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Wands, wings and magical things will come together Saturday, March 9 at the N.C. Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores.

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At 8 p.m. Saturday, March 9, the American Music Festival will present Caroline Shaw and the Jasper String Quartet in concert.

**FITNESS**

The deadline to register for the Senior Games, as well as the SilverArts registration, is Friday, March 15.

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“Frozen” and “Mary Poppins” are two of the shows scheduled for campers to participate in during this year’s Carteret Community Theatre summer drama camps. Registration is open for the summer program. (Contributed graphics)

CCT summer camp registration opens

BY MEGAN SOULT
NEWS-TIMES

Online registration for Carteret Community Theatre’s popular summer camp program is open.

Katie Dixon, the camp director, said these camps are “awesome” and offer campers more than acting skills.

“These summer camps offer a fun and creative outlet for children,” she said. “They get to perform and learn about all aspects of the theatre. These children also meet lots of new people and most times come out of their shy shells.”

The summer theater camps are for children in kindergarten through high school.

According to information on the community theater’s website, the summer camps provide younger generations an opportunity to learn about and participate in the theatrical arts.

“The goal of these camps is to offer children a unique experience to use their imagination in a creative way that teaches empathy and cultural understanding,” the site reads. “The camps have been designed specifically for children, to not only expose them to the arts, but to develop cognitive skills and communication skills while building self-confidence.”

Campers will also learn the basic fundamentals of the theater world, such as the knowledge of stage directions, acting skills, set designs and rehearsal routines.

The camps will conclude with a final performance, a culmination of all the skills they have learned and practiced.

Introductory level campers ages 5-10 will:
• Learn the history of theater.
• Develop skills in listening, communication, cooperation and confidence.
• Explore the world of theater by learning acting techniques, improvisation and music.
• Create masks and costumes.
• Learn and participate in choreography and lyrics to Broadway shows.
• Participate in show performance.
• Have fun.

Campers at the intermediate level, 11 years of age and older, will:
• Explore the Stanislavski and Meisner techniques of acting and improvisation.
• Research and learn monologues.
• Participate in musical theater from Broadway shows.
• Bring stories to life in musical theater.
• Explore the technical aspects of theater, which will include: lighting, sound, costume, makeup, hair, props, stage management and directing.
• Participate in a show performance.
• Have fun.
  For more information or questions, email Ms. Dixon at cctsummercamps@gmail.com.

Listed is the schedule of shows in the summer camp.

“Aladdin” 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 10-14
This week is for campers ages 5-10. The cost is $115. This musical is based off the animated Disney classic. The Broadway production features songs from the movie, as well as new music by Alan Menken, with lyrics by Howard Ashman.

“Mary Poppins” 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 8-12
This week is for campers ages 5-10. The cost is $115. The nanny who is “practically perfect in every way” comes to life in this production based on the Disney movie. The production features songs from the movie, as well as new additions from George Stiles and Anthony Drewe.

“Wicked” 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 15-19
This week is for campers ages 11 and older. The cost is $125. This popular Broadway show looks into the land of Oz long before Dorothy arrived. It tells the story of the friendship between Glinda and Elphaba, who becomes the Wicked Witch of the West.

“Frozen” 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 22-26
This week is for campers ages 5-10. The cost is $115. This Broadway adaptation of the Disney hit film focuses on the bond between two sisters who use love to overcome all obstacles.

“The Greatest Showman” 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 29-Aug. 2
This week is for campers ages 5-10. The cost is $115. This show is inspired by the imagination of P.T. Barnum and follows the birth of show business. The story focuses on Mr. Barnum and his creation of the Barnum and Bailey Circus.

“Mary Poppins” 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 5-9
This week is for campers ages 11 and older. The cost is $125.

“The Wizard of Oz” 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 12-16
This week is for campers ages 5-10. The cost is $115. This production is modified from the MGM screenplay. It contains songs from the movie, fan-favorite characters and iconic moments from the film, as well as a few surprises.

New Bern Historical Society to hold 29th yard sale

The New Bern Historical Society’s 29th annual Attic-Basement-Closet Indoor Yard Sale is set for 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 9 at the Knights of Columbus building, 1125 Pinetree Drive, New Bern.

Everything from dishes to dolls to door knobs will be sold at this one-day-only fundraising sale.

New Bern Historical Society Executive Director Mickey Miller is expecting this to be one of the largest ABC Sales ever, as donations have overflowed storage spaces, according to a release from the organization.

Items available include antiques, collectibles, pictures, furniture, kitchenware, hardware, toys, jewelry, books, linens, silver, seasonal decorations, sporting equipment, electronics, brass, dishes and much more.

This sale is especially known for its antiques, silver, art and fine collectibles. Admission is free.

This year there is an abundance of furniture, much of it in excellent condition. Furniture shoppers are reminded to come prepared to transport their purchases, as it will all have to be removed by noon.

Collection for the sale is ongoing. To donate items to the ABC Yard Sale or for information, call 252-638-8558 or email AdminOffice@NewBernHistorical.org.

Bring donated items to the Knights of Columbus building, as preparations will be underway there.

Proceeds from the ABC Sale benefit the educational programs of the New Bern Historical Society.

The society is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to celebrate and promote New Bern and its heritage through events and education. With nonprofit status, donations qualify as tax deductions to the extent allowed by law.
“Tyler Perry’s A Madea Family Funeral”..................rated PG-13
“How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World”..rated PG
“Fighting With My Family”......................rated PG-13
“Alita: Battle Angel”..................................rated PG-13
“Captain Marvel”.................................rated PG-13

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“The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part” .... rated PG
“Run the Race” ...........................................rated PG

EMERALD PLANTATION:
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“Isn’t It Romantic”...............................rated PG-13

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Review: ‘On My Block’
not that funny

BY MEGAN LEWIS
TWM
Netflix bills its original series “On My Block” as a coming-of-age comedy, but the drama steals the show.

The series focuses on a “crew” of four friends who’ve just graduated from the eighth grade in a rough California neighborhood.

There are some things the main characters face that those who have already put their preteen years behind them might chuckle at – the horrors of developing body parts, raging hormones, awkward relationships and the expectation versus reality of high school.

Of course, anyone still mired in their preteen years might find those gags less amusing.

Even for the adults, however, the stereotypes are too expected, too obvious to earn any belly laughs.

Also, too many of the show’s attempts at humor fall on the shoulders of Jamal (Brett Gray), which is an 80s move a la Jaleel White’s Steve Urkel in “Family Matters.” While Mr. Gray is great at it, it’s a dated approach to comedy that the young crowd probably won’t appreciate and the older crowd has most likely outgrown.

Some of the other laughs the show tries for are only funny for those who’ve never lived in a rougher neighborhood.

A running joke pokes fun at the gunshots that really are a too common part of life “on the other side of the tracks.” Carteret County natives might be able to laugh along as the children make light (presumably as a coping mechanism) by guessing what caliber round they just heard being fired, but for anyone with history in those types of neighborhoods, perhaps it might be best to steer clear...or just don’t laugh. That won’t be too difficult.

Despite the flat attempts at humor, the drama in this show certainly has teeth.

As the brother of main character Ruby (Jason Genao) says, “Don’t go into high school without backup. You guys need to stick together to survive.”

So, immediately, writers split up the crew as one of their number, Cesar (Diego Tinoco), is “jumped in” to his brother’s gang.

“What’s worse than losing a friend?” says Monse (Sierra Capri) as she tries to learn the truth of why Cesar has left their group over the summer while she was away at camp.

She calls Cesar their glue, but it is obvious if their crew is going to survive high school, it’s going to be Monse who puts them back together.

At the end of the first episode, it’s Monse who says, “Cesar – we need to save him.”

With its focus on gang activity in the very first episode, it’s hardly surprising that “On My Block” feels more like a drama than a comedy – but isn’t that often the case when anyone is “coming-of-age?”

The first season of the show comprises 10 approximately half-hour episodes with a second season expected this month. It is rated TV-14.
A tasty take on trendy toast

HUMMUS TOAST WITH SUN-DRIED TOMATOES AND PARMESAN

Servings: 1
1 slice whole-grain bread
¼ cup fresh arugula
2-3 sun-dried tomatoes
2 tablespoons Sabra Classic Hummus
olive oil
2 tablespoons pine nuts
fresh Parmesan curls
salt, to taste
pepper, to taste
Toast bread; set aside. Wash and pat dry arugula; set aside.
Remove sun-dried tomatoes from jar and lightly pat with paper towel to remove excess oil.
Spread toast with hummus.
Lightly toss arugula with drizzle of olive oil; layer on top of hummus. Top with sun-dried tomatoes. Sprinkle with pine nuts and add Parmesan curls. Add salt and pepper, to taste.

HUMMUS TOAST WITH SOFT-BOILED EGG AND SPINACH

Servings: 1
1 slice artisan country white bread
¼ cup fresh spinach, wilted
water
1 soft-boiled egg
ice
1 garlic clove, chopped
1 teaspoon olive oil
2 tablespoons Sabra Classic Hummus
red pepper flakes, for garnish
salt, to taste
pepper, to taste
Toast bread; set aside. Wash spinach; set aside.
Fill small saucepan with enough water to barely cover egg; bring to boil, cover and reduce heat. Cook egg 6 minutes, remove from heat and plunge into ice bath to stop cooking. Peel egg; set aside.
In medium skillet, sauté chopped garlic in olive oil approximately 3 minutes; add spinach and stir 2 minutes, or until spinach begins to wilt. Remove from heat.
Spread toast with hummus. Add wilted garlic-spinach. Cut egg in half and place on top of spinach. Sprinkle with red pepper flakes, salt and pepper.

Find more ways to take trendy toast to the next level at Sabra.com.

Nutritious food likely to stand test of time

While many food trends come and go, some desired food traits seemingly never go out of style.

For example, dishes that provide nutritional benefits will pretty much always be popular, along with types of foods that can be customized to match personalized preferences and tastes.

Toast is a versatile option for nearly anyone seeking a bite for breakfast, especially those eaters looking for nutrition and flavor.

Because you can add a variety of toppings to your toast, it can be a simple way to add a healthy element to your morning routine.

These recipes, for example, include Sabra Hummus as a base spread, which adds protein and fiber perfect for breakfast, brunch or a mid-morning snack.

Hummus Toast with Sun-dried Tomatoes and Parmesan brings with it the extra nutritional value of veggies, while Hummus Toast with Soft-Boiled Egg and Spinach packs ample protein for an ideal way to start the day.

Plus, because these quick-to-make recipes involve short amounts of time spent on preparation, you’re able to enjoy a nutritious treat even on the busiest of days.
Girls form their own Scout troop

BY MEGAN SOULT
NEWS-TIMES

Carteret County is now home to an all-female Scout troop.

“It’s a really big deal. The news networks and social media blew up over it,” said Dr. Patrick Curley, chairman of the newly formed Troop 7730. “We could’ve been the first group in North Carolina, but a group in Hubert got in ahead of us. We’re still the first in Carteret County.”

Troop 7730 is a unit of the co-ed Sea Scouts of Rotary Club 7730. Troop 7730 is for girls who are too young to join Sea Scouts, which is for ages 14 through 20.

Sea Scouts is a member of the international Scouting movement. According to scouting.org, “Sea Scouts is a specialized program, organized to address a youth members’ boating skills and promote knowledge of maritime heritage. Sea Scout units, called ‘ships,’ focus on sailing and cruising either sailboats, power vessels or paddle sports.”

Many of the girls who have joined Troop 7730 were younger siblings of members of the Sea Scouts.

According to Scoutmaster Jennifer Bolding, the girls would sit around bored during the meetings, and that was one of the primary reasons for creating the troop.

Dr. Curley said those at Boy Scouts of America wanted to make Scouting more inclusive and family-friendly, which is why they decided to allow girls to join troops.

“I think it’s a great opportunity for the kids. It’s a new age,” he said.

Troop 7730 is for girls ages 11-13. They continue the Scouting journey until 18 years old. Once they hit 18, they can continue on to the Sea Scouts program if they so desire.

Girls who join the Scouting program will have the opportunity to earn badges and climb the ranks, just like their male counterparts.

Female Sea Scouts will now also have the opportunity to earn badges, unlike before. According to Dr. Curley, the girls would do all the requirements, but not earn a badge.

The troop meets the first and third Wednesday of each month. The Feb. 6 meeting was at the N.C. State University Center for Marine Sciences and Technology building on the campus of Carteret Community College in Morehead City.

The girls have already discussed knot tying and discussed how to properly use a pocket knife. They are well on their way to earning their first badge.

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Bolding is a Girl Scout as well, but she said this program provided more opportunities.

Ms. Bolding explained that each character represented strength, which was an important characteristic in the county’s first all-female troop.

Though Ms. Bolding saw great potential of being The Sirens, The Sea Dragon eventually won.

Once the girls decided on a name, they went to work creating a sea dragon for their flag.

As they worked, the girls explained why joining the Scouting program was something that they were interested in.

“It’s something new,” said Rebekah Arcoa. “I’ve always heard about Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts, too. I thought it was all selling cookies, but when I learned more about it, it sounded interesting. I’m not too into camping, but I’m trying to learn new things.”

Elleina Messenger had similar thoughts.

Boy Scouts of America Troop 7730 members, from top, Linh Walker, Rebekah Arcoa, Lydia Bolding and Elleina Messenger attend a meeting at the N.C. State University Center for Marine Sciences and Technology building on the campus of Carteret Community College in Morehead City Feb. 6. (Dylan Ray photo)
Friendly FolkDancers to perform, encourage audience to join in

St. Francis by the Sea Episcopal Church will present the Friendly FolkDancers from 7 to 9:45 p.m. Friday, March 8.

The group will perform and teach a variety of folk dances from around the world with the theme “Dancing the World Together.” A key goal of their tours is to aid in building and deepening community.

Core Soul Friends in Beaufort will host the traveling Quaker dancers from four U.S. states, Rwanda, Kenya and Uganda. This dance ministry is Quaker in that it is experiential rather than cognitive.

“We are a peace witness, trying to get people to connect beyond their national borders, so we do dances from many different countries,” Mark Helpsmeet, the group’s leader, said in a release.

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The performance and dance is free, but the dancers welcome donations to cover their travel expenses.

The general public, all ages, families and children are invited to observe the first half hour and to participate for an hour.

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For further information, contact St. Francis administrator at stfrancisbts@gmail.com, 252-240-2388 or stfrancisbythesea.org, or Susan Schmidt at susankiwi15@gmail.com or 252-269-0032.

BHA to host volunteer training

The Beaufort Historic Site needs volunteers. With plenty of ways to get involved, it’s a great way for anyone to be a part of the community, according to a recent release.

Those who are interested in sharing their much-needed skills are invited to attend the annual Volunteer Training Program from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 12 at the Beaufort Historic Site, 130 Turner St.

The one-day Volunteer Training Program offers an overview of all volunteer opportunities at the BHA.

From demonstrating a 19th century craft to school children once a year, to helping with a larger event like the annual Old Homes Tour, volunteering in the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery or giving tours of the historic site during the week, participants would be a welcome addition to an ever-growing number of volunteers who assist with a wide variety of tasks.

Following a brief registration period, trainees will tour the historic houses onsite to tour volunteer docents in action.

Prospective volunteers will then be treated to a tour on the 1967 English double-decker bus to enjoy a ride through the historic district of Beaufort.

Just before lunch, the rest of the historic buildings and grounds that comprise the site will be explored.

A catered lunch will be provided and volunteers will have the opportunity to meet the BHA staff and hear about volunteer needs in the office, the welcome center and the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery.

A presentation on the Warped Weavers and the various educational programs, such as Harvest Time, Kindergarten Thanksgiving, the Living History series and school group tours, will give an overview of the outreach programs volunteers can be involved in.

A tour of the Old Burying Ground will be followed by a question-and-answer period to provide participants with a better understanding of the vital role volunteers play in the daily operations of the BHA.

New and returning volunteers alike are invited to learn about this area’s colorful heritage while finding the perfect volunteer opportunity.

This one-day training program serves as an overview to the abundant opportunities available and once a specific area of interest is selected, new volunteers will receive more in-depth training in their chosen field.

Due to limited space, those interested in participating are asked to register in advance and confirm the date and time by calling the Beaufort Historic Site at 252-728-5225, stopping by the welcome center or by visiting beauforthistoricsite.org.

Lunch & Learn event set

The New Bern Historical Society has long celebrated all the firsts that have occurred in the city.

At the Wednesday, March 13 Lunch & Learn, the society will hear about how New Bern hosted the first and second Provincial Congresses responding to King George III and his years of taxation on everything from sugar to tea, culminating in the Intolerable Acts of 1774.

According to a release from the historical society, this made North Carolina the first colony.

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SUDOKU

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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.

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.

Event placement on a specific date is not guaranteed, as events run as space is available. 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. To have an event added, email information to megan.soult@thenewstimes.com.

Kids and Family
MERRY-TIME FOR TOTS: WHALE OF A TIME 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 13 at the N.C. Maritime Museum in Beaufort. Preschoolers ages 2-5 and their caregivers take a unique look at nautical topics and museum artifacts. Topics include Pirate Hooks & Peg Legs, Hatteras Jack, Boats that Float, Whale of a Time and Shark Tales. The program is free, and registration is preferred. For more information, call 252-504-7740.

CAMP ALL YEAR AT CAMP ALBEMARLE Camp All Year is available for kindergarten through fifth-grade students. Drop off will begin at 7:30 a.m. for full days and 11:30 a.m. for half days, with pick up beginning at 3:30 p.m. Special arrangements may be made for children needing to be picked up later. Lunch will be provided for full-day programs, and snacks will be available every day. Programs will be held on the following dates: Half days – Friday, March 8 and Friday, April 19. Spring Break is Monday-Friday, April 22-26. The cost for individual days is $70 for full days and $30 for half days. Spring Break week is $300. If you wish to sign your child up for all dates, you may do so at a special rate of $800. To register, go to campalbemarle.org and click on the “Register Now” button. For more information about the program, payment options or campership opportunities, contact Sam Stone at sam@campalbemarle.org or call the office at 252-726-4848.

Music and Theater
FRIENDLY FOLKDANCERS 7-8:45 p.m. Friday, March 8 at St. Francis by the Sea Episcopal Church, 920 Salter Path Road, Salter Path. This group will perform and teach a variety of folk dances from around the world. The traveling Quaker dancers come from four U.S. states and Rwanda, Kenya and Uganda. After a half-hour performance of medleys uniting world cultures, everyone joins in. Families and children are welcome.

INTERNATIONAL FILM SERIES For more information, call 252-723-3258 or email irene@irenebailey.com.

Food and Drink
CLAM CHOWDER AND CHILI SALE 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 16 at Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 728 Bogue Loop Road in Bogue. There will be a vendor and bake sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with lunch served from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The plates will be $8 with the choice of clam chowder or chili. Both will be served with hush puppies, dessert and a drink. Quarts of clam chowder will be available for $8 or a pint of clam chowder or chili will be available for $5.

INTERNATIONAL FILM SERIES will be held at Carteret Community College in Morehead City. The films will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Joslyn Hall, while the dinners will be at 6 p.m. in the Crystal Coast Civic Center. Film dates are “My Afternoon with Margueritte,” Thursday-Friday, March 21-22. Dinner caterers will be announced. Each dinner will feature cuisine of the region or country.

FRIDAYS WITH RODNEY KEMP 11:30 a.m. Friday, March 22 at the History Museum of Carteret County, 1008 Arendell St., Morehead City. Rodney will talk about Alice Green Hoffman, who was the owner of what is today Pine Knoll Shores and Salter Path. Her story covers the development of Pine Knoll Shores, the Theodore Roosevelt family’s involvement and the “squatters rights” history of Salter Path. Lunch only starts at 11:30 a.m. and is $13 for Carteret County Historical Society members and $16 for general admission. The program only is at noon and is free for historical society members and $8.50 for nonmembers. To make
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reservations, call 252-247-7533, ext. 1, before 4 p.m. Thursday, March 22.

Events

$5 BAG SALE ON WINTER CLOTHES, HATS, GLOVES AND SCARVES 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday until March 9 at Caroline’s Collectables, 3716 Arendell St., Morehead City. This sale excludes new clothing, formalwear and spring items. Fill a Caroline’s Bag with up to 10 items. Proceeds benefit the Carteret County Domestic Violence Program Safe House. You are also able to support CCDVP with donations needed by visiting carteret-domesticviolence.com/wish-list.

WRITING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help with the work being done at the Jack Goodwin Research Library at the History Museum of Carteret County. Those who have a love of history and writing can stop by the museum at 1008 Arendell St., Morehead City, for more information.

Local heritage

CAST IRON COOKWARE 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 9 at Hammocks Beach State Park in Swansboro. Join a ranger to learn how to “season” old rusted cast iron cookware and how to properly clean and store for years of enjoyable cooking. For more information, call 910-326-4881.

TRAIL TROT 8:30 a.m. Sunday, March 10 at Hammocks Beach State Park in Swansboro. Come out to the park every Sunday this year and challenge yourself with how many miles you can walk. This is a self-regulated program where park staff will keep track of your efforts throughout the year and tally it in the end. Bring your family and friends as you enjoy the park along our nature trail, rain or shine. For more information, call 910-326-4881.

BOATBUILDING INTRODUCTION TO WOODEN BOATBUILDING 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 16-17 at the Harvey W. Smith Watercraft Center in Beaufort. Students explore the art of boat-building in this two-day, hands-on course, beginning with lofting and moving on to the setup, steam bending and different methods of creating the back bone of small boats. They also learn planking methods, both carvel and lapstrake, and use of appropriate fasteners. After two days, students will have the knowledge, skill and confidence to choose a design and style of boat to build on their own. The minimum age is 16 years old. The fee is $135 or $121.50 for Friend of the Museum members. Advanced registration is required. For more information, call 252-504-7758 or visit thewatercraftcenter.com. Other dates are April 13-14, May 18-19, June 22-23, July 13-14, Aug. 24-25, Sept. 14-15, Oct. 12-13 and Nov. 16-17.

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11TH STREET VESSEL STORAGE The Morehead City Parks and Recreation Department will be accepting 11th Street Vessel Parking Permit applications are at the Morehead City Recreation Center at 1600 Fisher St. Permits are valid March 1-Jan.15 of the pass year. The vessel permit cost is $25. In order to be eligible for this permit, you must live within the town’s municipal limits and provide proof of residency (tax bill, utility bill, water bill or deed). You also must provide proof of ownership of your vessel. Contact 252-725-5025 for more details.

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BOATBUILDING INTRODUCTION TO WOODEN BOATBUILDING 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 16-17 at the Harvey W. Smith Watercraft Center in Beaufort. Students explore the art of boat-building in this two-day, hands-on course, beginning with lofting and moving on to the setup, steam bending and different methods of creating the back bone of small boats. They also learn planking methods, both carvel and lapstrake, and use of appropriate fasteners. After two days, students will have the knowledge, skill and confidence to choose a design and style of boat to build on their own. The minimum age is 16 years old. The fee is $135 or $121.50 for Friend of the Museum members. Advanced registration is required. For more information, call 252-504-7758 or visit thewatercraftcenter.com. Other dates are April 13-14, May 18-19, June 22-23, July 13-14, Aug. 24-25, Sept. 14-15, Oct. 12-13 and Nov. 16-17.

TRAIL TROT 8:30 a.m. Sunday, March 17 at Hammocks Beach State Park in Swansboro. Come out to the park every Sunday this year and challenge yourself with how many miles you can walk. This is a self-regulated program where park staff will keep track of your efforts throughout the year and tally it in the end. Bring your family and friends as you enjoy the park along our nature trail, rain or shine. For more information, call 910-326-4881.

NIGHTLIFE CALENDAR

Morehead City

SHUCKIN SHACK OYSTER BAR: Live music from 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays featuring local musicians each week.

Bogue

LOGAN’S AT CAROLINA HOME AND GARDEN: Hank Barbee 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 7 and Robert Mc Duffy 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 8.

Atlantic Beach

AMOS MOSQUITO’S: Karaoke 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays.

CRYSTAL COAST BREWING CO.: Team Trivia is at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. A special delivery menu will be available on trivia nights from Roma’s Pizza; 30 Second Rocks Music Trivia is at 7:30 p.m. every Thursday. This is free to play, and there will be prizes.

Beaufort

CRU WINE BAR: Bobby Webb & Co. 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 8; and Barefoot Wade 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 9.

BACKSTREET PUB: BBP 5 p.m. Friday, March 8.

RIBEYES: Morris Willis 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays.

Emerald Isle

SALT: Heads Up Penny 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 9.

AREA SPORTS CALENDAR

Thursday, March 7

High School Boys Tennis Swansboro at Croatan (Ft. Benjamin Park) 3:30 p.m. Jaycee: South Lenoir at West Carteret 4 p.m. Varsity: South Lenoir at West Carteret 7 p.m.

High School Baseball Jaycees: Havelock at East Carteret 4 p.m. Varsity: Havelock at East Carteret 7 p.m.

High School Softball West Carteret at Croatan 4 p.m. East Carteret at Havelock 6 p.m.

High School Lacrosse Swansboro at Croatan 6 p.m.

Friday, March 8

High School Baseball Varsity: Swansboro at West Craven 6:30 p.m. Jaycee: Swansboro at West Craven 6:30 p.m. Varsity: Pike at Croatan 7 p.m.

High School Softball Varsity: Pamlico at East Carteret 6 p.m. Varsity: Swansboro at West Craven 6 p.m.

High School Girls Soccer West Carteret vs. Fike at The Brittany Showcase 5:30 p.m. Croatan vs. Clinton at The Brittany Showcase 5:30 p.m. East Carteret vs. Rocky Mount at The Brittany Showcase 7 p.m. Swansboro vs. Clayton at The Brittany Showcase 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 9

High School Track and Field West Carteret in N.C. Runners meet at Princeton HS 9 a.m. Croatan in N.C. Runners meet at Princeton HS 9 a.m.

High School Girls Soccer East Carteret vs. J.H. Rose at The Brittany Showcase 2 p.m. Varsity: West Carteret vs. Curborough at The Brittany Showcase 4 p.m.

Swansboro vs. Garner Magnet at The Brittany Showcase 7 p.m.

High School Basketball

NCHSAA 1A Girls State Playoffs Regional final: East Carteret vs. Pamlico in Fayetteville 2 p.m.
to respond to the call to develop a list of grievances against the crown. Dr. Robert Ainsley will be presenting this chapter in history.

Dr. Ainsley has more than 45 years of experience in education, training and instructional technology programs.

He retired from the Defense Acquisition University as the executive director of the e-learning and technology center after 20 years of service to the institution.

He currently serves as an adjunct professor with the Tillman School of Business at the University of Mount Olive and as a consultant and trainer in the areas of instructional development and program management.

Dr. Ainsley enjoys genealogical research and is a member of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and the North Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution’s New Bern chapter.

The Lunch & Learn starts at 11:30 a.m. at The Chelsea Restaurant, 335 Middle St., New Bern. The cost is $17 for historical society members and $22 for non-members, and includes lunch.

Advance reservations must be made by calling the New Bern Historical Society at 252-638-8558 or can be ordered at NewBernHistorical.org/tickets.

A child enjoys a visit with mermaids, a fairy and a gnome during a previous “Forest Fairies to Sea Serpents” event at the N.C. Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. The event will return Saturday, March 9. (File photo)

Aquarium to host day for fairies, sea serpents

Wands, wings and magical things will come together Saturday, March 9 at the N.C. Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores.

Fairies, gnomes, wizards, sea monsters and other mythical creatures are invited to a magical day of imagination and education for the themed program “Forest Fairies to Sea Serpents.”

“Our Forest Fairies to Sea Serpents event is truly magical,” aquarium educator Meredith Heaton Bruhn said in a release. “It’s an event where children can watch stories come to life and see how real animals inspired the creatures of myths and legends.”

The enchantment is in its ninth year and is free with admission or membership. Costumes are optional but encouraged to add to the fun. There will be costume and photo opportunities during the event. Activities for children are available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and include a chance to build fairy houses from pine cones, shells and other natural materials.

Children can search for fairy and mermaid doors hidden throughout the aquarium and make their own door to take home.

Participants will also be able to discover their fairy or gnome name and decorate a fanciful wand to take home.

Those who visit the aquarium during the event can enjoy a pretend sea serpent in the Living Shipwreck during the dive shows. The daily Creature Connections will turn into theatrical fairy tales starring live animals in whimsical, aquarium-style interpretations of favorite fables.

“The event offers a way for children to encounter the aquarium in an exciting way that they may not experience on a regular day,” Ms. Bruhn said.

Though “Forest Fairies to Sea Serpents” focuses on make-believe beings, it inspires a closer look at real animals and their environment by connecting creativity and imagination to nature.
AMF to present Caroline Shaw, Jasper String Quartet

At 8 p.m. Saturday, March 9, the American Music Festival will present Caroline Shaw and the Jasper String Quartet in concert. The concert will be at the First Presbyterian Church in Morehead City.

According to a release from the AMF, Ms. Shaw has astonished the pop and classical music worlds for her celebrated collaborations with Kanye West and is in continuous demand for new works by leading artists and ensembles.

International acclaim has led to residencies and commissions by major performance organizations, including the Guggenheim, Dumbarton Oaks, Kennedy Center, Baltimore Symphony, Los Angeles Symphony and the N.C. Symphony, to name a few.

Ms. Shaw is also a familiar violin and viola soloist with major orchestras, and has performed at renowned concert venues, such as Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Ms. Shaw, composer, string musician and vocalist, was born in Greenville in 1982 and landed in the national spotlight after receiving the Pulitzer Prize in music for her a cappella piece “Partita for 8 Voices.”

At 30 years old, she was the youngest composer ever to be awarded a Pulitzer.

Three years ago, the AMF initiated a state-wide “Meet the Composer” project with Chamber Music Raleigh and Chamber Music Wilmington to honor Ms. Shaw.

With this project, presenters wanted to celebrate her connection to the state and her heartfelt musical attitude that threads the old with the new, pop with classical and raw with refined.

Ms. Shaw and members of the Jasper String Quartet were classmates at Yale University’s School of Music and the group has commissioned and recorded several of Ms. Shaw’s string quartets.

She will join the Jasper String Quartet to perform her composition “In the Sweet By and By” for string quartet and “Voice,” which sets a traditional, old southern bluegrass/gospel revival song (made popular by Johnny Cash) to imaginative, contemporary string accompaniment.

In addition, Jasper will perform "Valencia," another quartet selection from Ms. Shaw’s oeuvres which they’ve recorded.

To close the program, Ms. Shaw will join the quartet and display in Brahms’ “Viola Quintet” one of the great masterworks of the romantic repertoire and an audience favorite.

The AMF and CMW’s goal is to provide thoughtful engagement with a living composer, create an opening for future contemporary music performances and demonstrate the boundless possibilities of creativity.

“We are inspired by Shaw’s philosophy behind her music which is often, according to her, about empowerment and inspiration,” the release reads.

This meet-the-composer project was recently awarded a $10,000 grant from the N.C. Arts Council for performances in eastern North Carolina and will be part of the NCAC’s 50th anniversary celebration series of events.

All AMF concerts in the county are held at First Presbyterian Church at 1604 Arendell St. Parking is free.

Tickets at the door are $32 for adults and $15 for full-time students (paid by cash or checks).

Tickets are also available through Eventbrite at eventbrite.com/e/caroline-shaw-jasper-quartet-tickets-52171051018?aff=aff0eventful.

For more information, visit americanmusicfestival.org or call 252-342-5034.

Choral society announces dates for its concerts, spring fundraiser

The Crystal Coast Choral Society has been hard at work since January preparing for its spring concert, “Spring Bouquet of Choral Singing.”

In addition to weekly rehearsals at Swansboro United Methodist Church, the CCCS recently completed a silent auction with the help of Cape Carteret Aquatic & Wellness Center to raise funds to help offset costs associated with the choir, such as music purchase, advertising and guest performers.

As a nonprofit organization, CCCS depends on funding from the N.C. Arts Council, a division of the state Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, fundraising events, sponsorship and concert ticket sales to sustain itself.

CCCS also recently held a fundraiser at Panera Bread in Jacksonville as part of Panera’s community outreach and support.

During that event, CCCS received a percentage of sales for any guest between 4 and 8 p.m. that mentioned they were there to support the CCCS.

Panera Bread in Morehead City will also sponsor a fundraiser Monday, March 11.

The spring concert dates and times are now finalized.

The performances are 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 6 at Cape Carteret Presbyterian Church, 100 Yaupon Drive in Cape Carteret, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 7 at First Christian Church, 124 Trott Road in Richlands.

Tickets purchased in advance are $10. They can be purchased from CCCS members and for the first time are now available online at crystalcoastchoralsociety.org.

Tickets purchased at the door will be $12. Children 10 and under are free. Tickets for students over 10 years of age are $5.

The Crystal Coast Choral Society is a non-audition community choir that strives to provide quality music to eastern North Carolina residents.

Rehearsals begin each fall after Labor Day for concerts held in December in Onslow and Carteret counties.

Spring semester rehearsals begin after the new year for concerts held in early spring in both counties.

New members are welcome at the beginning of each semester and volunteers to help with concert activities, such as setting up and ushering guests/passing out programs.

For more information, contact the director, Finley Woolston, at 910-358-2997, email finley@ecrr.com or visit the CCCS Facebook page or crystalcoastchoralsociety.org.

The Crystal Coast Choral Society practices during a recent rehearsal. The group has set the dates for the upcoming spring concert. They will be held Saturday-Sunday, April 6-7. (Contributed photo)
Registration now open for Senior Games

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Registration is now open for the 32nd annual Carteret County Senior Games. The final registration deadline is Friday, March 15.

The cost to register is $20. First-time participants can register for half the cost, making the price $10 for those who register now.

The games start Tuesday, April 9 and continue until Monday, May 20. The events will be held at various locations around the county.

Darlene Austin, with the County Parks and Recreation Department, which hosts the games, is looking forward to a large number of registrants.

“We expect to have at least what we had last year, and are hoping for more. Last year we had 150 registered,” she said.

Ms. Austin said a big focus on this year’s games is the SilverArts event, which highlights the artistic talents of the aging population.

“We want to boost the numbers. All the artwork and photography and literary arts that seems to be the area that a lot of people are less aware that we offer,” she said. “We were trying to pick one particular area that needed a boost. As we go on, we will highlight other sports that have low numbers.”

According to ncsenior-games.org, “SilverArts is ‘a celebration of the creative expression of seniors in North Carolina,’ is a major component of the traditional athletic competition of North Carolina Senior Games. In a philosophy that strives to keep seniors healthy, active and involved, SilverArts unites the athlete and artist in a program that recognizes the similarities of both endeavors: discipline, dedication and pride in one’s accomplishments.

“SilverArts provides a stage for the creative talents of the visual, heritage, literary, and performing artists. Encouragement and recognition of creative potential and accomplishment is the goal of the SilverArts program.”

The SilverArts portion of the games includes literary arts, such as essays, life experiences, poems and short stories; heritage arts, such as basket weaving, stained glass, crocheting, pottery, jewelry, knitting, needlework, quilting, weaving, tole/decorative woodworking, woodworking, woodturning and ceramics; visual arts, such as acrylic, drawing, mixed media, oil, pastels, photography, sculpture and watercolor; and performing arts, such as comedy and drama, line dance, vocal, instrumental and dance.

Artwork will be displayed at the Leon Mann Jr. Enrichment Center in Morehead City from April 9 through May 3. In addition, those who are interested in watching the games are welcome to attend at no cost.

Listed is a schedule of events for the games:

- 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 3: Pickleball (singles, 9 a.m.; mixed doubles, 11 a.m.) at the Crystal Coast Civic Center in Morehead City.
- 9 a.m. Thursday, April 4: Pickleball (doubles) at the Crystal Coast Civic Center.
- 9 a.m. Monday, April 8: SilverArts drop-off at the Leon Mann Jr. Enrichment Center.
- 9 a.m. Thursday, April 11: Free Senior Games breakfast at the Leon Mann Jr. Enrichment Center.
- 10 a.m. Thursday, April 11: Opening ceremonies at the Leon Mann Jr. Enrichment Center.
- 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 16: Shuffleboard (men) at Fort Benjamin Park.
- 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 23: Cycling (1 mile, 5K and 10K) in Pine Knoll Shores.
- 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 23: Kayaking/paddleboarding in Pine Knoll Shores.
- Wednesday, April 24: Rain date.
- 10 a.m. Thursday, April 25: Bowling doubles/mixed doubles at MacDaddy’s.
- 9:30 a.m. Friday, April 26: Horseshoes (women) at Fort Benjamin Park.
- 9:30 a.m. Monday, April 15: Tennis at Fort Benjamin Park.
- 9 a.m. Monday, April 15: Table tennis at Fort Benjamin Park.
- 10 a.m. Monday, April 15: Football throw at Fort Benjamin Park.
- 9 a.m. Monday, April 22: Track events (dashes, walks, runs) at West Carteret High School in Morehead City.
- 1 p.m. Monday, April 22: Shot-put, discus, running/standing jumps at West Carteret High School.