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ON THE COVER: Mary Robinson Brown of Swansboro dons her favorite mask for the 2018 Gloucester Mardi Gras. (Dylan Ray photo)

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Children rush to nab candy from a busted piñata during the 2018 Gloucester Mardi Gras. This year's event will start at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16. (Dylan Ray photo)

Community to celebrate Mardi Gras with event

The 27th annual Gloucester Mardi Gras, named North Carolina's best February destination by Our State magazine, will take place from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16 at the Gloucester Community Club, 476 Pigott Road, Gloucester.

Sponsored by the Unknown Tongues Cajun Zydeco band, Gloucester Mardi Gras features Cajun/Zydeco bands, as well as old time and roots rock.

The music kicks off at 11 a.m. with Marsha Harris, followed by Cajammers, Lost Girls, Possum Monorail, Unknown Tongues and Yose (Aren Blake and Khrystine).

Live music and dancing goes on all day, including a children's king and queen march and Zydeco dance around 3 p.m. to the Unknown Tongues.

Seafood gumbo made from local ingredients, chicken and

sausage gumbo, red beans and rice and deep-fried turkey will be served in the early afternoon, announced by the "Fool's Procession."

Attendees are welcome to bring side dishes.

Feathered mask-making will be available for kids and grownups, alike. Costumes are welcome.

In the community spirit of southwest Louisiana's rural Mardi Gras, this event is open and free to the public, made possible by cash or food donations.

A portion of the proceeds goes to the Gloucester Community Club's Woodrow and Mary Dudley Price Scholarship for graduating high school seniors.

Donations can be made on site or online unknowntongues.com/gmg.htm.

The good times will roll, rain or shine.

According to the Gloucester Mardi Gras' event page, the festival is modeled after the lesser-known courir de Mardi Gras, which celebrates Fat Tuesday in rural parts of Louisiana, rather than cities such as New Orleans and Lafayette.

"We model our Mardi Gras after the community spirit of the RURAL Mardi Gras of Southwest Louisiana, without the horses, whips, and stealing of chickens," the site reads.

"Courir' means 'run' in French – so a central Cajun Mardi Gras tradition is the Mardi Gras 'run' or procession (often on horseback) through the country begging for chickens and other gumbo ingredients," said Barbara Garrity-Blake, a member of Unknown Tongues and event coordinator. "We base ours on that community spirit (we don't go door to

door begging for live chickens), given that the ingredients to our gumbo and the turkeys are donated by friends and neighbors, and folks can all jump in and help chop veggies and stir roux Friday night, help serve food on Saturday.

"So it's by the people, for the people, and not about charging admission and making money. We put out donation boxes

to help defray other costs of the festival, and chip in to the Gloucester Community Center's Woodrow and Mary Dudley Price Scholarship Fund that goes to a college-bound High School senior from the eastern part of the county," she continued.

For more information, contact 252-729-8021 or see unknowntongues.com and [facebook.com/unknowntongues/](https://www.facebook.com/unknowntongues/).



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 - “The Upside” rated PG-13
- No showtimes are listed after Thursday, Feb. 14*

Enjoy a night out



(AP photo)

Review: Everything is pretty good in ‘The LEGO Movie 2’

BY LINDSEY BAHR

ASSOCIATED PRESS

“The LEGO Movie” is a hard act to follow. Its world was so fresh and vibrant and unexpected, it’s no wonder that it spawned a number of spinoffs of varying quality. But the big test was always going to be the sequel and whether or not it could recreate the magic of the first. And I’m pleased to report that “The LEGO Movie 2: The Second Part” is pretty darn good, but also you can’t help shake the feeling that it’s just never going to live up to the exciting newness of the first.

The script, written by Phil Lord and Christopher Miller, is once again whip-smart. Jokes and clever pop culture references whizz by at lightning speed and you’ll be lucky to catch even half of them on the first watch. Even the songs (there are a few more this time) are packed with the writers’ wit. And you’ll definitely want to stay for the credits song which, oddly enough, is one of the best parts of the movie despite not really being part of the movie.

But there’s something that’s lost in this round. With a new director at the helm in Mike Mitchell (“Trolls,” “Sky High”) you sense sometimes that the film is just going through the motions. Still, it has charm and winking fun to spare and kids will likely adore it just as much.

The movie starts by estab-

lishing the introduction of a little sister, and all the chaos and destruction and cuteness that implies. Her LEGOs are oversized and adorable, and really throw the more traditional LEGOs of the brother’s world for a loop, wrecking all the meticulous buildings of Bricksburg.

An abrupt cut to five years later finds Emmet (Chris Pratt), Wyldstyle/Lucy (Elizabeth Banks), Batman (Will Arnett), Unikitty (Alison Brie), Benny (Charlie Day), MetalBeard (Nick Offerman) and all the favorites of the first living in a “Mad Max” homage they call Apocalypseburg (which they say is “grittier and cooler” than Bricksburg). Emmet is still Emmet though, bright, cheery and optimistic even while everyone else is brooding and scowling. He even builds a cookie cutter house for himself and Lucy with a picket fence, a front yard and a toaster room, you know, so they can eat toaster waffles anytime.

Lucy tells Emmett she wishes he could grow up, like her, but before their fight is resolved, aliens from the Systar system attack and take Lucy, Batman, Benny and Unikitty hostage for a marriage ceremony on their planet. Left behind, Emmett goes off to rescue them and teams up with a new character, Rex Dangervest, who is also voiced by Mr. Pratt, in a very self-aware riff on his own movie stardom. He’s a “galaxy-defending archaeologist, cow-

boy and raptor trainer” who enjoys showing off his “chiseled features that used to be hidden under baby fat.”

Rex’s crew is made up entirely of velociraptors, who sound like the Jurassic Park/World velociraptors but here are given subtitles. It’s an inspired bit that made me laugh every time. He and the Systar System people like General Mayhem (Stephanie Beatriz) and Queen Watevre Wa’Nabi (Tiffany Haddish) are all delightful and refreshingly new. But the film does start to drag on just a bit, and even feel rather similar to “Toy Story 3” at times. It’s not entirely their fault, once the real world element was revealed in the first “LEGO Movie,” there are only so many directions you can go and the big stakes that all toys face being forgotten and the threat of being shoved away into storage.

I’m not sure just how much more the studio can mine out of this concept that was once so brilliant. But happily, “The LEGO Movie 2” doesn’t destroy everything the first worked so hard to build. It’s just trying very hard to be exactly the same.

“The LEGO Movie 2: The Second Part,” a Warner Bros. Pictures release is rated PG by the Motion Picture Association of America for “for some rude humor.” Running time: 106 minutes. Three stars out of four.



Diversify your dinner menu

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CLASSIC VEAL PARMESAN SANDWICHES

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Serves: 6
6 veal cutlets (3 ounces each)
salt, to taste
ground black pepper, to taste
½ cup all-purpose flour
1 egg wash
1 cup breadcrumbs
1 cup vegetable oil
12 tablespoons tomato sauce
3 tablespoons Parmesan cheese, grated
6 slices provolone cheese
6 slices mozzarella cheese
6 sub rolls
Heat oven to 350 F.

Pound each veal cutlet between sheets of parchment or plastic wrap until ¼-inch thick.

Blot veal dry. Season each cutlet with salt and pepper, to taste. Dredge veal in flour; shake off excess. Dip in egg wash and dredge in breadcrumbs.

In large skillet over medium heat, heat about 1/8-inch oil to about 350 F. Working in batches, add breaded veal to hot oil and pan fry first side until golden brown and crisp, about 2 minutes. Turn once and pan fry second side until it reaches internal temperature of 160 F, about 1-2 minutes.

Drain on paper towels or wire rack set over baking sheet.

Add 2 tablespoons tomato sauce to each veal cutlet and sprinkle ½ tablespoon Parmesan cheese on top. Add one slice provolone and mozzarella cheese to each cutlet.

Place veal parmesan in oven 2-3 minutes, or until the cheese begins to melt and veal is hot.

Add veal to sub rolls and serve.



VEAL ZA'ATAR FLATBREADS

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes
Serves: 4
¼ cup za'atar seasoning
3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
1 package (10 ounces) flatbreads
1 onion (4 ounces), finely chopped
½ pound ground veal
¼ cup crumbled feta cheese
1 tomato (6 ounces), cored and chopped
chopped parsley, for garnish
Heat oven to 425 F. In small bowl,

combine za'atar seasoning and 2 tablespoons olive oil.

Spread about 1 tablespoon za'atar mixture on each flatbread. Arrange flatbreads on large baking sheet; set aside.

In 10-inch skillet over medium heat, heat remaining olive oil. Cook onion 4-5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add veal and cook 4-5 minutes until no longer pink, stirring to break up meat.

Remove skillet from heat; stir in feta cheese. Spoon 1/4 veal mixture onto each flatbread. Sprinkle each flatbread with tomato. Bake 8-10 minutes, or until hot. Sprinkle each flatbread with parsley.



VEAL, SPINACH AND TOMATO AREPAS

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves: 4
½ pound veal cutlets
1 teaspoon cumin
½ teaspoon chili powder
1½ tablespoons olive oil
2 green onions (1 ounce each), sliced
1 clove garlic, minced
1 can (10 ounces) diced tomatoes and green chilies
1/8 teaspoon salt
2 cups packed baby spinach (about 2½ ounces)
4 arepas (5 inches in diameter)
¼ cup crumbled queso blanco cheese (1 ounce)

Pound veal cutlets into ¼-1/8-inch thickness; cut into 1-inch strips. Place in bowl and toss with cumin and chili powder.

In 12-inch, nonstick skillet over medium heat, heat olive oil. Cook veal strips 1-2 minutes. Remove veal to plate; keep warm. In same skillet over medium heat, cook green onions and garlic 2-3 minutes. Add tomatoes and salt; over high heat, heat to boil. Reduce heat to low; simmer 5 minutes until slightly reduced.

Stir in spinach. Cook 3-4 minutes, or until spinach wilts and is tender. Return veal to skillet; heat through.

To serve, heat skillet or griddle over medium heat. Toast arepas on each side until lightly browned and heated through, turning once.

Cut each arepa in half horizontally. Top bottom half of each arepa with veal mixture. Sprinkle each with cheese; replace arepa tops.

MEDITERRANEAN GRILLED SALAD

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Serves: 4
1 large orange (12 ounces)
½ cup Italian salad dressing
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1 veal cutlet (12 ounces), pounded to ¼-1/8-inch thick
1 bulb fennel (7 ounces), trimmed, halved and cored
½ small red onion (1½ ounces), thinly sliced
1½ cups cooked farro
2 cups packed baby arugula (about 3 ounces)
1 head radicchio (4 ounces), cored and torn (about 2 cups packed)
½ cup toasted hazelnuts, chopped
1 ounce Parmesan cheese

Grate ½ tablespoon zest from orange; reserve orange. Stir zest into salad dressing.

Use knife to remove skin and pith from orange. Use knife to cut between fruit and membrane to release each orange section. Squeeze membrane to extract ¼ cup juice; reserve juice and orange sections.

In bowl, whisk reserved orange juice, mustard and salad dressing. Remove ¼ cup dressing to re-sealable food storage bag. Add veal cutlets to dressing in bag. Re-seal bag and turn several times until veal is coated with dressing; set aside.

Prepare grill or heat grill pan over medium-high heat on stovetop. Remove veal cutlets from dressing; discard dressing. Grill veal cutlets 5-6 minutes, turning once. Remove cutlets from heat. Place on cutting board and cut into bite-size pieces.

Thinly slice fennel halves and place in bowl. Add red onion, farro, arugula and radicchio; toss. Add veal, orange sections, reserved salad dressing and hazelnuts.

Draw blade of vegetable peeler across surface of cheese to make thin ribbons. Toss to coat with dressing. Divide salad among four bowls.

Visit vealmadeeasy.com for additional recipes and complete nutrition information.

Introduce new ingredients

Crafting quick, easy, nutritious meals is one of the most common goals for home chefs, yet it may sometimes be difficult to keep the menu feeling fresh and new. By introducing a variety of ingredients, you

can broaden the horizons of your family's dinner options.

For creative, simple, tasty family meals, consider these globally inspired recipes that highlight inventive ways to incorporate veal as a satisfying main ingredient

in nearly any dish. From sandwiches to salads, the versatility of an ingredient like veal can help you build out a full menu with a wide array of protein-rich dishes. With recipes like these, veal can become a staple on your family's weekly menu.

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Theater to offer dramatic portrayal of history with 'Miss Evers' Boys'

"Miss Evers' Boys," a dramatic play highlighting the Tuskegee medical study performed on African-American men from 1932-72, will premiere on the New Bern Civic Theatre stage at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, and run for two weekends in celebration of Black History Month.

This play will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 15-16 as well as Friday and Saturday, Feb. 22-23, with 2 p.m. matinees Sunday, Feb. 17 and Feb. 24.

Set in Tuskegee, Ala., "Miss Evers' Boys" follows the story of four African-American men who unknowingly become part of a medical study denying them treatment for syphilis, also known as "bad blood."

Nurse Evers helps lead the men through the treatment program, which is being driven by the federal government and managed by an African-American doctor living in Alabama and a white doctor from Washington, D.C.

As the study continues, patients all over the country are cured with the discovery of penicillin, while the men in the Tuskegee study turn to Nurse Evers for help understanding

why their health continues to decline.

The play stars a cast of several actors familiar to New Bern Civic Theatre audiences.

The titular role of Miss Evers will be played by Chameshia Coplon, who most recently performed in "Much Ado About Nothing" and "Sweeney Todd."

The cast also includes D'Nadre Bell ("You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown"), Keith Davis ("Gem of the Ocean"), Duan Higgins ("Alice in Wonderland"), Alan Hopson ("A Midsummer Night's Dream"), Craig Ramey ("Peter and the Starcatcher") and Herb Robertson ("Much Ado About Nothing").

"Miss Evers' Boys" is produced by Meredith McKee and directed by Neil Oliver, star of 2018's "Sweeney Todd" and director of "My Fair Lady." It is sponsored by the certified registered nurse anesthetists of CarolinaEast Medical Center.

Tickets prices range from \$17-18 in advance, \$19-20 at the door and \$10-12 for students and active duty military.

New Bern Civic Theatre is required by the state to charge an additional sales tax of 6.75 percent on all ticket sales.



New Bern Civic Theatre will host "Miss Evers' Boys" starting Friday, Feb. 15. (Amanda Pumphrey photo)

Antique show set for Feb. 15-17

The New Bern Preservation Foundation will hold its 2019 Antiques Show and Sale Friday-Sunday, Feb. 15-17 at the Carolina Colours Pavilion in New Bern.

An annual event for more than 30 years, the show is a major fundraiser to support the foundation's ongoing preservation work to save New Bern's historic architecture.

The show hours will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

According to a release, this year's show promises to be

extra lively, with the energy and passion of seasoned antique dealers from New York to Florida.

Ticket holders will discover authentic antiques from the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries, including fine and unusual antique furniture, art, glass, porcelain, pottery, silver, estate jewelry, linens, military items and more.

As with past shows, from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, ticket holders will be able to bring a rare find or family heirloom to the show and have it evaluated by one of the guest appraisers.

"Our show will open Valentine's Day weekend at the beautiful Pavilion in the Carolina Colours community," show chairman Larry Rosenstrauch said in the press release. "The Pavilion will be overflowing with antiques from 25 outstanding dealers.

Come, shop all three days, find that perfect purchase and have a successful and memorable adventure in antiques."

Tickets are \$10 on show days. Advance tickets are \$8 and may be purchased online at NewBernPF.org, at Harris Teeter stores in New Bern or at Mitchell Hardware (by check or cash only) in downtown New Bern.

The show ticket is good for treasure hunting all three days.

The New Bern Preservation Foundation was chartered in August 1972 and focuses on preserving New Bern's historic architecture and neighborhoods.

Its current preservation project is the restoration and adaptive re-use of New Bern's Union Station Depot, circa 1910, in partnership with the city of New Bern and North Carolina Railroad.



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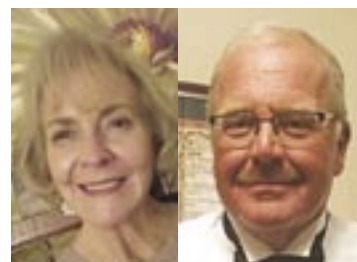
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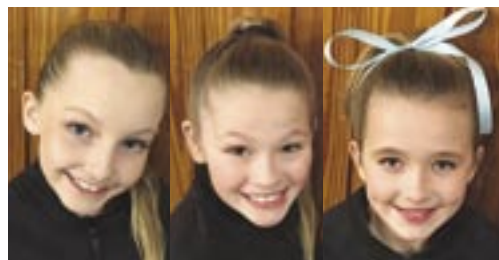
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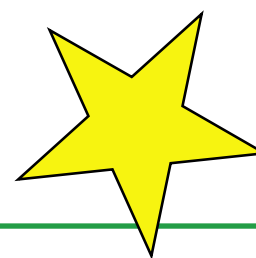


From left: KAYLEE FORCIER, PHOEBE McNAMARA AND MARLEY PITTMAN



TRACY ROGERS AND BRENT WHEELWRIGHT

Dancing with our Stars set for Feb. 16



It is time for some of the county's biggest "celebrities" to dust off their dancing shoes.

Hosted by Carteret Smart Start, Dancing with our Stars promises an evening of glam and glitter, including fabulous food, local celebrities, games, a silent auction and sparkling entertainment.

This is the fifth year for the event, which is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 16 at the Crystal Coast Civic Center in Morehead City.

Doors open at 5 p.m. for sipping and conversation.

Guests will be treated to a buffet dinner at 5:30 p.m. and the dance competition will begin at 7 p.m.

In addition to the seven dance couples vying for the coveted championship trophy, there will be dance demonstrations from two local dance academies, Justice Elite Dance in Morehead City and Jessica's Dance Academy in Swansboro.

The emcee for the event is Tom Kies, president of the Carteret County Chamber of Commerce. The judges for the event are Cape Carteret Mayor Dave Fowler, Newport Mayor Dennis Barber, County Commissioner Bob Cavanaugh and resident Patti Freeman.

There are three awards, the championship trophy for the most money raised overall, the judges' favorite from the evening and the people's favorite for the dance team raising the most money the night of the event.

The overall winner for the evening will be the couple raising the most money for Carteret Smart Start and its programs.

After the champions have been crowned, there will be plenty of time for attendees to take the dance floor and show their own dance skills.

Tickets are available at the Carteret Smart Start office or through the event website, mhcdancingstars.com.

Tickets are \$50 and \$75, and include dinner, beer/wine and a night of dance. For more information, call Carteret Smart Start at 252-727-0440.

Listed are the dancing couples, as well as their provided biographies.

Adyline and Bryan Nicklow

At age 6, Adyline Nicklow is the youngest competitor this year. She is originally from Anderson, S.C., but moved to Carteret County as an infant. She is daughter of Andrew Nicklow and Ashley Allen, and caregiver to her Bernese mountain dog, Fiona, and cat, Chloe. Adyline likes a challenge, taking on the Penguin Plunge in 2016 as it youngest participant.

Her hobbies include dance, martial arts and music, including three years of studio dance experience. When she's not helping out in her grandfather's bike shop, she and her grandfather, Bryan Nicklow, are exchanging dance moves, meshing Mr. Nicklow's 80s moves with Adyline's more contemporary ones.

Mr. Nicklow is grandpa to Adyline and pet human to dog, Tonka. He is a native of Rockwood, Pa., but moved to North Carolina during active service in the U.S. Marine Corps.

He is an avid recycler, passionate about finding usable items,

fixing them and finding ways to reuse or otherwise sell them.

Following retirement from the Marine Corps in 2007, he settled in Carteret County and put his talents to work, opening Beach Wheels Bike Rentals and Island Encore Consignment Shop in 2009.

His hobbies are music and bicycles. His experience may not be in dance, but he has traveled Australia's Great Ocean Road from Melbourne to the 12 Apostles in time to catch the sunset.

Donna Edwards and Kip Johnson

Donna Edwards is originally from Norfolk, Va., but settled in Carteret County in 1991. She is the mother of two adult children, Justin and Deborah. Ms. Edwards retired from legal services at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, serving four branches of the military during her career.

She has had two years of ballroom instruction and counts dancing as a true hobby. She also enjoys volunteering in the community, shell hunting along the Crystal Coast beaches and is a yoga enthusiast.

Ms. Edwards' partner, Kip Johnson, is a Milwaukee, Wis., native. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1978, following graduation from the University of Wisconsin. He retired from civil service at Quantico, Va., in 2012, and moved to Carteret County in 2014 to enjoy the beaches of the Crystal Coast.

Mr. Johnson's hobbies include completing home projects, strolling on the beaches, playing with his cocker spaniel and singing kara-

oke. In addition to his experiences in the Navy, Mr. Johnson has also been in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, seen Elvis Presley in concert and is quite the aficionado at trivia.

Lindsay and Matt Shortway

Lindsay and Matt Shortway are self-professed Yankees by birth and Southern by choice. They grew up in New Jersey and New York, meeting in college at Clarkson University in Potsdam, N.Y.

They originally came to the area with the U.S. Marine Corps in 2009. Following Mr. Shortway's 10 years of active duty service, they chose to move back to the area to pursue their dream of opening a brewery.

Their dream became a reality in October 2017, when they opened Shortway Brewery in Newport.

The Shortways stay busy between the brewery and their three children, Anna, Levi and Rachel, as well as their two dogs, Suri and Azure.

Mr. Shortway enjoys fishing, bike riding and backyard sports with the children. Ms. Shortway loves spending time crafting, baking with the children and taking trips to the beach.

Both Mr. and Ms. Shortway are avid runners – Ms. Shortway has run three half-marathons in three states in the last three years and Mr. Shortway is currently training for his second marathon.

Mr. Shortway confesses his only dance experience is from wedding receptions and Marine Corps balls. Ms. Shortway has some childhood jazz, tap and ballet instruction under her belt. Plus,

she admits to watching hours of "Dancing with the Stars."

Marley Pittman/Kaylee Forcier/Phoebe McNamara

Marley Pittman was born in Carteret County to parents who are county natives. She is a fourth-grader at Bogue Sound Elementary School. She has a 2-year-old sister, who also dances, and two dogs.

Marley loves to dance. She started out in a Wiggles class and has been involved in dance ever since. When she's not dancing, she enjoys hanging out with her friends, playing video games and making crafts.

Kaylee Forcier is a fifth-grader at Tiller School. She was born in Greenville, but moved to the county when her father was stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point. Her parents are firefighter/paramedics in the county.

Kaylee has been dancing since she was 8 years old, but also loves reading, art and swimming. She has big plans for when she grows up, hoping to be a marine biologist or a pediatrician.

Phoebe McNamara is a county native. She is 9 years old and a fourth-grader. Her hobbies are dance, dance and more dance. She confesses that she dances six to seven days each week, dancing competitively at Justice Elite Dance Company. She currently holds the regional title of Mini Miss Onstage New York.

When she does manage to squeeze in a little free time, Phoebe's favorite place to be is surfing with her dad.

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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

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: Half days – 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.

Food and Drink

BHA VALENTINE DINNERS 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15 at the Inn on Turner. Back by popular demand, the BHA has partnered with Kim Bell and Jonathan Haas to benefit the BHA with two private dinners perfectly paired with delicious wine. Each dinner has very limited seating at a cost of \$80 per person. To find out more about the dinner, to make reservations or for more information, contact the BHA's office at 252-728-5225.

FORMER DRILL INSTRUCTOR BREAKFAST BUFFET 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16 at the USO in Jacksonville. All former drill instructors are welcome to attend. The cost will be \$8 for all you can eat. Families are invited and encouraged to attend. Children 10 and under eat for half price. For more

information, call 910-389-6967.

VALENTINE'S SALE 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Saturday, Feb. 16 at Caroline's Collectables, 3716 Arendell St., Morehead City. This sale includes 50 percent off winter coats and red and pink items. The sale excludes all spring and summer clothes, shoes and accessories. Shop to stop domestic violence. Proceeds benefit the Carteret County Domestic Violence Program safe house. You are also able to support CCDVP with donations needed by visiting carteretdomesticviolence.com/wish-list.

INTERNATIONAL FILM SERIES will start in January at Carteret Community College in Morehead City. The films will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Joslyn Hall, while the dinners will be at 6 p.m. in the Crystal Coast Civic Center. Other film dates are Thursday-Friday, Feb. 21-22, "The Concert" and "My Afternoon with Marguerite," Thursday-Friday, March 21-22. Dinner caterers will be announced. Each dinner will feature cuisine of the region or country.

CHILI/CHOWDER FUNDRAISER 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22 at North River United Methodist Church. The meal includes a 16-ounce cup of homemade chili or clam chowder, cornbread and a brownie, all for \$8. Carry out or eat in. Delivery will be available for some areas. Call 252-504-2337 to place an order after 10 a.m. Feb. 22.

RECYCLING AND PLASTICS PRESENTATION 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27 at the Unitarian Coastal Fellowship, 1300 Evans St., Morehead City. Dee Smith, Carteret County Big Sweep coordinator, will give a presentation on recycling and plastics, followed by a question and answer session about local ordinances and what we can all do to reduce, reuse and recycle. For more information, call 252-240-2283.

'SONIC SEA' FILM SCREENING 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28 at Carteret Community College. Join the Crystal Coast Waterkeeper, Croatan Sierra Club, Surfrider Bouge Banks and Oceana N.C. for a free showing of "Sonic Sea." This documentary aims to educate and energize action against seismic blasting. As the waters of the Crystal Coast face the threat of seismic blasting and offshore

drilling, we invite all to learn more about these processes and find out how to get involved in protecting our coast.

Events

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 2-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15 at the Emerald Isle Parks and Recreation Community Center, 203 Leisure Lane, Emerald Isle.

'HEART MATTERS' OPEN HOUSE 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16 at the Down East/Beaufort Center for Women's Ministry, 407 Live Oak St., Unit No. 5, Beaufort. Come have something to eat, meet new friends and see what free services we offer, including peer counseling, support groups and group Bible studies. For more information, call 252-504-2441.

WEST CARTERET HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1973 REUNION 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 16 at the Elks Lodge in Morehead City. For more information, call Paula Styron Griffin at 910-850-7031.

CITIZENS CLIMATE LOBBY INFORMATIONAL SESSION 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24 at Ann Street United Methodist Church in Beaufort. This discussion will cover climate change. Ways to find solutions through skill building and discussions will be explored. Please sign up at eventbrite.com/e/become-a-climate-advocate-beaufort-nc-registration-54311645594.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT! 7-8:45 p.m. alternate Mondays at the County Public Library in Beaufort. The five-part discussion series is free and open to the public and focuses on "Affirming Aging." The schedule is: Monday, Feb. 25, Margaret Laurence's *The Stone Angel*, with guest scholar Sue Ross; and Monday, March 11, Wendell Berry's *The Memory of Old Jack*, with guest scholar Rebecca Godwin. This project is made possible by a grant from the N.C. Humanities Council, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, in partnership with the North Carolina Center for the Book, a program of the State Library of North Carolina. The Friends of Carteret County Public Library provide matching funds for the "Let's Talk About It!" series.

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Local heritage

GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 17 at Hammocks Beach State Park in Swansboro. Join a ranger in this nationwide citizen-science project and count the birds for the GBBC. Hammocks Beach State Park is a good location to see several bird species – from the ones that hide in the woods to those that swim our waters. Participants will meet at the Visitor Center. There is a limited supply of binoculars and field guides to use. Bring your own if you have them. Call 910-326-4881 for more information.

WINTER SURVIVAL 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 18 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 910-326-4881.

MUSKET FIRING DEMONSTRATION 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20 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. Thursday, Feb. 21 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.

BLACK BEAR 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23 at Hammocks Beach State Park in Swansboro. The American black bear is the most commonly seen bear in North America, with a huge geographic range, including a large population in eastern North Carolina. Join a ranger to learn and discuss about this animal. For more information, call 910-326-4881.

SURVIVAL SKILLS 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23 at Hammocks Beach State Park in Swansboro. For this program, a ranger will discuss and teach participants how to gather the right materials for a fire, as well as the actual process of making a primitive fire using a bow drill. For more information, call 910-326-4881.

KAYAK SAFETY SERIES 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 25 at Hammocks Beach State Park in Swansboro. Come out to the park to learn

and discuss about winter weather paddling safety. Participants will discuss what they need to do to stay safe while paddling the waters around the coast. Meet in the auditorium inside the Visitor Center. For more information, call 910-326-4881.

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Education

FORT TOUR GUIDES NEEDED AT FORT MACON STATE PARK 9:30 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, Feb. 19 and 26 at Fort Macon Park barracks, across the road from the Coast Guard Station entrance. Those at the fort are searching for fort tour guides, volunteers for the Coastal Education and Visitors Center, and for park nature guides. Training consists of three half-day sessions. Guides give informational tours of the fort, and work in the Visitors Center consists of manning the information desk, roaming the exhibits and aiding visitors. Nature guides will work around the parks environment and train with the park rangers. All work is scheduled to meet your availability. Coffee and donuts will be served from 9-9:30 a.m. For guide information, call John Rhodes at 252-393-7313 or email croatan2@aol.com with the subject “Guides.” For volunteer and nature guide information, contact Ranger Paul Branch by email at paul.branch@ncdenr.gov or contact the park office at 252-726-3775. If you’d like to be a guide, but can’t make the February training dates, please contact Mr. Rhodes by phone or email with the subject: “Guides for other training plans.”

Fitness

FIT & FUN YOUTH 4-5 p.m. Tuesdays until Feb. 26 at the Morehead City Parks and Recreation Center, 1600 Fisher St., Morehead City. The program is for those ages 10 to 14 and will focus on educating kids about healthy eating, making healthy choices and becoming more active in order to improve overall health and body confidence. The cost of the program is \$50. Registration will close Jan. 25. The program will be instructed by Victoria Ward. For more information, please contact Ms. Ward at Victoria.ward@moreheadcitync.org or call 252-726-5083, ext. 1.

KIDS BALLET CLASS 4-4:30 p.m.

and 4:45-5:15 p.m. Thursdays Feb. 21-March 28 at the Morehead City Parks and Recreation Center, 1600 Fisher St., Morehead City. The Morehead City Parks and Recreation Department sponsors children’s dance classes for children ages 4-6. This beginning class is a great introduction to ballet and creative movement dancing, allowing your child to express themselves and to learn a few fun dance moves in the process. Ballet shoes and leotard are not required. Boys and girls welcome. The cost for \$30 for six classes ending March 28. Please contact Morehead City Parks and Recreation Department at Victoria.ward@moreheadcitync.org or 252-726-5083, ext. 1, for more information.

ADULT DANCE HIP HOP CLASS 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Morehead City Parks and Recreation Center, 1600 Fisher St., Morehead City. The class will be a fun dance workout great for all ages and levels. No experience is required. Bring a bottle of water. There is a \$5 drop-in fee. Please contact Morehead City Parks and Recreation Department for more information at Victoria.ward@moreheadcitync.org or 252-726-5083, ext. 1.

BOYS HIP HOP CLASS 4:45-5:15 p.m. Tuesdays at the Morehead City Parks and Recreation Center, 1600 Fisher St., Morehead City. Please contact Morehead City Parks and Recreation Department for more information at Victoria.ward@moreheadcitync.org or 252-726-5083, ext. 1.

Trips and Tours

SOUTH AFRICA ZULULAND AND CAPE WILDLIFE SAFARI Wednesday-Tuesday, Aug. 14-27. The Friends of the N.C. Maritime Museum in Beaufort is sponsoring this tour. The tour begins outside Durban along the east coast of the country, where a wide variety of wildlife will be observed at two reserves, Manyoni and Thula Thula Game Reserves. The second leg of the tour takes participants to the Cape, where boat journeys search for great white sharks and southern right whales, and days trips include Table Mountain, national parks, botanical gardens and the Winelands. The fee for the 14-day South Africa – Zululand and Cape Town safari starts at approximately \$6,000 and does not include airfare. The tour organizer is Rockjumper Wildlife Tours. For more information, contact JoAnne Powell at joannepowell1208@gmail.com.

NIGHTLIFE CALENDAR

Morehead City

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: 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14; **Cecil Gillikin** 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15; **Justin Castellano** 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21; **Joey & Mason** 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22; and **Will Baker** 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28.

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: DanceParty/Dance off Beaufort Pride fundraiser 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16; **Dick Knight** 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22; and **The Greatest Show in Beaufort** 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23.

BACKSTREET PUB: BBP 5 p.m. Friday, March 8.

Emerald Isle

SALT: Steel Shot 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15; **Maddie Rean** 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22; and **Of Good Nature/The Elovaters** 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23.

AREA SPORTS CALENDAR

Thursday, Feb. 14

High School Basketball

Varsity Girls: Heide Trask at East Carteret 6 p.m.
Varsity Boys: Heide Trask at East Carteret 7:30 p.m.
Varsity Girls: Swansboro at Havelock 7 p.m.
Varsity Boys: Swansboro at Havelock 8:30 p.m.

High School Wrestling

Individual State Championships

1A: East Carteret at Greensboro Coliseum TBA
2A: Croatan at Greensboro Coliseum TBA
3A: West Carteret, Swansboro at Greensboro Coliseum TBA

Friday, Feb. 15

High School Basketball

Jayvee Boys: Northside-Jacksonville at West Carteret 5:30 p.m.
Varsity Girls: Northside-Jacksonville at West Carteret 7 p.m.
Varsity Boys: Northside-Jacksonville at West Carteret 8:30 p.m.
Jayvee Boys: Richlands at Croatan 5:30 p.m.
Varsity Girls: Richlands at Croatan 7 p.m.
Varsity Boys: Richlands at Croatan 8:30 p.m.

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Saturday, Feb. 16

High School Wrestling

Individual State Championships

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2A: Croatan at Greensboro Coliseum TBA
3A: West Carteret, Swansboro at Greensboro Coliseum TBA

* Scheduled events subject to change

BWF to present 'Romance Wines of Spain' seminar

Beaufort Wine & Food will host a wine seminar from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16 in the Beaufort Wine & Food Wine Store at 129 Middle Lane in Beaufort.

The seminar, "Romance Wines of Spain," will feature eight Spanish wines, paired in four groups of two.

The seminar will be moderated by Laurence Vuelta of Aveniu Brands and will feature the wines Raimat Albarino, Legaris Verdejo, Raimat Rosado, Vina Pomal Rioja, and Vina Pomal Crianza,

Vina Zaco Tempranillo, Legaris Crianza and Scala Dei Priorat.

With each pairing will be an appetizer created by chef Charles Benjamin Park.

"We are thrilled to once again partner up Laurence Vuelta and his amazing portfolio of wines for this very special seminar," said Lindsay Parker, executive director of BWF. "His knowledge and expertise of these romance wines is contagious, and guests are in for a real treat."

Mr. Vuelta, certified specialist of wine, has 27 years'

experience in the industry and has served since 2012 as the area sales manager for Aveniu Brands, a Sonoma, Calif., based company.

Born in Miami, Fla., of Cuban-American heritage, Mr. Vuelta is fluent in English, Spanish, Italian and French. Mr. Vuelta has conducted hundreds of wine dinners, seminars, trainings and tasting with love and passion of the wine industry, according to a release.

Handling the culinary side of the event is BWF board

member and longtime supporter Chef Park. He is chair of the culinary, hospitality and baking programs at Carteret Community College and co-owns Beaufort Grocery Co. with his wife, Wendy.

Tickets are \$40 and may be purchased by calling 252-515-0708, stopping by the BWF office at 129 Middle Lane or online at beaufortwineandfood.com. Tickets are very limited, and this event is expected to sell out.

Proceeds from the wine store will go toward BWF's

ongoing mission to enrich life in Carteret County.

Since the organization's inception in 2004, more than \$735,000 has been donated to charity and nonprofits serving the Crystal Coast.

Recently, BWF donated \$30,000 to hurricane relief efforts in the area.



VUELTA

DANCING | FROM PAGE 7

Shannon Callahan and Matt Lara

Shannon Callahan is a newcomer to the event. She is originally from Wilmington, but has lived in Newport for almost four years. She married her high school sweetheart, David, and together they have two teenage sons, Trey and Keegan. If two boys don't keep her busy, they are also the parents of two fur babies, a rescue, Haille and a puppy, Luke.

She loves everything about the beach, especially paddle boarding. Her favorite hobby is watching her

boys play football and basketball, but Ms. Callahan is quite the fitness guru herself. She is a physical education and health teacher at White Oak Elementary School and is a fitness instructor at Tru Fit in Morehead City. She took dance classes as a child, but has always wanted to learn ballroom.

This is the fifth year Matt Lara has participated in the event. He hails from Laguna Beach, Calif., but came to Carteret County with the U.S. Marine Corps, stationed at MCAS Cherry Point.

He graduated from Carteret Community College and is a man of many talents. Not only has he worked with the school system as

a coach and substitute teacher for many years, he is a ballroom instructor with Justice Elite Dance Company.

Mr. Lara loves riding motorcycles, fishing and watching his favorite movies. He's played professional beach volleyball, acted in television commercials and climbed Mount Fuji.

Tracy Rogers and Brent Wheelwright

Tracy Rogers grew up Nova Scotia, Canada, but has now been in the county just as long and considers it home.

Ms. Rogers is a registered dietitian and works for the Morehead City VA Outpatient Clinic. She is working on publishing a book titled *The Tacquito Diet*. Ms. Rogers is obsessed with all things furry – particularly her horse and dog. She loves lint brushes, coffee, singing in the choir and her FIA (Females in Action) workout group.

Her experience with dance includes being a "dance mom" for 15 years and counting.

She enjoys the strong support

of her daughters for this event – for Aria, who fell on the floor laughing when she announced she was doing this competition, and Brooke, who mustered up a "that's cool."

Brent Wheelwright is originally from Arizona. He was stationed with the U.S. Army in North Carolina in 1998, and loved the state so much he never left.

He is the founding member and president of the Glitter Boys Dance Troupe. He has officiated at five weddings and boasts a 100 percent success rate.

Mr. Wheelwright is an active member of F3 (Fitness, Fellowship & Faith). He admits his idols are the Bee Gees, Barry Manilow and John Travolta, and he loves puppies, unicorns and rainbows.

His family (Tracy, Aria and Brooke) is the joy of his life.

Bob Lowery and Abby Jolly

Bob Lowery has been a resident of the county for most of his 59 years, but his heritage is Lumbee Indian – originally from Lumberton. Mr. Lowery is a graduate of West Carteret High School

and Sandhills Community College in Pinehurst.

His mission is to help others in the community. He is the founder and administrator of Second Blessings Community Outreach Ministries, as well as the general manager of the Carteret County Speedway.

He claims to have no dance experience. His hobbies include singing, sports of all kinds, church and horse shoes. Mr. Lowery loves to entertain and to make people laugh.

Abby Jolly is a county native. She is a 2018 Croatan High School graduate, with plans to enroll in the cosmetology program at CCC in the fall. Abby is a sports enthusiast. She played fastpitch softball since the age of 5 and began stock car racing at Bobby Watson's Carteret County Speedway upon graduating high school.

In addition to racing, she enjoys sport shooting and surfing. When asked for a fun fact about herself, Ms. Jolly confessed that she could eat two Smithfield's barbecue sandwiches, a large fry and a sweet tea in one sitting.

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Chatham Rabbits return to Beaufort with new album

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BY CHUCK WATERS
CONTRIBUTOR

A lot has happened for Chatham Rabbits since they hopped over to Ann Street United Methodist Church in Beaufort for a concert last spring.

Based in Bynum, the husband and wife duo of Sarah Osborne McCombie (vocals and banjo) and Austin McCombie (vocals, guitar and fiddle) have quit their day jobs, released a new CD ("All I Want From You" on Chapel Hill's Robust Records), were featured on PBS's "My Home, NC" and are playing a tour of sold-out, album-release shows across the state.

One of those stops will include a return visit to Ann Street United Methodist Church for a concert beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16. Tickets are \$10 for adults (children under 12 admitted free). Refreshments will be available for sale and a portion of the proceeds from the show will benefit the church's youth and disaster response ministries.

"So much has happened since we last performed in Beaufort," Ms. McCombie said. "It has been an absolute whirlwind, and we are so grateful to be playing music for our careers. We can't imagine ever going back. We love Carteret County so much and have felt incredibly welcomed by the Ann Street UMC community. We are thrilled to partner with them on another show."

The new album features ten original compositions by the McCombies and highlights their binding ties to the South. The original Chatham Rabbits were a string band of the early 20th century, and these new rabbits are proud to carry on the tradition.

"For this album, we essentially



Chatham Rabbits will perform a concert Saturday, Feb. 16 at Ann Street United Methodist Church in Beaufort. (Chatham Rabbits photo)

gathered our best original songs at that point and found arrangements and consistent threads that allowed us to present them as a cohesive piece of art," Ms. McCombie said. "For me, I think the song that best personifies the Chatham Rabbits sound is 'Come Home,' because it tells a deep story set in the South told with simple phrases, and showcases both of our voices."

Liner notes to the CD reflect that vision: "'All I Want From You' is many sentiments at once. It is everything – all-encompassing. A big ask. The stories tell of folks who are ready for something different. Some are certain of what they want, others are not. Most are simply bound to more than the moment, assured that the present is not where they're meant to be for long."

Other songs on the new CD include "The Fire," "Chattanooga," "Rambler," "Holy Dirt," "Fourth of July" and "Blue Ridge Mountain Home," all which feature some deft picking and sweet vocal harmonizing.

The McCombies tapped several guest artists to lend their talents to the album, including Josh Oliver and Jerry Brown on guitar, Robbie

Link on bass, Andrew Marin on mandolin and Libby Rodenbough on fiddle.

Cutting the disc at the Rubber Room Studio in Chapel Hill with producer Jerry Brown was a "life-changing experience" for the musical team.

"The album was recorded over a span of a year, and the tracks (individual vocals and instrumentation)

were recorded one at a time," Ms. McCombie said. "Working with Jerry Brown changed our lives. We credit him with our decision to quit our corporate careers to pursue music. Being in the Rubber Room, where so many iconic musicians like Doc Watson, Lucinda Williams and The Steep Canyon Rangers have recorded, is nothing short of inspiring. In recent years, Jerry has recorded Mandolin Orange and Mipso, two bands that we look up to immensely."

Listeners at the Beaufort show Saturday may expect to hear tracks from "All I Want From You," some old-time classics and some new tunes, which may appear on a future album.

"We pride ourselves on a very personal and dynamic show. We love meeting people and connecting with the audience. That's the best part about this job," Ms. McCombie said.

And the best part about coming back to Beaufort?

"The best part about Beaufort is the sigh of relief we get when we pull into town, sit on the front porch of my aunt's house with a glass of something tasty, and get to smell that delicious, salty air," she said.

For more information, call 255-728-4279 or visits the website chathamrabbits.com.

'Resilience' art show set

A new art show, "Resilience," opens Saturday, Feb. 16 at Carolina Artist Gallery at 9th and Arendell streets in Morehead City.

An opening reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m.

This is the first show the gallery will hold in its new location. It will celebrate the resilience of the communities in the area as they fight the devastation of Hurricane Florence, which hit the area last September.

The show will feature paintings, drawings, photographs, sculpture, writings, ceramics,

jewelry and mixed media by local artists who participated in this non-juried show.

This show will continue during regular gallery hours, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The show ends Saturday, March 30.

In addition, work by member artists will also be on display and for sale.

Carolina Artist Gallery is a co-operative gallery consisting of more than 20 juried artists who run the gallery. This

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Students create ceramic bowls for charity luncheon

BY MEGAN SOULT

NEWS-TIMES

The Empty Bowls fundraising luncheon is next week, and many of the artists are busy preparing their bowls in anticipation of helping the county's hungry residents.

During the Empty Bowls luncheon, which is set for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20 at the Crystal Coast Civic Center in Morehead City, area restaurants will provide soup, while area artists supply handmade pottery bowls.

Though the event is sold out, those who already have tickets will be able to choose two types

of soup and a bowl.

Proceeds benefit Hope Mission and Martha's Mission Cupboard.

Members of Croatan High School's National Art Honors Society have been meeting after school since August to hone their ceramic skills.

According to their teacher, Jody Stouffer, many of the students are first time potters.

"A lot of them are starting brand new. Some of them are picking up very quickly," Mr. Stouffer said. "Some of them are sophomores, so they have two more years in the program. Some of them are

so eager to learn. They are like sponges."

This is Mr. Stouffer's first year teaching in the county, but it will not be his first time participating in an Empty Bowls event, as he used to participate in Lee County.

"I was excited to continue, but this is on a much larger scale," he said. "I'm excited to see that."

The day of the luncheon, some of the art students will travel to the civic center to help with the event by unpacking boxes and answering questions about their creations.

"It's a great experience for the students," Mr. Stouffer said.

During an after school meeting Feb. 5, the students were working on different stages of making bowls.

Students were not assigned to a specific task. Each played to their strengths.

"It's a free-for-all. Everybody contributes where they can," said Katelynn Walters, a junior who was working on glazing a few bowls. "You use your talents on what you're good at and go to work."

Katelynn was working on two separate bowls, which after

spending some time in the kiln, would pop with vibrant colors.

"Glazing is very therapeutic," she said.

She also said she likes the coiling method, which is where an artist creates a bowl by coiling pieces of clay, rather than throwing a bowl on the pottery wheel.

When an artist throws a bowl, they use the pottery wheel and their hands to shape the clay into a piece of art.

"I like working with my hands," she said. "I prefer coiling rather than throwing. Throwing is really hard. I have mad respect for people who can throw."

Eavan Lowe, a sophomore, was one of the students who preferred to use the pottery wheel.

"I feel like on the wheel it's kind of your own," she said as she sculpted a bowl. "I like how it's not as easy as hand building. I like that it's smooth."

Kaia Pappas, a junior, recently moved to the area and was looking forward to the luncheon.

"I'm excited to see the different people and what they make, different techniques," she said.

Eavan agreed.

"I am so excited," she said. "Just

being able to make and donate bowls makes me happy."

Mr. Stouffer said the students will be able to offer 25 to 30 bowls for the luncheon.

Other schools are participating in the luncheon. They are West Carteret High School, East Carteret High School, Morehead Primary, Bogue Sound Elementary School and Broad Creek Middle School.

As well as the students at county students, about 15 professional potters will be participating in the luncheon.

Lorraine McElroy has been working with members of the Station Club on bowls.

"I'm impressed as their instructor," she said. "I've been instructing them for four to five years and I'm impressed with their growth."

The students created 10 bowls for the event, all using a draping and coiling technique.

Ms. McElroy co-teaches with Marie Smith, David Slyck and Jamison Ipock, members of Carolina Artist Gallery. She said the Station Club has been working with the gallery for 10 to 15 years.

For more information, call 252-240-2359.



Croatan High School junior Kaia Pappas applies glaze to pot before firing Feb. 5 ahead of the Empty Bowls luncheon, where it will be on display. (Dylan Ray photo)

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includes hanging shows and managing the publicity, including social media and website, as well as publicity in local periodicals. They take turns managing the gallery.

Approximately six shows are held each year and are open to all area artists.

In addition, classes are held in various media for the com-

munity, schools and special needs adults.

As a nonprofit organization, the gallery applies for grants and tax-deductible donations to fund shows and programs.

"Resilience" is under the direction of Lorraine McElroy, ceramicist, and Mitchell Lewis, photographer.

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