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Human Trafficking Bust In New Hanover County From Joint Effort Of Law Enforcement

Office is a member of the Coastal Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force. The Task Force arrested six individuals related to an ongoing human trafficking investigation. The investigation spanned over the last six months and involved over 150 victims. The charges were related to the criminal activity of Cape Fear Escorts/Entertainers. Cape Fear Escorts/Entertainers would recruit victims by promising them thousands Investigations, North Carolina of dollars for dancing, but would, in turn, have the victims engage in

The New Hanover County Sheriff's commercial sex and took proceeds from it. All these incidents took place in the New Hanover County Area.

> The Coastal Carolina Human Trafficking Task consists of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, New Hanover County Sheriff's Office, Onslow County Sheriff's Office, Jacksonville Police Department, Naval Criminal Investigative Service, Homeland Security Investigations, North Carolina State Bureau of Probation and was assisted by the Durham Police Department.

This investigation is still ongoing. For additional information regarding this case, please contact 910-798-4200, or anonymously at www.nhcgov.com/1066 /Submit-a-Crime-Tip

UPDATE:

The sixth suspect, Chandler Anderson, turned himself in to authorities on Thursday, April 27th. His bond was set to \$700,000.

The prosecutor mentioned there will be more defendants in the future as the investigation continues.

~ Christopher Todd Evans was charged with 166 felonies related to human trafficking and narcotics violations. 3.75 Million Dollar Bond

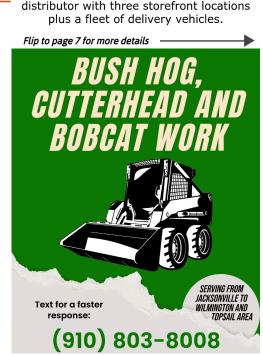
~ Christopher Slate Arrowood was charged with 80 felony counts of promotion and profiting from prostitution. \$750,000 Bond

~ Chandler David Anderson was charged with 66 felony counts of promotion and profiting from prostitution. STILL WANTED

~ Dustin Lee Anderson was charged with 16 felony counts of promotion and profiting from prostitution. \$65.000 Bond

- Michael Hunter Snow was charged with 6 felony counts of promotion and profiting from prostitution. \$50.000 Bond

~ Jesse Earl Bright was charged with 4 felony counts of promotion and profiting from prostitution. \$60.000 Bond



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> Pictured from left to right: **Christopher Todd Evans Christopher Slate Arrowood Dustin Lee Anderson** Michael Hunter Snow Not Pictured: Chandler David Anderson Jesse Earl Bright



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Despite what your friends and family may tell you, no, you're not going crazy. In our April 7th issue, Volume 3 Issue 7, our Word Search had none of the words from the word box in the search. This was intentional as it was our April Fool's edition. Check the word box for that issue and you will see the first letter of each word bolded to denote "April Fools Day". We hope everyone enjoyed the joke!



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Get To Know Your Neighbors At City Cafe

Great news! Starting May 2nd, City Café in Holly Ridge will now be open for dinner on Tuesdays and Wednesdays 4:30 until 7pm (or later).

Heather Collie, the new owner, is about to celebrate the one-year anniversary of running the City Café in Holly Ridge. Last year on June 1st she took the reins from Pam Hall, who for 9 ½ years had worked hard to make it a successful breakfast and lunch café. Heather brought her culinary degree and extensive experience to the table. Her resume includes being a general manager of Smithfield's restaurant in Siler City for seven years. She also had a six-year career with the NC Prison System, where for two years Sgt. Collie was a food service officer who prepared 600 meals each breakfast and lunch a day for inmates in Burgaw during the covid pandemic.

In addition to serving fried chicken, pork chops, burgers, salads and daily specials, Heather has added seafood and fresh produce to the menu. The new dinner specials may include ribs and chicken, as well as local shrimp and fish.

Heather and Rebecca have two daughters (both aged 10) and a 150 pound English Mastiff puppy named Oakley.

The City Café is open for breakfast and lunch Tuesday through Saturday from 5:30 am until 2:30 pm and now open for dinner Tuesday and Wednesday 4:30 til 7pm (or later). The restaurant is located on Hwy 17 in Holly Ridge 2 blocks south of the stop light.









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Topsail Gun Gal: Cojones Awards And Bad Marketing

By Dorothy Royal

Buckle up buttercup – the crazy train has come to a stop.

Last week, Bill Mahr, host of HBO's talk show "Real Time" offered his followers a new award. Unlike conventional awards, this one spotlights the people whose actions say, "stop the crazy" that has plagued our society from the cancel culture. Recipients of his "Cojones award" get a bronze set of balls, which is funny.

The first award went to Cornell University in upstate New York. Some students had requested that a "trigger warning" be issued to students before attending classes that might upset them. The school President's response? College is for learning not cuddling.

Hollywood's funny and creative actor/director, Ben Stiller, refused to apologize for his movie Tropic Thunder. Entertainment is just that. Entertainment.

After several of the workers at NETFLIX walked out during the making of Dave Chappelle's comedy special, the co-CEO announced that maybe those people just didn't belong at Netflix. Don't let the door hit you in the...

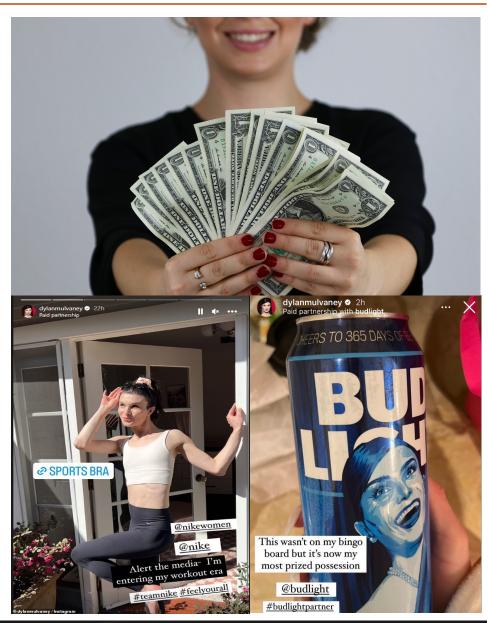
Trader Joe's refused to change the name of one of their drinks, "Trader Jose". The company stated that they make business decisions based on real information, not petitions. Go Jose!

Two executives are now on extended leave after the extreme backlash from consumers after an ad for Bud Light featured a transgender influencer, Dylan Mulvaney.

Dylan Mulvaney, who was born male, has over 10 million followers on TikTok. Is this the first time there has been an issue with brands receiving backlash for an ad with Dylan? The answer is no. Dylan was hired to wear women's athletic clothing by Nike. Apparently, Nike didn't realize there are plenty of women to do that without the bulge. Who did benefit from Bud Light's

disastrous ad? Coors and Michelob. Americans were so eager to get out after all the Covid restrictions and shutdowns that businesses reported record tips for their workers. Restaurants that had done away with tips and just paid their employees a fair wage and slightly increased meal prices were overwhelmed by their customers demanding to tip. But what does tipping really mean? The basis for the tip process was to add income to those who provide a customer direct service and were paid less than minimum wage. What has transpired is that now EVERYBODY expects a tip. Recently when making an online purchase a "Tip Option Box" came on screen. The company stated that adding a tip helped their employees. They suggested between 5-15% of the purchase amount. How about NO.

Remember knowledge is power and it is time for "cancel culture" to take a hike. Bye bye CC .



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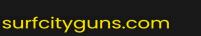
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That's Gonna Leave A Mark

By Becky Borneman

I am almost three months into my fitness journey at Hotworx and I'm absolutely loving it. I never liked working out but this time it's different. I look forward to going to each workout, I've tried things I never thought I would and I'm learning the gym equipment and how to use them. The foolproof virtual workout videos are easy to follow mentally while it rigorously works your body. As serious as I am about it, there have been many humorous parts too!

On Wednesday my friend Erica and I decided to try a new class, Hot Bands. It's a 35 minute class in the 125 degree sauna consisting of using resistance bands and stretching. Seems pretty simple, right? Well, let me tell you, it's not.

We were on the fourth stretching exercise, about 15 minutes into the class, and they have you stand on your resistance bands and lift the handles all the way up over your head. As soon as I got my elbows locked into place with hands above my head stretching that band as far as I could stretch it, Erica commented on how she doesn't know how these bands don't roll and snap back.

It was like that comment went from her mouth to God's ears. About that time I tried to slightly adjust my grip at the same time I leaned forward to just get that little extra stretch when "POP". That band slid out from under my feet

and smacked me so hard on the rear

end that I literally yelped and leapt about 10 inches in the air simultaneously. It was like slow motion. I felt the bands slipping from the back of my heels and I thought "for craps sake, here we go". I did keep perfect form in my leap and landed on my feet. But I yelled so loudly I swear I heard someone drop their kettle bells.

I look over at Erica in shock she hadn't skipped a beat in the workout during this and was standing tall with taut bands in place. I thought surely she will feel bad that that just happened and ask if I'm ok. She looked over at me and calmly said "See. I told you. That's gonna leave a mark."

That's when I started laughing so hard I couldn't catch my breath.

Once we got out of the sauna and we're leaving the gym, Brittany asked how we liked the class. We both just smiled and said it was great. Brittany then said, "Did you snap your band? We heard a squeal!"

"That was me!" And yes, it left a mark!





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Letter To The Editor

By Dawn Rochelle, MSW, LCSW One Place, Chief Executive Officer

Every single child in North Carolina is filled with tremendous promise – and all North Carolinians have a shared obligation to foster their potential. One child hurt is not acceptable.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and the team at One Place wants to acknowledge and thank the people and organizations in the southern portions of Onslow County who are full-fledged participants in this important battle.

It is a difficult challenge. Headlines about physical assault, sexual abuse, horrible neglect and heartbreaking fatalities serve as troubling reminders that the problems related to the maltreatment of children are not going away despite constant and ongoing efforts.

Our county is blessed to have strong partnerships comprised of government agencies, non-profit organizations, private business and individuals aligned against the plagues of abuse and neglect. They have embraced the challenge of making Onslow and its neighborhoods safe and supportive places for children to grow. We feel it is important to recognize the importance that the communities of Holly Ridge, Sneads Ferry and Topsail Island have in this battle. At One Place, we are proud to be a part of the efforts that support the development of children and oppose abuse and neglect. For nearly 25 years, One Place has worked to construct a circle of defense as well as build a nurturing foundation for positive childhoods.

One Place's Child Advocacy Center is a hub for those who respond to specific incidents of abuse. At the CAC, restoring hope and providing healing for child victims is the priority. A critical role in that mission is filled by the Multidisciplinary Team (MDT), which operates under the CAC's umbrella. The MDT is comprised of representatives from every law-enforcement agency in Onslow County, as well as members involved in prosecution, mental health, child advocacy, medicine, childprotective services and other disciplines.

We appreciate the efforts of all the people in the Topsail and Holly Ridge areas who have stepped up in this fight. It's not going to end anytime soon, so we ask everyone to consider joining up to end child abuse and neglect. Learn how you can get involved with child abuse prevention and intervention in Onslow County by visiting www.oneplaceonslow.org/get-involved/

The Dead Cow Mystery

By Dorothy Royal

Six cows, five adult and one yearling, were mutilated with surgical precision along a highway in Texas recently. One of the dead cows, a six-year-old female, was found on her side, her hide had been cleanly removed from around her mouth but the flesh beneath remained untouched. The tongue was removed with straight cut precision that left no trace of blood. The land around the cow was not disturbed, there was no clear cause of death. No gun shot wound, no sign of poison, no sign of attack (by man or predator). All six of the cows had their tongues removed the exact same way. Two of the adult cows had reproductive organs removed as well.

No tire tracks, no sign of struggle or distress. Just dead cows. Several area ranchers also noted that even though the body of the cows were left to decompose for weeks, no predators or scavengers had touched the carcasses.

Recently on the History Channel TV show "Skinwalker Ranch" it was reported that a cow was found in the same condition, and it was also noted that no scavenger had touched the body on the Utah ranch.

In 2022, Alaska officials reported mutilations that included animals being completely drained of blood.

In 2019 a similar mutilation took place in Oregon when a rancher lost five of his young, healthy bulls to the same demise.

In the 1970's, government reports range from hundreds to thousands of cattle being killed and mutilated in the same way covering multiple states. In Colorado a buffalo, horse and goat were found the same way.

The common denominator seems to be the removal of the tongues, draining of blood and lack of evidence explaining how the cows were killed and why such odd parts were removed.

People seeking answers have suggested possible alien or cult activity. Will the truth ever be known?



Petco Opens New Location In Surf City

On April 14th, Petco celebrated their grand opening and held a Family Fest on April 15th from 10am to 3pm.

Petco offers a variety of animal feed, ranging from horses to ferrets, dogs to fish -- whatever type of animal you may have, Petco is sure to offer something for them.

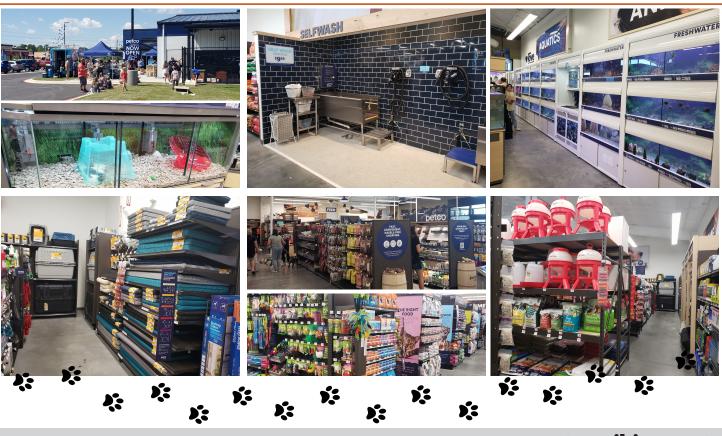
Their Surf City location has an aquatics center, with additional exhibits of snakes, guineas, chickens, and even turtles.

Petco also holds dog training sessions and vaccination clinics. You can even book for boarding or house sitting for your dogs or cats as well as apply for pet insurance on their website.

Be sure to stop by and check out their new location at

2737 State Hwy 210 in Surf City by Publix, open 7 days a week

and maybe add a feline to your family from their adoption center for cats!



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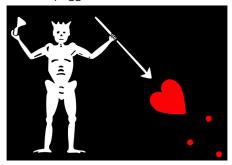
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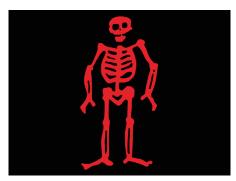
The Golden Age Of Pirates

By Lu Ann Hooper

MOST PROMINENT FLAGS USED BY SOME OF THE MOST KNOWN PIRATES

The Flags were most Commonly known as "Jolly Roger". The Flag below may be attributed to Blackbeard, Edward Teach. Similar flags were reportedly flown by Edward Low, Charles Harris, and Francis Spriggs.





This flag was also used by Edward Low.



The Flag above was associated with "Calico" Jack Rackham.



The Flag above was associated with Stede Bonnet, "The Gentleman Pirate".

SOURCES (The History of Pirates/Angus Konstam 1999) (Pirates of Caymen/Marina Carter 2001) (Southwestern UniversityA Treasury of Facts/Meilee Bridges 2021) (Nassau Paradise Island 2014)

OTHER INTERESTING THINGS ASSOCIATED WITH PIRATES

~ Pirates wore eye patches primarily to help their eyes adjust more quickly between the bright ship deck, and the darkness below deck.

~ Some Pirates did have a Hook or a Wooden Peg for a leg. Remember, they fought a lot with swords and daggers and would lose appendages.

~ Other Pirates would wear gold earrings "to ward off seasickness", by putting pressure on the earlobe, but that did not always work for them.

SOME TERMS ASSOCIATED WITH PIRATES

Buccaneer - An Outlaw who settled on or around the Carrbean Islands, West Indies and the American coasts from the 1690's onward and took up Piracy.

Cutlass - A type of Navel Sword developed from the hunting knives of the early Buccaneers.

Figure Head - A carved and painted wooden figure placed at the front of the ship.

THE PIRATE CODE

Although Pirates operated outside of the law, they frequently established their own codes of conduct. These codes were designed to avoid disputes over the division of plunder, and even made provision for looking after Pirates wounded in battle. For it's time, these charters were remarkable documents, sort of Gentleman's agreement between thieves



The article and pictures were put together by myself, "Lady Angelique", "First Mate M. DeCarlo", and "The Navigator" Hooper. Special Thanks to WHET, Wilmington Harbor Enhancement Trust, and to all of the Pirate Community.



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Pirale terms Match-Up Game		
Shiver me timbers!	A. Used to hail a ship or person to attract attention	
Blimey	B. Wooden or metal poles used to support sails and rigging	
Mast	C. Short for after. Toward rear of ship	
Ahoy	D. Sociable, friendly greeting	
Prow	E. A deceitful scoundrel	
Starboard	F. The arrangement of masts, spars & sails on a ship	
Aft	G. The "nose" of the ship	
Landlubber	H. Used to express frustration	
Scallywag	l. Black flag with skull and crossbones	
Matey	J. A person on their first voyage	
Booty	K. To be forced to walk up plank to side to ship and then go overboard	
Jolly Roger	L. Goods or property seized by force	
Walk the Plank	$\ensuremath{\text{M}}\xspace$. A tall vertical spar that supports the sails	
Buccaneer	N. The right side of the ship facing the prow	
Rigging	O. A robber at sea, a pirate	

P. An expression of surprise

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Sea Turtle Hospital News

By Star Sota

It's been a very unusual late winter early/spring at our hospital. Normally we spend our winter months dealing with an onslaught of cold stuns, and we have had our share this year. But by March things generally slow down until the crazy Kemp's start heading north looking for easy pickin's at our local piers. This year the Kemp's started coming for lunch almost a month earlier than usual and paying the price for their cheap meal. We were admitting them two and three at a time. We have quite a collection of hooks and have racked up miles on our van toting the ones that have managed to get the hooks all the way down their throats back and forth for surgeries and scans. Luckily most of these critters are quick turn-arounds and are back home within a week.

Right behind the Kemp's came a blitz of greens showing up with debilitated turtle syndrome and boat strikes. Sadly, the boats are winning at the moment and some of the little guys lost that battle. But we've had more success with our "sick and we don't exactly know why" patients. Debilitated turtles arrive lethargic, covered in barnacles and algae and are obviously underweight. Something has happened to make them unable to function like a healthy turtle, but we don't know what. We suspect that in many cases they have been victims of multiple cold stunning events with each one making them weaker and weaker until they strand.

New little green "Sapphire" is an example. She was brought in early in the morning by the kind folks from Oak Island who found her looking lifeless at the tide line. When she blinked they called to let us know they were on the way. This little cutie was admitted at only 55-degrees. Clearly she was coldstunned, but other than that there were no visible wounds. To be as sick as she was this wasn't the first time that she froze, thawed and froze again. She's in Sick Bay on our standard protocol of fluids, vitamins, antibiotics and a lot of protein for breakfast and her prognosis is hopeful.

We knew we were busier than usual these past few months but when our Director, Kathy Z. looked at the history we were astonished. Over a ten-year period our average March admittance number is one turtle. The ten-year average for April is 5 turtles. This year we admitted twelve turtles in March and in the first two weeks of April we admitted seventeen! That's twenty-nine turtles in six weeks, on top of a building full of patients just waiting for Dr. Harms to give his blessing for them to go home.

Over the next month we'll be releasing the lucky ones at various locations, including several in the southern portion of the coast where many of them have been rescued by the ever-vigilant turtle protection groups. In the meantime, there are plenty of turtles who would love for you to come to visit them and hear their stories when we are open for tours.

May tours are Thursday through Sunday from 11 AM – 2 PM. We will not be open Memorial Day weekend. Tickets must be purchased in advance through our website www.seaturtlehospital.org.

Sapphire

You can visit the gift shop during those hours without taking the tour.

In addition to hooked and debilitated turtles keep your eyes peeled for nesting mothers as the official season begins May 1st. Our Topsail Turtle Project volunteers will be out every morning at the crack of dawn looking for that first set of tracks. If you come across any sick, injured or nesting turtles 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. 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 23ST05.

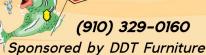


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A Boy And His Dog

By DottyAnn Harding President of OCPAW (Onslow County Partners for Animal Welfare)

My dear friend Rita sent me photos of her grandson over the years that clearly showed the bond that can exist between a boy and his dog. He was blessed by sharing life with her and the many animals she cared for, experiencing many aspects of life that most young people never have the opportunity to witness. She is a Certified Wildlife Rehabilitator devoted to caring for and treating injured and abandoned animals and, when possible returning them to the wild or finding a home. I have known this family for many years and have seen the importance of having a relationship and responsibility toward the animals in their care. This aspect has enabled him to navigate through the rough spots that growing up brings to us. There are many studies on building a relationship between children and their pets and guidelines for safety and bonding, which is a more academic approach to me. So instead, in this article, I would like to address the emotionality and use my experience as a pet owner my entire life.

My dad was a bus driver when I was growing up, and he always chose the late shift, as it was a higher pay rate. So he got home after midnight and always took his German Shepherd for a late-night walk, a quiet bonding time when they were together. As we age and look back on our childhood days, they seemed like a different time... and they were. I only learned about those long walks my dad shared with his dog when I was older, about to leave home for college, and happened to be coming in for the night as he also was coming back from one of those walks. So that was a special time in my life, on those warm, quiet summer nights back in 1964, sitting on the patio with my dad as we discussed life's dreams for the future and events changing the world. We did not realize it then, but those moments will never come again, but be replaced by events when you are developing your career and young family. So I now savor those memories I shared with my dad long ago, for they are now a part of time that will be fondly remembered and cherished.

I learned as a child how to behave around a dog, especially one larger than myself, as my dad, who served in the Military Police, always had large dogs: Shepherds, Boxers, and Dobermans. I never remember fear but respect for the beautiful dogs that were part of my life growing up. We never rough-housed with them but walked with them, looking deeply into their eyes, speaking to them, gently petting them, learning to respect them as fellow creatures, and learning to know their needs. Being taught how and what to feed them, what would be harmful to them, and respecting their space, especially when eating or giving them a treat.

As most of us know, our younger years can be filled with learning and adventure, with some of the knowledge we learn arising from poor decisions, usually made by being uninformed and unaware of the consequences of those decisions. But, I realized that my dog was always there for me, listening without comment or judgment, and I always knew they loved me unconditionally. I never experienced criticism or rejection from them, but watching my every move to be able to be by my side. I felt their love and protection; all they asked in return was to be with me, loved and cared for.

So what do these creatures do for us humans? I guess it makes us human. Being a caring individual capable of sacrificing to love another living creature... how blessed we are, and yes, dog is God spelled backward. We have heard this before, but will we play it forward to those who are our family? To give them respect and space and be a listening, compassionate partner in this life we are journeying through.



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Coastal Common Sense

By Kim McGahey

When someone accuses you of what they are guilty of, they suffer from a psychological disorder known as Projection. By definition, they are projecting their actions or beliefs onto you, usually as a way to discredit you and give credit to themselves. We see this behavioral malady widespread on the Left these days as they attempt to attain the moral high ground in our country's divisive political war games.

The complicit liberal media plays along as enabler by allowing the Left to get away with this Projection unquestioned. Anyone on the Right, by contrast, is immediately called to the carpet if any attempt is made to voice what they label as a false or misleading claim against the Left's narrative.

The most glaring example of this Projection is when the Biden Left lectures us on how the extreme Right is destroying democracy. The first clue is their use of the adjective "extreme". Through it we are informed that the Left itself is extreme, yet they want to appear moderate by comparison, thus the projected label.

With the accusation that the Right is out to destroy democracy, the Left is disclosing their intention to do just that. Most of their policy decisions are geared to turn our federal republic, which they call democracy, upside down in the Clower and Pivon tradition. Whatever they can do to create more dependence on central planning gets them ever closer to total control of we the people, thereby destroying our precious democracy one policy at a time. They accuse us of the destruction that they actively commit.

Free speech is the perfect example. The Left called Elon Musk's acquisition of Twitter as facist and repressive of free speech, when in reality government agencies on the left were repeatedly using Twitter's previous ownership to curtail anything they defined as misinformation by the Right.

The alphabet soup of government agencies, including FBI, DOJ, CIA, and NSA, were all daily sending Twitter their lists of desired Right leaning user cancellations. Any tweets that were contrary to the White House's liberal narrative were deemed disinformation and summarily cancelled. This is blatant government weaponizing of a private company in order to kill free speech and is contrary to our 1st Amendment rights. If unchecked, such free speech curtailment would have easily destroyed our democracy.

The gun control debate is another obvious arena where the left uses projection to sway public opinion. So often they will give the lap dog liberal media talking points about how stricter gun laws will lower crime rates, reduce mass shootings and create safer cities. Yet as the Left advocates the reduction of guns in society, they are actively doing everything in their power to defund police departments in cities across the country. Outwardly, they demand lower crime rates through gun confiscation, but in reality they incorrectly blame vigilant policing as the cause of rising crime when just the opposite is true.

False declarations about the state of the economy are another example. The Left will blame the faltering economy on the Right's rejection of their Build Back Better economic plan, asserting that their failed economic behemoth would have saved the post-plandemic economy if not for Republican opposition.

Yet in reality, the red hot economy they inherited at Inauguration only needed to be left alone for continued record setting prosperity. They projected their failure onto the Right's proven success in order to make themselves look good in the public's eyes at the Right's expense.

So take what the Left says with a grain of salt, maybe even a teaspoon of salt. Analyze every claim they make about democracy, gun control, climate change, abortion, the economy, etc. to be certain you understand their true intentions. Ronald Reagan's phrase was, "Trust, but verify." This is how we should approach statements made by the Left. Listen to their words and then scrutinize their actions and you'll often discover the two don't line up. If they accuse you of something, it's likely to be their own clandestine objective.



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Community Updates

Burgaw To Play Host To First Ever Adult Prom

The Town of Burgaw Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department is thrilled to play host to the first ever Red Carpet Affair, taking place on May 20, 2023 at the Historic Burgaw Train Depot.

This adult prom event will look to attract adults in the area of thirty (30) years or older and will feature a number of events including dancing, a live DJ, an interactive photo booth, and the crowning of a prom king and queen.

Refreshments will be provided by Ezzell's Catering, LLC of Warsaw, NC, and Acclaim DJ Entertainment out of Wilmington will be providing DJ services.

"We are excited to host this event for adults in Burgaw and the surrounding areas as part of our efforts to offer more adult programming for the community," said Jayna Augst, Recreation Coordinator for the Town of Burgaw.

Attendees are encouraged to dress to impress with their favorite evening attire. The Town is offering tickets for both single folks and couples. Tickets are \$25 per person and are available for ages 30 plus. Tickets can be purchased online at BurgawNC.gov/redcarpet.

The event will be from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Historic Burgaw Train Depot, located at 115 S. Dickerson Street in Burgaw.

Contact the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department for further information at (910) 300-6401 or recreation@burgawnc.gov



Beth Dudley Receives Topsail Island Good Neighbor Award

Photos and article provided by Lewis Realty



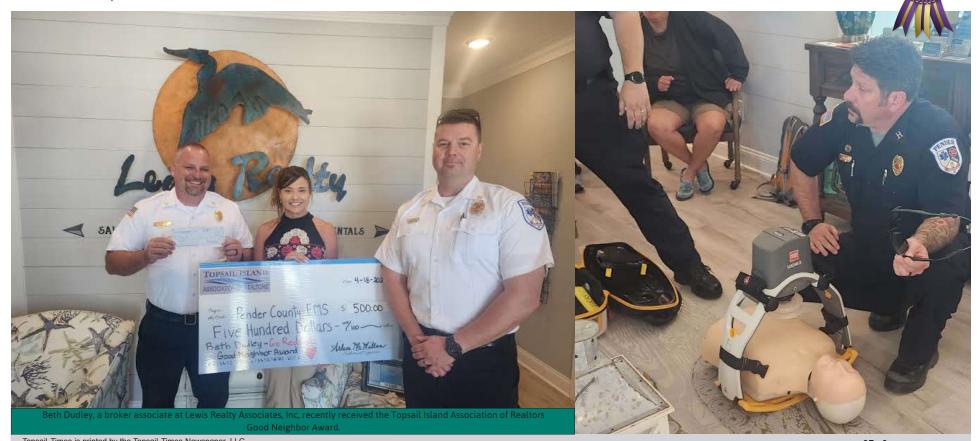
The Good Neighbor Award is an annual award given to a member of the local Topsail Realtor community who has went beyond normal expectations to help the local community. The Topsail Island Association of Realtors asks for nominations and from those nominations the Good Neighbor Committee chooses the winner each year. Beth founded and has organized the "Go Red TI" gala along with Corporate Sponsor Lewis Realty Associates, Inc to raise money and awareness for heart disease. This past year the gala featured dancing, great eats and even Nashville Recording artists, the Dreyers.

The funds raised from this two year annual event has been donated to the local Pender County EMS. The Pender County EMS used these funds to purchase several "Lucas" unit. A "Lucas" unit is an automatic CPR machine which is 98% effective in keeping the

circulation system functioning in a heart patient until the person can be stabilized at the hospital. It has been reported that at least 7 lives have been saved in the past two years with the "Lucas" machine purchased from the Go Red Gala contributions!

In connection with receiving the award the Topsail Island Association of Realtors donated \$500 to the Pender EMS. Beth & Lewis Realty will be matching that donation as well. Lewis Realty Associates, Inc. President Chris Rackley said, "Beth is not only a valuable member to our team but a valuable member to our community. We were very proud to partner with her in her Go Red endeavors and are equally proud to know she has received the Good Neighbor award for her efforts.".

Beth continues to serve the Topsail and Coastal North Carolina area her local coastal real estate expertise.



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Memory Masters

By Mary H.

Please help us congratulate five elementary students from Classical Conversations of Hampstead, NC, who recently earned the title of "Memory Master": Rebekah Elliot, Mia Harker, Joseph Ziemann, Aaron Ziemann, and Klaus Johnson. Memory Master is an honor awarded within the Classical Conversations homeschool program to students who fully memorize and can masterfully recite (without hints, clues, aids, visuals, or mistakes):

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~ 24 Science facts (this year including ecology, astronomy, and physics;

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~ 24 weeks of detailed English grammar facts (this year including pronouns, adverbs, and conjunctions); ~ Latin verb endings and

conjugations;

- Math facts (including multiplication tables up to 15x15; squares, cubes, unit conversions, basic geometry formulas and algebraic laws):

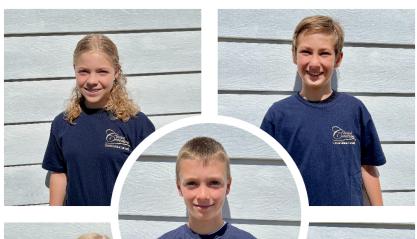
~ and the 46 United States Presidents in chronological order.

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Battlet Teens

We were born at the rescue and can't wait for our new FAMILY! We are SUPER funny, playful, soft, loving and totally entertaining! We come with all of our vet work and would love to meet you!

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

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

Shrimp

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!



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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!

Shells



I am SHELLS! I'm pretty laid back for a young kitten & the volunteers LOVE to rub my soft fur! I am not only super soft, but I am such a unique color! Light gray tortie girls are few & far between, so come see me soon. I have a great demeanor and I get along great with other cats. I am just adorable!!!

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What Do You See?

By Jessica Blackburn

I don't thank you ever outgrow looking up at the clouds and trying to see a picture in them.

What do you see? A heart in the middle of an arrowhead, a king drinking tea, a baby sucking their thumb, maybe a small bird shooting between the two or you might even see the sea turtle. What do you see? Such an endless imagination can be found in the sky. Depending on where the sun is even changes the effect and image. Be quick because the image will change right before your eyes. A racoon blowing smoke with his cowboy hat flying off his head. A dragon riding a scooter. Oh look there's a pterodactyl, and a flying shark.

What do you see?

When was the last time you went out and just spent some time looking up at the clouds? What joy what fun. Take your kids, take your dog, your spouse, your best friend. Lay down on the beach or in your yard and just stop and look up, picture an endless sky of imagination. What do you see? What do your friends or family see? It is time to get back to the simpler things in life. Walk away from the TV, the games, your phone and iPad or tablet. Take your family, friends, your pet or just sneak away by yourself and look up at the sky. Make it a game and enjoy the peace the sky has to offer.

There's just something about a cloud, how it floats across the sky and constantly changes shape and size and color, drawing your eyes upward to watch, even for the briefest moment during a busy day.

I bet, if you just stepped outside for a few minutes, took a deep breath, and glanced up at the sky into the clouds you would see a story unfold. A world of a deep imagination. Try it out and see what awaits a mind ready to take on the clear blue sky.

Ride on the wings of eagles, watch the horse race and the dog run up a tree. Just listen to what your children come up with, their imaginations are priceless. A flying pig, a ship with wings, dolphins, sea horses and the old man. Faces, there are so many faces if you look hard enough you will see them. We have an endless movie to watch, and you can come in at any time, it is free to all.

I have one picture in my mind of a perfect heart I saw in a cloud several years ago, and it came at the time I needed to see it most. It only takes a few minutes to see the beautiful sky. And what's best of all is to see the clouds above our beautiful ocean, now that is a scene to behold.

Take it all in my friends and get out and enjoy the amazing sight right outside your door. Find out you are never too old to use your imagination. Go out, look up.

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Pender County Residents Urged To Sign-Up To Receive Local Alerts

Pender County residents can now receive real-time public safety messages.

Pender County has contracted with Nixle to implement a Community Notification System to alert residents for localized emergency situations and relevant community advisories. This will replace CodeRed which has been used by Pender County Emergency Management for several years.

"Our priority is the health and safety of our residents," said Tommy Batson, Pender County Emergency Management Director. "We urge all of residents, businesses, and visitors of Pender County to register for this free community alert system."

There are three ways to register: Go to www.pendercountync.gov and sign up via the Nixle Widget Text your Zip Code to 888777 from your mobile phone

Download the Everbridge (Nixle Alert) App on your mobile phone.

Once registered, residents will receive a confirmation text on their mobile device. Residents may also customize their alert settings by going to www.nixle.com to create a User Profile.

Landline telephone numbers are automatically updated every month and will receive voice alerts, so no action is necessary if a resident only uses a landline.

"This service is secure, reliable, and easy to use," said Batson. "The service will alert residents to weather conditions, wildfires, and more by geographic location." All Alerts will be targeted

geographically, allowing residents to

Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake

Identifying characteristics

Triangular-shaped head with dark bands m

2 light lines running along sides of head.
Rattle on end of tail.

Identifying characteristics: Up to 5 ½ feet; large, heavy-bodie

Dark crossbands on a lighter background

Carolina Pigmy Rattlesnake

Identifying characteristics Small; average size 15-21 inches Dull gray with a row of dark com

Tail usually black.

Rattle on end of tail.

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ns, usually yellow, dark gray or black

 In Piedmont and Coastal Plain, light brown, gray, tar or pinkish background.

Up to 6 feet; very heavy-bodied. Average 28 dark, diamond-shaped n borders. receive localized, relevant alerts from Pender County. Alerts can be sent via Text messaging, Email, Voice, Web, Social Media, and the Nixle Mobile App in an instant.

Nixle, founded in 2009, is known for its data security. The company serves more than 7,200 agencies within the United States for emergency alerts.

For questions or concerns call Pender County Emergency Management at 910-259-1210.

Snake Quick Fact

How many snakes in North Carolina are Venomous? Out of the thirty-seven different species of snakes in North Carolina, only six are venomous. Venomous snakes include the Copperhead, Cottonmouth, Timber Rattlesnake, Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake, Pigmy Rattlesnake, and the Eastern Coral Snake. The Copperhead is the most common and widespread venomous snake in North Carolina, occurring in both rural and urban environments. Four of the six are protected species in North Carolina, and as such, should not be handled or disturbed: the Timber and Pigmy Rattle-snakes are both Species of Special Concern, while

the Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake and Eastern Coral Snake are both Endangered.

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Bears 1 to 20 young in late summer Venom highly toxic; deaths from bit but known.



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- D. R. Royal

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Sweet Pea and baby (left) and Sweet Pea with Henry (right). Old English Game Bantams Blue Golden Duckwings



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On April 24 & 25, the Sheriff's Office, with the assistance of Jacksonville, Holly Ridge, North Topsail Beach, Richlands, and Surf City Police Departments, conducted high visibility engagement in seven school zones across Onslow County. The two enforcement events lasted four hours each and focused on speeding violations within school zones, resulting in over 100 charges. Speeds averaged 12 to 15 mph over the posted speed limits, the highest speed being 20 mph over. "The Sheriff's Office is committed to keeping our community safe, especially our children. Whether in school or on the way to school, the Sheriff's Office will continue to work tirelessly to ensure every child is safe." – Sheriff Chris Thomas

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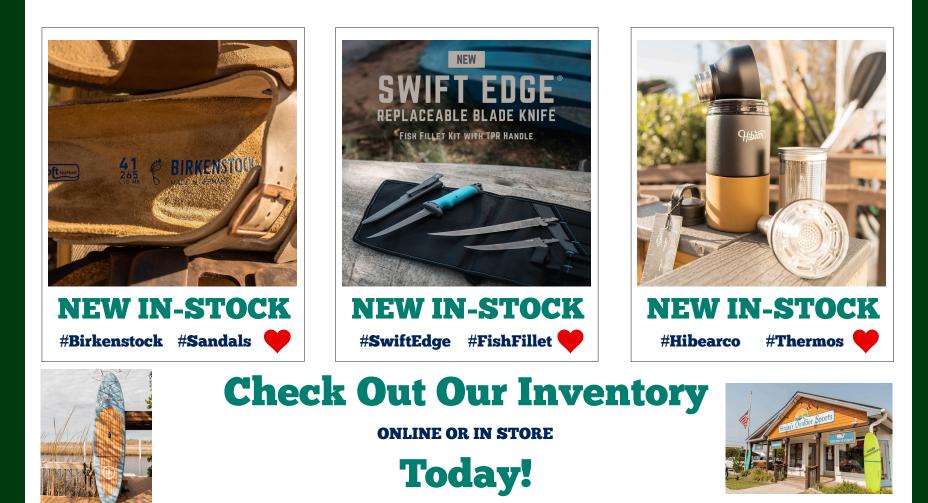
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