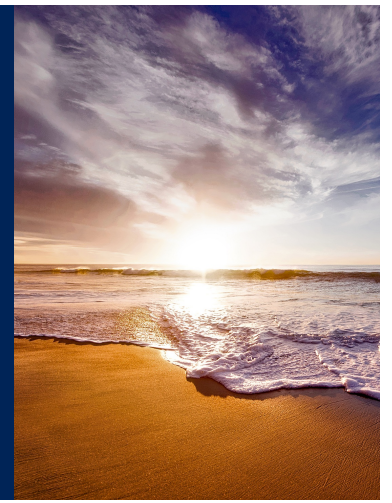




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Failure Was Not An Option

Failure should never have been an option.

As information comes out regarding the tragic event in Texas, there are more questions than answers. During any kind of emergency people are reacting instead of observing, because of this, information can initially be different then later developments. In the case of the Texas elementary school shooting, it appears incorrect information first released is now being responded to with anger, and it is justifiable.

Reports first shared by news media included information about an armed SRO on site who came in contact with the man but failed to stop him. Other reports stated that a shootout with law enforcement officers took place before he entered the school. More reports incorrectly stated that the shootings took place outdoors. One report stated that he was being chased by law enforcement for shooting his grandmother, crashed his truck and they entered the school building. The police believed it was a barricade situation and not an active shooter.

All the above statements are now reported to be wrong.

What is being reported now and backed up in many cases by video, is that law enforcement officers failed to enter the building upon notification of the shooter. Parents who screamed for their children to be rescued were handcuffed and placed on the ground. The rear entrance of the school was not secured and video shows the man, holding a rifle, rounding the back of the school and entering the door.

An 11 year old survivor has come forward with her story, hoping to share some truths about the great failure that may have cost her classmates and teachers their lives.

While watching a movie, the child and her teacher heard gunshots in the building. Before her teacher could reach and lock their door, the gunman was

there. After he entered the room he shot the teacher and some of the students. After the gunman left her classroom, she located her teacher's phone and called 911. After the call she resorted to a survival tactic that worked. Using the blood of a friend, she covered herself to appear wounded and played dead. The little girl believed the police would be there to rescue her right away, but unfortunately that wasn't the case. It would take more than 30 minutes for anyone to enter the building in an attempt to stop the shooter and rescue her.

After the tragic events at Columbine, where law enforcement waited for a swat team that wasted precious minutes, it was determined that the approach to any event like this would be to immediately enter the premises and stop the threat. So, what happened? Were none of the law enforcement officers on scene trained for such an emergency event? Were there no officers on site trained for combat? Where was the training? Why was there no SRO officer at the school and why was the back door unlocked and accessible to anyone?

There is no excuse for the failures that took place.

All schools in our country should have emergency plans and safety devices in place. All doors should have braces and secured locks. Front entrance glass and exterior doors should have metal inlaid to prevent easy access.

Camera systems, monitored from a manned desk, should include interior and exterior cameras. Ring cameras offer the ability to listen and speak through their devices. Suspicious people and vehicles should be reported to security immediately.

Panic buttons should be accessible in hallways and classrooms.

Classrooms should be equipped with wall mounted canisters of defense spray. Protocols should be in place to evacuate

everyone in ground level rooms through windows or exterior doors.

While school is in session, all exterior doors should be locked and only opened from the inside or with a buzzer or code.

Law enforcement and school officials, especially SROs, should receive on-site emergency training no less than twice a year, that includes "under stress" activities. SRO's should be fit, healthy and capable of handling combat situations and need to understand that part of their job is to run toward the danger to stop it.

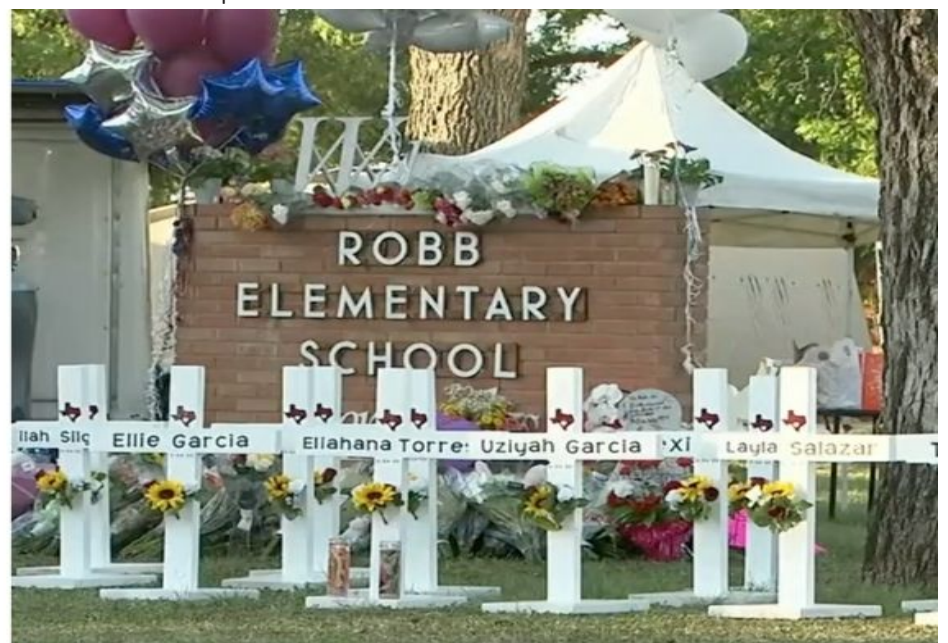
No parent should ever be handcuffed and detained when a lack of law enforcement activity is evident. No law enforcement officer should ever be sitting and waiting if the opportunity to stop the threat is there. No gunman should ever be allowed to frequent multiple classrooms, shooting innocent victims, over a period of 30 minutes or more anywhere in the USA.

That is unacceptable. That is a clear failure. Procedures and training need to start today and need to be part of standard practice of training for every law enforcement agency and school system.

Failure is not an option.



11 year old Miah Cerrillo and her younger sister both survived





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Topsail Gun Gal: Welcome To The 21st Century

By Dorothy Royal

The State of Maryland has approved the use of digital ID through the "Apple Wallet" app. A Maryland resident may now show their Driver's License and state ID by showing their phone and displaying the information. The law still requires the residents to keep a hard copy on their person in case their phone fails to work properly. Major airports, such as Baltimore/Washington and Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport are on board and hope to add more airports to the list.

Since the rest of our life is on these handheld computers doesn't this make sense all around? Wouldn't it be nice if North Carolina joined the movement so that a Driver's License, Conceal Carry Permit and store discount cards could all be in your hand? Come on North Carolina, it's 2022.

The North Carolina Bar Owner's Association (drinking not legal) is asking the North Carolina ABC Board to get into the "now" by removing outdated "draconian" laws. North Carolina is one of 17 states that has full control over the sale and distribution of alcoholic products and oversees all beer and wine sales. The state currently has a "membership" requirement for establishments that have less than 30% of their sales in food and non-alcoholic beverages. This means that people who enter a bar are supposed to sign in and get a membership card. A person who goes into a restaurant doesn't have to do any of these things. The idea that a bar needs to "know their clientele" is very outdated and needs to go. The next topic being presented during the short session

this May is allowing "Happy Hour". The ABC board states that no item shall be given a special time slot for sales and any item discounted must be done "all day".

The restrictions against advertising need to be updated as well. Currently no establishment can advertise any product outside their building. All advertising must be indoors.

The fact that businesses cannot purchase outside of North Carolina causes undue stress. Products available in other states cannot legally be purchased and sold within the state unless it comes from the ABC warehouses. Currently, the size and manpower provided by the warehouse is insufficient to supply all the businesses and a push is underway for a new, larger and more modern facility to be built.

During a workshop of the Surf City Council a decision was made that has raised a few questions. A statement was released that the "adopt-a-beach access" program was being canceled. This program is a completely volunteer program started in 2019 that allowed businesses, non-profit and private citizens the opportunity to help keep Surf City beach accesses clean and safe.

Not only were the accesses kept clean, but monthly reports were submitted regarding any repairs or issues presented. This sounds like a win-win for both the town and the community. So why the decision? A petition has been started that is requesting signatures to present to the town to reinstate this program.

Remember, knowledge is power and happy hour is nice.



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Simple Lessons Are The Best

By Becky Borneman

The end of May always brings graduations. A couple of weeks ago I watched our granddaughter graduate from 5th grade. During the graduation the principal spoke about a book titled All I Really Need To Know I Learned In Kindergarten. And you know, he was right. The lessons he read apply to me at 44 years old too. Basic everyday lessons to live by. I looked at the crowd of about 140 students and remember being their age. I was so excited about middle school and moving up out of elementary school. Feeling so grown up. What I would and wouldn't give to go back and do some things differently, but only with the knowledge I have now about life.

When the graduation ceremony was wrapping up a teacher introduced the

graduates as the Class of 2029! In just seven short years these kiddos will be graduating high school and turned out into the "real world".

I wish I had my own words of wisdom for them. I feel like what I would want to tell them would scare them to death! But I will share with them this. In 2004 my father's unit, Navy Seabees, was called up to Iraq. When he left, he talked to my brother and myself. He said if he didn't make it back he wanted us to live out our life like the lyrics in the song Simple Man by Lynyrd Skynyrd. I've never forgotten this, and while my dad did return (thank God above) I have always kept these lyrics in mind.

Mama told me when I was young
Come sit beside me my only son
And listen closely to what I say
And if you do this it'll help you
Some sunny day
Oh take your time, don't live too fast
Troubles will come and they will pass
Go find a woman, and you'll find love
And don't forget son there is someone up above
Forget your lust for the rich man's gold
All that you need is in your soul
And you can do this oh babe if you try
All that I want for you my son is to be satisfied
Oh don't you worry you'll find yourself
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All that I want for you my son is to be satisfied
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A huge congratulations to the graduates that are special to us: Pre-K Graduate Cade Batts, Kindergarten Graduate Bella Garcia, 5th grade graduates Grace Jones, Colton Estelle, Reagan Edens, Colleen Sandlin & Talon Tuttle, 8th grade graduates Parker Batts, MJ Griffin, Carrelene Spears & Alex Garcia, High School Graduates Wyatt Horn, Owen Sandlin & Payton Kennedy and College Graduate Jarrett Henderson.



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Sea Turtle Hospital News



By Karen Sota

We talk to our turtles all the time, and they generally respond to the sound of our voices. In all honesty they're probably only paying attention to us because they think we're there to deliver a meal. But what can turtles really hear, especially underwater where they do most of their hearing? Since last year some of our patients have been participating in non-invasive research to find answers to that very question.

The project is being conducted by our turtle vet, Dr. Craig Harms along with Charles Muirhead PhD student (Duke) and Wendy Dow Piniak, PhD (NOAA) with funding from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM.) The ocean is a noisy place with naturally occurring sounds including storms and hurricanes. But there's also a lot of people noise from commercial, recreational and military activity. Our proximity to Lejeune has desensitized us locals to the "sounds of freedom" but how are sea turtles responding to Coast Guard boats, ordnance and low flying aircraft?

The research is designed to determine what thresholds sea turtles are most sensitive to; what's the quietest sound they respond to at each frequency (or as a musician would call it, "pitch"). It's important to remember that our turtles are not harmed in any way. The method used is the "Auditory Evoked Potential"

(AEP) method, the same one employed to evaluate hearing in babies and non-verbal patients and involves attaching external sensors that measure brain activity. We use our surgical room for the study as it is the quietest spot in our hospital. A large tank of water is rigged with an underwater speaker and a platform where the turtle is secured then lowered and raised in the water as the sounds change. It requires some swaddling of the flippers with additional restraint of a bag for the feisty turtles.

There's quite a bit of specialized electronics involved to generate sounds and record data. The equipment is so sensitive that we have to tiptoe around the building as even the sound of a door opening and closing anywhere near the surgery can contaminate the data. Each turtle spends about an hour in the tank to get enough clean readings.

The research is ongoing. Obviously only our smaller turtles can participate and despite their reputation the Kemp's have been the most compliant. The greens – they definitely need the bag. It's pretty cool research and if I were a turtle I'd raise my flipper to volunteer.



Kemp's "Aquamarine" participates in auditory research.

Nesting season has officially arrived, and our Topsail Turtle Project volunteers are out on the beaches before sunrise looking for signs that mama has nested. As of this writing we have two verified nests on the island. If you spot a nesting mama, or anything unusual such as an injured or stranded turtle please call our Director of Beach Operations, Terry Meyer at: 910-470-2880. If she is not available, you may call the hospital during operating hours: 910-329-0222. We will take the information and we will send a trained volunteer to meet you to assess the situation. The State of NC hotline for stranded, sick, and injured turtles is 252-241-7367. The state number picks up 24/7. Please note that all our work with sea turtles, at the hospital and on the beach, is authorized by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, ES Permit 22ST05.

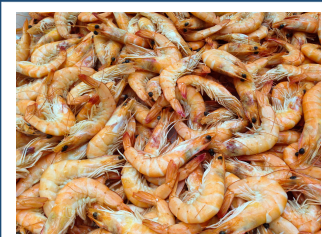
Sea Turtle Hospital Expands Tour Options

Beginning in June we will be open seven days a week: Mon – Fri, Noon-3; Saturday, 10-2 and Sunday Noon-2. Tickets MUST be purchased in advance through our website: www.seaturtlehospital.org.

Select the date, time and the number of guests in your party and purchase your tickets. We limit the number of guests for each time to make the experience more enjoyable and to continue our commitment to keep you and our staff

safe as we work our way through Covid. At this point masks are not required.

Sorry, but we are not able to accommodate walk-ups for tours once we sell out for the day. Please keep in mind that summer traffic can be especially heavy on the weekends so plan your arrival accordingly. If you are coming only to our gift shop (not for a tour) you can enter through the single door to the left of the main entrance.



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Find this event on Facebook for more information!

Sand In My Shoes

By Carol Ann Ross
Special to the Topsail Times

Not to sound sarcastic, but I do think the state of North Carolina has scientists and I think they went to college, so they should know (as should the planners of all three towns on Topsail) that YES, Topsail Island is a barrier island.

In the 1930s the Intracoastal (in the Topsail area) was dug, before that one could walk over to not only this island but to islands all along the coast of our eastern US.. Sometime in the late 1800s the ICW project began up north (somewhere around Boston) for the purpose of providing an easier shipping route along the Eastern Seaboard. I've heard all kinds of things about why it was built, mostly that it was built for submarines during WWII-not so..

So much for the Waterway, It's here, it's going to stay here unless dredging completely stops and allows Mother Nature to return it to its original state of being a true barrier island. Still, for all intents and purposes, Topsail still is a barrier island and has the properties of one. What baffles me is that knowing what the properties of a barrier island are, the state and developers allow continued building on them. Like I said earlier, we do have scientists and I do think they went to college, so shouldn't they know better? Ah, but then we get into money! Money changes science or so I have come to realize.



South end of Topsail Island Aerial View
Photos provided by Carol Ann Ross

Here are some facts about barrier islands, you make up your own mind.

1. A barrier island is a constantly changing deposit of sand that forms parallel to the coast.
2. It forms as waves deposit sediment and as wind and waves shift (because of weather patterns and geographic features).
3. Barrier islands constantly, move, erode and grow. (does everybody understand this?)
4. They can even disappear over time.
5. They form near river deltas, (New River, Cape Fear River) in areas with low coastal terrain.

Doesn't this information give you a clue as to why houses are falling into the water at the north end of Topsail

and why the south end of the island is at least a mile longer than it was 40 years ago? Okay scientists and developers have you learned anything today?

Barrier islands are where they are for a reason, they protect the inland areas from storms and protect ecosystems and wildlife. So it makes sense that destroying what is protecting those things, will result in their demise. Folks this is really happening, all the development is hurting our fishing industry and killing our marsh life.

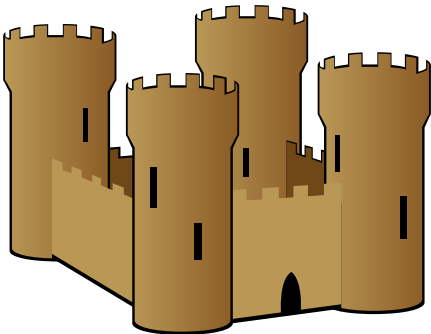
Miami, Virginia Beach, Long Island, Catalina Beach, Myrtle Beach, the list goes on and on. However, one thing can be said of all of the places mentioned, the ocean looks beautiful from there, the ocean is always beautiful. What is my point? -all of these places look the same. They all have palm trees

replanted from Florida or somewhere and scores of houses, tourist shops, over priced restaurants and their natural beauty has been destroyed. Wouldn't it be nice for our northern neighbors to come to a place that is not fabricated, but is beautiful and enjoyable as nature intended. (or as close as possible)

Where are all the big environmental corporations who are supposed to protect these barrier islands?. We all know where they are and why little to nothing is being done. \$\$\$

Speak to the developers and politicians and they talk out of the correct side of their mouth to give you a reasonable response as well. So what do we do, those of us who truly love our island and places like Sneads Ferry, Hampstead, Sloop Point? We watch in frustration as paradise gets paved, hoping that hearts will be changed or that a good hurricane will set it all right..

All I can say, can't be printed, so instead I'll end with-bless your little hearts and watch out for the crazies.



Topsail Island in the 1930s (above)
House in the ocean on the north end of Topsail Island (right)



Surf City Police Department Joins ICAC Task Force and Receives \$35k Grant

Surf City, NC, Wednesday, May 20, 2022

In an effort to increase resources that assist with investigations, the Surf City Police Department has become a member of the North Carolina Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

The ICAC Task Force helps Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies enhance their investigative responses to offenders who use the Internet, online communication systems, or computer technology to sexually exploit children. The Program is funded by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice, and Delinquency Prevention. The ICAC Program is a national network of 61 coordinated task forces representing over 5,400 federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies that are engaged in proactive investigations, forensic investigations, and criminal prosecutions.

The Surf City Police Department was awarded \$35,000 by the ICAC to cover the cost of equipment and training to

better prepare and equip our officers in the fight against child predators. The grant covers the cost of the hardware, software, and training for equipment needed to effectively investigate crimes against children and was awarded in conjunction with the Police Departments joining the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. The Surf City Town Council voted unanimously on May 20, 2022, to accept the grant award.

"Due to the increase in investigations of crimes against children, we began seeking assistance from outside agencies for technology that would allow us to seek and preserve evidence in these critical cases. This need led us to the North Carolina Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force which opens investigative opportunities for our detectives giving them resources that, as a small agency, may not have been economically feasible or available. After joining the task force, we are excited to announce that we've been awarded an ICAC grant that will enable

us to effectively investigate and prosecute those responsible for perpetrating crimes against children. The grant will specifically allow us to obtain some critical capital equipment and broaden our investigative capabilities and productivity of our officers. We look forward to working with our Federal, State, and local partners to better serve our residents and keep our children safe." – Chief Phillip J. Voorhees

The men and women of the Surf City Police Department are proud to serve the citizens of this great community. We are responsible for general public safety, crime prevention, responding to and investigating crime, apprehension of those who commit crimes, public order, traffic safety, criminal justice records and safety education. The Department exists to serve all people within its jurisdiction with respect, fairness and dignity through community-based policing and building partnerships.



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Community Updates

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Alice resides at 1216, Hwy. 172 and has lived in Sneads Ferry for 22 years. Originally from Ohio, she is a former Teacher and taught all levels including working with Special education students right here in NC. Her passion is her gardens. She lives on over 2 acres of land and loves her roses and enjoys planting dogwood trees and has dedicated areas that express and honors her family memories. Her love for gardening is also expressed throughout her home. Congratulations Alice!



A study published in the Journal of Science revealed that one reason we love dogs is because of a hormone released when humans and dogs look at one another. Tracy Champagne of TLC Dog Sitting and Walking knows this to be true. She has a love for dogs that inspired her to offer dog sitting and walking services so she can provide a happy and safe environment for your pet when you can't be there. We all know that people who do what they love do it best.

With equine and dog related experience spanning over 14 years she understands the responsibility of caring for the pets we love. Her knowledge equips her with the ability to deal with situations that may arise.

She can provide references and reviews when you call for an appointment. Her services include dog walking, mornings and afternoons, dog sitting that includes light housekeeping, she is willing to do overnight stays when needed and can handle multiple pets after assessing each situation.

So if you need a sitter for your best friend give Tracy a call at 603-978-1022 to make arrangements. She is available in the Burgaw, Topsail, Holly Ridge, Sneads Ferry, and Hampstead area.

It may be science that makes us dog lovers but I think it's like all kinds of love -- we just can't explain it.





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BOATING SAFETY TIP



What do I need?

ESSENTIALS

✓ Life jackets	✓ Navigation lights
✓ Visual distress signals	✓ Water to stay hydrated
✓ Sound producing devices	✓ Correct permits & decals
✓ Locator device (EPIRB or PLB)	✓ Free vessel safety check
✓ Fire extinguishers	✓ File a float plan

The Marian Way

By Marian Taylor

One of my favorite springtime outings is to stop into the local garden center or nursery and take in the splendor of the herb section. A kitchen herb garden adds beauty to your home while adding amazing fragrance and color both indoors and out. Potted herbs add beauty to an outside patio, a vegetable garden or even a kitchen windowsill, depending on the amount of space you have. Herbs are easy to grow in various conditions. They do best in full sun, but you can find varieties that can tolerate a few hours of shade. There are many herbs to choose from so be sure to pick your favorites that you will use often and add an additional new herb to try.

For best results, interplant herbs with vegetables, fruits, or flowers. Herb plants offer benefits to your garden that can attract pollinators, repel pests, and provide ground covers. Companion herbs are rosemary, parsley, basil, thyme, and mint. Mint grows best in separate pots then placed in the ground if desired because mint spreads easily and can get out of control quickly. Herbs add lots of flavors that will enhance your food and

beverages into culinary delights. Try fresh herbs in salads, scrambled eggs, marinades, cocktails and even desserts.

The Marian Way tip for storing fresh herbs: The mason jar is perfect to store your fresh picked or grocery store bought basil, parsley, and cilantro. In a large mason jar add a few inches of water. Place the branches of herbs with the leaves attached to the stem, cut side down, in the mason jar, making sure the stems are not packed or squashed inside. Add a tight-fitting lid. Store the jar in the refrigerator for up to 5 days. With just a little work and love growing your own herbs will not only save you money at the grocery store but it will bring you joy, delight and beauty to your home.



Marian Taylor, is the creator of The Marian Way. Her mission is to support people in living a simple, and beautiful lifestyle. As a professional downsizer and relocation specialist for 10+ years she knows firsthand as to what it takes to help people let go of their "excess", with her time-tested tools, tips, and solutions. Marian is also a good food ambassador and offers gluten free and clean mealtime solutions. Marian will be sharing Simple Solutions for Meals, Wellness, Home Décor and more -The Marian Way! To find out how The Marian Way can help you with your project, please email: Marian@TheMarianWay.com

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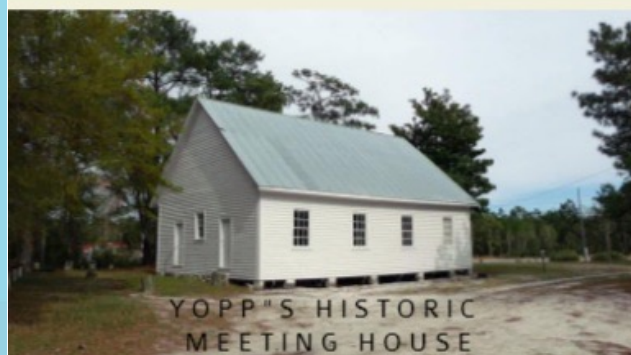
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Yopp Meeting House & Cemetery Restoration Project



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Know NC Gun Laws and Rules

1. A person must be 18 years of age to purchase a long gun that includes rifles and shotguns. A photo ID and a background check is required by any NC gun shop before transferring this weapon to a buyer. If a person is 21 or older, and has a NC Conceal & Carry permit, then no additional background check is required.
2. A person must be 21 years of age or older to purchase a handgun. In order to purchase a handgun, the NC resident must have a photo ID and a NC Purchase Permit or NC Conceal Carry permit.
3. A person who holds a Conceal & Carry permit from another state may legally carry concealed in NC but cannot purchase and leave with the handgun in NC.
4. A person who is 18 through 20 years of age may obtain a purchase permit from their sheriff's office to purchase or receive a handgun from a private person such as a family member. These permits are not valid to purchase from a licensed FFL gun dealer.
5. A person on vacation may purchase a handgun and it will be shipped to a gun dealer in their state for pickup.
6. Any person may ship a firearm as long as a copy of their photo ID is included in the box and it MUST be received by an FFL. It is against the law in all states to ship firearms to a private person.
7. Both a NC purchase permit and conceal carry permit are good for 5 years. A conceal carry permit is renewed every 5 years for a fee. If the conceal carry has not expired, no additional classes are required.
8. A NC purchase permit can not exceed 5 dollars in cost and there is no limit to the number of permits a person can get.
9. Before travelling out of state with a firearm, make sure you know every state's laws that you will travel through. Call local gun shops in those states.
10. Firearms must be locked and out of reach of children and any one who is not allowed to access them.
11. 99% of all firearms are semi-automatic which means one pull of a trigger per bullet.
12. Full auto weapons require extensive paperwork, fees and background checks. Full auto weapons are very expensive.
13. It is legal to hunt in Pender County with a suppressed firearm.
14. A silencer or suppresser does not make the gun 100% quiet but does dampen the noise.
15. A person may not fire a firearm within city limits and should check with their local county for firearm regulations.

Ten Rules of Safe Gun Handling

1. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction and away from people. Never point your gun at anything you don't intend to shoot.
2. Firearms should be unloaded when not in use. Always make sure the magazine is out of the gun and no live round is in the chamber.
3. Don't rely on your gun's "safety". Always treat a gun as if it could fire at anytime.
4. Be sure of your target and what is beyond it. A pile of dirt or clay will not let a bullet travel through. A wooden target will not stop a bullet.
5. Use correct ammunition. Avoid reloaded ammo unless you personally know where it came from and trust that person.
6. If your gun fails to fire when the trigger is pulled, handle with great care! Keep gun pointed at a safe direction and unload firearm.
7. Always wear eye and ear protection when shooting.
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9. Clean your gun and inspect it regularly.
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Good Old Fashioned Pancakes



1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
3-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt, or more to taste
1 tablespoon white sugar
1-1/4 cups milk
1 egg
3 tablespoons butter, melted

In a large bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. Make a well in the center and pour in the milk, egg and melted butter; mix until smooth. Heat a lightly oiled griddle or frying pan over medium-high heat. Pour or scoop the batter onto the griddle, using approximately 1/4 cup for each pancake. Brown on both sides and serve hot.

Rack of Lamb with Strawberry Mint Sauce



Lamb:
1 (8 bone) rack of lamb, fully trimmed
kosher salt to taste
freshly ground black pepper to taste
cayenne pepper to taste
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon finely minced green onions

1/4 cup fine plain bread crumbs
2 tablespoons melted butter
1/4 teaspoon salt
Sauce:
2 cups fresh strawberries, hulled and halved
1 lemon, zested and juiced
1 lemon, juiced
1/4 cup water
2 tablespoons honey
salt and cayenne pepper to taste
1/4 cup freshly sliced mint leaves

Place halved strawberries, zest from one lemon, juice from 2 lemons, water, honey, salt, and cayenne pepper in a pot over medium-high heat and bring to a simmer. As strawberries begin to release their liquid, soften, and start to break down, reduce heat to medium-low and continue stirring and cooking occasionally until fruit is very soft, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat. Pass mixture through a fine mesh strainer. Preheat oven to 475 degrees F (245 degrees C). Line a shallow baking pan with foil, bringing ends up and over sides of the pan. Generously season rack of lamb on both sides with kosher salt, freshly ground black pepper, and cayenne pepper. Place lamb on prepared pan. Roast rack of lamb in hot oven to sear, about 10 minutes. Remove pan from oven. Reduce oven temperature to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Combine mustard and onions in a small bowl. Pour melted butter into bread crumbs in a separate bowl; stir until mixture resembles wet sand. Season with salt. Coat top of lamb generously with the mustard mixture. Sprinkle crumb mixture onto the mustard mixture and press down to create a crumb crust. Roast rack until it reaches an internal temperature of 125 degrees F (50 degrees C), about 15 minutes. Let rack rest 10 minute before slicing between ribs into four 2-rib servings or two 4-rib servings. Mix thinly sliced mint into strawberry sauce just before serving. Spoon a small pool of the sauce onto serving plates. Place ribs on sauce to serve.

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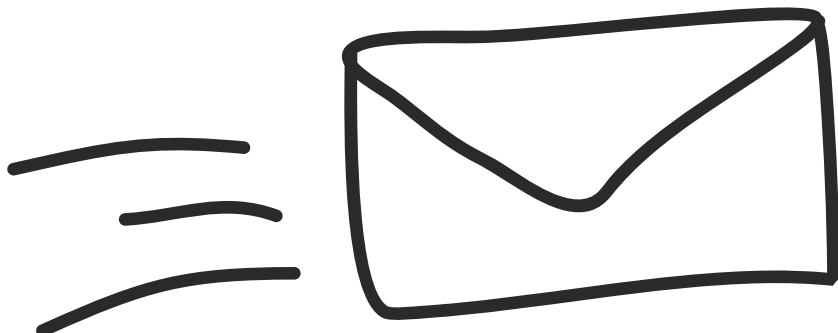
I usually don't complain but I think this is terrible. I got the tax bill for my home in Pender County extremely late - county was late not me and I started making payments that I could afford to keep up with.

I get a letter with the balance due stating I will be in tax foreclosure if not paid in full by end of May! I am flabbergasted. I have never been late for the last several decades. This hurts my soul.

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Sincerely,

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