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Two welcome signs have been posted Down East that welcome visitors to the Down East communities. One sign is ahead of the North River bridge, while the other sign is placed on Cedar Island. (Dylan Ray photo)

New signs to welcome visitors to Down East communities

BY MEGAN SOULT
NEWS-TIMES

Members of the Down East Council have been busy completing a project that welcomes people to the Down East communities.

A welcome sign has been posted ahead of the North River bridge, while a second has been placed on Cedar Island.

The idea for the welcome signs came from a recommendation from the Saltwater Connection Resource Team, which is a collaborative of community members and organizations united by a shared common interest in building stronger communities along the Outer Banks National Scenic Byway.

The scenic byway stretches over 138 driving miles and 25 miles of ferry travel along the Outer Banks.

The idea provided a way to increase visitor awareness of the 13 communities that encompass Down East.

The sign displays a skiff with the number, NC 1708, which represents the year that the oldest Down East community, Straits, was established.

According to the council's research and a conversation with historian Giles Willis, the Straits community is more than 300 years old and is listed by the Carteret County Historical Research Association as being the fourth oldest settlement in the county.

Down East Council is a representative group of all the communities in the area with the goal of serving as a unifying voice to promote the communities' livelihood in a growing economy, celebrate and honor the heritage of the people, as well as protect the fragile coastal environment.

The framework of the council is to have two representatives from each community.

Meetings are held monthly and are open to the public.

The next meeting is at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, at the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center on Harkers Island. There will be a chili dinner.

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Review: Star power can't correct awry path of 'Passengers'

BY JAKE COYLE
ASSOCIATED Press

We seem to be shooting our best movie stars into outer space with alarming frequency. George Clooney, Sandra Bullock, Matthew McConaughey, Matt Damon and now Jennifer Lawrence and Chris Pratt have all been rocketed out of the stratosphere.

Perhaps they're trying to make the best impression possible with alien life forms. Maybe they're seeking to colonize new worlds of moviegoers. In any case, the stars have never looked so starry.

And the movies — "Gravity," "Interstellar," "The Martian" — have been among the best blockbusters in recent years. Space isn't just the last frontier; it's the new Western.

But in Morten Tyldum's "Passengers," Mr. Pratt and Ms. Lawrence have been handed a faulty flight log. Mr. Pratt plays Jim Preston, one of a few thousand people in suspended ani-

mation on the *Aurora*, a spiraling starship hurtling through space on autopilot, headed toward a distant colonized planet, Homestead II. But after a particularly big asteroid dings the ship, Mr. Preston's pod opens 30 years into a 120-year trip. He's a bear woken from hibernation too soon. Despite his efforts to restart the process, hitting the snooze is out of the question.

For anyone who has found themselves unreasonably wide awake in the middle of the night, Jim's nightmare will have a ring of familiarity. But his math is grimmer. With 90 lonely years to go, he's essentially been roused to his death. The otherwise desolate ship is his coffin.

Jim goes through various stages reconciling himself to his fate. He pleads with the ship's corporate-speak computers. He busies himself playing basketball and chatting with a robot bartender, Arthur (a chipper Michael Sheen), who has

curiously been programmed to polish glasses and lend a sensitive ear to any customers for the decades-long journey. His art-deco bar is modeled after the one Nicholson frequented in "The Shining," an altogether more potent examination of the horrors of isolation.

After a year, Jim's gaze turns toward the sleeping passengers. One catches his eye. Who should be there, locked under glass, but Ms. Lawrence. Later, the film's other late-arriving character (Laurence Fishburne) will give voice to the movie's sexist, sleeping beauty fantasy. Of Jim's good fortune at having such a mate while lost in space, he simply remarks, "Damn."

A suicidal Jim, after wrestling over the decision for months, finally decides to wake up the woman he's already fallen for, a journalist named Aurora Lane — which sounds like the moniker of either a street or a porn star. (The only comforting thing about this is that apparently journalism is still being prac-

ticed in a future where humans can travel at half the speed of light.)

The decision — tantamount to murder — is a cosmic mix of creepy, amoral and understandable. And it's a credit to Mr. Pratt's expansive good-naturedness that "Passengers" doesn't completely torpedo at this moment. Ms. Lawrence, too, is such a great screen presence that we can almost simply enjoy the pair speeding through space. But the thinness of her character only furthers suspicions of the film's questionable gender politics.

A creepy courtship follows, though neither Mr. Tyldum nor Mr. Pratt is much interested in pursuing the darkness at the center of its premise. Mr. Tyldum, the director of "The Imitation Game," has a handle on the science-fiction gloss of the tale, thanks partly to the sleek if familiar production design of Guy Hendrix Dyas.

But Mr. Tyldum fails to reconcile the central twist of Jon

Spaihts' screenplay with the lighter tone he's seeking — of a big-budget romance in zero gravity. The vastness of space, here, has been reduced to sitcom size, with none of the ruminative investigations that characterize the genre's finest films, like "2001: A Space Odyssey," "Solaris" or "Interstellar."

There's room in the galaxy for less thoughtful forays into deep space, especially ones that pair such engaging actors. But what has ultimately self-destructed in "Passengers" is its central metaphor. It's about how the act of falling in love dooms companions to a single fate, sentencing them, for better or worse, to a lifetime together. It's a clever enough conceit, doomed by a bungled meet cute.

"Passengers," a Columbia Pictures release, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America for "sexuality, nudity and action/peril." Running time: 105 minutes. Two stars out of four.

Add Some Pop to Your Party

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Poppy Chow

Yield: 2 quarts

- 2 quarts popped popcorn
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1 cup milk or semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar

Place popcorn in large bowl; set aside.

In microwave safe bowl, combine butter, peanut butter and chocolate chips. Microwave 2 minutes; stir until smooth.

Pour chocolate mixture over popcorn and stir until well coated. Sprinkle confectioners' sugar over popcorn and stir until coated.

Cool to room temperature before serving. Store in airtight container, refrigerated, up to 24 hours.



Caramel-Nut Popcorn Crunch

Yield: 20 pieces

- 10 cups freshly popped popcorn
- 2 cups whole almonds
- 1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1/4 cup light corn syrup
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda

Heat oven to 225 F. Spray 15-by-10-inch baking sheet with nonstick spray.

In large bowl, mix popcorn and almonds.

In medium saucepan, combine brown sugar, butter and corn syrup. Over low heat, stir mixture until sugar dissolves. Increase heat to high and boil 5 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in vanilla, almond extract and baking soda.

Pour over popcorn and almonds, immediately stirring gently to coat. Pour mixture onto prepared baking sheet, spreading evenly.

Bake 1 hour. Cool completely. Break into pieces and store in airtight container.



English Toffee Popcorn Bars

Yield: 20 bars

- 2 1/2 quarts popped popcorn
- 1 cup peanuts
- 1 cup flaked coconut, toasted

Toffee:

- 1 1/2 cups butter or margarine
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 3 tablespoons water
- 4 1/2 teaspoons light corn syrup

Chocolate Topping:

- 1 1/2 cups (9 ounces) chocolate pieces
- 1 tablespoon shortening

Heat oven to 200 F.

In large bowl, combine popcorn, peanuts and toasted coconut. Cover bottom of buttered 15 1/2-by-10 1/2-by-1-inch jelly roll pan with half of the popcorn mixture. Keep filled pan and remaining popcorn mixture warm in oven.

To make toffee: In heavy 2-quart saucepan, melt butter over low heat. Add sugar and blend well.

Continue to cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until mixture reaches full boil. Add water and corn syrup; mix well.

Wash down sides of pan with pastry brush dipped in water to remove any sugar granules.

Cook and stir over low heat until mixture reaches soft-crack stage on candy thermometer (280 F). Immediately pour mixture over warm popcorn in jelly-roll pan, making certain all popcorn is covered. Quickly spread and press remaining popcorn mixture into hot toffee. Set aside to cool.

For topping, melt chocolate and shortening over low heat. Spread over popcorn mixture, making certain any loose pieces are held in place.

Cool. Cut into bars. If bars will not be served immediately, wrap in plastic wrap for storage.



Maple Bacon Popcorn Mix

Yield: 2 quarts

- 6 slices thick-cut bacon
- 1/4 cup pure maple syrup, divided
- 8 cups popped popcorn
- 2/3 cup pecan halves, coarsely chopped
- 2/3 cup dried cranberries
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1/4 teaspoon coarse ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon maple extract

Heat oven to 400 F.

Line jelly roll pan with foil. Place wire rack in pan. Arrange bacon in single layer on rack. Bake 15 minutes, or until ends of bacon start to curl. Remove and reserve 2 tablespoons bacon drippings. Brush bacon with 2 tablespoons maple syrup; bake 15 minutes until browned. Cool then coarsely chop bacon.

In large bowl, combine popcorn, pecans and cranberries.

Combine butter, black pepper, maple extract, remaining maple syrup and reserved bacon drippings. Cook over low heat until butter is melted. Drizzle over popcorn mixture and mix thoroughly.

Spread popcorn mixture in jelly roll or roasting pan. Bake 5 minutes. Toss in bacon pieces. Serve warm.

*For more information,
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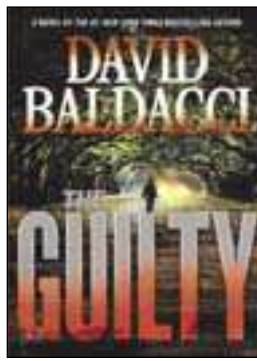
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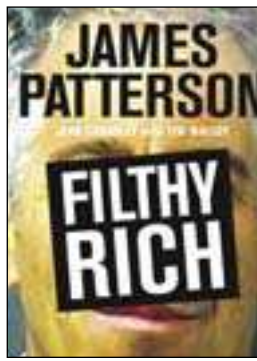
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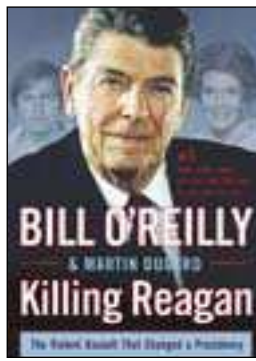
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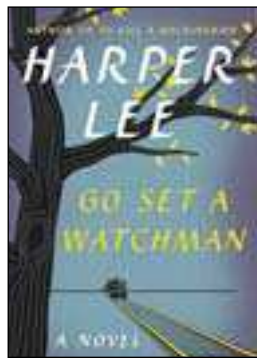
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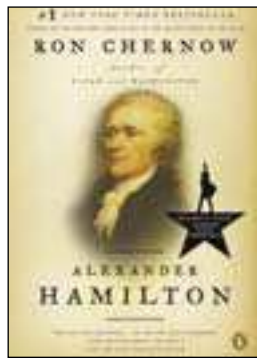
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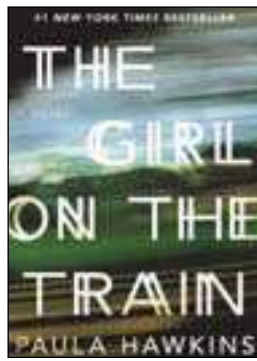
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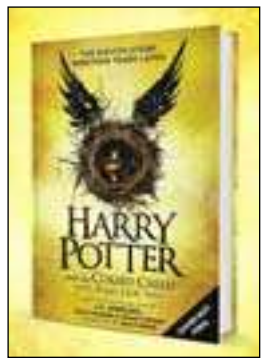
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This year's top library books

BY MEGAN SOULT
NEWS-TIMES

Another year has come to an end, and it is time to take a look at the county's top requested library books.

The County Public Library in Beaufort is a part of the Craven-Pamlico-Carteret Regional Public Library System with the main headquarters in New Bern.

Listed are some of this year's top books from the County Public Library, as well an overview of all of the libraries in the system.

Adult Nonfiction:

- **Filthy Rich: A Powerful Billionaire, the Sex Scandal That Undid Him and All the Justice That Money Can Buy – The Shocking True Story of Jeffery Epstein** by James Patterson. In this true tale, readers can learn about the rise and fall of one of

New York City's financial elite. This book examines all sides of a case that sparked one of the biggest sex scandals of recent times.

- **Killing the Rising Sun: How America Vanquished World War II Japan** by Bill O'Reilly. This book takes readers to the bloody tropical island battlefields of Peleliu and Iwo Jima and to the embattled Philippines, where General Douglas MacArthur made a triumphant return and is plotting a full-scale invasion of Japan. Meanwhile, Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer and his team of scientists are preparing to test the deadliest weapon known to mankind.

- **"Harry Potter and the Cursed Child Parts One and Two"** by Jack Thorne. In this screenplay, readers jump back into the world of

Harry Potter. As Harry struggles with a past that refuses to stay where it belongs, his son Albus is burdened with the weight of a family legacy that he never wanted.

- **Alexander Hamilton** by Ron Chernow. This biography follows the life of Alexander Hamilton as he shaped, inspired and scandalized America.

- **Born to Run** by Bruce Springsteen. This memoir shows a side of the famous rock star that not many people know.

- **White Trash: The 400-Year Untold History of Class in America** by Nancy Isenberg. This book focuses on the history of the class system in America.

- **Killing Reagan: The Violent Assault That Changed a Presidency** by Bill O'Reilly. This book tells the story of President Ronald Reagan's rise to power and the things that conspired to bring him down.

- **The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing** by Marie Kondo. This guide helps readers declutter their home with step-by-step instructions.

- **Killing Patton: The Strange Death of World War II's Most Audacious General** by Bill O'Reilly. This book takes readers inside the final years of the war and recounts the events surrounding Gen. Patton's demise, naming the powerful individuals who wanted him silenced.

- **The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics** by Daniel Brown. This book tells the story of how nine working-class boys from the American West participated in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.

Adult Fiction

- **The Guilty** by David Baldacci. This is the fourth book in the Will Robie series. Will Robie is the government's most lethal assassin, but when sent overseas on assignment, he fails to pull the trigger. To recover what

he lost, he must confront his own past.

- **The Last Mile** by David Baldacci. This is the second installment in the Amos Decker series. Convicted murder Melvin Mars is counting down the last hours before his execution when another man confesses to the crime. FBI agent Amos Decker takes an interest in the case after discovering similarities between the convicted murderer and his own life.

- **The Girl on the Train** by Paula Hawkins. In this novel, a woman takes the train every morning and night. She passes suburban homes and fantasizes about the lives of a couple that lives in one of the homes. Then she sees something shocking and everything changes.

- **Woman of God** by James Patterson. In this book, the world watches as massive crowds gather in Rome, waiting for news of a new Pope. One of the rumored candidates is a woman, but she has made many powerful enemies and is a target for all those who fear the church has lost its way – dangerous foes who won't accept challenges to tradition.

- **Bullseye** by James Patterson. In this novel, a trained team of lethal assassins prowls the streets of Manhattan looking for their next kill, the president of the United States. Detective Michael Bennett must trace the source of the threat that could rip the country apart.

- **Cross Justice** by James Patterson. In this book, Detective Alex Cross confronts the deadliest and most personal case of his career as he chases loose ends, a brutal killer, the truth about his past and justice for his cousin, who was accused of murder.

- **A Man Called Ove: A Novel** by Fredrik Backman. Ove is often called the "bitter neighbor from hell," but behind his cranky exterior there is a story of sadness. When a couple with

two young daughters move in next door, the cranky old man is led into an unexpected friendship.

- **Go Set a Watchman** by Harper Lee. This book picks up some time after Ms. Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Returning home to Maycomb to visit her father, Jean Louise Finch (Scout) struggles with issues involving her father, society and the small Alabama town where she grew up.

- **The Girl in the Spider's Web** by David Lagercrantz. Lisbeth Salander and Mikael Blomkvist return in the newest book in the Millennium series. Late one night Mikael receives a phone call from a source claiming to have information important to the United States. Mikael turns to Lisbeth for help, but she has her own agenda.

Over all System Checkouts:

- **The Girl on the Train** by Paula Hawkins.
- **The Last Mile** by David Baldacci.
- **15th Affair** by James Patterson.
- **See Me: A novel** by Nicholas Sparks.
- **Fool Me Once** by Harlan Coben.
- **The Guilty** by David Baldacci.
- **All the Light We Cannot See: A novel** by Anthony Doerr.
- **Cross Justice** by James Patterson.
- **The Nightingale** by Kristin Hannah.
- **Memory Man** by David Baldacci.
- **X** by Susan Grafton.
- **Tricky Twenty-Two: a Stephanie Plum Novel** by Janet Evanovich.
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'Deadpool' (AP Photo)



'Legend of Tarzan' (AP Photo)

IMDB lists 2016's top movies

BY MEGAN SOULT
NEWS-TIMES

At the end of each year, IMDB (the international movie data base) releases a list of the year's most popular movies based on the database's page views.

Here are IMDB's top 10 movies for 2016:

10. "Legend of Tarzan": Many people are familiar with different versions of this story with one of the most popular being the animated Disney film. Alexander Skarsgard plays Tarzan, Christopher Waltz plays the villain and Margot Robbie portrays Jane and shows the audience that she is more than just a damsel in distress. In this film, Tarzan is called back to his former life in the jungle after living in London to investigate the activities at a mining encampment.

9. "Warcraft: The Beginning": This movie comes from the ever-popular video game series "World of Warcraft," and has been marked as the highest-grossing video game adaptation of all time. As an Orc horde invades the planet Azeroth using a magical portal, a few human heroes and dissenting Orcs must attempt to stop the true evil behind the war.

8. "Ghostbusters": This movie has been remade from the origi-

nal 1984 comedy classic to feature an all-female leading cast. Following a ghost invasion in Manhattan, paranormal enthusiasts band together to stop the threat.

7. "The Magnificent Seven": This Western remake of the 1960 classic stars Denzel Washington, Chris Pratt and Ethan Hawke. The film tells the story of seven gunmen in the old west coming together to help a village against pillaging thieves.

6. "The Jungle Book": Disney took a beloved classic and turned it into live-action film starring Neel Sethi as young Mowgli, and the only living thing in a completely CG-made movie. After a threat from the tiger Shere Kahn forces him to flee the jungle, Mowgli embarks on a journey and makes a few friends along the way.

5. "X-Men Apocalypse": This is the ninth installment in the "X-Men" series and has an all-star cast of James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender and Jennifer Lawrence. In this film, the re-emergence of the world's first mutant causes the X-Men to unite to defeat his extinction plan.

4. "Deadpool": This R-rated superhero flick has been in the makings for several years. When it finally came to the big screen,

fans flocked to theaters. Ryan Reynolds stars as Wade Wilson, a fast-talking mercenary with a morbid sense of humor. After being diagnosed with a life-threatening illness, Wade is subjected to a rouge experiment that leaves him with accelerated healing powers and a quest for revenge.

3. "Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice": This movie was the showdown of a comic book lover's dream. Fearing that the actions of Superman are left unchecked, Batman takes on the Man of Steel while the world watches and wrestles with what kind of hero it really needs.

2. "Captain America: Civil War": This superhero flick puts hero against hero. Political interference in the Avengers' activities causes a rift between former allies Captain America and Iron Man.

1. "Suicide Squad": This is the first big-budget film lead by supervillains. The movie took more than \$745 million at the worldwide box office, making it the most popular movie on IMDB for 2016. In this film, a secret government agency recruits some of the most dangerous super villains to form a defensive task force. Their first mission is to save the world from the apocalypse.



'Captain America: Civil War' (AP Photo)



'The Magnificent Seven' (AP Photo)

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Sudoku puzzles and answers are published in the next edition of twm.

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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

SEA TURTLE CAMP- GRADES 4-6 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16, at the N.C. Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. Budding marine biologists can experience what it's like to work with these beloved marine reptiles during their school holiday. Participants learn all about sea turtles as they work alongside the aquarium's turtle biologists. Animal encounters, behind-the-scenes action and a take-home craft project also are included. Advanced registration is required. \$40 per camper. For details, call 252-247-4003 or visit www.ncaquariums.com.

TILLER SCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT 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

COASTAL CRAFTS 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15, at Hammocks Beach State Park. Each month come out to the park and learn about some of the unique beach findings and what crafty ways can be applied with them. Participants will get a chance to build their own craft to take home. This month's craft is sand encrusted candles. Registration is required by calling 910-326-4881.

GYOTAKU FISH PRINTS 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, at Hammocks Beach State Park. Join a park ranger in detailing a one-of-a-kind fish print on rice paper to create a unique work of art to take home. Program is for all ages. Seating is limited, and registration is required by calling 910-326-4881.

PORTRAIT WORKSHOP 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 20-21, at Irene Bailey's studio, 905 Ocean Drive in Emerald Isle. The class is \$300, which includes model fee and lunch. The money is due Tuesday, Jan. 10. For more information, call 252-723-3258.

JANUARY OIL PAINTING CLASS 9 a.m. to noon Mondays until Jan. 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 until Jan. 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.

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

Music and Theater

MARTY STUART PERFORMANCE 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, at Carteret Community Theatre. Tickets are \$30-45 and are available at www.carteretcommunitytheatre.com. For more information, call 252-497-8919.

CRYSTAL COAST CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSALS are from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays 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.

Events

BLOOD DRIVE 2:30-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, at Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints, 3606 Country Club Road in Morehead City.

BLOOD DRIVE 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at Shepard of the Sea Lutheran Church, 201 E. Fort Macon Road in Atlantic Beach.

COASTAL CLEANUP KICKOFF 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Jan. 14, at Hoop Pole Creek Nature Trail in Atlantic Beach. Volunteers will help pick up assorted trash and debris along the trail and adjacent shoreline. The event will take place outdoors, so dress accordingly. Sturdy shoes for walking in wet areas are also recommended. Trash bags, gloves and other clean up materials will be provided. Anyone under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Pizza and refreshments will be provided after the clean up. For more information, visit www.nccoast.org/crabpotproject.

FREE ADMISSION DAY Monday, Jan. 16, at the N.C. Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. Free admission for all. The aquarium offers a chance to return the favor with a contribution of nonperishable edibles to an on-site food drive for Martha's Mission Cupboard. For details, call 252-247-4003 or visit www.ncaquariums.com/pine-knoll-shores.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE SERIES: FIVE WEEKS TO A HEALTHIER YOU 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, at the Carteret Community College Bryant Building conference room, first floor. Learn new ways to feel better and heal naturally. Weekly handouts include recipes and

resources. The series is \$55. For more information, visit www.yogawellnessnc.com or contact the instructor, Theresa Jade Morton at 252-646-3923.

CAPE LOOKOUT FLY FISHERS FLY TYING CLINIC 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Morehead City Parks and Recreation Center, at 1600 Fisher St. The class will be held in the largest room at the end of the building closest to 17th Street. Participants can come and learn some new techniques or learn to tie their very first fly. This free clinic is for the seasoned veteran, as well as the beginner. For more information, contact Lee Dixon at 252-241-1868 or lee@coastalarchitecture.net.

CRAB POINT EXTENSION AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION is collecting women, men and children's shoes in good condition to be distributed around the world to the needy. Drop off surplus shoes at Martha's Mission in Morehead City to the attention of Emily.

HOPE MISSION is seeking donated items for their new thrift store, Hope Mission Thrift Store. To donate, bring items to Hope Mission or to the new store at 1409 Bridges St. in Morehead City. Staff members will pick up large items. For more information, call 252-240-2359.

COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICE RECRUITMENT FOR FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE PARENTS To learn how to become a foster or adoptive parent, call the County Department of Social Services at 252-728-3181, ext. 6176.

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

SOCIETY FOR CREATIVE ANACHRONISM: SHIRE OF CATHANAR 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays. The SCA is a recreational and educational global organization that attempts to recreate the arts of war in the Middle Ages. There is no cost to attend. For more information, visit www.ShireofCathanar.org.

Local heritage

HUGGINS ISLAND HISTORY HIKE 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, and Jan. 28, at Hammocks Beach State Park. Join a park ranger on a boat ride over to Huggins Island and learn about the unique history that has shaped this maritime island over the years. Participants will get a chance to see and explore one of the Atlantic coast's better preserved earthwork fortifications and how it played a role in the American Civil War. They will also look at other generations that have utilized this island over the years. Participants should dress for the weather. Seating is limited and registration is required by calling 910-326-4881.

JONES ISLAND ECO TOUR 10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, and Jan. 29, at Hammocks

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Beach State Park. Join a park ranger on a boat ride over to Jones Island, an island located in the mouth of the White Oak River overlooking Swansboro. Participants will explore the island and discuss about the different wildlife and ecosystems, as well as its cultural history of this unique island. Participants should dress for the weather. Seating is limited and registration is required by calling 910-326-4881.

BIRD HIKE 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 9, at Fort Macon State Park. Meet at the Visitor Center and take a leisurely hike to identify birds native to the area. For more information, call 252-726-3775.

MUSKET-FIRING DEMONSTRATION 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, at Fort Macon State Park. Learn about a Civil War-era musket's history, loading procedures and firing. Participants will meet in the fort. For more information, call 252-726-3775. This program repeats every Wednesday in January.

NATURE ON THE QUEENS 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, and Jan. 25, at Hammocks Beach State Park. Join a ranger and explore the newest addition of the park along Queens Creek learning and writing about some of the sights and sounds that can be found in the park in this nature journaling program. Each time is a new topic. Participants should bring their own notebook. Meet at the former FFA Camp area. Registration is required by calling 910-326-4881.

ASTRONOMY 5:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13, at Fort Macon State Park. Meet at the bathhouse to view space through a telescope and learn more about our universe. For more information, call 252-726-3775.

STARS AND PLANETS 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, at Hammocks Beach State Park. Participants will explore the different planets and stars that twinkle up in our skies at night. If it's a clear night, they will bring out the telescope and binoculars to see any planets and constellations that might be in view at the time. Participants should bring their own telescope and a red-lighted flashlight if they have them. This program is weather dependent. Call the park office at 910-326-4881 for updates.

NATURAL SIDE OF FORT MACON 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at Fort Macon State Park. Meet in the Visitor Center lobby for a leisurely hike exploring the natural side of Fort Macon. A hike will cover both trail and beach. For more information, call 252-726-3775.

SNAKES 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, at Hammocks Beach State Park. Join a park ranger to learn about some of these slithery creatures that roam North Carolina and what important role they play in certain ecosystems. Participants will look at several species and talk about certain key snake features that help determine if it is venomous or nonvenomous, as well as other safety tips. For more information, call 910-326-4881.

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 instruction. 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

SEAMANSHIP CLASS 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, at Carteret Health Care. This eight-week class is offered by the U.S. Power Squadrons local affiliate, Fort Macon Sail and Power Squadron. Preregistration is required for this class. To preregister, visit www.fmsps.org and select "Boater Education." For more information, contact Ken Link at 252-726-0630 or seaclef@coastalnet.com.

JUICING VS. SMOOTHIES WORKSHOP 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, at Carteret Community College Bryant Building conference room, first floor. Discover the benefits of juicing vs. smoothies and understanding which ingredients are healthy and which sabotage your efforts. The class is \$15. For more information, visit www.yogawellnessnc.com or contact the instructor, Theresa Jade Morton at 252-646-3923.

CRUISING AND CRUISE PLANNING CLASS 6 p.m. Tuesdays until Feb. 22 at First United Methodist Church in Morehead City. This eight-week class, offered by Fort Macon Sail and Power Squadron, is designed for members who cruise on a sail or power boat. Preregistration is required and can be completed by visiting www.fmsps.org. For more information, contact Ken Link at seaclef@coastalnet.com or call 252-726-0630.

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>.

Fitness

GENTLE BACK HEALTH YOGA CLASSES 12:10-1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, at Carteret Community College's Historic Camp Glenn Building. The six-week series is \$40. Bring a yoga mat and blanket. This class is appropriate for all ages and no prior yoga experience is needed. For more information, visit www.yogawellnessnc.com or contact the instructor, Theresa Jade Morton at 252-646-3923. The class repeats Thursday, Feb. 23, and Thursday, April 6.

TAOIST TAI CHI noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, and noon-1:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13, at the Morehead

City Parks and Recreation Center, 1600 Fisher St. There is no need to pre-register for this four-month class. For more information, call Terri Thomas at 252-314-4110, visit taoist.org or email moreheadcity.nc@taoist.org.

CORE STRENGTH PRESENTATION 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, at the Emerald Isle Parks and Recreational Center Community Center. Lisa McIntosh is a physical therapist with Encore Physical Therapy. Her focus is in the field of orthopedics and pelvic health. For more information, call 252-354-6350.

GENTLE DE-STRESS YOGA CLASSES 5:15-6:15 p.m. Tuesdays until Feb. 14 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.

BROGA 7-8 p.m. Thursdays at Uptown Yoga, 4915-I Arendell St. in Morehead City. This new class is designed for men but is open to all. This class is cardio-enhanced yoga. The class is \$14 for drop-ins or a five class pass is \$65. For more information, call 252-342-0250 or visit www.uptownyogamhc.com.

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

ZUMBA 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Morehead City Parks and Recreation Department, 1600 Fisher St. The cost is \$4 per class, and it is taught by Laura Bryson. For more information, call 252-726-5083.

RETRO YOGA 8:30-10 a.m. Tuesdays at the Morehead City Parks and Recreation Department, 1600 Fisher St. The cost is \$8 per class. The class teaches yoga for different body types using retro yoga movements. It is taught by Jean Sarnacki. For more information, call 252-726-5083.

GENTLE YOGA 5:30-6:30 p.m. Mondays at the Morehead City Parks and Recreation Department, 1600 Fisher St. The cost is \$5 per class. This class is for those who want to take things slower and gentle. For more information, contact the instructor Iva Unterweiser at 619-208-3543.

ADULT TAP DANCE CLASS 1:30-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Morehead City Parks and Recreation Department, 1600 Fisher St. The cost is \$10 per class. The class is taught by distinguished dancer and choreographer Hazel Collins. For more information, call Ms. Collins at 252-728-5514 or Maureen Kilgallen at 252-222-3088.

LINE DANCING 6-8 p.m. Thursdays at the Morehead City Parks and Recreation Department, 1600 Fisher St. For more information, call 252-726-5083.

TOTAL BODY WORKOUT 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Morehead City Parks and Recreation Department, 1600 Fisher St. The cost is \$4 per class. For more information, call 252-726-5083.

NIGHTLIFE CALENDAR

Morehead City

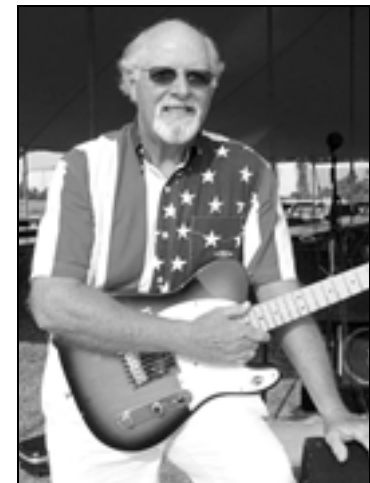
FLOYD'S 1921: 4EverAll 7-10 p.m. Friday, April 7; 7-10 p.m. Friday, May 5; 7-10 p.m. Friday, June 2; 7-10 p.m. Friday, July 7; 7-10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4; 7-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1; and 7-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6.

Atlantic Beach

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

Beaufort

CRU WINE BAR: Always Right 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6; and **Megan McMartin** 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7.



RIBEYES: Morris Willis 6 p.m. Tuesdays.

ROYAL JAMES CAFÉ: Lil' Cecil 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6; **Last Chance Wranglers** 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7; **Telluride Bluegrass Band** 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13; and **Davy Williamson** 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14.

Cedar Point

HARRIKA'S BREW HAUS: Tastings 6-9 p.m. each Thursday; **Music and \$3 Drafts** 7-10 p.m. Fridays, includes open microphone, live karaoke and duets or solo acts with \$3 draft beer; **Biergarten**

Swansboro

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

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

Morris Willis will play at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, at Ribeyes in Beaufort. (File photo)

7-10 p.m. Saturdays featuring live entertainment for visitors to enjoy while sipping beer. Drink specials are also available.

AREA SPORTS CALENDAR

Friday, Jan. 6

High School Basketball

JV Girls: Lejeune at East Carteret	4 p.m.
JV Boys: Lejeune at East Carteret	5:30 p.m.
Varsity Girls: Lejeune at East Carteret	7 p.m.
Varsity Boys: Lejeune at East Carteret	8:30 p.m.
JV Girls: Northside-Jacksonville at Croatan	4 p.m.
JV Boys: Northside-Jacksonville at Croatan	5:30 p.m.
Varsity Girls: Northside-Jacksonville at Croatan	7 p.m.
Varsity Boys: Northside-Jacksonville at Croatan	8:30 p.m.
JV Girls: West Carteret at Havelock	4 p.m.
JV Boys: West Carteret at Havelock	5:30 p.m.
Varsity Girls: West Carteret at Havelock	7 p.m.
Varsity Boys: West Carteret at Havelock	8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 7

High School Wrestling

East Carteret, West Carteret in Charger Duals at Ayden-Grifton	9 a.m.
Croatan in Pruitt Rainey Invitational at Cleveland HS	9 a.m.

High School Swimming

East Carteret at West Carteret (Sports Center)	1 p.m.
Croatan at ECU	2 p.m.

High School Winter Track and Field

West Carteret at JDL meet	TBA
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* Scheduled events subject to change

AARP Foundation to hold tax-aide training

The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program offers free federal and N.C. state income tax return preparation and electronic filing for seniors and low-to-moderate taxpayers.

Membership in AARP is not required for either volunteers or the taxpayers who use the program. Tax preparation services begin Wednesday, Feb. 1, and end Tuesday, April 18.

Volunteers are asked to commit to at least one five-hour day each week throughout the season.

All training and materials are provided free of charge courtesy of a cooperative agreement with the IRS.

Upon completion of training, volunteers become IRS-certified to prepare tax returns through the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program.

The Mandatory Policy and Procedure Administration Training class will start at 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 9, in room 220 of the Wayne West Building at Carteret Community College on Arendell Street in Morehead City.

The session will continue until 4 p.m. with a lunch hour from noon to 1 p.m. A duplicate session will be held at the same location and times on Tuesday, Jan. 10.

Sites will open and operate on the following schedule:

- **Beaufort** – County Public Library, 1702 Live Oak St.

from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays, starting Saturday, Feb. 4.

- **Cape Carteret** – Western Carteret Public Library, 230 Taylor Notion Road from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday and Wednesday starting Wednesday, Feb. 1.

- **Havelock** – Trinity

Presbyterian Church, 206 Miller Blvd. Opens 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays starting Feb. 7.

- **Morehead City** – Leon Mann Jr. Enrichment Center, 3820 Galantis Drive from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Thursday and Friday starting Thursday, Feb. 2.

- **Newport** – Matthew 25 Program of St. James United

Methodist Church, 1007 Orange St. from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Tuesday starting Feb. 7.

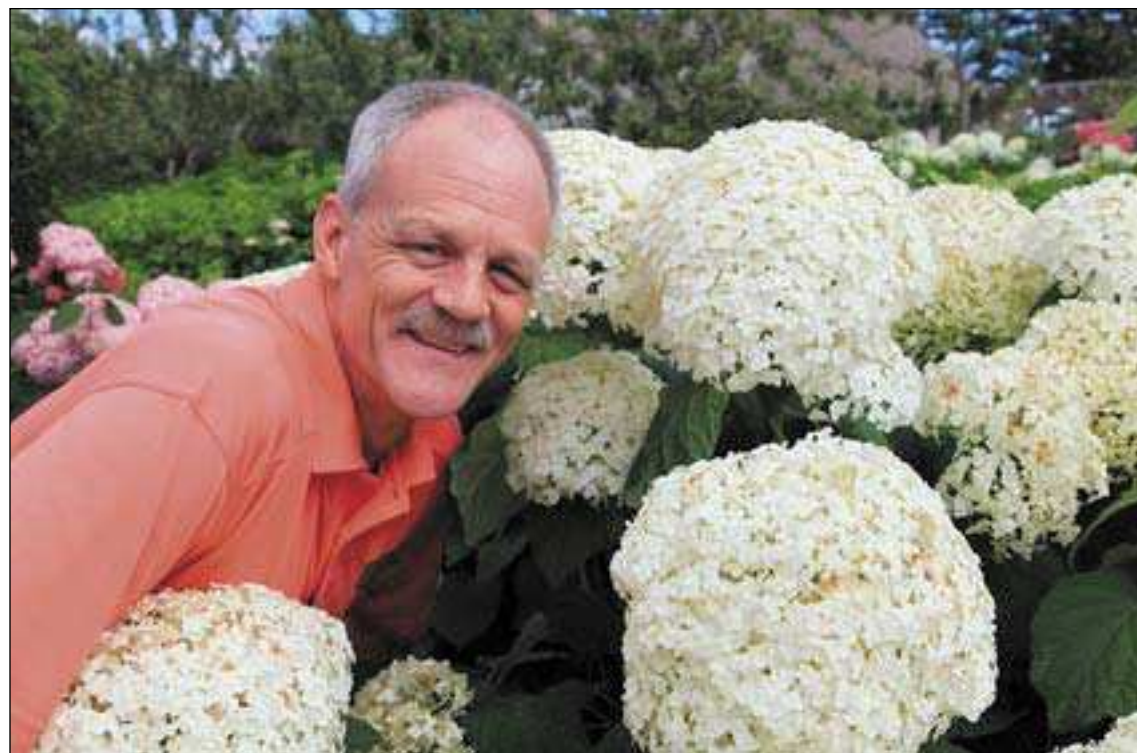
- **Swansboro** – Swansboro Public Library, 1460 W Corbett Ave. from noon to 4 p.m. Mondays starting Feb. 6.

Those interested in volunteering can attend one of the Mandatory Policy and Procedure

Administration Training sessions, or they can contact district coordinator Traci Torrie at 910-326-6239 or traci4taxaide@live.com.

Volunteers may also sign up by completing the online application at www.aarp.org/taxaide.

Tryon Palace to host garden lecture series



Bryce Lane, a three-time Emmy Award-winning television personality, will begin Tryon Palace's 2017 garden lecture series Saturday, Jan. 14, with "Plant Combinations: Managing Color in the Garden."

This lecture is free and begins at 10 a.m. in Cullman Performance Hall at the N.C. History Center.

In addition to his work as a TV personality, Mr. Lane is an Alumni Distinguished Undergraduate Professor Emeritus at N.C. State University and an avid gardener.

The Tryon Palace Garden Lecture Series is sponsored by the Harold H. Bate Foundation.

For more information, call 252-639-3500 or visit www.tryonpalace.org.

Bryce Lane will begin Tryon Palace's 2017 garden lecture series on Saturday, Jan. 14, with a presentation on "Plant Combinations: Managing Color in the Garden." (Contributed photo)




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NC Seafood Festival announces 2017 chairman

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The N.C. Seafood Festival has begun plans for the 31st annual festival in 2017, which includes a transition in leadership as 2016 chairman Clark Jenkins passes the gavel to 2017 chairman Tim Necaie.

“We will move into the 31st festival under the thoughtful guidance of Tim Necaie,” said Mr. Jenkins. “Tim is an individual of exceptional character and foresight, and I am excited and happy to have him as our chair for 2017.”

Mr. Necaie has served as a N.C. Seafood Festival board member for three years and has been involved in both the rides and boat show committees.

Looking ahead to the 2017 festival also includes welcoming five new members to the N.C. Seafood Festival Board of Directors.

New board members are Jeremy Dickinson, Carolyn Giles, Dale Gillikin, Bryan Starling and Sheree Steffler.

Returning board members are George Ballou, Kevin Brighton, Sammy Brooks, Jeff English, Will Gainey, Mitch Gay, Art Gill, Kameron Gwynn, Mr. Jenkins, Ari Meltzer, Mr. Necaie, Booth Parker, Jeannie Reynolds, Johnathan Roberts, Karen Seymore, Ed Stack, Chris Taylor, Leeanne Walker and McSherry Wells.

Ex-officios are Connie Carawan, Matthew Johnson, Bob Sherwell, Julie Wickizer and Morehead City Mayor Jerry Jones.



“Over the past 30 years, the strength in leadership from the board of directors is what has taken this festival to the international award status,”

said Stephanie McIntyre, N.C. Seafood Festival Executive Director. “Each year, volunteering board members build on the foundation of those that have

created, nurtured and enhanced this festival.”

The N.C. Seafood Festival is a nonprofit organization whose vision is to promote the positive social and economic impact of the seafood industry.

To learn more about the N.C. Seafood Festival and stay up to date on the 2017 festival, visit www.ncseafoodfestival.org.

From left, Tim Necaie accepts the N.C. Seafood Festival gavel from Clark Jenkins. Mr. Necaie will serve as the 2017 N.C. Seafood Festival chairman. (Contributed photo)

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Author wins award for work on former UNC coach

Clifton Barnes, son of W.C. and Lorraine Barnes of Atlantic Beach, has won a national writing award.

A series of articles revolving around former University of North Carolina basketball coach Dean Smith won an award of excellence from the Washington, D.C., area-based Communications Concepts through its 2016 Awards for Publication Excellence competition.

John De Lellis of Communications Concepts says competition was intense as there were more than 1,600 entries with seven winners in the Writing Series category. Mr. Barnes was the only winner in the category from North Carolina or the South.

The columns, which appear on Mr. Barnes' sports website CapitalSportsNC.com, address Mr. Smith's life, death and funeral.

In one column, Mr. Barnes told about how Mr. Smith was committed to the student body at UNC and how that extended to him as a writer for the student newspaper.

"Even though one would think I was a bother as a whipper-snapper budding journalist, Coach Smith took time to answer my questions when he wouldn't talk to anyone else," Mr. Barnes wrote. "He allowed me into practice when he would allow no other journalists. He even let me travel with the team to various games, including the

national championship game."

CapitalSportsNC.com has now won awards four years in a row. Articles from all the top media outlets and sports teams in the Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill areas are featured on the website along with videos, tweets and original sports commentary.

The winning entries can be accessed by going to <http://CapitalSportsNC.com> and scrolling down to a section on the left titled "Dean Smith."

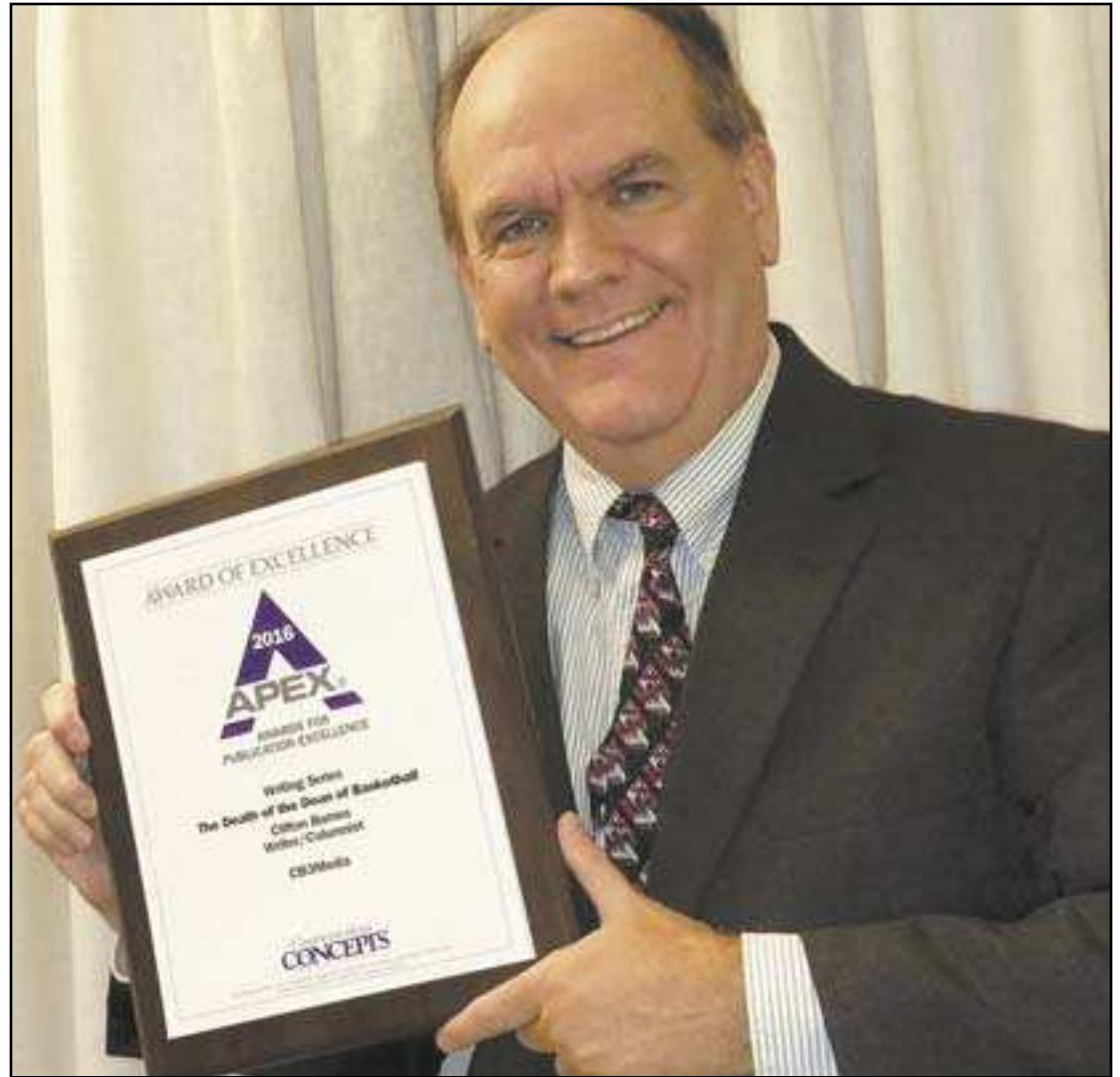
Mr. Barnes, who has won more than 70 journalism awards, served as director of communications for the N.C. Bar Association from 1987 to 2002 and, before that, was a newspaper writer and editor.

Today he is a freelance writer, editor and web developer who owns several websites including cb3media.com.

In 2016, he completed a book on the University of North Carolina's Order of the Bell Tower. Mr. Barnes is also credited with the idea for the Town of Cary's Hometown Spirit Award, given each year since 2009 to honor those who promote small town values.

Mr. Barnes, a native of Rocky Mount who now lives in Cary, is a UNC-Chapel Hill journalism and political science graduate.

Along with his wife Andrea, who owns and operates the coastal franchise for Blue Moon Estate Sales, Mr. Barnes raises their 10-year-old son, Will Griffin.



Clifton Barnes has won a national writing award for his work on former University of North Carolina basketball Coach Dean Smith. (Contributed photo)



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