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Hello Beaufort!

publisher's note

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer! It has been a fun one so far! We have had some amazing times around town, and the fun just keeps on going! This month we see pirates invading, numerous festivals, and some great opportunities to get out there and enjoy all Beaufort has to offer!

We have a lot of fantastic articles in this month's edition of *Beaufort-by-the-Sea!* We have an interview with DeAnne Rosen, principal of Beaufort Elementary, a glance at of a number of activities available around Beaufort, and an insider's look into the Coast Guard Station at Fort Macon. Resident David Daly sent in an amazing article about his adventures as a hurricane hunter and we have a great tour of the Ann Street Inn. We have a review of our last two events, the Grand Opening of the new Beaufort Home Store on Middle Lane and our Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular at Beaufort Yacht Basin!

Speaking of events, we have a number of spectacular ones coming up! September 8th we will be hosting a great event called the Senior Seminar at the Boathouse at Front Street Village. We are

inviting any senior citizens, soon to be senior citizens, or children of senior parents to come and take part. We will be having guest speakers from many areas relating to senior living. Check out our Save the Date section for more information!

In October we are holding our first ever Wings and Wheels event at Michael J Smith Field! This will be a true night to remember with airplanes, cars, fantastic food, and a lot of fun! Go ahead and put October 8th on your calendar as this will be one that you won't want to miss!

As we wrap up summer, enjoy the time with family and please send in your wonderful photos and articles. If there is anything we can do to improve our magazine please let me know! Make sure you like our Facebook page for updates about things going on and sneak peeks of future articles.

Have a great one Beaufort!

Thank you!
Greg Moss
Publisher



save the dates!

September Senior Seminar The Boathouse at Front Street Village Thursday September 8th 11:00 am - 1:30 pm Reservations Required!

We are inviting any and all senior citizens in Beaufort and children who have senior parents to come and take part in an event that is sure to be informative and fun! We are inviting partners from many areas that touch on senior life to come and speak about their area of expertise and give an overview of the different programs and options available to seniors around Beaufort! We will have representatives from health care, insurance, police and fire, assisted living, in home living, estate planning, legal, and financial planning come and discuss what options seniors have available to them.

Lunch will be provided and it will be a great forum to ask questions and seek guidance to make sure you are living the life you want! The Boathouse at Front Street Village will provide an amazing lunch for us. The location is handicap accessible and if you need transportation assistance please let us know...we will get you there! RSVPs are required for this event as seating will be limited! To RSVP call Greg Moss at **252-617-3040** or email greg.moss@n2pub.com.

Wings and Wheels Saturday October 8th 4:30 - 7:00 pm Michael J Smith field, Beaufort Airport

This will be a truly spectacular event! Join us the evening of October 8th at the Beaufort Airport for an evening of airplanes, cars, food, and amazing demonstrations!

We will have an amazing selection of airplanes for you to tour and learn about, an opportunity to see some of the behind the scenes sights that the airport holds, and a showcase of what all

our airport has to offer. There will also be a selection of very nice cars our sponsors are providing to tour and test drive on the runways! We will also have hang gliding and drone aircraft demonstrations, and a whole lot more!

This event will have theme inspired food, and all sorts of amazing give aways. Be sure to go ahead and put this on your calendar... you won't want to miss it!

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Summer after summer, the youth population of Beaufort rises like a new-moon tide. Want an obvious reason why? It's the arrival of "the grands." From mid-June to mid-August, dozens of Beaufort residents, both full-timers and part-timers, welcome scores of visiting grandchildren for weekends, here-and-there weeks, or sometimes all summer. For the kids and their families who make annual visits to grandma and grandpa, Beaufort quickly becomes an exciting and anticipated summer tradition and, we predict, will always have a special place in their memories of childhood.

One lively group of grands who recently joined the ranks of Beaufort's summer visitors are the six grandchildren of Jo Ann and Bill Hoffman, who bought one of the four condominiums in the venerable old Huntley Apartments at 1105 Front Street, in 2014. After eight months of renovation, they were ready to welcome their children and grandchildren. "We couldn't wait to show them why we love Beaufort," says Jo Ann. As she expected, their family was hooked from the first hour of their first visit. ("True," adds 17-year-old Maggie Hoffman, "except for the ants!")

The Hoffmans' adult children – son, Marty and daughter, Emily (Dorgan) and spouses Heather and Tom each have three chil-

dren who fall in line from the bookend girls, Maggie at one end, to Bridget Dorgan (9) at the other. The assorted young men in between are the Dorgan brothers, Michael (16) and William (14), and the Hoffman brothers, Joe (12) and Charlie (9). The Hoffman family lives in Avon, Connecticut, near Hartford, and the Dorgans live in Huntersville, North Carolina, near Charlotte.

Until Beaufort entered the family picture, the three generations gathered at North Topsail Beach. "But now, with all there is to do in Beaufort and beautiful beaches so close by, there's not a chance you'll find us anywhere else," says Grandpa Bill. "I especially like all the great opportunities for children to observe and engage with nature right at our doorstep. And it's good for them to experience the pace and genuineness of small-town life. Beaufort does that for all of us."

What do the kids think? They're not shy to tell you. Though they're game for every possibility offered by boating, fishing, shelling and swimming, there are some standouts. For everyone in the family, for instance, the Maritime Museum is a top attraction. And it never gets old!

Yet there's so much more. For Michael, it's the ongoing fascination of island ecology. William likes kayaking "across the cut" to explore Carrot Island; Joe, who would fish 24 hours a day if possible, says nothing can beat hanging out on his grandparents' dock, though he's itching to take a sail on the Lookout catamaran.

Bridget, on the other hand, could easily spend a day on her grandma's "pink monster" bike whizzing down Front or Ann streets where the smooth curb ramps "are awesome." Maggie, the moms and the gram like to walk the few blocks downtown to stroll through Beaufort's own well-stocked shoppers' row.

And what does Charlie like to do in Beaufort? You name it, and easy-going Charlie is for it – especially if it's sitting in the sun with a dangling rod, swinging on the porch to watch the horses, riding bikes with buddy Bridget, taking a lazy beach walk – or, getting ice cream at the General Store. Charlie Hoffman must have been born on Beaufort time!



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Congratulations Harrison and Stephanie Smith!

A Crystal Coast Lady Wedding Reception!

One of the things I love about Beaufort is that it is always evolving and changing with the times while still maintaining its amazing small town charm. Here are some cool things that are happening around town!

Saturday, June 25th, some very good friends of ours, Harrison Smith and Stephanie Millard, got married at First United Methodist Church of Morehead City. They came across the bridge to have their wedding reception on the Crystal Coast Lady, which launches out of Beaufort across from Town Hall. This was the first opportunity I have had to attend a wedding reception on the Crystal Coast Lady and it was a phenomenal experience. The festivities started on the dock with a customized sign welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Smith. The dock was decked out with wedding decorations and signs on the pilings that said, "Happily Ever After Starts Here."

We boarded the boat and were soon underway. The Crystal Coast Lady team had pulled out all the stops with amazing food, wonderful DJ, and a festive atmosphere suited to such a celebration.

The three hour cruise took us down Taylor's Creek, through the drawbridge, under the new bridge, and past the port of Morehead City. The captain certainly knew what he was doing as we stayed in calm waters and saw amazing sights.

The Crystal Coast Lady was adept at providing a truly memorable and magnificent evening, not only for the loving couple, but for the friends and family as well!



Beachfront Bargain Hunt: Beaufort Edition!

The television channel HGTV has many shows revolving around homes and gardens. Recently their show *Beachfront Bargain Hunt* featured a home in Beaufort, the home of our sponsor Lori Matta from Albemarle Bank! Lori and her husband Chad purchased a home in Eastman's Creek a while back, and they were contacted by HGTV to have their home featured!

It was an amazing experience for them, filming the show months after their home purchase, but that is how HGTV does it. They had a phenomenal viewing party at their home, and they invited us to come experience it with them!

The viewing party was a blast, with the Mattas providing excellent food and beverages. At eight o'clock, all eyes turned to the screen to see the episode. This was the Matta's first time seeing it as well, and watching their faces as they appeared on TV was priceless!

The episode was a lot of fun, and it showed many great sights around Beaufort, as well as many great homes for sale! It of course wrapped up showing them buying the home that we were in watching the show!

It was a great experience and I am delighted that our sponsor Lori enjoyed her moment in the spotlight!



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Atlantic Wealth Management held an event on the afternoon of Thursday, June 16th, 2016 at the Beaufort Historical Association grounds in downtown Beaufort. Greg Patterson and James Allen Canady treated clients and guests to a nice evening outdoors, including drinks and hors d'oeuvres, magic entertainment, music, and a 'picture booth' with complimentary photos. The night was topped off with a historic tour of downtown Beaufort in the famous double-decker bus.





Hang Gliding above Beaufort!

Fourth of July is always a time for fun around Beaufort. My Fourth of July this year started off with a new experience; hang gliding above Beaufort! Kitty Hawk Kites offers many exciting experiences, whether it is kayaking, paddle boarding, wind surfing, or, in this case, hang gliding.

As many of you know, most mornings, I do a weather report live from somewhere in Beaufort that I post on the *Beaufort-by-the-Sea* Facebook page. Kitty Hawk Kites got in contact with me to request that I do a weather report from 2,000 feet above Beaufort. I gladly accepted the challenge and Fourth of July seemed the perfect day for this adventure.

The hang gliding experience is operated out of Michael J. Smith field off of 101. My flight time was scheduled for 10:00AM and we got there about fifteen minutes early. I am glad we did because that gave us the opportunity to check out the grounds and the apparatus. My wife, Amanda, and my two boys accompanied me, to the airport. Amanda was more nervous about me hang gliding than I was!

Prior to take off, there are a couple of forms to fill out and a safety lesson. Rich and Chris then drive you out to the field where the hang glider and tow plane are waiting. The tow plane is a single person open aircraft called a Dragonfly. For your first flight, you do not fly alone, but fly with an instructor who is in control of the hang glider at all times.

The harness that you lay in is like a cross between a hammock and a sleeping bag. You lay on your stomach, facing forward, and they attach the hang glider to the tow plane via a tow cable.

The ride was much smoother than I imagined it would be. You truly feel like you are floating through the air and the rise above Beaufort is slow and steady. I am glad I brought my camera, as I was able to snap dozens of wonderful photos from the air. When you reach 2,000 feet, they release the tow cable and, as you glide away, the feeling is amazing. It is truly like flying underneath a kite!

We curved over Beaufort and it is exciting seeing the town I know so well from this new perspective. Even areas that I have visited hundreds of times look completely different when sailing over them.

Landing back at Michael J. Smith field was a breeze. As we came low over the runway, they gently landed the hang glider on the grass. I was amazed by how much fun the experience was and I can't wait to go again! If you are looking for a whole new way to experience Beaufort, swing by Kitty Hawk Kites on Front Street and book a new adventure!



Beaufort Pirate's Revenge

Everyone knows that pirates have a long history in Beaufort. It is brought to life on a daily basis on the pirate ship *Revenge* by the captain and crew. My brother and his wife, Grant and Chris Moss, and their two children, Riley (6) and Gardner (4), were down on vacation from Asheville recently. When they visit, we always spend a lot of time at the beach and around the local stores and restaurants of Beaufort. On this particular visit, we decided to treat them to a special cruise that they had never been on before: a pirate voyage!

The pirate ship *Revenge* launches from the same dock as the *Crystal Coast Lady* on Front Street. Before boarding the ship, all of the passengers were subject to inspection by crewman pirate Kegger, who ensured that all junior members of the boat were ready to become pirates! Passengers were taught the proper way to greet the captain and to respond to questions with a lively, "ARR-GUH!"

Once boarded, the passengers were privy to a brief, but informative explanation of all safety regulations, including one of the most important: "No running on deck!" From that point on, it was all fun and games. (Or as a pirate would say, "It was all looting and dubloons!")

The younger crew members were given pirate bandanas and pirate crew member Fettuccini was energetic and personable, a friendly pirate that was exceptional with the younger crew members. Fettuccini taught the young pirates to shoot the ship's water cannons, fight in a sword duel, and even made the young ones take the pirate oath, in which they swore to always eat their vegetables!

The captain, Spike, was a remarkable sailor and entertainer, engaging the passengers with his humor and impressive DJ skills!

If you have young pirates or you are young at heart, this is a great way to experience the waters around Beaufort. On our cruise, we had a wonderful time, saw amazing sights, and created memories that will last a lifetime!

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Beaufort 4th of July Parade!

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A TRIP *to the* PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE *with DeAnne Rosen*



Beaufort Elementary School has a lot of wonderful new things; a new climbing wall donated by the community, a new leadership training program for both the staff and students, and as of last year, a new principal! We sat down with DeAnne Rosen and got a great look at the amazing things going on at Beaufort Elementary!

DeAnne Rosen became principal at Beaufort Elementary in January of this year when Principal Dee Dee Phillips retired. She was glad to come in mid-year as it gave her time to observe the staff and children and see what works and what needs work. Principal Rosen loved the opportunity to spend time in the classrooms, building relationships with the teachers, students, and families. "I inherited a wonderful school and we are working hard to make it even better!"

DeAnne was very familiar with Beaufort Elementary prior to coming on board. Her daughter, Demi, just finished her fifth grade year there. DeAnne was a little worried about being the principal where her daughter goes to school, but Demi was so happy to



have her there as it would provide them more opportunities to spend time together.

Prior to coming to Beaufort Elementary, DeAnne was the assistant principal of East Carteret High School, and while there are vast differences between elementary and high school administration, one that truly impacted the Rosen family was the required obligations for after-hours leadership presence at sports, club, and social events. Even though school starts at 8:00 and ends at 3:00, DeAnne would often have to be there an hour before school started and have to stay into the evening due to the many activities at the school. Both daughter Demi and DeAnne's husband Jason are delighted that DeAnne will be able to have more of a home life!

Principal Rosen has a wonderful outlook on the future of Beaufort Elementary. She loves her assistant principal, Christy Propst, and has the best staff in the world! She perceives her office as an administrative team of servant leaders. "We take a lot of input from the staff. We really listen to what the teachers need and want, and work with them to put policies in place that benefit everyone." Principal Rosen has strong, clear academic goals for the school and she knows that engaging the teachers, students, and family is the right way to achieve those goals.

Beaufort Elementary is recognized as one of the best elementary schools in the area, and they even have a couple of families from other counties that pay to have their children attend here. They have a phenomenal program for Academically and Intellectually Gifted students (AIG), and are recognized as a Leader In Me school. The Leader In Me program is a whole school transformation based on the *7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. In the last year Beaufort Elementary has been awarded a Leader In Me Foundation grant and a Big Rock Community grant.

Principal Rosen is delighted to have had a parent's perspective through her daughter Demi prior to becoming a principal. While Beaufort Elementary has about 485 kids, she truly feels that every child receives the attention and recognition they deserve. The entire staff has an "all hands on deck" approach to teaching and growing the children assigned to their care.

We are delighted to have DeAnne Rosen as the principal of Beaufort Elementary and we look forward to seeing amazing things at the school!



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7	8	9	10	11	12	13	22 - 26	Teacher Workdays	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	29	First Day for students	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	September		19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17	31	Early Release	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	November		16	17	18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29	30		1	End of 1st 9-week grading period	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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November 2016							28-29	Annual Vacation Leave days	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	30	Holiday (New Year's Day observed)					1	2	3
							January		4	5	6	7	8•	9*	10
							16	Holiday (Martin Luther King, Jr.)	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		1	2	3	4	5	20	Early Release/Last day of 1st Semester	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	23	Teacher Workday	25	26	27	28	29	30	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	30	6&9 week Report Card goes home	Legend:						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	February		School Days for Students (180)....	<input type="checkbox"/>					
27	28	29	30				20	Mandatory Workday	Holidays (12)...(incl. July 4).....	<input type="checkbox"/>					
December 2016							March		No school for staff/students	<input type="checkbox"/>					
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	8	End of 4th 6-week grading period	Annual Vacation Leave (10).....	<input type="checkbox"/>					
				1	2	3	15	Early Release/ 6-week Report Cards	No school for staff/students	<input type="checkbox"/>					
							29	End of 3rd 9-week grading period	Workdays (9).....	<input type="checkbox"/>					
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	April		No school for students	<input type="checkbox"/>					
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	5	3rd 9-week Report Card goes home	Mandatory Workdays for CC/ES	<input type="checkbox"/>					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	14	Early Release	(5) No school for students.....	<input type="checkbox"/>					
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	17	Holiday (Easter Monday)	Early Release.....	<input type="checkbox"/>					
January 2017							18 - 21	Annual Vacation Leave Days	School dismisses 3 hours early	<input type="checkbox"/>					
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	26	End of 5th 6-week grading period	Carteret County Schools						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	May		www.carteretcountyschools.org						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	3	5th 6-week Report Card goes home	Report cards go home on the fifth school day						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	29	Holiday (Memorial Day)	after the end of the Report Period (6 weeks						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	June		and 9 weeks)						
29	30	31					8	Last Day of School / Early Release	Early Release: Students leave school						
February 2017							9	Mandatory Workday / High School	3 hours early.						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	12	Graduation Day	*High School Graduation date, subject to						
			1	2	3	4	12	Teacher Workday	change if school year extended.						
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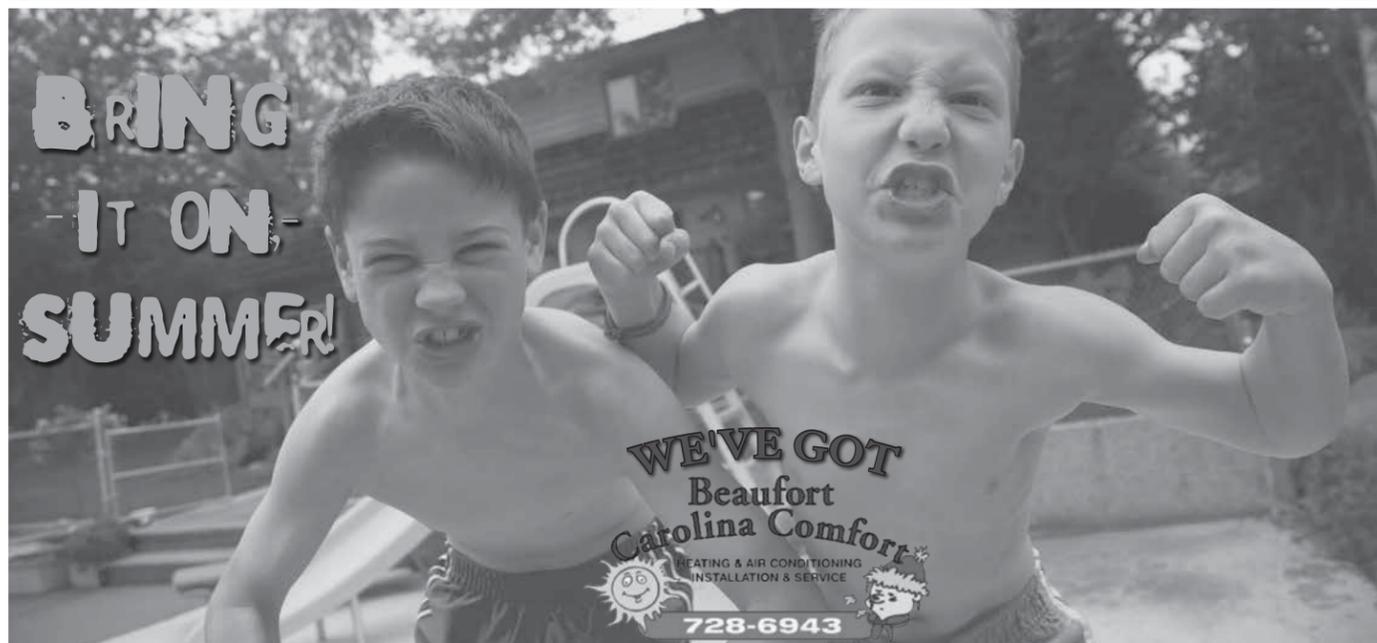
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While it is one of the most important components of your house, the roof is often something you don't think about until something goes wrong. You might glance at it when you drive or walk up to your house, but how often do you go up there and check it out to make sure it is working right? For most people, the roof is something that you assume is in perfect condition... until something goes wrong.

Recently, one of our neighbors, John Carlisto, who many folks know due to his activities as Reverend at St. Paul's Episcopal Church here in town, needed to have his roof replaced. One of his parishioners highly recommended 1st Response Roofing, who

came out and gave him a quote. While they were at Mr. Carlisto's house, he gave me a call and said that when they drove past our house, they noticed significant damage on our roof. I knew we had lost a couple of shingles in the recent storms, so I agreed to allow David from 1st Response Roofing to inspect our roof. David noted many different types of damage, including hail and wind damage.

Many years ago, when we lived in Atlanta, we had to replace the roof on the townhouse we owned. At that time, I was the treasurer for our home owner's association of our townhouse complex and we voted to replace the roofs on all forty-four units. Let's just say I learned way too much about roofing replacements at that time. Needless to say, I was nervous about going through another roof replacement.

Luckily, 1st Response Roofing made the process incredibly simple. They helped me to file the damage claim with our insurance company and worked with the NCJUA (North Carolina Joint Underwriters Association) to assess the damage and determine the replacement cost for the new roof. Eleven days after filing our claim, our check arrived and a week later, the team from 1st Response Roofing started working on our new roof.

After having watched the Carilstos get their new roof put on, I knew 1st Response Roofing's team would do a great job. However, I was not prepared for the level of professionalism and polite attitudes of the workers. They arrived early Wednesday morning and, prior to starting work, knocked on our door to let us know they were there and to ask if we had any outdoor furniture or plants that needed to be moved. They quickly and efficiently prepared for work and, before we knew it, large chunks of our old roof were sailing into the dump trailer they brought to haul off the old material. By mid-morning, they had the majority of the old roof peeled off and were assessing the wood underneath for damage. Fortunately, we had no wood damage and they began installing the felt and new architectural shingles. Our boys enjoyed watching out the window as they hauled the shingles up and down the ladder. One neat treat for them was every time one of the roofers spotted them peering out the window, they would wave and smile; they were such a friendly crew!

The first day they completed a bout seventy percent of the roof. That evening, prior to leaving, they cleaned up their materials and swept the yard with magnets to make sure that no nails were left behind.

The next morning, they arrived and then again, after informing us they were there, got to work. The rest of the roof was completed by 3:00PM and, prior to putting away the ladders, they asked me to come out and do a visual inspection. They

explained the work that had been completed and asked me if I had any questions. I love when home repair experts ensure that I understand the work that has been completed and takes time to ensure that I approve of the work.

1st Response Roofing completed the job on budget and quicker than I could have even hoped. They did such a good job on both Mr. Carlisto's roof and our roof that four additional neighbors of ours had 1st Response Roofing replace their roofs as well. So far, everyone has been delighted with their service and can only say great things about the company.

My wife, Amanda, had a special note to add. When an adjacent house was having their roof completed, some debris fell into the gated backyard of our house. One of the 1st Response Roofing workers rang the doorbell and politely asked if it would be okay if he went into our backyard and retrieved the debris. He informed my wife that he didn't want to enter our yard without permission. My wife was extremely grateful for the worker's thoughtfulness and consideration for her and our boys.

After this amazing display of customer service and professionalism, we decided to offer 1st Response Roofing the opportunity to advertise in *Beaufort-by-the-Sea*. They have accepted and you will see their ad in this and future issues of our magazine! If your roof is over five years old or if you have noticed any shingles missing or other damage, I encourage you to give 1st Response Roofing a call for a free assessment.

Thank you, 1st Response Roofing for the great job you did on our roof and the roofs of our neighbors! Hopefully, we won't need a new roof anytime soon, but if we do, we know who to call!

PS: You may have seen their signs and trucks on Ann Street recently...they have replaced the roof on St. Paul's Episcopal Church!

How Grandparents Can Help Grandchildren with **COLLEGE COSTS**

As the cost of a college education continues to climb, many grandparents are stepping in to help. This trend is expected to accelerate as baby boomers, many of whom went to college, become grandparents and start gifting what's predicted to be trillions of dollars over the coming decades. Helping to pay for a grandchild's college education can bring great personal satisfaction and is a smart way for grandparents to pass on wealth without having to pay gift and estate taxes. So what are some ways to accomplish this goal?

OUTRIGHT CASH GIFTS

A common way for grandparents to help grandchildren with college costs is to make an outright gift of cash or securities. But this method has a couple of drawbacks. A gift of more than the annual federal gift tax exclusion amount--\$14,000 for individual gifts and \$28,000 for gifts made by a married couple--might have gift tax and generation-skipping transfer (GST) tax consequences

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(GST tax is an additional gift tax imposed on gifts made to someone who is more than one generation below you). Another drawback is that a cash gift to a student will be considered untaxed income by the federal government's aid application, the FAFSA, and student income is assessed at a rate of 50%, which can impact financial aid eligibility.

One workaround is for the grandparent to give the cash gift to the parent instead of the grandchild, because gifts to parents do not need to be reported as income on the FAFSA. Another solution is to wait until your grandchild graduates college and then give a cash gift that can be used to pay off school loans.

Yet another option is to pay the college directly.

PAY TUITION DIRECTLY TO THE COLLEGE

Under federal law, tuition payments made directly to a college aren't considered taxable gifts, no matter how large the payment. So grandparents don't have to worry about the \$14,000 annual federal gift tax exclusion. But payments can only be made for tuition--room and board, books, fees, equipment, and other similar expenses don't qualify. Aside from the obvious tax advantage, paying tuition directly to the college ensures that your money will be used for the education purpose you intended, plus it removes the money from your estate. And you are still free to give your grandchild a separate tax-free gift each year up to the \$14,000 limit (\$28,000 for joint gifts).

However, colleges will often reduce a student's institutional financial aid by the amount of the grandparent's payment. So before sending a check, ask the college how it will affect your grandchild's eligibility for college-based aid. If your contribution will adversely affect your grandchild's aid package, particularly the scholarship or grant portion, consider gifting the money to your grandchild after graduation to help him or her pay off student loans.

529 PLANS

A 529 plan can be an excellent way for grandparents to contribute to a grandchild's college education, while simultaneously paring down their own estate. Contributions to a 529 plan grow tax deferred, and withdrawals used for the beneficiary's qualified education expenses are completely tax free at the federal level (and generally at the state level too). There are two types of 529 plans: college savings plans and prepaid tuition plans. College

savings plans are individual investment-type accounts offered by nearly all states and managed by financial institutions. Funds can be used at any accredited college in the United States or abroad. Prepaid tuition plans allow prepayment of tuition at today's prices for the limited group of colleges--typically in-state public colleges--that participate in the plan.

Grandparents can open a 529 account and name a grandchild as beneficiary (only one person can be listed as account owner, though) or they can contribute to an already existing 529 account. Grandparents can contribute a lump sum to a grandchild's 529 account, or they can contribute smaller, regular amounts. Regarding lump-sum gifts, a big advantage of 529 plans is that under special rules unique to 529 plans, individuals can make a single lump-sum gift to a 529 plan of up to \$70,000 (\$140,000 for joint gifts by married couples) and avoid federal gift tax. To do so, a special election must be made to treat the gift as if it were made in equal installments over a five-year period, and no additional gifts can be made to the beneficiary during this time.

If grandparents want to open a 529 account for their grandchild, there are a few things to keep in mind. If you need to withdraw the money in the 529 account for something other than your grandchild's college expenses--for example, for medical expenses or emergency purposes--there is a double consequence: the earnings portion of the withdrawal is subject to a 10% penalty and will be taxed at your ordinary income tax rate. Also, funds in a grandparent-owned 529 account may still be factored in when determining Medicaid eligibility, unless these funds are specifically exempted by state law.

Note: Investors should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses associated with 529 plans before investing. More information about specific 529 plans is available in each issuer's official statement, which should be read carefully before investing. Also, before investing, consider whether your state offers a 529 plan that provides residents with favorable state tax benefits. As with other investments, there are generally fees and expenses associated with participation in a 529 savings plan. There is also the risk that the investments may lose money or not perform well enough to cover college costs as anticipated.

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neighbors night out!

Beaufort Home Store *Grand Opening!*

Middle Lane near Beaufort has seen a lot of changes over the last few months. Back Street Pub has built a new deck, Beaufort Wine and Food has new offices there, and it is now the home of the brand new Beaufort Home Store!

Andy and Sharon Birmingham have long been associated with providing high quality Made in the USA items at their Beaufort Furniture Company store on Hedrick Street. They had long contemplated moving their furniture store to downtown Beaufort, however, the amount of space needed to adequately show their fantastic furniture offerings has not been available.

When 127 Middle Lane became available, they decided instead to keep their furniture store on Hedrick and open a new store dedicated to Made in the USA home accessories and décor.

June 24th, we gathered at the new Beaufort Home Store to welcome them and celebrate their grand opening. This turned out to be a phenomenal location for one of our *Beaufort-by-the-Sea* events. Not only do they have everything you can imagine for a party, Andy's hand-made wooden tables provided a great place to lay out a mouth-watering spread and delicious beverages.

We had a huge crowd to attend our event, over 140 folks at the last count. Many attendees signed in to win our amazing door prizes, including gift certificates and local items. One of the big





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stars of the night was a gift certificate for a free hang gliding adventure from Kitty Hawk Kites! David Daly from Gordon Street won that one, and we can't wait to hear how he liked the trip!

We had a ton of amazing food, including candied bacon from Beaufort Grocery, my own chopped smoked pork, pin wheels, cheese and fruit, and all sorts of little things to snack on! Keeping in the Made in the USA theme Kristi Gray from Time in a Bottle Fine Wine and Cigars on Front Street provided an amazing selection of wine from North Carolina Vineyards, and when that ran out, Beaufort Food and Wine pitched in and contributed a number of wines to keep the party going! I have to give a special thank you to Sandi Malone of Gordon Street for acting as bartender that night...she was a popular lady being the one who was pouring the wine!

A number of *Beaufort-by-the-Sea* sponsors attended the event, including:

- Andy and Sharon Birmingham, owners of Beaufort Furniture Co and the new Beaufort Home Store
- Greg Patterson from Atlantic Wealth Management
- Kristi Gray from Time in a Bottle Fine Wine and Cigars
- Lisa and John Dunson from Dunson Pool and Spa
- Mark and Hillary Gould from Sound Choice Painting

We had a wonderful time welcoming the new Beaufort Home Store to Middle Lane. I have been delighted to have them there so far. We have purchased wedding gifts from there, and the new metal beverage tubs you will see at future *Beaufort-by-the-Sea* events came from Beaufort Home Store! If you are looking for some great, high quality Made in the USA items look no further than the new Beaufort Home Store! Thank you Andy and Sharon Birmingham for allowing us the opportunity to have our event there!



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JULY 4TH *Firework Spectacular* AT BEAUFORT YACHT BASIN!



Fourth of July has always been one of my favorite holidays. As a child we would go to the Square in the town I grew up in and take part in the day long festivities of parades, vendors, and fireworks. I decided that Beaufort-by-the-Sea should hold a 4th of July related event, and I am delighted that we did! Our fireworks viewing party at Beaufort Yacht Basin turned out to be a BLAST! (Pun Intended!)

The Beaufort Yacht Basin sits on Gallants Channel and offers an amazing view of where the fireworks were being shot off on the other side of the new bridge. We opened the gates at 7:30 and had a great crowd that showed up for the fun!

We had a whole host of delightful activities. JA Canady from Atlantic Wealth Management provided a corn hole set which kids and adults alike enjoyed. Bubbles and sparklers were a big hit, as were the glow bracelets that the kids delighted in handing out!

The superstar of the event however was the fire pit we brought for roasting marshmallows and making smores. Mark Gould from Sound Choice Painting got the fire started despite the strong breeze blowing! The smores were a hit, and I have to give a specific thank you to Mark and Hillary Gould, and my wife Amanda for helping to manage the fire pit and keep everyone safe!

We had a number of our sponsors attend, including:

- Bonnie and JR Dunn from JR Dunn Jewelers- they had a great time with the marshmallows!
- Kristi Gray from Time-in-a-Bottle Fine Wine and Cigars came with a selection of cigars to share!



- Lisa and John Dunson from Dunson Pool and Spa stopped by for a quick visit before heading over to help at Gallants Channel!
- Lee Barbee, owner of Masterclean Carpet, Upholstery, and Oriental Rug cleaning came and enjoyed speaking with a number of his past customers from around Beaufort!
- Mark and Hillary Gould of Sound Choice Painting came with their three kids, all of whom we put to work getting things set up and helped throughout the evening!

The fireworks were beautiful and we could not have asked for a better location for the event. The grounds at Beaufort Yacht Basin were beautiful and the docks they have offer a phenomenal place to park a boat. They have all the facilities and benefits you could ask for! We truly appreciate them opening their grounds for us and we hope this will become an annual event!

Thank you to everyone who attended and pitched in. We look forward to seeing you at our next event!





precious pets

By Suzann Gille

Scout is out and about!



If they ever bring frisbee catching to the Olympics, our pet of the month is sure to be on the team! Scout is a sweet, adventure loving girl who is full of energy!



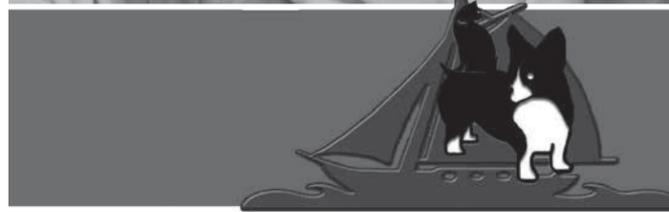
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Scout lives with Cynthia Safrit on Belle Air Street. She is quite popular around Beaufort and can often be seen on their daily walks down Gordon Street to where she likes to take a swim. Cynthia describes Scout as a “Heinz 57,” but suspects she is mostly German Shorthaired Pointer. Scout’s mother Sadie, a Jack Russell Terrier mix, lives with “Grandma” Pam Richmond on Broad Street and they enjoy having family members close by.

Scout is seven and a half years old and is a seasoned athlete. Her all-time favorite thing is her frisbee. She loves running and catching it in the air. Cynthia says that Scout loves her frisbee so much that she can’t let her have it in the house because Scout will not pay attention to anything else, her food included.

Another one of Scout’s favorite activities is going out on the boat! She loves going to sandbars with family and friends where she can swim and chase birds. Cynthia recalled one time when Scout was chasing birds and jumped right in the water after them. Cynthia said she thought Scout was going to make it to Harkers Island before she caught up to her!

Next time you see Scout around town or heading down for a swim be sure to say hi to this sweet, friendly girl!



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on the water

Coast Guard Station Fort Macon



For this month’s On the Water we decided to feature a group that not only protects us out on the water, they also work hard to keep our shores safe. This month, we are featuring the men, women, and boats of Coast Guard Station Fort Macon!

First, a little background on the Coast Guard. The U.S. Coast Guard is one of the five armed forces of the United States and the only military organization within the Department of Homeland Security. Since 1790 the Coast Guard has safeguarded our Nation’s maritime interests and environment around the world. The Coast Guard is an adaptable, responsive military force of maritime professionals whose broad legal authorities, capable assets, geographic diversity and expansive partnerships provide a persistent presence along our rivers, in the ports, littoral regions and on the high seas. Coast Guard presence and impact is local, regional, national and international. These attributes make the Coast Guard a unique instrument of maritime safety, security and environmental stewardship.

Organized life-saving operations on the Crystal Coast began in the early 1800s. At that time there were volunteer lifeboat stations every few miles as communication and boats were much different then compared to now. Then, the boats were powered by rowers, and communication was based on line of sight and signaling cannons.

Fast forward to today, and it is a night and day different. Currently they operate four small boats out of the station, and four cutters. Small boats are boats that are under 65 feet.

They have two 47 foot motor life boats. These are designed to be able to go out in the water in almost any weather, and have seven water tight compartments. Each of these boats has four different positions on the boat that they can be driven from, just in case one goes down. Two are inside and two are outside. They have

space to rescue up to thirty people, and usually are manned by three to five sailors. These boats are always ready to launch, and can be underway in minutes.

The station also has two 24 foot shallow water boats. These primarily are what the Coast Guard uses for safety checks and rescues in the shallow areas around Beaufort and the Crystal Coast. They have an encapsulated cabin to protect the sailors from the elements and are the ones that you most often see out and about.

The cutters are big and beautiful 110 foot boats. These are primarily used for search and rescue and law enforcement. They generally spend two weeks out patrolling and two weeks back at station.

One of these cutters is the current Coast Guard “Queen of the Fleet”. The Queen of the Fleet is the active cutter with the oldest hull. USCGC Smilax was originally commissioned November 1, 1944 and is still active. It is 100 feet long and currently is based out of Coast Guard Station Fort Macon. You can tell the Queen of the Fleet by the gold hull numbers on the bow of the ship. She has a working crane and services buoys and drives pilings up and down the ICW.

The fourth cutter is a 225 foot Buoy Tender named the Elm. You can tell this is a buoy tender by the black painted hull and the large crane. One of the Coast Guard duties is to place and maintain buoys around US waters. The buoys come in many different styles and sizes. The buoys have a life span of 7-10 years and are then hauled out, refurbished, and replaced.

The service men and women of the Coast Guard love their role here in protecting our shoreline and serving the public, both boating and non-boating. One example of their service was seen





recently in an event in Beaufort that no one expected.

Dinner and a Rescue; Off-duty Coast Guardsman takes life-saving action in Beaufort.

While on liberty at a local restaurant, Fireman Apprentice Sanders witnessed an unexpected waterfront dock collapse, which sent a myriad of debris and unsuspecting civilians into the water. Realizing the elderly women were at risk of drowning and unable to help themselves due to the increasing velocity of heavy tidal current and lines tangled around their bodies, he quickly sprang into action and heroically entered the frenzied waters. Without hesitation or concern for his own safety, Fireman Apprentice Sanders quickly swam towards the victims and immediately placed his body as a physical barrier between them and the jagged pilings that surrounded the area. Treading water and keeping the women afloat for over ten minutes, he freed them from the twisted metal and formulated a plan, giving decisive instructions to nearby onlookers to ensure their safe egress. Despite the women suffering from numerous injuries and sheer exhaustion, he courageously pulled them one by one to a partially submerged dock over 30 yards away to awaiting emergency medical personnel. Overcoming all odds, he

undoubtedly saved all four victims lives.

The Coast Guard is here to protect and serve us. We are delighted that they are here. I know it can be viewed as an inconvenience when they stop you on the water to do an inspection, but that is truly a safety inspection. When people keep a cool head, go through the inspection checklist, and work with the Coast Guard to make everything run smoothly they are usually under way within ten minutes!

The Coast Guard is a wonderful asset to have here on our shores. They are celebrating their 226 birthday in August, and they certainly have the history and the expertise to keep us safe!

I need to extend a big thank you to the Coast Guard for allowing us to do this article, and a specific thank you to Bosun's Mate Brent Stallings for giving us the tour of the base and all the great information he provided, BMCM Jeremy McConnell, the Officer in Charge of Station Fort Macon, and MSTC Jeremy V Thomas for coordinating our visit.



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home of the month

A LOOK INSIDE *the Ann Street Inn*

Ann Street has many beautiful historic homes. Front porches abound as far as the eye can see. 707 Ann Street is one of these beautiful homes, and the double front porches and historical marker only add to the fact that this home belongs right in the heart of downtown Beaufort!

In speaking with Donna Babington, the owner of 707 Ann Street, we get a great insight into her love of the home and why she operates the Ann Street Inn Bed and Breakfast there. "This is really a front porch kind of place. Sit out here in the afternoon and before you know it there is a cocktail party going on!"

The William J Potter house (circa 1832) has an amazing history. William Jackson Potter was born on Halloween in 1801 (maybe that is his ghost hanging from the tree in the front yard!) He

was a brick mason who worked at Fort Macon in the 1820s and decided to settle in Beaufort. Potter was instrumental in building a number of historic buildings around Beaufort, including the jail, the Masonic lodge, and the Odd Fellows Lodge. Potter served both as postmaster and a town commissioner.

Donna found the house on a trip here. Originally from New Orleans, Louisiana, she always loved living near the water. She moved to the Raleigh area and maintained a vacation home in Emerald Isle, and would frequently visit Beaufort. One trip she decided to stay at a Bed and Breakfast in Beaufort, and it was then that she decided that her life was calling her to Beaufort.

She started doing some looking and found the Ann Street Inn. It was currently being operated as a B&B, and the moment she walked in she knew she had found her home. She made an offer and it was accepted, and before she knew it she had a Bed and Breakfast on Ann Street!

According to Donna, "I love meeting all the people that come through our doors. I am usually sitting on the front porch waiting for my guest, and people are delighted with the warm and friendly welcome. We like to have a lot of fun here!"

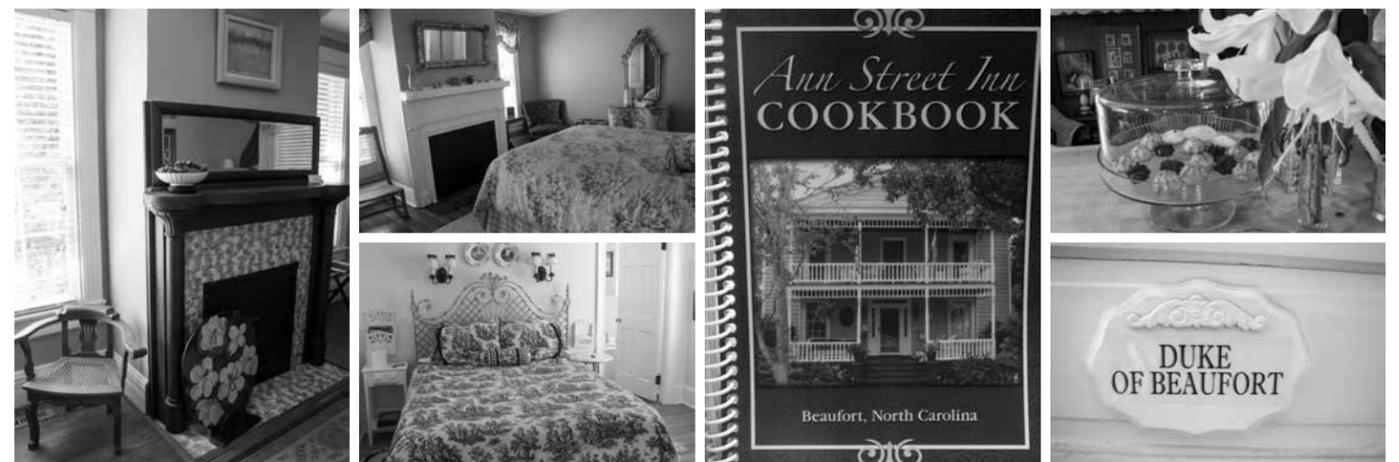
As you walk into the house you see a great mix of the historic and the modern. There is beautiful art on all the walls, many of which are historic pieces. A beautiful dining room is where larger breakfasts are hosted; however, this is one of the few Bed and Breakfasts where the guests have full access to the kitchen.

"My guests are always welcome to come into the kitchen, chat with me while I cook, put a bottle of wine in the refrigerator, and just hang out! People love the truly at home experience!"

The rooms are all named. Downstairs is the Queen Anne Room, and upstairs is the Duke of Beaufort Room and the Priscilla Patter Room.

The Ann Street Inn stays busy all year round. Donna attributes that to the beautiful house, the convenient location, and the personable atmosphere.

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As much as he loves the town, his career often takes him far and wide. He was recently awarded one of the highest honors in his field, and we have included the press release below.

CARTNER RECEIVES LALONDE SPIRIT OF THE SEAS AWARD

The Council of American Master Mariners, founded in 1936, awarded member Capt. John A C Cartner the Lalonde Spirit of the Seas Award at its 80th annual meeting in Portland Oregon on April 26, 2016.

The Lalonde Spirit of the Seas Award is the highest honor to any member given by the Council. It is awarded no more frequently than annually, if awarded. Capt. Cartner is the 16th awardee. The Award is named for Capt. Richard Lalonde, a shipmaster who became a Roman Catholic priest and continued sailing donating his earnings to his order and later working in foreign missions. It is given to the Council member best exemplifying humanitarianism, professionalism, seamanship, life-time achievement and noteworthy accomplishments, along with contributions to the maritime industry and the 'Spirit of the Seas' in everyday life.

Capt. Richard Klein of the Council said of Capt. Cartner, "He was the unanimous choice of the nominating committee --

which speaks volumes. His humanitarian work for shipmasters internationally who have been wrongfully accused and imprisoned – always without fee – and his extensive humanitarian work for seafarers worldwide makes him most deserving of the Lalonde Award."

Cartner commanded tank and container ships in the foreign trade, holds graduate degrees in business, quantitative methods and law and is the principal author of *The International Law of the Shipmaster* (2009) Lloyds which has become the standard treatise on the subject worldwide and other maritime books. He is a graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (1969) and practices maritime law in Washington, D.C. and London. He lives in Beaufort, North Carolina.

Mr. Cartner has had a great career and is very active in his industry, and has written numerous books about the maritime world. He is active in the Beaufort Olde Towne Rotary, is a member of the Planning Board for the Town of Beaufort, and is a parishioner at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. We are delighted to have Mr. Cartner here as a neighbor!



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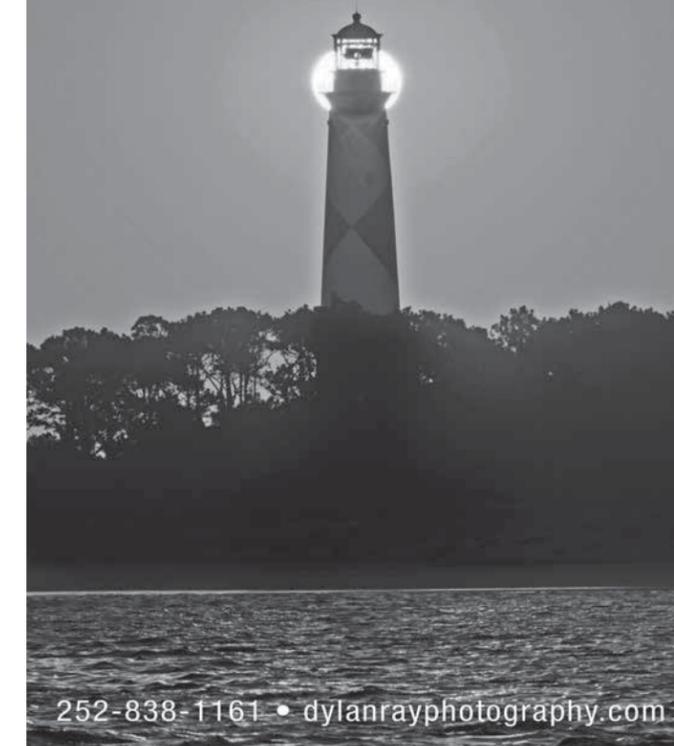
John Cartner is one of those Beaufort residents that if you don't know, you probably should. My first interactions with Mr. Cartner came through the Beaufort Olde Towne Rotary, and I have enjoyed getting to know him better over the years!

Mr. Cartner first came to Beaufort as a child. He would often come down on vacation and it seemed like Beaufort became a part of him. In his adult life he traveled throughout the world as a ship's captain and then as a maritime lawyer. He always felt though that he would end up in Beaufort. He started his home search, and in 2005, he purchased 712 Ann Street, and began an extensive renovation that made the house the beautiful post card quality home that it is today.

In 2011 the remodel was finished and he moved in full time in 2012. "I decided that I would prefer to be somewhere that I liked and around people I like. Beaufort is a wonderful community and I am delighted to be here."

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EYE *OF THE* HURRICANE

My Labor Day Weekend 1993



travel tales

By David Daly
of Gordon Street

As the primary part of hurricane season in August and September blows into our coastal area I am reminded of a special trip I took in the early 90s while working in local television news.

Although I was based in Charlotte, NC at the time, covering hurricanes on the North and South Carolina coast was a plum assignment (and adrenaline rush) for me and our news crews and a big audience ratings grabber. For those viewers hundreds of miles inland interest was high in where the storms would hit and what damage they could and would do to the coast. Having grown up in New Bern, North Carolina I always volunteered to head east at the mere mention of tropical activity near my old stomping grounds.

Emily is such a sweet name, but add the word “hurricane” and suddenly she doesn’t sound so nice. Hurricane Emily developed in late August 1993 and my newsroom boss asked if I was interested in heading into the storm. What I did not realize at the moment was the literal meaning he was taking with the word “into”. After the split second I needed to accept the assignment my boss told me to pack my bags for Georgia, I fly out the next morning. Seems

I had agreed not to drive the news van towards the oncoming hurricane landfall, but instead to fly with the famed Hurricane Hunters of the U.S. Air Force directly into the eye of Hurricane Emily!

That next day, 0700 to be exact, my TV station’s weekend meteorologist and I met up with the 403rd Airlift Wing of the famed 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron (based out of Mississippi) at Robins Air Force Base near Macon, Georgia. We took off in a modified C-130 aircraft, designed and outfitted to fly into the worst weather imaginable. Flying for just over two hours, we reached the edge of the Category 3 Hurricane Emily spinning wildly over the warm Atlantic Ocean waters. Severe turbulence greeted us, at one point sending our plane into a 15 second free fall as we approached the ‘center of attention’, the eye wall. This cloud ban, several miles thick full of blinding rain and sustained winds of 140 miles per hour tossed and turned us, lifted and dropped us.

I was able to shoot video out of a small window near the front of the plane and was also allowed briefly in the cockpit when the plane wasn’t rocking and rolling and was safe to stand. The flight crew recorded atmospheric data and released dropsondes which gathered even more information – wind speed, air pressure, ocean temperature, exact

location – as the instrument parachutes through the storm to the sea below, while relaying all this information to the National Weather Center. And the crew even offered up their own eyewitness opinions as they compared Emily to other named storms, as if they were discussing their own children and who acted up more than the other!

And then, eerily, everything changed. The wind dropped to 20 miles per hour, the rain stopped, and sunshine beamed down. It was truly a sea of tranquility. We had reached the eye of the hurricane! Over the next five hours we would blast through the 40 mile wide eye three more times – that’s six times through the eye wall if you’re keeping score – the roughest and scariest part of the trip. After 11 total hours in the air we returned safely to Robins AFB. Mission accomplished! And I’m proud to say I did not get sick despite the roller coaster-type ride we had experienced for most of those hours. Better yet, I was named an honorary Hurricane Hunter by the crew with an official certificate that states:

“Let it be known to the world that David Daly did, with great skill and remarkable airmanship, penetrate for the first time the eyewall of a fully developed hurricane. This individual’s undaunted dedication and fearless devotion to duties, while be-

ing bounced, rocked, rolled, and slammed about the aircraft interior, reflect great credit, luck, and a high threshold of personal injury.”

Makes me sound like some sort of hero, yeah right! However, the Hurricane Hunters of the 403rd Airlift Wing were and are the real heroes. These brave men and women continue to risk their lives every time they fly through a hurricane, all to help weather forecasters predict the strength and future track of the storms threatening our coast.

By the way, Emily was not so sweet to the North Carolina coast. Despite the eye staying about 20 miles off the Outer Banks, the hurricane caused severe flooding, damaged and destroyed hundreds of homes, downed thousands of trees and millions of dollars were lost in tourism revenue because of the over 150,000 residents and holiday tourists evacuated during the Labor Day Weekend.

I realize this is not your typical travel or vacation story but my trip literally through the eye of Hurricane Emily 23 years ago was an amazing experience and made for a holiday weekend I will never forget!

PS: Hoping for blue skies this Labor Day 2016!

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DAVID DALY is an award winning producer and writer of television shows and multimedia presentations. He lived in Charlotte for 16 years and Chapel Hill for 13, and now is based in Beaufort, enjoying life on Gordon Street.



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The mission of the Coast Guard Auxiliary is three fold:

- To promote and improve Recreational Boating Safety
- To provide trained crews and facilities to augment the Coast Guard and enhance safety and security of our ports, waterways, and coastal regions
- To support Coast Guard operational, administrative, and logistical requirements.

Auxiliary members conduct safety patrols on local waterways, assist in Search and Rescue, teach boating safety classes, conduct free vessel safety checks for the public, provide boating safety literature to dealers, as well as many other activities related to recreational boating safety.

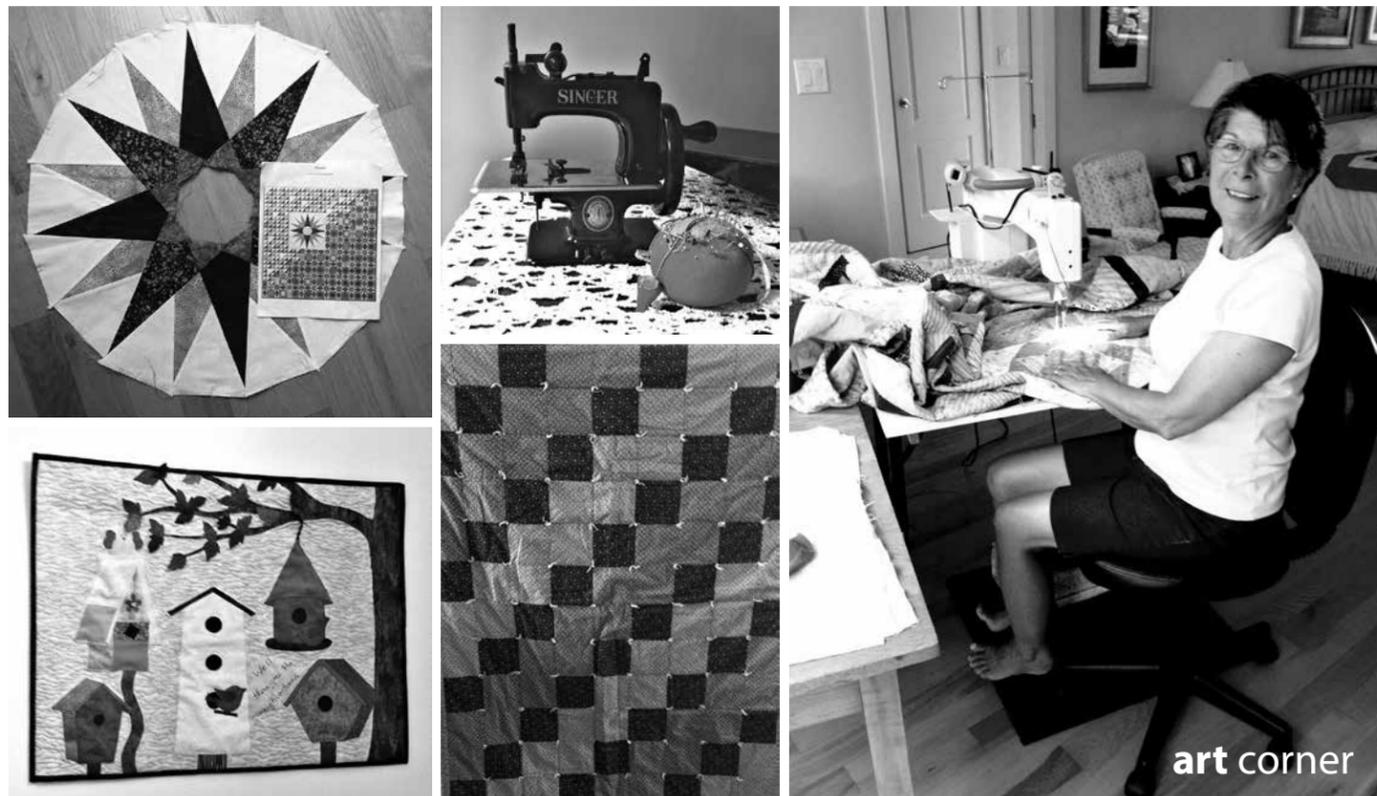
The Coast Guard considers the Auxiliary its primary resource for recreational boating safety outreach and prevention and each Coast Guard district around the nation has established a senior officer and staff to provide tight liaison and coordination between the active-duty Coast Guard and the various Auxiliary units in that district.

And in many inland portions of the country, where the majority of U.S. recreational boating occurs on lakes and rivers, the Auxiliary is the sole Coast Guard presence! But the Auxiliary is more than recreational boating safety; we regularly serve alongside our active-duty shipmates serving as communications watchstanders, uninspected passenger vessel inspectors, training resources for air

and sea operations, numerous duties related to environmental protection and homeland security, and even as chefs! In fact, there are nearly two dozen "qualifications" open to Auxiliarists willing to put in the time and training. Collectively, Auxiliarists volunteer over 4.5 million hours per year and complete nearly 500,000 missions – a true force multiplier for the Coast Guard!

Membership in the Auxiliary is open to persons 17 years of age and older. We are organized into 16 districts nationwide, comprised of 171 divisions with approximately 980 flotillas. The one local to the Crystal Coast is Flotilla 20-2, based out of Morehead City. Throughout the year they provide boating safety and local boating knowledge awareness classes to help keep our waterways safe.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Coast Guard Auxiliary or volunteering, call **252-393-2869** or email **lhorton4@ec.rr.com**.



Sea Fever By Angie Williams QUILTER

Nancy Smith is one of our local talented quilters. At the age of six Santa brought her a toy sewing machine and believe it or not it still works today. This is how it all started for her, sewing clothes for her dolls and for herself.

In 1983 she took her first quilting class in Raleigh and since then she has created over 60 quilts, giving some away, keeping many and others were commissioned. Her first piece was tied together, as that is the way it was done mostly back in the day. In the beginning she hand stitched and quilted her pieces but as time went by she began doing a combination of hand quilted and machine stitch in making her quilts.

The machine she uses to piece it together is a Bernina and uses the Handi Quilter Sixteen to quilt the piece together. This machine is a 'sit down' quilter using pins to hold the piece together as you quilt. Also, this type requires you to start the quilt process in the middle of the piece working your way to the edges. She bought this machine six years ago.

Nancy enjoys creating a variety of pieces, from traditional to three dimensional. She is currently working on a Mariners Compass where she creates the pattern on paper and sews the

material onto the paper. She will be using fabric that goes from light to dark representing a storm. Very creative! Another piece she made was for the Guild show in 2011 where they were challenged with the theme 'give a bird a home'. She won a blue ribbon for her creation and entitled it "Well there goes the neighborhood," as one of the homes was very colorful. The mushroom piece entitled "Ranunculus Forest" means Little Frog in Italian. This piece was inspired by all the mushrooms growing in the neighbor's yard and was accepted on the 2015 American Quilters Society in Paducah, Kentucky.

As a person that loves texture and three dimensional in art myself I was thrilled to see that Nancy also enjoys making her art pop visually within her quilts. Many of her pieces really stand out as she appliques some of her work leaving some material lifted up off the flat surface.

Nancy has become a member of the Crystal Coast Quilters Guild and has won many blue ribbons, seconds and honorable mentions with her talented hands. The Guild has an Outreach Program Workshop at the Newport Benjamin Franklin Recreation Center and Wounded Warriors at the barracks in Camp LeJeune and for the children in the Domestic Violence programs. They hold monthly meeting at Shepherd-The Sea Lutheran Church the third Thursday every month at 6pm and every Tuesday from 9am-noon drop-ins are welcome.

Nancy offers classes, sometimes one-on-one classes too if you are interested you can contact her via email seafever248@gmail.com or visit her website seafever248.wix.com/quilts-by-design.

breakfast AT THE ANN STREET INN!

There is a reason the Ann Street Inn is a Bed and Breakfast...it provides a great place to stay and an amazing morning meal! Here are a couple of favorites from the Ann Street Inn Cookbook!

Breakfast Casserole

- 1 pound bulk sausage, cooked and crumbled
- 9 eggs
- 3 cups milk
- Day old French Bread, cubed
- 1 tablespoon dried mustard
- ½ teaspoon creole seasoning (or to taste)
- 2 cups grated sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 bunch green onions, chopped

Cover bottom of 9X13 inch baking dish with bread. Sprinkle on sausage, onion, and cheese. Whisk together remaining ingredients and pour into casserole. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Next day cook uncovered in 350 degree oven for one hour. Enjoy!

Bloody Mary with Tabasco-spiked ice cubes

Ice Cubes:

- 1 cup tomato juice
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 teaspoon Tabasco (more if desired)

Combine all ingredients and pour into ice cube trays. Freeze overnight.

Bloody Mary:

- 1 cup vodka (pick your favorite!)
- 4 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- 3 cups tomato juice
- 4 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- Pickled okra

Combine all ingredients. Divide ice cubes and Blood Mary Mix amongst 4 glasses; garnish with okra.



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BLUE LIGHT?

You've heard of ultraviolet light, black light and white light, but what about blue light? Blue light radiates from florescent and LED lighting, computer screens, flat-screen televisions, cell phones and tablets. With the demands of a digital society comes increased dependence upon technology for communication, translating into more exposure to blue light. According to a recent study by the Pew Research Center, 68% of American adults have a smartphone, which has almost doubled from 2011. The demand for tablets has also increased with up to 45% of adults owning these hand-held devices.

Blue light waves have shorter wavelengths than other light waves, creating a glare. If you're a power computer user, you may have noticed digital eye strain, which can affect clarity of vision and sharpness. Headaches and fatigue are additional common ailments reported.

While blue light does have benefits, such as heightening alertness, increasing reaction times, and even elevating people's moods, it has drawbacks too. Over time, the cumulative effect of blue light can damage the retina and is linked to age-related macular degeneration, as well as early cataracts. Furthermore, it can create problems in sleep by disrupting circadian rhythms. Even Apple has recognized that blue light can be problematic with a special Night Shift for the iPhone and the iPad.

Unfortunately, the natural filter of the eye does not filter out blue light. But that's where computer glasses can help. Optometrists recommend computer glasses for those who log hours behind a computer. These special glasses will reduce eye strain, damaging blue light, and protect overall eye health. According to one recent study, participants who wore a lens with a blue-light filter coating reduced eyestrain (including dry eyes, sticky eyes, and the feeling of grit in their eyes) and improved visual performance. Inexpensive glasses even exist to block 100% blue light, which can prove beneficial for those working after 5 p.m. on a computer.

Protection from blue light can also be aided by eye vitamins, such as lutein and zeaxanthin. These two supplements pack a powerful punch. According to the American Optometric Association, "Lutein and zeaxanthin filter harmful high-energy blue wavelengths of light and help protect and maintain healthy cells in the eyes. Of the 600 carotenoids found in nature, only these two are deposited in high quantities in the retina (macula) of the eye."

Consider taking supplements or eating green leafy vegetables or eggs (which contain these two nutrients) to improve your eye health. Taking simple steps today to preserve your vision will result in better vision for years to come. Be sure to consult your eye care professional annually for your ocular health.

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TRENDING TILES

home matters
By N2 Staff Writer, Megan Weatherly Lynn

Though tile has been a favorite home furnishing for centuries, there is nothing old fashioned about the latest tile trends. Tile is a very versatile, practical and creative material. Keeping up with these design trends will help you customize your space while adding value to your home.

LARGE FORMAT

Large format tile is an option that is not only modern, but practical as well. Most tile and stone is available in 12"x24" and 18"x18" size options. These sizes are small enough to allow you to create patterns, yet large enough to minimize grout joints. Large format tiles can be installed on both walls and floors, creating a cleaner, more contemporary look.

GRAYSCALE

Gray is the new neutral. Gray comes in many shades and tones, allowing it to adapt to both warm and cool color palettes. From classic marble-look tile to industrial cement looks, gray can be both traditional and contemporary.

GEOMETRY

From hexagon to chevron, angles and lines create visual interest and a fresh appearance. Specialty mosaics come in an endless variety of shapes, sizes and colors. Interesting installations can also be created with larger tiles.

DIMENSION

Three-dimensional tile is a great choice for walls. Whether installed in a fireplace or as a shower accent, tile with depth can serve the same purpose as a sculpture or artwork in your space. Ledger stone -- irregularly-shaped stacked stones -- comes

in many different colors and thicknesses. Molded porcelain tiles with three-dimensional geometric patterns create interesting shadows and textures.

BRICK

The ever-popular subway tile look is here to stay. There are many variations on this look, including everything from glass to wood-look tile. No matter the color or size, any square or rectangular tile can be offset to create a brick joint.

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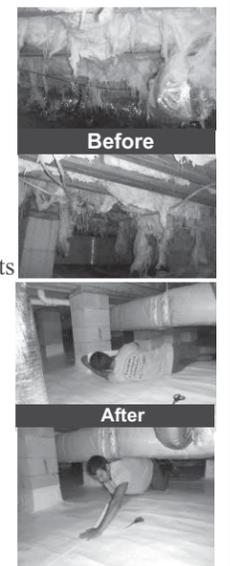
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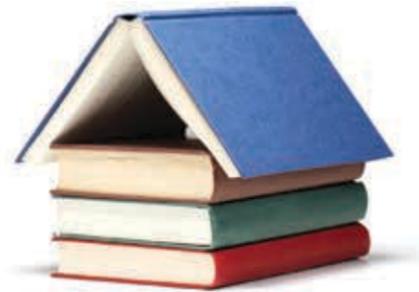
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