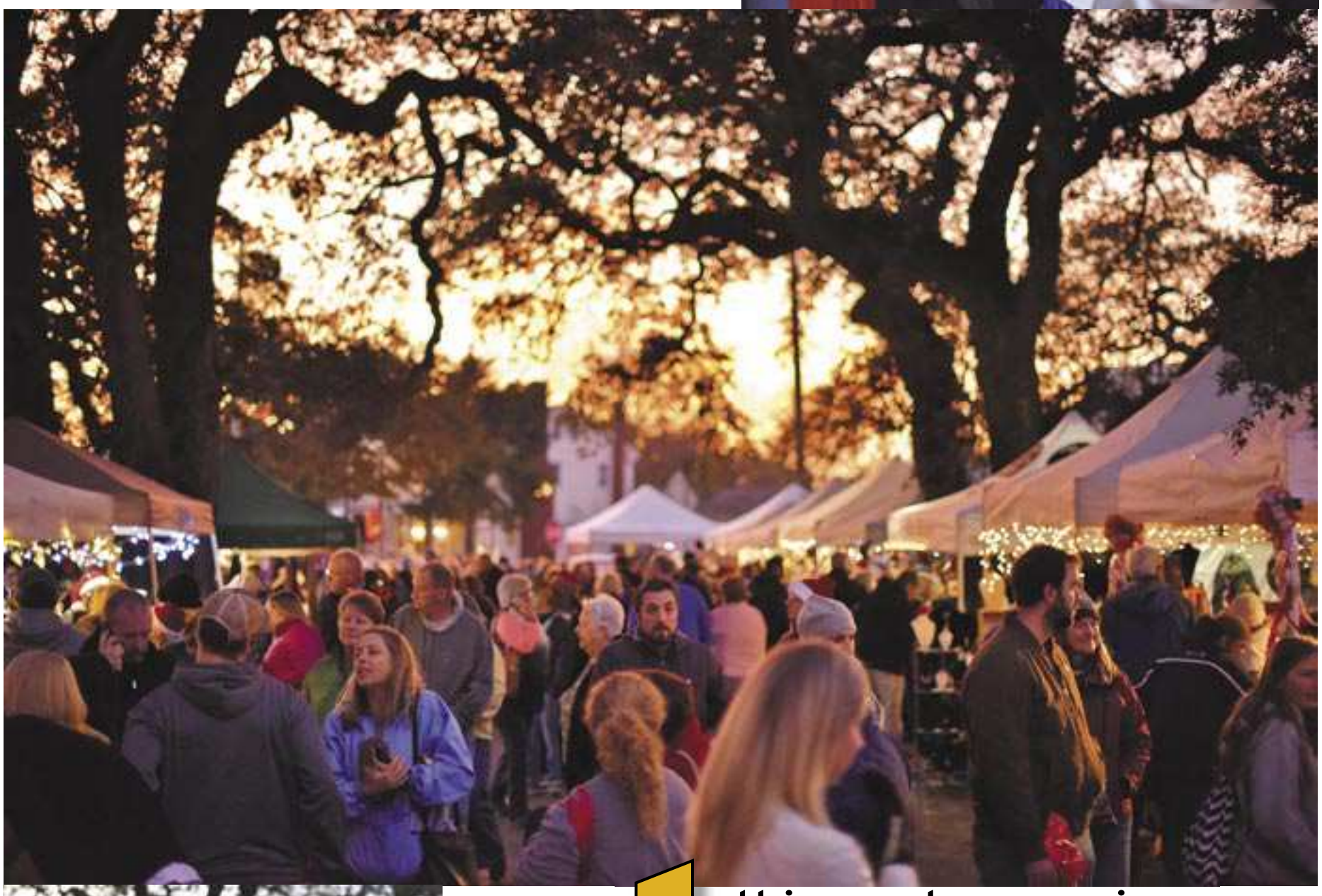
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CYAN MAGENTA YELLOW BLACK



Hans Weygoldt of Beaufort speaks with Santa and Mrs. Claus during a past Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market holiday event at the courthouse on Turner Street. A legal issue nearly derailed this year's market, but it will return to Courthouse Square from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15. (Dylan Ray photo)

Holiday market to provide local shopping experience

BY MEGAN SOULT

NEWS-TIMES

Holiday shoppers who are looking to buy local can attend the Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market Olde-Fashioned Holiday Market from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15.

After a legal issue, county commissioners said the market could not be held on the courthouse grounds next year or county property, but they are allowing the holiday event to proceed.

"This year's market is larger than ever and the community is buzzing with excitement in anticipation of this beautiful evening event," OBFM Manager Cindy Bunch said in an email.

As darkness falls, 78 festively lit and decorated booths spread around Beaufort's Courthouse Square will come alive with vendors offering homegrown fresh vegetables straight from the farm, local wild-caught seafood, farm-raised meat and eggs and homemade baked breads and treats, all from the farm and the kitchen.

Artists and crafters will be on site, prepared with creative, unique and quality handcrafted treasures from their studios for shoppers' holiday gift-giving list, along with community organizations and business sponsors who have partnered with the market during the season to share their resources and products.

As well as vendors, Gumbo Lily and Strung Together will play live music throughout the night. Gumbo Lily will perform at 4:30 p.m., while Strung Together will perform at 6:30 p.m.

No Christmas event would be complete without old St. Nick, however.

Santa and Mrs. Claus in full regalia will stroll through the market about 5 p.m. on their way to the Santa Gazebo, where they will chat with children eager to share their Christmas wishes.

The market event will feature free gift wrapping.

Market merchandise, including the second annual 2018 collectable OBFM poster, market T-shirts, caps, decals and reusable shopping bags will be available for gift giving with proceeds going to support the market operation.

Like many areas in the county, the market was affected by Hurricane Florence, which brought damaging rain and winds to the county in September. Many of the vendors had damage to their farms or studios.

"Due to weather conditions and the condition of the courthouse grounds the market was actually closed for 2 Saturdays," Ms. Bunch said. "We reopened on Sat., Sept 29th in a move towards normalizing the lives of our vendors and our shopping community.

"When we reopened, we used the market to respond to the devastation around us by serving meals at no charge the last weekend in September and each of the four Saturdays in October," she continued.

Ms. Bunch said the market collaborated with Frank's Franks and took donations from local businesses and interested individuals to serve hotdogs, sausage dogs and bratwursts on buns, along with chips and drinks to all who came looking for a break from cleanup work and a little fun at the market.

Each market since the storm also featured disaster relief organizations, such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Broad Street Clinic, the County Health Department and family counseling services as a means of outreach to those in need of help.

"Market themes including 'Neighbors Helping Neighbors' and 'Together We Rise,' emphasized a coming together of the market vendors, local organizations, business partners, and the citizens of our community to support each other during this challenging time," Ms. Bunch said.

Realizing the effect Hurricane Florence continues to have on the county makes this year's holiday market more special.

"This year's Olde-Fashioned Holiday Market is especially important to vendors, the community and market supporters because it unites us all in an end of the year effort to recover from the blow dealt by the storm and to return to celebrating life and the season with a renewed sense of vigor and thankfulness," Ms. Bunch said. "…Shopping at the Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market keeps our dollars local, supporting and improving the lives of all who are a part of this effort, and helping all who participate to move forward in appreciation for all that Carteret County has to offer."

Ms. Bunch said she was looking forward to the evening and hoped the event would draw a large crowd.

"I am looking forward to seeing the courthouse square filled with tents decorated and lit up on the evening of Dec. 15th and to seeing happy vendors sharing their products with shoppers, eager to buy their Christmas gifts and holiday needs from local individuals," she said.

"It will be a beautiful scene that speaks of a simpler approach to life that values knowing your food producer and your food source, engaging with the artist or craftsperson whose work expresses their passion and vision, and coming together for fun and celebration of this wonderful time of the year.

"I'm also looking forward to a chilly, but not too cold, clear December evening that has folks bundled up to enjoy the sights and sounds of this bustling holiday market," she continued.

For more information on market activities and events, visit the market's Facebook and Instagram pages or go to oldebeaufortfarmersmarket.org.

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Theater currently closed due to damage from Hurricane Florence.



Rose McIver and Ben Lamb play Amber Moore and Prince Richard, who get married at the end of "A Christmas Prince: The Royal Wedding," after a roller coaster of events. (Netflix Media photo)

Review: 'A Christmas Prince: The Royal Wedding' sequel an improvement

By MEGAN LEWIS
TWM

Sequels have a tendency to leave audiences feeling sour about the entire endeavor – the cast, the crew, and even the original movie. Economically, however, they're here to stay as long as people continue to risk it to the delight of studios everywhere.

Fortunately, just like in Vegas, sometimes a gamble pays off. The sequel to "A Christmas Prince," "A Christmas Prince: The Royal Wedding" takes advantage of the increased chemistry of a cast that worked well together the first time to improve on the original in nearly all areas.

While the original's plot arc felt contrived in some places (like when a wolf arrives as soon as the heroine falls from her horse and the prince is magically there just in time to save her), the sequel largely avoids these pitfalls.

Most everything follows, as it should in any well-written story, from what has already happened and from the personalities of the characters.

Additionally, the cast's chemistry is improved in their second go-round. A highlight reel of their bloopers at the end shows this off, but while in character as Prince Richard and Amber Moore, Ben Lamb and Rose McIver say it best:

"Well, you never know. There's always next year," Mr. Lamb said.

"I'm willing to try if you are," Ms. McIver responds.

A viewer couldn't be blamed for feeling as if it's the actors talking, breaking the fourth wall for a moment and hinting at a sequel. However, it succeeds in showing that the two genuinely enjoy each other's company.

After all, it can be difficult for even great actors to overcome real-life dislike for one another. Actors leave television shows and sequels are scrapped all the time for exactly that reason, but it would be surprising to learn of drama of that kind on this set.

The only character who is replaced is Amber's father. While not necessarily an improvement, Daniel Fathers does a fine enough job bringing a little upheaval to the palace as Rudy Moore, and upheaval is his character's purpose in this story and the central theme of the entire endeavor.

Change isn't always a bad thing. So, maybe the switcheroo is appropriate in this context.

The thematic elements of the sequel are, in fact, the MVP – the largest improvement. The mere presence of a deeper theme than romance makes this Netflix/Motion Picture Corporation of America release more enjoyable than the first.

Running 1 hour and 32 minutes and rated TV-PG, feel free to watch this one with the "kiddos."

Three stars out of four.



CYAN MAGENTA YELLOW BLACK

Enjoy holiday foods with heightened flavor

PAN-ROASTED PORK TENDERLOIN WITH ROASTED VEGETABLES AND APPLES



Recipe courtesy of Chris Scott on behalf of Anolon Cookware

Yield: 4 servings

Accolade Sauté Pan

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 pork tenderloin (8 ounces), cleaned

salt, to taste

pepper, to taste

3 carrots, peeled and cut into pieces

2 apples, cut into wedges

4 baby bliss potatoes, halved

1 leek, cleaned and halved

3 cups apple cider

¼ cup apple cider vinegar

¼ cup brown sugar

Heat oven to 400 F. Heat sauté pan over medium-high heat; add olive oil. Season pork tenderloin with salt and pepper, to taste, and sear on all sides until brown.

In same pan, add carrots, apples, potatoes and leek. Reduce heat to medium and cook 3 minutes until vegetables have some color.

Deglaze pan with apple cider, apple cider vinegar and brown sugar.

Put pan in oven and cook 15 minutes. Remove pan from oven.

Remove pork from pan and let rest on cutting board. Put sauté pan with vegetables and liquid back in oven 3 minutes until liquid is reduced and syrupy. Vegetables should be well glazed when finished.

Slice pork and plate. To serve, place glazed vegetables and pan drippings over meat.



HOLIDAY CAULIFLOWER RICE AND BEANS

Recipe courtesy of Chris Scott on behalf of Anolon Cookware

Yield: 8 servings

Large Anolon Accolade Skillet

1 large head cauliflower

¼ cup butter

½ cup black eyed peas, drained and rinsed

1 tablespoon Cajun seasoning

2 tablespoons parsley, chopped

1/3 cup dried cranberries

1 cup roasted butternut squash, diced

1 tablespoon fresh chopped sage

Wash and thoroughly dry cauliflower; remove all greens.

Use box grater and grate into “rice.”

Using skillet, heat butter until melted and beginning to become toasty. Add cauliflower rice and cook until soft, constantly stirring. Add black eyed peas, Cajun seasoning and parsley; stir and cover with lid. Reduce heat to low and cook 5 minutes. Add dried cranberries, roasted butternut squash and sage.



CINNAMON ROLLS WITH DRIED CRANBERRIES AND PECANS

Recipe courtesy of Chris Scott on behalf of Anolon Cookware

Yield: 24 cinnamon rolls

Cinnamon Rolls:

Anolon Accolade Saucepan

2 cups milk

½ cup water

½ cup butter

1/3 cup cornmeal

2 teaspoons salt

7 cups all-purpose flour, divided

2 packages (4½ teaspoons) active dry yeast

2 eggs

Topping:

2 cups packed brown sugar

½ cup butter

½ cup milk

1 cup chopped pecans

Filling:

¼ cup butter, softened

2 tablespoons ground cinnamon

½ cup sugar

1 cup dried cranberries

1 cup chopped pecans

To make Cinnamon Rolls: In saucepan, combine milk, water, butter, cornmeal and salt; bring to boil, stirring frequently. Set aside to cool to 120-130 F.

In separate bowl, combine 2 cups flour and yeast. Add cooled cornmeal mixture and, using mixer, beat on low until smooth. Add eggs and 1 cup flour; mix 1 minute. Stir in remaining flour, as necessary, to form soft dough.

Turn dough onto floured surface; knead until smooth and elastic. Place in greased bowl, cover and let rise until doubled in size, about 1 hour.

To make Topping: In saucepan, combine brown sugar, butter and milk; bring to boil, stirring occasionally. Pour into greased baking pan. Sprinkle with pecans; set aside.

Heat oven to 375 F.

To make Filling: Punch dough down, divide in half. Roll each half into rectangle; spread with softened butter. Combine cinnamon and sugar; sprinkle heavily over butter. Sprinkle cranberries and pecans over top. Roll up dough from one side. Pinch seams and turn ends under. Cut each roll into 12 slices. Place slices cut-side down in baking pan. Cover and let rise until nearly doubled in size, about 30 minutes.

Bake 25 minutes, or until golden brown. Remove from oven and let cool about 1 minute. Invert onto serving platter.

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Cookware matters, too

Holiday hosting is all about providing guests a cozy atmosphere, good company and, quite often most importantly, food that tastes as good as it looks.

While mixing and matching quality ingredients for dishes that appeal to the crowd is key to achieving successful seasonal flavors, you can take it a step further with the kitchen equipment used to craft those crave-worthy meals.

Cookware that boosts the flavor profiles of holiday dishes can take your hosting to the next level, and these recipes from chef Chris Scott of soul food restaurant Butterfunk Kitchen highlight the importance of the tools you use.

Served as the main course, Pan-Roasted Pork Tenderloin with Roasted Vegetables and Apples combines the savory taste of pork with sweet apples for classic complementary flavors.

Paired with Scott’s Cauliflower Rice and Beans, this menu offers flavors that both comfort and surprise. That enjoyment can be heightened by the cook’s experience when he or she uses equipment like Anolon Accolade Cookware to bring the dishes to life.

Made with metal strategically placed where it’s most needed for efficient heat distribution and optimized cooking results, the cookware’s triple-layer nonstick coating inside and out translates to easy food release and cleanup, ensuring the delight lasts from cooking to clean-up.

Whether enjoyed as dessert or a morning treat, Cinnamon Rolls with Dried Cranberries and Pecans serve up a combination of soft, warm dough with a pecan crunch to satisfy each guest’s sweet tooth.

For those holiday delights that require time in the oven, an option like the Anolon Eminence Bakeware line provides heavy-duty steel construction and rolled rims for even heating, durability and warp resistance for an elegant and sophisticated look that’s as practical as it is appealing.

NC Maritime Museum exhibits golden pirates of the silver screen

The movies have come to the N.C. Maritime Museum in Beaufort. The museum's new exhibit, Golden Pirates of the Silver Screen, opened Dec. 2 and features costumes and props from more than 20 different blockbuster films.

The star amongst these props and costumes will be a costume on loan from the Walt Disney Archives. This costume was worn by Ian McShane when he portrayed Blackbeard in the 2011 Disney film, "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides." This temporary exhibit is scheduled to be on display at the museum until November 2019.

Pirate movies have been around for more than 100 years, making them a solid part of American, and thus North Carolina's, culture and history.

These movies have helped feed the public's fascination with these characters, but unfortunately have also created and perpetuated numerous myths.

This exhibit will feature props, costumes, posters and merchandise representing about 20 different pirate-themed movies.

The N.C. Maritime Museum's newest exhibit will focus on pirates of the silver screen. It opens to the public Sunday. (Contributed photo)



Included in these movies will be classics such as Errol Flynn's "Captain Blood" (1935), "Cutthroat Island" (1995) and "The Goonies" (1985).

The N.C. Maritime Museum in Beaufort is tasked with the mission of interpreting and educating about North Carolina's culture and history, which includes a significant amount of pirate-associated events.

According to a release, it is important for the museum to do this project to highlight many of the myths that have become accepted facts about pirates, primarily as a result of the movies that helped popularize them.

To address these myths about pirates that have become accepted "fact," the exhibit will focus on five sub-areas of pirate history riddled with untruths.

The exhibit will use props from the movies that created these myths to help correct history. The five areas of focus will be the physical appearance of pirates, women in piracy, battles, Blackbeard and Treasure Island.

The N.C. Maritime Museum is at 315 Front St. and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

The museum is open to the public with free admission. Donations are always appreciated.

For more information on educational programs and events, visit ncmaritimemuseums.com.

CCPL gallery features Watson's art this month

Lucy Watson's art will be shown at the County Public Library through December.

Ms. Watson attended the N.C. School of the Arts in Winston-Salem, where she completed high school and the visual arts program. She was awarded a Medici Family scholarship and went on to the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, Mass., where she graduated with a fine arts degree.

From there, she moved to Oakland, Calif., where she currently resides in The Vulcan, an artist community in the city.

Ms. Watson is a colorist, painter of abstracts and designer of mixed media collages. She also creates found-art sculpture and jewelry.

She likes to use a "story" or central image to guide her work.

Though the storyteller in her delights in a tale told through an art piece, she loves listening to viewers' personal responses to her work, even if their interpretations are very different from her original concept, according to a release.





Artwork by Lucy Watson, shown here, can be seen at the County Public Library in Beaufort through December. (Contributed photo)

Boating safety classes set

The New Bern-Oriental area Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering two safety and navigation courses this month.

New and experienced boaters can attend Navigating Local Waters from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Dec. 15, followed by Suddenly in Command from 1 to 5 p.m.

Both seminars are at the New Bern Yacht Club, 1206 Brice's Creek Road in New Bern.

According to a release from the organization, "Navigating Local Waters Seminar is the most popular class as boating is a lot safer, not to mention a lot more fun, when you know the waters you're in."

Coast Guard Auxiliary certified instructors will offer this seminar for $10 per household, which includes a CD packed with useful information and charts.

While the emphasis is on the Neuse and Trent rivers and other waters around New Bern, the seminar will also present the locations and features of many popular anchorages, marinas and boatyards in the Neuse and Pamlico river basins, as well as the Intracoastal Waterway to Morehead City/Beaufort and on to Cape Lookout.

Suddenly in Command is for first mates and other passengers.

"If the captain suddenly becomes incapacitated, you're in command of a vessel you may know little or nothing about what" you should do, the organizers said.

This four-hour boating safety class is $20 and includes a textbook. Additional family members using the same text pay $5 each. The class is designed for folks not usually at the helm, as well as new boat owners, and provides the basics to handle an emergency.

Certified Coast Guard Auxiliary instructors teach basic boat handling, how to use the radio to call for help, using other important equipment that should be on board and how to avoid boating mishaps while you're in command.

For more information and to register for either or both classes, leave a message for Mike Ott at 252-288-4856, email him at ott48@gmail.com or visit cgaux.org/boatinged/class_finder/.

CYAN MAGENTA YELLOW BLACK

Empty Bowls tickets now on sale

BY MEGAN SOULT
NEWS-TIMES



A server gives a bowl of soup to Joyce Smith of Morehead CIty, left, during a previous Empty Bowls fundraiser. The event will be held again from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20 at the Crystal Coast Civic Center in Morehead City. Tickets are now on sale through Hope Mission, one of two local organizations, along with Martha's Mission Cupboard, that benefit from the fundraiser. (Dylan Ray photo)

Tickets for the 2019 Empty Bowls luncheon fundraiser are now on sale through Hope Mission.

The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20 at the Crystal Coast Civic Center in Morehead City.

All money raised will go to Martha's Mission Cupboard and Hope Mission.

Thanks to Hurricane Florence, the event is more crucial than ever, according to organizers.

Hurricane Florence rolled through the county in September, bringing heavy winds and record-breaking flooding. Many homes and businesses were destroyed as a result of the storm.

"So many people have been displaced or had their homes &/ or businesses damaged that they & others in the community need more help than ever," Charlotte Farris, one of the event's organizers, said in a recent email. "Thus, the funds raised through Empty Bowls & other charities are vital."

During the event, the $20 ticket, best bought early, allows the holder to choose a unique pottery creation made and donated by professional artists and art students.

Also included are two bowls of donated soup from local restaurants, cookies, tea or water and crackers or rolls.

The bowls symbolize the food needs of many whose bowls are empty.

A silent auction will also be held that day with items donated by artists and businesses.

According to Ms. Farris, participants are struggling this year, as well.

"We are in the process of seeing what donors & volunteers have recovered from their damages from the hurricanes & tornadoes enough to help," she said. "We know that some of the restaurants have not reopened. Also, the schools lost so much time that we do not know how they can help yet."

Ms. Farris said she believes those who volunteer their time for the Empty Bowls luncheon will help as best they can and those with fewer damages will increase their usual contributions.

"Some potters with damages are teaming up potters whose studios are not damaged to make the uniquely creative bowls & silent auction items," she said. "The potters are going to other's studios to make the pottery using others pottery wheels & kilns."

As for the food, Chef Floyd Olmstead, who manages the Empty Bowls kitchen, has damage to his restaurant, but will once again be in charge of coordinating the soup on the day of the event.

This event is important to those who need help in the county, Ms. Farris said, thanking those willing to volunteer their time and efforts.

"We thank everyone who is helping & encourage all in the community to look around to see what is needed. We know housing & storage have been in short supply. Help in any way you can.

"One of our volunteers, Robin Hamm from Floyd's 1921 Restaurant, says we are 'Carteret Strong' & though many volunteers & donors have damages, the Wednesday, February 20, 2019 Empty Bowls luncheon fundraiser will be great."

There are still ways to participate in the event.

This year, organizers will feature sponsors for the event. Those who would like to be a sponsor should submit their payment as early as possible, as organizers must have payment prior to selling out of tickets.

There are several different sponsorship levels.

For a donation of $500, a Gold Sponsor receives four tickets, social media recognition, website recognition on Hope Mission's page and recognition on the place mats.

A donation of $250 will make one a Silver Sponsor and result in two tickets, social media recognition, website recognition on Hope Mission's page and recognition on the place mats.

For $100, Bronze Sponsors receive one ticket and recognition on the place mats.

For more information, call 252-240-2359, ext. 1.

Potters, restaurants or other donors who would like to participate are encouraged to contact Ms. Farris at 252-240-9841.

In January, tickets will also be sold at other locations, including the Webb Memorial Library in Morehead City, Pet Provisions in Beaufort and the Cape Carteret Aquatic and Wellness Center.



SUDOKU

Here's How It Works:

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

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Editor's Note:

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

ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

Calendar deadline is two weeks prior to the start date of the event. Send an email that includes the event time, date, location including address, admission price and contact information to megan.soult@thenewstimes.com.

Event placement on a specific date is not guaranteed, as events run as space is available. Find the full calendar online at carolinacoastonline.com by hovering the pointer over TWM and choosing the "Calendar" option, or on a mobile device, choose "Calendar" from the drop-down menu. To have an event added, email information to megan.soult@thenewstimes.com.

Kids and Family

FAMILY CHRISTMAS KARAOKE AND GAME NIGHT 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18 at the Morehead City Parks and Recreation Center, 1600 Fisher St., Morehead City. There will be karaoke, games for the family and light refreshments provided. Bring your friends and family for this fun Christmas outing. For more information, contact Victoria Ward at 252-726-5083, ext. 1, or email victoria.ward@moreheadcitync.org.

HOLIDAY HANGOUT CAMP Friday, Dec. 21, Thursday, Dec. 27, Friday, Dec. 28 and Monday, Dec. 31 at Fort Benjamin Recreation Center in Newport. Holiday Hangout Camp will be offered for children ages 6-10. Participants will play games, go on outdoor adventures, make holiday themed snacks, complete art projects and more. Call Whitney at 252-222-5858 for more information.

WINTER BREAK CAMP 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Dec. 21, Thursday, Dec. 27 and Friday, Dec. 28 at the Beaufort train depot. This camp opportunity is for those ages 7-9. There will be winter activities, games and food creation opportunities. Registration is required. For more information, contact Darlene Austin at darlene.austin@carteretcountync.gov or 252-808-3301.

WINTER HOLIDAY CAMP 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21, Thursday, Dec. 27, Friday, Dec. 28 and Monday, Dec. 31 at the Morehead City Parks and Recreation Center, 1600 Fisher St., Morehead City. This holiday camp is for students ages 6-12. Registration is available in person or online at moreheadcitync.org. The cost is $15 per day. Campers need to bring their lunches daily. Camp staff supervises recreational activities in the classroom, game room, gymnasium and playground. For more information, call Victoria Ward at 252-726-5083, ext. 1, or email victoria.ward@moreheadcitync.org.

CAMP ALL YEAR AT CAMP ALBEMARLE Camp All Year is available for kindergarten through fifth-grade students. Drop off will begin at 7:30 a.m. for full days and 11:30 a.m. for half days, with pick up beginning at 3:30 p.m. Special arrangements may be made for children needing to be picked up later. Lunch will be provided for full-day programs, and snacks will be available every day. Programs will be held on the following dates: Full days – Monday-Wednesday, Jan. 21-23. Half days – Tuesday, Dec. 18, Monday, Feb. 18, Friday, March 8 and Friday, April 19. Spring Break is Monday-Friday, April 22-26. The cost for individual days is $70 for full days and $30 for half days. Spring Break week is $300. If you wish to sign your child up for all dates, you may do so at a special rate of $800. To register, go to campalbemarle.org and click on the "Register Now" button. For more information about the program, payment options or campership opportunities, contact Sam Stone at sam@campalbemarle.org or call the office at 252-726-4848.

Music and Theater

'NUTCRACKER' PERFORMANCE 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16 at Carteret Community College's Joslyn Hall in Morehead City. This performance is by the Dance Arts Studio Academy of Performing Arts. It is choreographed by studio director Julie McBarron and will feature the music of Peter Tchaikovsky. Tickets are $10 for general admission and $6 for students and should be purchased in advance at DanceArtsStudio.net. For more information, call 252-726-1720.

CARTERET COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE 3 p.m. Sunday Dec. 16. The East Carteret High School Band will be performing in the Down East Christmas parade in Atlantic.

WILMINGTON CELEBRATION CHOIR PERFORMANCE 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16 at Graham Memorial Pentecostal Holiness Church in Mill Creek.

CARTERET COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17. The West Carteret High School Holiday Band Concert will be held at the school's auditorium.

CARTERET COMMUNITY SUNSHINE BAND HOLIDAY CONCERT 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17 at First Presbyterian Church in Morehead City.

CARTERET COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18. Harkers Island Elementary School students will present "Elfis and the Sleigh Riders."

CARTERET COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE The Morehead City Primary School Holiday Concert is Tuesday, Dec. 18. The second grade class will present "December Around the World" at 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

CARTERET COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18. Students at Morehead Elementary School will present "Christmas at the O.K. Corral" in the school gymnasium.

CARTERET COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19. Students at Smyrna Elementary School will present a holiday musical in the Down East Middle School gymnasium.

CARTERET COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE 9 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 20. Atlantic Elementary School students will perform a holiday musical at the school.

CARTERET COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 20. Students at Beaufort Elementary School will perform a holiday program in the school's gymnasium.

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CARTERET COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE 9 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 20. There will be a holiday sing-a-long at White Oak Elementary School's gymnasium.

Food and Drink

PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER 7-11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 at the Mill Creek Volunteer Fire Department. Plates are $5.

COOKIES AND COCOA WITH SANTA 8-11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 at Fort Benjamin Park and Recreation Center in Newport. Santa will be available for pictures, and complimentary cookies and cocoa will be provided. For details, call 252-222-5858.

FEEDING THOSE IN NEED AT CHRISTMAS noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 at the Carteret County Speedway in Peletier. There will be a meal, toys for children and visits with Santa.

CLAMS AND CUPCAKE CELEBRATION FUNDRAISER 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 at Harborside Park, across the street from the N.C. Maritime Museum in Beaufort. This fundraiser is for the Rachel Carson Reserve. Tickets are $50 per person and sponsorships are appreciated. Purchase by PayPal at tinyurl.com/friendsofthereserve or send checks to Friends of the Reserve fundraiser, c/o N.C. Coastal Reserve, 101 Pivers Island Road, Beaufort, NC 28516. For more information, contact JoAnne Powell at joannepowell1208@gmail.com.

FRIDAY WITH RODNEY 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 21 at the History Museum of Carteret County in Morehead City. This event will feature the "warm and fuzzy" Christmas show followed by the drawing of the holiday raffle. The buffet lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. and the program starts at noon. The cost for Carteret County Historical Society Members is $13 and $16 for non-members. The lecture only is $5.50 for members and $8.50 for non-members. The price includes tax, lunch, beverage and dessert. Reserve your seat before 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20 by calling 252-247-7533, ext. 1 or stopping by the Museum Store at 1008 Arendell St., Morehead City.

EMPTY BOWLS 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20 at the Crystal Coast Civic Center in Morehead City. Ticketholders may choose a handmade pottery creation and two soups. Tickets are $20 and can be purchased at Hope Mission in Morehead City. In January, tickets will also be sold at Pet Provisions on Turner Street in Beaufort, Webb Memorial Library in Morehead City and Cape Carteret Aquatic Center on Taylor Notion Road. Early ticket purchases are recommended. Proceeds benefit Hope Mission and Martha's Mission Cupboard. For more information, call 252-240-2359.

Events

BOOK SIGNINGS Susan Schmidt will read and sell her new poetry book, *Let Go or Hold Fast, Beaufort Poems*, Friday, Dec. 14 at 4:30 p.m. at the Beaufort train depot, 215 Pollock St. She will sell and sign books at the Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market at Courthouse Square Saturday, Dec. 15 from 4:30 to 8 p.m. The book is available online at Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Books-a-Million.

PINE KNOLL SHORES CHRISTMAS PARADE 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15. People will decorate bikes or golf carts and dress up in their best Christmas attire.

SOUL-FULL CHRISTMAS GALA 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Dec. 15 at the Crystal Coast Civic Center in Morehead City. This event is sponsored by the Les Vingt Femme and is the biggest African-American Christmas party in Carteret County. There will be music and a light show by DJ Hustleman of Jacksonville. Tickets are $20 per person, and money raised during the event is used toward scholarships for Carteret County high school students. Participants are to dress to impress and bring their own beverage. For more information, contact Hannah Tootle at 252-726-3587 or email hanlut@yahoo.com.

DOWN EAST CHRISTMAS PARADE 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16 in Atlantic. All communities, churches, organizations, clubs and individuals are welcome to participate. If you are interested, contact the Atlantic Civic and Beautification Group at 252-656-4035.

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

NEW YEAR'S EVE CANNON BLAST 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31 at Fort Macon State Park in Atlantic Beach. Celebrate the end of 2018 and the beginning of 2019 with a blast. Fort Macon will once again be firing off its big guns in celebration of the new year. This year there will be live entertainment starting at 6 p.m., and the cannons will go off at 7 to correspond with 12 UTC. Feel free to bring a folding chair and picnic meal similar to the summer concerts.

Local heritage

CAMPING 101 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 at Hammocks Beach State Park in Swansboro. Join a ranger to learn some tricks and hacks to help you keep comfortable in most conditions when camping or hiking. Participants will explore how to make the most out of a camping experience. For more information, call the park at 910-326-4881.

WINTER SURVIVAL 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 17 at Hammocks Beach State Park in Swansboro. Some animals migrate to warmer climates for the winter and some stay in the same place in the colder months. Come out to the park and hear about some of the unique adaptations animals have to survive this time of the year. For more information, call the park at 252-326-4881.

MUSKET FIRING DEMONSTRATION 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19 at Fort Macon State Park in Atlantic Beach. Learn about a Civil War-era musket's history, loading procedures and firing. Meet in the fort.

NATURAL SIDE OF FORT MACON 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20 at Fort Macon State Park in Atlantic Beach. Meet in the visitor center lobby for a leisurely hike exploring the natural side of Fort Macon. The hike will cover trail and beach.

NATURE HIKE 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 29 at Hammocks Beach State Park in Swansboro. Join a park ranger for an exciting hike through the woods. Participants will get an opportunity to explore the park's new property, discovering sights and sounds while taking in the fresh air. Participants should bring binoculars if they have them. For more information, call the park at 910-326-4881.

BEHIND THE SCENES: SHARK SNACK 2:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays at the N.C. Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. This program is for ages 5 and up. The price is $20. For details, call 252-247-4003 or visit www.ncaquariums.com to register.

NIGHTLIFE CALENDAR

Morehead City

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

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

Newport

HOLLY SPRINGS ORIGINAL FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH: Pauline Smith 6-7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14 and Saturday, Dec. 22 as a part of the Chilly Chili Night.

Atlantic Beach

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

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

Beaufort

CRU WINE BAR: Wine tasting with Jon Besch of Tryon Distributing Co. 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15; **Last Chance Wranglers** 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14; **Chupacabras (De Le Rosa)** 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15; **A Local Christmas Holiday Songwriter Show** 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18; **Dick Knight** 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21; **How the Bitch Stole Christmas** 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22; and **Blue Moon Jazz** 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28.

RIBEYES: Morris Willis 6 p.m. Tuesdays.

Emerald Isle

SALT: Jim Quick and Coastline 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14; **Justin West** 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25; **The One and Only Ultimate Hank Williams Jr. Tribute Show** 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8; and **Nightrain** 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 15.

AREA SPORTS CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 13

High School Basketball

Varsity Girls: West Carteret at West Craven ..... 6 p.m.
Varsity Boys: West Carteret at West Craven ..... 7:30 p.m.
Varsity Girls: East Duplin at Swansboro..... 6:15 p.m.
Varsity Boys: East Duplin at Swansboro ..... 8 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 14

High School Basketball

Varsity Girls: Croatan at West Carteret ..... 7 p.m.
Varsity Boys: Croatan at West Carteret ..... 8:30 p.m.
Ocracoke Holiday Tournament
Varsity Girls: East Carteret vs. Gateway Christian ... 4:30 p.m.
Varsity Boys: East Carteret vs. TBA..... TBA
Varsity Girls: Swansboro at Dixon ..... 6:15 p.m.
Varsity Boys: Swansboro at Dixon ..... 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 15

High School Wrestling

East Carteret hosts Hard Nor' Easter Duals ..... 8 a.m.
(Includes West Carteret, Northside-Jacksonville, White Oak, Lejeune)
Swansboro in Titan Duals at Heide Trask ..... TBA

High School Basketball

Ocracoke Holiday Tournament
Varsity Girls: East Carteret vs. TBA ..... TBA
Varsity Boys: East Carteret vs. TBA..... TBA

High School Winter Track and Field

Croatan at NC Runners Fast Trask in Winston-Salem..... TBA
West Carteret at JDL Invitational..... TBA

* Scheduled events subject to change

Gingerbread awards given; people's choice, heritage auction still to come

The New Bern Historical Society presented the first batch of Gingerbread House Contest Awards at the Beary Merry Christmas festivities Nov. 23.

An excited crowd anticipated the results as New Bern Historical Society Executive Director Mickey Miller announced the winners and invited the crowd to see the gingerbread houses, which will be on display at downtown merchants until Tuesday, Dec. 18.

In the youth division, a team of three grandchildren took first place. Chris, Bella and Selena Herrera, won with their Chrissellena Lane creation, which can be seen at the post office.

The trio, organized by grandmother Laura Dunbar, was excited to collect their cash prize of $100.

In the adult division, Carol More's A Berry Merry Bear Christmas took first place and a cash prize of $200.

This creation is on display at Be-Spoke Florist. The runner-up in the division was Tracy Fritzche's Fritzche Home located at the Edward Jones, Georgiana Bowman Bircher office.

That prize was a $50 gift card to Morgan's.

New this year was the Nancy Chiles Heritage Award, given to the entry that best reflects the theme Historic New Bern Christmas.

There were a number of outstanding entries considered for this award. It was a close decision, with the top three only one point apart, according to a release.

The first Nancy Chiles Heritage Award was presented to Liberty and Lilly Canady, the LC Duo, whose A Pepsi Christmas was a reproduction of Caleb Bradham's pharmacy, now the Birthplace of Pepsi.

The People's Choice Award is still being decided by popular vote.

The Nancy Chiles Heritage Auction is also still underway. The reproduction of Tryon Palace created by Mary Hamilton Chiles in honor of her mother is on display at Bella's Café & Catering at 323 Middle St.

A silent auction, with bidding inside the café, will go until Saturday, Dec. 15. The winner will take home Mary Hamilton's amazing Tryon Palace recreation.

The mission of the New Bern Historical Society is to celebrate and promote New Bern and its heritage through events and education.

Its offices are located in the historic Attmore Oliver House at 511 Broad St. in New Bern. For more information, call 252-638-8558, go NewBernHistorical.org or facebook.com/NewBernHistoricalSociety.



Carol More's A Berry Merry Bear Christmas took first place in the New Bern Historical Society's adult division of the Gingerbread House competition. (Contributed photo)





Art by Suzanne Thompson Gould, like this piece, can be seen at Carolina Artist Gallery in Morehead City. (Contributed photo)

Carolina Artist Gallery features digital pieces by Suzanne Gould

If you ask native North Carolinian Suzanne Thompson Gould if she is local, she will say, "absolutely, just check out my art at The Carolina Artist Gallery, at 800 Evans Street in Morehead City."



GOULD

But that has not always been the case.

Four years ago, Ms. Gould was living in Chapel Hill where, for 20 years, she and her husband David Gould owned and operated Good Earth Pottery and Garden.

This family business was on six acres in the middle of 200 additional acres of wild wetlands and meadows, and was a teaching facility for ceramics and a place that offered stoneware to people from everywhere.

The couple's work is in the collection of the Sumitomo Corp., the late Bill and Ida Friday collection and countless others all over the world.

Galleries such as Winterfire in Blowing Rock, Art Walk in Boone and The N.C. Museum of Art Museum Store, as well as The Front Porch Gallery in Swansboro, carried their work.

Ms. Gould said she would like to see that kind of following develop in Morehead City, even though her art has taken a new turn.

Having taught photography, painting, drawing, ceramics, set design and museum appreciation while working as the lead art teacher in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, Ms. Gould's new art melds all of these loves into one form.

This new art form is made on canvasses from photographs she has digitally altered.

The programs she uses on her photographs create a feeling of looking at a painting rather than a picture, according to a release.

"They are illuminated and all have one thing in common, although the subject matter ranges from cherries to cotton fields to Mack Trucks: the light in them is epic," Ms. Gould said.

"I got my first camera when I was 9 years old," she continued. "The morning of Christmas, I ran outside and tried to capture the beautiful sparkles on trees and twigs coated in ice. Their rainbow was thrilling. When I got my pictures back, I was crushed, because in 1962, we did not have color photography."

For many decades afterward, the love affair with light continued.

For more information, visit The Carolina Artist Gallery's website at carolinaartistgallery.com or call 252-726-7550.

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‘Around the World in 80 Carols’ set for Dec. 21

Simon Spalding will offer a new spin on the season: holiday music played on international instruments.

Mr. Spalding will perform at Bella’s Café in New Bern Friday, Dec. 21, presenting “Around the World in 80 Carols.”

The concert will feature musical instruments from around the world and he will play a seasonal carol or song on each one.

The program will include Christmas and Hanukah carols, as well as holiday season favorites.

Besides hearing exotic sounds, the audience will learn about the stories behind some of the seasonal music.

Audience members will learn the answers to these questions:

- Which singer had a hit Christmas song in two consecutive years, with two different songs?
- Which Christmas song was composed by a San Francisco, Calif., jazzman?
- What was the Christmas lyric Judy Garland refused to sing?
- Which hit Christmas song was popularized by a veterinarian and his wife?
- Which Christmas song author/singer/producer appeared in the Alfred Hitchcock thriller “Rear Window?”

The instruments used in the performance will include a nyckelharpa from Sweden, a kemane from Uzbekistan, a joura from Greece, a rajao from Madeira, a balalaika from Russia, a Tahitian Ukulele, an erhu from China and a kazookeylele, which combines ukulele, toy piano and kazoo into one in.

Bella's Café, formerly Bebop’s, is at 323 Middle St. in New Bern.

The doors will open at 6 p.m., and the music will begin at 7 p.m.

Tickets are $10, available at the door. There is free admission for those under 18.

Call 252-633-7900 for more information.

Mr. Spalding’s CDs featuring many of the instruments played in the concert will be for sale at the event.

For more information on Mr. Spalding’s music, check out his website, musicalhistorian.com.



Simon Spalding will present “Around the World in 80 Carols” Friday, Dec. 21 in New Bern. (Nicholas Maloney photo)

Tax preparers needed for aide program

The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is looking for volunteers to help during the coming tax season.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is a group of volunteers who provide free, in-person tax preparation assistance to those who need it most, and there are many volunteer opportunities.

“Whether you’re interested in working with taxpayers, helping local sites run smoothly, or have a special skill like speaking a second language – your time and talents are urgently needed,” a release from the organization reads.

Volunteers receive free training, IRS certification and ongoing support.

To sign up, go to tinyurl.com/TAPVapplication to access a secure online volunteer application, or contact the District Coordinator for Carteret, Craven and eastern Onslow Counties, Traci Torrie, via email at traci4taxaide@live.com or via phone at 910-326-6239.





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Baby's First



This Christmas Day will be your new baby's first ... and the News-Times now offers you a way to cherish the memory forever. Appearing in the News-Times on December 23 is our exciting feature "**Baby's First Christmas**."

This special page will feature photographs of babies celebrating the holidays for the very first time. Your baby's name, date of birth and the names of the proud parents and grandparents will appear along with the picture you send, making this Christmas even more special for you and your family. Your baby's picture in print will also be a welcome addition to your baby book—a moment to cherish for years to come.

To include your baby on this page fill our the order form below and mail it, along with a full color photograph. You can enclose a check or money order made payable to the News-Times for $**20.18** or charge it to your Mastercard or Visa. **But you'd better hurry! The order must be received in our office by 4 p.m. Wednesday, December 19, 2018!**

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