Relay for Life

Saturday, April 28
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**Movie Review**

Amy Schumer tackles body image in “I Feel Pretty,” earning two stars out of four.

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Make your next fiesta one to remember with colorful decor, festive touches and unique and mouthwatering recipes.

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**Music**

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**Calendars**

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

**Art**

Vision Gallery in Morehead City will host an opening reception for Dottie Leatherwood.

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**Featured Photo**

Dixie, part pekingese and part schnauzer, and Nala, a Siberian husky, snuggle together in this photograph by Reggie Lewis. To see your photograph in this space, email it and a short caption to megan.soult@thenewstimes.com.

**On the Cover**

Cancer survivor Sue Allen of Newport stands in front of a quilt made from T-shirts collected during previous American Cancer Society Relay for Life events. The 2018 Relay for Life of Carteret-Craven will be Saturday, April 28, at Havelock High School. (Cheryl Burke photo)

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Cancer survivor Sue Allen has participated in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life for 23 years and has the T-shirts to prove it.

The 75-year-old great-grandmother doesn’t even let knee replacements or arthritis stop her from participating in the annual fundraising event, which will be Saturday, April 28, at Havelock High School.

Gates will open to the general public at 11 a.m., with the opening ceremonies of 2018 Relay for Life of Carteret-Craven at 11:30 a.m. The Survivors Lap will be at noon, with closing ceremonies at 9 p.m.

“I will participate as long as I have breath,” Ms. Allen, a breast cancer and skin cancer survivor, said April 3 during an interview at the home of her good friend and Relay for Life Chairman Karen Fletcher.

“My grandmother, mother, dad, two brothers and a sister were cancer survivors. There’s just too much of it. We need to find a cure,” Ms. Allen continued. “I’m raising funds so we can continue early detection and research. That’s what’s going to whip this thing.”

Ms. Fletcher chimed in that the Relay for Life committee decided to try combining the two counties this year and change the event to an all-day festival, versus the previous overnight campout, to generate more participation.

“The last few years’ participation has fallen off in both counties so we thought combining the two and making it a festival would help,” Ms. Fletcher said. “The date was changed because that’s when the school was available and we thought we’d try April instead of May because there’s so much happening in May.”

Ms. Allen said she was looking forward to the two counties joining together for the first time, and hopes it will help raise more funds.

She knows what it’s like to fight cancer and win. Ms. Allen was diagnosed in 1987 with cancer in her left breast. She subsequently had a mastectomy and hoped her fight was over. However, that wasn’t the case.

Doctors discovered cancer in her right breast in 1992 when she had a physical exam in preparation for donating blood to her mother, who had lung cancer. They immediately sent Ms. Allen to Duke Medical Center in Durham, where she had her second mastectomy.

She underwent chemotherapy for a year at Carteret General Hospital (now Carteret Health Care) in Morehead City. The chemo was strong and she remembers getting extremely sick from the treatments.

“The doctor told me the treatments would make me feel like I was dying, but after it was over I would be cancer free,” she said. She has been clear of breast cancer since 1993, but has had several skin cancers removed, as well as a tumor in her neck. She had the last one removed three years ago.

While she credits her husband for being a huge support during her bouts with cancer, she also credits her doctors and the American Cancer Society for providing up-to-date treatments due to ongoing research.

That’s why Ms. Allen is so passionate about supporting Relay for Life. She even has all of the memorabilia from previous events.

As well as T-shirts, she has mementos given to her by fellow survivors and participants, and board games she has carried with her to stay awake during the all-night events.

“I enjoyed staying up all night, it was a lot of fun. We would play lots of board games and cards when we weren’t walking. People used to decorate their campsites and there would be fun events throughout the night.”

She encouraged people to come out and support this year’s event.

“If you’ve never been to a Relay for Life, you need to go and at least see what it’s about,” she said. “I’m just grateful I can walk in it.”

Ms. Fletcher also encouraged people to participate.

“A lot of people think all we do is walk around the track, but there is so much more happening, especially this year. It will be more a festival, and there will be games, vendors, entertainment and many fun events.”

For more information, go to relayforlife.org/ccnc.
Amy Schumer tackles body image, and it’s complicated

BY JOCELYN NOVECK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

If you’ve ever walked into a store and were embarrassed to tell the salesperson your real size or entered the gym locker room and wanted to hide, you’re part of the target audience for Amy Schumer’s “I Feel Pretty.” Whatever age or gender you happen to be.

Self-esteem issues related to body image are, without doubt, a social epidemic – a painful and dangerous one, for many girls and young women. And there’s nothing controversial about that message, though judging by some of the heated online reaction to the trailer for “I Feel Pretty,” you’d think the film was proposing a new conspiracy theory about JFK’s assassination.

The real problem with “I Feel Pretty,” written and directed by Abby Kohn and Marc Silverstein, is not in its message or conception, but in its ragtag execution. On the plus side, it’s often a pleasantly entertaining ride with the always appealing Ms. Schumer, and its heart is in the right place. It also features a truly terrific comic turn by Michelle Williams (drama, musicals, now comedy – is there anything she can’t do?) On the minus side, it muddles its message with an overstuffed script, choppy editing and some unnecessarily over-the-top moments. Not to mention a sappy ending that actually comes close to contradicting its own premise.

Ms. Schumer is Renee Bennett, a young woman who looks in the mirror and doesn’t like what she sees. What she sees, is, well, Amy Schumer – and that’s one of the things that has annoyed some people, who say that if Ms. Schumer epitomizes unattractiveness, what about the rest of us? Still, the actress is plenty believable as an average-looking, Spanx-wearing woman who aspires to look more like the Amazonian supermodels she runs into at SoulCycle and at the cosmetics company where she works, relegated to an offsite basement in Chinatown.

What’s less believable is the overly negative reaction of some of those around her. A pretty saleswoman immediately approaches Renee in a chic clothing store and says, “You can probably find your size online.” A baby even breaks into tears at the sight of her. OK, that’s a little much.

In any case, one day at SoulCycle, Renee has an accident. She hits her head – three times! – falls unconscious, and wakes up thinking she’s beautiful.

And therein lies another objection from critics of the trailer: Does a woman have to be knocked unconscious to think she’s beautiful? OK, but the movie is using that as a vehicle to show how low self-esteem clouds our vision of ourselves. Also, Renee doesn’t see something else, glamorous face in the mirror; she sees herself. And it’s fun to see Renee suddenly confident enough to go for that plum promotion at Lily LeClair headquarters, working alongside snotty CEO Avery LeClair herself (Ms. Williams, with long blonde hair and a hysterically breathy voice, perhaps a throwback to her Marilyn Monroe days.)

She gets the job. She also gets Ethan, the cute guy in line at the dry cleaners (a wry and appealing Rory Scovel). On their first date, engineered by Renee of course, they wind up at a bikini contest filled with supermodel types where Renee fearlessly flaunts her stuff. Afraid for her at first, Ethan quickly admires how comfortable she is in her own skin, and falls for her. Their relationship alone is a nice, simple lesson in trusting one’s own attributes.

But this film doesn’t stick with simple. It finds multiple ways to say the same thing. Another apparently budding relationship, between Renee and Avery’s rich and cuddled brother, Grant (Tom Hopper), is toyed with and then seemingly dropped, as if the movie was just getting too long (which it is.)

Inevitably, things go astray. Renee offends her two buddies, Jane (Busy Philipps) and Vivian (an underused Aidy Bryant), by getting too big for her britches, metaphorically. And then, just when she’s about to hit real success on the job, something happens to make her see herself in the old way, once again.

But, as they do in romantic comedies, things have a way of working out. At least, for Renee. As for us, we’re left with one of those let’s-wrap-it-all-up scenes that reaffirms Renee’s special qualities – so far, so good – and then spills over into unmitigated sap. “What I am is ME,” she declares. (You half expect her to break out into that empowerment anthem of the moment, “This is Me” from “The Greatest Showman.”) What, she asks, would it be like if nobody cared how they looked?

Well, it would be great. But it’s hard to ignore that Renee is, at that moment, hawking a cosmetics line. And so IS it all about acceptance and loving one’s true self? Or is it about finding the right concealer?

It’s complicated.

“I Feel Pretty,” an STX Entertainment release, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America “for sexual content, some partial nudity, and language.” Running time: 110 minutes. Two stars out of four.

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(Author photo)
Festive fiesta flavors: Serve up some spice with fun dishes

Make your next fiesta one to remember with colorful decor, festive touches and, perhaps most importantly, unique and mouthwatering recipes that bring guests back for seconds.

To achieve the ideal flavors of a fiesta done right, try bringing something new to the table with recipes like these party-pleasing Tortilla Pizzas for a special main dish, crunchy and refreshing Coleslaw with Green Chile Dressing on the side and, for a decadently unique dessert, Jalapeno Brownies.

These party-perfect recipes can help you take flavors to new heights while adding a kick of spice when you incorporate quality ingredients like Rio Luna Organic Peppers. The peppers are cultivated by a company with more than three decades of experience. They manage the whole pepper process from annual seed selection to grower partnerships, cultivation and packing.

Available in four spicy varieties — Diced Jalapenos, Nacho Sliced Jalapenos, Diced Green Chiles andLarge Chopped Green Chiles — you can add a pop of peppers to your next celebration. Because the peppers are organic certified, non-GMO, fat free, cholesterol free, low calorie and kosher, you’ll be able to pack an extra punch of spice without serving up unnecessary ingredients.

To find more ways to spice up your fiestas as well as everyday recipes, visit riolunapeppers.com/our-meals and find Rio Luna Organics on Facebook and Instagram.

TORTILLA PIZZAS
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Servings: 4
4 flour tortillas (8 inches)
1 can (15 ounces) refried black beans
4 fresh plum tomatoes, chopped
1 can (4 ounces) Rio Luna Organic Nacho Sliced Jalapenos, drained
1 ½ cups shredded Mexican cheese blend
1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro
chipotle-ranch dressing (optional)

Heat oven to 400 F.
Bake tortillas directly on oven rack 2 minutes. Cool. Spread ¼ cup beans onto each tortilla. Top evenly with tomatoes, jalapenos and cheese.
Bake 8 minutes, or until cheese is melted. Sprinkle with cilantro just before serving.
Tip: For added flavor, drizzle pizzas with chipotle-ranch dressing.

COLESLAW WITH GREEN CHILE DRESSING
Prep time: 20 minutes
Servings: 6
1½ cups mayonnaise
1 cup sour cream
½ cup Rio Luna Organic Diced Green Chiles, drained
6 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
2 tablespoons Sriracha sauce
2 tablespoons agave nectar
2 cups shredded napa cabbage
1 cup shredded red cabbage
1 cup shredded carrots
½ cup thinly sliced white onions
2¼ teaspoons kosher salt, plus additional, to taste
½ teaspoon ground black pepper, plus additional, to taste

In medium bowl, whisk mayonnaise, sour cream, chiles, apple cider vinegar, Dijon mustard, Sriracha and agave nectar until well blended.

In large bowl, combine napa cabbage, red cabbage, carrots, onions, salt and pepper. Add mayonnaise mixture; toss until well coated. Season with additional salt and pepper, if desired, to taste.

Tip: Coleslaw can be prepared ahead of time and refrigerated up to 1 day. Toss before serving.

JALAPENO BROWNIES
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes
Servings: 16
½ cup vegetable oil
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 can (4 ounces) Rio Luna Organic Diced Jalapenos, pureed
1 teaspoon vanilla
¾ cup, plus 3 tablespoons, all-purpose flour
½ cup cocoa powder
⅓ teaspoon baking powder
⅛ teaspoon salt
powdered sugar (optional)

Heat oven to 350 F.
In medium bowl, whisk oil, sugar, eggs, jalapenos and vanilla until blended.
In separate bowl, combine flour, cocoa powder, baking powder and salt; add to egg mixture. Mix just until combined. Pour into greased 8-by-8-inch baking pan.
Bake 15-20 minutes, or until brownies pull away from sides of pan easily. Cool in pan on wire rack.
Concert lineup announced

Downtown Morehead City Inc. has announced the names of the performers for this year’s Alive at Five Concert Series.

“This will be our eighth year,” said Lisa Ruh, director of Downtown Morehead City Inc. “And the concert series just continues to grow. Families call to schedule their vacations around concert dates.”

The free, family-friendly music series is hosted at Jaycee Park, 807 Shepard St., from 5 to 8 p.m. on the waterfront in downtown Morehead City.

The Bounce Party Band, from Burlington, takes center stage Friday, June 1, with a six-piece, high-energy group, complete with male and female vocalists playing favorite dance songs from the last 40 years.

The Bounce Party Band is an eclectic group of musicians with years of experience, tremendous talent and unmistakable chemistry, according to the announcement.

For more information, visit www.bouncepartyband.com.

Liquid Pleasure will have visitors dancing Friday, June 15. The six-man band has been playing for more than 20 years and has toured with Hootie and the Blowfish and REM.

They’ve been paired with Chuck Berry, Eddie Floyd and Ben E. King, and then later with Whitney Houston, the Four Tops, The Temptations and Aretha Franklin.

Liquid Pleasure performed at former President Bill Clinton’s Inaugural Ball, as well as for former President George W. Bush and for events for the Ravens and Panthers football teams and the Hornets basketball team.

Liquid Pleasure features an extensive song list encompassing beach music, rock, top 40, Motown and all the standards crowds love.

For more information, go to the band’s website, www.liquidpleasureband.com.

An exciting new band out of Raleigh called Night Years takes over the waterfront Friday, July 6, wrapping up the holiday weekend. This will be a guaranteed recipe for a party.

Night Years is the premiere corporate, wedding and event band specializing in making parties unforgettable, according to the announcement.

For more information, visit www.nightyears.com.

Then, Friday, July 20, come and experience The Embers. This musical institution has left their mark on listeners with numerous albums and single releases that span decades.

Having been inducted into the South Carolina Rhythm and Blues Hall of Fame and most recently the South Carolina Beach Music Hall of Fame, The Embers are honored to carry the moniker of North Carolina’s Official Ambassadors of Music.

They have traveled the country and the world and have performed for many events, from the highest dignitaries to backyard fraternity parties.

The Embers also traveled throughout South Korea to perform their Christmas special, “Christmas with the Embers,” on American Military bases for America’s troops in December of 2007 and 2008.

They were awarded Military Coins of Excellence for their distinguished service.

On Friday, Aug. 3, a local favorite will provide the entertainment.

The Mikele Buck Band is an eastern North Carolina-based group formed in 2003 by lead singer/songwriter Mikele Buck.

Born and raised in the hills of West Virginia, Mr. Buck is a military veteran and a father of two children.

The Mikele Buck Band has shared the stage with such nationally renowned acts as Aaron Tippin, Joe Nichols, Jeff Bates, Trent Tomlinson, Bucky Covington and, most recently, Jason Aldean.

For more information, visit www.mikelebuckband.com.

Finishing the Alive at Five concert season, Friday, Aug. 17, the North Tower Band takes command of the Morehead City waterfront.

North Tower has been one of the South’s great party bands for more than 35 years, providing oldies, beach, top 40 and funk.

Sizzling brass, super vocals and a wide-ranging repertoire will make this Alive at Five concert one to remember.

For more information, go to www.northtowerband.com.

The Alive at Five Concert Series is sponsored by Sound Bank. Beverages are sponsored by RA Jeffery’s/Bud Light.

The concerts are hosted by the DMC Inc. and the town of Morehead City.

Beverages will be available for purchase. No coolers or outside beverages are allowed.

For more information about Alive at Five or DMC Inc., visit www.downtownmoreheadcity.com.

County Girl Scouts named local top sellers

Girl Scouts - N.C. Coastal Pines has announced that Kacy Holden of Morehead City is the county’s top seller for the 2018 Girl Scout Cookie Program.

Kacy sold 1,540 boxes of Girl Scout cookies in the annual cookie program, which ended in March.

Jadyn Jennifer Melby of Newport placed second with 1,531 boxes sold and Amanda Williamson of Newport placed third with 637 boxes sold.

The 2018 Cookie Program was held Jan. 13 through March 4.

Participating in the Girl Scout Cookie Program is a long-held and cherished tradition for girls, with recognition as a top cookie seller a coveted honor.

Being named a top seller goes beyond what’s in the box as it highlights a girl’s determination to set and achieve goals, develop business and financial literacy skills and enhance their entrepreneurial spirit, according to the release.

This recognition also demonstrates a girl’s mastery of the five skills, goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills and business ethics as she runs her very own cookie business.

“The Girl Scout Cookie Program is the perfect opportunity for girls to develop important skills that they will use throughout their life while raising funds to support future leadership endeavors with Girl Scouts,” said Kelly Griffin, product sales director, Girl Scouts - N.C. Coastal Pines. “All of the girls that participated in the 2018 program made their own unique contribution, making them entrepreneurs in the largest girl-led business in the world, and we could not be more proud of them. We are excited to honor and celebrate the leaders of this year’s Cookie Program.”

Girl Scouts - N.C. Coastal Pines sold over 3.1 million boxes of cookies with approximately 12,750 Girl Scouts participating in the 2018 Girl Scout Cookie Program.

Approximately 2,400 girls sold more than 400 boxes of cookies each. Additionally, 320 girls sold more than 1,000 boxes each.

Council-wide the average number of boxes sold per girl was 261. Nationally the average number of boxes sold by Girl Scouts is approximately 150.

This year, the council exceeded their Operation Cookie Drop goal by collecting donations to send over 95,000 boxes of cookies to the military men and women serving the country, and culminating in over a million boxes delivered through this council-wide service project since its inception in 2005.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program helps support girls in achieving the goals they set for themselves through program activities, community service projects and philanthropy, and ensures all girls are afforded access to the Girl Scout leadership experience.

For more information on the Girl Scouts Cookie Program, please visit www.nccocoastalpines.org.

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College to hold brunch

Grab your dice and mark your calendars for the third annual Bunco Brunch.

The event, which pays tribute to the late Sally B. Smith, of Morehead City, will be held at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at the Coral Bay Club in Atlantic Beach.

The Bunco Brunch supports a scholarship and professional development fund at Carteret Community College.

Ms. Smith served as a CCC Board of Trustees chairman in 2008 and was a board member from 2002-09, as well as a foundation member from 2003-06.

Her daughter and foundation board member Andrea Smith is the event chairman.

Last year, more than 60 people attended the Bunco Beach Brunch and raised more than $11,700 through ticket sales, donations, a raffle and a silent auction.

Last year’s top prize was a two-night, three-day stay at a local beach house.

For more information and to register, to play or sponsor, visit www.cccfoundation.org and click on the “Events” tab or call 252-222-6056.
Veteran group holds get together

The R.O.M.E.O Group (Retired Old Men Eating Out) held their recent meeting April 2 at Golden Corral in Morehead City.

Hank Gotard, veterans services officer, mentioned that since most members are in their 90s (and they’re proud of it), the World War II veterans have voted to open the doors to Korean War-era and Vietnam-era veterans.

Ira Lewis, a coast guardsman from Down East, will be 100 Thursday, Aug. 2. Everyone was glad to see Mr. Lewis back and looking well.

Bob White was the guest speaker, and spoke about several events in history.

The R.O.M.E.O Group meets every other month. The next luncheon is at noon Monday, June 4, at Golden Corral.

New book details a Marine’s faith-based journey with ALS

Randy’s Way by Thomas Gill is a must read for anyone interested in studying the lives of real-life heroes and heroines and learning how they earned their titles.

The book tells the story of a dynamic, “high potential” U. S. Marine Corps officer who selflessly exchanged his quality of life for a role in the Gulf War, and who in so doing began to cultivate a closer, hand-in-hand walk with God.

Kim, Randy’s wife of three years at the time, never wavered in her devotion to Randy, even when given the devastating news that her gifted and athletic husband had contracted ALS (Lou Gehrig’s Disease) as a result of the Gulf War’s chemical and biological warfare agents.

The epic account of events leading up to that life-altering moment and the 25 years that followed gives new meaning to the phrase “courage under fire.”

Set in the quaint resort town of Emerald Isle, this true story illustrates how people can overcome any challenge through faith in God.

Chocked full of humorous and serious anecdotes covering nearly 50 years, readers will be inspired by how the residents of this small town on the southern Outer Banks band together to ensure Randy, Kim, Nicole and Kyle are included in all aspects of the island community, according to a release.

Randy’s Way is a tribute to the heroic lives the entire Hebert family have lived since coming face-to-face with this debilitating disease nearly 25 years ago.

The book was published March 1 through CreateSpace Publishing.

A book signing is scheduled for Sunday, May 27, at the Holiday Trav-L-Park Resort in Emerald Isle.

The book is currently available at Emerald Isle Book and Games and will also be sold at the Jacksonville Barnes & Noble.
**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!

**ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR**

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

**EVENTS**

- **PLAYERS NEEDED**
  - For Morehead City Babe Ruth. Players ages 12-15 who are interested in playing spring baseball should contact Jim Brinson at 252-723-2745.

- **CMAST**
  - Sea Scout Ship 1810 SSS Sea Wolf. CMAST now has its very own Sea Scout ship for students ages 13-18 interested in boating and all things maritime. Sea Scouts are a division of Boy Scouts. Sea Scouts is for young men and women ages 14-20. Sea Scouts will learn boating skills, water safety, maritime heritage and citizenship through limitless opportunities and exciting challenges. For more information, visit http://cmastaff.ncsu.edu or www.facebook.com/CMASTYouth.

- **SOUNDSIDE STORY TIME**
  - 10:30-11:30 a.m. Fridays at the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center on Harkers Island. There will be stories, crafts, snacks and free play for preschoolers and their caregivers with new topics each week. For more information, call the museum at 252-728-1500.

- **STORY TIME AND PRE-K PLAY**
  - 9-10 a.m. Mondays for children from birth to 5 years, accompanied by an adult. Bring any supplies needed, such as diapers, wipes, bottles and more. For more information, call 252-354-6350.

**Art**

- **CAROLINA ARTIST GALLERY CALLS FOR ARTISTS**
  - to participate in the upcoming show, “Nature Abstracted,” which will run from Saturday, May 12, to Friday, July 6. Entries in all media are welcome and must be received by 5 p.m. Sunday, May 6. Art inspired by nature, but perhaps modified, distorted, embellished or simplified in any media is welcome. Two pieces may be submitted by each artist. For entry details, visit CarolinaArtistGallery.com or call the gallery at 252-726-7550.

**Kids and Family**

- **MOVIE IN THE PARK**
  - 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at Newport Community Park. This is the kick off for the Newport Public Library summer reading program. The movie is “School of Rock,” and it starts at 7:30 p.m. The Newport Public Library will have registration forms and information about summer reading program.

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**Food and Drink**

- **NATIONAL SUPERHERO DAY**
  - 2-4 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at White Oak Shore Camping and RV Resort in Stella. This concert features 20 performances in two days. A portion of the proceeds benefits the Carteret Community College Foundation. For tickets and information on the annual White Oak Shore Spring Bluegrass Festival, call 252-393-3244 or visit online at whiteoakshores.com.

- **BEAUFORT WINE & FOOD WEEKEND**
  - continues until Sunday, April 29. This wine and food weekend features celebrity chefs and various wines from around the world. There will be wine tastings, cooking demonstrations, unique recipes and more. For more information, visit www.beaufortwineandfood.com.

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- **CATFISH FRY AND BAKE SALE**
  - 11 a.m. Saturday, May 12, at the Crystal Coast Autism Center, 5242 Highway 70, Morehead City. Plates will cost $6 each and include fried catfish, baked beans, coleslaw and a roll. Tables will be available on site to sit and eat, and take-out will be available. For information or to pre-order a dinner on the day of the sale, call Marie Kight at 252-504-8305 or Chuck Finney at 252-725-1464.

**Events**

- **THE LAST PIG’ SCREENING**
  - 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, April 27, at Joslyn Hall on the campus of Carteret Community College. Doors open at 6 p.m. “The Last Pig,” by Allison Argo, follows a farmer in his final year of slaughtering pigs. Through sparse, intimate musings, the farmer reveals his growing conflict over a...
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life spent “peddling in death.” Due to an anonymous donation, the money will be free for the next 30 attendees. There will be door prizes and free, plant-based food samples. For more information on the film, visit www.AgroFilms.com. Tickets are available at Eventbrite.com. There is limited seating. There will also be raffle items, and proceeds benefit Farm Sanctuary.

INDOOR YARD SALE 7:30 a.m. Saturday, April 28, at North River United Methodist Church in Beaufort.

Local heritage

KAYAKING SAFETY 1 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at Hammocks Beach State Park in Swansboro. Come out to the park to learn about and discuss basic paddling safety. Participants will be introduced to the “rules of the road” to help them stay safe while paddling the waters around the coast. Meet in the auditorium inside the visitor center. For more information, call 910-326-4881.

TRAIL SISTERS: PINK LADIES NIGHT HIKE 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at Hammocks Beach State Park in Swansboro. Come out to the park dressed in pink for this moonlit hike with Ranger Renee aimed at introducing women to the fun and benefits of the outdoors. The program is geared for those that may be new to hiking and the outdoors. Meet at the former Mitchell 4H Camp at the end of 4H Camp Road. The program is weather dependent. For more information, call 910-326-4881.

FORT TOURS 11 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. daily in May at Fort Macon State Park.

MUSKET FIRING DEMONSTRATION 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 2, at Fort Macon State Park. Learn about a Civil War era musket’s history, loading procedures and firing. Meet in the fort.

FLAGS OF FORT MACON AND THE CONFEDERACY 10 a.m. Monday, May 7, at Fort Macon State Park. Meet at the fort visitor center to learn about the wide range of flags used by the Confederacy during the War Between the States.

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ASTRONOMY 9 p.m. Friday, May 11, at Fort Macon State Park. Meet at the bathhouse to view space through a telescope and learn more about our universe.

BEHIND THE SCENES: SHARK SNACK 2:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays at the N.C. Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. Visit food preparation areas, animal holding areas and labs. Also get an over-head view of the Living Shipwreck and watch aquarium aquarists feed the sharks. This program is for ages 5 and up. The price is $20. For details, call 252-247-403 or visit www.ncaquariums.com to register.

BEHIND THE SCENES: AQUARIUM AT A GLANCE noon-12:45 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays at the N.C. Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. Visit food preparation areas, animal holding areas and labs. Also get a look at the Living Shipwreck habitat from above. The program is for ages 5 and up. The price is $12. For details, call 252-247-403 or visit www.ncaquariums.com to register.

INTRODUCTION TO WOODEN BOAT BUILDING COURSE 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 2-3, at the Harvey W. Smith Watercraft Center in Beaufort. A two-day hands-on course, students will explore the art of boat building 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 Aquarium members.

USCG ABOUT BOATING SAFELY CLASS is all for ages and required for anyone born after Jan. 1, 1988, at Coastal Carolina Community College or U.S. Coast Guard Station Emerald Isle. This one-day, eight-hour class helps boaters stay safe and legal and feel more comfortable on the water. Classes are taught by certified U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary instructors. Those who pass earn a boater safety certificate. For more information, email smathusek@ecrr.com, call 610-331-6764 or visit http://swansboroaux.com.

BOATING SKILLS AND SEAMANSHIP Mondays and Thursdays, two hours a session, for six weeks. Classes are taught by certified U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary instructors. Those who pass earn a boater safety certificate. For more information, email smathusek@ecrr.com, call 610-331-6764 or visit http://swansboroaux.com.

SUNDAY SUSTAINABLE SUSTAINABLE SUSTAINABLE EDITION 10 a.m. at the N.C. Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. Learn about local sustainable seafood and cultural traditions. For more information, email smathusek@ecrr.com, call 610-331-6764 or visit http://swansboroaux.com.

29TH ANNUAL LOOKOUT RUN FOR HEALTHY LIVING ROAD RACE AND PORT TO FORT HALF MARATHON 7:30 a.m. Saturday, April 28, at the Morehead City train depot. Registration begins at the train depot at 6:30 a.m. The half marathon starts at 7:30 a.m., the run for healthy living race is at 7:40 a.m. and the 5K starts at 8 a.m. The half marathon, 5K and fitness walk will have prizes for the top three overall male and female racers. Gildan high-performance long sleeve shirts will be available to the first 350 racers registered. Preregistration discount $25 for 5K/$55 for Half Marathon until 5 p.m. Friday, April 20. Race day registration fee is $30 for the 5K and $60 for the half marathon. There is a military discount, as well as a family special. For more information or to register, visit www.runheast.com, lookoutrotaryroadrace.com or the Sports Center in Morehead City.

NIGHTLIFE CALENDAR

FLOYD’S 1921: Live music 7-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

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. Homebrewer’s Night with head brewer available for questions will be on the first and third Tuesday of the month.

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

Bogue

LOGAN’S AT CAROLINA HOME AND GARDEN: Live music 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays. There is a $5 cover charge. 4EverAll April 26; Reindl Brothers May 3; Will Baker May 10; 4EverAll May 17; Ed Prophet May 24; and Rick Huff May 31.

Atlantic Beach

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

Beaufort

OLDE BEAUFORT FARMERS’ MARKET: Morris Willis 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays, April 28, May 19, June 30, Aug. 25 and Sept. 29.

CRU WINE BAR: Studio Cru-54 night with DJ Jerm 9 p.m. Thursday, April 26; Spring Diva Drag Pride Night hosted by Madame Z 9 p.m. Friday, April 27; The Dust Parade 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28, and Open Night Mic at Cru hosted by Tiffany Elaine 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 1.

RIBEYES: Morris Willis 6 p.m. Tuesdays.

THE DOCK HOUSE RESTAURANT: Morris Willis 7-10 p.m. Sundays, May 6, June 3, July 1, Aug. 5 and Sept. 9.

BEAUFORT VFW: Morris Willis 6-9 p.m. every third Friday through the end of the year.

Cedar Point

HARRIKA’S BREW HAUS: Drink Like a Local $3 Pints every Thursday until Sept. 27; Food Truck Friday 5 p.m. Fridays until Oct. 26; Jam Sessions Fridays 7 p.m. Fridays until Dec. 28; Drink for the Dogs 1 p.m. every Saturday until June 9; and Beer and Wine tasting 6 p.m. the fourth Thursday of every month.

Emerald Isle

SALT: Steel Shot 9 p.m. Thursday, April 26; ASG 10 p.m. Saturday, April 28; The Calloway Band 9 p.m. Friday, May 4; Jim Quick and the Coastline 9 p.m. Friday, May 11; David Dixon 9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17; PLUS Dueling Pianos 9 p.m. Friday, May 18; Bryan Mayer on Acoustic 9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 24; The Tim Clark Band 9 p.m. Friday, May 25; and The Embers featuring Craig Woolard 9 p.m. Saturday, May 27.

Swansboro

BORO CAFÉ: Live music 7 p.m. Fridays.

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

AREA SPORTS CALENDAR

High School Baseball

Jayvee: White Oak at West Carteret ............................................. 4 p.m.
Varsity: White Oak at West Carteret ........................................ 7 p.m.
Jayvee: Jacksonville at Swansboro ........................................... 4 p.m.
Varsity: Jacksonville at Swansboro ........................................ 7 p.m.
Jayvee: Croatan at Pender ....................................................... 6 p.m.
Varsity: Croatan at Pender ....................................................... 7 p.m.

High School Girls Soccer

Jayvee: White Oak at West Carteret ........................................... 4 p.m.
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Jayvee: Jacksonville at Swansboro ........................................... 4 p.m.
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High School Softball

Jayvee: Jacksonville at Swansboro ........................................... 4 p.m.
Varsity: Jacksonville at Swansboro ........................................ 6 p.m.
Jayvee: White Oak at West Carteret ........................................... 4:30 p.m.
Varsity: White Oak at West Carteret ........................................ 6:30 p.m.
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After a brief shower cleared the pollen from the streets April 14, guests began arriving at the designated time with tickets in hand for the sixth annual Bites & Blues.

After 20 tasty stops with bites, beverages and music, each ticket-holder was prompted to select a favorite Bite of the Nite.

This year’s winner of the ever-popular People’s Choice Award was the newest restaurant on the Morehead City Waterfront, The Ordinary.

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It’s Derby Day this Saturday May 5th!

Join us at the Yellowfin Pub (next to the Sanitary Restaurant) for a Derby Day Celebration benefiting Dr. Sue Stuska’s efforts as the Wildlife Biologist of Cape Lookout National Seashore through the Foundation for Shackleford Horses.

She will be in the information tent sharing information on the wild horses of the Cape Lookout National Seashore.

What would a Derby Day be without a Derby Hat Contest!!

Come wearing your Derby Creation, or make one with us!

Come join FromOff.org and the Yellowfin Pub in supporting a truly National Resource

Vision Gallery to host Dottie Leatherwood

Vision Gallery in Morehead City will host an opening reception for Dottie Leatherwood, the featured artist for this year’s Beaufort Wine and Food Weekend Thursday, April 26.

Ms. Leatherwood, who had an idyllic childhood growing up on the Georgia coast, says “the love of land, whether it is the salty, sandy beach, the wide expanse of marsh grass, or the dirt roads, quiet ponds, or cotton and cornfields out in the country” have greatly shaped her love of painting.

Now residing in Charlotte, she is thrilled to be named the featured artist, and has made several trips to the county to fully immerse herself in the area and capture imagery for the upcoming exhibit.

The coast was an unexplored region for her before joining the gallery roster in spring of 2017, and she has approached representing the area on canvas with a fresh eye.

On exhibit will be several large seascapes, as well as smaller works and rural North Carolina landscapes. Small paintings from a winter trip to San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, will round out the show.

Ms. Leatherwood has donated a painting to Beaufort Wine & Food to be auctioned during the event, and from which posters and other promotional materials have been produced.

The gallery reception is a ticketed event, $20 for general admission and $18 for Wine & Food members, and features a wine tasting conducted by Laure Levesque, with the Queen of Wines.

She will pour three privately labeled selections produced specially for Beaufort Wine & Food.

Tickets are available through the event’s website, www.beaufortwineandfood.com or by calling their office, 252-515-0708.

The exhibit runs through Friday, May 18.

Vision Gallery is located at 4426 Arendell St., in the Pelletier Harbor Shops.

For more information visit the gallery’s website www.twogalleries.net or call 252-247-5550.
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