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# Festival to shine in several towns

BY BRAD RICH

NEWS-TIMES

The Crystal Coast Festival of Lights, which is entering its fourth year, is getting bigger and better, and trying harder than ever to bring back that old-fashioned Christmas celebrated in countless cards and carols.

This year's event will be centered at The Market at Cedar Point, with activities scheduled between Friday, Dec. 2, and Sunday, Dec. 11, and will feature homes and businesses lit up and decorated throughout Cedar Point, Cape Carteret, Bogue and Peletier.

It's a joint effort between the towns – spearheaded by Cedar Point – and the Gateway Western Carteret Community Alliance, a nonprofit organization established to boost the economy and foster community awareness and togetherness in the western end of the county.

The core of the event this year will be Friday-Tuesday, Dec. 2-6, when offerings at The Market, at 1046 Cedar Point Blvd., include a community Christmas tree lighting, ice skating, live music, food and craft vendors, plus photo booths and live entertainment.

Money raised from sponsors of the festival – \$1,000 from gold sponsors, \$500 for silver, \$250 for platinum and \$100 for others – will go to help fund construction of the Cape Carteret Trail, a bicycle and pedestrian path along Highway 24, Highway 58 and Taylor Notion Road, and to help the towns buy more Christmas lights for public properties and utility poles throughout the region.

According to the festival's Facebook page, the idea is “to recapture the magic of Christmas. There was a time not long ago that Christmas wasn't driven by technology, that our most cherished moments were spent with one another sitting around playing board games, Christmas caroling and giving homemade gifts. The Crystal Coast would like to invite families out to remember just that.”

Michelle Marion, chairman of the festival committee this year, said she loves the direction the festival is going, particularly with a central location for the events at the market.

“There's something special about the place we live, in close-knit and caring communities, and it's up to us to keep it that way,”



This streetlight on Highway 24 in Cape Carteret is decorated for the Crystal Coast Festival of Lights. The event this year will be centered at the Market at Cedar Point, with activities scheduled between Friday, Dec. 2 and Sunday, Dec. 11, but it will feature homes and business lit up and decorated throughout Cedar Point, Cape Carteret, Bogue and Peletier. (Cheryl Burke photo)

she said.

One way to help do that is to help families remember those wonderful past Christmases and to teach children about the joys they provided.

“We want to recapture that feeling, and I believe we are going to do that,” she said. “These are going to be special events that bring families together. The planning is going great, and I think the festival is going to be a lot of fun and very meaningful for people.”

She said children need to appreciate the true spirit of Christmas, that it's not all about getting, but more about giving, about helping others, and that the simple pleasures of the season are what makes it so special.

“It needs to be about helping each other,” she said. “That's how I envision this. We all want to help our world, but the way we start to do that is right in our own communities.”

Ms. Marion said the festival will be working in conjunction with “One Warm Coat,” hosting a coats and cans campaign.

“While this is a free event, we'd like to invite those who plan to come out to bring a coat or canned food item,” she said. “On Wednesday, Dec. 7, we will be offering a movie in the park with a BYOB (bring your own blanket), and children's author

Julia Maki will be available for a book signing.

“We hope everyone will be able to join us in recapturing the magic of Christmas and spreading a little love and goodwill to the community.”

Mary Miller of The Market at Cedar Point said she, too, is excited.

In the past, she said, the event has been called a “festival,” but

it hasn't had a home. She and her husband, Jeff offered their business as a site in order to provide that home.

“We started out with the idea of a community Christmas tree lighting, and it went from there,” she said. “Now we're going to have the ice skating rink, and that's going to be big. We've been told we can expect maybe 3,000 people just for that.”

The rink is scheduled to be delivered on Friday, Dec. 2, and will be there through Tuesday, Dec. 6. There will be a small fee, yet to be finalized, for skating.

The hours are: 4-11 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2; 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3; 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4; 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5; and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6.

The lighting of the Christmas tree will be Saturday, Dec. 3, around dusk, and there will be caroling, food and drinks.

“It's all going to be a lot of fun,” Ms. Miller said. “The whole idea of bringing back the old-fashioned Christmas is a great one.”

Ms. Miller said she and her husband will tie the festival into their own “Hope for Hannah” festival, which raises money for local charities in honor of their daughter, Hannah Faye Smith, who died in an auto accident on Taylor Notion Road in January, 2012.

Bryan Mayer, a local musician, will play from noon until 3 p.m. during that event, which is on Saturday, Dec. 10. There will be food trucks and vendors at the market that day.

Other events during the festival of lights include some of last year's big hits, including a dog parade and costume contest; Candy Cane Lane, with children's festivities including the legend of the candy cane, crafts and a photo with Santa; and a

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## Review: Set sail with spirited, familiar 'Moana'

BY LINDSEY BAHR

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stop me if this sounds familiar: A Disney animation film about a bright and spirited young woman who feels stifled by outmoded expectations and dreams of exploring beyond the confines of her home. It's the premise of "Moana," but it's also that of "The Little Mermaid," "Beauty and the Beast," "Mulan," "Brave" and scores of other animated films about teenage girls.

It's not a bad one by any means, and an understandably captivating foundation for children especially, but "Moana" is, like so many recent films, dressed up as something wholly new and bold and corrective against all the sins of fairy tales past. There's an entire scene where

Moana (Auli'i Cravalho) fights back against the demigod Maui (Dwayne Johnson) for calling her a "princess" with such fervor that the ultimate effect isn't "hooray" but more "who cares?" What is so wrong with being a princess versus being the daughter of a chief who will eventually lead the island? It's just semantics.

It's distracting from both the real virtues of "Moana," of which there are many, and also fairly dismissive of the mere "princesses" who came before who basically accomplish the same things. In fact, the only real advancement lately is the recent excising of a love interest — but I imagine that has more to do with modern audiences wincing at the idea of a 16-year-old heroine getting married than actual progress in developing more

complex female characters.

But perhaps that, too, is just getting bogged down in semantics in another way and deflecting from the very wonderful and joyous "Moana," a classic Disney pic to the core, bursting with stunning visuals, good hearted humor, adventure and some truly catchy songs from "Hamilton" maestro Lin-Manuel Miranda. (Move over, "Let it Go," there is something really grand and even superior about the swelling rally cry of "How Far I'll Go.")

On Moana's island, everything looks like a dream — saturated colors and lush landscapes surrounded by an ocean, the lifelike waters of which are a technical and artistic marvel. But Moana's people distrust the ocean and outsiders and keep themselves

isolated from the rest of the world. Moana, however, is drawn to the sea, and the sea, a character in its own right, is likewise drawn to her. She has been selected as its chosen one. Thus, when things on the idyllic island start to decay, it's Moana, encouraged by her quirky grandmother Tala (Rachel House), who takes the initiative to sail away to try to return the stolen heart to the fabled island of Te Fiti and save her people.

She journeys first to get the help of Maui, a cocky showoff who has his own agenda that doesn't involve taking orders from a pushy teen, and then across the ocean where Moana, Maui and a dimwitted chicken encounter all kinds of obstacles, including a band of hostile coconuts (a terrific gag), a glam rock hermit crab

(Jemaine Clement) at the bottom of the ocean and a vindictive lava monster.

The fable of "Moana" is sweet, often funny, spiritual and epic, although Johnson's reliable charisma gets lost under the animation and the writing.

Moana, however, is an excellent character with spirit, doubts, drive and a heck of a voice. She is a perfect addition to the roster of modern Disney heroines and one whom young girls will admire for years to come, princess or not.

"Moana," a Walt Disney Pictures release, is rated PG by the Motion Picture Association of America for "peril, some scary images and brief thematic elements." Running time: 113 minutes. Three stars out of four.

# Creating healthy eating habits



## CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP

Recipe courtesy of National Chicken Council

- 1 chicken (3 pounds), liver discarded
- 2½ quarts cold water
- 4 carrots, peeled and cut into bite-size pieces
- 2 onions, peeled
- 2 celery stalks with leaves, cut into 4 pieces
- 6 cloves garlic, peeled
- 2 fresh thyme sprigs or ½ teaspoon dried thyme
- 1½ teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon whole black peppercorns

### Soup:

- 1 cup small pasta, cooked
- 1 cup frozen peas, thawed
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons fresh dill, chopped
- 2 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped

**To prepare broth:** In large pot over high heat, bring chicken and all remaining broth ingredients to boil. Reduce heat to low; skim surface of broth to remove foam. Let simmer 1½ hours, skimming occasionally, and turning chicken. Add more water if necessary to keep chicken submerged.

Remove chicken with tongs and cool. Strain broth through fine sieve. Discard celery, herbs and spices. Reserve onions and carrots. Remove any excess fat from top of broth with spoon.

Pull chicken meat from bones and discard skin and bones. Dice chicken and reserve. Quarter cooked onions, if desired.

**To prepare soup:** In large pot over high heat, return strained chicken broth and bring to rolling boil. Add reserved onions and carrots. Reduce heat to low; stir in reserved chicken meat, pasta and frozen peas, cooking until warm. Season with salt and pepper. Ladle soup into bowls and top with dill and parsley.



## FLOWER SALAD

Recipe courtesy of Ellie Krieger

Servings: 1

### Flower:

- 1 Cuties clementine
- 9-10 thinly sliced strips red bell pepper, cut in 1-inch pieces
- ½ grape tomato
- 1 celery stick, cut to 3 inches
- 2 small leaves romaine lettuce
- 1 piece English cucumber, unpeeled, seeded and cut to 1 ½ inches then thinly sliced

### Dip:

- 2 tablespoons plain Greek yogurt
  - ½ teaspoon honey
  - ¼ teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- Peel clementine and separate sections almost all the way, leaving attached at the base. Place on plate with base down. Place piece of red bell pepper between each citrus section, and half tomato in center to form flower.
- Place celery and lettuce leaves underneath as stem and leaves. Arrange cucumber slices below to represent grass.
- In small bowl, stir together yogurt, honey and lemon juice.
- Serve dip in dish alongside flower, or in a mound underneath cucumber slices.



## CINNAMON-SPRINKLED FRENCH TOAST

Recipe courtesy of the USDA

- 2 large eggs
- 2 tablespoons fat-free milk
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 slices whole-wheat bread
- 1 teaspoon soft margarine
- 4 teaspoons light pancake syrup

In flat-bottomed bowl, crack eggs. Thoroughly whisk in milk and cinnamon. Dip bread slices, one at a time, into egg mixture, wetting both sides. Re-dip, if necessary, until all egg mixture is absorbed into bread.

Meanwhile, heat large, nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add butter. Place dipped bread slices in skillet. Cook 2 ½-3 minutes per side, or until both sides are golden brown.

Drizzle with syrup. Serve when warm.

To find more child-friendly recipes, [eatchicken.com](http://eatchicken.com), visit [culinary.net](http://culinary.net), [cutiescitrus.com/our-story](http://cutiescitrus.com/our-story) or [nutrition.gov](http://nutrition.gov).

### Designed with children in mind:

When it comes to eating, it can be difficult to find foods that children can enjoy while also introducing them to valuable nourishment and health principles.

Instead of giving in to ice cream for every meal or forcing children to eat something their taste buds don't agree with, there are tasty recipes like Chicken Noodle Soup, Cinnamon-Sprinkled French Toast and Flower Salad that can quench their appetites without giving up nutritional value.

These fun recipes can give children a chance to help in the kitchen, learning important life skills while spending quality

time with family.

### The Classic Child-Favorite

When mealtime hits and bellies start growling, turn to a classic to keep the children full and satisfied. Chicken Noodle Soup has always been a favorite among children, so keep tradition alive with this scrumptious recipe.

### Connect Kids with Food for Healthy Habits

More than nine in 10 millennial moms think it's important for their children to learn about where their food comes from, and more than three-quarters of those moms actively do things with their kids to help learn just that, according to recent findings.

Building healthy habits is the top reason moms cite for encouraging more learning when it comes to food, according to research conducted by IPSOS on behalf of Cuties – the sweet little clementines. Even when the weather is colder outside, recipes like this Flower Salad can help encourage children to eat healthy for a lifetime.

### A Memorable Morning Meal

Whether it's before school or after sleeping in on a Saturday morning, breakfast is a popular meal for children of all ages. Next time you and your family rise and shine, go with this recipe for Cinnamon-Sprinkled French Toast to keep the whole gang happy.

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# Waterfowl Weekend, Decoy Festival to celebrate Down East heritage

BY MEGAN SOULT  
NEWS-TIMES

The first weekend in December is all about waterfowl and decoys during Waterfowl Weekend and the 29<sup>th</sup> annual Core Sound Decoy Festival.

Waterfowl Weekend, which is held at the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center on Harkers Island, starts Friday, Dec. 2, with a ticketed Friday Night Preview Gala and continues with free admittance from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4.

Meanwhile, at Harkers Island Elementary School, the Core Sound Decoy Carver's Guild will host the Decoy Festival from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4.

Admission is \$8 for both days. Children under the age of 12 are free, except for Sunday, when all

children under the age of 18 are admitted for free for Youth Day.

A free shuttle will run to and from the museum and the elementary school during the weekend to ensure everyone can enjoy what the weekend has to offer.

Waterfowling is an important part of Down East heritage, and it will be recognized during the weekend's events.

"Harkers Island is the place and the first weekend of December is the time, but the story of waterfowling, decoy carving and all the other heritage crafts of Core Sound goes generations back and encompasses the entire region – from Ocracoke to Harkers Island," said the museum's executive director Karen Amspacher, when speaking of the events that take place each year on Harkers Island. "What began as a small group of decoy carvers buying and selling decoys is now a week-

end island celebration of heritage, traditions, and Down East pride."

## At the museum

This year's Waterfowl Weekend marks the beginning of celebrations for the Core Sound museum's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Events and activities throughout the weekend include:

- Core Sound's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary "Core Sound Story" exhibition and grand opening.
- Carving demonstrations, boatbuilding and education displays from regional partners.
- Community exhibitions telling the story of Down East's local communities.
- Retriever demonstrations

along the shores of Core Sound.

- Special music throughout the weekend.

- Core Sound's Museum Store featuring a wide selection of carvings, art, photography, pottery, model boats, North Carolina foods and heritage-based gift items.

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Folk artist Ken Humphries of Marshallberg carves away at a decoy in progress at the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center on Harkers Island during a past Waterfowl Weekend. This year's event will start Friday, Dec. 2. (Dylan Ray photo)

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live Nativity.

In addition, prizes will be awarded for the best-decorated homes and businesses in the area. There will be no "Lights of Love" luminaria this year, which was a past fundraising effort for the Crystal Coast Hospice House.

Candy Cane Lane will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at White Oak Church of God, and the live Nativity will be at from 6-8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 2-3, and Dec. 9-10, at Emmanuel Baptist Church.

The dog parade and costume contest will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8.

For details, visit the Crystal Coast Festival of Lights Facebook page, or contact Mary Miller at 910-330-7937.

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The fun starts at 6:30 p.m. Friday with the preview gala.

Tickets for the Friday Night Preview Gala are \$150 for couples or \$75 per person. They can be reserved by calling 252-728-1500, ext. 21.

Each year, the Friday Night Preview Gala honors those who volunteer at the museum.

This year, the Ramsey family will be honored. Cab and Barbara Ramsey are successful business leaders in the Down East community, while their son Randy and his wife Tiffany Ramsey continue that work ethic with Jarret Bay Boatworks. The Ramsey family was one of the early leaders of the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum.

The Wild Game and Seafood Extravaganza will be followed by a dessert party with specialty coffees, live music, a silent auction and a preview of more than 60 of the region's most talented artists, carvers and crafters.

For the second year in a row, the Champagne Decoy Floating Competition will welcome carvers from across the country to compete in this decoy carving category.

Decoys, detailed and true-to-life, small enough to fit into a champagne glass will be judged and awarded during the Friday night event.

Weekend events start again at 9 a.m. Saturday with hot light rolls. Those who visit the museum will be able to observe more than 75 carvers, artists, model boat builders and crafters of all kinds as they fill the education hall, the tent, porches and outside areas with a wide selection of collectibles.

Lunch will be served. Menu items include scallop fritters, stewed shrimp, fried shrimp and hot dogs, along with Core Sound's original sweet puppies.

Then, at 5 p.m., the Core Sound Heritage Auction will offer 20 select carvings for auction, providing serious collectors the opportunity to purchase decoys from Core Sound's past. Each decoy has its own unique story.

Waterfowl Weekend comes to a close Sunday. At 8 a.m. a church service will bring together the island's sacred musical traditions. The Rev. Kerry Willis will lead the service, which will be followed by a community breakfast of homemade sausage, cheesy grits and light rolls.

After church, the weekend continues.

For more information on Waterfowl Weekend, visit [www.coresound.com](http://www.coresound.com) or "like" the museum on Facebook.

### Decoy Festival

The Core Sound Decoy Carvers Guild is dedicated to the preservation of the waterfowl carving heritage that runs deep throughout the Core Sound area.

The festival has many attractions that include antique decoy exhibits, retriever demonstrations, competitions including duck calling, loon calling, head whittling and a live and silent auction.

Harkers Island Elementary School staff and volunteers offer food, and different vendors will supply shopping opportunities.

During the festival, there will be several decoy competitions, including a head whittling contest, which will take place at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Sign up for the contest is in the library on Sunday prior to the event. A juniper band sawn decoy head blank will be provided to each contestant. This year the blank will be a surf scoter head.

Carvers may use any hand tool such as a wood rasp, knife, sandpaper, gouge, etc. however, no motor tools will be allowed.

Carvers must provide their

own tools. Only the blank head will be provided by the Guild. Carvers will have one hour to complete their head carving.

First, second, third and honorable mention ribbons will be awarded. The first-place winner will also receive a plaque.

There is also a junior head whittling contest at the same time open to children between 7 and 15 years of age.

The blank for the junior head whittling contest will be a small sandpiper.

The same rules apply as the adult contest. No motor tools allowed, no tools will be provided and juniors will have one hour to complete their carving. Ribbons will be awarded.

Sunday is also the festival's Youth Day, where all children under the age of 18 are admitted for free.

Upon entry, each child will receive their ticket for the afternoon drawing and a chance to receive a variety of door prizes.

During Youth Day, children will also be able to participate in Kids Decoy Painting and try their hand at the archery experience under the guidance of experienced archers.

There will also be a N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission Nature Exhibit, which features a walk-through wildlife experience that gives a close-up look at a variety of nature items – educational and attractive to youth and adults.

Finally, children can participate in the Youth Loon Calling Contest. It is fun, and no experience is required.

For more information about the Decoy Festival, visit [www.decoyguild.com](http://www.decoyguild.com) or "like" the guild on Facebook.

Listed is a schedule of Decoy Festival activities.

**9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Dec. 3**

9 a.m.: Show opens.

9 a.m.: Carving competition registration, youth archery (all day), NCWRC Safari Trailer.

10 a.m.: Competition judging.

10 a.m.: Children's decoy painting (all day).

10 a.m.: Auction preview begins.

11 a.m.: Retriever demonstration.

1 p.m.: Decoy auction.

2 p.m.: Retriever demonstration.

5 p.m.: Show closes.

**10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Sunday, Dec. 4**

10 a.m.: Show opens, Youth Day.

10 a.m.: Competition judging.

10 a.m.: Children's decoy painting (all day), Youth Archery (all day), NCWRC Safari Trailer.

1 p.m.: Head carving contest.

1 p.m.: Retriever demonstration.

3 p.m.: Youth prize drawing (ages 6-17).

3:30 p.m.: Awards presentation, announce 2017 featured carver and bird and raffle drawing winners for the shotgun, decoy and print.



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BY MEGAN SOULT  
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The holiday season has officially begun. Break out the hot cocoa, Christmas carols, ugly sweaters and decorations and celebrate the beginning of the season with several Christmas-themed events. There will be shopping events, parades, visits with Santa and more.

**Thursday, Dec. 1**

• **Craven Community Chorus Christmas Concert:** This choral concert starts at 7 p.m. in Orringer Auditorium on the Craven Community College campus at 800 College Court in New Bern. Tickets are \$15 and are available in advance from chorus members, the Bank of the Arts, Fullers Music, UPS Store, Kitchen on Trent and Harris Teeter, all in New Bern. Tickets will also be available at the door. Students with a valid ID can gain entry for \$5 at the door. For more information, call

252-670-0230 or 252-665-0078. The concert will repeat again at 7 p.m. Saturday, as well as 3 p.m. Sunday.  
• **The Nelsons Live in Concert:** This concert starts at 7:30 p.m. at Free Grace Wesleyan Church, 140 Old Ferry Dock Road on Harkers Island. There will be special appearances by the Community Choir and Brooke Guthrie. For more information, contact Clint Nelson at 252-725-2526. The concert will repeat at 7:30 p.m. Friday.



**Friday, Dec. 2**

• **Sixth Annual Morehead City Artwalk:** From 4-7 p.m., enjoy art in downtown Morehead City. Several businesses will have art on display, as well as the train depot. For more information, call DMCR at 252-808-0440.

• **John Costlow Christmas Train Show:** Trains are the focus of this holiday event. The show is from 4 to 8 p.m. at the train depot in Beaufort. The show is free and open to the public. For more information, call Doug Doubleday at 252-728-2259. The trains will also be on display from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

• **Santa and Mrs. Claus at Katherine Davis Park:** Starting at 5 p.m. at 601 Arendell St. in

Morehead City there will be hot chocolate and Christmas carols. At 6 p.m., the town's Christmas tree will be lit. For more information, call 252-808-0440.

• **Wreath Decorating Contest:** This event starts at 5 p.m. along the Beaufort boardwalk. Visitors can stroll the boardwalk and vote for their favorite wreath. Community groups in Beaufort and Down East are welcome to participate in the contest. For more information, contact susan@beaufortnc.com or call 252-241-4485.

• **Tree Lighting and Sing-Along:** Starting at 6 p.m. in downtown Beaufort, enjoy cider, hot cocoa, carols and the wreath-decorating contest awards while waiting for the town's tree lighting.

• **Atlantic Beach Christmas Parade:** At 6 p.m., celebrate the season in Atlantic Beach with a Christmas parade. The parade will light up the night with decorated boats, floats, cars and trucks. The route is from Dunes Club west down Fort Macon Road and around the circle. After the parade, Santa will meet with children at the Atlantic Beach Fire Department.

• **Live Nativity Performances:** The true meaning of Christmas will be celebrated from 6-8:30 p.m. with this re-enactment at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Cedar Point. The event is free. It repeats Sunday and Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 9-10, at the same time.

• **Core Sound Waterfowl Weekend:** Celebrate Down East

Heritage with free events during Waterfowl Weekend at the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center on Harkers Island. The events start at 6:30 p.m. with a ticketed Friday Night Preview Gala. Tickets are \$150 per couple or \$75 per person. This celebration boasts local waterfowl art, music, seafood, museum exhibits, educational displays, competitions, arts and crafts, boatbuilding and more. For more information, call 252-728-1500 or visit www.core-sound.com. Events continue from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

• **"Invitation to a Miracle":** This concert starts at 7 p.m. at Ann Street United Methodist Church in Beaufort. The concert is presented by the church's combined choirs and is free and open to the public. For more information, call the church at 252-728-4279. Another performance will start at 5 p.m. Sunday.

• **Crystal Coast Festival of Lights:** This event is held at The Market, 1046 Cedar Point Blvd. It includes a community Christmas tree lighting, ice skating, live music, food and craft vendors, photo booths and live entertainment. See several homes and businesses lit up for the holidays. For more information and times, visit the Crystal Coast Festival of Lights Facebook page, or contact Mary Miller at 910-330-7937. The festival continues until Sunday, Dec. 11.

# MAKE MERRY IN THE COUNTY and surrounding areas WITH THESE HOLIDAY EVENTS:



**Saturday, Dec. 3**

• **Emerald Isle Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair:** Start some holiday shopping from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Emerald Isle Community Center gymnasium. The fair will feature handmade and hand-authenticated items by local artisans. For more information, contact Sarah Cuttillo at scuttillo@emeraldisle-nc.org or Sheila Lowe at slowe@emeraldisle-nc.org.

• **Lesvingt Femme Girls Club Christmas Bazaar:** This shopping experience is from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Morehead City Boys & Girls Club on Bridges Street. Shoppers will be able to browse and shop for items including Christmas baskets and jewelry. There will also be a bake sale, yard sale items and gift wrapping.

• **Pancake Breakfast with Santa:** Enjoy a breakfast with Santa from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at Ribeyes Restaurant in Beaufort. This event is hosted by the Beaufort Lions Club. Plates are \$6 a person. For more information, call 252-728-3723.

• **Breakfast with Santa:** From 8:30-11:30 a.m., Santa will dine with patrons at Floyd's 1921 Restaurant in Morehead City. Adult plates are \$12, while children's plates are \$8. There will be three seating times, and reservations are required by calling 252-727-1921.

• **Pancakes with Santa:** At 9 a.m. Santa will dine on pancakes at Beaufort Fire Station 1. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children younger than 12. All proceeds will benefit Beaufort Fireman's Association. To purchase tickets, call Beaufort Fire Department Station 1 at 252-728-4325.

• **Core Sound Decoy Festival:** Decoys are the stars of this festival, which is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Harkers Island Elementary School. The festival includes food, vendors, antique decoy exhibits, retriever demonstrations, competi-

tions including duck calling, loon calling and head whittling, and live and silent auctions. For details, visit www.decoyguild.com. The festival continues from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

• **Beaufort Christmas Parade:** It will start at 3 p.m. in downtown Beaufort. To register, contact susan@beaufortnc.com or call 252-241-4485.

• **Carolina East Singers Christmas Concert:** This concert starts at 4 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Morehead City. Tickets are available at the following locations: First Presbyterian Church office; First Citizens Bank on Front Street in Beaufort; and Williams Hardware in Morehead City. The concert repeats at 4 p.m. Sunday.

• **Santa and Mrs. Claus at Jaycee Park:** At 4:30 p.m., Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at 807 Shepard St. in Morehead City. Participants will enjoy hot chocolate and music with deejay Raymond Rigsbee. For more information, call 252-808-0440.

• **Crystal Coast Christmas Flotilla:** The flotilla starts at 5:30 p.m. on the Morehead City waterfront and continues from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. on the Beaufort waterfront. Boats may register to participate by phone or mail until noon the day of the flotilla at the N.C. Maritime Museum store. There is an entry fee. The flotilla features boats, yachts, oars, kayaks and commercial vessels decorated for the season. An awards party with cash prizes will follow at the Harvey W. Smith Watercraft Center. For more information, call 252-728-7317 or visit www.ncmaritimemuseums.com.

• **"A Thankful Christmas":** This Davis celebration starts at 6 p.m. at Davis Free Will Baptist Church in Davis. This will be followed by the Memorial Tree Lighting Service at Davis Corner and the annual Cider Social at the Down East Scout Center. Children will be part of a live Nativity scene.

• **"The Nutcracker":** Enjoy this holiday recital at 7 p.m. at Carteret Community Theatre, 1311 Arendell St. in Morehead City. The Dance Arts Studio Academy of Performing Arts will perform this classic, choreographed by studio director Julie McBarron and featuring the music of Peter Tchaikovsky. Tickets are \$5 at the door (cash only) or online at www.danceartsstudio.net. For details, call 252-726-1720. The performance will repeat 2 p.m. Sunday.



**Sunday, Dec. 4**

• **Wrap Up the Holidays:** This event provides the perfect shopping opportunity for book lovers. The event is from 1-4 p.m. at the Book Nook, 320 Salter Path Road, Suite Z, Highway 58 in Pine Knoll Shores. The Book Nook, in the Bogue Banks Public Library building, has more than 3,000 gently used books for sale. There will be refreshments, door prizes and free gift wrapping for Book Nook purchases. This event is open to the public and hosted by the Friends of the Bogue Banks Public Library.

• **Newport Christmas Parade:** At 3 p.m., Newport will celebrate the holiday with a parade. To participate in the parade, contact Joyce Ferrell at 252-223-5900 or jafarrell@embarqmail.com.

**Ongoing**

• **Carteret County Arts and Crafts Coalition Holiday Show and Sale:** This holiday art shopping opportunity is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sundays until Sunday, Dec. 11, at Morehead Plaza. This is a juried show of local artists' work, including pottery, basket weaving, fiber, jewelry, glasswork, woodworking, ceramics, watercolors, wax works, oils and photography. Admission is free. For more information, visit ccartsandcrafts.com or email arts.crafts.coalition@gmail.com.







Darla Vick, a member of Ann Street United Methodist Church, plays on the violin with the church choir. The choir will present "Invitation to a Miracle" at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, and 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4. (Contributed photo)

## Church choir to perform 'Invitation to a Miracle'

The Combined Choirs of Ann Street United Methodist Church will present Joseph Martin's Christmas cantata "Invitation to a Miracle."

The cantata is at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, and 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at Ann Street United Methodist Church, 417 Ann St. in Beaufort.

Bringing together 48 singers, instrumentalist and narrators,

the service is a joyous celebration of the hope and peace of the season.

Using carols, narration, original anthems, as well as a colorful orchestration, this musical work will take listeners back to the magical time in Bethlehem.

For more information, call the church at 252-252-728-4279.

# Carolina East Singers to present Christmas concerts

To help celebrate the upcoming holiday, the Carolina East Singers will perform two special concerts.

At 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, and Sunday, Dec. 4, Carolina East Singers will present their annual Christmas concerts at First Presbyterian Church in Morehead City.

The choir is 67 voices strong this year and will be accompanied by Winifred Garrett, principal harpist of the Fayetteville Symphony, during their performance of Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols."

"We are proud to bring this work to our neck of the woods, if you will," said musical director Sunnie Gail Ballou. "This year's musical concert is sure to be a memorable one."

"A Ceremony of Carols" is a choral piece by Benjamin Britten, who

was an English composer, conductor and pianist.

Written for Christmas, it consists of 11 movements. The piece was written in 1942 while Mr. Britten was at sea, going from the United States to England. It has become a very well-known classic work.

Susan Gillis Bailey, Carolina East Singers choral director, was first introduced to it when she was studying music at East Carolina University, and Ms. Garrett is performing it with five different choirs this holiday season, with the performance with Carolina East Singers as the first.

Those who attend the Carolina East Singers Christmas concerts this year will also hear several of their favorite carols.

"Almost every one of our favor-

ite songs is going to be beautifully presented with orchestral accompaniment," said Ms. Ballou.

This season there will be 12 instrumentalists: two woodwinds, two brass, two percussionists, five strings, as well as Ms. Ballou on the piano.

Tickets are now on sale and are available at the following locations: First Presbyterian Church office; First Citizens Bank, Front Street in Beaufort; and Williams Hardware, Bridges Street in Morehead City.

Formed in 2013, Carolina East Singers is an auditioned community choir that performs four concerts each year – two in the spring and two at Christmas – under the musical direction of Ms. Ballou and the choral direction of Ms. Bailey.



The Carolina East Singers are gearing up for a set of Christmas concerts. The performances are at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, and Sunday, Dec. 4, at First Presbyterian Church in Morehead City. Tickets are on sale now. (Sally Lumpkin photo)

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# Craven County Community Chorus to give holiday concert

The Craven Community Chorus will present its Christmas concert during the first week in December.

Performances are at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1; Saturday Dec. 3; and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, in Orringer Auditorium on the campus of Craven Community College, 800 College Court in New Bern.

Philip Evancho will conduct the "Magnificat" by John Rutter. The chorus will be accompanied by pianist Cheryl Kite, as well as Rachel Harmatuk-Pino with the Trent River Chamber Players. The "Magnificat" is composed of seven movements set to music in Latin and English text in honor of the Virgin Mary.

The second half of the program, "Christmas at the Movies," will be directed by Frederick Angoco II.

It will offer a selection of songs that will get concertgoers in the spirit of the holidays.

One of the numbers that will be performed is written by chorus member, Terry Knickerbocker.

Tickets are \$15 and are available for advance purchase from chorus members, through Bank of the Arts, Fullers Music, UPS Store, Kitchen on Trent and Harris Teeter.

Tickets will also be available at the door. Students with a valid ID can gain entry for \$5 at door.

Craven Community Chorus is continuing its memorial fund in honor of past choristers. Donation acknowledgements will be included in the concert program.

For more information, call 252-670-0230 or 252-665-0078.



Those who attend Tryon Place's behind-the-scenes tours have an opportunity to learn about the costumes worn by historical interpreters. The next tour is Tuesday, Dec. 6. (Contributed photo)

# Tour behind the scenes in Tryon Palace Costume Shop

See how the staff and volunteers at Tryon Palace create the beautiful, handmade costumes worn by its historical interpreters during a behind-the-scenes tour of the Costume Shop in the historic Jones House on Tuesday, Dec. 6.

Tours in the Costume Shop will be led by historic clothing interpreter Leslie Lambrecht.

Visitors can learn about historical clothing research techniques, the fabrics used, how Ms. Lambrecht costumes for the different eras at Tryon Palace and much more.

Admission to all behind-the-scenes tours is included with a One Day Pass or purchased separately at a cost of \$6 for adults and \$3 for students. Space is limited on each tour.

For more information, call 252-639-3500 or visit [www.tryonpalace.org](http://www.tryonpalace.org).


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## Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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## Editor's Note:

Sudoku puzzles and answers are published in the next edition this week.

# ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

Calendar deadline is two weeks prior to the start date of the event. Send an email that includes the event time, date, location including address, admission price and contact information to [megan.soult@thenewstimes.com](mailto:megan.soult@thenewstimes.com)

Event placement on a specific date is not guaranteed, as events run as space is available. Find the full calendar online at [carolinacoastonline.com](http://carolinacoastonline.com) by hovering the pointer over TWM and choosing the "Calendar" option, or on a mobile device, choose "Calendar" from the drop-down menu.

## Kids and Family

**SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS AT KATHERINE DAVIS PARK** 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at 601 Arendell St. There will be hot chocolate and Christmas carols, and at 6 p.m., the town's Christmas tree will be lit. For more information, call 252-808-0440.

**SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS AT JAYCEE PARK** 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at 807 Shepard St. in Morehead City. There will be hot chocolate and music with deejay Raymond Rigsbee. For more information, call 252-808-0440.

## Art

**SIXTH ANNUAL MOREHEAD CITY ARTWALK** 4-7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, in Downtown Morehead City. For more information, call DMCR at 252-808-0440.

**WREATH DECORATING CONTEST** 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, along the Beaufort boardwalk. Stroll the boardwalk and vote for a favorite wreath. Community groups in Beaufort and Down East are welcome to participate in the contest. For more information, contact [susan@beaufortnc.com](mailto:susan@beaufortnc.com) or call 252-241-4485.

**EMERALD ISLE HOLIDAY ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at the center gymnasium. The fair will feature handmade and hand-authenticated items by local artisans. For more information, contact Sarah Cutillo at [scutillo@emeraldisle-nc.org](mailto:scutillo@emeraldisle-nc.org) or Sheila Lowe at [slowe@emeraldisle-nc.org](mailto:slowe@emeraldisle-nc.org).

**BEAUFORT HOLIDAY ARTWALK** 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, in downtown Beaufort. Beaufort shops and galleries will feature local artists' work. Refreshments will be served. This event is free and open to the public.

**CARTERET COUNTY ARTS AND CRAFTS COALITION HOLIDAY SHOW AND SALE** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sundays until Sunday, Dec. 11, at Morehead Plaza. This is a juried show of local artists' work, including pottery, basket weaving, fiber, jewelry, glasswork, woodworking, ceramics, watercolors, wax works, oils and photography. Admission is free. For more information, visit

[ccartsandcrafts.com](http://ccartsandcrafts.com) or email [arts.crafts.coalition@gmail.com](mailto:arts.crafts.coalition@gmail.com).

## Music and Theater

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**CAROLINA EAST SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT** 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 3-4, at First Presbyterian Church in Morehead City. Tickets are now on sale and available at the following locations: First Presbyterian Church office; First Citizens Bank on Front Street in Beaufort; and Williams Hardware in Morehead City.

**CRAVEN COMMUNITY CHORUS CHRISTMAS CONCERT** 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, as well as 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, in Orringer Auditorium on the Craven Community College campus at 800 College Court in New Bern. Tickets are \$15 and are available in advance from chorus members, the Bank of the Arts, Fullers Music, UPS Store, Kitchen on Trent and Harris Teeter, all in New Bern. Tickets will also be available at the door. Students with a valid ID can gain entry for \$5 at the door. For more information, call 252-670-0230 or 252-665-0078.

**'THE NUTCRACKER'** 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at Carteret Community Theatre, 1311 Arendell St. in Morehead City. The Dance Arts Studio Academy of Performing Arts will perform this classic, choreographed by studio director Julie McBarron and featuring the music of Peter Tchaikovsky. Tickets are \$5 at the door (cash only) or online at [www.danceartsstudio.net](http://www.danceartsstudio.net). For more information, call 252-726-1720.

## Food and Drink

**PANCAKES WITH SANTA** 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at Beaufort Fire Station 1. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children younger than 12. All proceeds will benefit Beaufort Fireman's Association. To purchase tickets, call Beaufort Fire Department

Station 1 at 252-728-4325.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** 8:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at Floyd's 1921 Restaurant in Morehead City. Adult plates are \$12, while children's plates are \$8. There will be three seating times, and reservations are required by calling 252-727-1921.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** 8:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at Ribeyes Restaurant in Beaufort. This event is hosted by the Beaufort Lions Club. Plates are \$6 a person. For more information, call 252-728-3723.

## Events

**BLOOD DRIVE** 1-6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, at Piggly Wiggly, 1500 Live Oak St., Beaufort.

**JOHN COSTLOW CHRISTMAS TRAIN SHOW** 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at the train depot in Beaufort. The show is free and open to the public. For more information, call Doug Doubleday at 252-728-2259.

**ATLANTIC BEACH CHRISTMAS PARADE** 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, in Atlantic Beach. The parade will light up the night with decorated boats, floats, cars and trucks. The parade route is from Dunes Club west down Fort Macon Road and around the circle. After the parade, Santa will meet with children at the Atlantic Beach Fire Department.

**LIVE NATIVITY PERFORMANCES** 6-8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2-3, and Friday-Saturday, Dec. 9-10, at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Cedar Point.

**CRYSTAL COAST FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS** Friday, Dec. 2, through Sunday, Dec. 11, at The Market, 1046 Cedar Point Blvd. This event includes a community Christmas tree lighting, ice skating, live music, food and craft vendors, photo booths and live entertainment. See several homes and businesses lit up for the holidays. For more information and times, visit the Crystal Coast Festival of Lights Facebook page, or contact Mary Miller at 910-330-7937.

**TREE LIGHTING AND SING-A-LONG** 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, in downtown Beaufort. There will be cider, hot cocoa, carols and the wreath contest awards.

**CHRISTMAS IN DOWNTOWN MOREHEAD CITY** Friday-Sunday,

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Dec. 2-4, in downtown Morehead City. Activities include the Chowder and Cheer Crawl, lighting of the Christmas tree at Katherine Davis Park, caroling, a visit from Santa and the Christmas Artwalk. For details, call 252-8088-0440.

**CORE SOUND WATERFOWL WEEKEND** Friday-Sunday, Dec. 2-4, at the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center on Harkers Island. This celebration boasts local waterfowl art, music, seafood, museum exhibits, educational displays, competitions, arts and crafts, boat building and a fellowship service on Sunday morning. For more information, call 252-728-1500 or visit www.coresound.com.

**LESVINGT FEMME GIRLS CLUB CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Morehead City Boys & Girls Club on Bridges Street. Shoppers will be able to browse and shop for items including Christmas baskets and jewelry. There will also be a bake sale and yard sale items. Gift wrapping will be available.

**DOWN EAST CENTER FOR WOMEN'S MINISTRY FUNDRAISER** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at 606 Harkers Island Road. There will be arts and crafts from local vendors, bake sale items, funnel cakes, clam chowder, chili and more. For more information, contact Martha McAdams at 252-619-4636.

**BEAUFORT CHRISTMAS PARADE** 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, in downtown Beaufort. To register, contact susan@beaufrotnc.com or call 252-241-4485.

**CRYSTAL COAST CHRISTMAS FLOTILLA** 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, on the Morehead City waterfront and 6:15-6:45 p.m. on the Beaufort waterfront. Boats may register to participate by phone or mail until noon Dec. 3 at the N.C. Maritime Museum store. There is an entry fee. The flotilla features boats, yachts, oars, kayaks and commercial vessels decorated for the season. An awards party with cash prizes will follow at the Harvey W. Smith Watercraft Center. For more information, call 252-728-7317 or visit www.ncmaritimemuseums.com.

**'A THANKFUL CHRISTMAS'** 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at Davis Free Will Baptist Church in Davis. This will be followed by the Memorial Tree Lighting Service at Davis Corner and the annual Cider Social at the Down East Scout Center in Davis. Children will be part of a live Nativity scene.

**CORE SOUND DECOY FESTIVAL** Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 3-4, at Harkers Island Elementary School. The festival includes food, vendors, antique decoy exhibits, retriever demonstrations, competitions

including duck calling, loon calling and head whittling, and live and silent auctions. For more information, visit www.decoyguild.com.

**WRAP UP THE HOLIDAYS** 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at the Book Nook, 320 Salter Path Road, Suite Z, Highway 58 in Pine Knoll Shores. The Book Nook, in the Bogue Banks Public Library building, has more than 3,000 gently used books for sale. There will be refreshments, door prizes and free gift wrapping for Book Nook purchases. This event is open to the public and hosted by the Friends of the Bogue Banks Public Library.

**NEWPORT CHRISTMAS PARADE** 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, in Newport. To participate in the parade, contact Joyce Ferrell at 252-223-5900 or jafarrell@embarqmail.com.

**HOLIDAY TRUNK SHOW AND GIFT SHOP FUNDRAISER** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at Carteret Health Care's Meeting Room 1 in the rotunda. This fundraiser will feature handcrafted sterling silver and gemstone jewelry and more. Payroll deduction will be available.

**Local heritage**

**HUGGINS ISLAND HISTORY HIKE** 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 2, and Friday, Dec. 30, at Hammocks Beach State Park. Join a park ranger on a boat ride over to Huggins Island to learn about its history. Participants will get to explore one of the Atlantic coast's better-preserved earthwork fortifications and learn about its role in the Civil War. Participants should dress for the weather. Seating is limited; registration is required by calling the park office at 910-326-4881.

**BROWN BAG GAM - FROM LIGHTSHIPS TO LIGHT TOWERS** noon to 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at the N.C. Maritime Museum in Beaufort. Pack a lunch and join associate museum curator Benjamin Wunderly for an informal discussion about Lightships and Light Towers. Walk-ins are welcome to this free event. For more information, call 252-728-7317.

**JONES ISLAND ECO TOUR** 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, and Saturday, Dec. 31, at Hammocks Beach State Park. Join a park ranger on a boat ride to Jones Island in the mouth of the White Oak River overlooking Swansboro. Participants will explore the island and discuss its wildlife, ecosystems and cultural history. Participants should dress for the weather. Seating is limited; registration is required by contacting the park office at 910-326-4881.

**BEAR ISLAND ECO-HIKE** 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at Hammocks Beach State Park. Join a ranger over to Bear Island. Participants

will explore some of nature's wonders found on these cooler winter days and maybe collect some seashell souvenirs. They should dress for the weather and bring binoculars if they have them. Seating is limited; registration is required by contacting the park office at 910-326-4881.

**FLAGS OF FORT MACON AND THE CONFEDERACY** 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 5, at Fort Macon State Park. Meet at the Visitor Center to learn about the wide range of flags used by the Confederacy during the War Between the States. For more information, call 252-726-3775.

**BROWN BAG GAM - THE STORY BEHIND ECHO THE WHALE** noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at the N.C. Maritime Museum in Beaufort. Pack a lunch and join museum natural science curator Keith Rittmaster for an informal discussion about Echo, the museum's 33.5-foot-long sperm whale skeleton and its heart. Walk-ins welcome to this free event. For more information, call 252-728-7317.

**MUSKET-FIRING DEMONSTRATION** 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, at Fort Macon State Park. Learn about a Civil War-era musket's history, loading procedures and firing. Meet in the fort. For more information, call 252-726-3775.

**NATURE ON THE QUEENS** 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, and Wednesday, Dec. 21, at Hammocks Beach State Park. Join a ranger to explore the park along Queens Creek, learning and writing about some of the sights and sounds during this nature journaling program. Each time is a new topic. Participants should bring their own notebook (optional). Meet at the former camp area. Registration is required by calling 910-326-4881.

**Fitness**

**CARTERET COUNTY SENIOR CHEERLEADERS** are looking to develop a new team. Participants, both men and women, must be at least 50 years old. For more information or to join the team, call Susan Balmat at 252-222-0799.

**YOGA CLASS** 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 9-10 a.m. Saturdays at Newport Community Building, 270 Howard Blvd., Newport. This class is for adults and costs \$5 per class. For more information, contact Christine Smith at 252-622-7473.

**BEACH YOGA** 9:30 a.m. Sundays at Fort Macon State Park's beach. The sessions will be on the border of the state park and Tar Landing. Sign up at momentum-fitnessnc.com or pay \$10 on the beach. For more information, call 252-368-YOGA (9642).

**NIGHTLIFE CALENDAR**

**Morehead City**  
**KMART: Pauline Smith** 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24. Ms. Smith will be performing Christmas songs.

**FLOYD'S 1921: 4EverAll** 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 31; 7-10 p.m. Friday, April 7; 7-10 p.m. Friday, May 5; 7-10 p.m. Friday, June 2; 7-10 p.m. Friday, July 7; 7-10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4; 7-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1; and 7-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6.

**Atlantic Beach**  
**AMOS MOSQUITO'S:** Karaoke 5-9 p.m. Thursdays.

**Beaufort**  
**CRU WINE BAR: Wine Tasting with Kelly of Empire** 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2; **The Hoodwinks** 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2; **Hank Barbee** 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3; **Casablanca** 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9; **Phantom Playboys** 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10; **Holiday Wine Tasting with Natalie of Advintage** 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16; **Kate McNally** 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16; and **Ed Prophet** 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17.

**BACKSTREET PUB: The Fustics** 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3.

**RIBEYES: Morris Willis** 6 p.m. Tuesdays.

**ROYAL JAMES CAFÉ: Steel Shot** 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16.

**VFW: Morris Willis** 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2.

**Cedar Point**  
**HARRIKA'S BREW HAUS: Tastings** 6-9 p.m. each Thursday; **Music and \$3 Drafts** 7-10 p.m. Fridays, includes open microphone, live karaoke and duets or solo acts with \$3 draft beer; **Biergarten** 7-10 p.m. Saturdays featuring live entertainment for visitors to enjoy while sipping beer. Drink specials are also available; **4EverAll** 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3.

**Emerald Isle**  
**THE IRISH PIRATE: 4EverAll** Saturday, Dec. 10.

**Swansboro**  
**BORO CAFÉ:** Live music at 7 p.m. every Friday.

**ICEHOUSE WATERFRONT RESTAURANT:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 9 p.m. Saturdays.

**Harkers Island**  
**FISH HOOK GRILL: Morris Willis** 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31.

**Oriental**  
**ORIENTAL CHRISTMAS PARADE: Pauline Smith** 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, near the Tiki Bar Deck.

**AREA SPORTS CALENDAR**  
**Friday, Dec. 2**

- Crystal Coast Gymnastics**  
Junior Olympics Compulsory State Meet at CC Civic Center ..10 a.m.
- High School Basketball**  
JV Girls: Richlands at Croatan ..... 4 p.m.  
JV Boys: Richlands at Croatan ..... 5:30 p.m.  
Varsity Girls: Richlands at Croatan ..... 7 p.m.  
Varsity Boys: Richlands at Croatan ..... 8:30 p.m.
- High School Football**  
1AA state playoffs 3<sup>rd</sup> round: Tarboro at East Carteret ..... 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Dec. 3**

- High School Wrestling**  
West Carteret, East Carteret in Swiss Bear at New Bern ..... 9 a.m.  
Croatan at Lake Norman Duals ..... 9 a.m.
- Crystal Coast Gymnastics**  
Junior Olympics Compulsory State Meet at CC Civic Center ..10 a.m.
- High School Swimming**  
Croatan, East Carteret at West Carteret (Sports Center) ..... 2 p.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 4**

- Crystal Coast Gymnastics**  
Junior Olympics Compulsory State Meet at CC Civic Center ..10 a.m.

**Tuesday, Dec. 6**

- High School Basketball**  
JV Girls: Pamlico at West Carteret ..... 4 p.m.  
JV Boys: Pamlico at West Carteret ..... 5:30 p.m.  
Varsity Girls: Pamlico at West Carteret ..... 7 p.m.  
Varsity Boys: Pamlico at West Carteret ..... 8:30 p.m.  
JV Girls: East Carteret at Croatan ..... 4:30 p.m.  
Varsity Girls: East Carteret at Croatan ..... 6 p.m.  
Varsity Boys: East Carteret at Croatan ..... 7:30 p.m.

# All aboard: annual train show scheduled

The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual John Costlow Christmas Train Show, by the Carteret County Model Railroad Bluffs, will be held from Friday through Sunday, Dec. 2-4, at the train depot on the corner of Pollock and Broad streets in Beaufort.

The show is free and open to the public. The show will be open from 4-8 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Any donations gathered during the event will go to the Beaufort Lion's Club. The club will be assisting with this year's show.

The exhibit offers a glimpse into the past with antique working model trains of all sizes.

Model train layouts represent all conventional scales, including N, HO, S, O27, standard and

LGB designed for garden and backyard exhibits.

Working displays of passenger and freight models will be powered by old fashioned steam and diesel locomotives, both American and European.

Realistic layouts will include residential, commercial and industrial buildings, which supported railroad facilities.

The model train layouts will include a variety of items of interest to railroad enthusiasts of all ages, ranging from simple circles, traditionally found around the Christmas tree, to more elaborate systems of all gauges.

Larger layouts will include spurs and passing sidings to permit express trains to "high-ball" along the main line.

Individual layouts also display

residential, commercial and industrial buildings representing the variety of support facilities involved in the operation of a railroad.

Modern technology has allowed model railroaders to add various components to their displays, including sound, lighting and actual smoke to the running trains.

In contrast, static scenes from

bygone eras will capture the attention and delight the eye.

Each display has been designed by the owner or operator to appeal to those interested in model railroading. There will also be a unique display of the steam power, which fueled earlier trains, as well as a children's wooden train set for the younger engineers to enjoy.

While visiting the depot, visi-

tors may also enjoy museum exhibits that detail the early days of rail Eastern North Carolina, including a stationmaster's office with its artifacts.

There will also be an opportunity to discuss technical problems or layout designs with the train enthusiasts and purchase various train items on site.

For more information, call Doug Doubleday at 252-728-2259.



Harrison Saunders of Morehead City runs power tests on his multiple sets of track at the Beaufort train depot in preparation for a previous John Costlow Christmas Train Show. This year's free show is from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4. (Dylan Ray photo)

Open Water Medical is please to have Andrea join the Morehead City office providing care for the entire family.



Andrea Jez

**Andrea Jez, PA-C, MPAS**, is a board certified physician assistant.

Andrea comes from Dayton, Ohio where she graduated from Kettering College's Master of Physician Assistant Studies program in 2014. Andrea initially started her education at the University of Cincinnati studying biomedical engineering but realized she'd rather be helping patients rather than designing medical equipment.

Therefore she transferred to Kettering College, where she was accepted into their accelerated physician assistant program. Andrea recently married her middle school sweetheart, who is stationed at Camp Lejeune, bringing her to the beautiful Crystal Coast.



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All proceeds support Carteret Community College students and programs.  
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The *Cherokee* is aglow for a previous Crystal Coast Christmas Flotilla. This year's event starts at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, on the Morehead City waterfront and will be visible from the Beaufort waterfront by 6:15 p.m. (Contributed photo)

## Christmas Flotilla sets sail Dec. 3

The Crystal Coast Christmas Flotilla will feature boats, yachts, oars, kayaks and commercial vessels decorated for the season.

The decorated boats can be seen starting at 5:30 p.m. on the Morehead City waterfront and about 6:15 p.m. on the Beaufort waterfront on Saturday, Dec. 3.

Boats may register to participate in the flotilla by phone or mail, and until noon on Dec. 3, at the N.C. Maritime Museum store on Front Street in Beaufort. Cash prizes will be awarded. There is a \$25 entry fee to participate.

All decorated boats are judged and prizes for excellence and creativity are awarded at the awards party after the flotilla in the Harvey W. Smith Watercraft Center, which is across the street from the museum.

Nineteen prizes were awarded

to participants in various categories in 2015. The Morehead City's best in class award for small boat/powerboat went to *Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer* by Vic and Lora Fasolino and Beaufort's first prize went to *Sea Wife* by Brent and Kelli Creelman.

"We always have a great turnout for this event," said Mr. Creelman, director of operations for the Friends of the N.C. Maritime Museum. "The flotilla truly has become an annual tradition on the Crystal Coast."

The event is presented by the Friends of the N.C. Maritime Museum.

For more information, call the N.C. Maritime Museum at 252-728-7317 or visit the website at [www.ncmaritimemuseums.com](http://www.ncmaritimemuseums.com).

The N.C. Maritime Museum is at 315 Front St. in Beaufort.

## NCCF to host workday, oyster roast

The N.C. Coastal Federation is hosting two different events in December.

The federation invites community members and volunteers to help bag oyster shells at the headquarter's office in Ocean.

The oyster bagging event is from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Dec. 7.

During the event, volunteers will be filling mesh bags with

oyster shells that will be used to build oyster reefs in the spring and summer.

The bags will be placed along shorelines to protect them from erosion and create valuable habitat.

Volunteers are needed to cut, tie, lift and stack the shell bags. These events are suitable for adults, organized groups and supervised children over

the age of 12.

There will be activities to accommodate a wide range of physical abilities, and snacks are provided.

Volunteers should dress in layers for the weather and in clothes that are comfortable but that can also get dirty. Volunteers should also wear closed-toe shoes or

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boots that fully cover their feet. The oyster shell bagging event is part of a living shoreline project. For more information on living shorelines, visit the Living

Shorelines Academy. The Living Shorelines Academy is an online exchange of information that encourages the use of environmentally friendly living shoreline erosion control practices to protect valuable waterfront property.



A gingerbread United Nations building constructed by Bridget and Jonathan Quiterio of Beaufort sends a holiday message of world peace in a past SECU Crystal Coast Hospice House's Gingerbread House Competition and Display at the Crystal Coast Civic Center. The free event returns 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10. (Dylan Ray photo)

## Dates announced for annual Gingerbread Festival

SECU Crystal Coast Hospice House annual Gingerbread Festival returns for its fourth year to the Crystal Coast Civic Center on Friday-Sunday, Dec. 9-11, with a whimsical wonderland of confection and holiday crab pot trees created by the community.

The gingerbread competition is free and open to bakers of all abilities and ages. The three categories are: Traditional, which is open to all ages; Out of the Box, which is open to all ages; and Pint Size, which is for ages 8 and under. Cash prizes will be awarded in all three categories.

Entries do not have to be a house, just an edible structure.

A completed and signed entry form must be submitted by Monday, Dec. 5. Entries will be on display and open for public viewing, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 10-11 with no admission charge.

Aside from entering the gingerbread competition, there are lots of ways to support the Gingerbread Festival and the Crystal Coast Hospice House. People can sponsor and decorate a crab pot holiday tree, volunteer to be a festival helper or attend one or all three ticketed events.

The Preview Party will be Friday,

Dec. 9, with live music by Soul Shakers and catering by Seaside Sensations.

And for the children, Cookies and Cocoa with Santa is Sunday, Dec. 11, with holiday crafts, cookie decorating, story time and pictures with Santa.

New this year is the Holiday Jazz Concert on Sunday evening.

Crystal Coast Hospice House Board of Director chairman Kyra Moore said the event not only raises funds and awareness for the hospice house, but provides the community with some family holiday fun.

"It's a great opportunity to showcase your talents, receive recognition for your business, school, or group all while helping a great cause," she said.

The Crystal Coast Hospice House's mission statement is to provide an inpatient hospice home to the service region and ensure exceptional care management and perpetual funding for facilities, services, programs and future expansion.

Since opening on July 1, 2013, SECU Crystal Coast Hospice House has served over 550 patients and their families.

For details, call 252-808-2244 or visit [www.cchhc.org](http://www.cchhc.org).

Then from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, the federation will host an Oyster Roast at Backstreet Pub in Beaufort.

Start the holidays with a relax-

ing evening of local music, craft beer and free oysters.

During the event, Backstreet will donate \$1 from every draft beer purchased to the N.C. Coastal

Federation to support local work.

Admission is free. For more about the oyster roast, visit [www.nccoast.org/event/backstreet-pub-oyster-roast/](http://www.nccoast.org/event/backstreet-pub-oyster-roast/).

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