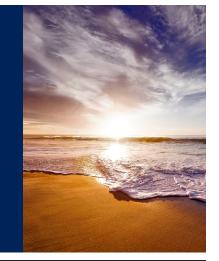


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Pender County Commissioners Vote On New Dog Ordinances

On Tuesday, January 17th, the Pender **County Commissioners voted** unanimously to pass updated ordinances that would prevent dog abuse and neglect.

The new laws are as follows: **Proper Shelter**

- 1. Sufficient shade shall be required to protect animals from direct sunlight that could lead to heat exhaustion.
- 2. Adequate shelter means that if an animal is tied or confined and left alone outdoors, there must be shelter that has 3 sides, a roof, and a floor. The shelter must be dry and offer sufficient room for the animal to lie down. The shelter shall not be subject to flooding or excessive muddy conditions. This includes animal waste.

Things not allowed for shelter:

Vehicles

Cardboard boxes

Transport crates

Airline crates

Metal barrels are not to be used in direct sunlight during the summer.

Humane Animal Tethering

All tethered animals must have access to water, shelter, or shade. Tethers must swivel on both ends and should be attached to a flat, buckle-tight collar or harness. No chains, chokers, or pronged collars. No animals under 4 months of age shall be tethered. Only 1 animal can be attached to a single tether. The weight of the tether cannot exceed 10% of the dog's body weight.

Uncoated cables must be inspected regularly and replaced if the cable is frayed. Runners and running lines shall be no more than 7 feet above the ground. The tether must be a minimum of 10 feet in length and shall keep the animal no closer than 3 feet to another animal, and no closer than 10 feet to the property line. An animal must be able to function on the tether without risk of strangling or entanglement.

If there are any violations, owners will be given 3 days to comply, before being given a \$50 citation. If owner fails to comply, it may result in compoundment of the animal after day 6. It is possible that the animal may become property of Pender County after a 72 hour hold at the shelter.





What The Egg Is Going On?

The great egg shortage of 2023 has led to skyrocketing prices and a scarcity of products. Bird flu is being blamed. If detected in a commercial chicken farm, all birds must be destroyed. That could mean thousands to millions of birds will never produce eggs or meat. Since the beginning of 2022, over 52 million birds (wild and farmed) have died or been destroyed due to Avian influenza. To date most of the farmers impacted have been in the Northwestern and Midwest States. Is the bird flu new? No, it was first detected in Italy in the late 1800's where it was referred to as a plague (fowl). The avian flu is a virus that seems to run on a cycle every few years.

The avian flu of 2014-2015 took the lives of over 50 million birds. That flu was caused by farm-to-farm transmission where the current flu is associated with infections from wild birds to domestic.

The current version of the flu affects the egg laying birds more than the birds raised for meat. Turkeys are the exception to the rule since they are being affected at a high rate.

Shortages in products and food items is nothing new since the Covid-19 pandemic, but eggs are an item that a small backyard farmer can provide for themselves and their families.

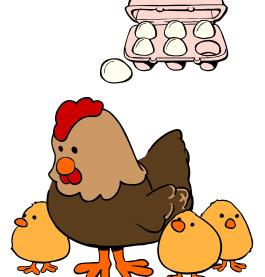
Several area towns and communities have updated their "chicken" policies to allow families to have hens as a backyard addition. If allowed, the rule of thumb is 3 hens to every 2 adults. This will provide eggs and if desired, meat. Baby chicks are cute and fuzzy but grown chickens are full of personality. Bantam chickens are much smaller than a standard hen and are available in lots of colors and feather configurations. Easter egger hens may lay green or blue colored eggs. Local feed and hardware stores will begin getting baby chickens, heat lamps, feed and supplies in stock in the next few weeks. Several stores have a minimum number to purchase to deter the person who wants "one chick because it's cute". Baby chicks must be kept warm and dry and out of reach of other animals, including household pets (like dogs) that tend to find them a bite

sized snack or play toy. When the birds are old enough to go outdoors, make sure you have an enclosed pen with weatherproof housing to stay in at night and to get out of the weather. Fencing is key and needs to include the ground of their pen to avoid digging predators such as fox and dogs. A top on the pen will prevent racoons, possums and large birds from stealing your livestock.

Not a fan of chickens but still love eggs? Ducks are a wonderful egg laying bird and unlike a chicken egg, a duck egg may have multiple yokes, which is great for cooking. Ducks will require the same type of contained pen but will also require large amounts of water - such as a kiddie pool. Ducks are messy and love to filter dirt in the water so constant upkeep of clean water is necessary.

Helping yourself or your family to be more self-sufficient is always a good thing. Local farm groups have flock swaps and exchanges and can offer lots of information for the person just starting out. Check with your local zoning regulations before making

purchases and don't be afraid to research the breed or variety you would like to raise. Live in an HOA? How about suggesting a community chicken coop and garden. Chickens are wonderful at getting rid of pests and insects. This is also a great way to teach children about responsibility and chores.



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Topsail Gun Gal

By Dorothy Royal

Several Sheriffs across the State of Illinois, with the support of the Sheriffs' association, have made their voices heard. Under no circumstances will they, or their office, require law abiding residents to register their firearms nor will they arrest anyone solely for noncompliance of the requirements set forth by the new law HB 5471.

The Bill that was signed into law this January by the democratic governor requires that all firearms be registered, that long guns can only have a capacity of ten rounds and handguns can only have fifteen rounds. A new ban on all "assault-style" rifles states that no one can sell, manufacture, own or purchase any of these type weapons was also put into place. The new ban also includes the magazines for the "assault-style" weapons.

Gun rights organizations, including the NRA and the SAF (second amendment foundation) have declared war on the unconstitutional law. Legal battles are already in the works.

To date almost a third of the Illinois county Sheriffs have come out in opposition to the new laws.

The reason behind the opposition is simple. The Sheriffs believe the new law is nothing but an attack on the Second Amendment and law-abiding gun owners. Their job, first and foremost, is to serve and protect the people in their communities, which includes their Constitutional rights.

ATF got a slap on the wrist when the 5th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals struck down the ban on bump-fired stocks, stating that ATF did not have the authority to create a ban, nor does ATF make laws. ATF had stated for ten years that a bump fire stock did not make a firearm a machine gun. A machine gun is defined as a weapon that operates with a single function of the trigger, meaning that the trigger only had to be held down one time for all the ammunition to be dispersed. A semi-automatic weapon is defined as one pull of the trigger fires one bullet (or shell). The bump fire stock still required one pull of the trigger for one bullet to be fired.

Unfortunately, in the TV world every rifle is fully automatic and never runs out of ammunition.

Violent crimes involving machetes have been in the news at a growing rate.

On New Year's Eve in New York City, three on-duty police officers were attacked in Times Square by a 19-yearold man from Maine. The man, wielding a machete and screaming "Allahu Akbar", struck two of the officers in the head before being shot in the shoulder. The man had been studying radical Islamic ideology and had planned a trip to the Middle East to join the Taliban. His plan was to be a suicide bomber. He is being federally charged with first-degree attempted murder in the furtherance of an act of terror as well as other crimes. He is facing 80 years in prison if convicted.

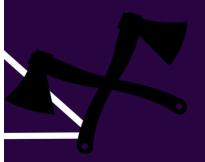
On New Year's Day, a 22-year-old clerk at a Dollar Tree in Ohio was murdered by a man wielding a machete. The woman had just graduated from college and was a newlywed. The man who killed her was located by police sitting in his car in front of the Sheriffs department, where he surrendered.

Are crimes with machetes new? The answer is no. The gang M-13 in California and New York have been charged with killing and dismembering their victims with them. In most cases a machete is a weapon that can be found in most hardware stores and requires no paperwork. In November 2022 the Charlotte area noted multiple machete

Remember knowledge is power, evil will do evil things if not stopped, and the Constitution is not a "suggestion".







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Out With The Old, In With The New

By Becky Borneman

A new year brings new beginnings and fresh starts. Many people start resolutions, new diets, good habits. I like to clean out my closet this time of year.

The hardest part about that is deciding what stays and what goes. What's even harder is trying to decide those things with the weather we've been having. Mother Nature is all over the place lately. Lows of 19, highs of 74. My head spins just trying to keep up with her mood swings. I think this week alone I will have worn all 4 seasons of clothing.

I love starting my clean out with my shoes. I just keep them all. So that's easy. Moving right along to my ball gown selection. I used to wear these quite a bit in Tallahassee to different functions. Here, not so much. I mean I'd be a little overdressed going to the nicest places around here in those gowns. Although we did go to an event one year put on by the Chamber of Commerce in cocktail attire. Once that was over we somehow ended up at a local bar where mud wrestling was happening. Again, a little overdressed. And a night we won't soon forget.

Then my t-shirts. Now I love a good t-shirt. They're a great way to show your support for a local business. My problem is I wear them on the food truck and they get grease stains and everything else on them. Before I know the pile of food truck tees way outweighs the pile of non-food truck tees. I've thrown out some of my favorite shirts just to lessen that load.

And to throw them out instead of passing them along to someone...feels so wrong!

So if you're struggling with getting rid of some of your old t-shirts just remember this. Nobody wants your old hand me down New Kids On The Block t-shirt circa 1994 with the cheese fries stain on it. Throw them out!









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Sea Turtle Hospital News



By Karen Sota

We're always ready to talk turtle. And during 2022 we had plenty to talk about. Last year we admitted the highest number of turtles in our history – 119. That number doesn't include the patients we had on site at the beginning of the year – 140 patients in total. To say we were exceptionally busy would be an understatement. And although turtles are our focus there's a lot of public engagement and behind the scenes activity that must happen, too.

Last year our staff devoted countless hours welcoming visitors for tours. We opened early in the year and were open more days than ever before, and we now have an attractive portico to keep you all out of the sun and rain. We reworked our education hall exhibits with lots of cool visuals and a variety of videos. We added a "search for the turtles" worksheet and coloring page for kids along with a box of special shells they could pick from upon completion. And the gift shop – just wow! We took it down to the walls and totally rebuilt it not only with display structures but with so much new turtlethemed merchandise it will make your head spin. We focused on keeping with our mission of conservation in selecting products, many of which are exclusive to us and support local artisans.

But we didn't stop with the hall. In October all on-site patients were temporarily relocated to other areas in the hospital while we undertook a muchneeded rehab in Sea Turtle Bay. New energy-efficient lighting, rust repair and mitigation and the resurfacing of floors that were definitely showing signs of a decade of turtle care. The contracted work was completed on schedule and the critical time-consuming job of reconfiguring and replumbing tanks by our life support team began. Little by little the patients were moved back in, with a few of them getting tanks with a million-dollar view - a window. And we added information sheets about each of them along the railings so you can keep track of your photos during your tour.

We have some exciting things planned for 2023, but with almost seventy patients currently in various stages of rehab we can't really tell you when we'll be able to open for tours again. The staff arrives in the dark and leaves in the dark. Most of these turtles are cold-stuns and some look like long-term cases. We're hoping that we don't get another week like the one that brought all these guys and gals in, but it is still technically winter. We rely on our locals and visitors to keep any eye out for victims of cold snaps.

So, what do you do if you see a turtle that has washed up on the beach or in our marshy areas or is in the water floating motionlessly? First, don't assume it is dead. They literally can't move, maybe not even blink. Whether the turtle is big or small immediately call our Director of Beach Operations, Terry Meyer at: 910-470-2880. If she is not available, call the hospital during operating hours: 910-329-0222. If the turtle is below the high tide line and in danger of washing out, move it above the high tide line if you can do so safely. Ideally you should remain with the turtle until our trained volunteers arrive to retrieve it. If that is not possible, find a way to indicate the location of the turtle on the beach by drawing large arrows in the sand or placing beach debris nearby. 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

We are officially closed to the public for the year. Depending on our patient load we may be able to open for tours sporadically after the first of the year. Check our website www.seaturtlehospital.org for any updates Our gift shop is open year-round online so you can still find all kinds of cool turtle-themed merchandise, much of it exclusive to us. And if you're looking for something for those impossible-to-buy-for relatives and friends, consider adopting one of our patients.





Loggerhead "Barkley" enjoys the view from his new window tank, waving to whoever goes by.

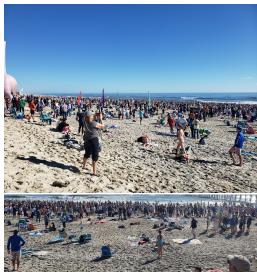
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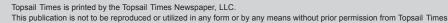












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By Any Other Name

By Carol Ann Ross

One of my favorite critters to find on the beach is the lonely, ugly, yet unique Sea Urchin, most commonly called the pin cushion. Without its many spines spiraled about its squashy body, it does most certainly resemble one of the old fashioned pin cushions my momma used when sewing. That name, the pin cushion came about I suppose by that resemblance. Like so many shells and critters of the sea, humans have given them names that are familiar and identifiable.

For example, the shells that look like lion's paws are really a type of scallop. Shark's Eye and Baby's Ear are types of snails that feed along the bottom of the ocean. The sea cucumber-well, if you've seen one, you'll understand the name. All of these shells and sea critters have long complicated scientific names, but like I said earlier, the familiar names

One of the most unique critters found on the beaches around here is the skate egg sack, now called the mermaid's purse. When I was a kid, we called them devil's shopping bags. They were black (still are)and spooky looking (still are). Actually, the old name seems much more appropriate, but hey, putting pretty names on ugly stuff is the thing these

But I digress, this little article is about the pin cushion, the sea urchin, which is fascinating as all get out. In my search to find info, talking with folks, reading, remembering-I found out the following: there are over 900 species of sea urchins, they live on the floor of every ocean on the planet and exist at every depth. Their spine length varies from an inch to 12 inches. I guess, they are a lot like peopletakes all kinds.

Pin Cushions eat mostly algae and their predators are mainly starfish, crabs, trigger fish, sheephead, otters and lobsters. Of course there is always man. Folks in Japan serve them up quite often. They are usually eaten by cutting the bottom end of the urchin off (the under part where the mouth is) spooning out the innards and eating them raw.(yuck!) However, some people do fry or saute them

Of course, this so ugly it's cute sea critter, seems harmless. But their population has been known to cause great damage to kelp beds where they graze for food. Introduction of otters into the scene has helped here.

I always feel it's a treat or another gift from God when I find these critters at my bare feet. And though they may be stinky for a few days upon my back porch sill, they mellow out and become decorations and reminders of what I love best out of Topsail Island.



Devils shopping bag/ mermaid's purse



Shark's eye



Sea urchin without spines



Urchin with spines

Swingbridge Nutrition Celebrates Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Swingbridge Nutrition celebrated their ribbon cutting on January 5th at 5:30pm.

Swingbridge Nutrition is open Monday through Friday from 8am to 3pm,
and Saturday from 9am to 3pm. Delivery is available.

Swingbridge Nutrition is located at 103 Atkinson Point Road in Surf City.

Be sure to stop by for some delicious shakes and refreshing teas!



Dale and Jessica of Swingbridge Nutrition





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Coastal Common Sense

By Kim McGahey

Government is the problem, not the answer. These words of wisdom from Ronald Reagan perfectly frame our current sad state of affairs where we look to the federal government for the answers to life's little hurdles. Unfortunately, the government intentionally creates many of those emergencies so that the government can be the immediate bureaucratic solution.

The Coronaphobia (COVID-19) is the perfect example. Government entities funded the research that created the virus and then all levels of government went to great lengths to regulate our behavior around the problem they helped facilitate. They quickly discovered that a "health emergency" was the gift that kept on giving command and control.

They kept extending and expanding that emergency status in order to maintain the power of the purse which then freed up billions of tax dollars used by their propagandists to manipulate and regulate our fears through mask mandates, essential business

designations, school closures and economic lockdowns - none of which solved the problem they created.

The Christmas week "weather emergency" is another example of how everyone looks to the government for solutions. The complicit liberal media poured on incessant coverage of the severe winter storm implying that the government should be responsible not only for the climate change that they said caused the artic bomb, but also for untold amounts of tax dollars that should be spent to fix the weather related airlines mismanagement problems across the country.

They trot out the imminently unqualified Secretary of Transportation with mindless sound bites about the need for a federal investigation into Southwest Airlines. No attention was paid to the role of the government backed flight attendants' and pilots' unions being directly responsible for thousands of cancelled flights. Mr. Secretary took the stage to call for the ubiquitous federal takeover of the airlines. How soon they forget the outcome of the U.S. Postal Service takeover.

When baby formula fell victim to government induced supply chain delays, the clamor for a federal solution was amplified far and wide. America used to be able to handle these minor disruptions without the constant call for government intervention. The "baby formula emergency" fortunately found its solution in free market supply and demand.

The "fossil fuel emergency" is a government endorsed policy calling for the replacement of fossil fuels with wind, solar, methane, and other low volume, high cost energy solutions that cannot possibly fuel the Western economy that supports the world.

Fossil fuel energy independence is the capitalist solution that has enabled the world to feed, care for and lift out of poverty over 6 billion people. Now the government wants to shut down this free market miracle with a pervasive societal conversion to untested and inadequate renewable technologies.

Every day brings a new government emergency crying wolf with problems they create and, according to one of their experts, only they can solve. Government regulation is overwhelming - from our bathrooms to our board rooms. It fosters our widespread discouragement and the resulting complacency from a death by a thousand paper cuts.

State legislatures, county commissioners, town councils, school boards and homeowner associations can no longer abdicate their responsibility for local problem solving over to the feds. We must heed Thomas Jefferson's advice that the best government is the one closest to the people and the one that governs least.



This Week In DC

January 7, 2023 ~ This has been a historic and challenging week to say the least. Governing is a complex and messy process, and it requires Members of Congress to look for a way to get to an agreement. It's no different than when you are trying to reach a deal in business or buy/sell a home; each has to want to get to an agreement for it to happen.

House Republicans have a conservative policy agenda that has been set for some time. The roadmap is simple: You produce the most conservative legislation possible that has the broadest support among the Republican Conference and you stick together and vote for it. That is how you rack up wins and get our country back on track — but everyone has to want to get to yes.

Members of Congress have a responsibility to uphold our Constitution, to answer to our constituents, and to strengthen our country — all while navigating the complexities of Capitol Hill — which is not easy. It's especially hard when you have individual members who are more interested in promoting themselves than anything else.

Electing a Speaker of the House is not just about one individual. It's about protecting the institution, managing talent to achieve the best solutions, and allowing members to legislate and make their voices heard for the benefit of the country. Critically important is the institution itself. Our founders devised a system of government that protects the minority voice to ensure that it is heard, but the majority rules. This is particularly true for the House of Representatives. (The U.S. Senate is much different in its makeup and rules.)

To allow a very small minority to dictate to the majority in the Republican Conference would have imperiled the institution forever more — diminishing the majority voice of the people. After the Republican Conference voted this past November to nominate Kevin McCarthy as our designee for Speaker with 85 percent of the vote, for the sake of the institution there was no choice but to vote for him to be Speaker. For clarity, let me put it this way: What if the shoe were on the other foot with those holding seats in mostly Democrat districts holding out? Rules matter.

The majority matters. Institutions matter. Precedence matters.

A great leader always provides his members an exit strategy, and that is what Speaker McCarthy did. Few could have pulled it off, but his perseverance, resolve and the help of many other members working together made it happen.

Now that the House speakership is resolved, the hard work of governing begins. Whatever the House produces will be a starting negotiation point with the Democrat majority in the Senate and the Biden Administration. Because of this divide in power, we will be able to stop bad policies from being put in place that require an act of Congress, and we will be able to improve narrow provisions of law and bring more accountability with the power of the purse and the power of the subpoena. Major trajectory changes in law will have to wait for a conservative Senate and White House — which is why each election matters

It's an honor to serve the great citizens of North Carolina's 7th Congressional District. As we begin the 118th Congress in a new Republican Majority, I'm grateful for the confidence you have placed in me, and I will continue listening to you and working for you.





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Community Updates

2023 Year of the Trail

BURGAW – Pender County Tourism, Pender County Parks and Recreation, and Pender County Health Department are joining with a troupe of pirates, naturalists, and historians to host one family-friendly hike per month to celebrate 2023 Year of the Trail.

"Pender County is a trail county," said Tammy Proctor, director of tourism. "We are crisscrossed by major trails such at the Mountains to Sea Trail, the East Coast Greenway, the NC Birding Trail, the NC Oyster Trail, and many more. This year, we're celebrating the Year of the Trail."

In a year-long celebration, the various organizations and local municipalities are hosting hikes that are one-mile or less for families throughout Pender County.

"The first hike is the Hot Chocolate Hike on Jan. 31 at the Abbey Nature Preserve," said Zach White, Pender County Parks and Recreation Supervisor."

The Pender County Health
Department will lead a hike in Burgaw in
February to celebrate the Year of the
Trail and Heart Healthy Month.

March will feature the Top-Secret
Operation Bumblebee Hike in Topsail
Beach with the Historical Society of
Topsail Island. April will be a Pirate
Treasure Hike in Soundside Park in
cooperation with a pirate troupe and the
Town of Surf City. May will be a family
fun hike into Holly Shelter Game Land
with noted naturalist Andy Wood. In
June, take a hike on the Blueberry Trail
in Burgaw during Blueberry Week.

"We are booking the remainder of the hikes right now," said Proctor. "It's going to be a fun activity for families because for every hike a family makes, we will enter their name into a drawing for a grand prize gift basket. The more hikes that family members take, the more chances to win."

For more information or to register, call Pender County Tourism at 910-259-1278.

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She has done well over 100,000 spray tans over many years and all have relied on her from the beginning for the flawless, never-orange airbrushed tan look. She has manufactured and sold her all-natural spray tan formula and equipment all over the world.

She recently sold her Wilmingtonbased day spa and developed the first Mobile Spray Tanning unit in the area. "THE TAN VAN" is on the go and she can accommodate anyone from individuals to groups at their location or at her Surf City base.

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Alliance Of Native Seedkeepers

By Fix Cain

The history of longleaf pines with south eastern indigenous cultures is extensive. For some of us here, it can be traced to a Tuscarora story called the Seven Dancers, which tells of the creation of the Pleiades star cluster. After the 7 dancing children had risen into the clouds, the 7th child had looked back at their mother when she called his name. Consequently, he crashed into the ground and disappeared like a shooting star. There were many days of weeping by all the parents for their children, but the mother of the 7th child wept the longest over the place where her child had fallen. She kept crying onto the earth, and eventually a pine seedling sprouted from the ground. Supposedly, the mother could then converse with the pine and it would tell her when it was time to plant, harvest, or gather. There is a possibility this is due to the location of Pleiades and the trajectory it follows around this majestic pine. This pine is said to have been cut by a hunter and bled. Despite chasing away this hunter, the people discovered how to make pitch and tar from this experience.

There were soon many more longleaf pines growing nearby and spreading, and the people would use the needles for baskets and the wood for canoes and longhouses. This pine outliving all other southern pines and growing in massive stands, eventually this mighty pinestand became the home of many plant and animal species, supplying countless amounts of food and medicine to the

Many years later, colonists arrived from Europe which would change this once powerful ecosystem. Since the time of European settlement, these forests have been severely depleted by changing land use for three centuries. Necessary control burns were no longer practiced, and instead massive logging and pitch and tar extraction occurred which pushed this tree to a threatened level. When replantings occurred, poor practices were done and other types of pine were planted in their place.

It is estimated that longleaf pine forests once covered 92 million acres from southwest Virginia to eastern Texas, once making it the most ecologically important tree species in the southern United States.

In spite of recent attention to longleaf pine forests, there are only 4.3 million acres left, and many of these acres are either poorly maintained or severely degraded, making it now one of the most endangered ecosystems in the United States.

Even though longleaf pines face ongoing threats, there are clear signs that they may be able to recover.

Multiple organizations and coalitions between tribes, nurseries, nonprofits and tribal, state and federal agencies have been established over the last several decades. As a result, increases in seedlings have occurred and better land management practices have been returned to many of these areas. There is still much to be done and we hope to be part of that solution

We have had some discussions about our

own involvement in these land management practices and right now we are dropping hints as to where we intend to go. These little longleaf seedlings are the first of many to come to us as we prepare to include them in our resilience programs. So stay tuned!

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Beth Roach, co-founder of Alliance of native seedkeepers

Congratulations To Surf City's New Town Mayor: Teresa Batts







Town Of Surf City Announces New Appointment To The Council

Surf City, NC – The Surf City Town Council It is during his time as a State Trooper he proudly announces the appointment of Hugh Cannady as the newest council member. The Council voted to appoint Mr. Cannady during their regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2023. Mr. Cannady will be sworn in by the town clerk and take his seat at the next scheduled regular meeting.

Mr. Cannady has enjoyed coaching youth sports in the community and has served the Town by volunteering for street and beach sweeps. He is a retired State Trooper through the North Carolina Highway Patrol, where he dedicated over 27 years and retired as a First Sergeant.

worked closely with the Surf City Police Department assisting with collision investigation training as well as working with administrative staff on investigations of serious personal injury collisions and was the representative during major hurricanes Bonnie, Bertha, Fran, Floyd, Matthew, and Florence. "As a resident of Surf City for more than 27 years, I have experienced the changes and challenges our community is faced with. I am excited to serve in this new capacity and am eager to lend my background and knowledge to help further the goals of the Town." - Hugh Cannady

"With 13 applications for council appointment, it's a tremendous testament to our community who is engaged and wanted to give back. I want to thank all the applicants to have expressed interest in this position and urge them to continue

to be involved in the future of Surf City. I feel confident that Hugh will serve this community with great pride and will be an asset to the Team.

We're looking forward to continuing the work of the residents of the Town of Surf City." - Mayor Teresa B. Batts



Pender County Born Of Reconstruction Politics

By Cape Fear Historical Institute



Wright Street in Burgaw, looking Southward

The Creation of Pender County, 16 February, 1875

Current-day Pender county was created out of the northern two-thirds of New Hanover county in 1875, the result of continued political unrest between conservative North Carolinians and the postwar Republican carpetbag regime in the lower Cape Fear region.

After Conservatives (later Democrats) won control of the North Carolina General Assembly (from northern Republicans) in 1870, they could not return the State to full local control as the Republicans still held the national government; but they retained judicial and executive dominance along with strong representation in the State legislature.

Realizing that the black vote ensured Republican control and corruption in the Cape Fear region, Conservatives determined that reducing New Hanover County representation in the State legislature was a better strategy. They hoped to control Pender County and its legislative delegation once the blacks, mostly sharecroppers, were separated from the Republican political organization in Wilmington.



Burgaw in Late 1800's

The Franklin Township of northern New Hanover (now Pender) had a large population of freedmen after the war and "most had been organized into the Republican Party by carpetbaggers (northern political opportunists) and threatening control of New Hanover" county governance. (Bizzell).

To address this concern, a portion of Franklin Tonwship was ceded to adjacent Sampson County in 1870 - and the remainder given in 1872 thus establishing the current County boundary.

As Sampson County had a small former-slave population and little Republican influence, the removal of Franklin seemed a good move for New Hanover County conservatives. Oscar Bizzell's "Heritage of Sampson County," mentions "Dr. Cornelius Tate Murphy (1827-1881) of Taylors Bridge Township and Clinton [who] represented Sampson in the State Senate during 1870-1872 and probably instrumental in engineering this deal."

On the State level, Conservative victory brought an end to Republican excesses in finances by repudiating most of the \$30,000,000 State debt, of which about \$13,000,000 consisted of special tax railroad bonds issued in 1868-1869. Most of this money had been wasted and the bonds regarded as fraudulent, unconstitutional and needing repudiation.

The Republicans in Wilmington were former US Army officers and political opportunists from the north after the city's capture in February 1865. Though a majority white population before the war, the city became majority black after the arrival of many refugees left homeless in the path of Sherman's destruction of plantations. The new Freedmen's Bureau drew black refugees here as well.

The city population in 1860 consisted of 5200 white, and 575 free black residents, plus 4300 black slaves. The changes above brought the population in 1870 to 5526 white, and 7920 black residents.

By the year 1880, the city population was 8159 white and 13,217(61%) black in an increasingly racially-polarized political environment.

The white citizens comprised the vast majority of property holders, yet had little political representation as the black residents voted solidly for Republican office holders. This was the racial and political climate which led to the 1898 bloodshed in Wilmington.

(The following period document is offered for perspective)

HISTORY OF PENDER COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA MATTIE BLOODWORTH - 1947

The Reconstruction Period

"After Congress passed the Reconstruction Act, which was one of the most drastic and tragic ever recorded in the history of this country, crime and riotous living spread its dark pall over this quiet peaceful land. Wilmington the County Seat was crowded with carpet-baggers, scalawags, and Negroes. Negro constables, Negro deputy sheriffs, Negro health officers and for many years a Negro served as Register of Deeds; also a Negro represented New Hanover in the Legislature.

These Negroes and scalawags owned no property and were not interested in much of anything beyond the idea of exploiting the white property owners. The Negroes were very ignorant and strongly prejudiced against their former masters, and in no way qualified to take part in government affairs. The so-called scalawag and carpetbagger occupied the important positions with the Negroes in the minor places. The white man was, so to speak, disfranchised. and the former leading families were in many instances practically bankrupt, the great plantations lay idle, neglected, and everything and all business was demoralized.

Poverty stalked the land and New Hanover County, which then comprised the present Pender, found life almost intolerable. This condition existed until 1898, when a revolution changed the whole aspect and the Reconstructioners faded into discard where they have since remained, a negligible element. Under such conditions the Democratic Party inevitably became the party of "White Supremacy," the party of decency in government and honesty in affairs.

To secure control of the County & State government and to regenerate it, was the consuming passion of the Democratic Party. In those days it was impossible to elect a decent white man - a Democrat - to the Legislature, either from New Hanover or from this section. The thousands of voting Negroes in the city of Wilmington piled up a majority so large that it could hardly be overcome by any artifice, so when the County of Pender had been created the politicians were solely disappointed.

Alfred L. Lloyd, a noted Negro, was promptly sent to the Legislature from the new County of Pender. His majority was a slight one and was soon overcome, and Pender County shortly after became a reliable "White County."

Since that time Pender has been constant in its loyalty to the Democratic Party, to decency in government, and to honesty in public affairs.

While this great War Between the States, with its terrible slaughter of life, inflicted a severe blow to this section, Pender has emerged from this period slowly, but substantially, and is fast becoming one of North Carolina's greatest farming sections."

The New County of Pender Is Formed:

The bill to form a new county from the northern two-thirds of New Hanover was introduced in the North Carolina Legislature in January 1875 by John D. Stanford, Democratic senator from Duplin County. Comprising almost all of New Hanover's agricultural population, the new county would reduce the former to little more than Wilmington proper "plus an almost uninhabited peninsula."

"Stanford introduced the bill because the "petitioners had no representative of their political faith on the Senate floor." According to Stanford the petitioners desired "to be free from Radical rule and corruption which had . . . impoverished the county of New Hanover." They "wanted to be cut loose from the Radical ring of Wilmington." Even though the Republicans would have a slight majority in the proposed new county, they opposed its creation." (McDuffie, Politics in Wilmington and New Hanover County, 1865-1900)

The legislative act creating Pender County was ratified onFebruary 16, 1875, and called for an election to be held on the third Thursday of April, 1875 to elect a Clerk of the Superior Court, a Sheriff, a Treasurer, a Register of Deeds, a Surveyor, five commissioners and a Coroner. All those elected were to "hold office until th 1st Thursday in August 1875 or until their successors shall have been elected."

The act provided that New Hanover County would have two members elected to the House of Representatives and Pender County, one member. Both counties were to elect one State senator.

The new county commissioners of Pender were directed by the North Carolina Legislature to convene their first official meeting on the fifth Thursday of April, 1875 at Rocky Point, with the county seat being at the town of Cowan, but an act of 1877 directed that it should be named "Stanford" after the bill's sponsor.

Robert J. Nixon, Fletcher H. Bell, James Garrison, K. Bryan and John D. Powers were appointed Commissioners for the purpose of confering with New Hanover County commissioners regarding the ratio of New Hanover debt to be asumed by the new county.

The first County Commissioners elected in Pender County were W.H. French, C.H. Manning, A.V. Horrell, Daniel Shaw and Miles Armstrong. The town of South Washington was named as the County Seat after an official vote of April 15, 1875.

The first regular meeting of the commissioners was at South Washington on May 3, 1875.





Commissoners Daniel Shaw and Miles Armstrong

In November 1876 a new Board of Commissioners was elected consisting of Miles Armstrong, Augustus Gemberg, Robert M. Croom, Elijah Tate, and C.M.D. Humphrev.

The County Seat was moved to the town of Burgaw in the spring of 1879, and an act of the General Assembly in 1879 changed the formerly required name "Stanford" to Burgaw. The community of Burgaw appears on maps as early as 1861, and is named for Burgaw Creek, which appears on the Collett map of 1770. Also, a Burgaw Plantation in the vicinity appears in records of 1764.

The reunions of Southern soldiers who fought in the War Between the States was common in the postwar period, and Pender County hosted its own. Below is a group photograph of an 1896 Reunion

held in Burgaw.



The county is named in honor of Edgecombe County native Major-General William Dorsey Pender (1834-1863). Born near Tarboro he entered West Point as a cadet in July 1850 and rose to the rank of major-general by age 29. Considered one of the most capable officers in Lee's army, the latter wrote of him: "His promise and usefulness as an officer were equalled only by the purity and excellence of his private life." Severely wounded at Gettysburg in July 1863, he died shortly after.



Major-General William Dorsey Pender

General Pender's body as taken to Tarboro and buried in the churchyard of Calvary Parish. His headstone is inscribed with "Patriot by Nature, Soldier by Training, Christian by Faith." Inside the church, a window memorializes Pender with his favorite quote from St. Paul: "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith."

The new county name had been the suggestion of resident Dr. Elisha Porter, who had served during the war as an army physician under General Pender.



Dr. Elisha Porter

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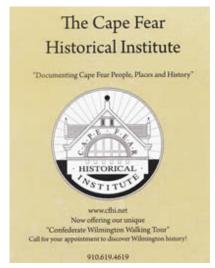
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Lucy

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Battlet Teens

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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!!!



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!



Perch

I look just like a full blooded Russian Blue cat, but I assure vou. I was another homeless rescued cat that FURR saved! If you like that SOFT blue/gray coat & my big white spot on my chest, then you'll like me! I am a very sweet

boy & get along great with all the other kitties! Stop by & feel my velour fur & get to know me! I'm only a little over a year old!



Roughy

I am a GORGEOUS long haired orange tabby boy & my fur is soooo soft! FURR rescued me from a fish place & I was skin & bones. Now I am fat & happy but still a little shy....but all I need is a little reassurance and love, and I will be the "bestest" kitty ever!

I love all of my siblings if you want a couple of cats! Please give me a chance to show you what an amazing cat I can be! I'm only a little over a year old!



Daddy Batts

My name is Daddy Batts and FURR rescued me after a covote almost are my front leg off! Thank goodness I was rescued & now I am as good as new! I am a Maine Coon mix and just as sweet as I am beautiful!!! Although I am

still a little shy, everyone LOVES me at FURR! I'm now ready for my "furrever" home!

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9 Things To Remember To Achieve Forgiveness

By Diane Henderson

1. You must really want to forgive someone. Many people try to forgive because they think they should. That never works. When you know in your soul that you want to forgive, you can make it happen. Carrying around anger, loathing, hate, or other negative feelings toward someone is like renting that person space in your head and not collecting rent. It never hurts them; it only hurts you. Forgiveness will begin your healing process and set you free.

2. Understand and accept that forgiveness is for your benefit, not the person who wronged you. I had a client once who for 10 years carried around a major psychological wound and thought I was crazy when I suggested that she forgive the person who hurt her. She finally gave in, did her forgiveness work, and her life turned around. She was no longer depressed and fearful. She could laugh and enjoy life more. Her soul was released from its bondage for so many years. Studies have shown that forgiving someone can lead to healthier relationships with others, and reduce anxiety, stress, anger, cholesterol, sleep, and blood pressure. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain when you forgive someone. Love yourself enough to forgive the person or persons who wounded you.

3. Do not involve the person whom you are forgiving in the process, and don't expect him/her to change. This is your internal process. It is between your psyche and your soul. I unknowingly offended someone once. He called and told me that he had been attending personal growth classes and realized that he needed to forgive me for

something. He asked me to meet him to discuss it. My first thought was "Why do you need me there? Forgiveness is between you and the Lord." I met him anyway. I was curious about what I had said or done, and I did not want the negativity of his upset with me floating around in the universe. When we parted from the meeting, I was glad for him that he got it off of his chest, but in no way did it change my thoughts and feelings about what I had said and done.

4. As long as you have not forgiven, you are seeing yourself as a victim. I said this to a client once and she said, "But I am a victim." My response was, "Yes, you were victimized, and it was terrible, but you don't have to carry that burden forever. If you do, you will set yourself up for pain and suffering for the rest of your life. You wouldn't be here in therapy if that is what you want." Forgiveness doesn't mean that you approve of what happened. It doesn't mean that you have to let the person in your life again. It means that you are no longer willing to let the issue cause you pain, distrust of others, depression, and unhappiness. She got the message and did her work.

5. Start the process of forgiveness by writing a letter to the person who wounded you. Say everything in the letter that you have been thinking about the situation. Tell the person how his/her actions have affected you. Express all of your feelings. Curse if you must. An 85-year-old woman came into therapy. When I did her intake form, I asked if she was married, and she responded, "I am widowed." I gave my condolences and asked, "When did your husband die?" She said, "Not soon enough."

She went on to say that she came to treatment because her anger toward him was eating her up and she could not shake it after 10 years. After hearing all of the stories about their marriage, I asked her to write a letter to him saying everything she needed to say to him and had never said. I suggested that she not be nice and ladylike. The very next week she came in and told me that she did not need treatment anymore because she wrote the letter, tore it up, flushed it down the toilet and her anger went away. She stated that she felt free for the first time in many years. If it worked for her, it could also work for you or at least get you started in the process.

6. Do not expect the other person to change. As I said earlier, the purpose of forgiving is to help you to release your hurt, to move on with your life, and to experience more peace and joy. There is most likely nothing you can say or do to help him/her change their thoughts, feelings, or actions. They will probably blow you off as too sensitive, weird, or making up an incident. It's possible that they won't care what you think or how you feel.

7. Forgiveness does not mean that you have to trust the person again. You can forgive and still resolve never to see or communicate with the person again. If the person is a co-worker, a family member, or someone you cannot avoid, treat them with dignity and respect, but keep your guard up.

8. Forgiving yourself may be more difficult than forgiving others. Forgiving yourself requires empathy, compassion, and kindness to yourself. It is important that you acknowledge your mistake, and what you learned from it. It

might help to do this out loud. I am sure that you learned something from this mistake.

so explore and appreciate what you learned. Your inner critic will need kindness and understanding to stop beating yourself up. I once lost a lot of money that I inherited trying to rehab houses in low-income neighborhoods. It was a wonderful idea, and I loved doing it, but I knew little about construction, the houses were all 100 years old or older, and I spent more money than they were worth. There is more to the story, but you get the idea. I did get an education out of the fiasco and as we all know education is expensive, so I have forgiven myself and moved on.

9. Remember that forgiveness is not forgetting, excusing, or condoning. I was visiting and talking with a friend who was dying of cancer. At one point in our conversation, she talked nicely about a woman in her church. Several years before, I held my friend in my arms while she cried about this same woman and her husband having an affair. So, I stopped her and said, "Joyce, it sounds to me that you have forgiven her." She responded, "I had to forgive them both. How could God forgive me for my sins if I don't forgive others for theirs? Forgiveness is letting go of stress, anger, memories, and negative thoughts. Always remember that you deserve the peace that forgiveness will bring to you. Diane Henderson, MSW

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Congratulations To The Beautification And Enhancement Committee Award Winners For January!

The Business of the month is Coral Cottage! The Home of the month is 703 S. Shore Dr. Great job everyone!

If you'd like to nominate a home or business for February, please send your nomination to beautification@surfcitync.gov!







Holly Ridge Area Welcomes Beachy Keen

Hi, my name is Patricia and I'm the owner of Beachy Keen cleaning company, located in beautiful Topsail Island. I've been in business since May 1992 and I look forward the opportunity to build a strong and successful business to help this area grow. As a woman owned business, it is encouraging to receive such support from other entrepreneurs in the area and I look forward to working with you and for you soon.

- 1. What does your business offer that is unique to the area? My business offers time to people who would much rather do other things and clean their home, such as spend look forward to more time with their family, or go to the beach instead of worrying about clean spending hours and cleaning home, and also creating value.
- 2. Is this a family business and if so, what other members of your family work with you? This is a business I created that my daughter looks up to as an example of what she could be if she puts her mind to it and develops something that she has passionate about. Occasionally, she works for me, but for the most part, she needs me to help her pay her bills.
- 3. Does your business use products that are considered "green" or environmentally friendly? My business uses products that are commercially sold in a grocery store. I prefer to use the products that have minimal or zero harsh chemicals. What I have learned it's the amount of elbow grease you put in and not as much chemicals.
- 4. Is this your only business? If not, would you like to share your other occupations? Currently, this is my only business I always have had an entrepreneurial mindset, I've been in social media acting and other things. I love being in business. It is my goal in the next five years to have a successful podcast and write a book on success.
- 5. Is your business family friendly? Pet friendly? My business is very family and pet friendly I love cleaning after everyone who's enjoyed their stays or homes since I clean residential and commercial.
- 6. Does your business offer discounts for military, teachers, realtors, senior citizens? Although our business fluctuates, I try to give the best deals to that I can comfortably allocate extra time and effort to.
- 7. Does your business offer a reward program? Not at this time however, that would be something I would consider.
- 8. Does your business participate in any town functions? Being centrally located in Holly Ridge I have the ability to travel within the radius and I enjoy participating anyway I can most importantly I love to volunteer.

- 9. What form of payments do you take? Cash, check, credit, etc. and is there a cash discount? For the cost of everything going up, I try to be as economical in my payment methods as possible. I've also been working on bartering time and services for things.
- 10. Is your business open year round? Beachy Keen Cleaning company is open year round. Evenings and last minute jobs.
- 11. Is your business an "on call" (like a plumber/electrician) for emergencies? Yes, we are available last minute for any potential cleaning emergencies. No job too small and amount of dirt bothers us.
- 12. Are you looking for long term customers, short term customers or online customers? It is my goal to connect with customers who are seeking value, thoroughness and quality of work so either it be long-term or short-term I'm happy to help.
- 13. Does your business close for an extended time period during the year? (like closed winter months) we are open 365 days a year.
- 14. Do you offer home services, like catering, photography, weddings? Cleaning and all the things related to home advising and supplying.
- 15. Do you work in connection with any other area businesses? Yes, and I am proud to say that I am a new member of the topsail Island Chamber of Commerce.
- 16. What are the goals for your business? Do you want to expand? Build your own place? The goal of my business is to work hard and build upon my foundation of hard work trustworthiness, and the ability to assist in any situation that requires the skills and abilities I have in cleaning and home management.
- 17. Is your business mobile, like a dog wash, tanning or hair

- salon service? If so, what areas do you work in. I work in all areas of the island and beyond.
- 18. Are you currently looking to hire employees? If so, please supply details I am always looking to hire hard-working and dependable staff who work hard for wonderful pay who like to work in a wonderful way.
- 19. Is your business a member of any organization, like the Chamber of Commerce? Yes.
- 20. Do you offer consultations or estimates? Is there a cost for them? Yes. Free estimates.
 - 21. What are your hours? 24/7

- 22. What is your location? Holly Ridge
- 23. Is your business handicapped accessible? Yes
 - 24. Do you offer delivery services? Yes 25. Does your business do fundraisers
- for local schools/organizations?
 More than anything I love to volunteer.
 I'm really excited to hear about sure the table and all the good things that they do for the community. I like to participate in the community and connect with those who would like to be connected as well.

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Most women purchasing a gun are going to get advice from a man on the type of gun and caliber size they need.

Unfortunately most men suggest guns that are PERFECT FOR A MAN...BUT NOT FOR A WOMAN.

After learning to shoot and getting my purchase permit I headed out into the world of male dominated gun shops. After stopping at a few I found a man who took time to explain each gun to me and he finally convinced me that I needed to carry the gun that he actually owned. The problem was he was a 200 lb body builder and I was not (ha ha). Needless to say I purchased a .40 caliber semi-automatic and bought the ammo and headed to the range.

While all the other women in my group were loading their clips with ease, I was struggling to the point of my thumbs nearly bleeding. When I finally got the gun loaded and ready, I took my position and began to fire. BAM BAM BAM. The noise was tremendous, the recoil was more than I ever wanted and by the time I was done shooting everyone was staring at me. Though I still hit the target my shoulders were sore and my head hurt.

This was NOT the right gun for me.

Of course my husband did not see my problem. He was gracious enough to take the gun (which I now see is a conspiracy on the part of men)

and I continued on my search for the right gun. Unlike most men I know, I was not raised shooting a gun.

I knew very little about them and found that in this case **knowledge and comfort** were the two most important things I needed to focus on.

Guns scare me and I needed a gun that I could feel safe around, know how to load and unload, and that I could ensure was safe around my children.

These were not things that anyone in a gun shop had ever asked me about and I knew that needed to change.

When a woman comes into my shop the questions I ask are.....

- 1. Do you have children in the house? (to me anyone under 18 is a child) SAFETY SAFETY SAFETY
- 2. Is this your first gun? I usually recommend a revolver for a first time gun owner super easy to load, unload and clean.
- 3. Do you plan on carrying this gun for personal security? Makes a difference on size, weight and safety features
- 4. Do you plan on taking this gun out for target practice? (which I strongly recommend so that you become comfortable with the gun)
- 5. Will anyone else be using this gun (at the range)? Most men don't like shooting pink guns

When a woman comes into my shop these are questions that THEY ask me about handguns....

- 1. How do I open the gun to put in the bullets? The revolver is the easiest of the handguns to load and unload. In the case of a semi-automatic pistol, some guns required you to load the clip and then ratchet the gun back to put one bullet in the chamber. Not all pistols require ratcheting. Make sure if you buy a semi-automatic pistol that you CLEARLY UNDERSTAND from the seller how to load the gun correctly. Guns should come with an instruction manual that should also have instructions. Do not be embarrassed to ask!!!! This is going to be your line of defense and you need to know how to use if
- 2. What if the bullet jams? Revolvers do not jam. In the case of a semi-automatic pistol it is possible to have a bullet jam due to inferior ammunition; the gun needing to be cleaned or a weak or stiff clip spring. Jams do happen in semi-automatic pistols and you MUST know how to clear the jam safely. Ask your seller and read the instruction manual.
- 3. How do I know the gun is loaded? In the case of a revolver, you slide open the cylinder and can easily see if the gun is loaded. Some semi-automatic pistols have "load" indicators such as a colored dot. ALWAYS PRESUME THAT A GUN IS LOADED. When looking at a pistol always remove the clip and ratchet back the slide to view inside the gun to make sure it is empty. Do not look down the barrel or pull the trigger to check. All it takes is one bullet!
- **4. My husband said that I need a .40 or .45 caliber gun because anything smaller won't stop someone.** More people are killed by a .22 cal. bullet then any other round. The purpose of a gun is to PREVENT harm, not to cause it. It is more important that you are able to load the gun and can control it.
- I recommend a .38 special or 9 mm for woman. If they want a larger caliber I always suggest that they shoot one first before making that their first gun.
- Some gun shops offer an indoor or outdoor range where you can rent a gun, which is an excellent way to try different types of handguns.
- 5. My husband said I should have a gun with a laser...is that true? Lasers are very popular and definitely make a gun "cool" looking but I always tell people to know how to aim their gun correctly first, and not to depend on the red dot. On a bright sunny day the dot may not be visible.
- 6. How much should I spend on my first gun? Depending on the brand and style of gun you choose, your gun could cost anywhere from \$250 and up. Most guns come with a basic warranty (if purchased new). We sell handguns that can cost up to \$1500 but we don't recommend anything like that for a first time buyer. We sell a nice selection of revolvers for \$300 and up. There is nothing wrong with a used gun for a first time owner as long as it has been inspected by an authorized gun dealer. Don't be afraid to ask friends and family for recommendations, it is an easy conversation starter!
- 7. If I lock up the gun and need it in a hurry, what do I do? Practice locking and unlocking your gun. Whether it is a cable lock through the gun itself or a trigger lock, make sure you know where the keys are and how it works. We do not recommend storing guns loaded. If you have a gun for personal protection leave a clip loaded but out of the gun (and out of the reach of children). My husband always teases me that if I ever needed my gun in a hurry I would be better off hitting the intruder with the gun box then trying to remove all the safety features. My response is that I have children in the house and that takes priority over everything else.
- 8. How do I clean the gun? How often? A clean gun is a gun that is going to serve you well. It takes very little time to clean a gun that has been fired and worth every minute. The instruction manual and/or gun dealer can show you how to properly clean and care for your gun. All inclusive kits are available for around \$15.00
- 9. What difference does the barrel length make? A great bit of difference. The longer the barrel the more accurate the gun. Most conceal and carry guns are short barreled and made for easy storage on your body. Some people have a gun for carrying and a gun for target shooting. There are quite a few guns designed to do both, just let your seller know what you want your gun for. We sell a short barreled .380 that is perfect for self protection but not a gun I would take to the range.
- 10. How can I carry my gun? Check with your local gun laws. Every state is different. In North Carolina, you need a Conceal & Carry permit to carry the gun on your body (out of plain sight). We sell several purses with holsters built right into them (since most women would be unable to find a gun in a hurry if they simply dropped their gun into their purse (ha ha). There are holsters designed for wearing on your hip, concealing inside your pants and ankle holsters. We sell a t-shirt where the holster is sewn onto the fabric and can be worn under another shirt (for both men and women). How you carry your gun is just as personal as what kind of gun you have.
- 11. What is an ambidextrous clip release? It is a button on semi-automatic pistols that allows the user to release the clip from either side of the gun (preferred by left handed shooters). Not all guns come with this feature.
- 12. What if I already own a gun but I don't like it? Depending on your local gun laws and local gun dealers you may be able to trade your gun in for one that is right for you. Always check around since the value of a gun varies GREATLY from one gun dealer to another. Our shop offers consignment (most shops do not). Be cautious of the neighbor that "will take it off your hands". That is usually a good indicator that the gun is worth more than they are offering. Don't be afraid to call around or look your gun up in the "Blue Book" for reasonable values. Be careful of using web sites to determine the value since in most cases the price listed is "asking price" and not what the gun sold for. Check your local laws before selling your gun to a private citizen.
- 13. Someone gave me a gun. How do I register it? Check your local laws since State Laws vary. North Carolina does not have a gun registration so therefore you are entitled to own the gun. If you are going to transport the gun across state lines CHECK WITH EACH STATE you will be traveling in first. If you have a Conceal & Carry permit for your state check and see what other states allow you to carry your gun in their states.
- 14. Other than a gun, what do you recommend for personal protection? With the introduction of tasers, people now (depending on your state's laws) have the ability to have a home protection device that can give them time to stop the intruder and get help. Tasers are usually designed to "shoot" a pronged device up to 15 feet an electrical charge is applied and the person usually drops to the ground for 5 seconds giving you the ability to defend yourself without direct contact. A background check is required when a taser is purchased to active it. Most tasers cost over \$250.00 and re-fill cartridges can be \$30 or more.
- 15. What do I need to buy a gun? Check with local laws. In North Carolina a Purchase Permit or a Conceal & Carry Permit is required to purchase a handgun.
- **16.** Can I buy a gun from a dealer in another state? Check with local laws. We can sell a gun to you and ship it to another state but it will be sent to a registered FFL Dealer (Federal Firearms Dealer). When you go to pick up the gun you must have whatever is required in your state (purchase permit, etc.).

You will pay the purchasing gun dealer for the gun and shipping and the receiving gun dealer will charge a "Transfer Fee" which may be around \$25. All paperwork will be filled out by the receiving gun dealer. Bring your permit and identification (or whatever is required in your state). DO NOT buy a gun for someone else!

17. What are the handgun purchase permit requirements? In Pender County an applicant MUST be a citizen, naturalized or resident alien, be 21 years of age or older, lived in Pender County 30 days or more, Provide NC Drivers License with correct address OR Military ID with proof of residency in Pender County. Questions? Call (910) 259-1212 or go to their website to fill out an application on line. \$5 fee per permit.

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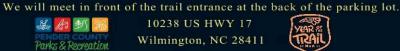
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Simply Homemade Recipes

Pasta Salad

1 pound tri-colored spiral

1 (16 ounce) bottle Italianstyle salad dressing

6 tablespoons salad

olives, chopped



pasta in the boiling water,

seasoning mix
2 cups cherry tomatoes, diced
1 green bell pepper, chopped
1 red bell pepper, diced
1/2 yellow bell pepper,
chopped
1 (2.25 ounce) can black

stirring occasionally, until tender yet firm to the bite, about 10 to 12 minutes; rinse under cold water and drain. Whisk Italian dressing and salad spice mix together until smooth. Combine pasta, tomatoes, bell peppers, and olives in a salad bowl; pour dressing over salad and toss to coat. Refrigerate salad, 8 hours to overnight.

Homemade Sloppy Joes



1 ½ pounds extra-lean ground beef ½ onion, diced 1 green pepper, diced 2 cloves garlic, minced 2 cups water, divided ¾ cup ketchup 2 tablespoons brown sugar 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard 1½ teaspoons salt, or to taste ½ teaspoon ground black pepper 1 dash Worcestershire sauce 1 pinch cayenne pepper, or to

Place ground beef and onion in a large skillet over medium heat; cook and stir until beef is browned and crumbled, about 10 minutes. Stir in green pepper and garlic; cook and stir until softened, 2 to 3 minutes. Add 1 cup water and stir, scraping the pan to dissolve any brown flavor bits from the bottom of the skillet. Stir in ketchup, brown sugar, Dijon mustard, salt, black pepper, and Worcestershire sauce. Add remaining 1 cup water and bring mixture to a boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer, stirring occasionally, until liquid has evaporated and mixture is thick, about 40 minutes. Season with salt, black pepper, Worcestershire sauce, and cayenne

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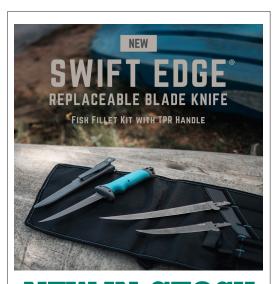
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