Have a ducky time at two traditional events:
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Rodney Kemp will give a talk about Morehead City’s Promise Land Friday, Nov. 30 at the History Museum of Carteret County in Morehead City.

**CALENDARS**

Find out what’s happening this week and beyond on the Crystal Coast and in surrounding areas.

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The Crystal Coast Christmas Flotilla is set for Saturday, Dec. 1. This year, the event has been named to a top 20 list.

**MUSIC**

The Carolina East Singers will perform their Christmas concert Saturday, Dec. 1 and Sunday, Dec. 2.

**FEATURED PHOTO**

A shrimp boat is tied up at the harbor Nov. 23, ready to go out, in this photograph by Jerry Nordskog. To see your photograph in this space, email it and a short caption to megan.soult@thenewstimes.com, share it with us on our This Week Magazine social media feeds or mail hard copies with a postage-paid envelope if you would like the photograph returned to you.

ON THE COVER: A vendor displays miniature decoys and vintage cans during a past Waterfowl Weekend at the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center on Harkers Island. (Dylan Ray photo)

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Decoy Festival honors traditions

BY MEGAN SOULT
NEWS-TIMES
The Core Sound Decoy Carvers Guild is dedicated to the preservation of the waterfowl carving heritage that runs deep throughout the Core Sound area, and the first weekend in December, decoy lovers from all over travel to Harkers Island for the Core Sound Decoy Festival.

It is held in conjunction with Waterfowl Weekend, which takes place Friday-Sunday, Nov. 30 through Dec. 2 at the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center.

The festival is in its 31st year, and is held Saturday and Sunday.

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

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

During the festival, there will be several decoy competitions, including a head whittling contest, which will take place at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2.

A juniper band saw decoy head blank will be provided to each contestant. This year the blank will be a surf scoter head.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Finally, children can participate in the Youth Loon Calling Contest.

For more information about the decoy festival, visit decoyguild.com or “like” the guild on Facebook.

Waterfowl Weekend to usher in December

BY MEGAN SOULT
NEWS-TIMES
The Core Sound Museum and Heritage Center will repeat its own history by celebrating Waterfowl Weekend in a building that’s “back to the frames and concrete,” thanks to Hurricane Florence.

“Waterfowl Weekend 2018 will be yet another testament to our determination to hold our community together and rebuild stronger than ever,” museum organizers said in a release.

The event starts Friday, Nov. 30 with the Friday Night Preview Christmas Celebration will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will feature:

• The fourth annual Janice Smith Champagne Waterfowl Decoy Competition.
• A Core Sound feast of seafood, game and fancy desserts, catered by Beaufort Grocery Co. and friends.

Tickets $75 per person, and reservations are recommended.

Saturday, Dec. 1

Doors open at 9 a.m. There will be:

• Exhibitors
• Local seafood
• Silent auction
• Special guest Vivian Howard of Chef & the Farmer will sign copies of Deep Run Roots from noon to 2 p.m.
• Core Sound Christmas Collectibles, featuring Susan Mason’s original Core Sound ornament.
• Core Sound’s first-ever Food Truck Round-Up will start at 5 p.m.
• The 2018 Christmas lighting of the Cape Lookout Lighthouse will start at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 2

Sunday morning church and breakfast starts at 8 a.m. Doors open at 9 a.m. There will be:

• Exhibitors
• Local seafood
• Silent auction
• Core Sound Christmas Collectibles, featuring Susan Mason’s original Core Sound ornament.
• Sunday afternoon is Core Sound Family Day, with special guests, Santa and Mrs. Claus. Photos will be available starting at 1 p.m.
• “Community Gathering — What A Year This Has Been, Remarks by Kerry Willis”
• The announcement of the Harkers Island Decorating Contest will start at 2 p.m.

The event is held in conjunction with the Core Sound Decoy Festival, which is Saturday and Sunday at Harkers Island Elementary School.

Shuttles will run all day both days to and from the decoy festival at Harkers Island Elementary School to the museum.

When Hurricane Florence rolled through the county in September, the museum was hit hard. As of press time the facility is still closed to the public.

According to officials, it has taken seven weeks for the building to be dried, cleaned and prepared for rebuilding.

The entire building had to be emptied, with 75 percent of the sheetrock removed and 90 percent of the flooring pulled out. Reconstruction is set to start in January.

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Theater currently closed due to damage from Hurricane Florence.

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**Have a Netflix night**

From left, Kimberly Williams-Paisley as Claire, Judah Lewis as Teddy, Oliver Hudson as Doug and Darby Camp as Kate pose for a photo in a montage that opens the film “The Christmas Chronicles,” released by Netflix. (Michael Gibson photo via Netflix)

**Review: ‘The Christmas Chronicles’ destined to become a classic**

**BY MEGAN LEWIS**

Netflix was just a little bit naughty, but “in a nice way” this year. They held off releasing one of their best productions until the year was almost over with “The Christmas Chronicles.” The star power is there with Kurt Russell as Santa and Kimberly Williams-Paisley as the two main characters’ mom, Claire. Also, a few cameos should delight the older audience.

The magic is there with all the power of modern effects to back it up. The writing is there as well, with comedy, action and sentiment. Of course, it loses its way a couple times in the middle, and Judah Lewis, who plays Teddy, doesn’t deliver all his lines perfectly, but magic like this hasn’t been created in a Christmas film since “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” in 2000 and not in a Santa-centric film since “The Santa Clause” in 1994.

Similarly to the Tim Allen hit, this film focuses on saving Christmas. “The Christmas Chronicles” might be a Christmas classic for a new group of youngsters, and it says a lot about the coming generations that it’s a Netflix release.

The magic, as with all the greats, however, doesn’t lie in the star power, the effects, or even the writing — though those certainly play a part. The children are the stars here. Darby Camp is flawless as Kate, Teddy’s little sister, and the chemistry between the two is the backbone on which everything else relies.

Darby and Judah are the best parts of the film, playing a truly relatable sibling pair: brawling with each other one moment and protecting each other from parental wrath the next.

You’d have to go all the way back to the 1989 release “Prancer” to find their equal. “The Christmas Chronicles” is 1 hour and 44 minutes of pure magic and rated TV-PG, so sit down as a family with the cocoa and have yourselves a Norman Rockwell moment with this 1492 Pictures and Wonder Worldwide production, presented, for your convenience, by Netflix.

Three stars out of four.

★★★★☆
Punch it up this holiday season

Take it to the next level:
If you are looking to host an unforgettable holiday cocktail party, punch can make a memorable impression on your guests and bring your get-together to the next level.

Punch reached the height of its popularity during the Victorian Age. Originally made with alcohol, it ultimately became a non-alcoholic drink largely due to the preference of Queen Victoria. Over the following decades, it faded in popularity, briefly regaining favor in the 1920s when champagne punch was a hallmark of parties and celebrations.

Now, as new generations are reinvigorating old favorites and enjoying the art of mixology, punch is trending again.

Start by making punch a visual centerpiece at your holiday party. Consider a charming drink dispenser, an unusual punch bowl or an elegant glass pitcher. Let your personal and unique style shine through with your choice of glassware and table decorations and offer a variety of garnish selections for your guests to further personalize their glasses.

Typically, punches start with a blend of sweet and tangy, and you can get that “swangy” taste with an option like Tree Top’s 100 percent Pure Pressed Sweet & Tart Apple Cider as a base. For inspiration, take a mixologist’s approach to creating a memorable punch. Lemon, cinnamon and cloves not only spice up the flavor but can also double as decorations. Try ginger beer for a nice fizzle, and for an adult-only punch, consider adding vodka or rum.

Your punch table can be a place to gather and reconnect with loved ones while enjoying a trending holiday beverage.

SWANGY CIDER PUNCH
Servings: 10 (8 ounces each)
1 bottle (64 ounces) Tree Top 100 percent Pure Pressed Sweet & Tart Apple Cider
16 ounces ginger beer
2 oranges, juice only
1 lime, juice only
1 lemon, juice only
1 cup vodka or light rum (optional)
1 sliced Granny Smith apple
6 star anise pieces, plus additional for garnish (optional)
6 whole cloves
3 cinnamon sticks
frozen cranberries, for garnish (optional)
colored sugars or ginger crystals, for garnish (optional)

In punch container, combine apple cider, ginger beer, orange juice, lime juice, lemon juice and vodka or rum, if desired, for an alcoholic version.

Decorate container with apple slices, star anise pieces, cloves and cinnamon sticks.

Personalize each serving with additional star anise pieces, frozen cranberries and sugars or ginger crystals, as desired. Serve cold.

Find more recipes perfect for entertaining at treetop.com.

(Content and images provided by Family Features.)
Vivian Howard to discuss her book

Vivian Howard, author, chef and star of the PBS show “A Chef’s Life,” will join the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center for Waterfowl Weekend to sign copies of her best-selling book “Deep Run Roots: Stories and Traditions of Her Neighbors.”

Howard was born in Beaufort to tobacco and hog farming parents, Ms. Howard was steeped in “The Southern food traditions she will discuss in her book,” the newsletter reads. “Her restaurant is named after her grandmother, and her menu is made up of southern dishes known for their hearty, wholesome flavors.”

For more information on Waterfowl Weekend, please visit www.corewaterfowl.org.

All aboard: Annual train show set

The 24th annual John Conolly Christmas Train Show, by the Carteret County Model Railroad Club, will be held from Friday, Nov. 30 through Sunday, Dec. 2, at the train depot on the corner of Pollock and Broad streets in Beaufort.

The show is free and open to the public, and will be hosted from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

As is the tradition, the event will visit the Goofy Duck Grill, which will be serving drinks and passing velvets to permit express trains to pass during the main line.

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

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

Model trains represent all conventional scales, including HO, O, 5, 2, 1/64th and G, designed for garden and backyard exhibition.

Working displays of passenger and freight models will be presented for the casual observer and model railfan, both American and European.

Model trains circle a miniature town last year at the Beachfront train depot, one of many events held up to the 22nd annual John Conolly Train Show. The free event opens its doors on the corner of Pollock and Beach streets to anyone who shows up. (Photo by T. Roy Brown)

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

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

Many model railroads will be on display in downtown Beaufort, including those that will be set up in the museum’s donation area.

There will also be a unique display of train saltwash – a new addition, as well as children’s wooden train sets for young engineers to enjoy.

While visiting the depot, visitors may also enjoy museum exhibits that tell the story of railroad development in eastern North Carolina, including details about the museum’s past and present.

Museum and Heritage Center officials have also organized a “Train to Improvise” workshop for children, where they will have the opportunity to create their own model trains.

For more information on the train show, please visit www.corewaterfowl.org.

Rodney Kemp plans to discuss Promise Land

Rodney Kemp will give a talk about Morehead City’s Promise Land, Nov. 30 at the history center, 106 Duffy’s Corner Road. Kemp is the owner and operator of local automotive repair shop Rodney’s Auto Repair. He is the great-grandson of the woman who purchased the Promise Land property in 1918.

The town was once divided into two districts, the former African American district, which was going to be another show. Kemp said he would like to see the town’s cultural past restored.

Those interested in attending should make reservations by calling 252-728-2259 for more information.

Carteret County Historical Society members can attend for free, while non-members must pay $5. The talk will be followed by a Christmas train show, which will begin at 2 p.m. with a brief train ride and light refreshments.

For more information, please visit www.corewaterfowl.org.

One more thing: Birdhouses, Bird Baths, Music of the Spheres, Tilley Hats & More!

The Core Sound Christmas Shop will be open weekends, Friday through Sunday, from Dec. 1 through Jan. 6, at the train depot on the corner of Pollock and Broad streets.

The shop will feature a collection of birdhouses, bird baths, music of the spheres, tilley hats and more!

For more information on the Core Sound Christmas Shop, please visit www.corewaterfowl.org.
SUDOKU

Here’s How It Works:

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

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Level: Advanced

Editor’s Note:
Sudoku puzzles and answers are published in the next edition of twm.

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.

**Art**

SEVENTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY ARTS AND CRAFTS Fair 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Emerald Isle Parks and Recreation Center at 603 Leisure Lane. The fair will feature handmade and hand-authenticated items by local artisans and crafters. This is a great way to support local businesses and crafters. Find that unique, one-of-a-kind item for the person who has everything, or treat yourself to something special. The event will take place in the gym.

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8 at St. James Community Life Center, 1011 Orange St., Newport. This event is hosted by the Relay for Life Team at St. James United Methodist Church. Crafters and professional vendors will offer a wide variety of merchandise. A “Children's Room” will be available for “little shoppers” to buy gifts for their loved ones. Shrimp burgers, hamburgers and hot dogs will be sold, along with an abundance of baked goods. Proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society. Admission is free but canned food donations to the Matthew 25 Food Pantry are welcomed. For more information, contact Susan Smith at suze0304@ec.rr.com.

**Music and Theater**

MUSIC Volunteers from Carteret County High School will perform during the Beaufort Christmas parade. The carolers will be performing a variety of seasonal songs and carols in the Atlantic Station Shopping Center. For more information, call 252-728-2259.

CAROLINA EAST SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 at First Presbyterian Church in Morehead City. Under the musical direction of Susan Mills Bailey, the singers will perform a variety of seasonal songs and carols in church. The program will feature a wide variety of Christmas favorites. For more information, call 252-728-2259.

BEAUFORT CHRISTMAS PARADE 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1. The parade will line up starting at Gordon Street and Front Street and will end at Turner and Broad Street. The parade will have floats, horses and the East Carteret Marching Mariners. Santa will be on a fire truck at the end of the parade. Those
interested in participating in the parade can contact the Beaufort Development Association at 252-241-4485.

CRystal Coast Christmas Flotilla 5:30-6:45 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1. The Coastal Christmas Flotilla features boats, yachts, oars, kayaks and commercial vessels decorated for the season. The decorated boats can be seen at 5:30 p.m. on the Morehead City waterfront and at 6:15 p.m. on the Beaufort waterfront. There is an entry fee to participate in the flotilla. For more information, call 252-728-7317 or visit ncmaritimemuseum.com.

Davis Shore Christmas Tree Lighting and Memorial Event Saturday, Dec. 1 in Davis Shore. This event will include a short devotional, along with beautiful singing, a time of remembrance and the lighting of the beautiful Davis Shore 12-foot Christmas tree. Along with this Christmas celebration, comes the 2018 House Decorating Contest. The judging will start at 6 p.m. There will be five categories, Reason for the Season, Most Original, Most Traditional, Griswold Award and Santa and Mrs. Claus’ Favorite. The results will be announced at the conclusion of the tree lighting and memorial service. There will be cookies and cider at the Davis Shore Provision Store immediately following the service. In the case of inclement weather, it will take place at Davis Free Will Baptist Church.

Down East Christmas Parade 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9 in Atlantic. The entry cut off is Sunday, Dec. 2. All communities, churches, organizations, clubs and individuals are welcome to participate. If you are interested, contact the Atlantic Civic and Beautification Group at 252-656-4603.

2018 Holiday Fundraiser 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6 in Carteret Health Care’s Meeting Room 1 off the rotunda. Proceeds will benefit patient care. A payroll deduction will be available.

Morehead City Christmas Parade 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 8. Entry forms are available at downtownmoreheadcity.com or by calling 252-808-0440.

Gingerbread Festival Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 8-9 at the Crystal Coast Civic Center, Morehead City. This event benefits the Crystal Coast Hospice House. At the heart of the festival is a gingerbread village created by local artists, individuals, schools and community groups. There are also craft Christmas trees designed and decorated by individuals and corporate sponsors, fun activities for children, concessions and festive holiday music and entertainment. For more information, call 252-808-2244.

Atlantic Beach Christmas Parade 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7. The parade route will begin at the Dunes Club and move west down Fort Macon Road to the Circle. After the parade, families are encouraged to bring their children to the fire department to meet Santa. The parade organizers are looking for participants to show their Christmas spirit by decorating boats, floats, cars and trucks to light up the night. For parade entry information, contact events@atlanticbeach-nc.com.

Beaufort Candlelight Home Tour 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8 in downtown Beaufort. During this event, historic homes, as well as beds and breakfasts and inns, can be toured in candlelight. For more information, call 252-728-5225.

Pine Knoll Shores Christmas Parade 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15. People will decorate bikes or golf carts and dress up in their best Christmas attire.

Downtown Countdown 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31 in downtown Morehead City. There will be a children’s crab pot drop at 6 p.m. then a crab pot drop and fireworks at midnight. Downtown businesses will offer special activities. For more information, call 252-808-0440 or visit downtownmoreheadcity.com.

Local heritage

Core Sound Waterfowl Weekend Friday-Sunday, Nov. 30-Dec. 2 at the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center on Harkers Island. This celebration boosts local waterfowl art, music, seafood, museum exhibits and more. It also includes educational displays, competitions, art and crafts, community boatbuilding and a fellowship service on Sunday morning. For more information, call the museum at 252-728-1500.

Core Sound Decoy Festival Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 1-2 at Harkers Island Elementary School. The festival has many attractions that include antique decoy exhibits, retriever demonstrations, competitions, including duck calling, loon calling, head whittling and a live and silent auction. There’s food offered by Harkers Island Elementary School staff and volunteers and plenty of shopping opportunities from the many vendors who flock to the festival each year. For more information, visit www.decoyguild.com.

Fishing Knots 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 at Hammocks Beach State Park in Swansboro. Down to the park and learn how to tie several useful fishing knots that will help you reel in the big one on your next fishing trip. For more information, call 910-326-4881.

Chasing Tails Dog Walk 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2 at Hammocks Beach State Park in Swansboro. Come out to the park with your furry best friend and join a ranger for a nature walk along the park’s half-mile nature trail. For the program, participants will be collecting items to be donated to the Carteret County Humane Society. Check out their website for a list of items they are in need of at cchshelter.com/shelter-wish-list/. It includes food, cleaning supplies, etc. Dogs must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet in length. For more information, call 910-326-4881.

Flags of Fort Macon and the Confederacy 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 3 at Fort Macon State Park in Atlantic Beach. Meet at the fort visitor center to learn about the wide range of flags used by the Confederacy during the War Between the States.

Musket Firing Demonstration 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5 at Fort Macon State Park in Atlantic Beach. Learn about a Civil War-era musket’s history, loading procedures and firing. Meet in the fort.

Education

Introduction to Wooden Boatbuilding Course 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 8-9 at the Harvey W. Smith Watercraft Center in Beaufort. A two-day hands-on course, students will explore the boatbuilding from start to finish. By the end of the course, students will have the knowledge and skill to choose a design and style of boat to build on their own and the confidence to take on the job. The course fee is $135 or $121.50 for Friends of the Museum. The minimum age is 16 years old. Course size limited. Advance registration required. Call the program registrar at 252-504-7758.

Morehead City

Crystal Coast Brewing Co.: Team Trivia 7:30 p.m. Mondays. A special delivery menu will be available on trivia nights from Loretta’s Pizza. Bend and Brew Yoga is held at 10:30 a.m. every other Saturday. A ticket includes a one-hour yoga session and the first beverage.

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: David Paradise 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29; and Hank Barbee 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30.

Newport

Holly Springs Original Free Will Baptist Church: Pauline Smith 6-7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14 and Saturday, Dec. 22 as a part of the Chilly Chili Night.

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: Mark Hibbs 8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30; Barefoot Wade 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1; and Bogue Sound Vitzwellen 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7.

Backstreet Pub: Mac and Juice 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30.

Ribeyes: Morris Willis 6 p.m. Tuesdays.

Emerald Isle

Salt: Matt Parker and the Deacons 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1; Jim Quick and Coastline 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14; Justin West 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25; The One and Only Ultimate Hank Williams Jr. Tribute Show 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8; and Nighttrain 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 15.

Oriental

Tiki Deck: Pauline Smith 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8 after the Christmas parade.

Morris Willis

Morris Willis poses for a promotional photo. He will perform at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, at Ribeyes in Beaufort. (File photo)
The Crystal Coast Christmas Flotilla is set for Saturday, Dec. 1. This year, the Crystal Coast Christmas Flotilla has been named a “Top 20 Event in the Southeast” by the Southeast Tourism Society for December 2018.

“We are excited that the Crystal Coast Christmas Flotilla has received this prestigious recognition from a major regional tourism organization,” said Susan Sanders, president of the Beaufort Development Association. “It will be great for Beaufort and the entire Crystal Coast.”

The Crystal Coast Christmas Flotilla began Saturday, Dec. 5, 1992, with seven boats cruising down the Beaufort waterfront. William Prentice, former manager of the Harvey W. Smith Watercraft Center, was in one of those seven boats.

“We gathered at the end of Radio Island and circled there for a while,” Mr. Prentice said. “When it came time to start, John Warrington peeled off and the rest of us fell in line taking his lead.

“It was clear and calm that evening and the crowd along the waterfront was a bit sparse, compared to recent flotillas, but still a good gathering as we made our way down Taylors Creek,” he said.

That first year the judges viewed the flotilla from the upstairs porch of the Dock House. The awards ceremony was held in the N.C. Maritime Museum’s Harborside Annex, next door to the Harvey W. Smith Watercraft Center. The awards were gift certificates donated by several Beaufort businesses.

Twenty-six years later, the tradition continues. This year’s flotilla will feature boats, yachts, oars, kayaks and commercial vessels decorated for the season.

The decorated boats can be seen at 5:30 p.m. on the Morehead City waterfront and at 6:15 p.m. on the Beaufort waterfront.

All decorated boats are judged and prizes for excellence and creativity are awarded at the festive Awards Party after the flotilla in the Harvey W. Smith Watercraft Center. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Looking back at previous flotillas
In 1993, the Morehead Beaufort Yacht Club started sponsoring the “Annual Christmas Boat Parade” with prizes donated by Beaufort retailers and restaurants. A tradition began with free dockage for the 15 boats in the parade provided by the Beaufort Town Docks, support that continues each year.

The YP 701, a U.S. Marine Corps yard-patrol boat of the Aerial/Surface Target Department served as the judge’s platform and was open for tours during the day.

The Carteret County News-Times became the media sponsor in 1993 and has helped spread the word about this popular holiday tradition ever since.

In 1995, the Crystal Coast Tourism Development Authority came aboard as co-sponsor and the name of the event changed to the “Crystal Coast Christmas Flotilla.” The East Carteret High School chorus provided Christmas carols on the Beaufort boardwalk and the judges were in the watercraft center, with the awards party at the museum.

It was in 1995 that the art by
Carolina East Singers to hold holiday concert

The Carolina East Singers, under the choral direction of Susan Gillis Bailey, will perform their Christmas concert Saturday, Dec. 1 and Sunday, Dec. 2.

The concerts will begin at 4 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Morehead City.

The 60-plus voice choir will be performing Dan Forrest’s “Te Deum” and many classic Christmas favorites. The choir will be accompanied by an orchestra.

Tickets are $10 in advance and $15 at the door. They are available from any choir member or at these local organizations: First Presbyterian Church or Williams Hardware, both in Morehead City; The Pool & Patio Store in the Atlantic Station Shopping Center in Atlantic Beach; and Pet Provisions or First Citizen’s Bank, both in Beaufort.
NC Maritime Museum to offer free boating seminar

The N.C. Maritime Museum in Beaufort has partnered with the Fort Macon Sail and Power Squadron to present a free fall seminar.

The seminar is from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13. The topic is “Get to Know Your Way Around on the Water.”

Topics will include:
• Aids to navigation.
• Local area navigation.
• Local rules of the road.

Instructors from the Fort Macon Sail and Power Squadron will conduct the seminars in the auditorium of the N.C. Maritime Museum.

The seminar will begin at 6 p.m. Registration is required a week before each seminar, which can be done by visiting abc-cc.org. Click on “Boater Education” then click on the far right “Cost” column to register, or you may contact Joe Murphy, squadron education officer, at searenity38@gmail.com or 252-659-2742 for more information or questions.

How to participate
Boats may register to participate by mail, by calling 252-504-7740, or until noon Dec. 1, by visiting the N.C. Maritime Museum Store. The cost is $25.

Schedule of events
In addition to the flotilla, other areas around the county will have special events. Here is a schedule:
• 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.: Breakfast with Santa at the History Museum of Carteret County in Morehead City. Reservations are required by calling 252-727-1921.
• 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.: Santa on the Beaufort waterfront.
• Noon: Cut-off for early flotilla registration. Drop off at the N.C. Maritime Museum store. Participation with registration presented at the awards party is acceptable.
• 1 p.m.: Beaufort Christmas parade.
• 5-6 p.m.: Christmas music, refreshments and Santa can be found at Jaycee Park in downtown Morehead City.
• 5:30 p.m.: The Christmas tree lighting ceremony will be held on the Beaufort waterfront.
• 5:30 p.m.: The flotilla starts along the Morehead City waterfront.
• 6 p.m.: Morehead City will host the community Christmas tree lighting at Jaycee Park.
• 6:15 p.m.: The flotilla arrives in Beaufort.
• 7 p.m.: Crew part and awards ceremony will be held at the Harvey W. Smith Watercraft Center, across the street from the museum. This event is sponsored by local restaurants.