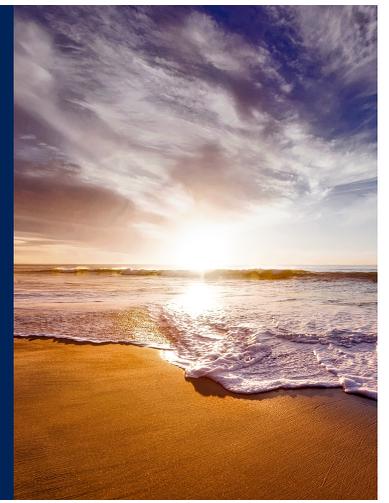




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Holly Ridge Liberty Festival

The second annual Holly Ridge Liberty Festival will be taking place at the Holly Ridge Town Park located on Sound Road on the first Saturday in September. The Town of Holly Ridge once previously held a summer event with fireworks on the 4th of July, but after postponing due to Covid in 2020 and being rained out in 2021, the town council members decided it would be better to make it an end of summer event for families.

This year's event will begin at 3pm and will include food trucks, vendors, bouncy houses, craft vendors, and for the first time, a beer garden.

Visitors will get to explore and learn from the Tunnels to Towers mobile 9/11 exhibit that will arrive from New York for the event. The Tunnels to Towers exhibit will be available to local school groups on Friday, September 2nd and both Pender and Onslow County schools have been invited.

Feeling a bit crazy? Then you need to take part in the Flamingo Foam Party! Bring a bathing suit and have some fun! Beginning at 4pm visitors will be able to enjoy the music of one of the area's best known bands, Fried on the Boat.

At 6pm the crowds will be entertained by The Donald Thompson Band and will be able to participate in the Smoky Tony's Corn-hole Tournament.

Dance, sing, play in the foam and learn about our country's history while enjoying some great local food. Don't forget to bring a blanket or chair so that you can sit in style while watching the fireworks at dark.



Liberty Festival Schedule

September 3rd, 2022

3pm Tunnels to Towers Mobile 9/11 Exhibit
HUGE Flamingo Foam Party
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6pm LIVE MUSIC:
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Smoky Tony's Cornhole Tournament

9pm FIREWORKS



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Topsail Gun Gal

By Dorothy Royal

Are humans becoming too comfortable in nature and forgetting about the dangers? Is Mother Nature sending a message that we have been trespassing too long without asking permission? I don't know about you, but some signs are pointing to yes.

With tourists flocking to the beaches during the summer months, states including as far north as New York have increased shark surveillance patrols. By boat, helicopter or by drone, agencies are noting that large numbers of sharks are traveling closer to shore. Are humans a preferred prey? Apparently not. Most attacks are from sharks trying to determine what we are or regarding people getting in the way of a hunt. Recently a spinner shark collided with a Surf City surfer who just happened to be

in the wrong place at the wrong time. Her injuries did not include a bite, but a graze wound that was treated at a nearby hospital. Some beaches up north have gone so far as to be closed to the public due to excessive shark sightings.

JellyFish, those cute slimy masses that come in all shapes and sizes, are visiting the coast in large numbers from Myrtle Beach to Topsail Island. A purple flag warning has been issued to advise swimmers that stings may be a result of a dip with these critters.

A humpback whale following a school of fish accidentally attempted to swallow 2 women in a kayak, before promptly spitting them out. The footage is amazing, not to mention terrifying for those watching. The women, both unharmed, will have a great fish tale to tell. Want to watch? Check out California kayakers swallowed by a humpback whale.

Bears, often depicted on TV shows as cute and just wanting food, are a major concern to visitors in Tennessee. A hotel owner in Gatlinburg recently had to install signs warning guests not to pet the bears or they will be kicked out. Apparently a hotel owner was made aware of a guest petting a bear on social media. The woman was petting the wild animal on the nose before it took a swipe at her. She is one lucky duck. So far the hotel owner has kicked out more than 10 people for the offense.

The City of Wilmington, after losing a lawsuit over short term rental restrictions, put a new amendment on the books. What does the amendment do? It basically removes every overreach they were found guilty of and said as long as people are following state regulations, short term rentals are fine. Apparently members of the audience weren't pleased and demanded more

restrictions, which the City ignored. Maybe those complaining people should read the lawsuit and the result. Government overreach was stopped, which is a great thing.

The new town manager in Henly, North Carolina has created quite a stir. The small community of less than 2,000 residents lost its entire police department when they all resigned over "hostile work environment". Did anyone else resign? Yes, two town clerks joined the group citing the same reason.

The new town manager, Justine Jones, was fired in 2015 from her former employer, Richland County, South Carolina. After the firing, Ms. Jones filed a lawsuit against the county for gender and racial discrimination. The lawsuit was dismissed.

Remember knowledge is power, government overreach is bad and respecting nature needs to be outdoor rule #1.



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Scarred For Life

By Becky Borneman

Working at the stores I get to hear tons of fun conversations. I've enjoyed meeting families and seeing them year after year on their annual visit.

We had a family recently come in that made me laugh. It was a grandma, a mom and two kids. When they walked in the mom immediately said to her kids, "Don't touch anything. This lady has a dungeon under the store that she will put you in if you do." I immediately tried not to laugh but then realized how big the kid's eyes were when she said this. The horror! They were genuinely terrified. But they didn't touch a thing!

Now I remember that fear as a kid. When I was growing up in Tallahassee, my parents did the same to me. But it wasn't just about being good in stores.

The house we lived in was not far from a mall. In the mall, they had a dance studio, the public library and of course stores. Also in this mall was a daycare. They had an outdoor section that came off the daycare that had swings and slides and things like that for the kids to play on. It looked like a fun place to be as a kid. Until one day... My parents decided to scar me for life and tell me that it wasn't a daycare after all. They called it the Children Trade-In Center. That was where parents took their kids who acted up and traded them in for new kids. Now let me tell you... every time... EVERY TIME we would go towards that mall I would go over in my head what I did bad that week and were my parents telling me the truth about where we were going? They say we are going to dance class...could they be tricking me

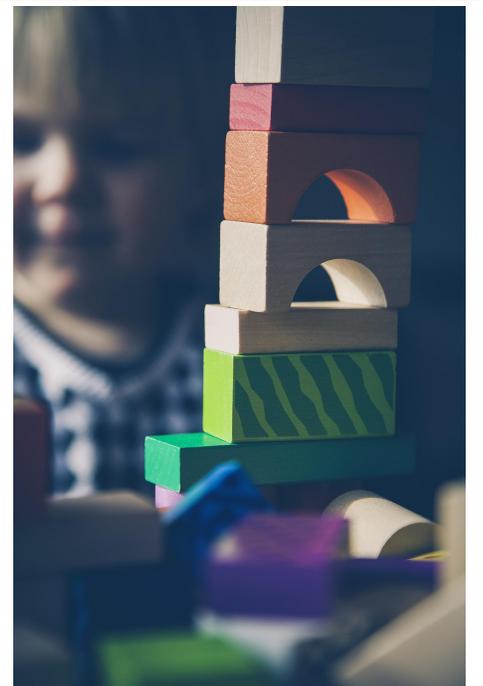
into the Children Trade In Center? And that my friends is where my anxiety started.

I suppose after 40+ years I can forgive them for it. They are coming up to visit in September and I am excited to see them. But I may have to plan something out for them...maybe for every bar we pass I tell them it's the "Parent Trade-In Center" and if they're bad that's where I will drop them. No...can't do that. They'd act horribly just to get in there! They do love their Scotch and Old Fashioned drinks

Mom and Papa...I forgive you for telling me about this Trade In Center scarring me for life. My therapy bill will be forwarded to y'all!

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- Becky B



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Sea Turtle Hospital News



By Karen Sota

By the time you read this most of our senior interns will have left us, each taking a different path in their future. The good news for our regular staff is that two of them will be staying on for a bit to help us through the next few months. Of course nobody, other than our turtles, gets to walk out of our doors with just a wave of their flippers. When they were chosen for our program they were told that successful completion of their summer with us would involve a project that could be used for the benefit of the hospital.

One of those projects has been stopping recent visitors in their tracks. After over forty-five hours, much of it spent on her hands and knees, Holly Hubing has put the finishing touches on her wall mural of the four species of sea turtles found along the North Carolina coast. It's been quite an ambitious project and Holly worked closely with Tina Sharpe (mentor for the UNCW Saturday interns for many years) and Lindsey Hull (senior intern mentor) to develop and flesh out the concept. Accurately portraying sea turtles with all their unique characteristics is a challenge. For example, there's not one scute pattern for every sea turtle. They all have different numbers and placements on their carapace and head. And their heads are shaped differently to

accommodate their particular diets. And they are distinctly different in body size, shape and color.

Holly started by researching various sources for the dimensions of a typical adult in each species. Then she sketched each turtle, making sure that the body proportions and characteristics were correct. She used our patients as her muse: Maddie for the Kemp's, Jazzberry Jam for the green and Sahara Desert for the loggerhead. A little math and a lot of space planning were required to determine size relationships and final placement on her limited wall surface. Starting with the Kemp's, the smallest sea turtle (and most endangered) she used a projector to fit Maddie snugly under a window. From there she projected her other drawings onto the wall in order of size, ending at the door with the leatherback.

Once they were sketched onto the wall, she gathered her paints and got to work. Holly found painting on a large vertical surface quite different from working on flat pieces of paper and it took some time to get used to doing so. Her table was loaded with paint jars and some very tiny brushes for all the detailed work needed to make these turtles as representative as possible. It was fun for our staff to watch them come to life over the past month. Just when we thought she was done she'd be standing there or crawling on the floor with a

paint brush in her hand adding more detail. Holly says she's a perfectionist and it was a "lot of learning and going back again and again to check details." When I asked if she was happy with it she said "Yes, but it won't be done until I'm very, very happy with it." We're very, very happy with it. Thank you, Holly. It's something that will be on our wall years from now when you bring your own kids in to visit.



Senior intern, Holly Hubing, with her program project

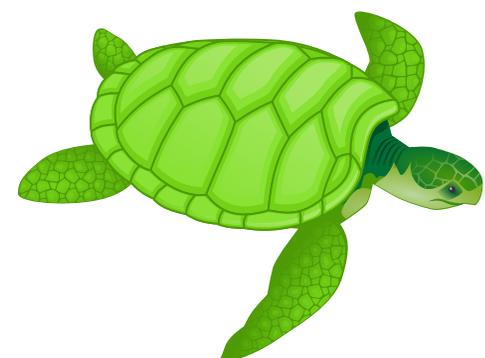
Cross-Over Season

We're well into crossover season on the beach. The mamas are still arriving to nest and our earlier nests are hatching. We can't tell you where or when it will happen. Honest. 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 miss the hatch you might be able to catch a nest analysis which is done three days after the hatch. Volunteers excavate and analyze the contents which just might include a late rising hatchling or two that missed the alarm.

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.

Sea Turtle Hospital Tour Options

Our public tour schedule has changed for the month of August. August 1-12 we are open Monday- Friday from Noon - 3 PM. August 15 - September 2 we are open Monday-Friday from 11 AM - 2 PM. We are not open on weekends in August. 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 safer as we still contend with Covid. Sorry, but we are not able to accommodate walk-ups for tours once we sell out for the day. **Please note that if our surrounding counties experience an increase in Covid cases we may require masks for everyone over the age of three, no exceptions. Check the website for current masking requirements when buying your tickets.** Traffic continues to be challenging even during the week 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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By Jessica Blackburn
Special to the Topsail Times

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America is made up of her people, and although the news outlets would have us all believe that every color hates the other, and is looking for ways to hurt one another, most of us are just eager to help out our neighbor. We are passionate about our patriotism, and even though many of us differ in ideology, we want America to be the vibrant, charming beauty that we know her to be. That's what sets us apart, and that's what we need to remember when we differ in our ideological, spiritual, and political views.

We are the land of opportunity. That is why people flock to our shores and borders. If you want to succeed here, you can. It might be hard, but it's possible. There is always a way to get ahead here in America. America is full of opportunities. Many come here with just the clothes they have on and end up



making a very comfortable life for themselves. Not all of us are going to be in the 1 percent of the world's wealth. But we can grab the opportunity right in front of us with both hands and do some good in the world.

Some of you may love America just as much as I do, others might be more prone to object to everything that others adore about her. But that's just what makes this land so amazing. It is a place where we can (and should) peacefully and respectfully disagree. We are free to think what we want about life in general.

Everything America stands for is freedom of thought and avoidance of oppression. That is the American dream, isn't it? To be free to do what we want, and not have a government that keeps us from expressing our beliefs as we see fit.

We should not oppress one another, not with our legislation, and not even with our behavior on social media. America, although ever bold and aggressive, is also gracious. To do any less is to be "Un-American". To judge and condemn one another based on labels and boxes that others place us in

flies in the face of what Washington, Jefferson, and Franklin had in mind when they signed the Declaration of Independence. Perhaps it's time for all of us to remember that America, as glorious and beautiful as she is – is nothing without the ideals that made her unique and glorious in the first place.

And as for our grand old flag, long may she wave, for we are the land of the free and the home of the brave. She has been burned and stomped upon, and those who do such disrespect, fail to remember that it was because of that flag and those who died caring that flag gave them the freedom to do so. It breaks my heart to see such disrespect for the symbol of our country.

"The things that the flag stands for were created by the experiences of a great people. Everything that is stands for was written by their lives. The flag is the embodiment, not of sentiment, but of history." - Woodrow Wilson

I am proud to be an American and I believe America is the greatest country on earth. I will continue to stand for my rights as an American. As long as we stand for truth and justice and speak up for what is right. We will be strong together and overcome all adversities.

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Topsail Loses A Legend

By Lise Gore

“Enjoy your youth, enjoy your friends and keep surfing”.

Those of the words of Rick Caldwell, a Surf City legend and surfer known as the Codfather. Rick is remembered for his headstand surfing, love of life and the water.

Surf City is aptly named and is home to lifelong surfers like Rick who passed away on July 14 of this year.

He will be missed by the surfing community and those who knew him. There will be a paddle out on August 7, 2022 in remembrance of Rick.

George Howard is a long time surfer who owns and operates On Shore Surf Shop in Surf City. George has surfed in California, Mexico, Costa Rica, and Puerto Rico. But his home will always be right here. 182 steps from the ocean.

George played sports as a kid, softball, and basketball but when a friend mentioned surfing, he started playing around in the water until he learned to surf.

George found his lifelong passion riding the waves.

“That first walk when you put your hand on the crest of the wave, you’re in for life.” George speaks reverently about his love for surfing.

“It’s a lifestyle.”

“I pray before I go out because I know I’m going out, but you never know if you will come in”.

George has a spiritual connection with the water that is evident when you are speaking to him. He says it’s like walking on water.

Topsail Island is named in the Top 3 beach communities in NC to surf according to Grom Life. The independent publication says that because the north end of Topsail is a beach break it provides an excellent opportunity for beginners. The vast expanse of beaches makes Topsail attractive to surfers of all abilities.

Surf City Surf School, owned and operated by island native, Cody Leutgens, offers lessons to anyone brave enough to get out there and find the peace Morgan Roth who works at the Surf School talks about when she says, “Even though everything is moving so quickly you find a peace and a calm out there in waves.”

There is a thriving surfing community here and it was really evident Saturday morning on the beach right above the pier. Surfers of all ages, shapes and sizes were in the line up waiting for that next wave.

There are a variety of surf related shops and restaurants in the area that stem from the prosperous surf community. Surfboards, paddle boards, surf apparel, shops that cater to the avid surfer or just someone who likes to wear cool shirts.

I caught Dessa at On Shore Surf Shop dewaxing a board and she may have plans to surf in her future. There is an art to making and maintaining a surfboard. There is an art to this culture.

Don’t let the romanticism about the sport fool you. It requires a considerable amount of core strength, coordination, balance, and perseverance. The mental health benefits are tremendous since the surfer learns to adapt to an ever changing sea, the elements, and wildlife. In a study done by the University of Exeter in the United Kingdom surfing facilitated a sense of respite from PTSD for combat veterans. The mental health

benefits reduce anxiety and depression.

And recently, the sport was added to the Summer Olympic games. The pandemic altered the original timeline for Surfing to be included as an Olympic event, so it was 2021 when the sport made its debut in the Summer Olympics. The large fan base worldwide and the number of talented athletes in the sport made the decision long overdue.

There is a possibility that a budding Olympic surfer is out there in the lineup waiting on a wave on a Saturday morning. One day he or she might pop up.

Whether it is just for fun or dreams of being an Olympic hopeful there are a lot of people who love the waves on this island. Surfing seems to bring happiness to those who brave the waves, and it is a much-loved sport in a town that bears its name.

George Howard says it best, “Do what you love, and you’ll never work a day in your life.” His love for surfing inspired his shop and a life 182 steps from a wave.



OCPAW: Can Dogs Swim In The Ocean? Things To Keep In Mind

By Dotty Ann Harding

President and CEO of Onslow County Partners for Animal Welfare | www.oc-paw.com

Where we live is a beautiful place to enjoy great activities with your dog by the beach. We have a great mix of folks from all over the country who are military, vacationers, and those that love it, becoming permanent residents. But there are some things to consider.

Hot Sand or Asphalt

Walking your dog mid-day under a hot sun on the beach or the roads can burn and cause blisters on the pads of their paws. While at the beach or boating, remember to provide shade and water to control their body temperature.

Swimming in the Ocean

Be mindful of rip tides that can quickly take your dog out further than your reach, making it difficult getting him back to shore. Finally, like humans, they could be overweight, older, or have played too hard and become overtired, making their swim difficult.

Salt water poisoning

Don't let your dog drink the water. Ocean water, as we know, is salty.

As your dog swims and runs around the beach, they will get thirsty. But drinking ocean water is not good for your dog as the salt will lead to dehydration or diarrhea. If your dog is coughing after swimming in the ocean, this may mean he or she ingested too much water. Diarrhea is another symptom of saltwater intake, which can happen in just three hours.

Can all dogs swim?

Not all dogs have the natural ability to swim, as some breeds may struggle with it. Dogs with large, barrel-like chests like pit bulls will have a difficult time swimming. Unusually long dogs with short legs like dachshunds and corgis won't be able to propel themselves. Dogs with flat, broad noses like bulldogs or boxers will struggle to breathe. Small dogs like terriers can run out of energy quickly while paddling.

Dogs are usually good swimmers, but each year in the US, some dogs drown. If a dog falls into the water from a boat, pool edge, or dock, it can be very difficult to get them out of the water, especially if it is a heavy dog.

If they are unable to climb out by themselves, there is always a risk of drowning, even under full supervision. A dog that gets into the water will swim as long as they can, but after a while will become exhausted. Falling into the water by accident will cause a dog to panic and it can become exhausted very quickly.

Be careful of ocean wildlife

There's lots of fun for your dog to have on the surface of the ocean but there are some dangers of which you should be aware. Don't let your dog lick or eat jellyfish, shellfish, starfish or urchins, as they have toxins that can harm your pet.

Be safe and mindful to enjoy summer at the beach!



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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

with them so I had to come back to FURR. I am the most gentle, laid-back kitty ever! I would love a family to dote over me. My fur is silky smooth and soft and I love to be petted, rubbed and brushed! I will greet you at the door and I'm not timid at all. In fact, I love to talk and tell you all about my thoughts. I hope to be adopted really soon, so hurry up and come meet me!

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PRESERVING YOUR SUMMER BOUNTY..The Marian Way

By Marian Taylor

If you planted a garden this spring, chances are you planted tomatoes. This year our tomato plants are producing a record crop. We are enjoying these delicious fruits but can't eat them fast enough as they are now growing out of our ears! The easiest way to preserve them is to freeze them. A dear friend showed me this method years ago. You will never let another tomato spoil on the counter again. Whether you've grown your own or got a great deal on tomatoes at your local farmer's market this freezer method is so easy. It will save time and money this winter and you will welcome the homegrown flavor in recipes.

Freezing Homegrown Tomatoes

Wash the tomatoes and let dry. Once dry, place them into FREEZER bags, (not storage bags), squeeze out excess air and seal. Label bags then pop into the freezer... done!
So simple! No peeling, chopping, blanching, ice bath, etc. The best thing is you can add to the bags every time you have any extra.

You can freeze any size or variety together.

How to Use Frozen Tomatoes

Remove the tomatoes from the freezer and thaw in the refrigerator. Once thawed, the skins slip right off. Chop and prepare them for your recipe. They are great in soups, stews, chili, or salsa.

Freezing Homegrown Herbs

Take advantage of preserving homegrown herbs or herbs that you find at your farmers market using a similar freezer method. This too, will save you time and money during the winter months when herbs at the grocer are expensive.

Freeze parsley, cilantro, mint, basil, dill, and celery leaves. I prefer to hang oregano, thyme and rosemary until dried.

How to Freeze Herbs

Wash herbs, remove the stems, freezing only the leaves. Remove the water as much as possible, then wrap in paper towels. Wrap them in small size batches, the amount that you use in a recipe. Place them into FREEZER bags, (not storage bags), squeeze out excess air and seal. Label bags then pop into the freezer...done!

The herbs are safe in the freezer for 4-6 months.

How to Use Frozen Herbs

Use the frozen herbs in soups, stews, hot dishes, and blended in salad dressing. The process is easy, and simple and you will enjoy the summer flavors during the winter for all your delicious recipes.



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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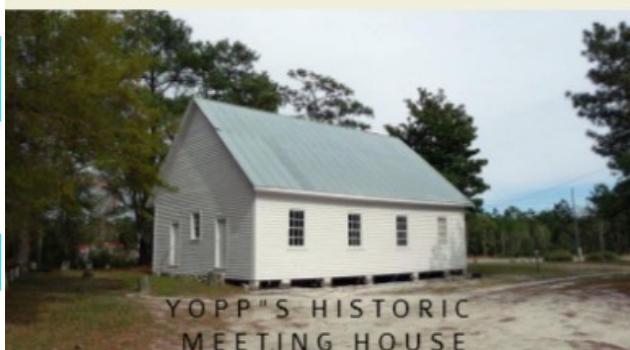


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Over time the building and cemetery grounds have fallen victim to neglect and deterioration. With the help of many volunteers the beauty of the cemetery is beginning to come back. History matters and should be protected and taught. We strive to restore the church to its original beauty as well as consistently maintain the cemetery grounds. Our vision is to use the building as a space to teach future generation and residents the rich culture and history of our community. To learn more about our project please follow us on Facebook at: Sneads Ferry Community Yopp Cemetery Restoration

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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.
8. Be sure the barrel is clear of obstructions before shooting.
9. Clean your gun and inspect it regularly.
10. Learn all you can about the functions of your firearm and check for manufacturer recalls.



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1. The English word summer developed from what Old English word for the season?

- a. Samer b. Suma c. Somer

2. The word "solstice" is derived from which Latin words?

- a. Sol and sistere b. sol and sistica c. sol and stice

3. In What Country Is The Biggest Water Park In The World?

- a. Holland b. Germany c. USA

4. The "dog days of summer" refer to which weeks?

- a. Weeks between July 3 and August 11 b. Weeks between June 11 and July 3
c. Weeks between July 11 and August 3

5. In the United States, approximately how many long-distance summer trips are made?

- a. 230 million b. 400 million c. 650 million

6. In the summer heat, the iron in France's Eiffel Tower expands, making the tower grow more than 6 inches. Is this statement true or false?

- a. True b. false

7. What Year Was The First Beach Ball Invented?

- a. 1910 b. 1938 c. 1957

8. How many different varieties of watermelon are there?

- a. More than 300 b. More than 30 c. More than 100

9. The month of June is named after which Roman goddess?

- a. Juno b. Jina c. Jiana

10. What are the three summer signs of the Zodiac?

- a. Gemini, Cancer, Leo and Virgo b. Gemini, Cancer, Leo and Saggitarius
c. Gemini, Cancer, Leo and Scorpio

11. The word season is derived from which old French word?

- a. Seas b. Sosan c. Seson

12. Where the World Margarita Championship is held each year?

- a. Florida b. Arizona c. Atlana

13. According to hospital statistics in the U.S. what summer recreation historically claims the least number of injuries and fatalities each and every year?

- a. swimming b. beach ball c. Skinny dipping

14. The month of July was named for what historical figure?

- a. James iv b. Julius Caesar c. Justinianus Justinus

15. In the U.S. what is the most popular selling grilling meat throughout the summer?

- a. Hamburgers b. Hot dogs c. grilled chicken



Answer Key

1.C 2.A 3.B 4.A 5.C 6.A 7.B 8.A 9.A 10.A 11.C 12.B
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Mexican Corn on the Cob (Elote)



- 4 ears corn, shucked
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup grated cotija cheese
- 4 wedges lime (Optional)

Preheat an outdoor grill for medium-high heat. Grill corn on the preheated grill until hot and lightly charred all over, 7 to 10 minutes. Roll corn in melted butter, then spread evenly with mayonnaise. Sprinkle with cotija cheese and serve with a lime wedge.

Kung Pao Chicken



- 2 tablespoons cornstarch, dissolved in 2 tablespoons water
- 2 tablespoons white wine, divided
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce, divided
- 2 tablespoons sesame oil, divided
- 1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breast halves - cut into chunks
- 1 ounce hot chile paste
- 2 teaspoons brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon distilled white vinegar
- 1 (8 ounce) can water chestnuts
- 4 ounces chopped peanuts
- 4 green onions, chopped
- 1 tablespoon chopped garlic

Combine water and cornstarch in cup. Set aside. Combine 1 tablespoon wine, 1 tablespoon soy sauce, 1 tablespoon sesame oil, and 1 tablespoon cornstarch/water mixture in large glass bowl. Add chicken pieces and toss to coat. Cover dish and refrigerate for about 30 minutes. Combine remaining 1 tablespoon wine, 1 tablespoon soy sauce, 1 tablespoon sesame oil, and remaining cornstarch/water mixture in a medium bowl. Whisk in chile paste, brown sugar, and vinegar. Add water chestnuts, peanuts, green onions, and garlic and toss to coat. Transfer water chestnut mixture to a medium skillet. Heat slowly over medium heat until aromatic. Meanwhile, remove chicken from marinade. Add to a large skillet and cook over medium-high heat, stirring, until chicken is cooked through and juices run clear. Combine water chestnut mixture and sauteed chicken together in one skillet. Adjust heat and simmer together until sauce thickens.

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