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Author to sign books at Morehead City store

Local author Heather W. Cobham will meet with fans to sign copies of her latest book, *Hungry Mother Creek*. Ms. Cobham will sign her books from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at Dee Gee's Gifts and Books.

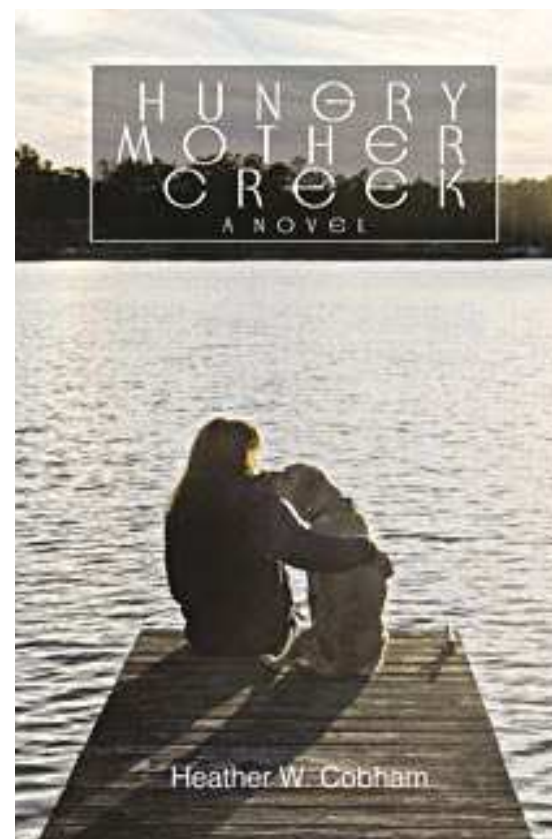


COBHAM

What do you do when your past keeps you from living in the present moment? Maya Somers, the protagonist in *Hungry Mother Creek*, tries to answer this as she recovers from Hurricane Katrina.

To the outside world it looks like she lost everything: her husband, the bungalow they shared and her job. But inside, Maya knows Katrina gave her the gift of a fresh start. She and her yellow lab, Doodle Bug, leave the destruction of the Gulf Coast for North Carolina and settle in Oriental.

Maya isn't sure how to heal from her abusive marriage and the trauma of Hurricane Katrina but soon finds help when she is welcomed into a women's circle that meets on the banks of Hungry Mother Creek. Gathered with these women, Maya learns that becoming vulnerable and



Heather Cobham will sign copies of her book, *Hungry Mother Creek* from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at Dee Gee's Gifts and Books in Morehead City. (Contributed photo)

sharing her pain with others is the first step of her healing journey.

The peace and beauty of coastal North Carolina provided Ms. Cobham with the inspiration to write *Hungry Mother Creek*. The novel is strongly influenced by her experience as a mental health provider and the resilience she's witnessed as her clients rebuilt their lives after

traumatic experiences.

Ms. Cobham is a graduate of Wake Forest University and UNC-Chapel Hill. She works as a psychotherapist in New Bern and is currently working on the sequel to *Hungry Mother Creek*.

Dee Gee's Gifts and Books is at 508 Evans St. in Morehead City.

For more information on the book signing, call 252-726-3314.



Tryon Palace in New Bern will discuss the annual Candlelight celebration during its lunch and learn lecture noon Friday, Dec. 18, at the Debnam-Hunt Boardroom in the N.C. History Center. (Contributed photo)

Dive into past, present of Candlelight Christmas

Tryon Palace's monthly lunch and learn series continues Friday, Dec. 18, with "Candlelight: Past and Present."

This program begins at noon and offers visitors an opportunity to learn about the decorating, costuming and research involved in creating the annual Candlelight celebration, as well as the history of the event itself.

The monthly lecture series is held in the Debnam-Hunt Board Room on the second floor of the N.C. History Center, overlooking the Trent River in downtown New Bern.

Tickets for each event are \$6 per person and free for Tryon Palace Foundation members at the benefit level. Food is not provided and visitors are encouraged to bring a packed lunch.

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'Tis the season: Heartwarming treats for the holidays

The holiday season is never complete without friends and family gathered 'round for festive cheer and merriment. Whether you're the hostess with the mostest or an extroverted elf whose calendar is bursting at the seams, there's no need to fret over what you'll serve at your next event - even when you're pressed for time.

According to the National Confectioners Association, 77 percent of adults include candy in Christmas stockings or gifts, 62 percent celebrate with a candy bowl at work or at home and 62 percent bake with candy or chocolate at the holidays. From candy canes to chocolate Santas, seasonal varieties are nearly endless and emerge long before Rudolph makes his rounds each Christmas Eve.

A nostalgic addition to the candy aisle this winter, the Nestlé Crunch Peanuts Collection inspired by Charles Schulz's beloved Peanuts gang, is fully decked for the holidays, complete with Charlie Brown, Snoopy and all of the loved characters. Hailing from the most influential comic strip of all time, read every day by 355 million people in 75 countries, the beloved characters span across newspapers, Emmy-winning television specials, a full length film and now, Nestlé Crunch chocolates.

The holiday collection includes the perfect stocking stuffer - the Nestlé Crunch Gift Cardholder Bar - and the oversized Nestlé Crunch one pound candy bar, which will surprise and delight candy lovers of all ages. For decorative bowls around the house,



Nestlé Crunch Jingles and Miniatures are an irresistible treat that will have everyone coming back for more.

Looking for a treat to bring to your next holiday gathering? In just 20 minutes, you

can whip up these heartwarming Peppermint Crunch Fudge bars, featuring Nestlé Crunch miniatures.

Your guests will love the texture of the crunchy milk chocolate paired with a burst

of peppermint flavor. Plus, it's a recipe so simple even the kids can join in on the baking fun.

For more holiday inspiration, visit VeryBestBaking.com.

Line 9-by-9-inch pan with foil and spray with cooking spray.

Place bars in even layer on bottom of pan.

Place chocolate chips, sweetened condensed milk and peppermint extract in medium saucepan over low heat.

Stir until chips and milk are melted together.

Mix in 1/8 cup crushed candy canes.

Once everything is melted together, spread evenly over bars in prepared pan. Immediately sprinkle with remaining crushed candy canes, pressing lightly into fudge.

Cool until firm, then cover with plastic and place in refrigerator to harden completely.

Cut into squares and serve. *(Images and content provided by Family Features.)*

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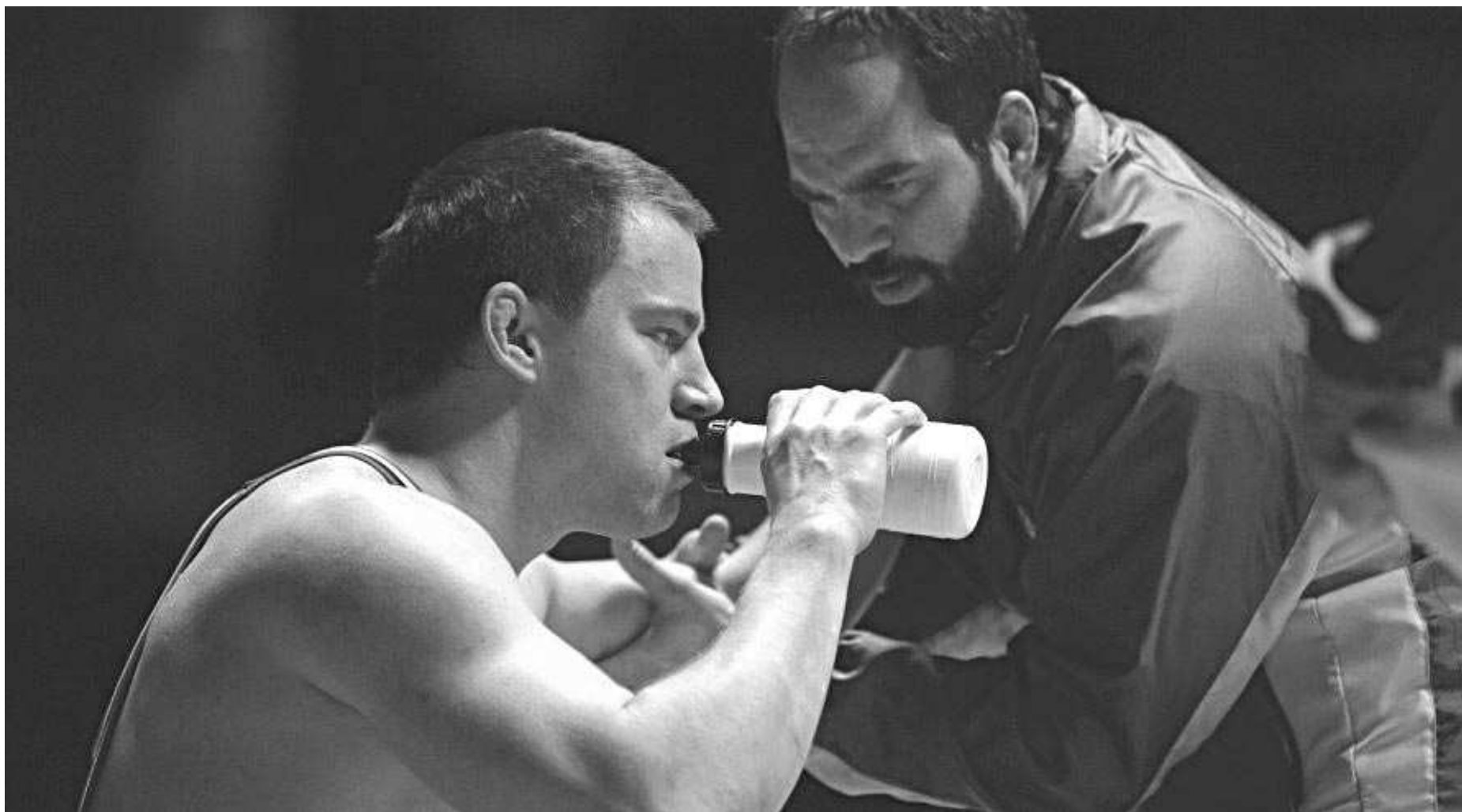
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3 cups Nestlé Toll House Bittersweet Chocolate Morsels

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½ teaspoon of peppermint extract

¼ cup crushed candy canes (or peppermint discs), divided in half





(AP photo)

Review: Trio of top actors shine in ‘Foxcatcher’

BY JOCELYN NOVECK
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Let’s start with a plea.

You may already know the story of the Schultz brothers, Dave and Mark, both gold-medal Olympic wrestlers, and their stormy relationship with their wrestling-obsessed benefactor, John DuPont. If you don’t, it’s only a click away on Wikipedia. But – here’s that plea – do not click. Sit on your hands. And watch Bennett Miller’s brooding, gloomy yet altogether riveting “Foxcatcher” without foreknowledge of the shocking end.

There’s another shock we can freely discuss, though, and that’s the physical transformation of Steve Carell, doing some of his best career work here as the disturbingly eccentric Mr. DuPont, bearing a nose that renders him almost unrecognizable (though eerily similar to the real Mr.

DuPont.) Yet even more than his face, it’s Mr. Carell’s voice – high, tinny and frighteningly odd – that lingers in our heads after the credits roll.

Though ultimately a three-person tragedy, “Foxcatcher” begins as the story of one: Mark Schultz, the younger, brawnier brother, thoroughly embodied by Channing Tatum in a thrillingly physical performance. A couple years after his 1984 gold medal in Los Angeles, Mark is down on his luck, eating instant Ramen noodles at night and living on \$20 gigs showing his medal to schoolkids.

Suddenly a call comes from Foxcatcher Farm, the sprawling Pennsylvania estate where Mr. DuPont, heir to the storied gunpowder (and later, chemical) fortune, lives with his elderly mother (the formidable Vanessa Redgrave, making the most of a few lines and some supremely icy looks). Mark is whisked by helicopter into a

lifestyle he can’t refuse: being coached and owned, essentially, by Mr. DuPont.

Their first meeting, in a luxurious paneled library, is beautifully captured by Mr. Miller and screenwriters Dan Futterman and E. Max Frye: A painfully uncomfortable, inarticulate Mark listens as Mr. DuPont utters staccato bursts of mumbo jumbo. “I’m a wrestling coach.” “I’m an ornithologist.” “I’m a patriot.” To Mark, it means one thing: A place to live and train. Mr. DuPont also wants the older Schultz, but the sunnier, more stable Dave (a vital and appealing Mark Ruffalo) is settled with a wife and two kids, and has no intention of moving. “You can’t buy Dave,” Mark explains.

At first, things go well. Mark leads a hand-picked team at Foxcatcher, with dreams of Olympic glory in Seoul in 1988. He accompanies Mr. DuPont to lavish events and

speaks of him as a father.

But Mr. DuPont proves highly erratic, veering from gestures of generosity to fits of venom. He shoots bullets into the ceiling of the wrestling gym. He purchases a military tank complete with machine gun. He plies Mark with cocaine, and lures him to private wrestling bouts, just the two of them, in the middle of the night.

As Mark flounders, Dave agrees to come on board; even the solid brother, it appears, can be had for a price. Mark seethes with jealousy, but needs his brother badly. Dejected and overweight at Olympic trials, he destroys his hotel room in a tantrum, then almost destroys his body in a massive binge on room-service food. Only Dave can get him back on track.

Mr. Miller, who illustrated the highs and lows of baseball so well in “Moneyball,” is equally adept at portraying

the peculiarities of wrestling here, and how those physical moves – beautifully choreographed and executed – sync with deeper psychological currents.

If you know from news accounts how things went for the Schultzes at Seoul and beyond – how terribly low it all sank – then you’ll be prepared for the stunning climax here. If you don’t, so much the better.

A meditation on the correlative force of money, a glimpse at the intoxication of sports, and just a really twisted real-life yarn, “Foxcatcher” ends in a snowy Pennsylvania winter. But the chill sets in a whole lot sooner than that.

“Foxcatcher,” a Sony Pictures Classics release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for “some drug use and a scene of violence.” Running time: 134 minutes. Three and a half stars out of four.

Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market to hold holiday shopping event

The Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market presents its first Old-Fashioned Holiday Market.

The activities will take place from 5-9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at the courthouse in Beaufort. This holiday-themed market will offer over 35 vendors, food and entertainment and caroling by local choral groups. No holiday event is complete without Santa Claus, who will arrive at 6 p.m.

During the market, children will be able to participate with a children's special shopping event. Vendors will be prepared with gift ideas for young shoppers. Market volunteers will offer assistance, and free gift-wrapping will be available for any purchase.

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Prepared Food

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 - Dank Burrito.
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- Fox Mushroom Patch.

Visitors will be able to enjoy live music from Back Door Gut Bucket Band, Gumbo Lily and Crazy Water String Band.

For more information on the holiday market, call 252-564-8822 or visit www.beaufortfarmersmarket.com.



Items like these Santa-themed starfish can be purchased during Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market's first Old-Fashioned Holiday Market. Shopping opportunities take place from 5-9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at the courthouse in Beaufort. (Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market Facebook photo)

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National Park Service announced winter activities and operating hours

A beach is a great place to get away from it all and explore on crisp days during the winter. The National Park Service has announced a list of its winter activities. All activities are free of charge unless noted otherwise below. For more information on these and other activities, call the National Park Service at 252-728-2250, extension 3001.

On the Barrier Islands

The winter beach is full of surprises. The stronger waves of winter bring in many sea treasures making beachcombing a winter delight. The clear blues of the winter sky and sea offer many picture taking opportunities. Visitors might even get to see a whale as it passes along the coast. Passenger ferry service to the islands is available daily (weather permitting)

from the ferry gateway locations in Beaufort and Harkers Island. Call the ferry at 252-728-7433 or visit www.islandexpressferry-services.com for their scheduled times and fees.

Beaufort

The National Park Service's Beaufort Visitor Information Center (BVIC) is at 701 Front St. During winter hours (mid-November through Feb. 29), the BVIC is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. It is closed on Sundays and Mondays, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Ferry service to Shackleford Banks is still available daily and can be boarded across the street.

Harkers Island

The National Park Service's Harkers Island Visitor Center (HIVC) and the Island Express

Ferry Service gateway to Cape Lookout Lighthouse and Shackleford Banks is at 1800 Island Road. During winter hours (mid-November through Feb. 29), the HIVC is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. It is closed on Sundays, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Ferry service, the Willow Pond Nature Trail and picnic areas are open seven days a week, and holidays during daylight hours.

• "Ribbon of Sand": Travel through the Cape Lookout ecosystem from the sound side marshes and estuaries to the protective line of islands of the Outer Banks and the ocean depths beyond. The film is shown upon request. For viewer's convenience, this film is

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Bright lights shine during holiday season

BY MEGAN SOULT

NEWS-TIMES

As Christmas draws near, many homes and businesses in the county are preparing for the holiday by decorating buildings and lawns with Christmas trees, lawn ornaments and Christmas lights.

News-Times reporter, Cheryl Burke toured the county with her camera and took several photographs of Christmas light displays. The themes varied from traditional nativity scenes, nautical themes to popular television characters. Standard string lights were used, while others have decorated with Christmas-themed characters.

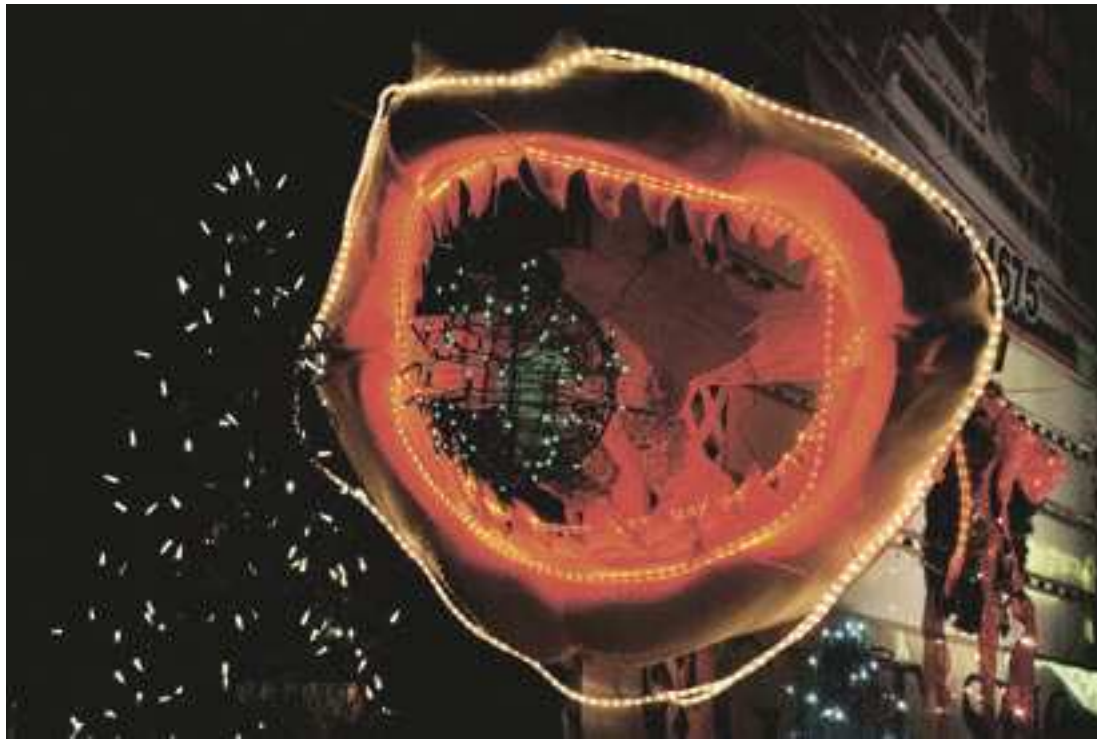
Decorating with Christmas lights is a tradition that started many years ago. High Country Lights, an award-winning animated light show in Galax, Va., which features thousands of LED lights, tells the history of Christmas lights on its website, highcountrylights.com.

According to the site, decorating with Christmas lights first started in the 17th century and evolved from decorating the traditional Christmas tree and house with candles during the holiday season.

The tradition of lighting the tree with small candles originated in Germany before spreading to Eastern Europe.

The small candles were attached to the tree branches with pins or melted wax.

During the 1880 Christmas season, Thomas Edison introduced the first outdoor electric Christmas light display to the world. He displayed the lights



This unique shark jaw Christmas decoration can be seen in front of Capt. Stacy's in Atlantic Beach. (Cheryl Burke photo)

outside of his laboratory compound, which sat near a railway where many people could see it each night. This was the first official outdoor Christmas display that was separate from decorating just the Christmas tree.

Edward Johnson, who was an inventor under the supervision of Mr. Edison, created the first string of Christmas lights a couple of years later. The string of lights was made out of 80 small electric light bulbs. In 1890, the strings of lights were mass-produced and department stores began displaying them in

Christmas displays. Public displays of Christmas lights in retail stores and government buildings became more popular in the U.S. at the turn of the 20th century and gave way to outdoor displays on homes a few decades later when the electric lights became more affordable.

As the trend took off, it became apparent that lighting up the Christmas tree and house definitely took effort and money. For many people, the only Christmas light display option was to light up the tree with candles, because they could not afford to buy lights. The trees

would be displayed for only a couple of days before Christmas, and the candles were only lit for a few minutes at night, a far cry from the elaborate tree and home displays known today. People were aware of the fire dangers and kept buckets of water and sand nearby in case the tree caught fire. The lit tree was often placed in front of a window for people outside the house to see.

In 1895, the first White House electrically lit Christmas tree was sponsored by President Grover

Cleveland, which brought national attention to the trend. At the time, only wealthy people could afford the cost, which was upward of \$300 per season (which would be more than \$2,000 in 2010).

In 1925, NOMA, a company started by the Sadacca brothers: Albert, Henri and Leon, was formed from the union of 15 companies in the Christmas light business at the time. After a devastating fire in New York City caused by candles on a Christmas tree, Albert Sadacca was inspired to create safe Christmas lights. The NOMA electric company was the largest Christmas light distributor and survived the Great Depression.

In 1968 they stopped producing and distributing Christmas lights and closed its doors because of increasing competition from competitors.

However, thanks to NOMA and other competitors that arose, more and more people began to purchase Christmas lights in the 1940s and 1950s as the lights became cheaper, and people started decorating their houses as well as their trees to match elaborate department store displays.

As the lights became affordable in the 1940s and 1950s, people decorated their houses to symbolize the Christmas star, the Three Wise Men, to the manger where Jesus was born on Christmas day. Today, the outdoor displays have become a symbol of the Christmas season.

This fishing Santa sits on top of a sign at Chasin' Tails Outdoors in Atlantic Beach. (Cheryl Burke photo)



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Cast readies for performance of 'It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play'

BY MEGAN SOULT

NEWS-TIMES

Rehearsals are trickling to a close as the cast of Carteret Community Theatre's "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" ready for their final performances.

The show continues at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 18-19, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20.

This is the first year the theater has produced the show. Alex Russell, directing his sixth show for the theater, chose the performance and show dates based on his own personal preferences.

"'It's a Wonderful Life' is my favorite Christmas movie," Mr. Russell said. "I thought the radio show version was a cool twist."

Mr. Russell chose the dates for the show to give community members something to do during the weeks before Christmas.

"The first weekend in Morehead City is always so jammed packed," Mr. Russell said. "That's why I chose these dates. I liked the idea of having something to do the second weekend of December."

"It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" is performed as a 1940s live radio broadcast in front of a studio audience, and it was inspired by the movie, "It's A Wonderful Life."

In "It's a Wonderful Life" the audience follows the story of George Bailey. George wishes he had never been born, and an angel is sent to Earth to make his wish come true. George starts to realize how



John Pollock, who plays George Bailey, rehearses lines for "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play." The show continues at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 18-19, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20. (Dylan Ray photo)

many lives he has changed and impacted, and how they would be different if he was never there.

According to Mr. Russell, members of the cast play 25 different characters.

Bob Kenward, Catherine Edwards, Ken Hamm, David Griffith, John Pollock, Pam Kaiser, Heather Maher, Mandy Griggs and Isaiah Maher will entertain the audience, while Nate Gilliam plays keyboard.

Though each cast member is able to read from their script during the performance, the cast has been hard at work readying

for the performances.

The cast has been rehearsing since the first week of November. As for the sets, they have been recycled from the productions "Oliver!," "Rocky Horror" and "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" to create the look of the auditorium of Station A at WBFR in Manhattan, N.Y.

Mr. Russell has enjoyed

watching the show come together.

"My favorite part is listening to the actors develop different voices for the different characters they play," Mr. Russell said.

He said he was also looking forward to seeing a large audience and seeing their reaction to the performances.

Tickets for the performance

are \$18 or \$22 depending on seating, or \$8 for students.

Tickets can be purchased at the door the nights of the show or from www.carteretcommunitytheater.com.

For more information on the performances or about the theater, call 252-497-8919 or visit their website, www.carteretcommunitytheater.com, or their Facebook page.



The cast of "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" rehearses lines to ready for their performance. (Dylan Ray photo)

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Holiday artificial ice skating rink to open on Dec. 18

Celebrate the holiday season by skating on the Morehead City waterfront.

The Morehead City Parks and Recreation Department will operate an outdoor artificial ice skating rink at Katherine Davis Park from Friday, Dec. 18, to Sunday, Jan. 3, 2016, but skaters are reminded that the rink will be closed Thursday-Friday, Dec. 24-25.

Admission fees are \$5 per person for a 45-minute skating session. The fee includes rental skates. Skating sessions are limited to 50 people per session.

For advanced admission ticket sales, contact the Morehead City Parks and Recreation Department at 252-726-5083 or stop by the office at 1600 Fisher St. Children ages 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult on the ice.

All ice skating participants will need to sign a liability waiver and minors younger than 18 must have written permission from their parents or guardians to skate.

As an opening day special, there will be a food drive for Martha's Mission. Each individual that donates two cans or nonperishable items will receive free admission to a 45-minute skating session.

Daily skating session times

Friday, Dec. 18-Sunday, Jan. 3: 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m. Additional evening sessions will be available on Thursday, Dec. 31. They are: 8 p.m., 9 p.m., 10 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Katherine Davis Park is at 601 Arendell St. For more information, go to MoreheadCityNC.org or call 252-726-5083.



Children and adults skate on the artificial ice skating rink at Katherine Davis Park in Morehead City. The rink will open for the holiday season on Friday, Dec. 18, and will remain open until Sunday, Jan. 3, 2016. (Dylan Ray photo)

Carolina Artist Gallery puts out call for artists to join 'Celebrate'

Carolina Artist Gallery will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2016 with an art show called "Celebrate."

During this show, founding members of the gallery will be recognized with a special exhibit of their artwork. In addition, area artists are invited to participate by submitting their work for the exhibit, which will run from Saturday, Jan. 30, to Saturday, March 12.

Crystal Wasley, show director and president of the gallery, said, "This show is a depiction of all our celebrations; celebrations of life, faith, nature and special events, from the serious to the whimsical."

Original art submitted may include both 2-D and 3-D work. The artist information about the show, as well as an application to submit work, is available on the gallery web-

site, www.carolinaartistgallery.com, or may be picked up at Carolina Artist Gallery.

The deadline for entries to be delivered to the gallery is 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23. A public reception 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, will mark the reception open to the public from 4-7 pm. Jan. 30, and all work in the show, as well as art by gallery members will be available for purchase.

Carolina Artist Gallery is a nonprofit artists' co-op at 800 Evans St., at the corner of Eighth Street on the Morehead City waterfront. The gallery is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday and has a mission to bring art experiences to everyone on the Crystal Coast.

For more information on the co-op, community outreach programs and the show, visit www.carolinaartistgallery.com.

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open-captioned, audio described and assistive listening devices are available.

- Willow Pond Nature Trail – 1/3-mile self-guided nature trail: The loop trail winds around a restored freshwater pond with views of wetland habitats and maritime hardwoods. The trail guide is available at the Core Sound Museum; the trail starts behind the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center.

Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center is at 1785 Island Road. The muse-

um is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. It is closed Thursday through Sunday Dec. 24-26 and Jan. 1 of each year. Call 252-728-1500 or visit www.coresound.com for details.

Other Offerings

- Cell phone tours: Learn more about the park before, during or after a visit with Ranger-narrated tours for any cell phone or smart phone. The tours are free; however, normal cellphone minutes and data rates apply. Call 252-838-7052 and select a stop number on a specific tour to hear a brief story. Tours include: Orientation to Cape Lookout National

Seashore: stops 100-107; Harkers Island Nature Trails: stops 201-210; Cape Lookout Light Station: stops 501-511; and Portsmouth Village: stops 940-950.

- Junior Rangers and Junior Ranger Adventures: A fun way to explore the park is to become a Junior Ranger. The Junior Ranger program is designed for those ages 5 to 13, but everyone is welcome to participate. There are six different booklets and awards in both the Junior Ranger and Junior Ranger Adventures programs. Booklets are available at the Harkers Island Visitor Center and the Beaufort Visitor Information Center.

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Girl Scouts to use digital platform for another cookie season

As the 2015-16 Girl Scout Cookie season gets underway, girls from Girl Scouts – N.C. Coastal Pines will embrace another cookie season using the Digital Cookie 2.0 mobile application.

The application lets girls take in-person orders using a unique mobile app, allowing for credit card processing and direct shipping, in addition to directing customers to a transaction-based website where cookies can be purchased.

Last year, nearly 160,000 Girl Scouts experienced a revolutionary update to the Digital Cookie platform. With Girl Scouts’ first-ever national digital platform, Digital Cookie 1.0 gave girls the opportunity to sell cookies via website or mobile app.

Bringing 21st century technology to the classic piece of Americana that is the Girl Scout Cookie Program, this initiative was a first step in preparing girls to be leaders in the high-tech, fast-paced, e-commerce world of today.

“We are proud to be utilizing the Digital Cookie sales platform for the second year, and we are excited to be championing all of the vital 21st century skills girls are learning through this unique program,” said Lisa Jones, CEO of Girl Scouts – N.C. Coastal Pines. “This platforms allow us to grow our financial literacy program while remaining true to the core principles taught by our iconic cookie program. Digital Cookie 2.0 expands the tools available to girls to set

and monitor their goals, interact with customers, and most of all, to succeed.”

The mobile application, launched last year, will retain its strong presence in the Digital Cookie platform lineup in 2016, ensuring that Girl Scouts from Girl Scouts – N.C. Coastal Pines can continue to learn vital skills in online money management, m-commerce and goal tracking, among others. Digital Cookie 2.0 represents a continuing evolution toward one fully immersive online experience – made possible by Dell and Visa and available to all Girl Scout councils in 2017 – that will ultimately give Girl Scouts everywhere an opportunity to engage in both web-based and mobile sales.

“We are so proud of the councils who have helped us roll out the Digital Cookie platform, as they are continuing to lay the groundwork upon which we are building and enhancing the mobile sales experience for girls everywhere,” said Anna Maria Chávez, CEO of Girl Scout of the U.S.A. “We look forward to continuing our collaboration with Girl Scouts – North Carolina Coastal Pines and ensuring we are providing today’s girls with the skills they need to be tomorrow’s leaders.”

As with the traditional cookie program, the net revenue earned from the cookie sale will remain with the Girl Scout council sponsoring the sale. Girls decide how to spend their troop cookie money and reinvest it back into their neighbor-



Girls Scout – N.C. Coastal Pines will begin selling cookies using the Digital Cookie 2.0 mobile application starting Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016. (Contributed photo)

hoods through community service projects and learning experiences, like travel opportunities.

Because 100 percent of the net revenue raised through the Girl Scout Cookie Program stays with the local council and troops, cus-

tomers who purchase Girl Scout Cookies are not only getting a delightful treat – they are also making an important investment in their communities.

Girl Scouts – N.C. Coastal Pines will begin using the plat-

form at the start of its cookie-selling season on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016.

For information about Girl Scouts – N.C. Coastal Pines’ 2015–2016 cookie season, visit www.nccoastalpines.org.

Gallery to feature committee members’ art

This month, the Cassie Howe Algeo Gallery will feature the artwork of the members of the Arts for the Hospital Committee.

This exhibit will be at the new gallery location in the hallway connecting the new and old lobbies of Carteret Health Care at 3500 Arendell St. in Morehead City.

As always, these shows are free and open to the public at all times. Most of the works are for sale. Purchase can be arranged through the hospital’s human resources department just around the corner of the hall toward the Arendell Street entrance.

Each year, the December show is made up of artwork by members of the committee. The work is a variety of media including watercolor, oils, acrylics, photography and mixed media. Each participating member will show one painting.

For information about the Arts for the Hospital Committee, call David Kennedy at 252-393-8177.



“Shy” by Pat Warnke is an example of the artwork that will be featured this month in the Cassie Howe Algeo Gallery. Members of the Arts for the Hospital Committee provide the artwork for the gallery. (Pat Warnke art)

Art Buzz Kids Christmas Party

Sunday, December 20, 2015 3:00-5:00 pm

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Daisy Ridley as Rey, left, and John Boyega as Finn flee from an attack in a scene from "Star Wars: The Force Awakens." The much-anticipated film hits theaters Thursday, Dec. 17. (AP photo)

Star Wars fans 'awaken' in time for new movie

BY MEGAN SOULT
NEWS-TIMES

It has been 10 years since fans last saw Luke Skywalker and other characters of the "Star Wars" franchise on the big screen.

On Thursday, Dec. 17, after much anticipation, the journey continues with "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" opening nationally, including both theaters in the county with shows throughout the night.

Theatergoers have been able to pre-order their tickets to avoid lines and sell-out venues. The movie has already broken the record for advanced ticket sales.

In "Star Wars: Return of the Jedi," the last movie released in the franchise, fans saw the rebels rescue Han Solo from the palace of Jabba the Hutt and attempt to destroy the second Death Star, while Luke struggled to make Darth Vader return from the dark side of the Force.

In the new release, set 30 years after "Return of the Jedi," fans are introduced to a new storyline and a few new characters, as well as the fan favorites like Han Solo, Luke Skywalker and Leia.

For many, this countdown is more important than counting down to Christmas. Stores are selling Star Wars merchandise, and Facebook has added a profile picture generator to their site, allowing people to change their profile picture to include a red or blue lightsaber to show that they are fans of the movie.

Ross Carraway, 25, of Beaufort, is just one of those fans who has immersed himself into the world created by George Lucas. He plans to see the film in Jacksonville on Thursday, decked out in his "Star Wars" T-shirt, and will return as many times as possible.

"We will be there early," Mr. Carraway said about his group of "Star War" fans. "I wanted to be the first group because of the way the Internet is now, I was afraid of spoilers."

To prepare for the movie, he's downloaded a "Star Wars" calendar app on his phone to count down the days.

"I started counting at over 600 days, and I have looked at it every single day," he said.

Though he does not remember how old he was the first time he saw the movies, he remembered how he felt.

"Seeing that star destroyer come over my head for the

first time ... it just blows you away," Mr. Carraway said. "Everybody's got a 'Star Wars' story. You just knew where you were."

Much has changed when Walt Disney Co. took the franchise from Lucasfilm, including adding J.J. Abrams to the director's chair, which left Mr.

Carraway skeptical about the quality of the films.

"I am a die-hard fan – a little bit of a purist," he said. "There's nothing 'Star Wars' that I don't like, but hearing that Lucas was not going to be involved was what unnerved me the most, because it was his vision and his mind that cre-

ated the universe that I love so much."

As he started to see what the movie was going to look like and how serious Walt Disney Co. was taking it, Mr. Carraway began getting confident in the film, though he said there was

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Here's How It Works:

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Editor's Note:

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

COMMUNITY 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

* Find the full calendar online at 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.

Arts and Education

LUNCH AND LEARN – BEHIND THE SCENES OF CANDLELIGHT noon to 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, in the Debnam-Hunt Boardroom, N.C. History Center. Tickets are \$6 per person and free for foundation members. Learn how the team of volunteers and staff make the magic of Candlelight Christmas a reality every year. Take a peek behind the scenes and learn about the decorating, costuming, and research involved in Candlelight Christmas 2015. For more information, call 252-639-3500.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 2-7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, at Emerald Isle Parks and Recreation Community Center. For more information, call 252-354-6350.

'ITS A WONDERFUL LIFE' A LIVE RADIO PLAY BY JOE LANDRY 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 18-19, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, at Carteret Community Theatre in Morehead City. Tickets are \$18 or \$22 depending on seating and \$8 for students. Tickets can be purchased at the door the nights of the show or from www.carteretcommunitytheatre.com. For more information, call 252-497-8919.

PINE KNOLL SHORES CHRISTMAS PARADE 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at Garner Park. This is a participatory parade. Come dressed up on bikes, scooters and more. For more information, call 252-222-0497.

35TH ANNUAL TRYON PALACE CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19. This famed North Carolina tradition returns to Tryon Palace in New Bern with beautiful new decorations and heartwarming holiday vignettes illuminated by the magical glow of candlelight. Join costumed characters in the Governor's Palace, Stanly House, Dixon House and the Commission House as each home is brought to life with families celebrating Christmases past. In addition, enjoy circus acts, fire eating, acrobatics and black powder fireworks around the Governor's Palace. For more information, call 252-639-3500.

OLDE BEAUFORT FARMER'S MARKET OLE FASHION HOLIDAY FARMER'S MARKET 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at Olde Farmer's Market at the courthouse in Beaufort. There will be various vendors including farmers, bakers, artists, crafters, food vendors and more. Santa will arrive at 6 p.m. For more information, call 252-564-8822 or visit www.beaufortfarmersmarket.com.

LES VINGT FEMMES WOMEN'S CLUB ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SOCIAL 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Dec. 19, at

the Leon Mann Jr. Enrichment Center in Morehead City. The cost for the event is \$10.

MESSIAH SING ALONG 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, at St. Francis by the Sea in Salter Path. The doors for the show open at 4 p.m. Reservations are \$16 each. To reserve a seat, contact Linda Davies at ldavies1943@gmail.com or call 252-354-5859.

HOLIDAY CAMPS 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28-Wednesday, Dec. 30, at N.C. Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. The aquarium's holiday camps keep kids active and learning with outdoor activities, animal encounters, discovery labs and behind-the-scenes action. Monday, Dec. 28, is for children in first and second grades; Tuesday, Dec. 29, is for third and fourth grades and Wednesday, Dec. 30, is for fifth and sixth grades. Space is limited, and advance registration is required. The camp costs \$45 per camper per day. For more information, call 252-247-4003 or visit www.ncaquariums.com.

OPEN STUDIO WITH MODEL 1:30-4 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 4- Jan. 25, at Irene Bailey's studio at 905 Ocean Drive in Emerald Isle. The class is \$50, and space is limited. Those who are interested should RSVP by Tuesday, Dec. 29, by calling 252-723-3258.

STILL LIFE OIL PAINTING CLASS 10 a.m. to noon Mondays, Jan. 4-Jan. 24, at Irene Bailey's studio at 905 Ocean Drive in Emerald Isle. The class is \$80 and all levels of experience are welcome. The class is limited to six students. Those interested must RSVP by Wednesday, Dec. 30, by calling 252-723-3258.

CRYSTAL COAST COUNTDOWN TO THE NEW YEAR noon to 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31. Visit the N.C. Maritime Museum to design your very own New Year's hat and glasses and bring the New Year in with style. For more information, call 252-728-7317. information, call 252-728-7317.

NEW YEARS EVE DINNER AND DANCE 6 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, at the Post VFW 9960, 246 VFW Road in Cedar Point. The event is \$40 per person and includes a champagne toast and dinner catered by Class Act Catering. The Attractions Band will provide music. Reservations are required. For more information, call 252-393-8503.

RESOLUTION RUN ONE-MILE AND 5K 9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 1, 2016, on Turner and Front streets in Beaufort. The race travels down Front Street, starting at the corner of Turner and Front streets. Registration is \$15 online or \$20 the day of the race. Sign up online at <http://runsignup.com/Race/NC/Beaufort/BftResolutionRun>.

FIRST DAY HIKE 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 1, at Hammocks Beach

State Park. Start the New Year off right by joining a ranger for a boat trip to Bear Island and learn about the history, wildlife and habitats in the area. Seating is limited. Sign up by calling 910-326-4881.

SUCCULENT SEAFOOD 2-4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, at Saltwater Grill in Swansboro. Local chefs demonstrate how to prepare fresh, local seafood with a flourish. Sessions include a taste test. The program is for ages 12 and older and is \$15. Other locations are: Mondays, Jan. 11, Icehouse in Swansboro; Jan. 25, Crab's Claw in Atlantic Beach; and Feb. 8, Island Grille in Atlantic Beach. For more information, visit ncaquariums.com or call 252-247-4003.

CRYSTAL COAST CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSALS 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, and continue each Tuesday until April. The rehearsals will be held in the fellowship hall of Swansboro United Methodist Church, 665 W. Corebett Ave. This is a mixed-voice community chorus, and all parts are welcome. Ages range from teens to senior citizens. New members are welcome until Tuesday, Jan. 26. For information call 910-324-6864 or visit www.crystalcoastchoralsociety.org.

GENTLE/DE-STRESS YOGA CLASSES 5:15-6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, and 12:10-1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, at the Carteret Community College Camp Glenn building. The six-week series is \$40, and no prior yoga experience is needed. For more information, visit www.YogaWellnessNC.com or contact the instructor, Theresa Morton, at 252-646-3923.

'THE GREEN BOAT: REVIVING OURSELF IN OUR CAPSIZED CULTURE' BY MARY PIPHER STUDY GROUP 3-5 p.m. or 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27, at the Unitarian Coastal Fellowship, 1300 Evans St. in Morehead City. Penny Hooper, former instructor of biology at Carteret Community College and current environmental activist, will lead the group. Registration is open to the public and is limited to 15 people per session. To register, contact Ms. Hooper at pjhooper@ec.rr.com or 252-729-2521.

FACT-FINDING TOUR USING WATERCOLOR 1-3 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 11, 18, 25, and Feb. 1, and 8, at Carolina Artist Gallery in Morehead City. The fee is \$150. The class is for intermediate and advanced students and will be taught by Ed Macomber. The class will begin with a fact-finding tour where participants will learn about watercolor. For more information, call 252-726-7550 or visit www.carolinaartistgallery.com/classes.

COASTAL CRAFTS 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, at Hammocks Beach State

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Park. Come to the park during the start of the New Year for a nature crafting activity with a ranger. This month's craft is beachy potted plants. Register by calling 910-326-4881.

HUGGINS ISLAND HISTORY HIKE 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 11, and 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, at Hammocks Beach State Park. Participants will take a boat ride over to explore the American Civil War earthwork fortification and learn about various generations that have utilized the island for their own ventures. To register, call 910-326-4881.

FREE ADMISSION ON MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY Monday, Jan. 18, at N.C. Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. Free admission for all, sponsored by Transportation Impact. For more information, call 252-247-4003 or visit www.ncaquariums.com.

'MERCHANTS OF DOUBT' DOCUMENTARY 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, at Joslyn Hall at Carteret Community College in Morehead City. The film about climate change examines the history of corporate-financed public relations efforts to confuse the public and sow skepticism about global warming. There will be a meet-and-greet with refreshments at 6:30 p.m. The event is free and is sponsored by The Croatan Group of the Sierra Club, Carteret Crossroads and N.C. Interfaith Power and Light. For more information about the documentary, go to www.imdb.com.

BEAR ISLAND ECO-HIKE 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, and 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 29, at Hammocks Beach State Park. Participants will enjoy a boat ride to Bear Island and learn about the history, wildlife and various habitats that can be found there. Seating is limited. To register, call 910-326-4881.

PAINTING THE PORTRAIT Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23, at Craving Art Studio in Beaufort. Irene Bailey will teach the class. Registration is now open. For more information, contact Craving Art Studio at www.cravingartstudio.com or 252-728-0243.

SCRATCH BOARD WORKSHOP 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, at Carolina Artist Gallery in Morehead City. The fee is \$40 and includes all materials. The class is for all levels of experience, and will be taught by Romaine Riddle. During this class, participants will learn the history of the scratchboard medium, as well as different techniques for shading and adding color. For more information, call 252-726-7550 or visit www.carolinaartistgallery.com/classes.

SINGING BOWLS CONCERT Saturday, Feb. 27, at Craving Art Studio in Beaufort. The class will be taught by Bright Walker, and registration is now open. For more information, contact Craving Art Studio at www.cravingartstudio.com or 252-728-0243.

ART OF SMOOTHIES CLASS/DEMO 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, at the Carteret Community College Bryant Building conference room on

the first floor. The class is \$15 per person. During this class, participants will have fun learning ways to feel better and improve their health while discovering the benefits of smoothies versus juicing. For more information visit, www.YogaWellnessNC.com or contact the instructor, Theresa Morton, at 252-646-3923.

PAINTING STILL LIFE AND THE FIGURE Thursday, March 31-Saturday, April 2, at Craving Art Studio in Beaufort. Angela Nesbit will teach the class, and registration is now open. For more information, contact Craving Art Studio at www.cravingartstudio.com or 252-728-0243.

DYNAMIC PAINTING Monday, July 18-Friday, July 22, at Craving Art Studio in Beaufort. Trisha Adams will teach the class, and registration is now open. For more information, contact Craving Art Studio at www.cravingartstudio.com or 252-728-0243.

Ongoing Events

EMPTY BOWLS OF HOPE MISSION TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE Tickets for the Empty Bowls of Hope Mission fundraiser at the Crystal Coast Civic Center can be purchased at Hope Mission or by calling 252-240-2459. The tickets are \$20 and allow for a handmade pottery creation and two soups. The fundraiser is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17. Additional sale sites will be available in January.

ICE SKATING RINK Friday, Dec. 18, at Katherine Davis Park. The ice skating rink returns to the Morehead City waterfront through Sunday, Jan. 3. Admission is \$5 per person, and group tickets can be purchased by calling 252-726-5083. For the rink schedule, go to www.moreheadcity.nc.gov.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR U.S. COASTGUARDAUXILIARYFLOTILLA 20-02 While volunteering, participants will learn how to perform free boat safety checks as a vessel examiner, become an instructor or teaching aide for local boating safety classes, become a boat crew for on water missions, become a Radio Watchstander that works directly with active duty Coast Guard personnel manning the communication radios at a Coast Guard station, become a chef in the food services program. Chefs will board Coast Guard ships to prepare meals for the crews, verify buoys and aids to navigation on local waterways, educate the public the public and business about protecting the marine environment. To become a uniformed volunteer Coast Guard Auxiliary member in Flotilla 20-02 in Morehead City, call 252-393-2869 or email lhorton4@ec.rr.com.

ACTING FOR TEENS AND ADULTS 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesdays starting Nov. 10 at Dance Arts Studio Academy of Performing Arts, 123 Bonner Ave. in Morehead City. Actor and instructor Nicholas Howe offers this six-week introductory course designed for beginning to intermediate actors. Students will learn the basics of acting and performing while working together on scenes. The fee is \$60 for the course. Register online at www.danceartsstudio.net or call 252-726-1720 for more information.

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CHILD'S PLAY: AN EXHIBIT ON TOYS THROUGH THE AGES continues until Sunday, Jan. 10, 2016, at the Duffy Exhibition Gallery in the N.C. History Center in New Bern. The event is free. Just in time for the holiday season, come see an exhibit on the evolution of toys. Ranging from 18th century ivory dominos to 20th century model trains, from homemade toys to tech toys, this exhibit will feature a variety of objects both old and new. Visitors will learn how industrial advances have changed toys not only in appearance but in availability as well. For more information, call 252-639-3500.

TODDLER TIME 9:30-10:20 a.m. and 10:30-11:20 a.m. Wednesdays, at the N.C. Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. Bring little ones for a special time together enjoying stories, crafts, songs, puppets and animal encounters. Free admission and registration is not required. Different themes and animal topics will be offered each week. For more information, call 252-247-4003 or visit www.ncquariums.com.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE SIX WEEK SERIES 5:30-6:30 p.m. starting Wednesday, Jan. 6, at the Carteret Community College Bryant building conference room on the first floor. These classes are through the Carteret Community College Enrichment Program, and cost \$60. Participants will learn easy ways to feel better and improve their health. For more information visit www.YogaWellnessNC.com or contact the instructor, Theresa Morton, at 252-646-3923.

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCES 7:30-11 p.m. first and third night of the month at the Leon Mann Enrichment Center in Morehead City. For adults over 50. The cost is \$5 a person. For more information, call 252-247-2626.

CRYSTAL COAST LASER LIGHT DANCE SHOW EXTRAVAGANZA 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays at the Emerald Isle Community Center, 7500 Emerald Drive, Emerald Isle. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. From 7-8 p.m. the program will be geared toward family-friendly entertainment. Children 12-15 can be dropped off. To learn how to become a sponsor, contact Sarah McNally at 252-354-6350 or smcnally@emeraldisle-nc.org. Learn more about this event and other events at www.emeraldowlproductions.com or call 252-764-7628.

BEHIND THE SCENES: AQUARIUM CLOSE ENCOUNTERS 2-3:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the N.C. Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. Visit labs and holding areas, help with food preparation and feed the animals in this thorough behind-the-scenes tour that includes a look at the *Living Shipwreck* from above. The program is for ages 8 and older and costs \$20. For more information, call 252-247-4003 or visit www.ncquariums.com.

BEHIND THE SCENES: FEEDING FRENZY 2:30-3:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the N.C. Aquarium at Pine Knoll

Shores. Visit food preparation areas, animal holding areas and labs and help feed the fish in the *Living Shipwreck* exhibit. For ages 5 and older. The fee is \$15. For more information, call 252-247-4003 or visit www.ncaquariums.com/pine-knoll-shores.

BEHIND THE SCENES: AQUARIUM AT A GLANCE noon-12:45 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays at the N.C. Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores Aquarium. Visit animal food preparation areas, animal holding areas and labs, and get a look at the *Living Shipwreck* exhibit from above. The program is for those ages 5 and older and costs \$12. For more information, call 252-247-4003 or visit www.ncquariums.com.

WEEKLY ART CLASSES 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mondays and 1-4 p.m. Thursdays. Arts & Things offers art classes in watercolor, drawing, oil painting, pastel painting and acrylic painting on the Morehead City waterfront. For more information, call Arts & Things at 252-240-1979.

LINE DANCING 6-8 p.m. Mondays, sponsored by the Morehead City Parks and Recreation Department. Beginner classes start at 6 p.m., and advanced classes start at 7 p.m. For more information, call 252-726-5083.

BEHIND THE SCENES: OTTER ANTICS 1-2 p.m. Mondays at the N.C. Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. Meet the aquarium otter keeper and help prepare enrichment items for otters Eno, Neuse and Pungo to enjoy. For ages 12 and older. The fee is \$25. For more information, call 252-247-4003 or visit www.ncaquariums.com/pine-knoll-shores.

STORY TIME AND PRE-K PLAY 9-10 a.m. Mondays. Story time in the classroom followed by open play in the gymnasium for children ages birth to 5 years. All children must be accompanied by an adult, as supervision is not provided. This is a time for parents and children to socialize and play. Please bring any supplies needed such as diapers, wipes, bottles and more. For more information, call 252-354-6350.

ADULT TAP DANCE CLASS 1:30-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays, at the Morehead City Recreation Center. The class fee is \$10 and is taught by distinguished dancer and choreographer Hazel Collins. For more information, call Hazel at 252-728-5514 or Maureen Kilgallen at 252-222-3088.

SOUND SEAFOOD: CATCHING CRABS AND CLAMS 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays, at Pine Knoll Shores Aquarium. Learn the art of harvesting crabs and clams, and the importance of conserving coastal habitats. For ages 8 and older. The fee is \$20. For more information, call 252-247-4003 or visit www.ncaquariums.com/pine-knoll-shores.

FISHING FANATICS 8-11 a.m. Tuesdays, at Pine Knoll Shores Aquarium. Learn to catch the big ones from the surf with hands on instruction. Equipment, bait and licensing requirements are recovered. For ages 10 and older. The fee is \$25. For more information, call 252-247-4003 or visit www.ncaquariums.com.

[com/pine-knoll-shores](http://www.ncaquariums.com/pine-knoll-shores).

BEHIND THE SCENES: SHARK SNACK 2:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, at Pine Knoll Shores Aquarium. Visit food preparation areas, animal holding areas and labs and get an overhead view of the *Living Shipwreck* while watching the aquarist feed the sharks. For ages 5 and older. The fee is \$20. For more information, call 252-247-4003 or visit www.ncaquariums.com/pine-knoll-shores.

SOCIETY FOR CREATIVE ANACHRONISM: SHRINE OF CATHANAR 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays. There is a gathering for craft and art. The SCA is a recreational and educational global organization that attempts to re-create the arts of war in the Middle Ages. To find a specific address and activities planned, contact the SCA. The local branch for Carteret and Craven counties are open to every one of all ages and locations. There is no cost to attend the activity. For more information, visit www.ShireofCathanar.org, email shirecathanar@gmail.com, jprice208@gmail.com or monicaamende@gmail.com, or call Thomas De Luna (MKA Jerry Price) at 252-648-0937 or Bridgit Macha Ruadh (MKA Monica Amende) at 216-256-1495.

NIGHT TREK 7-9 p.m. Thursdays and Sundays, at Pine Knoll Shores Aquarium. Stroll the nighttime beach, learn about the lives of sea turtles and look for loggerheads nesting in the sands. For ages 5 and older. The fee is \$10. For more information, call 252-247-4003 or visit www.ncaquariums.com/pine-knoll-shores.

OPEN ART STUDIO 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Sessions are offered by Carolina Artist Gallery and hosted at Mulberry Street Studio, 801 Mulberry St. in Beaufort. Studio sessions are free and open to artists of all abilities. Artists will need to bring supplies and park in back of the building. For information, visit www.katherinewiggs-artandphotography.com or call Crystal Wasley at 252-571-9266.

AQUARIUM ABCS 8:30-9:30 a.m. Wednesdays, at Pine Knoll Shores Aquarium. Preschoolers love learning about aquatic species and wildlife with life animal encounters, crafts to bring home, storytelling and outdoor explorations. For ages 2 through 5. The fee is \$25. For more information, call 252-247-4003 or visit www.ncaquariums.com/pine-knoll-shores.

FUNDAMENTALS OF ART: 9-11 a.m. and noon-2 p.m. Wednesdays, at Mulberry Studio, 801 Mulberry St., Beaufort. Learn about the basics of art to be able to create your own. Explore different media: watercolor, acrylic, pencil, pen and ink. All ages and experience levels welcome. Participants must bring their own materials. For more information, contact Katherine Wiggs at katherine.wiggs@gmail.com or call 252-571-9266.

TOTAL BODY WORKOUT 9-10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Morehead City Parks and Recreation Department, \$4 per class. For more information, call 252-726-5083.

NIGHTLIFE CALENDAR

Morehead City

KMART: Pauline Smith 2:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19. Ms. Smith will be singing Christmas songs by the jewelry counter.

Atlantic Beach

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

Beaufort

CRU WINE BAR: Barefoot Wade 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18; **Blue Moon Jazz featuring John Van Dyke** 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19; **Barry Charlotn** 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 25; and **Dick Knight** 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26.

RIBEYES: Morris Willis 6 p.m. Tuesdays.

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; **Jeff Burnett** 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18; and **Joe Baes** 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19.

Submit nightlife entertainment events to Megan. Soult@thenewstimes.com by 5 p.m. each Tuesday to be included in upcoming weekly publications of This Week magazine. Events are posted based on availability and participation of submissions.



Pauline Smith

Pauline Smith will perform Christmas carols at the Kmart jewelry counter from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19. (Contributed photo)

Great Island and Long Point camps to accept reservations

Cape Lookout National Seashore is scheduled to open Great Island and Long Point cabin camps on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, and operate them through the night of Saturday, Nov. 26, 2016.

Visitors can start making reservations at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016. The National Park Service will continue using recreation.gov for reservations this season.

Recreation.gov allows for visitors to make reservations online at www.recreation.gov or by calling 1-877-444-6777. The online

service is available 24 hours a day. The telephone service is available from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. until Sunday, Feb. 28, 2016, and from 10 a.m. to midnight from Tuesday, March 1, to Monday, Oct. 31, 2016.

Payment with a credit card will be required at the time of the reservation. Recreation.gov accepts the following major credit cards: Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover, but customers are reminded of the cancellation policies and fees, which can be found on the website.

Recreation.gov allows visitors to create an account at any time, which will allow them to log on and expedite making reservations on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016.

Recreation.gov is a national service that was created as part of the Recreation One-Stop E-Gov initiative. The system provides a single point of access to information about federal recreational activities and reservations. It provides a comprehensive source of information about thousands of federal recreation opportunities.

First day hikes set at every state park

The 2016 centennial of North Carolina's state parks system will launch at Hammocks Beach State Park, in Swansboro, with a First Day Hike on Friday, Jan. 1, an opportunity to begin the New Year with exercise, family adventure and a reconnection with nature, according to the N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation.

Now in its fifth year, this tradition has prompted North Carolinians to walk more than 17,000 miles on state park trails during past New Year's Day events. Each state park and state recreation area puts its own stamp on its First Day Hike.

"The year 2016 will be a special one for state parks in North

Carolina as we celebrate our 100th anniversary with events throughout the state. Spending some quality time with friends and family in these stunning landscapes is a perfect way to begin that celebration," said Mike Murphy, state parks director.

This year Hammocks Beach State Park is offering two ranger-guided hikes on Bear Island at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on New Year's Day. Each program will be approximately two hours. Hikers will take a free ferry ride over to the island and learn about some of the wildlife and habitats along the way to the beach. Seating is limited. To register, contact the park office at 910-326-4881.

There are 46-guided hikes scheduled for New Year's Day in the state, ranging from short "leg-stretchers" to six-mile treks, and many of them include interpretive programs by rangers along the way. All seasonal park facilities will remain open on the holiday.

Nationally, First Day Hikes are promoted by America's state parks and the National Association of State Park directors with more than 400 hikes scheduled in state parks across the country. Last year, nearly 28,000 people rang in the New Year by collectively hiking over 66,000 miles.

A complete list of First Day Hikes in the state is at www.ncparks.gov/first-day-hikes.

Girl Scouts appoint new executive

Girl Scouts – N.C. Coastal Pines, in Raleigh, has announced the appointment of Emily Hill to the role of development executive. Ms. Hill will develop and direct the implementation of long- and short-range fundraising strategies and plans.

Additionally, she will leverage a wide network of potential donors and assure effective coordination and integration of fundraising according to the organization's values, mission and vision.

"Emily brings an outstanding skills set to this role," said Lisa Jones, chief executive officer at Girl Scouts- N.C. Coastal Pines. "I am excited she will lead our philanthropic endeavors and build on the success and foundation of the fund development team."

In her new role, Ms. Hill will provide oversight for the organization's fund development strategy, manage the day-to-day operations of these functions and monitor all development activities. Working alongside the chief executive office and other board of directors committee, Ms. Hill will support volunteer leadership in fulfilling its role and attainment of fundraising goals for the nonprofit organization.

"I'm so grateful for the opportunity to step into this leadership role," Ms. Hill said. "I'm excited to help expand the presence of Girl Scouts among funders and in the philanthropic community.

Through their support, we can provide opportunities for girls to see their own leadership potential – just like Girl Scouts fostered in me."

Ms. Hill joined Girl Scouts – N.C. Coastal Pines as director of individual giving in 2014 from Duke University's office of University Development, where she served as a senior research analyst on the major gifts team. Having spent six years working in nonprofit theater administration, Ms. Hill brings in management operations and project implementation to her new role. Serving as the development manager for Signature Theater Co., a Tony Award-winning theater company in Arlington, Va., she assisted in administrative capacities for the Shakespeare Theatre Co., the University of Maryland and ran 43 performance group, which is a member of The Field's nonprofit sponsorship program.

In addition, Ms. Hill is an independent theater producer and artist with her own devised theater company, Haymaker, out of Durham. Haymaker was the winner of an Indy Week "Best Original Script" award in 2011 and has performed their original pieces in across the Triangle in Washington, D.C., and New Orleans, La. Ms. Hill graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's in speech communication from Millersville University of Pennsylvania.

Santa sails to Beaufort

Fort Macon Sail and Power Squadron's Past Commander Richard McKeon, senior navigator, arrived by long boat at the Beaufort waterfront on Nov. 27 to start the holiday season in his role as Santa.

Being a good sailor, Mr. McKeon arrived wearing a Type III life preserver, as all safe boaters on the water should.

The Beaufort Business Association sponsors Santa and provides Santa's Hut in which the Santa and Mrs. Claus listen to children's Christmas wishes.

Santa was brought ashore by the Beaufort Oars, a rowing club sponsored by the N.C. Maritime Museum. The boat is a 34-foot Crestwood Gig, a replica of the boats used to bring crews out to the tall ships during the last century.

It was built in 1990 at the museum's Watercraft Center in Beaufort and is powered by six oarsmen and a coxswain.

This is Mr. McKeon's 10th year



Santa, also known as Richard McKeon, right, is brought ashore by the Beaufort Oars, a rowing club sponsored by the N.C. Maritime Museum on Nov. 27. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be in the town Christmas Hut at the city docks to hear children's Christmas wishes until Saturday, Dec. 19 (Contributed photo)

as the town's Santa Claus. He begins letting his white beard grow out in July in preparation for his role.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be

in the town's Christmas Hut at the city docks next to the Dockmaster and Dock House Restaurant, listening to children's Christmas wishes through Saturday, Dec. 19.



Scout fundraiser

Matthew Kogler, of Boy Scout Troop 252 in Davis, holds a Christmas wreath that is a part of the troop's annual Christmas Wreath fundraiser. The wreaths are made of live cedar and are 14 inches. They cost \$15. Call Scoutmaster Paul Murphy at 252-725-7839 or contact a troop member to place an order. (Contributed photo)

Writers needed for contest

Carteret Writers 25th annual writing contest is open to submissions from Friday, Jan. 1, until midnight Tuesday, March 8, 2016.

Contest categories include flash fiction, fiction, nonfiction, poetry and writing for children. Cash prizes are awarded in each category: \$100 for first place, \$50 second and \$25 third. Any writer can enter the competition.

Submissions may be sent in electronically, by USPS mail, or dropped off during one of Carteret Writer's luncheon meetings. The submission fee is \$5 per entry for members, \$10

per entry for nonmembers. For electronic submissions, there is a \$2 fee. If fewer than 10 entries from 10 different participants are received for a category, the category will be dropped and the entry fee will be refunded.

Winning entries will be published in the 2016 edition of the literary journal, Shoal. Entries awarded honorable mention may also be published if the author chooses. Authors retain all rights to their work.

Judging will be blind, conducted by published authors, journalists or other professionals in the field of writing. Winners will be announced at an

awards dinner in May and later on the Carteret Writer's website. Checks will be mailed to winners unable to attend the dinner.

For complete contest guidelines, visit CarteretWritingContest.org or e-mail carteretwriterscontest@gmail.com.

Founded in 1983, Carteret Writers is a nonprofit organization dedicated to cultivating camaraderie among writers and promoting the art of writing.

Besides monthly meetings held on the second Tuesday of the month, smaller genre critique groups are available to members.

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never a time that he wasn't going to see the movie.

In the end, Mr. Carraway felt Walt Disney Co. was the perfect place for the franchise to call home.

"There are so many people who feel strongly about it," Mr. Carraway said. "As long as that passion is injected into the project, I am a fan."

The anticipation to see the movie has been building, and the wait is finally coming to a close.

"I've had people say, 'this must be great for you,' and I

say, 'no, my world has always been like this, you're just catching up,'" Mr. Carraway said.

"Star Wars: The Force Awakens" plays at 7 and 10 p.m. Thursday at both Atlantic Station Cinema in Atlantic Beach and Emerald Isle Plantation Cinema 4 in Emerald Isle.

Tickets for adults are \$9 and children's tickets are \$7.50 at both theaters. Tickets for seniors and military members are \$8 at the Atlantic Beach theater, while tickets are \$8 for seniors and \$7.50 for military members with proper ID at the Emerald Isle theater.

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'Memory Man' celebrates birthday, receives award

BY MEGAN SOULT

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John Tunnell, also known as the "Memory Man," celebrated his 85th birthday Sunday afternoon at the Sanitary Fish Market and Restaurant in Morehead City where he awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the state's highest award.

Mr. Tunnell, born on Dec. 12, 1930, started working at the Sanitary on July 15, 1945. During his 70 years at the restaurant, he never forgot a face and had a story for every occasion.

Over 100 people gathered to celebrate the life and legacy that Mr. Tunnell has created, laughing and telling stories of his years at the restaurant.

Kenneth Humphrey, who recently wrote a book about Mr. Tunnell, believed that there was no better day to celebrate Mr. Tunnell.

"We are around two of the most prominent institutions in the county and in the state," Mr. Humphrey said. "You can't mention the Sanitary without John Tunnell, and you can't mention John Tunnell without the Sanitary."

"The man and institution has given people their real starts in life," he continued. "This place has a connection to the heart. The restaurant is an economic institution, and John is a part of it."

To celebrate the occasion, a brief ceremony took place with several people speaking about Mr.

Tunnell and their memories of him.

"We are here to celebrate the 85th birthday of a man who has touched all of our lives today," said the Rev. Tim Havlicek, of First Presbyterian Church in Morehead City, who gave the birthday blessing. "We are also here to honor this man for his timeless work ethic, remarkable memory and his unprecedented hospitality in entertaining people and keeping people happy and keeping them coming back for years and years."

After the birthday blessing, people shared their memories with Mr. Tunnell including Frank Timberlake of Raleigh.

Mr. Timberlake has known Mr. Tunnell for 53 years, and that friendship started when he first decided to eat at the Sanitary.

"I saw the busiest and most authoritative man," Mr. Timberlake said, speaking of his first trip to the restaurant. "He was greeting people with one hand and pointing waitresses and waiters that way and bus boys this way, and I knew he had to be the most important man that I'd ever seen, other than my daddy."

At the end of his speech, Mr. Timberlake read from his poem, "The Light at the End is a Tunnell," to honor Mr. Tunnell.

Though the reason for the gathering was to celebrate Mr. Tunnell's birthday, the biggest moment of the afternoon was Mr. Tunnell receiving the Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

The Order of the Long Leaf Pine was created in 1974 and is presented to outstanding North Carolinians who have a proven record of service to the state. Contributions to the community, extra efforts to their careers are a few of the criteria for the award. Mr. Tunnell was nominated for the award because of his service at the restaurant.

Jerry Jones, mayor of Morehead City, presented the award to Mr. Tunnell.

"We are here to celebrate these 85 years of John Tunnell and 85 years of smiles, 85 years of laughter, 85 years of memory," Mayor Jones said before presenting Mr. Tunnell the award.

Mr. Tunnell was moved to tears by the ceremony and was said he was overjoyed by being honored for the Long Leaf Pine award.

"I am not much for words," Mr. Tunnell jokingly said. "I want to thank everyone for being here today and it means a whole lot. I want to thank the people who nominated me for the Long Leaf Pine and I will try to live up to the obligation of it."

As the celebration came to a close, people enjoyed the birthday cake and chatted with the man of the afternoon.



Youth wins dance competition

Ethan Guthrie, 10, of Newport, competed in the Carolina Dance Masters on Nov. 13 in Greensboro. He performed an open lyrical solo and won the N.C. title, "Junior Mister Dance." He goes on to compete in the America Dance Masters next July in Nashville, Tenn. (Contributed photo)



John Tunnell blows out the candles of his birthday cake. Over 100 people gathered Sunday at the Sanitary Fish Market and Restaurant in Morehead City to celebrate Mr. Tunnell's 85th birthday. He turned 85 on Dec. 12. (Megan Soult photo)

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