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*Local film company gets
international recognition.*

February 14, 2021. Most older Lancaster citizens might remember Smokey's Diver's Den. But there was another division that emerged from the depths of underwater photography, SR Productions, under the ownership of principal cinematographer, Mark Myers of Lititz. Recently, Myers and writer/producer Brian W. Kreider made a documentary film that won selection status at the Montreal Independent Film Festival.

The Tragic Irony of Meleanie Hain was the story of a young woman from Lebanon County, who, in 2008, open-carried a handgun to a five-year old's soccer game and caused quite a ruckus. "She received national press coverage when the sheriff took away her permit," said Kreider. The hearing in a Lebanon courtroom drew the attention of open-carry advocates from all over the mid Atlantic region. One year after she won the case, she was flirting on Skype with one of those advocates and her husband, in a fit of jealous rage, killed Meleanie, then turned the gun on himself.

Kreider then approached Mark Myers who shot the interviews and did all the editing of the film which also won acclaim at the Culver City Film Festival in California, and in the Poconos at the Black Bear Film Festival in 2020. Myers, himself, a former diver, bought the company from the original Smokey Roberts in 1996, and prides himself in keeping a spirit of adventure available for local clients who need effective video production at affordable cost. "I learned a lot from Smokey." Roberts recently passed away at his home in Florida.

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