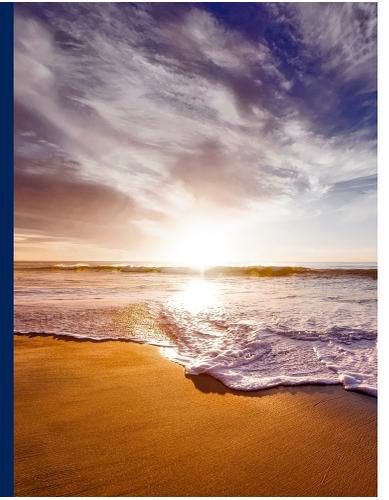




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## Holly Shelter Game Lands Fire

Fire season, which this year has followed monsoon season, is commonplace to anyone who has lived in the area for a few years or more. The Holly Shelter Game Lands, which now take up almost 68,000 acres in Pender County, was established for hunting, hiking and land preservation, and is also known for the long leaf pine tree. These fast-growing pines need fire to reproduce, which is common with several species of pine. The North Carolina Wildlife Commission maintains the property, which includes periodic controlled burns. In addition to controlled burns, mother nature likes to throw a little lightning in the mix once in a while. The current fire, known as

“Juniper Road Two Fire” began as a small ten acre burn caused by lightning on August 2nd, but soon took on a new life which has led to the 1200 plus acres that are still burning.

As of the press release on August 16th, the fire was over 50% contained with no structures currently in danger. High chances of rain in the forecast will certainly be of assistance to the crews that are now made up of NC Forest Service. When the rapid spread of the fire was first detected, local Fire and Rescue agencies from Pender and Onslow counties set up a command center at the Holly Ridge Fire and Rescue Station on Highway 17 in Holly Ridge. Within close proximity to Hwy 50, the agencies were

able to work along-side Forestry services to cut a fire road in next to the Oak Island Hunt Club. The local communities came together in force to provide drinks and food for the first responders.

The Holly Shelter game lands is no stranger to large fires. In 1986, over 80% of Holly Shelter game lands burned during a fire that totaled 73,000 acres in both Pender and Onslow Counties. The fire was so large it was visible from satellites. The cause of that fire was thought to be a burn barrel used for trash. The large fire lasted almost two weeks and it was an amazement to everyone that no home or business was lost. Ash from the fire reached as far away as Florida. In an attempt to slow

the progress, a backfire was lit to stop the spread, but instead of stopping the fire, the two fires clashed and created a thunderstorm. Witnesses on scene stated that they saw lightning coming through the smoke and felt the ground vibrate. It must have been terrifying to say the least.

Will there be another large fire someday? The consensus is yes, however next time there will be more homes and businesses that could be in the path that weren't here 36 years ago. Being fire aware is just as important as being hurricane aware. Prevention and preparation should never be ignored.

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### Juniper Road Two Fire still 1,226 acres in size, now 65% contained

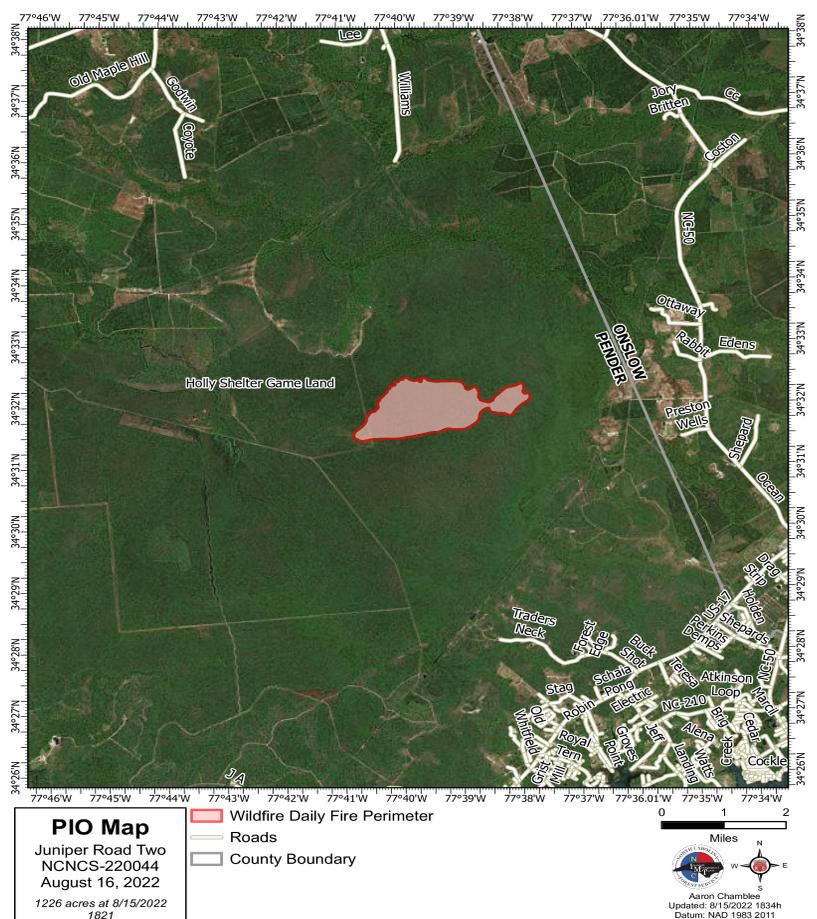
**HAMPSTEAD** – Firefighting personnel have held the Juniper Road Two Fire to 1,226 acres in size over the last several days. The wildfire within the Holly Shelter Game Land in Pender County is now 65% contained. Crews continue to closely monitor the weather as significant heat continues to linger within the fire area.

As fire containment continues to increase, certain resources assigned to the incident are beginning to demobilize. NCFS has 81 personnel assigned to the incident with an additional low ground pressure track vehicle being ordered to assist in mop up operations.

A temporary flight restriction (TFR) remains in effect for the Juniper Road Two Fire. The TFR restricts all civilian aircraft, manned and unmanned, within 5 miles of the fire. The flight restriction remains in place until aviation support is no longer needed.

For information updates, visit

[https://www.ncforestservice.gov/fire\\_control/sit\\_report.htm](https://www.ncforestservice.gov/fire_control/sit_report.htm).





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# Topsail Gun Gal

By Dorothy Royal

When did we become a society of “sensitive” people who can’t handle the idea of being “offended”?

You want my vote? Make sure you campaign on the platform that people can handle being offended without bursting into flames or turning into snowflakes. This whole premise has got to stop.

Facebook has now made a point of removing comments and declaring that they may be considered “offensive”. Well good, I like being offended. It makes me think. It makes me feel. It gives me an opportunity to have a discussion, like a normal adult. How about we just give it a try and see if the world stops spinning. I bet it won’t.

Now on a different note, on June 29th the planet did complete its spin cycle 1.59 milliseconds faster than normal. Could you detect it yourself? Of course not, unless you were gauging it with an atomic clock. Will this alter anything? Probably not, but its good to know that no matter what humans do or don’t do, Mother Earth will do her own thing. Of course, there is speculation that if everyone got on a treadmill at exactly the same time and began to run it may put things right, but there’s no scientific proof to back this up. (This is a joke, but it might be fun to try).

The ATF has come out with new guidelines for people wanting to purchase long guns that require a background check. If a customer now receives the result of a “delay” (which means more research is required) or a deny (which means you may not be

allowed to possess a firearm) they will be notify local law enforcement and request that they go to the home of the person to discuss this. I don’t know about you, but I think this is a terrible waste of time for local law enforcement, not to mention a violation of privacy. Just because a person gets a “delay” does not mean anything is wrong. If a person gets a “deny” and they knowingly tried to purchase a firearm as a felon by lying on the federal form, that is a federal felony. In either case, the person has not left the point of sale with the firearm.

If a person feels they wrongly received a “Deny” result they can file an appeal. If the appeal is successful, the person will receive a letter from ATF stating that they are allowed to purchase firearms.

The President and CEO of Smith & Wesson, Mark Smith has had enough of manufacturers being blamed for the actions of individuals. His letter is very powerful so instead of trying to summarize it, I thought I would just share it with you all.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Smith & Wesson CEO Issues Strong Statement in the Face of 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Attacks

Amid an unprecedented and unjustified attack on the firearm industry, Smith & Wesson Brands, Inc. President & CEO Mark Smith responded Monday with the following statement:

“A number of politicians and their lobbying partners in the media have recently sought to disparage Smith & Wesson. Some have had the audacity to suggest that after they have vilified, undermined and defunded law enforcement for years, supported prosecutors who refuse to hold criminals accountable for their actions, overseen the decay of our country’s mental health infrastructure, and generally promoted a culture of lawlessness, Smith & Wesson and other firearm manufacturers are somehow responsible for the crime wave that has predictably resulted from these destructive policies. But they are the ones to blame for the surge in violence and lawlessness, and they seek to avoid any responsibility for the crisis of violence they have created by attempting to shift the blame to Smith & Wesson, other firearm manufacturers and law-abiding gun owners.

It is no surprise that the cities suffering most from violent crime are the very same cities that have promoted irresponsible, soft-on-crime policies that often treat criminals as victims and victims as criminals. Many of these same cities also maintain the strictest gun laws in the nation. But rather than confront the failure of their policies, certain politicians have sought more laws restricting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens, while simultaneously continuing to undermine our institutions of law and order. And to suppress the truth, some now seek to prohibit firearm manufacturers and supporters of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment from advertising products in a manner designed to remind law-abiding citizens that they have a Constitutional right to bear arms in defense of themselves and their families.

To be clear, a Smith & Wesson firearm has never broken into a home; a Smith & Wesson firearm has never assaulted a woman out for a late-night run in the city; a Smith & Wesson firearm has never carjacked an unsuspecting driver stopped at a traffic light.

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# OMG She Wore White After Labor Day!

By Becky Borneman

Legend has it that The Rule of no white before Easter or after Labor Day began over 100 years ago by "snobby millionaires" and passed along for generations. The idea was that it distinguished those who could afford an end of summer vacation from the ones who couldn't. It was created to separate the "old money" from the "nouveau riche". Basically, showing off.

Growing up it was ingrained in me that wearing white was reserved for Easter thru Labor Day. No exceptions. It didn't matter that we sat through church on Sundays (Labor Day through Easter Saturday) in tights and velvet dresses...in Florida. Now for the record, my Mama is neither snobby nor a millionaire (unless there is a surprise once the will is read),

but it was something her mama taught her, and my grandma's mama taught her and so on. All I remember is The Rule and that velvet is itchy in the heat.

There are plenty of fashionistas over the years that have bucked this fashion rule. Coco Chanel stuck it to the 19th century mean girls by making white a staple color for her attire year round. Jackie Kennedy was even photographed several times wearing white year round. And, who doesn't love Coco & Jackie?

Being that we are fortunate enough to live where we live, close to or at the beach, we are able to get away with things easier. For example, you probably wouldn't paint your house in an inland suburb a hot pink, sunbeam yellow or periwinkle blue. But, those may be on your color wheel at the beach..same with clothing.

So go ahead... grab your white pants, white dresses, white sweaters, white tanks, even your 80's white leather (extra points for fringe!!)...but show off!

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# Sea Turtle Hospital News



**By Karen Sota**

## Turtle Moms and turtle babies share the beach

Although our turtle mamas are still technically “on the clock” with the official nesting season continuing through August it’s their babies that are moving into the spotlight. With over a hundred nests on Topsail and the pitter patter of tiny flippers it’s time for a quick review of some of the FAQs for our island visitors.

**When will a nest hatch?** By far it’s the question we’re asked the most, and no matter how many times we get it our answer is still the same: we don’t know. We’re not being maliciously obtuse, it’s the truth. We don’t know when these turtle babies will be “born” any better than you know exactly the date and time of your granddaughter’s birth. They come out whenever they’re ready.

**How long do the eggs stay in the sand?** The average incubation period is sixty days, but that’s only an average. Air and sand temperature can affect the actual incubation period with hotter sand sometimes speeding up the process. And we’ve had a darn hot summer, so some of our nests might go a bit earlier. As we move into the cooler fall temperatures (we hope they’re cooler, anyway) their time in the sand will probably be closer to the average.

**Is there any way to guess when a nest is ready?** Sort of. Obviously the first thing to look at is when the nest was laid and when those sixty days might be getting close. But it’s not like mom leaves a calendar with the date circled with her clutch. Like people, you have early risers. And once they break out of their shell, using a special adaptation referred to as

their “egg tooth” (technical name caruncle) they start jostling their neighbors out of their slumber. Pretty soon everybody is up and kicking. All of that activity underneath causes the sand on the surface to begin to sink.

**If it looks like a nest may hatch, what else can I look for?** Turtle Project volunteers will create a ramp, a smoothed area with sand “guardrails” that will hopefully guide the little critters safely in the direction of the surf. Hatchlings are so tiny that even a small footprint in the sand can trap them or delay their trip. And since they’ve been living in the dark for months any bright light can disorient them, sending them quickly off-course. They head toward the brightest object around which ideally is the moon and its reflection on the water and waves. A sure sign that a nest is close, at least according to our decades of experience, is the sight of our “nest sitters” huddled around a nest from dusk until the wee hours of the morning – hoping.

**What happens during a hatch?** It’s a group effort, a real family affair, at least for the turtles. They work together to battle through the broken shells and the constant flipper-in-the-face to make their way towards the surface. It’s dig and rest, dig and rest. As they near the top the group comes to a stop and waits just below the surface. Millions of years of existence as a species have told them that predatory attack is less likely at night, so they’re waiting for the sun to set and the sand temperature at the surface to cool down. At that point they emerge in mass in what we call a “boil.” If all goes well, they locate the horizon and make a mad dash for the surf.

**Why are the Turtle Project volunteers there?** From the 1970’s Karen Beasley and her mother, Jean, recognized the increasing

stressors of coastal development and the natural affinity we all have for the sea and the impact on sea turtles. Our volunteers are there to minimize any adverse effects we humans may have on this critical step in the continuation of the species. These are federally protected and critically endangered animals, and when our “nest sitters” are on-the-job they are the final word on protocol. They are there for crowd control and for education and there are specific rules to follow if you are fortunate enough to see a nest hatch.

Sit quietly, away from the nest and ramp area. It may or may not boil, and if it does it may be hours before you see the first flipper. If you become impatient, please step away.

Do not use flash photography or use your phone as a “flashlight.” Do not use any flashlight unless you have a special red filter. Ideally you should turn your phone off and pay attention to the miracle you’re about to see.

Keep children and yourself away from the nesting area. Do not wander near or in front of the ramp. Do not bring your pets with you.

Do not chase after or touch the hatchlings. Our volunteers are on-hand to redirect any hatchlings who stray off course.

You may ask any questions of our volunteers but please do so respectfully. They operate under federal regulations and what they say goes. This is not a venue for a political or philosophical debate.

**I missed the hatch – am I out of luck?** Not necessarily. If you’re going to be around for a while you can come to the nest analysis which is done during daylight hours, three days after the hatch. Volunteers will carefully excavate the nest and document their

findings. And the “findings” will often include a few late risers who didn’t hear the alarm go off. Data collected will include the total number of eggs (including unhatched,) the number of live hatches and any other things of note. If you missed the boil this is the next best thing and worth your time. Our volunteers are a bit more relaxed; you can still ask them any

questions you may have.

What do I do if I find a hatchling on the beach? Carefully pick it up and put it in a small container with some sand and a very small amount of water - barely cover the flippers. With this extreme heat it’s important that the little critter not bake in the sun for hours. Then 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 one of our area coordinators will meet you to retrieve the hatchling and refer it to us for follow-up.

**Anything else?** Some obvious things: turn off any bright outdoor lights that would send hatchlings in the wrong direction; pick up all beach paraphernalia (chairs, toys, towels) and take it with you when you leave and fill in any holes you dig. Please do not call the hospital to ask about any specific nest – we don’t have the data in front of us and are unable to answer that question. Even with all the coverage by our Topsail Turtle Project volunteers it’s possible to miss nesting or hatching signs for a variety of reasons. That’s why we ask you to be our extra eyes and to report any turtle activity to our Director of Beach Operations, Terry Meyer at:

910-470-2880. And we continue to admit many turtles with various injuries or illnesses. Please be on the lookout for any turtle in distress, injured (or dead) and call Terry or our hospital for a quick response. The State of NC hotline for stranded, sick and injured turtles at: 252-241-7367. The state number picks up 24/7. Remember that interfering or harassing federally protected sea turtles in any way makes you subject to steep fines and possible imprisonment. Our work with sea turtles, at the hospital and on the beach, is authorized by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, ES Permit 22ST05.

Hospital tours through the month of August are on the following schedule: Monday – Friday, 11 AM – 3 PM. Closed on weekends. Please remember that admittance to our hospital is only through pre-paid on-line reservations for a specific date and time. Visit our website: [www.seaturtlehospital.org](http://www.seaturtlehospital.org) for more information and to make your reservations. Check the website for our tour schedule in September.



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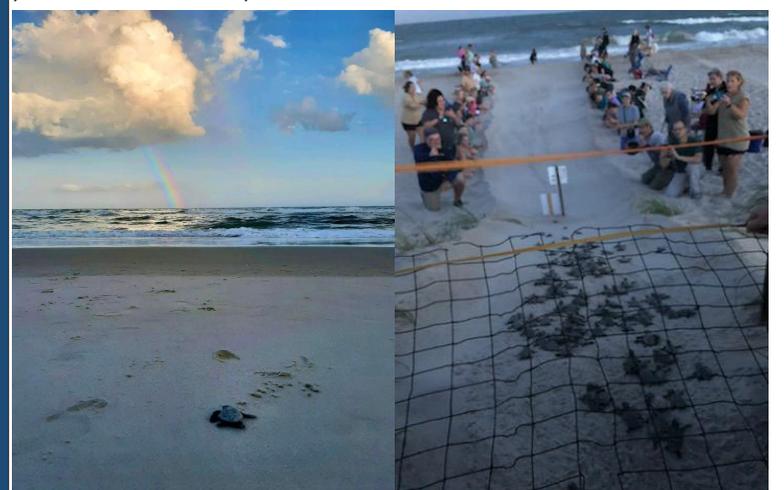
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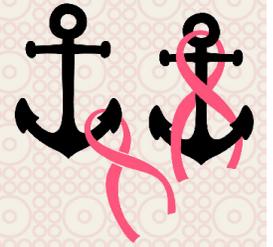
Successful hatch in front of an awestruck crowd

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# REEL HOUSEWIVES OF TOPSAIL ISLAND

## SAT, OCT 1, 2022



Surf City Soundside Park | Event begins 8am

The Reel Housewives of Topsail Island annual bike ride will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2022: it will start and finish at the Surf City Soundside Park: the event begins at 8:00AM... this will include opening ceremony and you can also register during this time if you have not already done so. The actual bike ride will begin at 9:00am. We will leave from the park and head North.



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The After Party (starts around 1:00pm)

REFRESHING WAVES

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# OCPAW: Pet Disaster Awareness

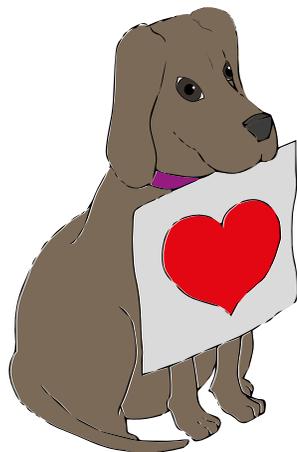
**By Dotty Ann Harding**

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

It is the time of the year when there is a heightened awareness of storms that could affect our coastline. Our newsfeed is sometimes overwhelmingly filled with information about current upcoming storms and radar maps. Since we never know when these storms will come our way, and we suddenly have to pack up and leave, we should always be prepared to do so.

At one time, there was a storm headed our way, and I made the decision to stay at my home. I was not directly in the storm's path, and it was rated a category 1. However, in the next few days, I saw the storm strengthening, and the weather forecasters had several course directions for its path. Finally, the storm chose a direction heading directly toward our area, and our location became the bull's eye on everything tracking the storm. Now, a category 4, I called some friends to see if they were still staying, and their answer was a resounding no.

So now, I rushed to pack my pets and supplies and headed out in the late afternoon for a 10-hour trip north. We arrived safely at our destination, but there was destruction here at home that took years to repair. I never want to experience that again myself, so I thought I would just send out a reminder note to prepare early and have a plan in place. I know I will!!!!



## PET DISASTER KIT CHECKLIST

### DOCUMENTS

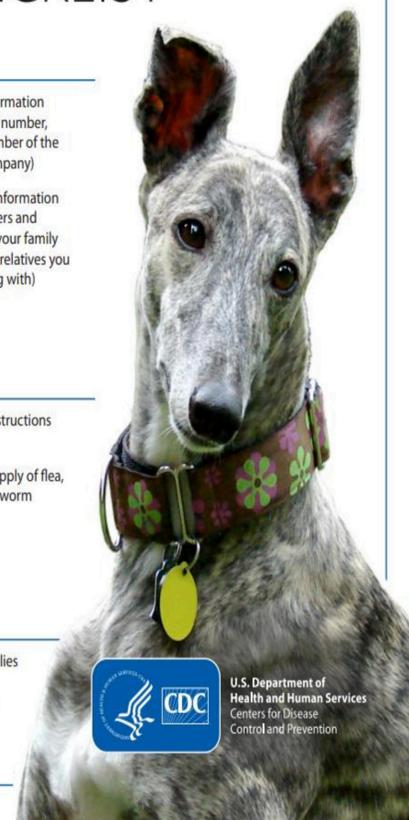
- Photocopied veterinary records
  - Rabies certificate
  - Vaccinations
  - Medical summary
  - Prescriptions for medications
  - Most recent heartworm test result (dogs)
- Photocopied registration information (ex: proof of ownership or adoption records)
- Pet description(s) (ex: breed, sex, color, weight)
- Recent photographs for each of your pets
- Waterproof container for documents
- Microchip information (ex: microchip number, name and number of the microchip company)
- Your contact information (phone numbers and addresses for your family and friends or relatives you may be staying with)

### WATER, FOOD, MEDICATIONS

- 2-week supply of food for each animal stored in waterproof containers
- 2-week supply of water for each animal
- Non-spill food and water dishes
- Manual can opener
- Feeding instructions for each animal
- 2-week supply of any medications (if applicable)
- Medication instructions (if applicable)
- One month supply of flea, tick, and heartworm preventative

### OTHER SUPPLIES

- Leash, collar with ID, and harness
- Toys
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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

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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

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**Perch**

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# The Marian Way

**By Marian Taylor**

While the outside temperatures were reaching unbearable hot and sticky degrees, I decided to stay cool indoors and tackle an area of my home that often becomes neglected. The hall coat closet can be a hidden dumping ground, where belongings get shoved in and out of sight. The coat closet typically stores coats, hats, umbrellas, outerwear, and accessories. It may also store other items like the American flag, yoga mats, games, a vacuum cleaner, tablecloths and more. If you no longer can see the closet floor or items fall out of the closet when you open it, chances are your coat closet could use a little tidying up as well.

### Steps to Maximize Storage and Beautify Your Coat Closet...The Marian Way!

1. Gather a trash can, bags for donation and a laundry basket for dirty items. Grab the vacuum and a bucket of cleaning solution.

2. Remove everything from the closet. Take out all coats, gloves, hats, scarves, shoes, and miscellaneous items.

3. Vacuum the entire closet including the shelves and corners to remove any

cobwebs. Give the front and back of the doors a good wipe down as well as the door track if it is a sliding door. Wipe the shelves, trim, clothes bar, and walls if necessary.

4. Sort and decide what goes back in and what gets tossed or donated. Toss unmatched gloves, frayed accessories, worn shoes, trash, broken, bent, or excess hangers (leave a few for guests). Be sure to check coat pockets. You might find tissues, cough drops, money, theatre tickets, receipts or that one thing that you've been missing! Coats are best stored by length, longest to shortest, with the longest coats to one far side, and shorter coats and jackets towards the middle.

**Donate:** Items that are no longer worn or wanted but in good condition. Launder if needed.

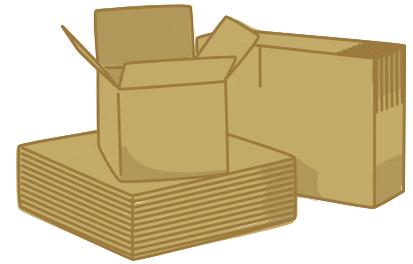
**Keep:** Items that are in good condition and that are still worn. Launder or dry clean the items that are soiled and have an odor and put back the rest. Fix any loose buttons.

5. Move items that don't belong in the coat closet to their original storage area.

Maximize the closet space, while also making the interior of the closet neat

and beautiful. Utilize the inside of the door by hanging hooks for hats, and a curtain rod for scarves. Use baskets on the shelf for accessories, gloves, and games. If you keep shoes in your coat closet, then a sturdy shelf or shelves are a must. Keep only in-season items and a few items for each family member in the coat closet, so that you will have some extra space for your guest coats. Add a battery operated light bar to illuminate the closet interior so that you can find

what you are looking for and save time getting dressed.



*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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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.
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### Easy Baked Chicken, Rice, and Broccoli Casserole



- cooking spray
- 1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breast, diced
- 1 (10 ounce) can condensed cream of chicken soup
- 1 (10 ounce) package frozen chopped broccoli
- 1 cup uncooked white rice
- 3/4 cup water
- 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese, or to taste

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Spray a 9x13-inch baking pan with cooking spray. Combine chicken, soup, broccoli, rice, and water in a bowl; mix thoroughly. Transfer mixture to the prepared baking pan and cover with foil. Bake in the preheated oven for 30 minutes. Uncover, stir, top with Cheddar cheese, and cover again. Continue to bake until chicken is no longer pink in the center, rice is tender, and cheese is melted and bubbly, about 10 minutes more.

### Apple-Blueberry Cobbler



**Filling:**

- 4 Gala apples - peeled, cored, and cut into 1/16-inch slices
- 2 cups frozen wild blueberries
- 1/3 cup maple syrup
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 lemon, juiced
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

**Topping:**

- 1/2 cup maple syrup
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter, melted
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1-1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 cup hard apple cider

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a 10-inch cast iron skillet. Mix apples, blueberries, maple syrup, cornstarch, lemon juice, cinnamon, kosher salt, and nutmeg together in a large bowl. Toss to thoroughly combine. Pour into the prepared skillet. Stir maple syrup, melted butter, and vanilla extract together in a large bowl. Add flour, baking powder, baking soda, and kosher salt; stir until crumbly. Pour in cider and stir until just combined. Place dollops of batter over apple-berry mixture. Bake in the preheated oven until biscuit topping is cooked through and fruit is bubbly, about 45 minutes.

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