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Murder in Hampstead Rocks Community

In the early afternoon of Thursday, February 17th, 2 local men were violently murdered in Hampstead, North Carolina. Cody Cameron Coffield, a 30 year old male originally from Akron, Ohio allegedly went looking for Mr. Ricky Bullard and unfortunately, found him along with Roy Batson. The two men were repeatedly stabbed near Mr. Batson's property on Watts Landing Road in Hampstead.

Surf City Fire Department was first on the scene as they were leaving an unrelated call further down Watts Landing Road. A man came through the woods in visible distress, attempted to stop a vehicle for help and fell to the ground. They immediately stopped and began life saving measures but the injuries sustained were too great.

Pender County Sheriffs and EMS along with Surf City Police and Fire Department

responded to the call. It was unclear at the time if the attacker was still on scene but soon a witness conveyed that a white male was seen leaving in a car. A member of the Pender County Sheriffs Department recognized the description of the male and the search for Mr. Coffield began.

In collaboration with Pender County EMS and Fire and Surf City Police Department, K-9 units and drones were utilized in the hunt for the assailant. Through heat signatures, Mr. Coffield was discovered hiding in the woods near Bojangles on Hwy. 17 near to the home of one of his victims. He was apprehended without incident and taken to Pender County Sheriffs department for questioning. Mr. Coffield was officially arrested for first degree murder in the case of Mr. Ricky Bullard and Mr. Roy Batson. He has been remanded without

bond at this time.

A member of the community stated that Mr. Coffield had recently been brought to the Pender County Sheriffs Department attention in the days prior to the stabbing. The person stated that the complaint included violent activity which may have resulted in injuries. No record of an arrest regarding Mr. Coffield during the days preceeding the murders could be confirmed.

Mr. Coffield was known to reside at a property near where he was captured. There is no record of employment or local family in the area.

Mr. Coffield has an extensive criminal history including being a confirmed Y.S.G gang member in Akron, Ohio at the age of 18. He was convicted after jumping on the hood of a moving car and smashing a windshield. Glass injured the occupants and an infant in the vehicle.

Mr. Coffield has an extensive history of violence and criminal activity that includes drugs and firearms.

More recently he was arrested in Akron, Ohio in February 2021 for 2 counts of possession of drugs, carrying concealed weapon, receiving stolen property, having weapons under disability, improperly handling a firearm in a motor vehicle, possessing a defaced firearm, and obstructing official business.

It is not known at this time if the February 2021 charges were still pending.

District Attorney Ben David's office will conduct a hearing on March 16th to determine if they will pursue the death penalty. No bond will be set prior to that date.

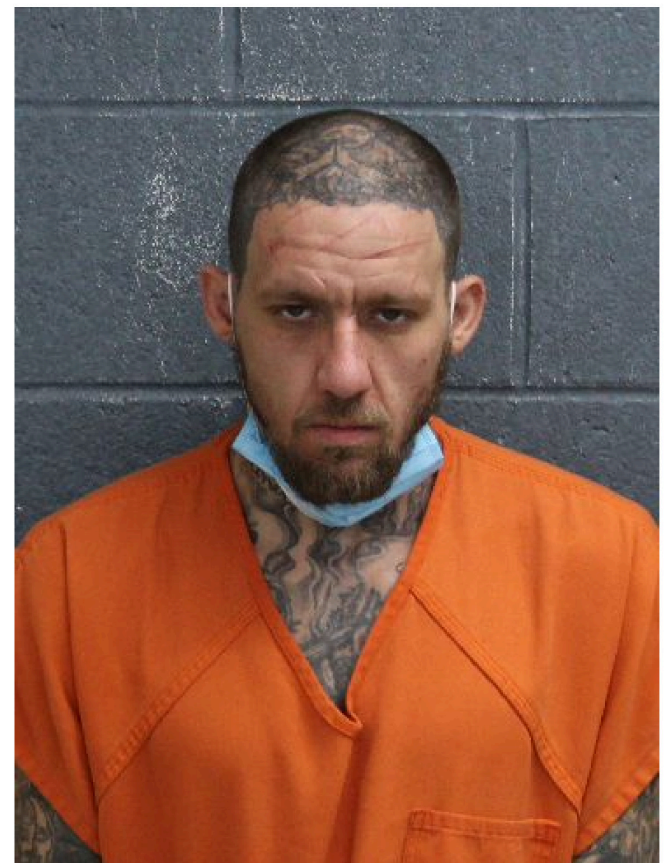
Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact the Pender County Sheriff's office at (910) 259-1212.

File No. 22CR 050228	Law Enforcement Case No. 2022-00418	LID No.	SID No.	FBI No.
WARRANT FOR ARREST				
Offense 1 F-FIRST DEGREE MURDER				
THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA VS.				
Name And Address Of Defendant CODY CAMRON COFFIELD [REDACTED] HAMPSTEAD NC PENDER COUNTY				
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Name Of Defendant's Employer				
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Date Of Offense 02/17/2022				
Date Of Arrest & Check Digit No. (As Shown On Fingerprint Card) 2022-02-18 JK7458L				
Complainant (Name, Address Or Department) MARK LOBEL PENDER COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE				
Names & Addresses Of Witnesses (including Counties & Telephone Nos.)				
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Sneads Ferry Garden Award

By Iris V.

The Garden Club of New River in Sneads Ferry is proud to announce that Todd and Crystal Holmes are December's winners of the "Garden of the Month."

They reside in Sneads Ferry (NC) now for two years and live at 22 Sailor Street. They are a Marine Corps family and while Todd served, they lived in Japan for four years.

Todd is now retired with 22 years of service from the Marines. They have two girls that are 10 and 12.

Todd and Crystal decorated their house and yard for the holidays. They both love gardening and use raised beds. Besides their garden they also maintain a beautiful green lawn.

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Topsail Gun Gal: Remington Lawsuit May Change the Future of America

By Dorothy Royal

The insured parties of Remington Firearms settled a lawsuit this month that was brought on by nine of the families of victims of the Sandy Hook school shooting in 2012.

What is so significant about this lawsuit and the settlement is that a federal law prohibits any manufacturer of firearms from lawsuits.

The Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, which went into effect in 2005 under President George Bush, was the immunity that manufacturers depended on.

So how did the nine families go around this federal law and sue Remington? They took a totally different approach and went after their marketing practices, not their manufacturing, on a state level.

The basis for their state civil court lawsuit (not federal) was that Remington violated the Connecticut law that protects consumers.

The marketing practices of Remington Firearms are being blamed by the families for what occurred on December 14, 2012.

Remington, founded in 1816, has argued since the beginning of the lawsuit in 2015, that their marketing had nothing to do with the events that lead up to the school shooting.

The owner of the firearm that generated the lawsuit, Nancy Lanza, was a woman who had legally purchased the weapon and had it stored in a gun safe in her home.

She followed the law, was a law abiding citizen, and had secured her firearm as required.

The person responsible for the crimes committed was 20 year old Adam Lanza, her son.

On the morning of the school shooting, Mr. Lanza went into his mother's gun safe, removed her firearms, and then proceeded to shoot and kill her while in her bed with a .22 caliber Savage Mark II rifle.

Adam Lanza then proceeded to the Sandy Hook Elementary School, where he once had been a student. In his vehicle he had a Bushmaster XM-15 rifle, a Saiga 12 gauge shotgun on the passenger seat, a Glock 20 (10mm) pistol and a Sig P226 9mm pistol, all weapons that his mother had legally owned. He had left the .22 rifle at his home.

Mr. Lanza arrived at the school at approximately 9:30 am in his Honda and found the doors locked, which was standard protocol. He then proceeded to shoot his way through the locked front door of the school.

Eleven minutes after entering the school, Mr. Lanza shot and killed himself with the Glock 10mm handgun while in a classroom. When the handgun was taken for study it was noted as appearing to be "jammed". The handgun manufacturer, Glock, is not being sued.

He also had a loaded Sig pistol on him and his rifle was in the same room on the floor.

No other gun manufacturers are being sued or have been included in the lawsuit.

Mr. Lanza and his mother had both taken NRA Gun Safety classes and were often seen at the local range target shooting with friends when he was a teenager. He was known as a polite and quiet person.

In the mental health report it is noted that at a young age, Mr. Lanza had been diagnosed with Asperger's Disorder and was showing symptoms that included extreme anxiety, lack of emotion and discomfort with contact with others. In middle school Mr. Lanza started to complain about loud noises and bouts with confusion, especially when walking to different classrooms. The problem seemed to persist and get worse until it was decided that Mr. Lanza should be home schooled during high school. He continued high school between home schooling, in person classes and college classes and was listed as a participant in special education. It was noted that he was not a violent student and never spoke of violence. Mr. Lanza refused to take any prescribed medications or participate in therapy.

Problems persisted and in the year before the shooting he had become very reclusive and would venture out of his home primarily to go to a local movie theater with a friend. The friend he spent most time with

said he preferred non-violent games and movies.

Like most teenagers, he played video games at home and especially liked to play "Super Mario Brothers" and "Dance Dance Revolution". During the year leading up to Sandy Hook shooting, it is noted that Mr. Lanza could be seen at the movie theater Friday through Sunday playing "Dance Dance Revolution" for four to ten hours at a time. He avoided large crowds and even refused to leave their home after Hurricane Sandy (October 2012) when they had no power for days.

At the time of her death, his mother was making arrangements to sell their home and to purchase an RV to live in while they traveled. They were looking to move to Washington State, which had a school that Mr. Lanza was interested in attending.

Somewhere along the way, Mr. Lanza acquired an interest in mass shootings and would mention them to friends, but never go into detail. In his personal possessions they found reports and photos from mass shootings, a damaged computer and a GPS where they were able to track his travels. No pattern of visiting the school prior to December 14th was evident. No one interviewed stated that Mr. Lanza had ever voiced a desire to commit a violent crime. What ever caused Mr. Lanza to do what he did will never be known, as he died that day.

In the Connecticut State's Attorneys final report from November 25, 2013, it is stated, "That the shooter acted alone and was solely criminally responsible for his actions of that day." His demeanor was described as calm and under control and he acted alone.

So how did Remington lose the lawsuit?

Remington has appealed to the United States Supreme Court, which as of this date has declined to review and hear the case.

This alone makes little sense. Isn't that exactly what the Supreme Court is there for?

After the settlement agreement was reached, President Biden stated that he will encourage Congress to repeal the immunity law.

I don't think the President has any understanding of what the consequences of that decision would be.



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Gun Gal's Top 10

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2. Cell phone companies could be held accountable for texting and driving or phone use while driving that causes an accident (distracted drivers).
3. Alcohol companies, include beer manufactures, could be held accountable for people becoming alcoholics or causing accidents while under the influence.
4. Clothing manufacturers could be sued if a particular garment makes someone look "unflattering" in photos.
5. Make up manufacturers could be sued for not making users "beautiful"
6. Facebook (now Meta) could be sued for violating the First Amendment of its users
7. Candy manufacturers, including sugar substitute manufactures can be sued for dental damage.
8. Pen and pencil manufacturers could be sued for misspelled words
9. Utensil manufacturers could be sued for making people obese
10. The internet could be sued for allowing people to share "false" information.

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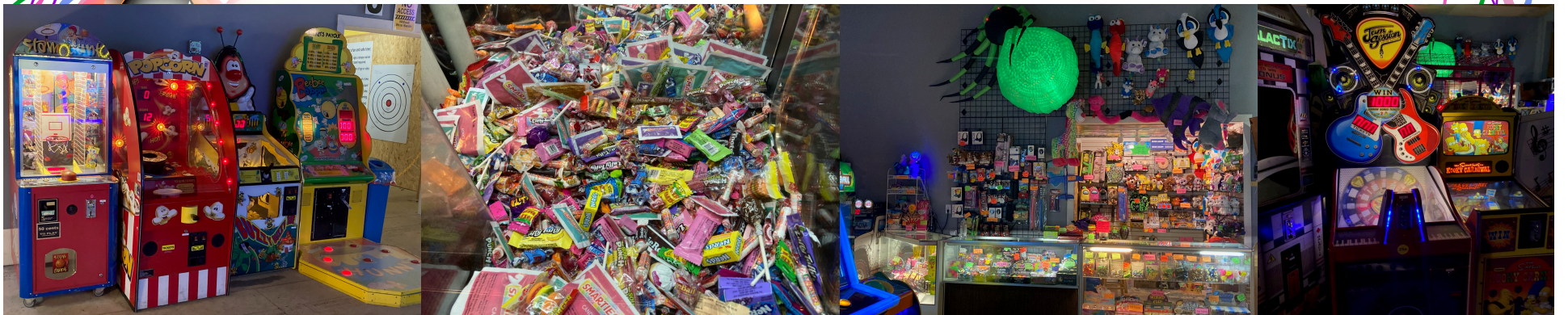


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Fresh Queen of Palm Beach

By Becky Borneman

Now this is a story all about how a socialite had an idea and WOW! And I'd like to take a minute just to sit right there and tell you how she found her niche in the town of Palm Beach. No, we aren't speaking of an East Coast Fresh Prince. But to me, she was an East Coast Queen.

The Lilly Pulitzer brand has always been a favorite of mine. All the bright colors that are entwined into patterns that you just want to dive into. Being a history buff, I had to research Lilly and I just became fascinated by her, her life-style and her business skills.

So back in 1950 Lilly married Herbert Pulitzer and moved from New York to Palm Beach shortly after. Herbert owned several citrus groves there and they

made a great life once settled. After 10 years of playing hostess and socialite, she became bored. So, she did what all of us would do...she used Herbert's produce and opened a juice stand on the corner of one of the busiest streets in Palm Beach. Duh! Lilly's business took off and was successful almost from the get-go. But she soon realized that squeezing lemons, limes, pink grapefruit and oranges made quite a mess of her high end rags. Thus, another idea was born. Lilly made herself a uniform.

She asked a dressmaker to come up with a dress with some pattern that she picked out that would camouflage the stains. The result became iconic. The sleeveless shift dress was made of the bright, fun colors pink, yellow, orange and green. At this point, Lilly knew she

could sell juice. But she was about to find out she could sell clothing too. She sold her dresses at her juice stand for \$22. Can you imagine?? Before too long her customers were begging her for the dresses in the patterns she was wearing.

Her focus quickly shifted from juice stand to expanding her assortment of clothing. In 1962, she opened her first clothing store on the same street she opened her juice stand. Women flocked to her store. Lilly loved explaining to her customers how she put a lining of cotton in each dress so you can wear them sans underwear. Lilly went commando often, she said it was due to that Florida heat. Preach girl, preach! She got so big that good old Herbie would fly their plane to New York to get some patterns when she needed them and fly them back to Palm

Beach the same day. Jeff, we need to work on that private plane!!

These 2 photos are my favorites of Lilly. It represents to me hustle and pride. Here we are...60 years later and Lilly is still going strong. I hope to have her spirit throughout my life and brighten people's day the way she did through fashion!

You can find Lilly Pulitzer accessories at The Fancy Flamingo in Hampstead.



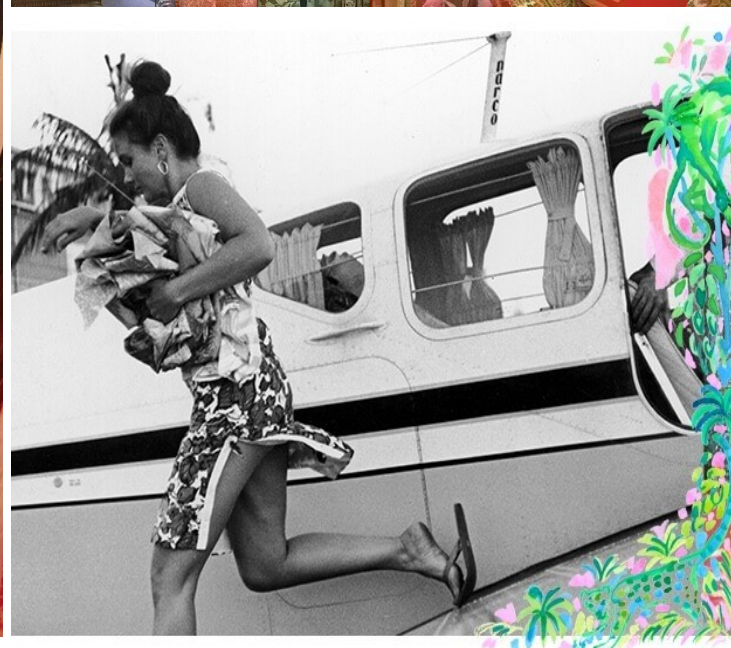

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Sea Turtle Hospital News



By Karen Sota

After only a few short months in rehab our first group of cold-stuns, aka the "Twelve Days of Christmas Plus One" have been reduced to the "Five Days of Christmas." Eight little Kemp's were settled securely into tubs and hit the road for the US Coast Guard Station at Fort Macon where they had tickets for a ride to turtle-comfy waters. Joining them on the trip were turtles rehabbed at the NC Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores and a few from New England that were flown in that day for the release. And what an enjoyable day for our volunteers who transported the critters – they were invited along on the trip – but thankfully were not released along with the turtles!

Meanwhile, back at the ranch we still have thirty patients in various stages of recovery. One of them, "Kaia" was admitted in November of 2020. Cruising around Surf City Pier probably looking for an easy lunch she didn't think about what might be hidden in that tasty squid and found herself hooked. Still a juvenile, at just over 13 kg. she had been managing quite well on her own.

Normally hooked turtles recover and are sent home relatively quickly. But Kaia has not been that lucky. She has osteomyelitis in both front flippers in her shoulder areas, severely restricting her range of motion.

This infection in the bone is something we see with cold-stunned turtles, but that's not why Kaia was admitted. It is possible that she had been a cold-stunned at some point – after all she is a Kemp's, and they are notorious for delaying their trip south as the waters cool - just ask the New England Aquarium.

There are medications that can treat Kaia's condition. We've used them successfully in the past, and she's been receiving them per Dr. Harms' instructions. But we know meds can have side effects and in this case it has severely affected Kaia's appetite. She just does not want to eat, so now anorexia has been added to her list of medical issues. It doesn't matter what we offer her, or how much time we spend coaxing her, she's just not interested. She's managed to maintain her weight but only with an aggressive regime of IV fluids and vitamins. And now the poor girl has air in her ears.

But there is some positive news. She now logs in for a daily swim in our therapy pool where our turtles can stretch out, work against the jets and start building back their strength. Kaia is using her front flippers to zip around! And hopefully more exercise will make her hungry enough to eat again. Although she won't be going home anytime soon things are looking up for this lady.

LIMITED TOUR SCHEDULE BEGINS IN MARCH

We've been busy over the past few months not only caring for our patients but making some exciting changes in other areas. Our gift shop has been totally renovated, and when we open to the public in a few weeks the entire area will once again be available for browsing and shopping. And by popular request you will again be able to visit just the gift shop area during tour hours. Lots of new items have been added to our standard favorites, and of course our online gift shop and adoption center stays open 24/7 so you can order our exclusive hospital merchandise and adopt your favorite turtle(s) with a visit to our website: www.seaturtlehospital.org.



Kaia stretching her flippers

COLD STUN SEASON CONTINUES

Although cold-stun admits appear to be slowing a bit that doesn't mean we've seen the last of these frosty critters. At this point we're getting the really debilitated turtles coming through our doors. And this year it's been some very sick loggerheads. Please be our extra eyes for spotting any turtle in distress. Don't assume a turtle is beyond help because it can't move. They are stunned and motionless.

If you spot anything unusual, 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 meet you to retrieve the turtle that will then be brought to us for follow-up.

The State of NC hotline for stranded, sick, and injured turtles is 252-241-7367.

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By Carol Ann Ross

Special to the Topsail Times

I remember walking on the beach back in the stone age and picking up the egg sacks of skates, they were unique, (even then I knew what **cool** was) and if undamaged they always made their way into my wagon of shells and other ocean paraphernalia. Back then these little sacks were called devil's shopping bags.

Somehow, over the years, the name evolved into mermaid's purses. Well, I guess they are whatever you want to call them, your choice.



A Stingray

I was always curious about this little sea bound critter, it was odd, different, and when I asked my dad what the black bag with the hooks on the corners was, he told me-skate sack. Yes, his reply was short and matter of fact, with an explanation that offered little to no fuel for my imagination. He then added something like, "use your head for something besides a hat rack and look it up in the encyclopedia."



A fever of stingray

Some photos provided by Carol Ann Ross

I did look it up, but it was confusing to my little head and I accepted the simple answer. Much later I took the subject more seriously and looked it up again, but on the internet (it's faster). I even found a little video that shows the sack opening and the tiny baby skate flapping its tiny baby wings and swimming away, awww, it was so cute and so very cool, anyway, I learned that in our neck of the woods, or our area of the ocean, sting rays and skates are very common.

They look very much alike and both live on the floor of the ocean where they lay in wait for their prey. They both have a sort of round or oval shape. Both have tails and gills on their underbelly and both sit on the bottom of the ocean to feed.

Both can be found in the sound waters, where they often feed. In my youth I was not aware that rays lay in wait in the sound, I thought surely they would only be in the ocean. That was the main reason why I did most of my swimming in the sound. Wasn't it safer? I didn't know that they are often birthed there and feed there.



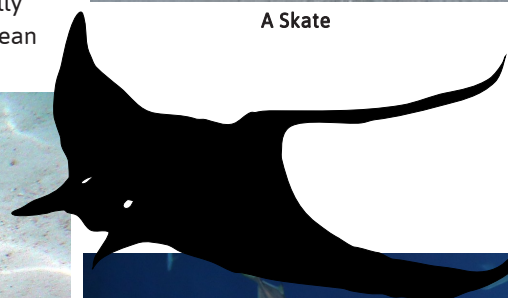
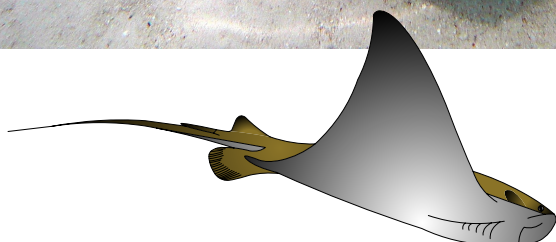
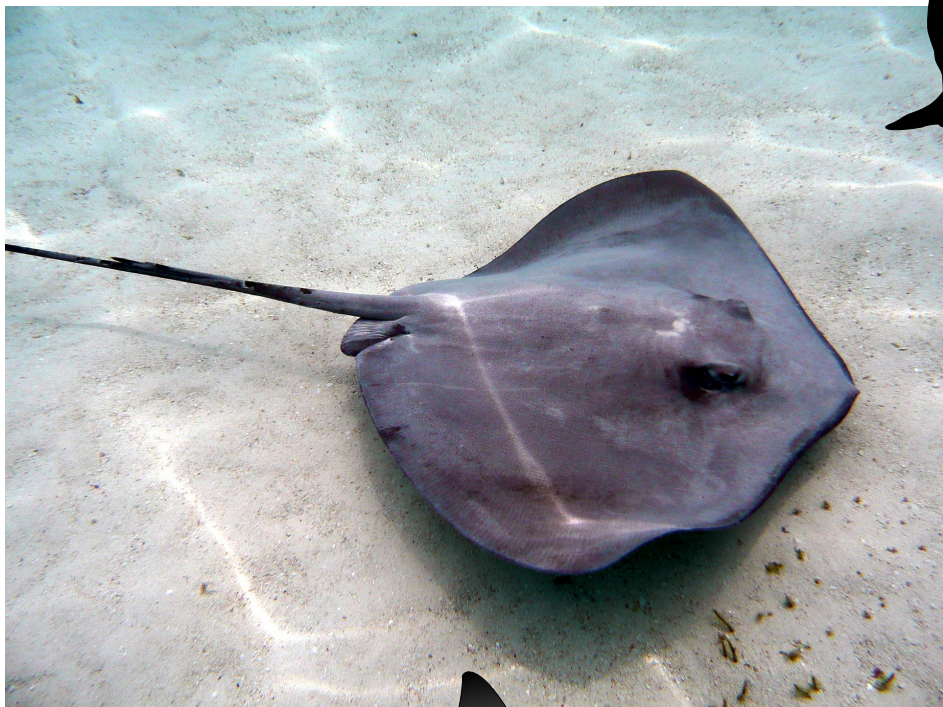
A Skate

Oh well, ignorance is bliss and when you're young you think you know everything. I was totally oblivious-unaware that sharks, sting rays and even alligators were beneath my feet! Yowza! I guess I was lucky because no evil critters ever crossed my path, at least to my knowledge.

Though stingrays and skates are very much alike, there are, however, some differences. Skates have longer tails and they have NO stinger. They are pretty much harmless to humans, so not to worry, if you happen to run into a skate don't panic, they won't hurt you at all. Most importantly (sorta), skates lay eggs. Stingrays give birth to live babies.

Stingrays are bad dudes, or can be if you mess with them. They can really put a hurting on you and if you remember Steve Irwin, the famed Crocodile Hunter, he died from being struck in the chest by a stingray barb.

A stingray uses his barb if it is threatened, so if you happen to be walking on the ocean's floor or in the sound shuffle your feet in the water, usually they will move on. But if you do get stung, let me tell you it is going to hurt like H-E-double hockey sticks, but it's not going to kill you. You might feel dizzy, feel a bit anxious, there's going to be some bleeding, and some diarrhea and it may last a day or so. But it will get better. Don't worry and don't let this bit of info deter you from enjoying the ocean or sound, besides, if you do get stung, you can always seek revenge-the next time you go fishing, try out their wings, it's pretty good eating, they taste like scallops.



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Fancy Flamingo!

By Lise Gore

"I'm really happy to be in Hampstead". Becky Borneman is not the only one pleased that her new shop, Fancy Flamingo, is conveniently located in the Hampstead shopping center next to Lowe's Foods.

There was quite the turnout for the Grand Opening of the Fancy Flamingo and everyone seemed just as excited as the owner.

Wine, cookies and some really delightful merchandise made the opening sensational.



I spoke with Mary Doggett who seemed quite pleased with the shop and her purchase. Ashley Decker works near the shop and she was very happy to find a pair of white jeans. Something she's been trying to find.



Another customer, Susan was pleasantly surprised to find Tyler Company candles and mixer melts.

As for me, I have to give a shout out to the Ms. Cello jeans. Honestly, these are the most comfortable jeans ever and that is a review from a retired lady whose usual uniform is leggings.

Fancy Flamingo's is definitely the place to look for your next "Flamazing" gift or even a nice something for yourself.



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Purses and items will be picked up February 28th and brought to Share The Table for distribution.



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A Simple Slip Can Lead to Major Problems

By Dr. Donald O'Neil

Living in the southeast, we do not see a lot of snow. However, we do see freezing rain and ice. Ice is what causes the most problems. It can shut down entire areas with power outages and unsafe travel conditions. It can also lead to slip and fall accidents.

If you find yourself the victim of a slip and fall on ice, be aware that the most common injuries tend to be wrist and ankle sprains and fractures – the wrist because we can't help but try to catch ourselves with any fall, and the ankle because that is our connection with the ground that first becomes unstable.

A medical professional should diagnose these; however, a good sign for an ankle sprain versus a fracture is that you can put weight on it immediately after the accident. A sign, but not always the case, for the wrist is that there is no deviation of the hand, meaning that it does not look deformed.

More serious injuries can occur, including hip fracture, broken ribs, etc. Head injuries are the most significant. If you happen to hit your head, this is a game changer.

Head injuries should always be examined by a medical professional. If after a fall, you experience symptoms such as headache, poor balance, fatigue, confusion, or nausea, you may have a concussion. Concussions typically resolve themselves in three to five weeks. There is however a more serious type of head injury – a TBI or traumatic brain injury. The symptoms for this can mimic a concussion but can also include dilated pupils, trouble speaking, seizures and can lead to death. This is why it is extremely important that you have all head injuries looked at by a medical professional.

There is no real fool-proof way to navigate on ice. There is, however, a way not to do it. Distractions play a role in most slip and fall accidents. These include looking at your phone, carrying groceries, etc. When you cannot avoid walking on icy terrain, wear shoes with good traction, move slowly, and pay attention to where you are stepping.

Good luck and stay safe out there.

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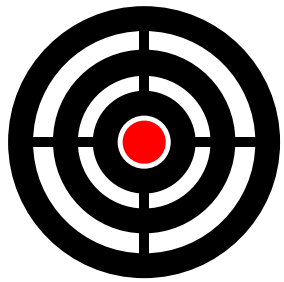
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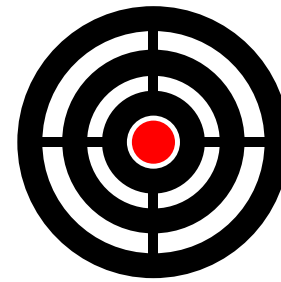
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A Relaxing Way to Face the Day

By Lise Gore

A fusion of medical spa and relaxation treatments is how Allicyn Bryan, owner of Isla Advanced Skin Care & Hair, describes the services she provides.

I am in complete agreement. My first facial was a positive experience of relaxation and professionalism. Sara Keith actually seemed to erase the tension from my face.

Both ladies are very well versed in their areas of expertise. Sara studied Esthetics at CFCC and has been at Isla for 2 years. Allicyn's knowledge and experience in skin care are impressive.

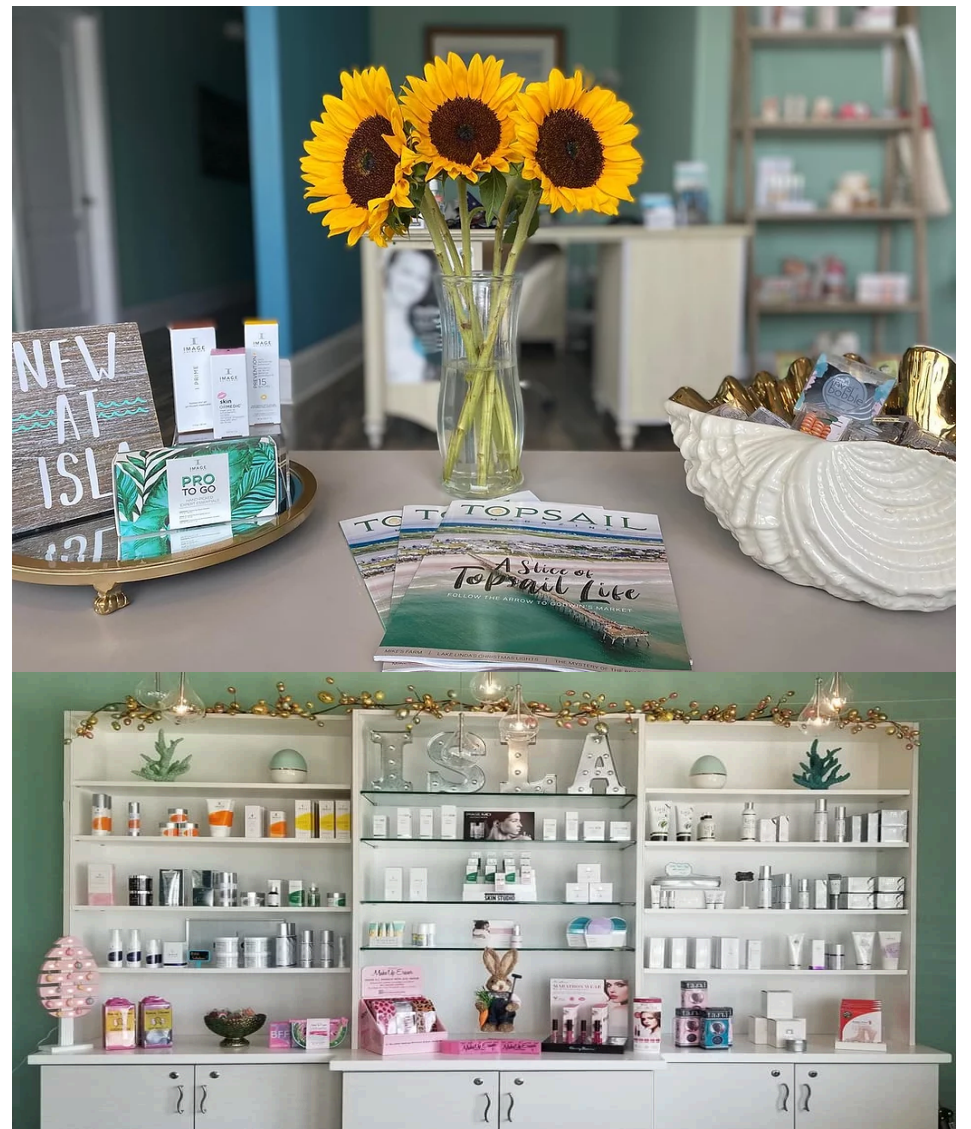
Allicyn has worked in the the beauty industry for over 15 years with 11 years as a Licensed Esthetician. She was able to sit with me and immediately help me with some skin issues I have struggled with for years.

The spa offers a variety of facials, skin care options, massage and waxing as well as Botox injections and lash extensions. Their website is incredibly easy to navigate and you can book your appointment online with ease.

They also offer a line of cosmetics and skin care products and are willing to help you choose the ones best for you.

I found this extremely helpful since I am often overwhelmed with the products available. I want to choose what is right for me. With Allicyn and Sarah's help I felt confident that I was making the right choice for my skin.

Allicyn says her mission is to make people feel good about themselves. I would consider that mission successful.



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Aktion Club of Topsail Island

By Lise Gore

Diane Cavanagh knows that helping others builds character, that acts of compassion are often opportunities.

Diane retired from a 40 year career as a Special Education Teacher and University Professor in Pennsylvania. She came to North Carolina and an opportunity presented itself in the form of a young girl.

Diane grasped the opportunity and with the help of the Kiwanis established the Aktion Club of Topsail Island. The Topsail Island Club is growing slowly and Diane would like to see it develop even more.

More than 11,000 adults with disabilities around the world are involved in this Kiwanis-family program. The club helps those with disabilities develop leadership skills and help others in their communities.

The club has a special project each month. Some of the projects include making 100 Valentines for nursing homes in the area.

They had a blast at Trunk or Treat in Surf City and are currently involved in the pack-a-purse roundup to help donate and fill purses for those in need.

The Club has some exciting outings in the coming months. The Wilson Center of Wilmington donated tickets for the club

to attend a production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory in April. The Knights of Columbus have arranged for the group to see Hairspray in March. These outings provide social opportunities that adults with disabilities don't often have after graduation from high school.

The Kiwanis sponsors have been generous with support for the program. Fundraisers such as the Amazing Paws-abilities dog walk fundraiser in May.

It's amazing how much fun you can have helping others. The Aktion Club is a testament—together we can do great things.

Any adult with a disability is welcome to join the club. If you or someone you know is interested in the Kiwanis Club of Topsail Island please email them at aktion.topsail@gmail.com



"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things."

- Mother Teresa

Topsail Youth Lacrosse Association

By Lise Gore

Fifth grader, Cameron Lee, says he decided to play lacrosse because of the amount of physical activity involved was in his comfort zone. He's excited to start practice and for the upcoming season in March.

There was a lot of excitement at the Holly Ridge Community Center with dinner and a raffle to kick off the coming Topsail Youth Lacrosse Association season. They had a great turnout for their first fundraiser of the season and local businesses donated an estimated 4,000 dollars of merchandise for the raffle to help the Topsail Youth Lacrosse teams.

There were donations from Surf City Fitness, Wild Child Art Studio and several out and about packages that included donations from area restaurants and businesses. Food for the dinner was donated by New York Corner Deli.

Third graders, Leilani Ferreira and Rune Lowman, were super excited for the season.

I spoke with Leilani's parents about their daughter's decision to choose the sport. They said Leilani wanted to play after watching her brother Cruze play. Leigh Lewis, who was awarded for all her hard work for TYLA said her daughter, Elsie, wanted to try something new. Leigh said the association gave her family a community and she is really looking forward to the coming season.

TYLA has 130 players across 8 teams. Five boys teams and three girls teams with elementary players 1st through 5th grade and middle school players from 6th to 8th grade. The Recreation program helps to prepare some of the players for the Topsail High School Program.

Paul and Rebecca Lowman gave parents and players information on the upcoming schedules while everyone enjoyed the dinner.

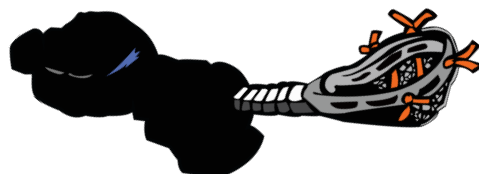
The strong sense of community in this sport shows life is better when you "stick" together.



Cameron Lee



Leilani Ferreira and Rune Lowman



Simply Homemade Recipes



Smoked Salmon Dip

- 1 (4oz) Package Smoked Salmon Chopped
- 1 (8oz) Package Cream Cheese Softened
- 1/4 Cup Red Onion Finely Chopped
- 1 Tbsp Fresh Dill Chopped
- 1/2 Cup Sour Cream



Spread cream cheese onto bottom of glass serving dish. Top with salmon, sour cream, onion and fresh dill. Chill before serving. Serve with crackers or chips.

Photo courtesy of OnceUponAChef.com

Smoked Salmon Dip and Barbecued Beef Brisket recipes courtesy of
Town of Holly Ridge
Liberty Fountain Cookbook
Volume II
(available for purchase at City Cafe!)

Barbecued Beef Brisket

- 2 Tbsp Worcestershire Sauce
- 1 Tbsp Red Wine Vinegar
- 1 (3 to 4 Lb) Beef Brisket
- 1/8 Tsp Cayenne Pepper
- 1 Tbsp Dijon Mustard
- 1 Tbsp Brown Sugar
- 1/4 Tsp Celery Salt
- 1/4 Tsp Garlic Salt
- 1 Cup Ketchup
- 1/2 Tsp Salt



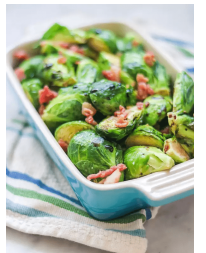
In small bowl, combine ketchup, worcestershire sauce, mustard, vinegar, sugar, salt, celery salt, and cayenne pepper. Pierce brisket on both sides with a fork. Place in 3 qt baking dish. Pour half of sauce over brisket, cover. Bake at 325F for 1 hour. Turn meat over and add remaining sauce. Cover and bake for an additional 45 minutes or until tender.

Photo courtesy of TipHero.com



Air-Fried Brussels Sprouts

- 10 ounces Brussels sprouts, trimmed and halved lengthwise
- 2 teaspoons crumbled cooked bacon (Optional)
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon avocado oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt



Preheat an air fryer to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Combine oil, salt, and pepper in a bowl and mix well. Add Brussels sprouts and turn to coat. Air fry for 5 minutes, shake the sprouts, and cook for an additional 5 minutes. Transfer sprouts to a serving dish and sprinkle with balsamic vinegar; turn to coat. Sprinkle with bacon.

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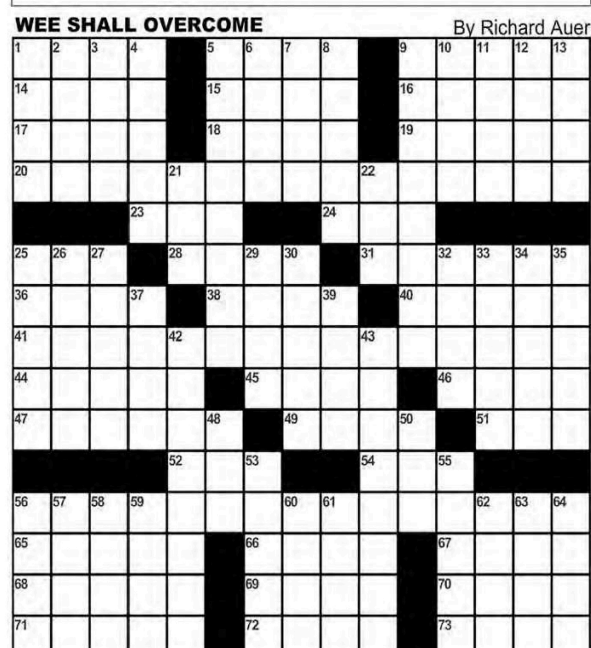
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- Just a bit, if that
- Bread, for gravy
- Didn't play
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- Ending for "theater" or "church"
- Shoulder cape with hanging ends
- Fairy-tale villain
- Not odd
- ___ no stone unturned
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VFW Post 9983 Award

By Walter Z.

An Army veteran and a lifelong Onslow County resident has been named the VFW Post 9983 Detention Officer of the Year. Graiggory Collins, an eleven year veteran with the Onslow County Sheriff's Office was given the honor due to his outstanding initiative and his can-do attitude.

Collins has worked as a Block Officer, Booking Officer, Court Holding Officer, Court Liaison Officer, Notary Public, and point of contact to ensure that the video court system is properly functioning. He is also responsible for coordinating treatment programs for rehabilitation of people getting out of jail.

Recently promoted to Lieutenant, Collins has recently attended the 16 week PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) Academy and will soon be in charge of the Onslow Sheriff's Office PREA Program.

He will be responsible for training and implementing PREA in Onslow County and getting the Detention Center compliant with PREA standards.



Police Promotion

Samuel "Max" Bright was promoted to Sergeant on 2/4/2022.

Sergeant Bright has been an officer with Surf City since April of 2014 and previously held the rank of Patrol Corporal.

Quote from Chief Voorhees, "I am extremely proud of Sergeant Bright and his accomplishments since becoming an officer with Surf City. His dedication and leadership potential will certainly set him on a path for success."



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