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## Lightning Strikes Affect Area Homes And Businesses

Lightning strikes are more common than you may think and have recently affected area residents.

Did you know that in the United States there are a reported 100 million lightning strikes a year? In 2020, lightning caused over \$2 billion dollars worth of property damage, mostly in California, from fire losses started by lightning. In 2021 the amount was estimated to be 1.3 billion dollars of lost property.

**What happens if your home is struck by lightning and what should you do?**

1. If your house is struck and you are home, you will know it. Most likely there will be a loud crashing sound, and in many cases electronics will glow, such as outlets, and then go dark. Lightning strikes will most often be accompanied by a burnt smell in the air.

2. If your house is struck it is always a good idea to call 911. Lightning could cause damage inside your walls, resulting in a fire. It is better to eliminate the possibility then wait until it is too late. The local fire department will be able to check inside the walls with a Thermal Imaging Camera to search for heat/fire damage.

3. Call your insurance agent and report it. Damages from lightning strikes can take months to fully realize. Most likely several items will stop working right away or only partially work. Microwaves, appliances, TVs, Gaming systems, doorbells, elevators, switches, lights, fans and many other low voltage items will take the brunt to begin with. Satellite wiring and security system wiring can be particularly vulnerable.

4. Call an electrician and have them come out as soon as possible. Everything from outlets to generators need to be checked out for damage.

5. Document everything. Photos, videos and detailed lists are very important if you need to file an insurance claim.

6. Check with your neighbors. It is possible that a nearby house could also have been affected and if no one was home there may be interior problems yet to be discovered.

7. Notify your electric provider. It may be wise for them to come inspect your exterior wiring hookup.

**How can you prevent or limit damage from lightning strikes?**

1. Have an electrician come out every few years to inspect your breakers and panel box. The job of the breaker is to trip in the event of a power surge. A faulty breaker may allow the surge through, causing unnecessary damage.

2. Do not depend on surge protectors. Most surge protectors are no match for lightning. If you want to ensure an electronic device won't get damaged, unplug it or shut off the breaker. If going to be away from home for any length of time unplug unnecessary devices such as TVs, computers, and game systems.

3. Make sure your home is properly grounded. This can be done by your electrician.

Lightning doesn't just affect electronics, it can also damage concrete, brick, shatter windows and break cinder blocks.

**What should you NOT do during a lightning storm?**

1. Avoid being outdoors or in an open-air environment. Do not hide under trees.

2. Avoid using water for bathing or cleaning. Electricity can travel through plumbing and electrocute you.

3. Boating is always fun, unless there is a storm overhead. A boat is the tallest structure on the open water, making it an easy target.

4. Avoid touching concrete walls. Concrete walls often have metal inside them for reinforcement.

5. Stay away from electronics and stay off your computer or gaming system. Avoid doing laundry.

With severe weather becoming more and more common in our area and the vast expansion of new homes and businesses, it is wise to take heed to the warning of lightning strikes and to get ahead of them by making sure your panel box and breakers are all up to date and in good working order.

Stay safe out there.



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**P** Plan your activities with the possibility of thunderstorms in mind.



**I** Immediately go to a safe, enclosed shelter when you hear thunder.



**K** Keep yourself away from open areas, tall structures, and bodies of water



**A** Avoid taking a bath, washing dishes, or any water associated with plumbing.



**C** Contact with corded electronic equipment shall be avoided.



**H** Halt all outdoor activities at least until 30 minutes after the last thunder.



**U** Understand other thunderstorm-related hazards that may affect your area.



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# Topsail Gun Gal

By Dorothy Royal

Some members of the Town of Topsail Beach (the far south end of the island) want to put into writing a restriction against topless bathing. Is this a current problem? No, in fact most people said in the last 30 years it has never been an issue. So why now? I guess the answer is to simply jump on the bandwagon. But is now the right time? Does the town really want to stir this pot? And what exactly does "Topless bathing" mean anymore?

Dictionary.com defines the *noun* breast as:

Anatomy, Zoology (in bipeds) the outer, front part of the thorax, or the front part of the body from the neck to the abdomen; chest.

So does that mean men and women will no longer be able to show the top front part of their bodies?

You think I am being silly but you need to understand something. Right now our society is hot in this "non-binary" "Non-gender" enlightenment campaign. So what happens if a non-binary person is topless? What then? The Town certainly cannot word something to only mean for women, right?

What in the world is so terrifying about boobs anyway? If you were lucky enough to enjoy the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s you would know that the fashion world promoted boobs, they were something to be envied and glorified. Was everyone happy about this? Of course not. In the late 1960's the bra-burning campaign was started to protest the "Miss America Pageant". Women were tired of being seen as only boobs and hips, but it wasn't because they hated their boobs, they were tired of being treated as boobs.

If the Town of Topsail Beach writes something, it better be all inclusive. Men, women and non-binary. It better include all sizes and specify for both pretty and ugly people, because let's be honest, if every person looked like Sofia Vergara or Chris Hemsworth this would not be an issue.

The "Treasure Coast Naturalists" of Florida broke a state record last week when 769 people took the plunge into the Florida coast ocean wearing nothing but their birthday suits. The name of the beach was Blind Creek Beach, which I find very funny for a nude beach. The previous records was 431 people.

Who is the Guinness World record holder? 2,505 women in Ireland achieved that record in June of 2018. The event, known as the "strip and dip" was created by a woman who was undergoing treatment for breast cancer.

Did you know that July 9th is known as the "International Skinny Dip Day".

Hey, wouldn't that be a fun twist for the annual Dolphin Dip? Just kidding, it might be a bit too chilly for some folks.



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## Trapped By My Sugar Daddy

By Becky Borneman

Now...I know what you're thinking. What in the world? Let me explain...

I am a self-confessed, avid watcher of Lifetime Movies. It's just something mindless to keep me from going anymore insane from the crazy of the businesses and life in general. So when there is a little down time, or I can't sleep, I turn to Lifetime. I've watched these movies for 25+ years off and on. And I loved when Tori Spelling, Meredith Baxter or Kellie Martin starred in them.

The late 90's/early 2000's era played the best movies. Most were based on true stories, with a little Hollywood touch added of course. So, you can imagine my surprise when my weekly email came over listing the new movies on Lifetime this week.

I have to say..."Trapped By My Sugar Daddy" is grasping at straws. Is this what Lifetime has to offer now? I can't imagine that many people would be able to relate to this title. I mean first of all, how many of us have had sugar daddies? And second, who would want to escape from them? My idea of a sugar daddy is where I would have unlimited access to Big Gulps at gas stations (and unlimited access to gas too while we are there getting a Big Gulp), an endless supply of puppies, someone who cooks for me and someone who buys me shoes. The only reason I would think I would even entertain trying to escape from my sugar daddy would be if he tried to feed me kale for every meal, decided to replace puppies with snakes, took away my caffeine and made me donate my shoe collection to the wealthy.

Oh I'd be outta there faster than a hot knife can cut butter.

Now if you have a Sugar Daddy be sure to send him to Coral Cottage or Fancy Flamingo for a cute outfit or pair of shoes. I'll even throw in a Big Gulp!

So we will see what next week's email will have to say about the new list of movies lined up. Hopefully they will be a little more relatable. In the meantime, I will just settle in and suffer through Deranged Granny, Baby Monitor Murders and Psycho Stripper. All available this week on Lifetime. Enjoy!



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# Sea Turtle Hospital News



By Karen Sota

It's been a busy summer with patients of various sizes and species cycling through our hospital. Many of them have been incidental catches from coastal waters and depending on where, or how many hooks were involved they've been short-timers ready to go home after a few days of TLC and breakfast.

When a small Kemp's arrived from Oak Island with a hook in her mouth we thought, dang, another one. Our Director, Kathy Z. easily removed the hook, but "Limeapalooza" looked to be in a bit worse shape than the other turtles who had come and gone. She was on the thin side and dehydrated. She was given fluids and then housed in a tank with lower salinity containing more fresh water than we normally use for our turtles. The water with less salt would be absorbed through her skin and help restore her blood chemistry values to more typical levels. But even after she "plumped up" following hydration therapy she was still too skinny for us to feel comfortable about sending her home too quickly.

Limeapalooza's initial breakfast was a healthy portion of fish and squid, but typical of our Kemp's she let us know very quickly that fish was "icky" and only squid was an acceptable menu item. They have a way of training us. So, squid it is, and she was eating like a champ.

And after three days she had a surprise for us.

This gal was enjoying her daily swim in the therapy pool when our staff noticed something trailing behind her, something purple. Her swim was rudely interrupted and when she was brought out for an exam it was obvious that all that squid had been effective in moving a balloon, with ribbon, through her tiny digestive tract. If ever our visitors who happened to be there that day wondered where ocean trash goes they got an up-close, very up-close answer.

Limeapalooza had her butt exposed to the crowd while Kathy gently tugged to extract as much of this garbage as she could. When she encountered some resistance, the ribbon was cut and taped to Limeapalooza's carapace to prevent what was coming next from getting tangled. Limeapalooza was served a second helping of squid rings and was moved to a larger tank where more activity would help the remainder of the ribbon pass through without problems. At the end (literally) the balloon and ribbon measured around thirty inches. In the ocean that balloon looked like her favorite food, so she ate it. It might be the reason she was underweight; she didn't feel hungry because she had a gut full of trash. If it had not passed that little gal may have never eaten again and starved to death. Balloons might be pretty floating through the air, but they

eventually land and can be deadly to wildlife. There are other ways to celebrate.

Our hospital has been officially awarded certification as an Ocean Friendly Establishment. OFEs commit to eco-conscience practices and must demonstrate at least one major way of reducing single-use plastics. We do not offer water and other beverages in plastic bottles and our drinking fountains dispense filtered water for refilling reusable containers. We long ago eliminated plastic bags and Styrofoam for gift shop purchases; we recycle everything that is allowable. Water in Sea Turtle Bay is cleaned and recirculated back to the tanks, and our hospital volunteers participate in beach clean-ups. Topsail Turtle Project volunteers consistently carry a bag to pick up beach trash during their morning walks. And we have a large display in our education hall showing ways that plastic affects all living creatures. We are proud to display our certification seal and encourage you to support the OFEs in our coastal communities. Visit <https://www.oceanfriendlyest.com/> for a list of participants. And here's a link to help you be more ecofriendly during Plastic Free July: <https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/>

## Cross-Over Season

We're getting into cross-over season on the beach. The mamas are still arriving to nest, ninety-two at this writing, but some of our earlier nests are getting close to hatching. We can't tell you where or when it will happen. Those little critters come out when they're good and ready and we don't get advance notice. It's a matter of luck to be there for a boil. If you spot a nesting mama, see hatchlings emerging or see 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.



"Limeapalooza" with balloon



Balloon with ribbon



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# Where The Wild Grasses Grow

**By Carol Ann Ross**

Special to the Topsail Times

Long ago, back in prehistoric times, my favorite time of year was Summer. School was out, I lived at the beach, and nothing could be better than that for a kid. So summer it was and any of us who grew up here or vacationed here know that the beach is the best place for freedom and fun.

Oh, things have changed a bit since then. Back in the olden days Baby oil mixed with iodine was the preferred suntan lotion, cut off jeans were high fashion, and the many fishing piers on the island all offered food, free walk-outs and arcades. Of course we had to contend with stickers and cactus plants as we made our way through the many vacant lots-wow, what a price to pay for paradise.

I remember those vacant lots well, since it seems my home was surrounded by them. If I wanted to get over to the tall dunes and to the ocean, I had to cross between one paved road and another, through a wide field of sand spurs (we all called them stickers), cactus and assorted beach grasses. Back then they all looked like weeds to me.



But they were familiar and their images have never left my mind. Plants like the windswept water oaks, sea oats, yuccas, blue stem and my favorite, hairawn muhly, were everywhere.

Some people, especially the nurseries, simply call hairawn muhly, pink muhly grass. Look it up, that's what I had to do to find out the proper name. Anyway, it is hairawn muhly. Even back then I thought it was simply beautiful, with its feathery blossoms that waved in the air like mermaid hair. I used to gather it and put it in mason jars in my

room. Momma hated it because the tiny particles settled all over the dresser and window sills. She hated dusting as much as I do.

Muhly grass looks like weeds, but it is a grass, native to the Eastern Seaboard areas and too, to some plains areas throughout the US, although the plant may go by other names. It grows anywhere from a foot and a half to three or four feet tall and is usually around 2 to 4 feet wide, depending on the plant or plants in a bunch.

When it becomes dormant, usually

after the first or second frost of the year, it is brown, but then as spring arrives, the stems of the plant become green. They stay green all summer and then in the early fall start turning a sort of coppery color, especially at the base of the plant. Back in the day when farmers drove their cattle and hogs over to the island (before development) muhly grass was one of the grasses the critters grazed on. It's full of nutrients.

In late September, early October, hairawn muhly changes even more. This change is one of the most beautiful transformations I've ever seen, as the long wiry stems start producing soft tiny (hairlike) blossoms of pink and purple, that wave in the breeze.

The empty lots are 99% gone, it costs to walk out on the fishing pier and we use sunscreen rather than baby oil. So things change, we all know that. My favorite season is no longer Summer, the more temperate temps and the hairawn muhly make Fall the ideal season now. And rather than finding the hairawn muhly growing wild, I can find it at Pender Pines or Lowes. I've planted it in my yard. It's great for landscaping and unlike pampas grass and palm trees, it is indigenous to our area. If you haven't noticed, I'm all about *local*.

## Topsail Area Loses A Legend

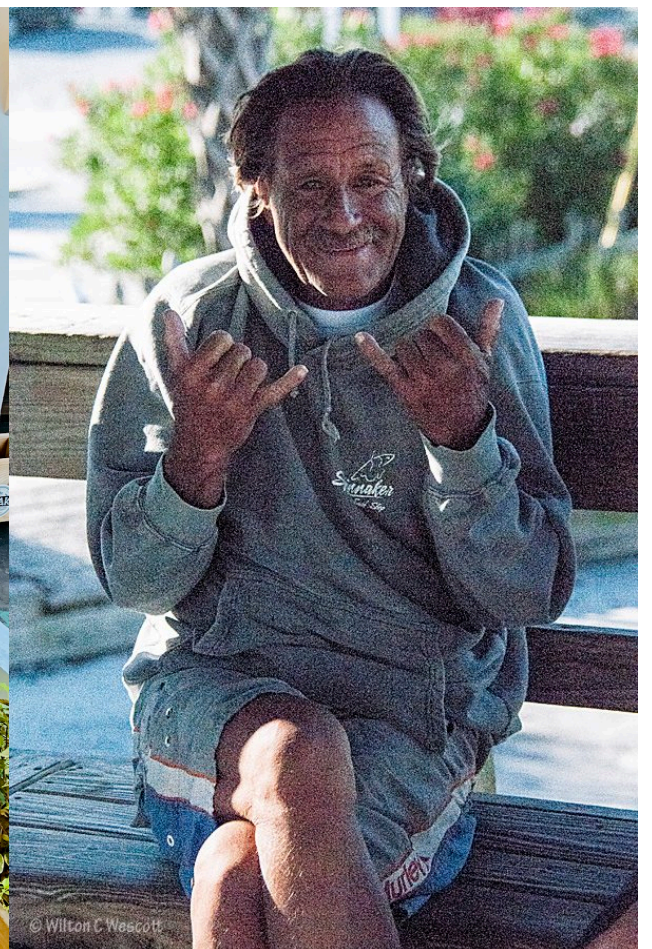
"Rest In Peace, Old Friend.

Topsail has lost a legend.

Rick Caldwell AKA Godfather was one of the most hilarious, hardworking, give-you-the-shirt-off-his-back (*literally*), fun-loving guy I have ever known. He always left you with a smile. I can't tell you how many times over the years I watched him surf, in amazement. One of the best."

- Brenda Kelly Gibson

**Rick Caldwell's Paddle Out will be Sunday, August 7th @ 1pm at the Surf City Beach Access #18 on North Shore Drive.**



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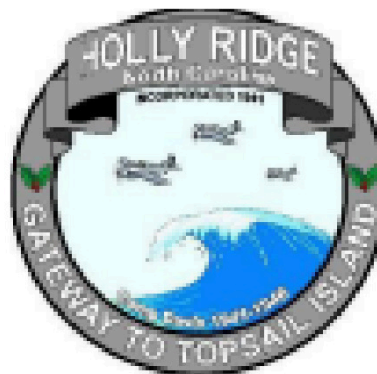


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# Dolphin Shores / Porpoise Place Concerns

**By Blain C.**

Letter To The Editor

I watched the BOA mtg from this week on YouTube. Generally not impressed with our leadership. Specifically, I want to share my opinion on the Dolphin Shores issues. The issues are that a new 10 bedroom home was permitted and built which removed 20'+ of primary dune, then another 20'+ section for the pool. The bare minimum dune remains and although technically compliant with CAMA guidelines, is now a high risk area. Additionally, the house was allowed to be built, but a walkover has not been allowed. Again, following CAMA's guidance, owners and guests have been allowed to create an access through the dune! This basically creates a trench that will serve as an Avenue to now allow the ocean to flow straight into that neighborhood in the event of high seas.

There was much discussion on this matter. Only Alderman Grant seemed to understand the absurdity from a common sense perspective. Deb Hill continually argued as to how everything done was compliant. Grant made statements to the effect of, just because it's compliant doesn't mean it's right or not detrimental to our land/ owners/ structures/ overall well being. No one else seemed to grasp this or were intimidated by Deb Hill as she was clearly not wanting any changes.

My request, which I believe would resolve the issue is that the town adopt a local ordinance that would be more restrictive than CAMA's published guidance. Several coastal towns have done this. Again, Deb Hill advocating for sticking to CAMA requirements and dismissed the other towns that have more restrictive local requirements, including Topsail Beach and Pine Knoll Shores. Note I don't think the benchmarking data set including northern outer banks towns, which I believe many more have local ordinances. In my opinion, this is the more relative comparison. They picked towns based on location, rather than vulnerability and/ or historical erosion rates.

The area at Dolphin Shores has been designated as a hazard area because of the increased rate of erosion due to numerous factors. That, in itself, should justify that our leaders take a stance that no natural dune structure on the ocean side should be altered within the boundary of North a Topsail Beach. The house at Dolphin Shores disrupted what was one of, if not the only remaining stable dune systems and manually altered it to a state that is very high risk to allow a developer to build a house. The owner is now selling, so clearly not invested in the long term future of NTB.

Yet, Deb Hill argues that CAMA is and should be the one and only

requirement, ie- 'do nothing' Again, this is incredibly rigid and short sighted. This is consistent with when St Regis made an appeal to the Board of Adjustments to allow the addition of a sign that conformed with what was done just a few hundred feet on the same road. The board, as directed by Ms Hill, never listened to or considered why we were requesting the variance, never addressed potential hardships or other factors, just regurgitated the existing law. We knew the law/ ordinance, that is why we were requesting a variance as we felt what we wanted was consistent with other areas and would not cause any problems for anyone, yet we were denied. I bring this up because it is an example of abuse of power and undue influence by Deb Hill. Back to current day discussion, and Deb Hill is advocating to continue to adhere to CAMA guidelines and do nothing else. These CAMA rules were created generically to provide guidance for a broad and diverse section of coastal land. She advises to do nothing, rather than create a specific ordinance to ensure we protect what is known to be a highly vulnerable coastal area which is the entire coastline of North Topsail Beach.

If our elected leaders don't wake up and take action, this decision or lack thereof, will be reflected in history the same as Bostic bulldozing the dunes all

anyone who doesn't profit from it.

It is absurd to rely on the definitions of frontal/ secondary dunes. Give it the eyeball test and take action to protect all dunes in the critical areas. Same with allowing a house to built, but then not allowing a constructed walkover; ignoring the fact that the alternate is literally cutting a trench through the dunes.

It's beyond absurd! We, as citizens, residents, owners, and stakeholders need to demand immediate action from our elected leaders.

Lot 44 is a done deal with large house, pool in dune and trench through dune. Lot 40, which is on the south side of the new blue house and adjacent to St Regis has applied for, and received a building permit. Because the lot is bordered by non- Dolphin Shores properties, letters were sent to neighbors informing the submission for permit, and instructions to raise any objections/ concerns. St Regis and at least one other neighbor filed an objection and request to deny the permit based on the following:

- Illegal takeover of existing right of way used by residents for 20+ years
- Environmental endangerment due removal of secondary dune and native vegetation
- Potential disruption/ removal of endangered plants and/ or animals
- Significantly increasing the vulnerability to flooding due to rising water during storms
- Increased vulnerability to erosion

We were notified by CAMA that the permit was issued, yet never received a formal response to our concerns. We have appealed further and independently requested further explanation from CAMA reps with no response.

*Update as of July 14th:* The second lot had essentially 20 ft of secondary dune and native vegetation removed on Monday, July 11th, during an excavation.



40 Porpoise Place

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# Summer Safety Solutions for Your Furry Friends

By Marian Taylor

We love spending summer days outside with our pets, but hotter weather can be dangerous. As temperatures start to rise be sure to pay close attention to your pets and take extra precautions so your summer fun doesn't turn into a trip to the pet emergency room.

**Tips for keeping dogs and cats safe in extreme heat:**

- **Keep your pets hydrated.** Whether indoors or out be sure to give your cats and dogs plenty of fresh clean water to avoid illness. Deep bowls of fresh cool water will stay chilled longer than shallow bowls.

- **Scrub Pet food and water bowls daily.** Your pet's food and water bowls can have a build up of slime which can lead to high bacterial counts and become a risk not only for your pets but for you and your family members.

- **Never leave your pet in your car.** Even with the windows cracked, temperatures can climb to dangerous levels quickly, especially in dark colored cars. Best to leave your pets at home.

- **Avoid burnt paws.** Protect your pet's paws from hot surfaces. Walk your pet in the grass when possible. If the pavement or sand is too hot for your bare feet, then it's too hot for your pets. Water the pavement or deck with a hose to make the surface cooler.

- **Be smart about exercise.** Exercise your pet during the cooler part of the day either early morning when the sun is less intense or after the sun goes down.

- **Maintain their coat.** Feel free to trim longer coats but never shave your pet. A shaggy coat can help to insulate your pet against the heat and protect them from sunburn. Brushing cats or dogs more often can prevent problems caused by excessive heat.

- **Keep the pests away.** Fleas and ticks thrive during warm temperatures, as do mosquitoes (which carry heartworms to your dogs and cats). Keep up on flea and tick prevention. Ideally your dog or cat should be on a monthly flea prevention program, because its harder to eradicate fleas from your home after they start to reproduce.

- **Protect from sunburn.** The ear tips, bridge of the nose, around the eyes and

abdomen are sensitive areas on your pet's skin. Consider purchasing a sun protector or waterproof sunscreen MADE FOR DOGS.

Summer pet safety requires some thought and attention. Keep a watch over your pet to protect them from summer heat, sun, and other summer dangers – enjoy your summer!



*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](mailto:Marian@TheMarianWay.com)*



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## Yopp Meeting House & Cemetery Restoration Project



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### MEETING HOUSE

Yopps Meeting House, is a historic Primitive Baptist Church located in Sneads Ferry. The current building was built around 1890, however there may have been a log building built as early as 1813. It is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places

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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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# OCPAW: The Service Dog

**By Dotty Ann Harding**

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I have learned that different service dogs assist people with diversified needs, some obvious, while other conditions are invisible to our eyes. Still, a strong working bond exists between two living creatures. I have witnessed dogs abandoned on the streets or surrendered to the shelter that go on to train as service dogs to their adopter. Some of those dogs were considered too old, the wrong breed, too little or too big, yet they succeeded. They did so when given a chance to be of service to another. OCPAW, has had several of these wonderful exceptional dogs that have been provided the necessary training by Sandra Harknett, Left Foot Right Foot Service Dog Training, to be able to assist others. Most of these dogs have been of service to their owners, but Rita Rendon & Old Man Ben, of Back to Nature Second Chances, went on to serve their community by reaching out to those in nursing homes and assisted living with their many visits of outreach.

Yes, there is controversy with folks asking, is that an actual service dog? I guess that goes back to identifying the obvious physical needs of the owner, but as I stated, there is so much more. Whatever service that dog is performing, they are attentive, alert, well behaved, and adequately trained. They are working, providing stability and confidence for their owner to function to their fullest potential.

It is amazing to step back and realize they have been our companions in life since the beginning, protecting, guiding, and serving us with unparalleled devotion. Today they serve as military, police, drug, bomb, cancer, search & rescue detecting assets. They will let us know when our blood sugars get too high or low or when our anxiety or seizure levels are escalating.

Some dogs receive intense training to perform at these very high service levels. However, even though they are not qualified as a service dog, some can tell when your heart is breaking and you feel your world falling apart. Your dog will come and sit quietly before you and

stare into your eyes. No words are spoken, and tears may fall. There is no apology necessary, just quietness and strength surrounding you, and you are comforted and able to go on. So she is my dog in service to me, as she tends my broken heart.



Ben



Beau



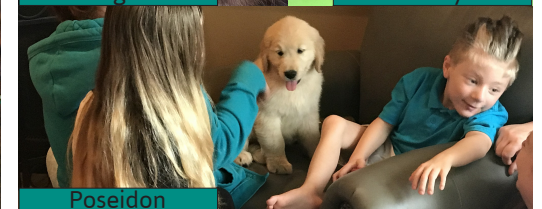
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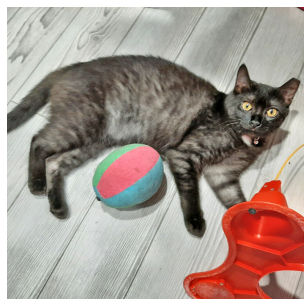


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**Preppie**

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**Jhett**

I'm the cutest one in the family, but my siblings don't agree. Any way you look at it, all three of us kittens are adorable, striped Tabbies with lots of white. We are ready to go and have had all of our vet work done. We are healthy, happy, bouncy and fun! At least come play with us because we love visitors. We

live in south Burgaw with our foster mom. My sister and brother are named Brie and Ash. We were living in the woods at a fast food place until we were rescued by FURR and our foster mom!



**Jax**

I am so lucky that a good Samaritan saved me with FURR's help. I was living outside in the woods at a Bojangles. I am Jax, a very sweet silver Tabby boy who is 6-months-old. I am already litter-trained, vaccinated, neutered and good with

other cats. I went through a lot on my own in the woods as a little kitten. Now, it's time for me to find my forever family. Come meet me and fall in love!



**Max**

I had been living outside in the woods near a Bojangles. Luckily, a good Samaritan saved me and got me to FURR. My name is Max and I'm an

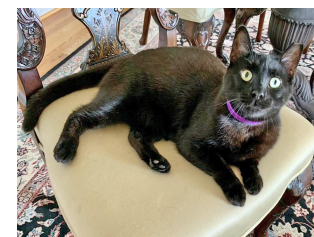
adorable black girl who is just 6-months-old. I had a horribly injured tail that had to be amputated, but I'm doing great and look quite cute with my stub. I'm litter-trained, spayed, vaccinated and good with other cats. I hope you'll come visit me soon so we can start loving each other.



**Perch**

I can't believe I'm still homeless! I am a Russian Blue mix with a white spot on my chest. Although I am a little shy with new folks, I warm up quickly to

someone giving me love and attention. My fur is so soft and I hardly shed at all. I'd prefer a quiet household where I can curl up on the couch and watch TV. I am such a gentle and docile 9-month-old kitty. If you love the look and softness of a Russian Blue, please come visit me. I know you will want to take me home!



**Carbon**

I am literally a once-in-a-lifetime cat. I am 3-years young and my owners are leaving the country. They really loved me a lot, but they couldn't take me

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# Simply Homemade Recipes

## Summer Pasta with Basil, Tomatoes and Cheese



2 pounds vine ripened tomatoes, seeded and diced  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
1/2 cup chopped fresh basil  
1 tablespoon chopped fresh mint leaves  
3/4 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes  
1/2 cup olive oil  
1/4 cup cream sherry  
12 ounces spaghetti

1/2 cup freshly grated Asiago cheese  
2 cups fontina cheese, shredded

In a medium bowl, toss together tomatoes, garlic, basil, mint, salt and black pepper, hot pepper flakes, olive oil, and cream sherry. Let stand at room temperature for up to 2 hours, stirring occasionally. Cook the pasta In a large pot of boiling salted water until tender, but firm to the bite. Drain the pasta, and transfer to a large serving bowl. Drain 1/4 cup of the liquid from the tomato mixture, and toss with the pasta to coat. Add cheese, and toss until it begins to melt. Add the tomato mixture, and toss until mixed.

## Super Lemon Ice Cream



2 cups heavy whipping cream  
1 cup half-and-half cream  
1-1/8 cups white sugar  
3 tablespoons grated lemon zest  
5 egg yolks  
3/4 cup fresh lemon juice

Combine heavy cream, half and half, sugar, and lemon zest in a saucepan; bring to a simmer over low heat. Cook and stir until sugar is dissolved, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Cover saucepan and allow the mixture to steep for 10 minutes. Uncover pan and bring back to a simmer over low heat. Beat the egg yolks in a bowl. Gradually stir one cup of the hot cream mixture into the eggs, several tablespoons at a time. This will help to bring the eggs up to temperature without scrambling them. Stir the egg mixture back into the cream mixture in the saucepan. Cook and stir over low heat until the mixture just coats the back of a spoon, 5 to 10 minutes. Transfer to a large bowl; cover. Refrigerate overnight. Stir the lemon juice into the cold ice cream mixture. Freeze in a 4 to 5 quart ice cream maker according to manufacturer's directions. Transfer ice cream to a lidded freezer container, and freeze for 4 hours to ripen flavors before serving.

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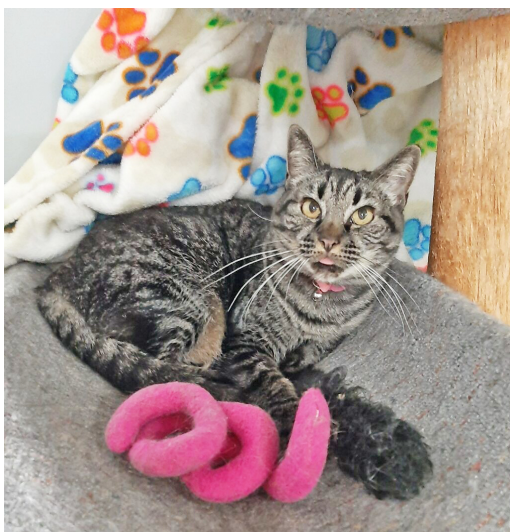
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