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This Nativity is a cheery reminder of the reason for the season as it sits in the yard of a Salter Path resident in this photograph by Cheryl Burke. 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: Colorful Christmas lollipops line the sidewalk of a Salter Path residence. (Cheryl Burke photo)

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The float, *Someday Came*, won two awards during this year's Crystal Coast Christmas Flotilla, which was Dec. 3, along the Morehead City and Beaufort waterfronts. (Contributed photo)

Crystal Coast Christmas Flotilla awards announced

This year's Crystal Coast Christmas Flotilla was held on Dec. 3, along the Morehead City and Beaufort waterfronts.

In Beaufort, the floats were judged by Liz Kopf, Marlene Anderson, Eric Bigham, Elwyn Woods and John and Polly Hagle.

Prizes were awarded by the Friends of the N.C. Maritime Museum.

Listed are this year's prize-winning floats.

- First prize: No. 16 *Someday Came* – Ted Smith.
- Second prize: No. 27 *Santa Baby* – Vic Fasolino.
- Third prize: No. 25 *Naughty and Nice* – Jeff Willis.
- Dare Devil Award: No. 8 – Miriam Sutton on a SUP.
- Best Candy Cane: No. 13 *Sand Tiger* – Scott Brown.
- Best Sleigh: No. 1 *R/V Richard Barber* – Duke Marine Lab.
- Best Number Yellers and

Best Dog: No. 21 *Long'n 4 Joy* – Eddie Long.

• Best Wreath: No. 10 Ken Tyminski.

• Best Star of Bethlehem: No. 18 *Salt Solution* – Tom Forrester.

• Best Charlie Brown Christmas Tree: No. 24 *Sea Wife* – Brent Creelman.

• Most Shocking Lights: No. 9 *Shock Therapy* – Jimmy Winbourne.

• Best Lighting: No. 15 *My Turn* – Gerry Smith.

• Best Party Boat: No. 23 *Bare Bottom* – MC King.

• Best Movie Theme: No. 14 *Sea Mist* – Alex Jeffery Fisher.

• Sweetest Sailboat: No. 22 *Sea Woolf* – Bryce Van Dam and Mary Zeller.

• Best Dancing Yoda Santa: No. 6 *Twin Vee* – Barry Evans.

• Best Live Santa: No. 4 – Gerald Weideman.

• Best Big Santa: No. 29 *Tow Boat US*.

In Morehead City, the floats were judged by the Cape Lookout Yacht Club.

Prizes were awarded by Downtown Morehead City Revitalization Association.

Listed are the Morehead City winners:

• Morehead City Best in Class – Power: No. 16 *Someday*

Came – Mr. Smith.

• Morehead City Best in Class – Commercial: No. 29

– *Tow Boat US*.

• Morehead City Best in Class – Small Boat: No. 27

Santa Baby – Mr. Fasolino.

• Morehead City Best in Class – Sail: No. 9 *Shock Therapy*

– Mr. Winbourne.





(AP photo)

Review: 'La La Land' is something to sing about

BY JOCELYN NOVECK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Musical lovers, take a bow. Your favorite art form is having quite the cultural moment.

On Broadway, of course, we've got the "Hamilton" phenomenon, making the stage musical feel more vital and relevant than it has in years. And we have popular live TV revivals like "Grease" and "Hairspray."

Now, in time for Christmas, there's the eye-popping, heart-lifting "La La Land," which both honors and modernizes the screen musical to such joyful effect that you might find yourself pirouetting home from the multiplex.

OK, perhaps we exaggerate. "La La Land," created by the copiously talented writer and director Damien Chazelle and featuring the dream pairing of Emma Stone and Ryan Gosling, is not for everyone.

Perhaps you don't like

music, or singing, or dancing. Or romance, or love, or beautiful people falling in love. Or sunsets, or primary colors, or pastels. Or stories. Or, heck, the movies themselves. If you don't like any of those things, maybe stay home.

Otherwise, be prepared: By the end, something will surely have activated those tear ducts. The one complaint I overheard upon leaving the film was: "I didn't have enough Kleenex."

The first obvious gift of "La La Land" is its sheer originality. Let's start with the music. Unlike in so many other films, nobody else's hits are used here. The affecting score is by Justin Hurwitz, with lyrics by Benji Pasek and Justin Paul (also getting kudos for Broadway's "Dear Evan Hansen").

Our setting is Los Angeles, and so it begins—as it must—on a jammed freeway. But unlike Michael Douglas in "Falling Down," the drivers here simply

brush off their frustrations, exit their cars and break into song and dance.

This virtuoso number, "Another Day of Sun," which was filmed on a freeway interchange with some 100 dancers toiling in sizzling temperatures, establishes Mr. Chazelle's high-flying ambitions. It also tells us we'd darned well better be ready for people to break out into song—because that happens in musicals. And it introduces our main characters.

Sebastian (Mr. Gosling) is a struggling jazz pianist, with stubborn dreams of opening his own club. Mia (Ms. Stone) is an aspiring actress, working as a barista while auditioning for TV parts. They clash on the freeway. She gives him the finger.

They have a second bad meeting at a piano bar. Finally, they meet a third time, at a party. Suddenly, they find themselves on a bench overlooking the Hollywood Hills at dusk.

And then ... they dance.

Is it Astaire and Rogers (or Charisse)? Yes and no. Ms. Stone and Mr. Gosling are charming musical performers, but way less polished and ethereal than their cinematic forbears. This human quality in their first duet makes us root for them.

And we keep on rooting. It's hard to imagine more perfect casting here. Mr. Gosling's Sebastian is suave and sexy but also ornery and unsure of himself; Ms. Stone's Mia is warm and ebullient but also fretful and self-doubting. They need each other to chase their respective dreams.

But what will success mean, and can they possibly achieve it together? It's this pillar of the story that lends it a very modern, melancholy bite.

Mr. Chazelle, 31, shows his love for cinema with references both sly and overt to classics like "Singin' In the Rain" and Jacques Demy's "The Umbrellas

of Cherbourg." And then there's the nod to "Rebel Without a Cause," with a scene at LA's Griffith Observatory.

There, at a place built to watch the stars, the two dancing lovers actually lift up into them.

It's corny, sure, and gorgeous and romantic. As Sebastian says to his sister earlier in the film, "You say 'romantic' like it's a bad word!" In a musical, romantic is NEVER a bad word.

Some people resist musicals because in real life, people never break out into song; they just speak their feelings. To which musical lovers say: "Exactly! And this is why we need musicals."

Long live the musical. Bring enough Kleenex.

"La La Land," a Lionsgate release, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America for "some language." Running time: 128 minutes. Four stars out of four.

Bold boosts for holiday leftovers

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FAMILY BARBECUE TURKEY MINI FLATBREAD

Servings: 4

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 10 minutes

2 cups Holland House Marsala Cooking Wine

½ cup barbecue sauce

1½ cups roasted turkey, large diced

1 tablespoon olive oil

2 tablespoons yellow onion, small diced

1 cup zucchini, large diced

½ teaspoon garlic salt

1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese

1 cup smoked Gouda cheese, shredded

1 cup fontina cheese, shredded

2 flatbreads (approximately 8 inches each)

2 teaspoons cilantro, chopped

Heat oven to 400 F.

In small saucepan, reduce cooking wine to about ½ cup.

Mix with barbecue sauce. Toss diced turkey with about 1 tablespoon of sauce and set the entire mixture aside.

Heat oil and sauté onion and zucchini about 3 minutes over high heat. Season with garlic salt and remove from heat; mix in Parmesan cheese. Set aside.

In small bowl, mix Gouda and fontina cheeses together and set aside.

Spread each flatbread with an even layer of barbecue sauce. Top each with 1 cup cheese and half the zucchini and turkey mixtures.

Bake 10 minutes.

Garnish with chopped cilantro then cut flatbreads in half to serve.

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These recipes from Guy Meikle, corporate chef for Mizkan America Inc., show how easy it is to whip up a new twist on holiday leftovers with Holland House Cooking Wines. Quick tips for boosting the flavor of everyday meals can be found on the label of each bottle.



TURKEY AND CARAMELIZED ONION JAM STUFFED EMPANADAS

Servings: 15

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 15 minutes

2 tablespoons butter

1 cup turkey, diced into ½-inch cubes

2 tablespoons dried figs, diced into ½-inch cubes

1 cup button mushrooms, minced

3 tablespoons caramelized onions

2 tablespoons Holland House Marsala Cooking Wine

salt, to taste

pepper, to taste

Empanada Dough (recipe below)

1 egg, beaten

Cranberry Dipping Sauce (recipe below)

Heat oven to 350 F.

In pan, heat butter; add turkey, figs, mushrooms and caramelized onions.

Deglaze pan with cooking wine; season with salt and pepper, and cool.

Roll out dough 1/8- to ¼-inch thick and cut into 15 3-inch circles.

Brush egg on entire disc of dough, eliminating any air bubbles, and place 1 tablespoon filling in center of each circle.

Fold dough in half and crimp with fork; prick top with toothpick to let steam out.

Place empanada on greased sheet tray and brush with remaining egg; bake 15 minutes until golden brown.

Place on plate and serve with Cranberry Dipping Sauce.

EMPANADA DOUGH

Servings: 15

Cook time: 5 minutes

2¼ cups all-purpose flour

1½ teaspoons salt

4 ounces butter

1 egg

1/3 cup ice water

1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar

Sift flour and salt.

Cut butter into small cubes and blend into flour.

Whisk together egg, ice water and vinegar.

Add egg mixture to flour and mix until just incorporated.

On table, knead dough; wrap and chill 1 hour.

CRANBERRY ORANGE MARSALA DIPPING SAUCE

Servings: 15

Cook time: 5 minutes

1½ cups whole cranberry sauce

2 tablespoons whole unpeeled orange, finely chopped

3 tablespoons Holland House Marsala Cooking wine

Mix all ingredients thoroughly.



HEARTY HAM AND BEAN PROTEIN BOWL

Servings: 4-6

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 30-45 minutes

Total time: 3 hours

1 ham bone

12 cups water, divided

2 bay leaves

¼ teaspoon black peppercorns

¼ cup vegetable oil, plus 3 tablespoons, divided

1 cup yellow onion, small diced, plus 3 table-

spoons finely chopped, divided

2 cloves garlic, finely chopped

¼ cup Holland House Red Cooking Wine

3 cans (15 ounces each) pinto beans, undrained

½ cup sour cream

8 ounces wild rice

1½ teaspoons salt

1/8 teaspoon pepper

2 tablespoons Holland House Sherry Cooking

Wine

3 cups fresh okra, sliced into ½-inch pieces at an angle

1½ cups grilled corn kernels

1½ cups kosher dill pickle, sliced

¼ cup parsley

4 teaspoons tarragon

To prepare broth: In 4-quart stock pot, combine ham bone, 8 cups water, bay leaves and peppercorns. Bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, about 2 hours. Strain broth and set aside.

In same stock pot, heat ¼ cup oil and sauté 1 cup onion and garlic 2 minutes. Pour in red cooking wine and reduce by half. Add in canned pinto beans; no need to drain. Bring to boil and reduce heat to medium low. Simmer soup about 30-45 minutes, or until liquid is reduced to stew-like consistency.

Place sour cream in mixing bowl and ladle in some cooking liquid to temper it. Add back to soup while stirring. Let simmer a few minutes.

To prepare rice: In small saucepan, heat 2 tablespoons oil. Add remaining onion and sauté 1-2 minutes. Add rice and stir until coated with oil. Pour in remaining water and cook covered about 45 minutes, or until rice is tender. Remove from heat and rest, covered, 10 minutes. Season with salt, pepper and sherry cooking wine.

In 10-inch skillet, heat remaining oil. Sauté okra about 3 minutes, or until slightly charred.

For each bowl: Place rice and stew in center and garnish with ¼ cup grilled corn, ¼ cup diced pickles, ½ cup okra, 1 tablespoon chopped parsley and sprinkle of tarragon.



Support the community: Become a member

BY MEGAN SOULT

NEWS-TIMES

This holiday season, give the gift that keeps on giving with memberships to one of several county nonprofit organizations that are dedicated to preserving and protecting the things that help make this county a great place to live.

The **Beaufort Historical Association** is a private, nonprofit group that owns and operates the Beaufort Historic Site.

The site is in the town's historic district and encompasses six authentically restored buildings, which include the Old Burying Grounds and the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery.

The association strives to research, preserve and interpret the architecture, history and culture of Beaufort and the county, and to educate current and future generations of the coastal heritage.

Memberships to the association start at \$25 at the student and senior level and go up to the Somerset Circle level, at \$5,000.

These memberships include annual passes to some Beaufort Historical Association events, a 10 percent discount to the gift shop, subscriptions to the Historic Times newsletter and more.

To become a member or to learn more information about the Beaufort Historical Association, visit www.beauforthistoricsite.org.

A short distance from the historical association is a museum dedicated to the state's maritime history.

The **N.C. Maritime Museum**, at 315 Front St., focuses on coastal life and interprets lighthouses and lifesaving stations, the seafood industry, boats and more.

The museum hosts educational classes for all ages and features a large exhibit with artifacts from

the infamous pirate, Blackbeard.

The N.C. Maritime Museum accepts memberships through the program Friends of the N.C. Maritime Museum.

Member support through the Friends program enhances community outreach and the quality of museum exhibits and programs.

Memberships start at the student level for \$10 and continue to the lifetime level for \$2,500.

All memberships include a 10 percent discount on most museum programs and museum store purchases, quarterly newsletters and calendars, monthly email newsletters, volunteer opportunities, early notice of special events and a bumper sticker with the N.C. Maritime Museum logo.

For more information on the N.C. Maritime Museum, visit ncmaritimemuseumbeaufort.com or call 252-728-7317.

The **Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center** on Harkers Island is the go-to place for all of the information on Down East heritage and tradition.

The museum's founding mission is to establish a facility that enhances the community, state and region by creating a resource that brings together historical, cultural, artistic, environmental and educational elements needed to preserve Down East's rich waterfowl heritage.

Those who are interested in incorporating some Down East tradition into their life can become a museum member.

Members of the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center receive a membership card and window decal, complementary museum admission, which is usually \$5, and a 10 percent discount on museum store purchases.

Bronze, silver, gold and lifetime members also receive an annual

'... organizations are dedicated to preserving and protecting the things that help make this county a great place to live.'

membership print.

Memberships are available at the student and teacher level at \$15, individual level at \$30, family level at \$50, bronze level at \$125, silver level at \$500 and gold level at \$1,000.

To become a member at the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center or for more information, visit www.coresound.com.

The **N.C. Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shoals** is the perfect place for those who can't get enough of the sea and what can be found under the waves.

The aquarium's mission is to inspire appreciation and conservation of North Carolina's aquatic environments.

Those who join the aquarium help support new exhibits and participate in educational experiences and conservation programs.

Members receive free admission, as well as gift shop discounts, program, camp and field trip discounts and more.

Memberships come at the individual, couple, family and curator levels.

Individual memberships are \$50, couple memberships are \$65 for two named people, family memberships are \$75 for two adults and their children or grandchildren and curator memberships are \$125.

Those who are interested may also purchase a two-year membership at any level for a special price. There are also business membership prices.

To become a member at the N.C. Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shoals, visit [society.com.](http://www.ncaquarium-</p>
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The **History Museum of Carteret County** provides information about the county's history.

The museum's mission is to foster public knowledge of the county, as well as the history and culture of the people who have lived here over the years through collection, preservation, interpretation and documentation of written and tangible artifacts.

The museum has several exhibits on display from the county's involvement during the World Wars, to some of the town's historic locations like Purvis Chapel, the county's longest running African-American church, which is in Beaufort.

The museum is open to the public with an admission price of \$3 for adults and \$1 for children. Carteret County Historical Society members are admitted for free.

Carteret County Historical Society membership comes at three levels: individual at \$25, couple at \$30 and family at \$35.

To become a member, visit www.carterethistory.org.

The **Friends of Fort Macon** is an all-volunteer organization with more than 1,000 members. The organization supports the fort in many ways such as providing guides for the Fort and Nature Tour programs, assisting in celebrations and special events held in the park, restoration and preservation of Fort Macon and the interpretation of its history and much more.

Memberships to the Friends of Fort Macon program start at \$15 at the individual and family level. The contributor level is \$30; the donor level is \$50; the sponsor

level is \$75; and a lifetime membership is \$200.

For more information or to join a membership, visit www.friendsoffortmacon.org.

The **Newport Historical Museum** is a nonprofit organization devoted to preserving the history of Newport Consolidated School and the town.

Those who are interested in preserving Newport's history and heritage can join museum members with an annual fee of \$20. A lifetime membership is \$275.

For more information about the Newport Historical Museum, <https://sites.google.com/site/newportheritagemuseum/home>.

Book lovers can support the county's many public libraries by joining a Friends program.

The **Friends of the Library** programs supports its libraries with contributions for items and services such as audio books, the summer reading programs, adult education programs, additional equipment and furnishings, supplies and supplemental materials.

Memberships for the Friends of the Bogue Banks Public Library are \$15 for families and \$10 for individuals.

Memberships for the Friends of the Carteret Public Library are \$1 for those under the age of 12; \$10 for adults, \$25 for patrons; \$100 for sponsors; \$250 for contributors and \$500 for lifetime members.

Memberships for the Friends of the Western Carteret Public Library start at \$25 for individual memberships. Family memberships are \$40, sustaining memberships are \$100 and lifetime memberships are \$500.

For more information on one of the Friends programs, visit Carteret.cplib.org/friends.

For more opportunities to support nonprofit groups in the county, check out the nonprofit list.

Nonprofit list

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- American Music Festival, 252-728-6152.
- American Red Cross, Greenville, 252-637-3405.
- Atlantic House, Morehead City, 252-648-8505.
- Beaufort Historical Association, 252-728-5225.
- Bogue Banks Public Library, Pine Knoll Shores, 252-247-4660.
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Coastal Carolina Inc., Morehead City, 252-222-3007.
- Boy Scouts of America, Croatan Trails District, 252-659-2530.
- Broad Street Clinic, Morehead City, 252-726-4562.
- Camp Albemarle camping and retreat ministry opportunities, Newport, 252-726-4848.
- Carteret Community Foundation, 252-240-0011.
- Carteret County Council for Women, www.ccc-women.org.
- Cape Lookout National Seashore, Harkers Island, 252-728-2250.
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- Carteret Community College, Morehead City, 252-222-6000.
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- Downtown Morehead City Revitalization Association, 252-808-0440.
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- N.C. Seafood Festival, Morehead City, 252-726-6273.
- Newport Public Library 252-223-5108.
- Outer Banks Wildlife Shelter, Newport, 252-240-1200.
- Pet Adoption and Welfare Society of Carteret County, 252-726-7925.
- Project Christmas Cheer, 252-247-7275.
- Protectors of Homeless Pets of Carteret County, Emerald Isle, 252-723-0319.
- The Salvation Army, Morehead City, 252-726-7147.
- Station Club, Morehead City, 252-240-1022.
- Second Blessings Community Outreach and Thrift Store, 252-726-7921.
- Take A Kid Fishing Foundation, Inc., Morehead City, 252-808-8303, www.takf.org.
- Webb Library, Morehead City, 252-726-3012.
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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.

Kids and Family

CHRISTMAS BREAK HOLIDAY CAMP 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 22-23, at Morehead City Parks and Recreation Department. The camp is for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. The cost is \$60 for Morehead City residents and \$90 for nonresidents. Campers need to provide their own lunches. For more information, go to <http://moreheadcitync.org/home-parks-recreation/> or call 252-726-5083.

HOLIDAY CAMPS 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 28-30, at the N.C. Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. Campers enjoy outdoor activities, animal interactions, discovery labs and behind-the-scenes action. The Dec. 28 session is for grades 1-2; Dec. 29 is for grades 3-4; and Dec. 30 is for grades 5-6. Advanced registration is required. The camps are \$40 per camper. For details, call 252-247-4003 or visit www.ncaquariums.com.

TILLER SCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT begins Monday, Jan. 2, and runs until Friday, Feb. 3. The student lottery will be held at noon Monday, Feb. 6. Student applications can be downloaded at www.tillerschool.org or picked up from the school office. School information sessions and tours can be scheduled by calling 252-728-1995.

ETIQUETTE COMPANY SOCIAL GRACES AND DINING CLASS 4-5:15 p.m. Tuesdays starting in January. Registration is now open. The first session is Jan. 10. The classes are for third through fifth grade students. For more information, email manners@ec.r.com or call 252-229-0550.

Art

JANUARY OIL PAINTING CLASS 9 a.m. to noon Mondays Jan. 2-30, at Irene Bailey's studio, 905 Ocean Drive in Emerald Isle. This class offers individual instruction and is open to all levels. The class costs \$100. For more information,

call 252-723-3258.

JANUARY OPEN STUDIO WITH MODEL 1:30-4:30 p.m. Mondays Jan. 2-30, at Irene Bailey's studio, 905 Ocean Drive in Emerald Isle. This class is \$50 or \$15 per class. For more information, call 252-723-3258.

Music and Theater

HANDEL'S 'MESSIAH' SING-A-LONG 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 26, at St. Francis by the Sea Episcopal Church in Salter Path. Doors will open at 4 p.m. Advance registration is \$16 (spectators and singers) and \$20 at the door. Visit www.stfrancisbythesea.org for registration details.

CRYSTAL COAST CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSALS resume from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, in the fellowship hall of Swansboro United Methodist Church. New members are welcome to attend until Tuesday, Jan. 24. All parts are needed and no auditions are required. For more information, call music director Finley Woolston at 910-358-2997.

Food and Drink

EMPTY BOWLS FUNDRAISER TICKETS are now on sale at Hope Mission. Tickets, \$20, can be purchased by calling 252-240-2359. The 14th annual Empty Bowls soup luncheon, pottery selection and silent auction is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, at the Crystal Coast Civic Center in Morehead City. Tickets can also be purchased in January at Handscapes Gallery in Beaufort by calling 252-728-6805; Webb Memorial Library in Morehead City by calling 252-726-3012; and Cape Carteret Aquatic & Wellness Center by calling 252-393-1000. For more information, call Glenda at 252-240-2359.

Events

HOLIDAY HALF-OFF CLOTHING SALE 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 22-23, at Caroline's Collectables, 3716 Arendell St., Morehead City. This holiday sale excludes shoes, accessories and Christmas apparel. Proceeds benefit the Carteret County Domestic Violence Program Safe House. Shoppers can also help by donating women's shoes, clothing and accessories. For more information, visit www.carteretdomesticviolence.com.

BLOOD DRIVE 1-6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, at the Boys & Girls Club, 3321 Bridges St. in Morehead City.

HADNOT CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH OPEN HOUSE 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 22-23, on Old Church Road off Highway 58 in Peletier. Those attending can enjoy the beauty and history of the 201-year-old church and are welcome to give a donation to help pay off the mortgage on a piece of property recently acquired to connect the church to its graveyard.

BLOOD DRIVE 1-6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, at Greater Joy Worship Center, 102 F. Professional Drive in Beaufort.

BLOOD DRIVE 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30, at Carteret Health Care 3500 Arendell St. in Morehead City.

SMOKE ON THE WATER ANNUAL BONFIRE 6-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30, at the Atlantic Beach circle. This event is a part of the Crystal Coast Countdown.

CRYSTAL COAST COUNTDOWN Friday, Dec. 30, through Saturday, Jan. 1. The event will span multiple venues throughout the county and will feature indoor and outdoor activities with a lineup of musicians, storytellers, dance groups, tours, artists, art competitions and more. New Year's Eve features a countdown to midnight with a "Crab Pot Drop," live music and fireworks. For more information, visit www.crystalcoast-countdown.com.

BEAUFORT'S BUCCANEERS NEW YEAR'S 4:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, at John Newton Park. There will be free s'mores and more at the park.

FIFTH ANNUAL PIRATE DROP 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, at John Newton Park in Beaufort. Capt. Shack takes the plunge to start off the New Year.

Local heritage

WINTER BIRDING 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 23, at Hammocks Beach State Park. Join a ranger to look for birds that might be hanging out at the park during the holidays. Participants will see if they can add to the park's list. They will also get to make a bird feeder to take home. The park has a limited amount of binoculars and bird books to use; bring your own if you have them. Meet at the former FFA Camp area. The program is weather dependent. For more information, call the park at 910-326-4881.

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MUSKET-FIRING DEMONSTRATION 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, at Fort Macon State Park. Learn about a Civil War-era musket's history, loading procedures and firing. Meet in the fort. For more information, call 252-726-3775. This event repeats every Wednesday in December.

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

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

FORT TOURS 11 a.m. Monday-Friday in December (except Dec. 25), at Fort Macon State Park. For more information, call 252-726-3775.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CANNON BLAST 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, at Fort Macon State Park. Celebrate the end of the year and the beginning of 2017 with a blast. Fort Macon will fire off its big guns in celebration of the New Year. There will be live entertainment starting at 6 p.m. with the cannon firing at 7 p.m. to correspond with midnight UTC time. For more information, call 252-726-3775.

FIRST DAY HIKE 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 1, at Fort Macon State Park. Fort Macon will be offering two ranger-led hikes this year, both starting from the Visitor Center. One will be a short nature hike on the Yarrow's Loop trail and inlet beach covering about ¾ of a mile. The second hike will be along the 3.2-mile Elliot Causes Trail. For more information, call 252-726-3775.

FLAGS OF FORT MACON AND THE CONFEDERACY 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 2, at Fort Macon State Park. Meet at the Fort Visitor Center to learn about the wide range of flags used by the Confederacy during the War Between the States. For more information, call 252-726-3775.

FORT TOURS 11 a.m. Monday-Friday in January at Fort Macon State Park.

BEHIND THE SCENES: SHARK SNACK 2:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays at the N.C. Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. Visit food preparation areas, animal holding areas and labs and get an overhead view of the Living Shipwreck and watch the aquarist feed the sharks. This program is for ages 5 and up and costs \$20. For details, call 252-247-4003 or visit www.ncaquariums.com.

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

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. This program is for ages 8 and up and costs \$20. For details, call 252-247-4003 or visit www.ncaquariums.com.

FIRST THURSDAYS 10:30-11:30 a.m. the first Thursday of each month at the Newport Historical Museum. Event will feature stories and oral history from Newport residents.

BEHIND THE SCENES: THE AQUARIUM AT A GLANCE noon to 12:45 p.m. Monday-Saturday at the N.C. Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. Visit food preparation areas, animal holding areas and labs, and get an overhead view of the Living Shipwreck. This program, for ages 5 and older, costs \$12. For more information, call 252-247-4003.

BEHIND THE SCENES: OTTER ANTICS 1-2 p.m. Mondays at the N.C. Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. Meet the otter keeper and help prepare special enrichment items that Eno, Neuse and Pungo will enjoy playing with during their feeding. This program, for ages 12 and older, costs \$20. For more information, call 252-247-4003.

FISHING FANATICS 8-11 a.m. Tuesdays at the N.C. Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. Learn to catch the big ones from the surf with hands-on instruc-

tion. The program, for those older than 10, costs \$25. For more information, call 252-247-4003.

SOUND SEAFOOD: CATCHING CRABS AND CLAMS 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays at the N.C. Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. Learn the art of harvesting crabs and clams and the importance of conserving coastal habitats. The program, for ages 8 and older, costs \$20. For more information, call 252-247-4003.

Education

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY FLOTILLA 20-02. To learn what capacities need to be filled and 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.

USCG ABOUT BOATING SAFELY CLASS for those 28 or older at Coastal Carolina Community College or U.S. Coast Guard Station Emerald Isle. This one-day, eight-hour class helps boaters stay safe and legal and feel more comfortable on the water. Classes are taught by certified U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary instructors. Those who pass earn a boater safety certificate. For more information, email smathusek@ec.rr.com, call 610-331-6764 or visit <http://swansboroaux.com>.

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Fitness

RESOLUTION RUN 9 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 1, along the Beaufort waterfront. This is a 5K and one-mile race that starts and finishes at the corner of Turner and Front streets. The registration fee is \$25 per person. For more information or to register, visit www.cystalcoastcountdown.com.

GENTLE DE-STRESS YOGA CLASSES 5:15-6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, at Carteret Community College's Historic Camp Glenn Building. The six-week class is \$40. Participants should bring a yoga mat and blanket. For more information, visit www.yogawellnessnc.com or contact the instructor, Theresa Jade Morton at 252-646-3923. The class repeats Tuesday, Feb. 21, and Tuesday, April 4.

NIGHTLIFE CALENDAR

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

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

JACK'S WATERFRONT BAR: Celebrate the New Year's Upstairs at Jack's 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Dec. 31. Tickets are \$25 per person, and they can be purchased at eventbrite.com.

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

Beaufort
CRU WINE BAR: Wine Tasting with Michael Lane of Epiphany 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23; and

Dick Knight 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23.

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

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

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

AREA SPORTS CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 22

High School Wrestling
West Carteret, Croatan in Tiger Holiday Classic at Chapel Hill 9 a.m.
High School Basketball
East Coast Champions Classic at East Carteret
Varsity Boys: Jones Senior vs. Havelock 6 p.m.
Varsity Boys: Winston-Salem Prep vs. East Carteret 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 23

High School Wrestling
West Carteret, Croatan in Tiger Holiday Classic at Chapel Hill 9 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 28

High School Basketball
Holiday in the Pines Tourney in Southern Pines
Varsity Boys: East Carteret vs. Richmond 3:45 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 29

High School Basketball
Holiday in the Pines Tourney in Southern Pines
Varsity Boys: East Carteret vs. TBA TBA

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Christmas performance

Pauline Smith, of Morehead City, will sing holiday songs on Christmas Eve. The performance will be from 1-2 p.m. Saturday beside Kmart's jewelry counter in Morehead City. Ms. Smith performs this show every Christmas. (Contributed photo)

Author highlights county in new book

Local author Noah Pelletier recently published his first novel, *The High Water Mark*, which is set in Carteret County.

Readers will recognize many of the book's locations including areas around Emerald Isle, Atlantic Beach and Morehead City.

"You can walk into somewhere like The Tackle Box Tavern and hear an amazing story from the person on the next stool, better than any-

thing I could make up," Mr. Pelletier said. "So I 'borrow' it, put it in the novel. It provides an element of local color to the story."

The High Water Mark is narrated by 22-year-old Tallon Jackson, who early in the book explains how he was fired from his job in Raleigh for flunking a drug test and returns to his hometown of Emerald Isle where he must face the unthinkable: move back in with his parents.

"Life is so unpredictable when you're that age," Mr. Pelletier said. "You're out of college, but too young to settle down. You're discovering your identity. You know you're not going to work in the same cubicle your whole life. You want to do something you enjoy. But you have no idea what that could be. That's where Tallon is at. He's about to learn a lesson in humility."

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Holiday accolades awarded in downtown Morehead City

Awards for the Chowder and Cheer competition, flotilla and the awards for the most creative floats in the Morehead City Christmas Parade were announced Dec. 11 during the Morehead City Christmas parade by Lockwood Phillips, master of ceremony.

The Chowder and Cheer Crawl that took place on Dec. 3 in downtown Morehead City showcased different chefs offering samples of many types of chowders, as well as gumbos, soups and chili's.

Downtown was buzzing with the 400 people who purchased tickets for the opportunity to sample the hearty fare and vote on what they considered to be the "2016 Best Chowder" and also "2016 Best Cheer."

The top chowder award went to Parrott's on Eleventh for the second straight year. Chef Michael Perry prepared blue crab and corn chowder with crostini's.

The Best Cheer award was a three-way tie between Arendell Room, Dee Gee's Gifts & Books and the newly opened Yellowfin Pub, which is beside Sugarloaf

Island Deli.

Yellowfin Pub's bar manager Gale Moore said that she and bartender Abby Pentz came up with "Santa's Cup O' Cheer," a hot drink with several secret ingredients topped with whipped cream and a peppermint stick.

The Crystal Coast Christmas Flotilla had more than 20 entries this year.

Dozens lined the Morehead City and Beaufort waterfronts to see the colorful parade of boats. Prizes awarded by Downtown Morehead City Revitalization Association were: Best in Class Power: *Someday Came*; Best in Class Commercial: Tow Boat US; Best in Class Small Boat: *Santa Baby* and Best in Class Sail: *Shock Therapy*.

Prizes awarded by Friends of the N.C. Maritime Museum were first prize: *Someday Came*, second prize: *Santa Baby* and third prize: *Naughty and Nice*.

The museum also awarded several other "best in" categories to participants of the flotilla.

Three awards were given

to floats in the Morehead City Christmas Parade.

The Parade Committee Award was awarded to First United Methodist Church; the Grand Marshal Award was received by PAWS (Pet Adoption & Welfare Society of Carteret); and the Mayor's Award went to New Life Assembly of God/ New Life Christian Academy.

The Morehead City Christmas Parade is hosted by Morehead City and the Downtown Morehead City Revitalization Association and dozens of volunteers.

The DMCRA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to restoring Morehead City to a vibrant economic, cultural, historic, social and recreational center.

In conjunction with the city, the DMCRA stages the Morehead City Fourth of July fireworks program, as well as the Crystal Coast Boat Show and the Alive at Five free concert series.

For more information about activities, call 252-808-0440 or go to www.downtownmoreheadcity.com.



Yellowfin Pub's "Santa's Cup O' Cheer" was an award winner during the Chowder and Cheer competition, which was held Dec. 3 in downtown Morehead City. The awards were announced Dec. 11 during the Morehead City Christmas Parade. (Contributed photo)

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Throughout the novel, Tallon takes various jobs: as a butcher's assistant, a short-order cook in a golf club, a Piggly Wiggly bagboy, a busboy at a seafood restaurant, and uses these experiences as a jumping off point to explore topics such as dating, intuition, dealing with bosses and Southern hospitality in the modern age.

Mr. Pelletier grew up on the Crystal Coast, and those memories and experiences helped him write his novel.

"Of course we love where we're from, but life on the beach isn't always a vacation," he said. "I wanted to tell true beach stories. That's how Tallon Jackson came about."

The book can be purchased on Amazon in digital and paperback format by visiting www.amazon.com/High-Water-Mark-Southern-Jackson-ebook/dp/B01M5KZ3KQ.

For more information on Mr. Pelletier, visit www.noahpelletier.com.

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Waterfowl competition winners announced

For the second year in a row, decoy carvers participated in the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum's Janice M. Smith Memorial Champagne Floating Waterfowl competition, which was held Dec. 2 as part of the museum's Waterfowl Weekend on Harkers Island.

The competition winners were first best of show: Brant, Gary Doviak of Perth, N.Y.; second best of show: John Day of Cecilton, Md.; and third best of show: Walter "Brother" Gaskill of Straits.

The first-place winner received \$300 plus a ribbon. The second-place winner won \$200 plus a ribbon and third-place honors were \$100 and a ribbon.

The second- and third-place decoys were auctioned off after the competition winners were announced.

Each competitor had to create entries that fit within a 3½-inch circle and needed to float properly. The entries could be flat bottom or with a keel, but

they had to be smooth.

Judges for the competition were Ivie Elliott, John Elliott and Jack Cox. The clerk was Maggie Willis. The event's emcee was Monty Willis. Walter House of House Auction Co. was the auctioneer and the event photographer was Dan Williams.

The late Mrs. Smith and her husband Billy Smith were waterfowl enthusiasts, spending time at the Easton Waterfowl Festival, the Ward World Carving Competition and in Southern Louisiana, where they visited in conjunction with their seafood business, collecting from some of the finest decoy carvers in the world during the time period.

The Smiths were very supportive of the Core Sound Decoy Festival and worked to bring some ideas of what they had observed at other waterfowl festivals back home to try.

One of these ideas was a contest featuring a decoy small enough to fit inside of a champagne glass, a competition held at the Easton Waterfowl Festival

in Easton, Md.

The contest was held for one year at the Core Sound Decoy Festival in the mid-1990s.

It was their love of Core Sound decoy carving, and the heritage that bred these carvers, which persuaded Mrs. Smith and Mr. Smith, the first Core Sound Waterfowl Museum board chairman, to support the establishment of the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center.

Mrs. Smith never gave up on the idea of champagne waterfowl decoy competition and spoke of it periodically.

After her death in early 2015, Kathryn S. Chadwick, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smith pursued sponsoring a contest in Mrs. Smith's memory.

The first Janice M. Smith Champagne Waterfowl Competition was held in conjunction with Waterfowl Weekend 2015.

The winner of the 2015 contest was Mr. Gaskill.



Ivie Elliot judges decoys during the Janice M. Smith Champagne Waterfowl Competition. The competition was held Dec. 2 at the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center on Harkers Island during Waterfowl Weekend. (Contributed photo)

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