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UP THE CREEK MARINA IS UP AND COMING

Up the Creek Marina has been recently purchased by Duong Tran along with a partner family. They are very excited about the purchase of this property and its future potential! Currently developmental plans are under consideration and the possibilities are many! Max Ware has been named the marina manager and is maintaining the property at this time. Boat slips are presently available for rent at daily and monthly rates. Please contact Max for more information at 601-504-3744.

DEVELOPMENT ON THE HORIZON

Keep your eyes open
for the April
Newsletter for more
details on this
project happening in
Vandemere!



Upcoming Events

- **Town Board Meetings at Vandemere Town Hall; 7 PM**
 - 16JAN23 cancelled, 20FEB23, 20MAR23
 - Tentative schedule; dates/ times subject to change. Check Town Hall for updates
- **Book /Tech Mobile at Vandemere Town Hall; 1-3 PM**
 - 06JAN23, 03FEB23, 03MAR23
 - Free library card to check out books, hotspots, laptops



Nothing Like a Parade!!

Vandemere represented well in the 2022 Pamlico Christmas Parade. Judy Thaanum, Lisa Caroon, Jim and Sue Britt, David and Sandra Snipes ensured the golf cart was decorated to the hilt and there was enough candy to throw for the entire parade route. We look forward to organizing early for the 2023 parade and having more Vandemerians participate. This was a fun time!! Look for more info in the 3rd and 4th quarter newsletter. Volunteers of all ages are welcome!!



Local
Postal Customer

The Mayor's Memoir by Judy Thaanum

The spirit of the Town of vandemere was made up by the love and care of people who lived, worked, and played. They were the people who worked long hours in the fields, then packed potatoes and cabbage in train cars to be shipped. Later came the potato and cabbage graders, making sure the trucks, which eventually replaced the train cars, were lined up and down Pennsylvania Avenue waiting to be loaded.

We had three seafood businesses: Pamlico Packing Company (owned by Earl and Ovelma Holton), McCotter Seafood (owned by Sam and Glennie McCotter), and I.J. Hudson Seafood (owned by I.J. and Ruth Hudson) all with a total of about 20 to 30 boats going and coming. What a sight to watch the boats going out the river on Sunday nights. I guess you can say we had our own flotilla! Over the years tragedy would come in to play and we would lose several boats and crewmen. This was a very sad time for everyone and hit our entire community hard! As resilient as we were (and still are), we would bounce back into action and as the boats arrived back with their catch, people all over town headed to the seafood houses to work shucking the oysters, heading and packing the shrimp, packing the fish, and picking the crabs. Then a new thing came to town...scallop boats. The Benny Rose boats had come home to share a new kind of fishing with our seafood houses. This was a good day!

Vandemere also had three grocery stores. Sam McCotter, Johnny McCotter, Joe and Ivy Morris. These gave employment to several. They were not self-service at the time.

Now please don't think we all just worked together because we played together just as hard... to be continued

Let's Celebrate!

ON THE LOCAL-

>Congrats to Ryan and Katlyn on their marriage 22OCT22 at the Waterfront Park.

MONTHLY OBSERVANCES-

>January- **Happy New Year!!** May 2023 bring you many blessings, joy, and success!

>February- Since 1976, **Black History Month** has been designated to remember the outstanding contributions of people from African descent.

>March- Started in 1987, **Women's History Month** recognizes all women for their valuable contributions to history and society.

Community Cove Recipe

Latkes

(Potato Pancakes)

At Hanukkah we remember the miracle of the oil. This is why traditional Jewish festive foods of the season are fried. Although Hanukkah comes in December, Latkes are enjoyed all year long. They are easy to prepare and makes a nice change from French fries. You can also make these with sweet potatoes.

Ingredients:

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| -2 large or equivalent smaller potatoes | -1 to 2 Tbs matzah meal (or flour) |
| -½ onion (optional) | -½ tsp baking powder |
| -2 large eggs | - Salt and pepper to taste |
| | - Vegetable oil for frying |

Directions:

1. Grate potatoes and onions together into a bowl.
2. Add the baking powder and matzah meal (flour) until the potato and onion are all coated.
3. Add the (eggs) and mix well.
4. Drop by large spoonfuls into hot oil in a heavy pan. Fry until brown, keep warm and crisp in oven at 300 degrees, then drain well on paper towels.
5. You can multiply the recipe to feed more or use as a main dish.
6. Top the pancakes with sour cream or yogurt or applesauce. Children often love these with ketchup.

VANDEMERE VOICE SUBMISSIONS... *It Takes a Village*

The Vandemere Voice is the community voice; meant to bring us ALL together. Your participation is important to keep us "In the Know." Submission entries for the subjects below and/ or comments/ suggestions can be done at Town Hall or online at www.vandemerenc.com (under "Be in the Know"). We look forward to your submissions!!

Front Page Photo

Send in a photo of you with a description to be posted on the front page

The Neighborly Shout Out

Purpose: Residents providing information to the community, saying thanks or complimenting a neighbor

Community Cove Recipe

Send in a simple recipe to be shared with the community

Let's Celebrate

Purpose: Post celebratory occasions like birthdays, anniversaries, promotions, and good news

The Neighborly Shout Out...



HeartWorks is always excited to welcome new volunteers for their afterschool program. Volunteer your time and talents to be a positive influence on our community youth (kindergarten through 8th grade). Contact Catherine Hudson, Volunteer Coordinator, at 252-745-9703.

Brenda Heiberg



Would like to give a shout out to Tracy and Rick Cheatham... Great meeting you two on a walk recently... Welcome home to Vandemere!

Debbie McCotter



Does anyone know more history about the Reverend W. F. Fry? He was the editor of the Pamlico Herald (late 1890s) which seemed to print out of Vandemere. He was also an educator and pastor of multiple Baptist churches throughout NC. Would love to learn more! Contact me through Vandemere Voice submissions!

Sandra Snipes

Bear Byrnes

PERFECT PET OF THE QUARTER
1ST QUARTER JANUARY 2023 TO MARCH 2023

Meet Bear!! This perfect pet is a 3-year-old Bichon Frise who loves his Dentastix treats as much as he loves people. Bear loves people so much that he is training to be a therapy dog. After a day of socializing, Bear loves to spend time cuddling with his Mommy and Daddy. His motto in life is, "A stranger is simply a friend I haven't met yet!"



TEAM
VANDEMERE
VOICE

MAYOR-	Judy Thaanum
TOWN MANAGER-	Tom Woodruff
TOWN CLERK-	Sue Britt
EDITOR-	Carla Byrnes
EDITOR-	Sandra Snipes

**SUBMISSION DEADLINES FOR THE
APRIL QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER IS MARCH 15, 2023**

Perfect Pet of the Quarter

Purpose: Nominate your pet for the "Perfect Pet of the Quarter." In October 2023 we will pick the winner for the "Perfect Pet of the Year." Pet of the Year will receive a \$50 gift card.