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"I shouldn't feel guilty if I take time away from writing to visit a friend, or attend a party, or meet a relative for a Broadway show. That's what life is all about -- connecting, sharing and loving. That's not to say we get to skip our work commitment, but we can't become so self-absorbed to lose precious times and days with our loved ones and friends. Our characters are fictional -- our family and friends are real..." - wrote 'Janet' inspired by the late Ms. Phoebe Fleisher's celebration of her life.

DEAR READER

Life is these days about getting back to the basics and trying to remember of the things my

grandma taught
me to save money.
She was a fine,
down to earth
German woman
who lived through
the horrors of
WW2 and had to
feed 3 children

husband. It's true that the recession is hurting people in some way but in

others ways it brings families closer together and teaches us that less is more. I do what I can to help the

local charities with FREE ads, e-mail ilemme@mac.com.

- I can't wait for
Easter this year
and not only for
the celebration of
renewal, but also to
bring the family
back home

together to our 'little castle' in Swan Quarter. xox Ingrid



Hyde History

Most folks in these 2 black & white pictures taken in October 1959 are unidentified so if any of you can put a name to a face please let Kay Lynn Sheppard @ genie12@bellsouth.net know so she can update Hyde Gen. page. This church was rebuilt after hurricane Isabel hit Hyde County.

فأعلعاء

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Decima et Neque mi lorem nulla.



http://www.ncgenweb.us/hyde/ photosbios/places/assemblyofgodchurch.htm















...On the Board Walk...

Reader of the Quarter

The lovely Ms. Gerry who works at Hyde County Utilities in Swan Agency, based in Quarter

Organization of the Quarter

Our new Hyde County Coastal Home Care Engelhard at the Hyde Davis Center.

Business of the Quarter

BECK's Down Home Cooking - Lisa Gibbs Overby says on facebook: "Yes they are open. I just ate breakfast there on Saturday and it was awesome!"

Artist of the Quarter

Joan Sears, the artist who painted this beautiful muriel at the Hyde Davis Center in Engelhard. (one section)



Website of the Quarter: Ponzer Volunteer Fire & Rescue's facebook website http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ponzer-Volunteer-Fire-Rescue/254612471923

Hot tip of the Quarter

Hunting for treasures at Swan Quarter's vintage shop next to the SQ fire house. Ms. Emily is simply delightful. I love blue shelf & plaque for



guest bathroom! And I always meet nice folks.



Movie of the Quarter

"The Last Song" is set in a small Southern beach town where an estranged father gets a chance to spend the summer with his reluctant teenaged daughter, who'd rather be home in New York.

Lady of the Quarter

Mrs. Ginny Williams, Hyde County lady with a heart of gold. Pg 5





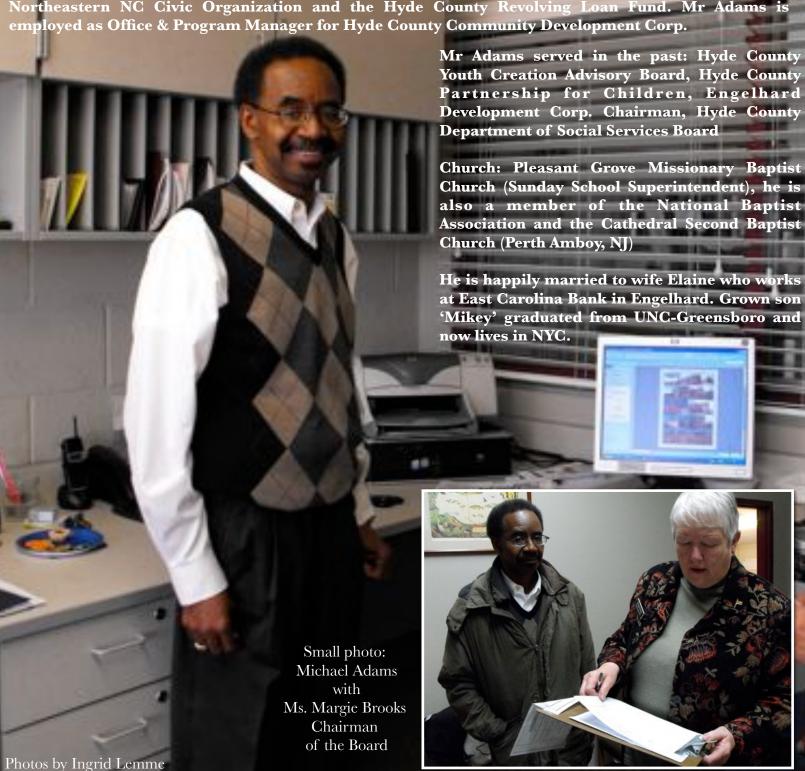
Man of the Quarter

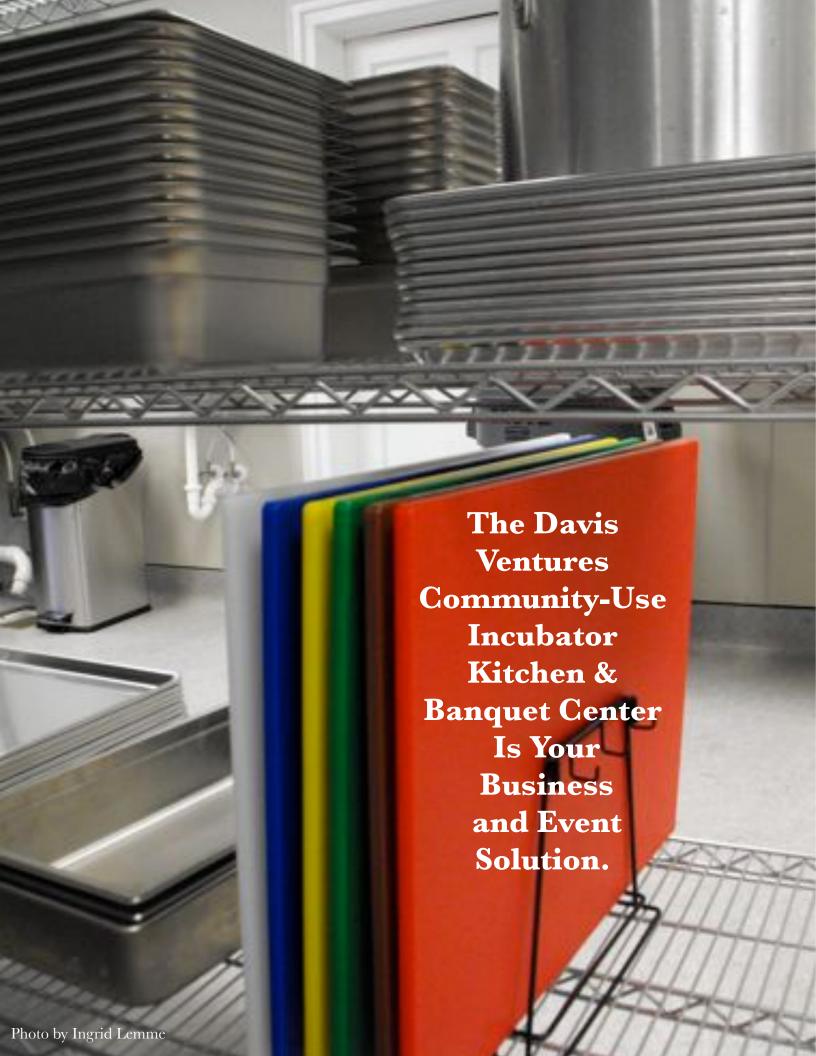
Mr. Michael Adams of Engelhard and Hyde Davis Center, see page 9



Man of the Quarter Mr. Michael Adams

Michael Adams is the President and CEO of Davis Ventures Corp., a nonprofit organization he and other community members formed in 2000. Davis Ventures operates the Davis Youth Recreation and Community Center at the former Davis School in Engelhard. He serves on the boards of the Engelhard Medical Center, the Hyde County Arts Committee, the Hyde Correctional Resource Council, the Northeastern NC Civic Organization and the Hyde County Revolving Loan Fund. Mr Adams is employed as Office & Program Manager for Hyde County Community Development Corp.







The Davis Ventures Community-Use Incubator Kitchen & Banquet Center offers a variety of meeting venues for your special function at reasonable rates. Additionally, they have a fully equipped commercial kitchen available for your use. The kitchen meets all standards and is inspected by the NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services Food & Drug Protection Division. It may be used for inhouse events, by caterers to prepare food and serve off premises, or by local entrepreneurs seeking to prepare value-added products (bakery items, jams, jellies, etc.) for resale elsewhere.

Click for Kitchen & Banquet
Center brochure.

The Davis Ventures Community-Use Incubator Kitchen is managed by Davis High Ventures Corporation, a community based nonprofit dedicated to the educational development of Hyde County's youth. The facility, located in the former Davis Elementary School, is leased from the County of Hyde. It has been refurbished with state, federal, and private foundation grants and is solely operated by local volunteers.

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Davis Ventures operates the Davis Youth Recreation & Community Center at 33478 US 264 in Engelhard. The Center encompasses classrooms, the gymnasium, a kitchen and a dining area of the former Davis School. All are welcome!



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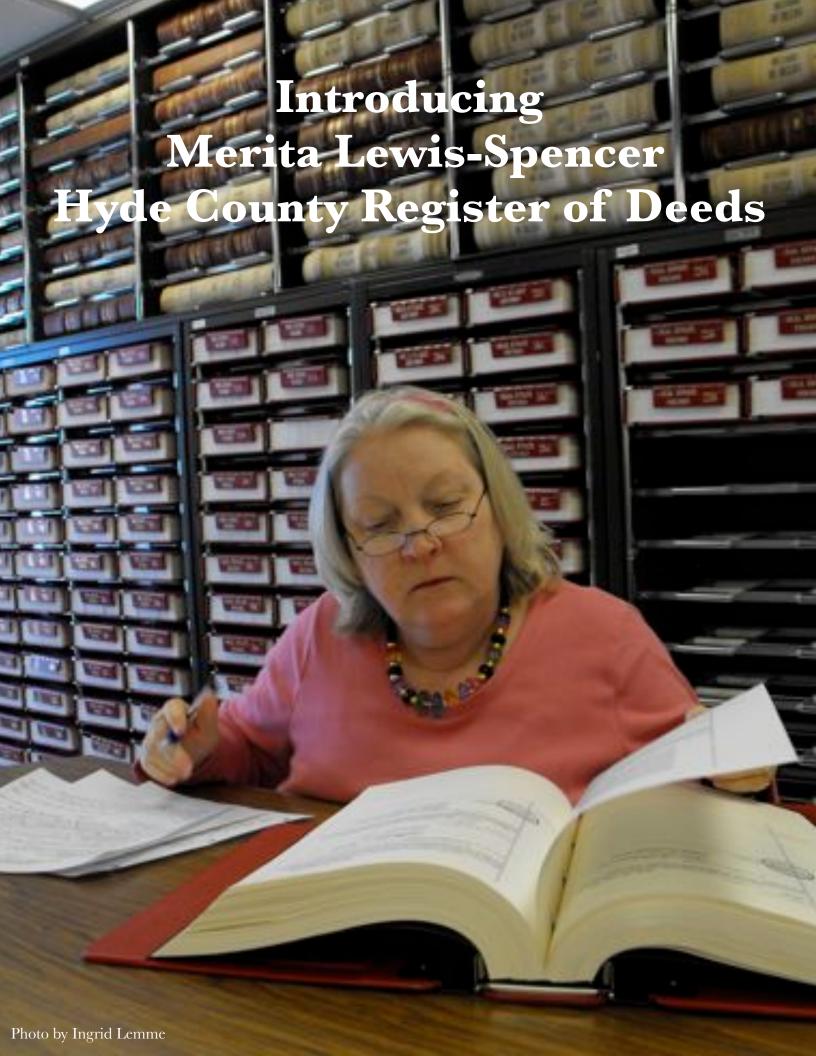
Burning Fields 11,000 Years

On a recent excursion through Hyde County's precious farm land of Frying Pan, my husband, a hopeless fireman, pointed out smoke on the far horizon and suggested that the farmers are burning fields. I was aware of such practice through my German grandmother who farmed and held livestock - but I didn't know that the practice goes back over 11.000 years. *Wikipedia* says: First used significantly in the Neolithic Revolution, i.e. about 9 -11,000 years ago at the end of the last ice age when hunter gatherers turned to farming. In the developing world, this is often referred to as slash and burn.

Field burning is less expensive than most other methods such as herbicides or tillage but because it does produce smoke and other fire related pollutants, its use is not popular in agricultural areas bounded by residential housing.

In addition to forest management, controlled burning is also used in agriculture. In industrialized nations, it is seen as one component of shifting cultivation, as a part of field preparation for planting. Often called "field burning", this technique is used to clear the land of any existing crop residue as well as kill weeds and weed seeds.













Hyde County's Registrar of Deeds

For those of you who use the Register of Deeds Office phone or by internet, allow me to introduce the professional ladies who make it an easy and smooth transaction, which we personally experienced. Meet Ms. Merita Lewis-Spencer, our Register of Deeds, who has been employed in the Hyde County office since July 1, 1986. Anything of importance in a person's life is recorded here, births, and deaths, if having occurred in Hyde County, marriages, veteran's discharges, buying and financing property, maps of individual property owners and a host of other documents. And please meet her friendly assistant Pam Sawyer. Both are performing their daily duties as public servants as a team and help the citizens,

and non-citizens as well, in any capacity. Through their work, Marita and Pam have the pleasure of meeting wonderful people from all over. Marita considers herself a people person and loves books: "I have been blessed beyond measure to be in a work environment that I love. We are governed by the North Carolina General Statutes. I am certified by the state and continue learning at various yearly seminars through the Institute of Government at UNC, Chapel Hill. We both are required to continue our education with certain credit hours yearly to keep up our certification."

Marita is the daughter and fifth child of Edna and Wilbur Lewis Sr. "The better half of me is my husband David and we have one son Corey who resides in Winterville", she says: "I had the pleasure of working with Lora Mooney Byrd for twenty three years before her retirement June 1 2009. Currently it is Pam Sawyer, the Assistant Registrar of Deeds, and me. Pam brings much knowledge and expertise of ten years of service with this office and has much computer knowledge which includes our mapping program."

Merita Lewis-Spencer is seeking election this year to keep serving the county and the people that she loves and where her roots and her heart is and hopes to continue for years to come. So do we!













Swan Quarter Volunteer Fire Department

In early 1971, local citizens expressed an interest in forming a volunteer fire department and subsequently met with the Hyde County Jaycees, formed a steering committee, and voted to establish the Swan Quarter Volunteer Fire Department. Officers were elected that very night, and the Department was charted as a Corporation with the NC Secretary of State the following July. There were thirteen charter members.



Their first firehouse was a bay in the Sinclair Service Station. The first fire truck was purchased through Civil Defense in February 1972. The truck was equipped and put into service in October

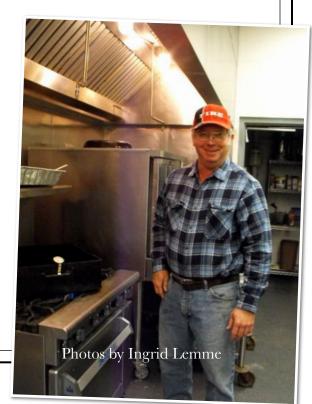
1972. The ladders had to be pulled forward on the fire truck in order to made the truck fit in the bay. The only entry to the truck was through the driver's door.

A building lot across from the Hyde County Courthouse on which to erect the Fire Department was purchased from a local

family in August 1971. Construction of the building was begun in the fall of 1972 and was completed as time and funds permitted. Constructed of concrete brick, it housed four vehicles,

two restrooms and a kitchen area.

Thanks to the generosity of the Swan Quarter community, and with the assistance of a grant and loan from the United States Department of Agriculture - Rural Development in 2002, the facility was expanded, doubling its size.





Today, the Swan Quarter Volunteer Fire Department provides fire fighting services, rescue work, and search and rescue (both on and offshore). Additionally, they perform fire prevention services and provide safety training to the community.

The Swan Quarter Volunteer Fire Department depends on the generous donations from the community, along with fund-raisers and occasional catering of meals to help with expenses. All firefighters are volunteers and give willingly of their time and effort for the benefit of their community. Visit http://www.hydecounty.org/

Photos by Ingrid Lemme

In September 2003, during the renovations, the village of Swan Quarter was hard-hit by Hurricane Isabel and the fire department was flooded. Volunteers swept out the water, hosed the building down, and for the next several months, the Swan Quarter Volunteer Fire Department served as the axis of the community as it struggled to recover. Finally, in November 2004, the new addition was dedicated and continues to serve as a focal point for the community.







Hyde County's Coastal Home Care Agency

(CHCA) is owned and operated by Michelle (Shelly) Mann, RN of Fairfield. Newly licensed by the State of North Carolina's Division of Health Services in Raleigh, CHCA provides individual personal health care services in a variety of settings. **Both Personal Care** Aides and Nursing Aides are supervised by a Registered Nurse. They offer home care services to anyone having a chronic medical condition, with a physician's approval. Their goal is to enable their clients to live with as much independence and dignity as their condition permits. Free evaluations are available upon request by calling CHCA at 252-925-1400.

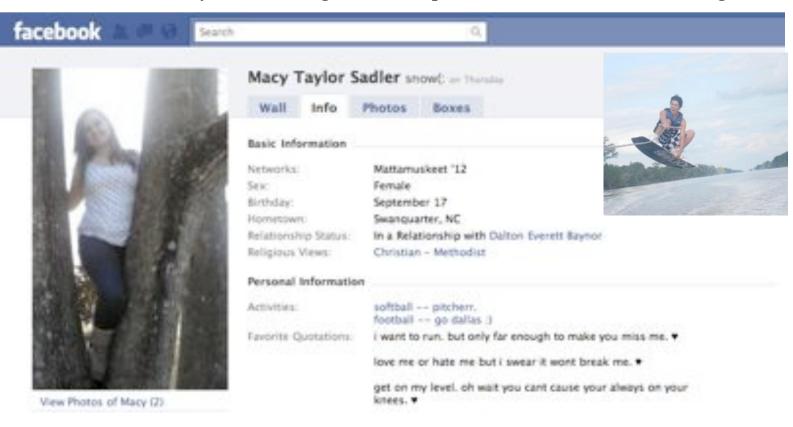
Photo left to right..... Jenny Martin (but she has a new last name now), Shelly Mann, Tony Marshall, Tynia Harris and Cindy Dodge.

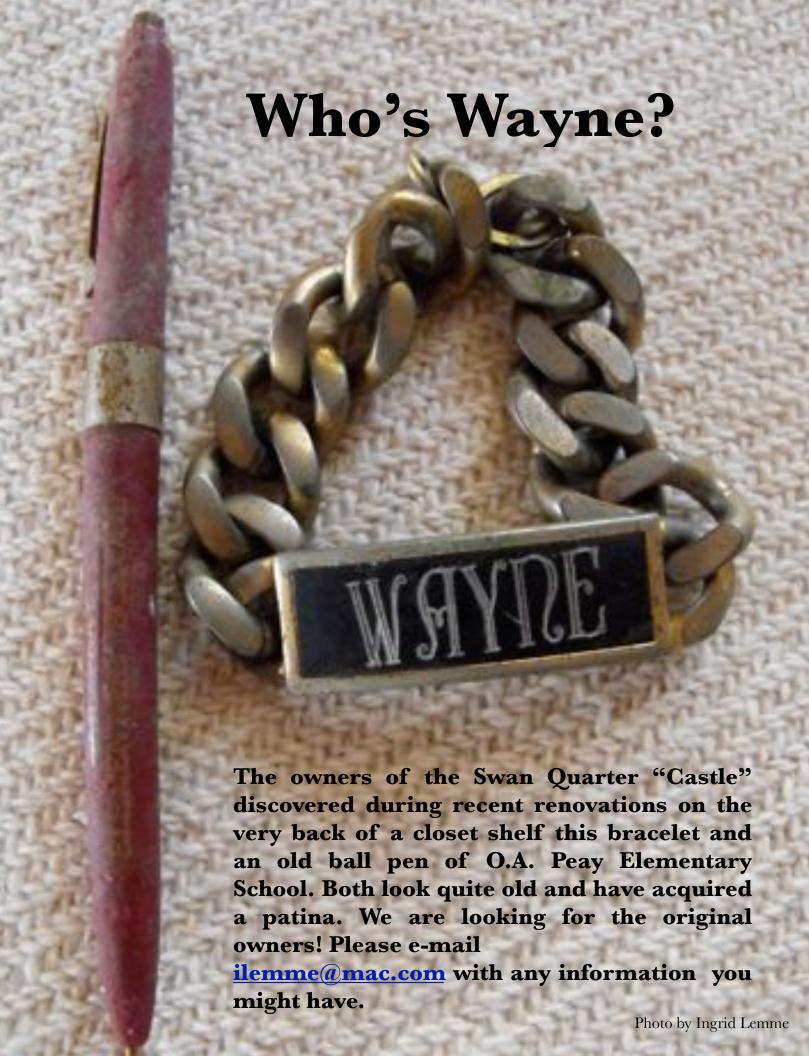
Thank you Ms. Amy Williams for helping us out with the names of the ladies featured top right.





Thank you for emailing us the snow photo from the Swan Quarter Park gazebo.







Come and Visit Us



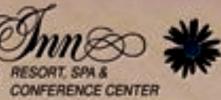
















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