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ON THE COVER: Onlookers watch parades go by during past Christmas parades in Down East (top) and Morehead City (center). (Dylan Ray photos)

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Towns set dates for holiday parades

BY MEGAN SOULT

NEWS-TIMES

As the holiday season approaches, a Christmas parade is one way to celebrate and spread warm wishes and holiday cheer.

There are several parades in the county to choose from, with the Emerald Isle Christmas Parade starting the season.

Listed are the Christmas parades in the county:

Emerald Isle

The Emerald Isle Christmas parade is at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24. The parade will be along Highway 58 between Mangrove Drive, near CVS and K&V Plaza, and the town government complex.

There will be a float-decorating contest with cash prizes for winners.

Participants are reminded there will only be one Santa in the parade.

Entry forms can be found online at emeraldisle-nc.org/Data/Sites/1/media/pdfs/parade-entry-2018.pdf



Santa Claus waves to the crowd during a past Pine Knoll Shores Christmas Parade. (Dylan Ray photo)

Parade organizers are still seeking volunteers. To help with the parade or for more information,

call Don Wells at 252-772-3282 or email donaldjwells@gmail.com.

After the parade, the town will light the Christmas tree at Merchant Park. There will be free refreshments, as well as holiday carols and visits with Santa Claus.

Atlantic Beach

The Atlantic Beach Christmas parade is at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7. The parade route will begin at the Dunes Club and move west down Fort Macon Road to the Circle.

After the parade, families are encouraged to bring their children to the fire department to meet Santa.

The parade organizers are looking for participants to show their Christmas spirit by decorating boats, floats, cars and trucks to light up the night.

For parade entry information, email events@atlanticbeach-nc.com.

Beaufort

The Beaufort Christmas parade is at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1. The parade will line up at Gordon Street and Front Street and will end at Turner and Broad Street.

The parade will have boats, floats, horses and the East Carteret Marching Mariners. Santa will be on a fire truck at the end of the parade.

Those interested in partici-

pating in the parade can contact the Beaufort Development Association at 252-241-4485.

Newport

The Newport Christmas parade is at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2 on Chatham Street.

The Newport Christmas Parade Committee is seeking participants, including bands, entertainment, floats and community groups for the parade.

There will be awards for the top three participating home-made floats.

If anyone is interested in having an entry in the parade, contact Kathy Jo Buttery at Newport town hall at 252-223-4749 or email recreation@townofnewport.com for an application. The entry deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 28.

Morehead City

The Morehead City Christmas Parade is at 11 a.m. Saturday,

Dec. 8, on Arendell Street.

Floats, community groups, bands, entertainment and, of course, Santa and his sleigh will be featured.

For more information or an entry form, go to downtown-moreheadcity.com.

Down East

The Down East Christmas Parade will be Sunday, Dec. 9 in Atlantic. The parade begins at 3 p.m. The entry cut off date is Sunday, Dec. 3.

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.

Pine Knoll Shores

The Pine Knoll Shores Christmas parade is at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15.

People will decorate bikes or golf carts and dress up in their best Christmas attire.



Dax Hyson of Morehead City enjoys his first parade at Christmas in downtown Beaufort during a past holiday season. (Elise Clouser photo)



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Have a Netflix night



From left, judges Paul Hollywood and Prue Leith and hosts Noel Fielding and Sandi Toksvig discuss contestants after the first episode of collection 6 of “The Great British Baking Show.” (Photo courtesy of Netflix)

Review: ‘The Great British Baking Show’ not so great

BY MEGAN LEWIS

TWM

Reality shows are, despite their names, all about formulas. The first episode of the sixth collection (ninth season) of “The Great British Baking Show” is no exception. It follows the recipe for an amateur cooking contest show with as much success as any.

Coming into Thanksgiving, it seemed like the perfect show to whet appetites for the feasting to come, but its execution left something to be desired.

While many familiar flavors like cardamom, cinnamon and ginger did make an appearance, it was the unfamiliar that probably rescued this morsel from completely burning out.

Based in Britain with an entirely European and Eastern cast, those who have trouble with accents will be sure to be grateful for subtitles. However, many Americans have been enjoying the new British invasion in the form of series like “Downton Abbey” and “Shameless” and movies like “Harry Potter.”

Indeed, if they’ve watched “Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix,” most viewers won’t even bat an eye that the first episode is about biscuits.

(That’s cookies in America, for the uninitiated.)

But aside from the cultural differences, which are entertaining, there’s very little original about “The Great British Baking Show.”

The hosts Sandi Toksvig and Noel Fielding start out with an amusing skit based on “Back to the Future,” and then things go to formula from there. The judges are introduced briefly, followed by the contestants. One judge is clearly viewed to be more strict than the other. The contestants set about completing three challenges: signature, technical and showstopper. The judges choose one “star” and one to eliminate, and everyone panics as cookies burn and marshmallow falls flat.

The judges, Prue Leith and Paul Hollywood, seem to be pretty standard fare, a little bland to be honest. The spice comes from the hosts and the contestants – fairly typical in cooking contest reality television.

The standard editing puts the fondant on top of this formulaic reality show, and ultimately, it succeeds – and flops – because of its strict adherence to the recipe. In a show that asks its contestants to come up with

a twist to a signature recipe, one is left wondering: where’s the twist from the producers? Of course, cooking shows stand alone and don’t really need that sort of kick.

Still, it’s the season for baking, so inspiration could still strike. If not, there’s always alcohol. As contestant Briony says, “Gin time. It’s gin-o-clock.” ‘Tis the season.

It certainly felt like the producers could have used some with this Netflix Original Series, produced for Channel 4 Television by Love Productions. Maybe if they had, they’d have loosened the reins on the ingredient list and thrown in a few surprises.

Try “Nailed It!,” a cooking show with a little more sense of humor, instead this holiday to satisfy your amateur baking contest show needs.

Six “collections” of this PG show are up on Netflix, each with 10 nearly hour-long episodes, but there are nine seasons total, so plan to play catch up for a while on this one.

BINGEWORTHY?



Savor simplicity: Holiday recipes worth sharing

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CRANBERRY RIESLING BRINED TURKEY

1 quart water
6 bay leaves
2 tablespoons whole black peppercorns
1 tablespoon mustard seeds
1½ cups kosher salt
1 bottle (750 milliliters) Riesling wine
2 large shallots, thinly sliced, divided
8 cloves garlic, crushed but left in skins
1 bunch fresh thyme, divided
2 cups fresh cranberries, slightly crushed, divided
1 turkey (16 pounds), giblet package and neck removed
ice water, for covering turkey
½ cup Bertolli Mild Olive Oil
salt, to taste
pepper, to taste
In pot, bring water, bay leaves, peppercorns, mustard seeds and kosher salt to boil. Stir until salt is dissolved. Cool to room temperature.

Pour brine into 5-gallon stock pot or container. Pour in wine then add one shallot, garlic, thyme (reserving some for stuffing turkey) and 1 cup cranberries. Slowly lower in turkey.

Pour ice water into pot to cover turkey. Place lid on pot and refrigerate at least 24 hours.

Heat oven to 500 F. Remove turkey from brine, pat dry and stuff with reserved shallot, thyme and cranberries.

Place turkey in roasting pan. Generously massage olive oil into skin of turkey. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, to taste. Use kitchen twine to tie legs together so turkey will keep its shape. Place in roasting pan and roast 20 minutes. Lightly brush skin again with olive oil, reduce heat to 350 F and roast until internal temperature reaches 155-160 F on meat thermometer.

Allow turkey to rest, loosely covered with foil, 30 minutes before carving.



RUSTIC MINISTRONE

3 tablespoons Bertolli Extra Virgin Olive Oil, divided
1 small zucchini, sliced in ½-inch half moons
2 cups tightly packed, thinly sliced Tuscan kale leaves

1 jar (23 ounces) Bertolli Rustic Cut Three Cheese with Aged Asiago, Romano and Parmesan Sauce
1 carton (32 ounces) vegetable broth
1 can (15 ounces) cannellini beans, rinsed
1/3 cup shaved Parmigiano Reggiano cheese

In 6-quart pot over medium-high heat, heat 2 teaspoons oil. Add zucchini and kale; cook, stirring frequently, about 1-2 minutes, or until kale begins to wilt. Reduce heat to medium; add sauce, broth and beans. Simmer 5-7 minutes, or until heated. Top with shaved cheese before serving.

Tips: Substitute garbanzo beans, kidney beans, pinto beans or tri-bean blend for cannellini beans. For heartier soup, add 3 cups (9 ounces) refrigerated tortellini pasta with broth and beans. Simmer soup 8-10 minutes more, or until pasta is cooked through.



CHOCOLATE CHUNK BANANA BREAD

Recipe courtesy of Justin Schuble
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¾ cup Bertolli Olive Oil, plus additional for coating pan

3 ripe medium bananas, divided

½ cup applesauce

1 large egg

1 large egg white

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 ½ cups all-purpose flour

1 cup sugar

½ teaspoon baking soda

½ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon cinnamon

½ cup semi-sweet chocolate chunks or chips

¼ cup nut spread

Heat oven to 350 F.

Coat 9-by-5-inch loaf pan with olive oil.

In mixing bowl, mash 2 bananas. Add applesauce, egg, egg white and vanilla to bananas and whisk.

In separate bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking soda, salt and cinnamon. Slowly add wet ingredients to dry ingredients and mix. Add olive oil slowly and mix until combined.

Fold in chocolate chunks. Pour batter into loaf pan.

Heat nut spread in microwave until it reaches pourable consistency. Swirl spread into top of batter. Thinly slice long, flat strips of banana. Add slices to top of batter for decoration.

Place loaf pan in oven and bake 1 hour. Remove bread and cool before slicing.

Find more simple recipes to enjoy during the holidays at Bertolli.com.

Celebrate family:

Most great holiday gatherings start with great food and end with quality time spent with loved ones. This holiday season, rely on simple recipes that let you spend less time in the kitchen and more time celebrating special moments with family and friends.

As a holiday host, it may be tempting to explore complicated new recipes to lend a festive air to your seasonal celebrations. However, with the right ingredients, a simple recipe can be equally impressive.

Delicious holiday dishes start with premium ingredients like Bertolli Olive Oils,

which offer enough versatility to be a must-have kitchen accessory throughout the holiday season and onward. From soups to main dishes to desserts, the rich, quality flavor works for nearly every culinary occasion.

After a long day of checking items off your holiday shopping list, there's almost nothing better than a warm bowl of quick and easy Rustic Minestrone.

This vegetarian classic is the perfect mix of marinara blended with aged cheeses, kale, zucchini and beans. One of the best parts: It can be on the table in 10 minutes, meaning less time cooking and more time

spent stringing up holiday lights with family.

If you're looking for a simple way to put a new twist on your turkey, take it to the next level with a seasonal brine made with sweet Riesling, garlic cloves, thyme, fresh cranberries and olive oil. It's a hands-off way to make a tried-and-true dish a little more special.

Finally, when it's time to wind down the evening, delight guests by bringing back a classic dessert: chocolate chip banana bread. Served slightly warm with a side of fresh whipped cream or vanilla bean ice cream, it's a sweet finish to any gathering that family and friends are sure to love.

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Count down to Christmas festivities with downtown Morehead City

A full range of holiday plans are already underway for downtown Morehead City kicking off with a Small Business Saturday and Art Walk weekend, followed by a community Christmas tree lighting, visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus, a lighted flotilla, a Christmas parade and finally the Downtown Countdown.

"There is something for everyone this season in downtown Morehead City," said Lisa Rueh, executive director of Downtown Morehead City Inc. "Our businesses and restaurants have been hard at stocking just the right gifts, planning events, booking bands and decorating their businesses to make sure that you will enjoy your visit to downtown this season."

Art lovers can kick off their holiday celebration from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24 with the annual Morehead City Christmas Art Walk, consisting of downtown Morehead City galleries, as well as participating downtown businesses and restaurants.

Each downtown Art Walk location will offer special demonstrations, promotions and refreshments.

The Art Walk map can be picked up at any of the participating galleries.

After completing the gallery tour, walkers are encouraged to stay in the art district and enjoy Small Business Saturday by shopping and dining locally.

Participating downtown shops and restaurants will be open throughout the evening,



Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive at Jaycee Park in Morehead City during a past season to visit with residents. This year's festivities in downtown Morehead City start in the afternoon Saturday, Nov. 24. (Elise Clouser photo)

many offering holiday specials. Stroll around downtown at your own pace and get a jump start on your holiday shopping.

The following weekend Saturday, Dec. 1, children

can enjoy sharing Breakfast with Santa at Floyd's 1921 Restaurant.

There will be three seating times at 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and

\$8 for children. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 252-727-1921.

At 5 p.m. Dec. 1, enjoy fun and Christmas downtown with carols and Santa and Mrs. Claus at Jaycee Park. Then at 5:30 p.m., the colorful Christmas Flotilla will cruise down the Morehead City waterfront in a holiday tradition. The flotilla begins at Jaycee Park.

After the flotilla, stay and watch the annual Morehead City Community Tree Lighting at 6 p.m. in Jaycee Park.

Join Mayor Jerry Jones and his wife in the annual lighting of the tree and have a chance to see Santa and Mrs. Claus and enjoy traditional Christmas carols.

Then, Saturday, Dec. 8 beginning at 11 a.m., the Morehead City Christmas Parade will march down Arendell Street.

Floats, community groups, bands, entertainment and of course Santa and his sleigh

will be featured.

For more information or an entry form, go to downtown-moreheadcity.com.

Downtown Countdown will bring family fun to the waterfront on New Year's Eve.

Join in the fun beginning at 5 p.m. for activities for all ages.

Enjoy watching the fire department drop the children's crab pot drop and children's activities from 5-6 p.m. at Big Rock Landing.

Local businesses and restaurants will provide activities and bands throughout the evening.

Check individual websites for schedules.

Then, end the night at midnight with the big crab pot drop at 6th Street and a fireworks show for all downtown to enjoy, shot from Sugarloaf Island.

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Harkers Island to glow for the season

Once again, Harkers Island is "bringing back the lights" to their community.

The community will start the holiday celebration at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24 at the Bridge Downeast.

After the devastation caused by Hurricane Florence, the Christmas season is now more important than ever.

"There's never been a year like this one. We are all tired from cleaning up and rebuilding our homes and businesses, but we need Christmas more than ever this year, and we are going to welcome the Christmas season together," said Core Sound Waterfowl Museum Executive Director Karen Amspacher.

The celebration will include:

- Music from the East Carteret Chorus.
- Lighting of the Charlie Tree in memory of little Charlie Hancock.
- "Christmas This Year" - remarks by Corey Lawrence and others.
- Time to visit with Christmas goodies.

Randy and Tiffany Ramsey are again sponsoring the Cab and Barbara Ramsey "Bring Back the Lights" Decorating Contest.

Winners will be announced at Waterfowl Weekend, Sunday,

Dec. 2, at 2 p.m.

This contest is held annually to remember Cab Ramsey, who loved Christmas on Harkers Island with a special passion for all the decorating that takes place.

Island Anchors are available at the Core Sound Museum Store in downtown Morehead City and at Waterfowl Weekend Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 1-2 at the museum.

For more information on this upcoming event, call 252-728-1500.

Harkers Island will be lit with holiday anchors, shown here, throughout the Christmas season. There is a holiday celebration at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24 at the Bridge Downeast on Harkers Island. (Contributed photo)



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The art of craft: holiday shows set at museum

The History Museum of Carteret County is gearing up for another year of holiday craft fairs.

This year's fair is Friday-Saturday, Nov. 23-24.

It's been more than three years since museum director Steve Anderson moved the History Museum of Carteret County's holiday craft fair to the Black Friday weekend after Thanksgiving.

"We found ourselves in a tug-of-war" Mr. Anderson said, "with larger craft show venues - venues that did not exist five years ago."

The shows, Mr. Anderson said were bigger, better advertised and staffed. In several cases, his museum's show was being pre-empted by these larger venues.

The larger shows drew from the same limited pool of vendors that the history museum had traditionally courted in the past.

"Our crafters were now being forced to make choices, and they often chose the larger shows" Mr. Anderson said.

The frequency of craft show within the county has also risen since the early 2000s.

Where Mr. Anderson's former "History Place" had alone featured craft shows, there are now weekend shows in

Cedar Point and a variety of venues year round throughout the county, including Core Sound Waterfowl Museum's December show and several at Beaufort Historic Site.

Continuing the history museum's participation with the crafters meant there needed to be changes.

So at first, Mr. Anderson, dropped the table rates - \$50 down to \$35. Power and the much sought after wall space came at a premium price, however.

The next move was to completely eliminate the August show.

Though a tough choice, it was arguably the most difficult to attract visitors and vendors as there was now a large show locally every weekend throughout the summer.

The idea of moving the winter show back from the first weekend in December to Black Friday weekend came next.

The vendors liked it, as no other show was happening that day. They also suggested that the museum charge admission for the show, as many craft shows do charge.

So the nominal fee of \$1 per person was added.

One problem concerned Mr. Anderson: he could not get enough volunteers to help

with the show.

"Most of our people were tied up with holiday dinners, out-of-town guests and functions" he said.

"If not that, they were gone altogether and would not be back until the following week" he added.

So the idea of running a craft show on that weekend was a real gamble - one that had to be taken if the craft fair was to continue at the History Museum.

And the gamble paid off.

That first year over 300 visitors dropped by - a 200 per-

cent rise in attendance from previous shows.

The museum's skeletal staff limped along, but the vendors were happy and everyone left satisfied.

Last year, the show's visitation topped 350 guests - with a full complement of vendors and a book sale - a change that brought in a whole new audience.

This year, the show will feature a second day of shopping Friday, Nov. 23 at noon, with more than 30 vendors and a fully stocked used and old books sale.

"Just this week, a donor brought in over 300 pristine fiction volumes by New York Times best sellers like J.A. Jance, Michael Connelly, and others - all with dusk jackets in meticulous shape. If there was ever a time to stock up on winter reading, this is it," Mr. Anderson said.

The proceeds from this show help fund the Carteret County Historical Society's museum and other pursuits such as preserving and interpreting the county's past.

The Saturday show opens at 9 a.m. and goes until 4 p.m.

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Kids and Family

SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS AT JAYCEE PARK 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 at Jaycee Park, 807 Shepard St., Morehead City. There will be hot chocolate and Christmas music. For more information, call 252-808-0440 or visit downtownmoreheadcity.com.

MOREHEAD CITY COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 at Jaycee Park, 807 Shepard St., Morehead City. For more information, call 252-808-0440 or visit downtownmoreheadcity.com.

Art

ART WALK 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24 at participating art galleries in downtown Morehead City. For more information, call 252-808-0440 or visit downtownmoreheadcity.com.

SEVENTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Emerald Isle Parks and Recreation Center at 6t 203 Leisure Lane. The fair will feature handmade and hand-authenticated items by local artisans and crafters. This is a great way to support local businesses and crafters. Find that unique, one-of-a-kind item for the person who has everything, or treat yourself to something special. The event will take place in the gym.

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8 at St. James Community Life Center, 1011 Orange St., Newport. This event is hosted by the Relay for Life Team at St. James United Methodist Church. Crafters and professional vendors will offer a wide variety of merchandise. A “Children’s Room” will be available for “little shoppers” to buy gifts for their loved ones. Shrimp burgers, hamburgers and hot dogs will be sold, along with an abundance of baked goods. Proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

Admission is free but canned food donations to the Matthew 25 Food Pantry are welcomed. For more information, contact Susan Smith at suze0304@ec.rr.com.

BEAUFORT HOLIDAY ART WALK 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8 in downtown Beaufort. Enjoy a festive day in historic downtown Beaufort and celebrate the season with art receptions and open houses at many downtown locations. A wide variety of art from regional artists will be showcased throughout many of the downtown shops, galleries and restaurants. The Art Walk will begin at The Beaufort Historic Site, 130 Turner St. Art walk maps will be available at participating locations. For more information, call 252-728-5225.

Music and Theater

CAROLINA EAST SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 1-2 at First Presbyterian Church in Morehead City. Under the choral direction of Susan Gillis Bailey, the singers will perform their Christmas concert Saturday, Dec. 1 and Sunday, Dec. 2. The 60-plus voice choir will be performing Dan Forrest’s “Te Deum” and many classic Christmas favorites. The choir will be accompanied by an orchestra. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. They are available from any choir member or at these local organizations: First Presbyterian Church or Williams Hardware, both in Morehead City; in Atlantic Beach: The Pool & Patio Store in the Atlantic Station Shopping Center; and Pet Provisions or First Citizen’s Bank, both in Beaufort.

‘CAN’T WAIT FOR CHRISTMAS’ 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6 and 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 8-9 in Orringer Hall on the campus of Craven Community College, 800 College Court, New Bern. Under the direction of Philip Evancho, Craven Community Chorus will present this program. The accompaniment will be provided by Cheryl Arthur Kite, pianist, and Rachel Pino with the Trent River Orchestra. Tickets are \$5, available for advance purchase from chorus members, Bank of the Arts, Kitchen on Trent, Fullers Music, UPS Store and Harris Teeter (New Bern and Carolina Colours). Tickets will also be sold at the door if available. For more information, contact Marilyn Davis at 252-670-

0230 or visit facebook.com/cravencommunitychorus.

Food and Drink

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA 8:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 at Floyd’s 1921 Restaurant in Morehead City. There will be three seating times. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children. Reservations are required by calling 152-727-1921. The back-up location for this event will be the History Museum of Carteret County.

Events

\$10 BAG SALE ON CLOTHING 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, until Saturday, Nov. 24 at Caroline’s Collectables, 3716 Arendell St., Morehead City. The shop will be closed Thanksgiving Day. This sale includes up to 10 items per bag and excludes new clothing, formal wear, shoes, purses and accessories. Proceeds benefit Carteret County Domestic Violence Program Safe House. You are also able to support CCDVP with donations needed by visiting www.carteretdomesticviolence.com/wish-list.

EMERALD ISLE CHRISTMAS PARADE 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24. The parade will be held along Highway 58 between Mangrove Drive, near CVS and K&V Plaza, and the town government complex. There will be a float decorating contest with cash prizes offered from the best decorated floats. Participants are reminded that there will only be one Santa in the parade. Entry forms can be found online at emeraldisle-nc.org/Data/Sites/1/media/pdfs/parade-entry-2018.pdf. Parade organizers are still seeking volunteers. To help with the parade or for more information, call Don Wells at 252-772-3282 or email donaldjwells@gmail.com. After the parade the town will light the Christmas tree at Merchant Park. There will be free refreshments, as well as holiday carols and visits with Santa Claus.

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY Saturday, Nov. 24 in downtown Morehead City. For more information, call 252-808-0440 or visit downtownmoreheadcity.com.

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44TH ANNUAL NEWPORT CHRISTMAS PARADE 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2 on Chatham Street in Newport. If anyone is interested in having an entry in the parade, please contact Kathy Jo Buttery at Newport town hall at 252-223-4749 or email recreation@townofnewport.com for an application. The entry deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 28.

SHOE FUNDRAISER 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28 and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29 at Carteret Health Care's Meeting Room 1 near the rotunda. This is a special fundraising event sponsored by CHC Auxiliary to contribute to patient care and services.

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

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

DOWN EAST CHRISTMAS PARADE 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9 in Atlantic. The entry cut off date is Sunday, Dec. 3. 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.

MOREHEAD CITY CHRISTMAS PARADE 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 8. Entry forms are available at downtownmoreheadcity.com or by calling 252-808-0440.

GINGERBREAD FESTIVAL Friday-Sunday, Dec. 7-9 at the Crystal Coast Civic Center, Morehead City. This event benefits the Crystal Coast Hospice House. At the heart of the festival is a gingerbread village created by local artists, individuals, schools and community groups. There are also crab

pot Christmas trees designed and decorated by individuals and corporate sponsors, fun activities for children, concessions and festive holiday music and entertainment. For more information, call 252-808-2244.

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

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

Local heritage

MUSKET FIRING DEMONSTRATION 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28 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.

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

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

FLAGS OF FORT MACON AND THE CONFEDERACY 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 3 at Fort Macon State Park in Atlantic Beach. Meet at the

fort visitor center to learn about the wide range of flags used by the Confederacy during the War Between the States.

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

Education

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN COUNSELING 1-5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26 at the Down East Public Library in Otway. Call the library at 252-728-1333 to reserve a 30-minute appointment. This counseling helps people choose the best prescription plan and obtain a subsidy for the premiums. Bring a list of medications with dosages or a bag with prescription medications to the appointment. The open enrollment period ends Friday, Dec. 7. Appointments are also available at the Leon Mann Center. For more information, call 252-247-2626.

FREE BOATING SEMINARS 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29 and Thursday, Dec. 13 at the N.C. Maritime Museum in Beaufort. The N.C. Maritime Museum has partnered with the Fort Macon Sail and Power Squadron to present two free fall seminars: "Get to Know Your Helm Electronics" and "Get to Know Your Way Around on the Water." These seminars will include everything you need to know about boating. Registration is required a week before each seminar, which can be done by visiting abc-cc.org; click on "Boater Education" then click on the far right "Cost" column to register or you may contact Joe Murphy, squadron education officer, at seareenity38@gmail.com or 252-659-2742 for more information or questions.

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

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.

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LOGAN'S AT CAROLINA HOME AND GARDEN: 4EverAll 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23; **David Paradise** 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29; and **Hank Barbee** 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30.

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

BACKSTREET PUB: Mac and Juice 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30.

RIBEYES: Morris Willis 6 p.m. Tuesdays.

Emerald Isle

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

Folk artist releases new album

BY MEGAN LEWIS

TWM

Music serves many purposes and pervades the air around most people daily. In movies, it's the intentional cue the audience subconsciously absorbs about the mood of a scene or the scare coming in the next few seconds. To the commuter, it's the sound that gives them the drive to make it home. For some teenagers, it's the first acceptable rebellion blaring in their ears through headphones in the back of their parents' car.

The songs from Faison folk singer Tim MacLean's new release "Useless Words" would feel at home in a coffee house. They're the background music to the working writer, the love songs for the couple on their first date or the soothing guitar slides accenting the conversation of a group of friends catching up.

A few, like "You May Change Your Mind" and "West Side Blues," could become easy listening at night for the fussy baby who needs a lullaby.

Overall, the album is very mellow with only one or two songs that could be classified as up-tempo. This is a change from Mr. MacLean's early days when he was 22 and playing in the 90s grunge band me and emma.

The lyrics in this album go intellectually beyond popular radio fare. They ring true, particularly with gems like "Sooner or later, everyone you love will break your heart ... That's OK. They didn't mean to let you down," from track three, "Let You Down."

Another lyric to chew on: "Everything smells like ghosts to me" from the second track, "West Side Blues."

Also, who couldn't relate to the closing line of "Unremarkable": "Bologna and cheese 'till I get paid, but it tastes good after awhile."

Ultimately, this album holds listeners "like a secret (they) will never tell another," as the lines go in album opener "You May Change Your Mind." It keeps some for itself, but gives way more back to the introspective.

Mr. MacLean says he "would very much like to play some shows" here, so be on the lookout in our nightlife calendar for performances from him, as well as all the other local artists who play on this coast regularly.

"Useless Words" is available on iTunes, GooglePlay and Amazon music. It is a short listen with seven tracks.

Learn more about the artist on his website, timmaclean.com.

Chris Haile of Morehead City places a donation last year in The Salvation Army red kettle in front of Belk in Morehead City. (Cheryl Burke photo)



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Red Kettle campaign begins

BY CHERYL BURKE
NEWS-TIMES

Bells are ringing at county businesses while volunteers report for The Salvation Army Red Kettle bell-ringing campaign to seek donations to help the county's needy.

The Salvation Army started the 2018 campaign Nov. 13 in front of Belk in Morehead City.

Money raised during the annual Red Kettle campaign helps provide toys and food for needy county families for Christmas, and supports The Salvation Army's social services programs throughout the year.

With the many families displaced because of Hurricane Florence, Major Dewey Alderson with The Salvation Army said the needs this year are tremendous.

The Salvation Army has helped nearly 30,000 residents

since Hurricane Florence hit the county Sept. 13.

"The biggest fundraising campaign of the year is at Christmas. We use this money to help people pay utility bills, rent and food and for other social service programs for the whole year," Major Alderson said.

He added that volunteers and some paid employees are needed to ring bells at many county locations 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. through Christmas Eve. The ringers will not be used Sundays and Thanksgiving Day.

Volunteers will begin ringing Tuesday at Belk, Lowes Foods in Morehead City and Cape Carteret, and Harris Teeter in Morehead City.

The day after Thanksgiving, Friday, Nov. 23, ringers will begin at Walmart in Morehead City and Newport, Piggly Wiggly in Beaufort, Roses in Beaufort, Hobby Lobby in Morehead City, IGA

on Highway 24 in Newport, Food Lions in Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Emerald Isle and Morehead City, and on Fridays and Saturdays at ABC Stores in Beaufort and Morehead City.

Major Alderson especially encouraged groups, such as churches and civic organizations, to join in the fun this year and ring for a good cause. Individuals can ring as little as two hours.

Those interested in volunteering to ring bells can call Kay Hiner at The Salvation Army, 252-726-7147.

Those wanting to make monetary donations can mail checks to The Salvation Army, P.O. Box 399, Morehead City, N.C. 28557. All donations will go to the Christmas fund unless they are earmarked in the memo line for Hurricane Florence relief.

Donations can also be made by going to salvationarmycarolinas.org/moreheadcity.

Festival to highlight oysters, seafood

Oyster lovers will have a chance to sample shellfish during the Crystal Coast Oyster Festival.

This year marks the third annual festival. It is from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24 at Big Rock Landing in Morehead City.

The event is hosted by Pints for Purpose, a nonprofit organization. The festival is designed as a fundraiser and support system for the NC Shellfish Grower's Association.

The N.C. Shellfish Grower's Association is an organization founded to represent the interests of those involved in the shellfish industry, including shellfish farmers, hatchery operators, seafood dealers, educators, researchers, government regulators and service providers.

The festival will feature a variety of farmed North Carolina oysters.

The Crystal Coast Oyster Fest is a community, family-friendly event.

In addition to offering fried, steamed and raw oysters, the family-friendly event will feature local business-sponsored oyster competitions, raffles and cook-offs to raise awareness and generate support for the N.C. Shellfish Growers Association.

Festivalgoers can choose from a variety of farms across Eastern North Carolina and sample the regional differences of oysters.

They can also talk to local farmers firsthand about their passion and why farming is so important to the community, which will provide a strong educational component to the festival.

Additionally, SeaGrant will be on site to promote the educational aspect of the festival, giving attendees a firsthand look at the process and intricacies of oyster farming.

To support the N.C. Shellfish Growers Association, a \$5 donation is requested for general admission, which includes admission to the festival and live performances.

VIP tickets are also available with a donation of \$35. VIP tickets include all you can eat shucked raw oysters (while they last), private waterfront desk area, VIP liquor bar, private bathrooms and entry to a private raw bar.

Tickets are now on sale at Etix and at Tight Lines in Morehead City. VIP ticket prices will increase as it gets closer to the day of the event.

For more information about



Lisa Spence of Newport samples an oyster from My Lord Honey Seafood Co. during a past Crystal Coast Oyster Festival on the Morehead City waterfront. This year's festival will start at noon Saturday, Nov. 24 at Big Rock Landing. (Megan Soult photo)

the festival, visit www.ccoyster-fest.org.

Listed below is a schedule of events:

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Resident releases book

Dan Giffin, a longtime Beaufort resident, has been writing for many years. He has published many scientific articles and several books, but he has recently released his first novel.

According to a release from Mr. Giffin about the novel, set in eastern North Carolina and revolving around the communities of Beaufort and Bath, *Lawless Moon* is a tale of modern day ruthlessness in the pursuit of a treasure the pirate Blackbeard amassed several centuries ago.

A clue is found by a beach renourishment geologist that leads him and his fellow workmates to research the whereabouts of the rest of the cache.

Unfortunately, a distant grandniece of Blackbeard's learns of their search. With all the charm of a pit viper, she finagles her way into the hunt. The ensuing struggle leaves a trail of devastation that the normally peaceful area finds unnerving.

Mr. Giffin served several hitches in the U.S. Navy during Vietnam and the Iran conflicts then went back to school and became a geologist with a doctorate at East



Lawless Moon, by Dan Giffin, is a tale about the pursuit of Blackbeard's treasure. The book is now available. (Contributed photo)

Carolina University.

Now retired, he is back to spending a lot of time on the water and enjoying life with his wife Sharon and their extensive families.

The book is available at Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Dee Gees, The Old Beaufort Shop and Cousins Bed and Breakfast in Beaufort.

Author wins national award

Clifton Barnes of Rocky Mount, son of W.C. and Lorraine Barnes of Atlantic Beach, has won a national award for an online book he wrote.

An e-book telling the history of the Order of the Bell Tower at the University of North Carolina won an award for excellence from the Washington, D.C. area-based Communications Concepts through its 2018 Awards for Publication Excellence competition.

Mr. Barnes, a UNC-Chapel Hill journalism and political science graduate who lives in Cary, was one of only seven people across the nation to win awards of excellence in the Best Electronic Publications category.

The e-book goes through the history of the Morehead-Patterson Memorial Bell Tower, which opened in 1931, and the student-alumni group, which started 50 years later.

A panel of judges, who said they had a challenging time selecting winners because of the exception-



BARNES

al quality of entries, appreciated the author's attention to detail and his commitment to preserving history.

"It's important and rewarding to look back at the way things were and how iconic symbols like the Bell Tower started," Mr. Barnes said.

This was the first time Mr. Barnes has won an award for an e-book, but he won a writing award in the APEX national competition nine years in a row, including four awards for his website, CapitalSportsNC.com.

The site features articles from top media outlets and sports teams in the Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill area, along with his own original sports commentary.

Mr. Barnes served as director of communications for the N.C. Bar Association for 15 years and was a newspaper writer and editor.

Today he is a freelance writer, editor and web developer who owns several websites, including one that chronicles each UNC basketball game.

Also in 2018, Mr. Barnes put together a highway marker dedication ceremony which honored Rocky Mount native Kay Kyser, the popular comedic bandleader from the 1930s and 40s.



Crystal Coast

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018



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Schedule for the Day

8:30, 9:30 & 10:30 AM
Breakfast with Santa
Reservations required, (252) 727-1921

11:30 AM - 6:30 PM
Santa on the Beaufort Waterfront

12 NOON
Cut-off for early registration
(Drop off at the NC Maritime Museum store)
Participation with registration
at Awards Party is acceptable.

1:00 - 5:00 PM
Chowder & Cheer Crawl
Select Morehead City establishments

1:00 PM
Beaufort Christmas Parade

5:00 - 6:00 PM
Christmas Music & Refreshments & Santa
Jaycee Park - Morehead City (South 9th & Shepard Sts.)

5:30 PM
Tree Lighting on the Beaufort Waterfront

5:30 PM
BOAT PARADE, MOREHEAD CITY WATERFRONT
STARTS AT JAYCEE PARK

6:00 PM
MOREHEAD CITY TREE LIGHTING

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