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*Averagesboro Civil War
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

●UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 6, 4H'ers Visit
- October 18, Averagesboro Golf Tournament at Chicora
- October 25 (Rain Date for Golf Tournament)
- October 28, Ghost Walk Tour and Living History Event

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Living History Demonstrators Who Wish to Participate in October 28th Event Are Asked to Contact Benny Pearce at 910-483-0768 or e-mail info@averasboro.com.

Golf Tournament Committee Plans Dynamite Tournament

The Averagesboro Battlefield Commission Golf Tournament met on a recent morning before the rooster crowed to begin to make plans for the Averagesboro Golf Tournament which will be held on October 18, 2006.

Chairman **Bob Bryan** said, "I have an excellent committee and I believe with the help of our Averagesboro friends we can have the best tournament ever. We anticipate securing several sponsors and attracting a number of teams of golfers to play in the tournament."

Bryan stated, "we will have a payout of \$1000 to the top three teams. This total is \$200 more than we paid out last year."

Sponsorships can be obtained from a naming sponsor of \$5000 down to a hole sponsor for \$100.

Funds raised from the tournament will go to help defray the costs of the many projects the Commission undertakes including the operational expenses for the Averagesboro Battlefield Museum. **Bryan** said. "It takes around \$2000 a month just to keep the doors open at the museum even with our all-volunteer staff. Your support is much appreciated."



Golf Tournament Planning Committee, Seated (l to r) Henry Hutaff and Bob Bryan--Standing (l to r) Chuck Beidler and Larry Smith



*Sign up for the
Golf Tournament on
October 18*

Living History & Ghost Walk Tour Planned for October 28

Plans are underway for the Living History and Ghost Walk Tour which will be held on Saturday, October 28. Each year the Planning Team tries to improve what was done the previous year and exciting plans will include more

music and more arts & crafts people to share their living history expertise. Also, some reenactors are anticipated to conduct skirmishes at the Battlefield. A commitment has been made from the very beginning to

make this not only a learning day, but a fun day for the entire family and to try to make it better each year as the popularity grows. The previous two events have attracted many persons from the area for a fun-filled day.

Operations Manager, Man on a Mission, C. C. Livingston, Has A Passion for History and Averasboro



Anyone involved with the Averasboro Battlefield Museum or the Averasboro Battlefield Commission knows that **C. C. Livingston** has a passion for telling the story of the Battle of Averasboro. He is a driven man which is so strongly evi-

denced by his attention to detail to keep the Battlefield Museum operational. **C. C.** is in charge of making the museum operate. His duties include scheduling the volunteers to staff the museum and procuring the merchandise which is on sale at the Museum Store. His is a very time-consuming job, such that his duties and attention to detail often encroach upon his family time. All

is not work, however. While on a recent visit to **Eastover Heritage Day** on May 20, **C. C.** did take the time to have his picture made with **Miss North Carolina, Brooke McLaurin**, from **Eastover**. **Brooke** ended her reign as **Miss NC** on June 24. Now, if we can just keep his wife **Brenda** from finding out about the picture. I won't tell, if you agree not to tell!

Above, C.C. has a photo opportunity with Miss North Carolina, Brooke McLaurin, from Eastover, NC.

SPOUSES HELP MATES WITH AVERASBORO EVENTS

It is not unusual at all to attend an Averasboro event and find two members from the same family, husband and wife, working shoulder to shoulder to ensure the success of the event. On the recent Open House at the **William Turner Smith House** on April 2 several spouses outdid themselves with their assistance. ABCI thanks the spouses for joining the members with their projects.

Local Dignitaries Attended the Open House of the William Turner Smith House on April 2



Mac Williams, President of the Averasboro Battlefield Commission makes a point to **Senator Tony Rand** (foreground) and **Representative Margaret Dickson** while **Jeff Adolphsen**, Restoration Specialist, and **Judge John W. Dickson**, listen in the background.

The Open House at the William Turner Smith House on Sunday, April 2, was judged to be a tremendous success. The weather was great and the visitors turned out in fine numbers to see the house and listen to the Averasboro Battlefield Commission's plans to restore it as a Transportation Museum.

Judy Harrison, below, demonstrates her special talent in arranging the food table at the Open House.



Wade West Recently Contributed a Valuable, Historic Artifact to the Averasboro Museum

Wade West recently made a contribution of an artifact which dates back to the ghost town of Averasboro to the Averasboro Battlefield Museum. Averasboro existed at the time of the Civil War, but after the war, the town rapidly deteriorated and today is no longer in existence. The artifact, a wooden barrel, has been in the **West** family for many decades and **Wade West** recently related information about the history of the barrel. **West** said, "The barrel belonged to my grandfather **Thomas Hunter Barnes**, who ran a General Store in the old town of Averasboro, NC. He ran the

store from about 1872 until 1887. The barrel was brought to the area by boat on the Cape Fear River, and was probably used to merchandise coffee." **West** is a life-long resident of Harnett County, born in the township of Averasboro, and has previously placed a powder horn, made in the 1870's by his father, **Wiley C. West**, of Sampson County, on display at the museum. **West** said the barrel was used primarily to store things all these years. **West** retired after a career of 37 years with **CP & L** in 1983. **ABCI** thanks **Wade West** for his valuable contribution.



First Ever Yard Sale Proves Huge Success

The first ever yard sale held by the Averasboro Battlefield Commission was held on Saturday, June 10th. Rain had caused postponement from the original date set for June 3rd. The weather turned out to be beautiful and many buyers looking for a bargain turned out for the sale. The profits generated from the sale should

bring in for the Museum's operation around \$2700 after expenses are paid. The planning committee for the yard sale consisting of **Bill Dowd, Mac Williams, C. C. Livingston, Phil Harrison, Jim Hall, and Benny Pearce** were overjoyed at the results. Dowd, who headed up the team said, "It was a team effort. Many per-

sons volunteered their time and efforts to make this the huge success it was. We are deeply indebted for their help with the yard sale and for their donations. This result encourages us greatly."

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Buyers looking for bargains at the Yard Sale



Our Motto,
"Preserving the Past for the Future"
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Colorful table of stuffed animals which were sold at the yard sale.

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Board Members Contribute in Many Ways

Members of the Boards for the Averasboro Battlefield Commission, which include the Board of Directors and the Advisory Board, take their obligations as board members seriously. All are chosen because of their belief that those here today need to live our motto of “Preserving the Past for the Future.” Various members utilize their time, talents, and resources in various ways to see that they do their part in helping the Commission to fulfill its chosen mission motto. Some have the resources to sponsor financially the many activities of the Commission. Without their help the Museum and the other projects would sink faster than a lead balloon. Still others give of their time to volunteer to staff the museum or volunteer at any number of the various other duties that it takes to make the museum operational. This newsletter editor likes to call this “sweat equity.” Members who have the time to volunteer their services are most appreciated and without their assistance the museum would have to close its doors. Some members give, not only their volunteer time, but also their financial resources to keep our Commission full speed ahead with its projects. **Mac Williams, President**, said recently, *“The Commission is deeply indebted to all its board members, whether on the Board of Directors, or our Advisory Board, who take seriously their membership on the boards and who give of their resources or volunteer their time to help us to continue the vision of caring for our past such that we leave a visual legacy of history for those who come after us to enjoy. By doing so, we not only leave something to read about, but a physical place to be able to visit and learn first hand the way it was. Speaking for the Averasboro Battlefield Commission, I would like to thank each and every one who has helped us to fulfill our vision and dreams with the Averasboro Battlefield to date. It is readily apparent that much has been accomplished. Much more is needed, and we’ll call on you often to help us move forward. With your help we’ll make it happen.”*

*****Editor’s Note*****

Board members Mac Williams, Henry Huttaff, and Bob Bryan all really stepped up to the plate recently when they agreed to be financial sponsors as either a Sustaining Sponsor for the museum or as a sponsor for the Averasboro Golf Tournament.