

County endorses entrepreneurs in starting trash collection businesses

Although Hyde County will cease curbside trash collection this year, residents will still have the option for trash services in 2012 by hiring a private company to haul their refuse. As a service to citizens and a way to encourage economic development in the county, the Hyde County Planning Department provided a trash training workshop last summer. The class was presented by the Small Business and Technology Development Center and prepared hopefuls with the tools to start a business that will offer Hyde citizens a sought-after service. Now, these entrepreneurs are poised to begin their new endeavor. Citizens may have noticed advertising efforts in the form of mailings and flyers.

While the county provided training and encourages citizens to take advantage of locally-offered services, it should be noted that Hyde County does not endorse or recommend any particular one of these companies. Citizens choosing to hire a company are advised to do so at their own discretion.

The following completed training with the county and have confirmed they will be open for business in 2012:

- **Benjamin “Ross” Gibbs** – 6011 Quarter Rd., Swan Quarter; 542-0551; sk82live@gmail.com
- **Bryson Cahoon and J. Ryan Berry** – P.O. Box 86, Engelhard; 542-0370 or 945-5672; ryan_berry26@yahoo.com or bjcahoon@ymail.com
- **James Selby** – 148 Quarter Rd., Swan Quarter; 542-0202
- **Larry and Pamela Mann** – 166 Cooper Ln., Engelhard; 925-4152 or 542-0292; pbselby77@yahoo.com
- **Marco Garcia** – Ocracoke (commercial, but will do residential), 588-0102
- **Otis Lee Shaw**- 838 Gull Rock Road, Engelhard; 925-2021 or 542-0164
- **Reginald O’Neal** – Ocracoke (commercial, but will do residential), 921-0093