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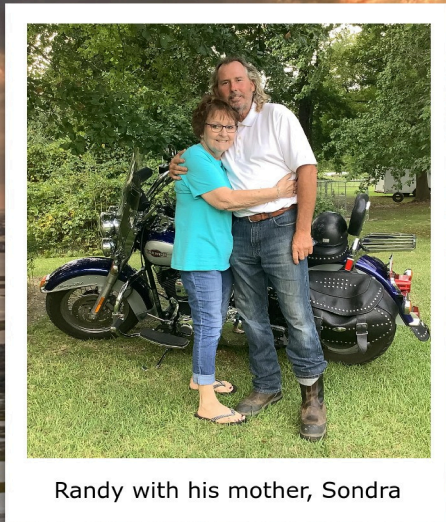


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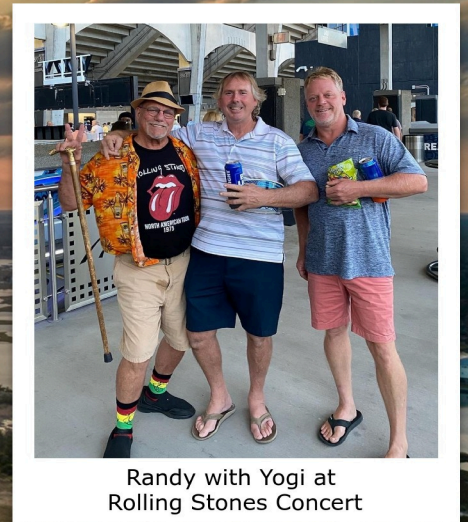
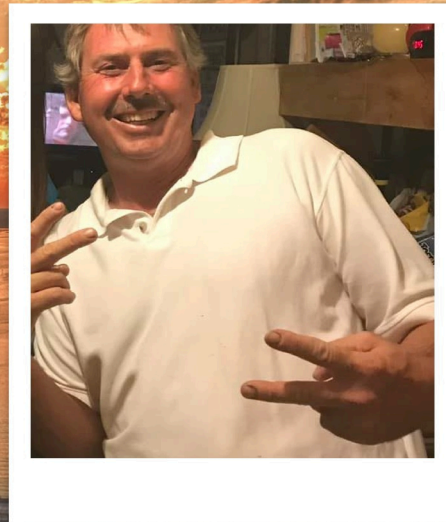
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Randy with his mother, Sondra



Randy with Yogi at Rolling Stones Concert

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*By Rhonda Brown Schwarz, Facebook*

Randy Allen, RIP. I only knew him a few years but he was a great guy. God Bless all friends and family. Going to miss you. See you in Heaven.

*By Rusty Lewis, Facebook*

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# Paid Parking And Lifeguards

By Dorothy Royal

Emerald Isle has paid parking. Their paid parking ends on September 15th. Their paid parking begins April 15th. 2 "free" passes are issued to residents/taxpayers. Paid parking ranges from \$2-\$4 an hour with a maximum of \$16. In 2021, paid parking added \$155,000 to the town's budget. Paid parking season has gotten shorter since 2021 when it ran April 1st to September 30th. Paid parking is 8am until 6pm.

Emerald Isle employed 20 lifeguards for their 12 miles of ocean beach. The lifeguards are employees of the Town Fire Department. They were on duty this season since April 1st and will remain through the end of September. The cost of the lifeguards and coordinator in 2021 was \$315,104.00.

Emerald Isle has 3800 year-round residents with an increase of 30-40,000 visitors in the summer.

Emerald Isle has the 3rd lowest tax rate of all NC beach front communities.

No Carteret County funds are used for beach renourishment.

\$700,000 is collected from occupancy tax to pay for beach renourishment.

Surf City has paid parking. Their paid parking ends October 31st. Their paid parking begins March 1st. Paid parking is from 9am until 6pm daily. Paid parking ranges from \$3-\$5 an hour or \$25 a day.

Surf City received approximately \$400,000.00 in 2021 from paid parking. \$250,000 of that amount was used to pay for the start-up, parking signs, gravel, etc. (\$150,000 was added to town's budget).

Surf City taxpayers can register 2 vehicles for "free" parking passes.

In the 2023/2024 Town Budget, Surf City lists revenue from paid parking at \$1,344,350.00 before expenses.

Surf City has 4100 year-round residents with an increase of 30-40,000 visitors in the summer.

Surf City has no lifeguards.

Wrightsville Beach has paid Parking. Their paid parking ends October 31st. Their paid parking begins March 1st. Paid parking runs from 9am until 7pm. Wrightsville Beach taxpayers can purchase 2 additional parking passes for \$50 each (hang tags).

Wrightsville beach charges \$5 per hour or \$25 per day. There are 1600 metered spots. There are 26 pay stations located in Wrightsville Beach and a pay by phone option as well.

Wrightsville Beach has lifeguards from Memorial Day until Labor Day with 13 lifeguard stands.

Wrightsville Beach has 2,700 year-round residents with an increase of 50,000 visitors in the summer.

New Hanover County announced that they took in over 1 billion dollars in tourist revenue this year.

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# Topsail Gun Gal: What's In A 22?

By Dorothy Royal

The Governor of New Mexico, Michelle Lujan, (D) has put through an emergency order that bans open carry and Conceal Carry of firearms in her state. Law abiding gun owners are accompanied by Mayors, Sheriffs and Police Chiefs in protesting this order. Law Enforcement officers are concerned about the legal ramifications of enforcing such an order, including lawsuits against violating Constitutional Rights. One law enforcement officer stated that he can do a lot more about fighting crime if he is not stuck in court for years regarding the lawsuits that will come from this. Perhaps she needs to take a trip to the jails and prisons to meet the real criminals.

The State of New York has just tossed another wrench into the mix to impact law abiding gun owners. A new fee of \$2.50 will be charged for background checks for people wanting to purchase ammunition and a \$9 fee will be charged for background checks of people who want to purchase firearms. Punishing law abiding citizens with additional financial burdens is not very American. Shame on you NY politicians.

As cooler weather is on the horizon (hopefully), it is a great time to practice your skills or get out there and learn. As a beginner or experienced, a firearm chambered in 22 long rifle may be right for you.

When a person comes in to buy a firearm I ask one simple question, "What kind of experience do you have?" If a person has no experience or very little, I encourage a safety class and lessons. If a person asks me what the best firearm is to learn with, I will always suggest a .22lr firearm.

There is no better way to learn focus, grip and responsibility than starting out with a .22lr pistol or revolver. Both options are semi-automatic, which means one bullet fires per pull of a trigger.

Fun Fact: 98% of all firearms are semi-automatic (don't let the crazy media fool you).

A .22lr revolver is the easiest to learn on by far. Most revolvers carry 5-10 rounds in their cylinder. They are easy to open, load and unload and super easy to clean. A .22lr revolver has several options for ammunition including .22lr quiet (50% less noise), .22 target, .22 self-defense and .22 snake shot. A revolver can use more varieties of .22lr than a pistol can.

A .22lr pistol is a little bit picky when it comes to ammo. Most pistols prefer a 40-grain full metal jacket.

Ammunition, for either the revolver or pistol, is currently readily available and a 50-round box of .22lr starts at \$3.89 (very affordable).

The joys of shooting a firearm chambered in 22lr is that there is very little kick and not a lot of noise.

Two of my favorite firearms are the Charter Arms Pathfinder revolver in .22lr

and the Walther P22 pistol. These firearms are light weight and easy to use and come in a variety of colors. With pricing from \$329 - \$449, they also have options that include lasers.

Remember knowledge is power, politicians do not always do what is right for the law abiding, and New York gun owners need to elect people who are less greedy.



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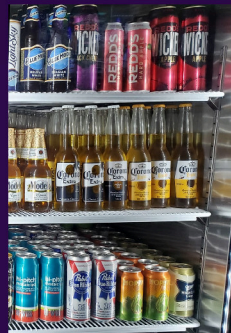
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#### For Council

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Tom Leonard

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- Non-sparking wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps



## Additional Items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit:

- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food, water and supplies for your pet
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a portable waterproof container
- Cash and change
- Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)
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# Holly Ridge Man Who Sliced Witness' Throat Sentenced To 20 Years For Firearm Possession

NEW BERN, N.C. – A Holly Ridge man who sliced a witness' throat and stabbed a child, was sentenced to 240 months imprisonment followed by 60 months of supervised release for Possession of a Firearm by a Felon and Possession of a Stolen Firearm. Avery Ray Brinson, age 29, pled guilty to the charges on March 24, 2023. Brinson is a convicted felon and has three or more prior convictions for violent felonies making him subject to the penalties of the Armed Career Criminal Act.

According to court documents and other information presented in court Brinson was investigated by the Holly Ridge Police Department in May and July 2021 for firearm related offenses. On May 30, 2021, Brinson was at a friend's house and learned the friend kept a firearm in his living room. Brinson stole the firearm and left the house. When the friend discovered his firearm was missing, he watched the surveillance video from his home security system and saw Brinson steal the firearm. The following day he confronted Brinson about the theft.

Brinson denied knowing anything about the missing firearm until the victim told Brinson about the home security footage capturing the theft. Brinson then acknowledged he stole the firearm and returned it. The friend did not call law enforcement, thinking the matter had been handled.

The next day, June 1, 2021, Brinson broke into the friend's house and stole multiple items, including a different firearm. Brinson disabled the home security system by cutting the power to the entire residence. The investigation revealed that after Brinson stole the firearm, law enforcement was approached by a man who said Brinson ran into his house and stashed something under the master bed. Law enforcement went to the residence and retrieved a .308 Savage Rifle from under the bed. The friend and victim of the breaking and entering confirmed it was his firearm.

The female resident of the home where Brinson stashed the gun gave a statement implicating Brinson to law enforcement on July 21, 2021, about the breaking and entering and the firearm

being found in her home. On June 22, 2021, Brinson went to the female's house and attacked her, slicing her throat and stabbing her multiple times. When a juvenile, who was also at the house, tried to protect the female resident, he was stabbed seven times. Both underwent immediate medical attention and survived the attack.

Michael Easley, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina made the announcement after the sentencing was concluded. U.S. District Judge Louise W. Flanagan presided over the sentencing. The Holly Ridge Police Department investigated the case and Assistant U.S. Attorneys Charity Wilson and William Van Trigt prosecuted the case.

A copy of this press release is located on our website. Related court documents and information can be found on the website of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina or on PACER by searching for Case No. 7:22-CR-21-FL




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# Sea Turtle Hospital News



**By Star Sota**

It's been a busy year at our hospital, and an especially busy summer. To date in 2023 we've cared for one-hundred-forty-seven turtles and have already released one-hundred-ten. It's our second highest year ever in number of turtles cared for. And since the waters around here are exceptionally warm any turtles still hanging around near shore are not in a hurry to leave. The eating is still good, and the water will take quite a bit of time to start cooling to the point where they pick up on clues that it's time to get out of Dodge.

Topsail Turtle Project volunteers started the season on May 1st slowly but finished up identifying one-hundred-seven nests by the time they hung up their beach walking shoes on August 31st. Although most of the nests have already hatched there are still around thirty still being tended to by our stalwart nest-sitters. This was also our inaugural year for a new piece of equipment, a hydrophone used to detect sounds coming from the nests. Data is under review, and we will continue to evaluate and attempt to correctly interpret and codify what we're hearing.

This year we hosted eleven senior interns who were with us for eleven weeks. They've turned in some impressive work, completing projects like the amber turtle-friendly lighting initiative (and a big thanks to the locals

who have signed up to participate) and researching and constructing enrichment devices. If you've been in for a tour you've had a chance to visit the light box to try out the amber lights and to see the "turtle toys" in action. We enjoyed meeting junior interns, a new group of four who rotated in every two weeks to work with our seniors and to assist with "other duties as assigned." Interns give our regular staff a break so we can rest up for whatever this year brings us in the way of cold-stuns.

In July we celebrated our 25th Anniversary with a big gala attended by almost two-hundred supporters. Thanks to everyone, local business, individuals and hospital and beach teams who donated an amazing array of really super stuff for our silent and live auctions. And big old loggerhead flipper hugs to Dr. Dante Martin DVM who wrote a very healthy check for Snooki's new tank during our fund-a-cause event. Twenty-five years in the turtle business: from a backyard tent to a little two-car garage in Topsail Beach to our fourteen - thousand square foot facility here in Surf City. Everybody should give themselves a big pat on the back.

We've moved to our fall tour days and hours, and we still have patients waiting for your visit. There are major renovations scheduled for late fall, so be sure to buy your tickets soon on our website: [www.seaturtlehospital.org](http://www.seaturtlehospital.org)

before we close. Our hospital matriarch "Snooki" recently had her annual exam and a little work done on her beak by Dr. Harms and his Vet Student Clinical Rotation class and is enthusiastically waiting to show off her new smile. And her new fifteen-foot tank is on order for installation during renovations.

Please keep an eye out for any sea turtle activity on the beaches or in the water. As the nests continue to hatch it's possible you'll find a hatchling that's gone astray. 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 does not bake in the sun for hours. Then call our Director of Beach Operations, Terry Meyer at: 910-470-2880.

Calls to her number after hours will automatically be forwarded to her for action. You may also 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. Terry is also the contact for any sick, injured or pier-hooked turtle. The State of NC turtle hotline for strandings picks up 24/7 at 252-241-7367. Remember that interfering with 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 23ST05.

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# Jordan T. Meade To Face Triple Murder Charges In Onslow

## By Onslow County Sheriff's Office

On March 27, 2020, at 10:20 a.m., patrol deputies with the Onslow County Sheriff's Office responded to 1020 Birchwood Lane, Jacksonville, to investigate a report of an abandoned vehicle. Burlington Police Department had discovered an abandoned SUV in the Burlington area and requested the Onslow County Sheriff's Office to check on the vehicle's registered owner who lived at 1020 Birchwood Lane. Upon arrival, two victims Emmitt Hawks Sr and Geraldine Hawks were discovered deceased from gunshot wounds inside the residence. Upon further investigation, an additional victim Jackqueline Meade was found deceased from multiple gunshot wounds next door at 1018 Birchwood Ln, Jacksonville. The investigation by the Onslow County Sheriff's Office determined that the victims at both residences were related, with the victim at 1018 Birchwood being the daughter of the victims at 1020

Birchwood. Missing from 1020 Birchwood Lane was a burgundy 2019 Ford Explorer, which was the vehicle recovered by the Burlington Police Department. A suspect was identified as Jordan Tyshon Meade, of 2018 Birchwood Lane. Jordan Meade is the son of Jackqueline Meade and the grandson of Emmitt and Geraldine Hawks.

A statewide search began for Meade who was located on Saturday, March 28, 2020, at a grocery store by the Burlington Police Department in Burlington NC. Detectives with the Onslow County Sheriff's Office transported Jordan Meade back to Onslow County. Upon review of the evidence, and witness statements gathered by detectives and the Onslow County District Attorney, Meade was charged with three counts of murder. Meade was also charged with larceny of a motor vehicle, possession of a stolen motor vehicle, larceny of a firearm, and possession of a stolen firearm. Meade was held in the Onslow County Detention Center with no bond pending courtroom disposition.

On Monday, September 11, 2023, Jordan Meade appeared in Onslow County Superior Court and pled guilty to (3) Counts of First-Degree Murder, Felonious Larceny of a Motor Vehicle, Felonious Larceny of a Firearm. Jordan Meade was sentenced to three consecutive life sentences without parole, plus an additional two and a half years for the additional charges.



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looking to truly play better golf and lower your scores."

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# Coastal Common Sense

By Kim McGahey

It's finally here. The end of the summer tourist season is officially upon us. All the kids are back in school, all the parents are back at work and all the families are back at home. Ahhhh, peace and quiet at the beach.

Living in a resort community is a mixed blessing. We are so fortunate to live in one of God's most beautiful places on earth. But that scenic beauty inevitably attracts the rest of the world that has to live their lives in quiet desperation in some undesirable metropolitan area.

They spend 50 weeks a year dreaming about our uncrowded pristine sandy beaches, warm pounding surf and fresh salty air. They can't wait to escape the fluorescent office tube lighting and bask in the soothing Carolina sunshine with a cold adult beverage.

They treasure the thought of ditching the boss and co-workers and instead being surrounded by family and friends in the welcoming confines of our island paradise.

Another bucket of sand, another wave at the pier, another round of putt putt golf - all make their annual pilgrimage to the beach almost a religious experience worth the 50 weeks waiting in the Midwest sweltering summers and freezing winters.

And without those travelers we would be poor and lonely. We need them to flash their VISA cards all around Topsail Island in order to prosper the local business owners and fund all the cool events, amenities and activities that our beach community has to offer. It's a symbiotic relationship that for three hot humid hectic months out of the year has us all sharing the beaches, the roads and the Food Lion. We need their money and they need our solitude escape.

But, ohhhh, the other nine months of the year are such a delight when our quiet paradise is returned to the locals. When we can breeze through the roundabout and over the bridge without a 20 minute wait. When we can walk into any restaurant without a two day prior reservation. When there are no flipped over t-boned wrecks in front of Godwins store. And when we can stroll peacefully on the beach without the annoying flapping of 100 Shibumis.

These are the months we savor. These are the times that we need to keep secret from the prying eyes of the rest of the world. The off-season at the beach is the real pirate's treasure chest that we should keep all to ourselves. Let's resist the urge to make this place a year round world class resort and thereby sacrifice our off-season reward.

We saw the Outer Banks seek that year round pot of gold resulting in the ruin of their once pristine island that

used to boast wild horses, wild surfers and even wilder local parties. Now they are blighted by big boxes and fast foods. Highway 12 no longer takes you to a sleepy little beach town. It now offers only year round mayhem that locals regret. Let's not be like them.

Rather, let's make sure our civic leaders prioritize our quiet, scenic lifestyle. There's an election around the corner where local offices of town councils, county commissioners, school boards and state legislators need to be filled, so please think hard about the kind of candidates you will vote into those local offices.

Do your homework, be well informed, attend local meetings. Talk to new candidates and incumbents, look them in the eye and ask them the hard questions about how they plan to retain our simple island lifestyle and guarantee us the continued magic of our delightful off-season.

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# What's Happening To Buddy?

**By Dotty Harding**

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I often talk about my life with my dogs and their love, companionship, laughter, and even tears. Buddy is a toy Manchester Terrier who is 16 years old that I brought home as a puppy of 8 weeks. He seemed laid back most of the time, except when strangers, especially men, came to the door and then he would become aggressive for some unknown reason. To be on the cautious side, he was always crated before I would open the door to greet folks. He was also somewhat of a clown who always let his sister boss him around and be chased under chairs playing their little games. But he was always my Buddy.

One night, I heard him crying next to my bed in the middle of the night, which never happened in the past. It seemed to me that he felt lost, even though all his familiar sounds and smells surrounded him. Wow, I thought, what is going on here? I placed him back in his bed and covered him with his blanket, but 10 minutes later, he was back again. This confusion continued through the night until the both of us were exhausted. I now noticed other behaviors, such as being unable to find his way out from under his blankets and staring in the corner of a room as if he could not figure out how to move to get out.

We made it through that night and quickly obtained an appointment with my veterinarian, who mentioned Buddy could have dementia because his blood work and other testing were normal. I had never heard of dogs getting dementia, but when dogs, especially small breeds, can live long lives, dementia could be a problem you could face. Labs can also develop this condition because even though they are a large breed, they can live for 10 to 12 years.

Dementia in dogs, also known as canine cognitive dysfunction (CCD), is a disease that affects older dogs, much like dementia in humans. The following is some information regarding this disease;

**Causes:** The exact cause of CCD is not fully understood, but it's believed to be related to age brain changes, including the buildup of abnormal proteins in the brain, genetic factors, or reduced blood flow.

**Symptoms:** Dogs with dementia may exhibit various symptoms including:

1. Disorientation and confusion, including getting stuck in corners or staring into space.
2. Changes in sleep patterns include nighttime restlessness and daytime sleeping.
3. Increased irritability, anxiety, or aggression.
4. Loss of house training. (Doggie diapers can help with this. Don't laugh; there are actually more human adults

wearing diapers than there are babies).

5. Changes in appetite and weight loss.

6. Repetitive actions, such as pacing or circling.

**Diagnosis:** A veterinarian typically diagnoses CCD based on the dog's clinical signs and physical examination, ruling out other potential medical issues that could cause similar symptoms. Blood tests, neurologic exams, and imaging, such as MRI or CT scans, may help diagnose or rule out other conditions. However, in my opinion, after blood work and physical/neuro exam, I personally will not go further using MRI or CT scan because they are very costly, and this disease is affecting my very senior dog, who has enjoyed a great life, is comfortable and still mostly enjoys himself.

**Treatment:** While there is no cure for CCD, several strategies can help manage the condition and improve a dog's quality of life:

**Medications:** prescribed by your vet can be ordered to manage symptoms.

**Diet:** Special diets with antioxidants and Omega-3 fatty acids may be recommended to support brain health. I have made my dogs food for many years and believe it has helped them with their longevity.

**Environmental enrichment:** They all enjoy a daily car ride and a stop for a small cheeseburger, and hold the condiments that the four of us share

among myself and my three small dogs. I take them out on the grass and sunshine as we sit and watch the routine actions of our neighbors surrounding us.

**Routine:** Maintain a consistent daily routine to reduce confusion.

**Comfort:** Make your dog's environment comfortable and safe, with easy access to water, food, and bedding.

**Monitoring:** Regular check-ups with your veterinarian are essential to monitor your dog's condition and adjust treatment as needed.

**Prognosis:** CCD is a progressive disease, and the rate of decline can vary among dogs. While treatment can help slow the progression and improve symptoms, there is no cure, and the condition will ultimately worsen over time.

**Prevention:** While you can't prevent CCD entirely, maintaining your dog's overall health through regular exercise, a balanced diet, and mental stimulation may help reduce the risk or delay the onset of cognitive decline.

**So where is Buddy?** He is still by my side, wagging his tail, lying on the warm grass, and riding in the car to get his share of that cheeseburger. I thank God for allowing me to share life with His creations every day, and when Buddy finally lays his head down for the last time, I pray I will be there to comfort him and whisper, "Buddy, you are such a good boy; go on boy, and watch for me..... I will see you soon".





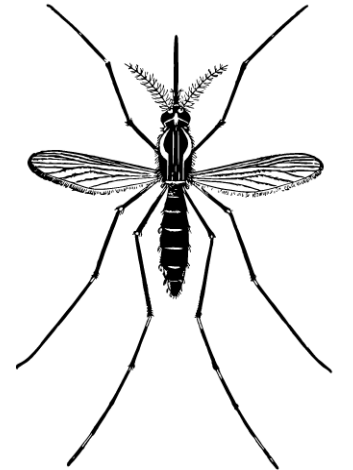
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# Onslow County Sheriff's Office

## News Release

Please join us in congratulating two detention officers who have been promoted.

On Tuesday, September 5, 2023 Detention Corporals M. Devenport and

S. Sullivan were promoted to sergeant in a ceremony held with family and friends in attendance.

Congratulations Sgt. Devenport and Sgt. Sullivan!



## Onslow Sheriff's Deputies Investigate Pony Farm Rd. Homicide

At approximately 11:53 PM August 28, 2023, Onslow County Communications received a 911 call saying a male was lying in a ditch on Pony Farm Road near Highway 53 who appeared to have been shot. Deputies arrived and found a black male, later identified as 36-year-old Christopher M. McKinnon deceased in the ditch near 2126 Pony Farm Rd. Witnesses reported hearing several gunshots near the roadway in the direction where Christopher's body was

found. Christopher appeared to have been shot multiple times; however, his specific injuries are pending autopsy by the Medical Examiner. This case is actively being investigated and detectives are asking anyone with information about this incident to contact the Onslow County Sheriff's Office at 910-455-3113 or Crime Stoppers at 910-938-3273. Additional information will be released as the investigation progresses.

## Keep A Look Out

Onslow County Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's assistance in any identifying information related to a white Chevrolet Tahoe involved in the larceny of a boat and trailer.

The incident occurred on August 28, 2023, at 9:22 p.m., off Gus Horne Rd, Holly Ridge, NC. Video surveillance shows a white Tahoe, with tinted windows and black rims enter the lot and leave with the boat and trailer. Anyone with information about this may call Onslow County Sheriff's Office, at 910-455-3113 or Crime Stoppers at

910-938-3273. Please refer to case number 2023008989 when calling. Crime Stoppers offers cash reward of up to \$5,000 for information that is deemed of value or assistance to law enforcement. Information can also be anonymously texted via Text-A-Tip by typing TIP4CSJAX and your message to 274637 (CRIMES). Callers to Crime Stoppers may remain anonymous and never have to reveal their identity.



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## Fleeing Offender Charges Upgraded To Second-Degree Murder

On December 30, 2022, a deputy with the Sheriff's Office's DWI Unit attempted to stop a vehicle for speeding 77 mph in a 55-mph zone. The offender was later identified as Andrew Michael Frazier of Plymouth Drive in New Bern, NC. Frazier fled from the deputy at speeds over 100 mph. Frazier ran the stop sign at the intersection of Ramsey Road and Kellum Loop Road. He struck a vehicle driven by Lonell Jones of Jacksonville, NC. Ms. Jones was killed on impact, and Frazier fled the scene on foot after the wreck.

Law enforcement attempted to locate

Frazier that evening, but he was not apprehended until the next day by members of the New Bern Police Department. At the time of the incident, Frazier's driver's license was revoked for previous impaired driving offenses.

The North Carolina State Highway Patrol conducted the crash investigation, and Frazier was charged with Involuntary Manslaughter and numerous other criminal violations.

On September 5, 2023, Frazier was indicted by an Onslow County Grand Jury for Second-Degree Murder. Fraizer is still

held within the Onslow County Detention Center under a \$1 million bond.

"The facts of this case are tragic. Had Mr. Frazier done the right thing and stopped for the deputy, Ms. Jones would still be here today. Running from law enforcement is dangerous to everyone on the road. Those who disregard our laws will be held accountable to the fullest extent possible. Our thoughts remain with Ms. Jones's family," said Sheriff Chris Thomas.

The Onslow County District Attorney's Office is responsible for prosecuting the

case. Any questions regarding the case should be directed to District Attorney Ernie Lee.



# Onslow County Sheriff's Office: White Oak Shooting Release

On Tuesday, August 29, 2023, deputies responded to a shopping center at 75 Balsam Road and Piney Green Road in reference to a shooting and learned a 15-year-old female had been struck in the leg, and the shooters had fled the scene. The victim's injuries were not life threatening and she was treated and released that afternoon. Investigators with the Onslow County Sheriff's Office's Special Victim's Unit, General Crimes Unit, and Crime Scene Investigation Unit responded to the scene. Investigators learned this incident involved juvenile students from White Oak High School, some of which were not immediately identified at the time.

Investigators discovered this incident was directly related to threats previously made on Monday, August 28, 2023, against a female student by a male student who had been in a relationship with the female, both of whom are students at White Oak High School. These threats were not known to law enforcement until the shooting investigation.

On Wednesday, August 30, 2023, investigators briefed this case with the District Attorney's Office. Investigators continued processing evidence, followed up on witness statements, and worked to identify all individuals involved.

On Thursday, September 7, 2023, after consultation with District Attorney Ernie Lee and Assistant District Attorney Brittany Hart, investigators charged five (5) juveniles with the following offenses:

- 16-year-old Juvenile (1)  
 (M) Communicating Threats  
 (M) Larceny  
 (F) Accessory After the Fact to Assault with a Deadly Weapon With the Intent to Kill  
 (F) Accessory After the Fact to Discharging a Firearm Within an Enclosure to Insight Fear  
 (F) Accessory After the Fact to Discharging a Firearm into an Occupied Property

- 16-year-old Juvenile (2)  
 (F) Assault with a Deadly Weapon With the Intent to Kill  
 (F) Discharging a Firearm Within an Enclosure to Insight Fear  
 (F) Discharging a Firearm into an Occupied Property  
 (M) Resist, Obstruct, and Delay  
 (M) Possession of a Firearm by a Minor

- 17-year-old Juvenile (3)  
 (F) Assault with a Deadly Weapon With the Intent to Kill  
 (F) Discharging a Firearm Within an Enclosure to Insight Fear  
 (F) Discharging a Firearm into an Occupied Property  
 (M) Possession of a Firearm by a Minor

- 15-year-old Juvenile (4)  
 (M) Possession of a Firearm by a Minor

- 17-year-old Juvenile (5)  
 (M) Possession of a Firearm by a Minor



The adult above is currently in custody under a \$50k secured bond in connection to this incident, and has been charged with the following offenses:

- Terence Lee McNair Jr. (20 yoa)  
 (F) Accessory After the Fact to Assault with a Deadly Weapon With the Intent to Kill  
 (F) Accessory After the Fact to Discharging a Firearm Within an Enclosure to Insight Fear  
 (F) Accessory After the Fact to Discharging a Firearm into an Occupied Property  
 (M) Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor (3 counts)

Anyone with information about this case may call the Onslow County Sheriff's Office, Detective A. Mullen at 910-455-3113 or Crime Stoppers at 910-938-3273. Please refer to case number 2023008850 when calling.

The Onslow County Schools Superintendents Office has been made aware of this investigation and the pending charges.

Additional information will be released as it becomes available as the investigation continues.

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# Legal

## Death Notices

Ann Domela-Nieuwenhuis, 87, of Jacksonville, died August 27, 2023.

Anne Thompson, 81, of Newport, died August 27, 2023.

Carol Ann Smith, 77, of Jacksonville, died August 28, 2023.

Edward Jarvis, 72, of Jacksonville, died September 10, 2023.

Barbara Forster, 83, of Richlands, died on September 8, 2023.

Curtis Melville, 64, of Jacksonville, died on September 6, 2023.

For a full obituary, please visit [www.coastalcremationsnc.com](http://www.coastalcremationsnc.com). Coastal Cremations and Funeral Care of Jacksonville is serving the family.

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# Farewell, Randy Allen

Randy Dean Allen, 55 a long-time resident of Surf City, died on Friday, September 8th in Sneads Ferry as a result of a motorcycle accident. Mr. Allen was leaving the Shrimp Festival heading west on Wheeler Creek Road when he was struck by a truck driven by Sneads Ferry resident, Heather Edens Rose, 34, at approximately 10:38 pm. In an unconfirmed report, Ms. Edens was traveling with her 14-year-old daughter and her daughter's friend in a 2007 Chevy truck when the accident occurred. It is believed that the accident happened when Ms. Rose failed to yield to oncoming traffic and turned in front of Mr. Allen's motorcycle, hitting him head on. Mr. Allen was ejected from his 2006 Harley Davidson motorcycle and was located in the field beside the intersection of Wheeler Creek Road and Holly Drive. CPR was performed to revive him on scene. He was pronounced dead upon arrival at the Naval Hospital. Neither Ms. Rose nor the occupants of her vehicle suffered significant injuries. Both vehicles were removed by Holly Ridge Tire and Auto.

Heather Edens Rose was arrested and charged with Felony Death by Motor Vehicle and Driving while Impaired. More charges may follow. Her bond was set at \$75,000 and she has been bonded out.

Mr. Allen is survived by his wife Cynthia Allen of Surf City, his sons Chad Allen (Florida) and Curtis Allen of Surf City, his parents, Sondra Hall of Richlands and his father, RC Allen of Sneads Ferry. His siblings, Ricky, Ronnie and Charlie Allen and sisters Carla Allen and Tyler Sandoval. His granddaughters, Harper and Haven Allen of Florida and a stepson, Brandon Hales of Colorado. He leaves behind several nieces and nephews and an extensive list of friends.

A Celebration of life took place on Friday, September 15th at the New Bern Avenue beach access in Surf City.

Mr. Allen was a man who celebrated life every day. He shared his compassion with others without limit and was a great friend to many. His life touched hundreds over the years and those who knew him will always remember his smile that would brighten a room. He will be sadly missed by the entire community.

## Word Search *(Autumn Fun)*

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Judy Bradshaw and son, Jeff Bradshaw

After almost 30 years, Judy Bradshaw has turned off the "Open" sign for the last time at the Hampstead DMV location. Accompanied by her son, Jeff (for the last decade), Ms. Bradshaw turned the small DMV service window that was located inside her convenience store when she first opened, into a full-fledged DMV office for license plates and registration. On any given day a small line could be seen waiting patiently to turn in plates, renew registrations or to get a new title. The kindness exhibited in the office by all the personnel did not go unnoticed.



From left to right: Judy Bradshaw, Jeff Bradshaw, Shannon Roberts, and Patricia Smith

Currently the Department of Motor Vehicles is taking applications to open another Hampstead location.

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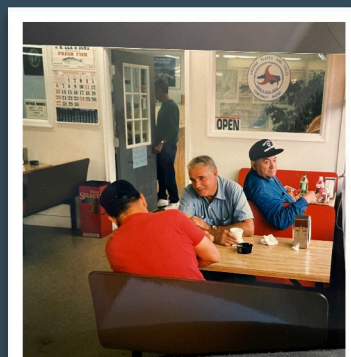


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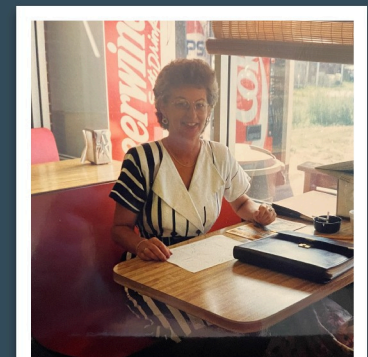
*"Thank you, Judy!!!"  
For your smile, knowledge, dedication, caring and friendships that you have allowed to be formed. However, the most important of all, thank you for always being the perfect example of a true Southern Lady who is always dressed as a lady, smiles, speaks, encourages and sets an example for those who met you to follow!!! Again, Thank You and you will be greatly missed." - Tillie Powell*



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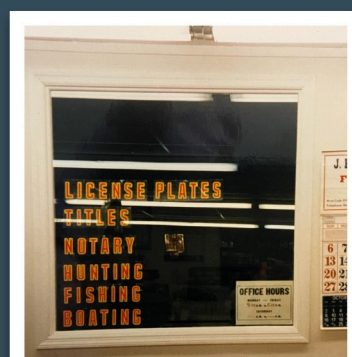
"Field Rep" who audited the office every 6 weeks

*"Thank you!!! You will be greatly missed" - Cheryl McCormick*

*"Sad to see them go! It was so nice having them local." - Brenda Kelly Gibson*



Jeff Bradshaw (right) with brother, John (left)



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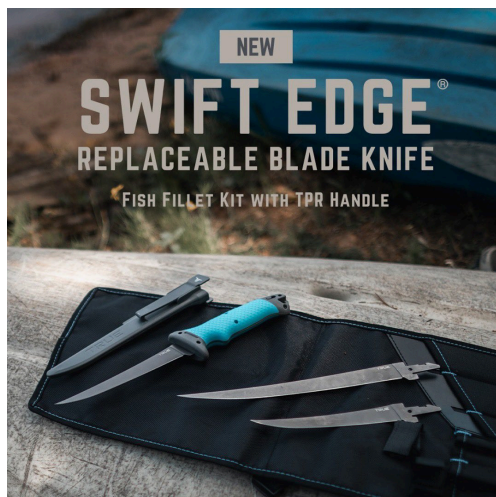


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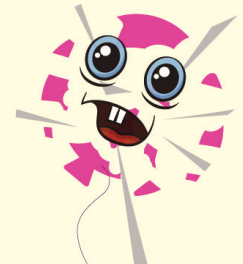
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