollution.



**This has been the worst Swan Quarter fire in memory.  
We should all be proud of our dedicated and brave  
volunteers in all the fire departments of our county.**



Every fire is different, and firefighters always have to be ready for the surprises. A trawler is even more unusual than a house, in that it can be configured many ways, have many hidden confined spaces, and have hazardous materials on board. There was also the capacity for eight to ten thousand gallons of fuel, and it was unknown how much was aboard in the several tanks. In this case, the boat was on the bottom by the time that the fire was knocked down. The longest phase of a fire was about to begin, called "overhaul", which means finding all of the little fires that could rekindle a major fire. In a building this would mean tearing off the drywall in suspect areas, but on a steel boat, it means cutting through the bulkheads and decks. Of course, using oxyacetylene would always reveal a fire, so the slower method of using abrasive saw blades on the K-12 gas-powered rotary saws and chain saws was employed. Finding the hot spots was not too difficult through the steel decks, though it took some time to cut holes in them. In every case fire was found, but it was nearly

impossible to get water around the frames to the fire at the next space, so another hole had to be cut.

Saturday was the day for the monthly Swan Quarter Volunteer Fire Department fundraising dinner, but the firefighters were all at the fire. Chief Stotesberry sent a three-man contingent home at around 4:00 a.m. so that they could have a little rest prior



to beginning the dinner at 7:00 a.m. It is a tribute to the women who are involved with the fire department that they made the fundraiser a success without a full complement of firefighters.

There were some glitches, as usual. The chaos, multiple fires, and four departments made it difficult to keep track of where all the responders were in this dangerous operation. That there were no injuries or "Maydays"

reported is a testament to the professionalism and dedication of all our firefighters. Crowd control was also a problem, as the fire departments do not have their own crowd control officers; crowds put themselves in danger and take the firefighters focus off of their job at hand. A stuck fuel gauge on the primary drafting engine, E-91, led to it running out of fuel, and caused a delay as the fire was winding down.

This was corrected by a member bringing a tank trailer from his farm with enough diesel fuel to keep the engine running for the duration. Unfortunately, the best of the new firefighting technology, the thermal imaging camera, was not available due to a bad battery, and the fact that only one of these 'TIC's, as we call them, is available in the county.

The overhaul lasted all morning and all afternoon. When no more fire could be found, Chief Stotesberry declared the fire out at 4:45 p.m., but that didn't mean that our bravest got to go home. They had to refuel, resupply, clean the apparatus and equipment, and get everything ready for the next fire, which will happen at any time. The last of the vehicles left the scene at 5:43



**...none of his firefighters left until all the apparatus,  
equipment, and tools were ready for duty, and  
everything restocked...**





p.m., and all Swan Quarter apparatus was back in the firehouse at 9:41 p.m., accompanied by some very tired, and very dedicated firefighters. Chief Stotesberry bragged to me that none of his firefighters left until all the apparatus, equipment, and tools were ready for duty, and everything restocked.

The rumor that there was a 'rekindle' or an attempt to burn the boat again is not true, but there was a second, minor fire aboard as the result of salvage efforts on Monday, May 31st at 1:00 p.m. It was started by an oxyacetylene torch, but, since it was observed and reported early, little additional damage was done, and the fire department returned to the firehouse at 3:52 p.m. after dousing the fire with water and searching for extension of it.

This has been the worst Swan Quarter fire in memory. We should all be proud of our dedicated and brave volunteers in all the fire departments of our county. The four departments worked well together, some for more than twenty-four hours, without a break. The support from the mutual aid departments, Hyde EMS, NC Forestry and Marine Fisheries, and the

individuals from the community who stepped up to help where they could, made the response much easier, making us proud of our whole community. We are also grateful that there are people who are willing to put their lives on the line for their neighbors and community. Most of all, we are grateful that all of our firefighters went home tired but unhurt.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR



## DEDICATED SERVICE TO YOUR COMMUNITY.

These are most of the volunteers who responded to the Swan Quarter Landing Fire. Unfortunately at press time we do not have a complete list,

especially from the Fairfield contingent. We apologize to those who are not listed, and will include their names in a future edition.

### **Swan Quarter station #9**

Chief Jeffrey Stotesberry, Asst. Chief Gary Cahoon, 1st Lieutenant Johnny Stotesberry, 2nd Lieutenant Henry Williams, Safety Officer John Stotesberry, Fire Fighters Jeffrey Hibbard, Eve Contreras, Wayne Pugh, James Selby, Ray Stotesberry and Fire Fighter/ Fire Marshal/ Emergency Manager Lindsey Mooney

### **Ponzer station #4**

Eric Clayton, Chuck Dunbar, Timothy Mason, Hank Berry, Paula Cuthrell, Jamie Cuthrell, Dereck Marshlander, Josh Clayton, and Johnny Joe Stotesberry;

### **Scranton station #8**

Mark Carawan, Brad Lawrence, William Lowe, Johnny Joyner and Victor Davis

### **Fairfield station #7**

Cleve Gibbs, Chad Marshall and others

**Thank ya'll for your  
dedicated service to our  
community!**

## FIRE SERVICE EDITORIAL BY SUNNY LEMME

In this season of budgeting we have to look at what is important for Hyde County. I am sure that all of the tax supported agencies are willing to tighten their belts in these economic times, including our volunteer fire departments. However, some of the recent proposals nearly eliminate support for those people who spent the first part of the Memorial Day weekend putting out a stubborn boat fire at the risk of their lives. Their families do without them for long periods, yet they respond, without pay, to protect their neighbors at all hours, day and night. They spend long hours making sure that their apparatus and equipment is ready for the next emergency, and they train continuously so that they can protect their county. These people already contribute countless time and considerable money to protect the community.

Who will protect them?

From what I have seen of the Hyde fire departments I am impressed by their professionalism and skill. Their apparatus, personal protective equipment, and equipment is in good order. Unfortunately, it also

takes money to keep our bravest from being injured or worse, becoming a Line of Duty Death (LODD). In the Swan Quarter Landing Fire, the county's only thermal imaging camera couldn't be used because it didn't have the expensive proprietary battery. This piece of equipment is one of the factors responsible for bringing down national LODDs below a hundred for the first time this century, yet we don't have one, and cannot get one due to budget constraints.

Fires and other emergency responses are not going to stop in Hyde County or anywhere else. When many, if not most firefighters have a second job, work out of town, or have to take care of children, who can respond to these life-threatening emergencies? We need support for our few professional volunteers, because we cannot afford to pay career firefighters. We need to support our volunteers because they are the ones on the emergency scene early, and we need an adequate response to that emergency within minutes of the alarm to deal with it.

If we need to reduce the budget, firefighters are ready to tighten their belts. But if they are tightened unreasonably, you will not have a volunteer fire department. They need the county's and your support.

Please give it.

*Sunny Lemme is a part-time resident of Swan Quarter, has a Master's Degree in Emergency Management, and has been a volunteer firefighter for the last nineteen years, the last fifteen at Montauk, NY. He currently serves as Lieutenant of the Truck Company, as an EMT in the EMS Company, and on the Confined Space, Rapid Intervention, and Water Rescue Teams. He also is qualified in Trench and Collapse Rescue, and is a Fire Service Instructor I. With the Town of East Hampton Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team he serves as a Hazardous Materials Technician. He is currently seeking employment in the Hyde County area so that he may become a permanent resident.*







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## *Thank You Pungo District Hospital & Hyde County Health Care Center*

Of course it happened on a Sunday afternoon when my husband's hand started to swell up and hurt badly. On a scale of 1 to 10, he indicated a 10, and he was serious. He is by no means a complainer, and an EMT himself, he wanted to see a doc, just to make sure. So we canceled Ms. Geri who we had invited for Sunday afternoon coffee & pie and drove the 25 minutes to Belhaven. We walked in and were shortly thereafter seen by the intake nurse, *Karen Bell*. Dr. *Mark Worthen*, the physician on duty, is a kind professional! - He diagnosed the overused wrist instantly, and had *Debbie Smith, RN* later take care on the rest. Pungo is one of the best hospitals we have experienced so far in regards to caring, trained and professional small town hospital care. We ate the blackberry pie when we came home. [www.pungodistricthospital.org](http://www.pungodistricthospital.org)



## *Hyde County Health Care Center*

Earlier in the week it was me who thought that I was in desperate need of a health professional. Actually I just wanted a nurse to take a look at my left chest which seemed to have been bitten by an insect. My husband had assured me that this was r e a l l y nothing, but I just wanted to

make sure that it wasn't a spider. So we walked into the doors of the Hyde County Health Department in Swan Quarter, Hyde County. The nurses were all in a training's meeting, but we got to meet the Department Head, Mr. Wesley Smith who is an avid reader of the Swan Quarterly since its inception. Mr. Smith called in Ms. Gerri Weatherly RN to take a look at my chest. Ms. Gerri is the Public Health Nursing Supervisor of Hyde Home Health and she took me quickly to a private room and confirmed my husband's predictions. Thank goodness. [www.hydehealth.com](http://www.hydehealth.com)



## AMERICAN RED CROSS JUNE 30, 2010 IN HYDE COUNTY

The American Red Cross would like to remind Hyde County donors that Type O blood urgently needed. Type O negative blood can be used in

Because O positive is the most common blood type, it is needed more often by more hospital patients.

To celebrate the Fourth of July holiday, the American Red Cross will hold simultaneous Blood Drives in two Hyde County communities on June 30, 2010. The Hyde County American Red Cross Blood Drive will be hosted by the Engelhard and the Swan Quarter Volunteer Fire Departments.

**The Engelhard event begins at 11 am and will last until 4 pm, at the station**

**house located at 34545 US 264. - The Swan Quarter drive will be held from 12:00 noon until 3:30 pm at their station on 25 Oyster Creek Road**



an emergency situation to save a life regardless of the recipient's blood type. That is why it is often referred to as 'universal' blood type. Type O positive blood is needed more frequently than any other blood type.

Regardless of your blood type, you are encouraged to "Give the Gift of Life" and participate at the Hyde County Blood Drive nearest to you. Everyone who donates in June will receive a coupon for a free pint of Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream (good at any store that sells Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream), and an American Red Cross Ice Cream Scoop!







# Meet Cover Photographer Guy Livesay

After almost 25 years of taking pictures, Guy Livesay has done a variety of events including weddings, church socials, birthday parties, family gatherings, sporting events, and such. "Over the years, I've started to view photography as a form of art, and not just a record of events or things. Nature has become my favorite subject. Eastern North Carolina has become his studio, from the beautiful Outer Banks, to Mattamuskeet Lake, to his own back yard" - he writes. - *"Hyde County is one of my favorite spots on all the Earth....especially Lake Mattamuskeet. I've shot down there for several years....matter of fact, I've got a Mattamuskeet NWR album on my site."*

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\* Third place in the Reptiles and Amphibians category in NC Wildlife Magazine's 2009 Photo Contest !!!

\* Feature photo in The Coastland Times for an article on the American Bald Eagle

\* First and third place in the 2008 Wings Over Water photo contest

\* Three published photos in the 2008 OBX Wild magazine

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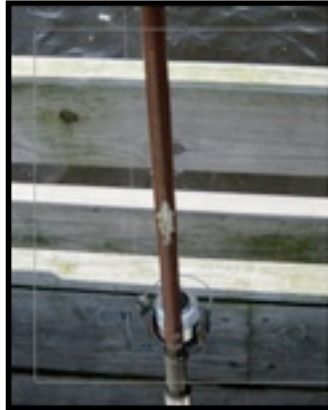
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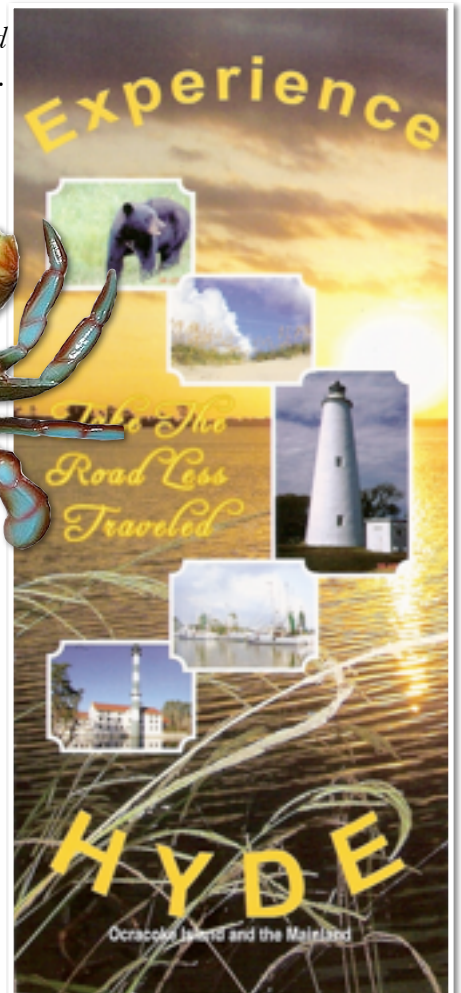
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