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# Topsail Gun Gal: Oh, Canada

By Dorothy Royal

The Canadian Prime Minister recently enacted a total handgun “freeze” in his country, our northern neighbor. During this “freeze” handguns can no longer be sold, purchased or traded in Canada. No new handguns can be brought into the country either. The only exceptions are for law enforcement, gunsmiths and competitive shooters.

How does Canada differ from the United States? One main difference is children under the age of 12 who need to hunt to eat can possess firearms as long as they have permission from their elders. Sorry kids, no McDonalds here.

Two years ago Canada banned the sale and use of 1,500 models of firearms they called “assault weapons”. That’s a crazy long list.

With Canadians owning a little over 12 million firearms, that works out to be about 30 firearms per 100 residents with a population of about 36 million people. With almost 4 million square miles of country, I wonder who had to go door to door to collect those prohibited weapons. Watch out for bigfoot!

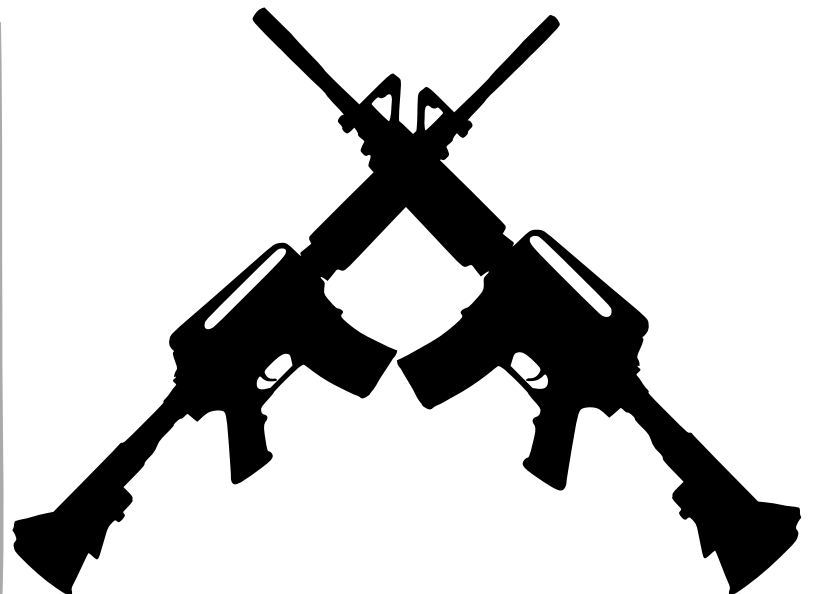
The United States has ten times the population with over 334 million people (that is more than twice the population of Russia or Mexico). Unlike Canada, the United States has more firearms than people with approximately 115 firearms per 100 people. Based on that data, if firearms were really the problem, there would be no people left! The number of firearms per person is the highest rate of any country in the world. That might be a deterrent to anyone wanting to invade, don’t you think?

Some fun firearm facts:

- Less than 10 million firearms are manufactured in the United States every year.
- A little less than 40 million background checks were conducted by the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) last year
- The United States firearm manufacturers only export about 300,000 firearms per year
- Approximately 4 people out of 100,000 are killed by firearms each year. Almost 50% of all American homes have at least one firearm.
- In 2021 six firearms were sold per 100 people.
- It is estimated that 3 million first-time buyers purchased a firearm during January to June of 2021.

- One of the primary reasons given by first-time buyers was self-defense.
- 24% of first-time buyers were women.
- Sig Sauer’s model P365 9mm handgun was one of the top 3 firearms sold last year. This firearm is compact and holds up to 10, 12 or 15 rounds based on magazine and model.
- Taurus G2 and Taurus G3 handguns were on the top ten list. Less expensive than the competition, these firearms hold 12 or 15 rounds, depending on the model. The G2 is compact, the G3 is full size.

Remember knowledge is power, the Right to Bear Arms is in our Constitution, and knowing the truth about things may help ease fear and confusion.



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## There's Nothing Like Being Together For The Holidays

By Becky Borneman

While the rest of the country had the feel good Folgers Holiday Commercials, Florida had the Publix commercials. Publix debuted a Thanksgiving commercial that left everyone feeling the holiday spirit. Cute Pilgrim salt and pepper shakers come to life amid the Thanksgiving table and what plays out is adorable. This commercial ran every year and as soon as you saw it you knew the holidays were near.

It's funny what sticks with you growing up. Believe it or not Publix played a big part in my childhood. Publix wasn't just a grocery store. When I was little, Publix had groceries of course, but it also had a bank inside. You could go there to cash your paycheck. It had a huge bakery where all the baked goods were behind

glass and eye level to kids. We would walk next to the buggy while our parents shopped and look at all the colorful cupcakes, cakes, doughnuts and eclairs you could imagine. And in the back was a vast meat department too. The clerks would have the windows slid back so they could help customers pick the meat they desired.

Even the employees seemed to stay the same. If Ms Renee was working we would beg my mom to get in her line no matter how long it was. And she would always ask us about school and other things we were doing. She had the curliest, prettiest hair. And there was Ms Carolyn who had the best smile and the most infectious laugh. And no matter how long the line was to either of these ladies checkout lane, my mom would wait because we loved them. I remember

being a little daring in the parking lot on one visit, and on the way in I was running and fell down and skinned my knee. It was bleeding but shopping had to be done. Mr Mike in the meat department saw me, came out and bandaged up my knee for me while I sat in the buggy. Every holiday required several visits to Publix. At Easter, they would bring in the Easter Bunny and we could get our picture taken with him, same with Santa Claus at Christmas. And we did just that. When Publix opened in Surf City, I was so excited. It was like a little piece of home was coming to NC. I was shopping yesterday and remembered the little Pilgrim salt and pepper shakers from the commercial. Publix actually carried them and would sell out of them so fast, everyone wanted a set. I still have mine and they come out every year, even if

just for décor.

Do yourself a favor, google Publix Pilgrim Commercial and watch it. It makes you feel good and brings you back to the way Thanksgiving should be...together. And if you have any of those cute Pilgrim salt and pepper shakers, bring them out and enjoy them!



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# Sea Turtle Hospital News



By Karen Sota

It's been busy at our hospital since our public tours temporarily ended in October. Patients in various stages of rehabilitation were all relocated to our Sick Bay area and although it's a bit crowded it's only for a few more weeks. The renovations on Sea Turtle Bay have been completed and it's looking marvelous, better than new actually. The biggest changes that our visitors will notice is new lighting, better to show off those beautiful carapaces on our turtles, and a completely redone sand-colored floor. We've begun moving back all the tanks – more changes. Lennie will occupy the coveted corner spot where you'll see her from different angles. And our big lady Snooki is moving to the railing right inside the door to Sea Turtle Bay. All of you who wanted Snooki pictures will now have your chance to see her up close. But be warned – she likes to draw attention to herself by splashing water with those ginormous flippers.

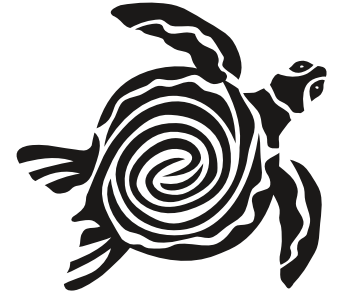
Speaking of Snooki, that move to her temporary home in the therapy pool went surprisingly well with everybody on site that day, about twenty of us, making it happen. The biggest factor in its success was that Snooki cooperated totally. After several minutes scoping out her new surroundings, learning new boundaries and being comforted by "her

people" she settled down for a nap. Weeks later she has clearly laid claim to the pool as her own and now we're wondering if she's going to leave it without a fuss. She enjoys the activity in Sick Bay, peeking over the rim to watch the volunteers tend to her roommates. And when she's not supervising the staff, she spends time under the waterfall created especially for her by our water guru, Tina. Snooki's move back into Sea Turtle Bay is on hold while her tank is being refurbished. Hopefully being up close and personal with her adoring public will make her and our visitors happy.

We're opening to the public soon on a contracted tour schedule. Dates: November 25 and 26 and December 4, 8, 14 and 17. Check our website [www.seaturtlehospital.org](http://www.seaturtlehospital.org) for times as they vary. And we still require ticket purchases in advance on our site. Our gift shop is stocked with all kinds of merchandise for turtle lovers, and of course you can adopt one of our patients for those impossible-to-buy-for relatives and friends. You can shop during those days without taking the tour.

Although our island is relatively quiet these days turtles are still around and in need of your help. We recently admitted a juvenile loggerhead that required surgery after an unfortunate encounter with fishing gear. We rely increasingly on our locals, anglers and boaters to notify

us about any turtle in distress. If you see a turtle that's been injured or stranded 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 send trained volunteers to retrieve the turtle. The State of NC hotline for stranded, sick and injured turtles is 252-241-7367. The state number picks up 24/7. All conservation work for endangered sea turtles at KBSTRRC and on Topsail Island is authorized by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, ES Permit 22ST05.



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# Holly Ridge Fiasco Update

During the November 8th Holly Ridge Town Meeting, public comment focused on the events of the previous town meeting.

Dorothy Royal spoke about the disregard for public comment that led to the visible frustration of those in attendance after the vote on October 11th. All of the people that spoke during that session suggested the item be tabled for more information and that a vote should not be rushed. She stated that the public's concern had clearly been ignored. Mrs. Royal stated that people felt disrespected and that people who take time out of their busy schedule to come and speak at the town meetings do so since they care about Holly Ridge and the decisions the council makes that affects them.

Mr. Tim McKinley spoke in regards to his concern about the firing range at the VFW. Mr. McKinley was concerned that the firing range would be impacted by the town council's previous vote requiring firing ranges to be 100 acres or more.

He also asked why the council voted to give a person a monopoly regarding firing ranges. He stated that he agreed with Mrs. Royal's comments regarding the council ignoring public comments. Councilman Greg Hines asked for clarification before assuring Mr. McKinley that the VFW range would not be affected by the previous text amendment change.

Under Old Business was a Proposed Text Amendment change regarding the outdoor firing range section 7-4-12. The proposed text would revise the previously approved "firing ranges would require 100 acres or more and would no longer require a special use permit" to add that firing ranges under 100 acres would be allowed and would require a Special Use Permit. Councilwoman Pam Hall wanted it stated on the record that she was opposed to removing the Special Use Permit requirement, regardless of size of property.

The text amendment change will be open for public comment at the next meeting on December 13th, 2022.

Under New Business there was a call for a public hearing on the Voluntary Satellite Annexation request from Penslow, LLC of Parcel Number 051883 located on Preston Wells Road. The property is 105.14 acres and was the focus of the meeting regarding the text amendment change for firing ranges.

No owner or representative of the property was present at the meeting. Councilwoman Pam Hall and Councilman Greg Hines brought up the discrepancy on the application as being signed by Christopher Buffalino and not Mr. Wooten, who had been present at the previous meeting. It was mentioned that Mr. Buffalino was an owner of the Penslow, LLC but there was no documentation to reflect that. Regardless of the discrepancy, a vote was taken to move the process to Public Comment at the December 13th Town Meeting.

During public comment at the end of the session, Mrs. Royal commented that Penslow, LLC was the applicant on the annexation, not Mr. Buffalino, and that

after a search of the LLC she could not find Mr. Buffalino's name on the newly formed LLC and therefore the application should not be accepted and the owners should be asked to properly fill out the application.

North Carolina state law G.S.160A-58 requires ALL OWNERS must sign a petition for Voluntary Satellite Annexation. The application must also include the names, addresses and signatures of all owners, which was not included on the application.

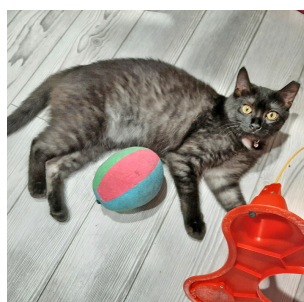
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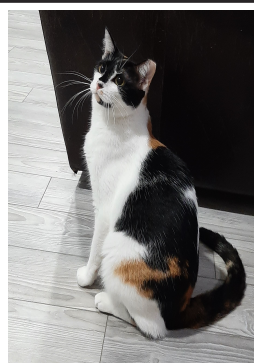
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### Preppie

I was living under a prep school and was too scared to come out much. Finally, I was rescued by FURR and have been meowing with joy ever since. I am the sweetest little 9-month-old girl

with very unique soft fur. I am black with a silver undercoat! I love being with people and I never knew it could be so great to be loved, fed regularly and safe. You will fall in love with me at the first meeting. I'm fully vetted, spayed, microchipped and ready to go.



### Shrimp

Aren't calico cats colorful! I think so because I am one! Look at my silky soft fur with multiple colors! I was a rescued kitty from Hampstead, along with a LOT of my brothers & sisters. We were born outside in a really tough situation and FURR saved us! I am a very quiet and small kitty.

I would LOVE for someone to pet and rub me all day! I love treats too (kitty cookies) and I will come running at the shake of that box! I am fully vetted and MORE than ready to go! Please come meet me soon!



### 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!



### Battlet Kittens

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with all of our vet work and would love to meet you! Our mama is a rescue that was saved by FURR and was about to POP with us babies! She is sweet & beautiful also and her name is "MAMA BATTLET"! You won't find kittens more adorable than us! Better hurry! One of us has already been adopted!!!

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# Grateful Thanksgiving

By Jessica Blackburn

It was July 4, 2018, and most of the family had gathered at my brother's house. I can still hear my mom say, "We need to plan for the October birthday party." She always enjoyed family time, and she had a huge smile on her face, but that smile slowly faded as one by one she heard excuses on why they couldn't gather and some just remained quiet. You could hear the disappointment in her voice when she quietly said, "We may not be around to celebrate together again".

My mom unexpectedly went to be with the Lord on September 18, 2018. We did not gather to celebrate the birthdays, but we did gather to celebrate my mom.

My mom loved celebrating all holidays. Easter, 4th of July, Birthdays, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Mom enjoyed it when the whole family could be together. As her grandchildren grew and had families of their own, the celebrations became fewer. I know it bothered my mom, but she understood

that other families were now involved and so the grandchildren needed to spend it with them as well.

Let me walk you through Thanksgiving Day at my parents' house. As you walk into the house you can smell a wonderful array of flavors filling the room. mixture of Turkey, ham... and oh is that sweet potatoes I smell? Mmmm. You can see Turkey and ham in the oven, (mom was a vegetarian, but she took care of us meat lovers) Corn, green beans on the stove, potatoes getting mashed, dressing off to the side, and gravy being poured into a bowl. Oh, and let's not forget the deserts, man, could my mom make some amazing desserts. Pumpkin pie, apple pie and pecan pie. I am getting hungry just thinking about them.

If I am the first one to enter, I see mom at the stove working away and dad clearing off the table. As soon as they hear me come in, they stop what they are doing and come and give me a hug. If I am not the first one, I open the door to laughter and I am greeted with several hugs. My mom was a quilter so she would set out all the fall quilts she had made.

A runner and placemats for the table. Fall quilts over the coach and other furniture. She also collected tea sets, so she would pull out a few teapots with their matching creamer and sugar containers and display them around the living room.

I am grateful for the time I had with my mom. Especially considering I was a rebellious youth. I am grateful that as I grew and matured, I realized how much my parents loved me and I tried to return that love by spending time with them and calling them. My mom and I talked daily over the phone, and I would surprise them with unannounced visits. Of course, this was easier to do when I moved closer to them. I used to live several states away from them.

Thanksgiving isn't the same without mom there. Past few thanksgivings those who could attend would bring food. We would have good conversations and enjoy time with dad. Mom loved to cook and loved to share that gift with others. I will forever be grateful for the thanksgivings with mom and the wonderful memories that were made.

I will continue to make memories with my dad and be grateful for this time I have with him and family.

This coming Thanksgiving, enjoy the time with family and never take it for granted, because someday, unexpectedly, it will be like my mom said, "we may not be around to celebrate together again".



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# Coastal Common Sense

By Kim McGahey

There is a civil war in progress across North Carolina and America. No gun shots have been fired, yet, but there have certainly been endless daily volleys launched from the Left and the Right raining down their verbal powder on unsuspecting citizens on the ground.

It's not a war for physical territory; it's a war for the hearts and minds of the voters. The ammo is the media newscasts and the goal is control of our government for the next generation and beyond.

We have always had this battle raging between conservatives and liberals, even from the very beginning of our Republic when John Adams and Thomas Jefferson wrestled with federalism versus aristocratic nationalism or when Alexander Hamilton called for more national control of the banking system over the states.

The battles persisted from 1776 up to the current ideological conflict of 2022. The difference now is that the winner of

today's battle of the titans will control our government, our culture and our freedoms into the foreseeable future.

The Keynesian model of central planning is warring against the small government model of Friedrich Hayek. One group of thinkers is convinced that a relatively small set of elite statisticians can make better decisions about how we run our daily lives. The other group of thinkers subscribes to a laissez-faire philosophy that believes we as individuals can adequately govern ourselves on a daily basis.

The two groups are diametrically opposed to one another. Simply put, it is socialists versus capitalists with the former advocating command and control, and the latter seeking individual prosperity.

This is the battleground that is on fire in our nation and locally in North Carolina. Our town councils, county commissioners and school boards are moving toward big government central planning advocates who seek to exert control over us in the areas of personal property ownership rights, public

education directives and individual versus collective health care decisions.

The battle lines are drawn, the propaganda machines are firing incessant rounds and the only way to decide the winners is at the ballot box in every election from school board up to president.

But for now, after this election cycle, let us take a cease fire while we contemplate the goodness,

the generosity and the liberty of the most benevolent society in human history. Let us consider the Christian foundation of our great republic in the approaching Thanksgiving holiday.

Let us all be brothers and sisters in this annual celebration of our humble beginnings. Let us pray for our enemies, seek peace with our neighbors and break bread with our family loved ones.

Happy Thanksgiving!



## Night in Bethlehem Returns to Hampstead

By Mike Johnson

When you travel through Hampstead on Highway 17, you can almost feel yourself moving towards a busier and faster future. You can't help it. The frantic pace is palpable and it's hard to pull yourself out of that rushing current of progress as you maneuver through traffic.

While busy roads and development propel us forward, there is a way to slow down and go back to a quieter time this holiday season.

Hampstead United Methodist Church's upcoming special event, A Night in Bethlehem, allows visitors one night of time travel. On Saturday, December 10th from 6-9 PM, the church grounds will be transformed into a Bethlehem street scene with stalls showcasing various period activities and establishments, including a Welcome Tent, Scribe Shop, Leather Shop, Pottery Shop, Food Tasting tent, and King Herod's Tent, which will be a new addition this year. Converse with Jews and Romans in full historical costume as you meander through the shops and let yourself imagine what life was like over two thousand years ago. The showcase will culminate in a full living nativity scene, complete with all

the storied witnesses to the birth of Jesus.

The church hosted the event for many years, but HUMC's Night in Bethlehem was last held in 2017, taking a long hiatus due to extensive Hurricane Florence damage to the church and followed by the COVID pandemic.

This event is free and open to the entire community. Please dress appropriately as activities will be held outdoors.

In case of inclement weather, the rain date is Sunday, December 11th from 6-9 PM.

Visit HUMC's Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/HampsteadUMC/>

for updates and other programs taking place.





# In A Moment, My Life Changed...The Story Of Brindle

**By Dotty Ann Harding**

*President & CEO of Onslow County  
Partners for Animal Welfare*

I wish I could have told you my name, but it has been so very long since someone called me to them that now I have forgotten.

No one thought so much for me as to buy me a collar or walk beside them on a leash. So I was, abandoned, unwanted, and left to suffer the weather without shelter, warmth, love, or food. For being barely over twelve months old, I rarely felt the human touch of love, a whole bowl of food, or a place I could call home with those who loved me.

An unmonitored metal trap left out for animals to happen upon is genuinely an act of cruelty. I was running with my brother and mother in the woods of Jacksonville when the cold hard snap of the trap crushed my foot, and the prongs cut deep into my bones. Screaming and crying out with no one to hear or help, I was left to whimper in pain for days, dragging the trap with me, exposed to the cold wind and rain without protection.

I somehow found my way into Susan's yard, where her brother-in-law could remove the trap, but my foot was seriously infected after five days had lapsed without treatment. Susan, desperate to find help, called several places, but no support, only referrals to call someone else.

She finally sat in her car outside the Onslow Shelter, crying and knowing this would be the only humane option since no other help was available. She then called OCPAW (Onslow County Partners for Animal Welfare), who contacted the office manager of Onslow Animal Hospital on Doris Ave. She asked Dr. Sheegog if he could help us. They then told Susan to bring Brindle in; by 3 pm, she was in surgery on a Friday afternoon. Again, this Jacksonville veterinarian and staff gave tremendous compassion and assistance to a complex and emotional situation.

However, a week later, Brindle passed away on the operating table during her second surgery when attempts to resuscitate her failed. There were many tears shed for this sweet pup whose life was cut short, but we were grateful to be able to help her with comfort, love, and pain relief during her short time with us.

Two hours after her death, I received a call from a woman in Wilmington who heard Brindle's story and wanted to adopt her. Everyone in contact with Brindle commented on what a sweet, gentle dog she was. So Brindle briefly found her loving home, but perhaps her tragic death will increase awareness of responsible dog ownership and the needed care to provide our companion

animals with health and safety.

**So what contributed to Brindle's death?**

- No collar or microchip to contact the owner.
- Permitted to roam free without restraint or supervision.
- Someone decided to take measures into their own hands by setting an unlawful, unmonitored, unidentified trap on public lands. Who was the trap intended for? We live in an area filled with various wildlife that we can cohabitate with if we remain mindful and understand some of the species surrounding us and the various laws protecting them.

**Brindle was, unfortunately, the one who stepped on the trap, but it could have also been a child running through that field.**

Thank you, Susan, for being her foster mom, who still has Brindle's footprints on her heart. Dr. Sheegog of Onslow Animal Hospital in Jacksonville and supporters of OCPAW (Onslow County Partners for Animal Welfare) If you are concerned about coyotes on or near your property, contact a Wildlife Damage Control Agent.

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**Several Coyote Sightings in our Neighborhood**

**Notice from our local HOA**

Please follow the guidelines below from the NC Wildlife Resources Commission to help keep our community safe.

- **Secure garbage** in containers with tight-fitting lids and take them out in the morning of pick up, not the night before. Coyotes and other wildlife will scavenge trash when it is available to them.

- **Don't feed or try to pet coyotes.** Feeding a coyote rewards that animal for coming in close proximity to people. Once a coyote becomes habituated, it loses its natural wariness of people and may become bold or aggressive.

- **Protect your pets** by keeping them inside, leashed or inside a fenced area.

- **Install coyote-proof fencing** around your home to protect unsupervised pets. Fencing should be at least 6 feet tall and provide a full barrier along the ground that prevents animals from digging under.

- **Feed pets indoors** or remove uneaten food and bowls when your pet is finished eating. Coyotes and other wildlife are attracted to pet food left outdoors.

- **Keep bird-feeder areas clean.** Use bird feeders that keep seeds off the ground. Coyotes are attracted to the

small animals that congregate to eat seed and will sometimes eat the bird seed directly. If coyotes are frequently seen in the area, remove all feeders.

- **Close off crawl spaces under sheds and porches.** Coyotes and other wildlife may use these spaces for resting and raising young.

- **Cut back brushy edges** in your yard, which provide cover for coyotes.

- **Don't be intimidated by a coyote.** Maintain the natural wariness of people by throwing a small object, such as a tennis ball, toward it, making loud noises, or spraying it with a water hose. Let coyotes know they are unwelcome near your home.

- **Clear fallen fruit** from around fruit trees. Coyotes are omnivorous and

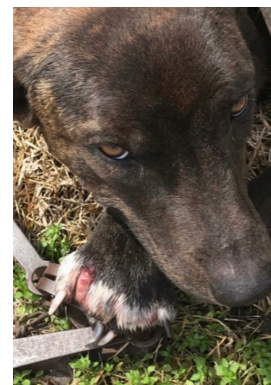
regularly consume fruit as part of their diet.

- **Work with your neighbors to co-exist with coyotes together.** Your efforts to prevent coyote conflicts will be less effective if neighbors still provide coyotes with food and shelter.

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# Get Your House Holiday-Ready, Now...The Marian Way

By Marian Taylor

The holidays are the most magical time of the year! And the most hectic, and stressful. The time between Thanksgiving and New Year's goes so fast and will be over quickly.

It's the perfect time to remove the excess by focusing on spaces where you will entertain. If you spend just 15 minutes a day on these 10 areas, you can tidy up and reduce the excess before Thanksgiving.

**1. Dining room or kitchen table:** This flat surface can easily become a dumping area for excess clutter. Clear off and put away everything from the table that doesn't belong. Clean and polish the table and chairs. Add a tablecloth or placemats and a beautiful centerpiece.

**2. Tablecloths, table runners, linen napkins and doilies:** Wash, dry clean and press table linens. Keep the table linens that are in good condition, and you will

use them. Toss stained, frayed and any that look tired. Short on storage space? Store holiday linens with the holiday decorations. Store cloth napkins in the kitchen so that you can use them daily. Not only will it save you money, but it is good for the environment.

**3. Fine china, Silverware, and glassware:** Wash and inspect dishes, and glassware for chips and wear. Polish silverware or clean if needed. Replace or add any pieces to finish your set for the number of guests that you will entertain.

**4. Serving dishes, accessories and platters:** Reduce the excess that you don't use and won't need including any pieces that are chipped.

**5. Baking sheets, tins, and pans:** Eliminate any pans that you don't use, non-stick pans that are scratched and worn, pans without lids or loose handles.

**6. Kitchen Gadgets and Utensils:** Reduce broken, duplicates, and items that you no longer need and use. Donate

any items that are in usable condition.

**7. Spices, baking ingredients, canned goods, coats, food.** Toss all expired and donate any that are current and unwanted items.

**8. Coat closet:** Clear the coat closet of any unwanted coats, scarves, boots, gloves, and items that don't belong that take up space that you will need for your guests. Be sure to add empty hangers for your quest.

**9. Bathroom counters, under counter and closet:** Tidy, clean, disinfect, and clear excess from the bathroom that your guest will use. Add clean fresh towels, empty the trash can, and fill the soap dispenser.

**10. Entry, and hallway:** This is the area your guest will see first and will make the most impact. Be sure to clean woodwork, flooring, remove dust, fingerprints, and cobwebs.



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. Send questions or comments to: [Marian@TheMarianWay.com](mailto:Marian@TheMarianWay.com)

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# Simply Homemade Recipes

## Awesome Broccoli-Cheese Casserole



- 1 (10.5 ounce) can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 3 (10 ounce) packages frozen chopped broccoli
- 8 ounces shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 dash paprika

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Butter a 9x13-inch baking dish. Whisk condensed soup, mayonnaise, egg, and onions together in a medium mixing bowl until combined. Place frozen broccoli into a very large mixing bowl and break it up if necessary; add soup mixture and mix well to coat. Sprinkle with cheese and mix well; spread mixture into the prepared baking dish. Season with salt, pepper, and paprika. Bake in the preheated oven for 45 minutes to 1 hour.



## A Simply Perfect Roast Turkey

- 1 (18 pound) whole turkey
- 8 cups prepared stuffing
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
- salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1-1/2 quarts turkey stock, divided



Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Place a rack in the lowest position of the oven. Remove turkey neck and giblets. Rinse turkey and pat dry with paper towels. Place turkey, breast-side up, on a rack in a roasting pan. Loosely fill turkey cavity with stuffing. Rub skin with butter, then season with salt and pepper. Pour 2 cups of turkey stock into the roasting pan. Loosely tent turkey with aluminum foil. Roast turkey for 2 1/2 hours, basting with pan juices every 30 minutes. When drippings evaporate, add remaining stock to the pan, 1 to 2 cups at a time. Remove foil and continue roasting until a meat thermometer inserted in thickest part of thigh reads 165 degrees F (75 degrees C), about 1 1/2 hours more. Transfer turkey to a large serving platter. Let stand for 20 to 30 minutes before carving.

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