

We will Get By with a Little Patience

It is Spring... almost Summer and things are really popping in Brunswick County. The housing market is red hot. People are moving here faster than ever. We are all struggling to return to normal or the new normal. We are blessed with a boom. But, this wealth comes with crowding and increased traffic from locals and visitors. Everyone wants what they want and they want it now. You are not alone nor are you the only one asking for something whether it is a meal or a service of some kind. Sooooo... in an effort to be civil with each other ... we all need to be a little bit more patient and understand.

Stimulus checks and unemployment have gotten many average and below average wage earners through some very rough times. But, there is an end to everything. Jobs are important; in fact vital to our small business community's existence. There are Hiring and Help Wanted signs up all over. Small businesses are in grave need of help so they do not

have to cut hours and can keep open to serve you. Businesses want the help, but often they are understaffed through no fault of their own. Limited staff means slower service. It is not the business's fault. It is a situation being faced all over. Remember we live in "paradise" and we are still coming through a quarantining pandemic. We are lucky to be alive and living 'the dream.' Let's relax a bit and enjoy a slower pace. Be gentle



with our small businesses, our servers, and with ourselves. Businesses

are doing the very best they can... for you. Let's lighten up a little on each other. Tip a little more. Your server is working like crazy and without them where would we be? We are all in this together!



Here's an example of loving our community. Recently, All in Bloom, Southport's garden shop that does landscaping as well, held its 4th annual Customer Appreciation Day with crowd-favorite Band of Oz; full taco bar with steak, shrimp, chicken, etc. complete with from scratch sal-



sas and sauces catered by renowned Kai Jo's; and garden specials, as a way of saying thank you to the community. It was a triumph!

Other businesses have done their part to keep us in food, wine, and beer specials while we were fighting the boredom and anxiety of COVID during the last year. They cheered us up. CHEERS and THANK YOU to our Brunswick County small businesses, business owners, and staff!



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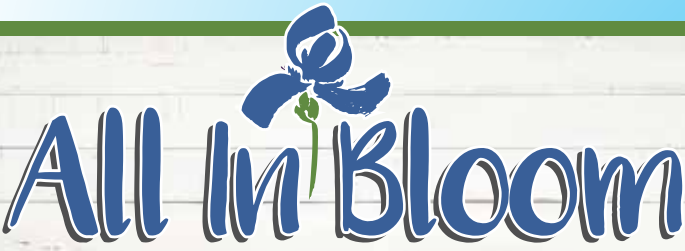
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What's Up Brunswick County?

By Joanne Thompson

Brunswick County is bursting with growth! New big box stores and housing developments are springing up in Leland, Shallotte, and all along Highway 211 and Route 17. There are also locally owned small businesses coming our way.

COVID has delayed many projects, but looks like many are coming back strong

A newly built ABC store in **Shalotte** has opened after four years in the works and it is beautiful!

Makai Brewery, 5850 Ocean Hwy, Ocean Isle Beach, is featuring breakfast and lunch from **Nana's Food Truck** on site. Fish, tacos, and sandwiches can be had there. Gator dogs and gator tail meat are Nana's specialty... great with a cold beer!

Two new breweries are under construction. Near the Leland town hall **7twenty6** promises good beers and plenty of fun. Brunswick Forest is targeted to get a new one too.

The Town of Leland is offering an online community crime map for residents to use. Go to lifeinbc.com/crimesmapping-comes-to-leland. The Town of Leland also is preparing for a **Hurricane Expo** to better prepare for any eventuality. Check out Leland on Facebook and visit the website.



Shores Express Car Wash is due to open in the new Lowe's Plaza in Southport with state-of-the-art car care. A new auto parts store will be located nearby to complement clean car care.

Serious roadwork is underway along Howe Street in Southport but, you can take advantage of free off-street additional parking and walk to you nearby favorite restaurant and shop. Don't let a little walking stop you from enjoying. Open and waiting to serve you: **Ports of Call, Koa Cafe, StrEaT Side, Oliver's, Burney's, Mr. P's, Saucy Southerner,** and **Southport Cheese Shoppe** are just a few.

Loco Jo's in Southport has been sold and bought and will be opened again in May with much the same menu.

People are still waiting for **Beach Road Pizza and Wings** to open on

Long Beach Rd. between Southport and Oak Island. Finishing work is going on and what is interesting is it will feature a serving drawer through which you can get your order to go.

Work on **Solar Brewery** on Oak Island near Shagger Jack's is progressing nicely.

Haag and Sons, your friendly fishmonger, has plenty of oysters from clump to individual as well as shrimp, fresh from local waters fish, soft shell crabs and clams. You can have your purchase packed in ice for travel. Owner Jon Haag might even let you sample a raw oyster so you can decide which to buy for on the half shell.

There is a rumor that Austin, proprietor of **Koko Cabana** on Oak Island has a tiki bar in the works where you can have a drink and enjoy the ocean view while you wait for your table. Also reported; **Ocean Crest Pier** is on target for live music for all to enjoy this summer at their new restaurant **Seahorse Eats & Drinks**. Sightings of work on **Paul's** reported but, it has been a long time underway.

Happy 10th Anniversary to **Jake and Ray** at Southport's **Port's of Call**. They are still taking diners around the world plate by plate.

Happy 40th Anniversary to **Margaret Rudd Real Estate**, still offering professional realty services.

Happy 30th Anniversary to **Oak Island Accommodations!** Well done!

Located in the former Food Lion Plaza which is awaiting **Big Lot's** arrival, you can find **Mo's Wood Fired Kitchen** is open for pick up. Try the pizza, wings, burgers and salads. Hours are limited for now due to staffing issues. Drop by and pick up a menu.

In the same plaza the **Label Shopper** stocks brand names for women and men at affordable prices.

Moore Dogs and More will open in May on Long Beach Rd. where The Confectionary Bakery was located. It will feature a variety of uniquely dressed hot dogs, sandwiches, and baked goods.

If you love a bargain, stop in to **Mermaid Cove's Outlet** on Long Beach Rd. something new just might strike your fancy perhaps for Mother's Day.

Have a Happy Mother's Day, Memorial Day, graduation, and just really have happy days here throughout Brunswick County!

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Now thru June 9th, Brunswick County wants your input. So take a few minutes and play a part in our County's future transportation sys-

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There is no greater moment than viewing a 250-pound sea turtle glide through the ocean waves. Unless it's watching a baby sea turtle make its way to the sea. At North Carolina's Brunswick Islands, you can experience both of these magnificent happenings of the loggerhead sea turtle on Oak Island, Caswell Beach, Holden Beach, Ocean Isle Beach, Sunset Beach, and Bald Head Island.

From nest to sea, the loggerhead is an extraordinary and monolithic creature that travels great distances to lay its eggs on our shores from May to August. Sea turtle hatchings begin in July and may continue into October. With conservation practices in place, you will find that during turtle season our beaches are home to a multitude of protected nests managed by sea turtle protection organizations. These organizations seek to educate locals and visitors about the importance of keeping these amazing sea creatures safe.

Sea Turtle Protection and "Turtle Talks"

Many groups offer free seminars, tours, and information about protecting the loggerhead turtles. In fact, several of our beaches offer free "Turtle Talks" during the summer in order to educate folks about sea turtles and provide insight into ways

we can help protect this endangered species.

Sea turtle protection organization/turtle watch volunteers monitor nests and update information continuously regarding the status of each nest. The volunteers keep statistics on the number of current nests, known eggs, and the total baby turtles that have made it to the ocean. All the turtle watch or sea turtle protection organizations in the Brunswick Islands maintain websites. Visit the Sunset Beach, Ocean Isle Beach, Holden Beach, Oak Island, Caswell Beach, or Bald Head Island sea turtle programs for more information.

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May/June Events in Brunswick County

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May 1, 15 - June 5, 19

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OAK ISLAND

Mondays - May 24-Sept. 6

Oak Island Farmers & Artisans Market

8am - 1 pm | Middleton Park
Oak Island

Vendors offer local fresh produce, homemade jams, cakes, and a variety of homemade goods including jewelry, furniture, rugs and potholders and many more items.

May 22

**Community Yard Sale-
"For the Parks"**

7-11am | Middleton Park | Oak Island
Free to attend | Vendor Space \$25

Join us on Saturday, May 22nd to clean out your garages, closets, make some \$\$, and support a great cause! Come shop, or sell your items at Middleton Park. Load your vehicle up with your fabulous items to sell and easily drive-in to your spot for easy set-up and take down. Be sure to bring your own tables, blankets, tailgates, etc.

10x15 Vendor spaces are limited, and can be purchased by calling the Recreation Center, (910) 278-5518

May 22-May 23

"Battle at the Beach"

Pickleball Tournament

8am - 5pm | Middleton Park
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Join the Friends of Parks for the first 2021 Pickleball Tournament on Oak Island. Registration and tournament information can be found on www.pickleballtournaments.com

June 12 & July 17

Nature Series: Sea Biscuit Wildlife Shelter Visits Oak Island Nature Center

11am-1pm | Oak Island Nature Center | 5202 E Yacht Drive
Free | All Ages | Pre-registration is required

Staff from Sea Biscuit Wildlife Shelter will set up outside the Oak Island Nature Center and bring some of her educational birds. She will introduce the birds and explain interesting facts about the birds in our coastal habitat.

Participants must bring their own chair. COVID response protocols will be in place for all activities, including but not limited to: hand sanitizer stations, 6 foot social distancing, social distancing signage and masks required by all.

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May , 15, 29 & June 12, 26

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June 3- Toy Story 4
June 10 - Aladdin 2019
June 17 - The Lion King (2019)
June 24 - Star Wars The Rise of Skywalker

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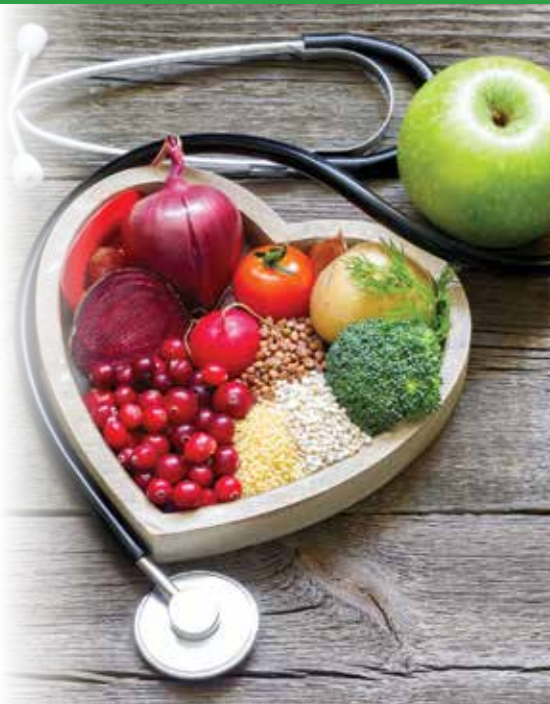
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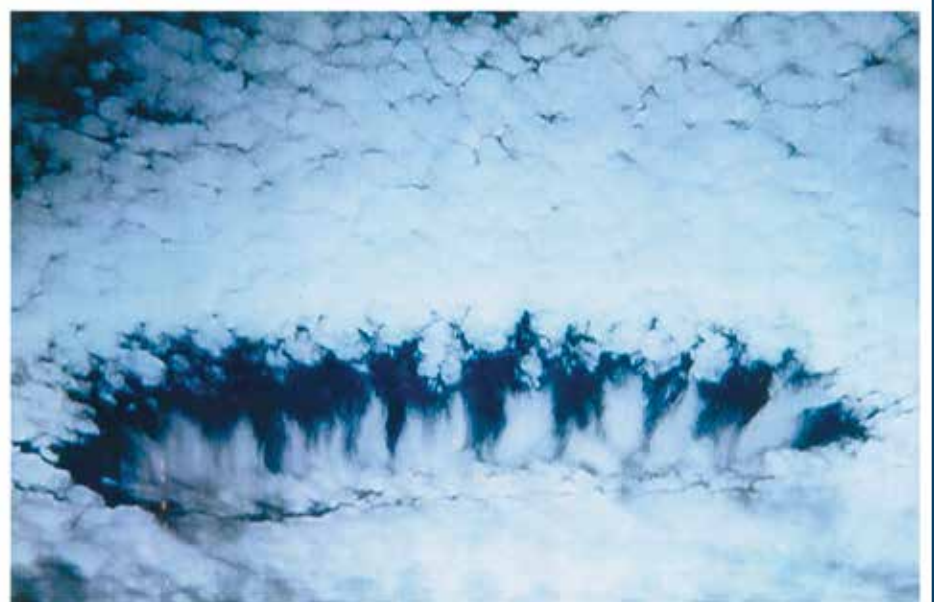


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With Summer days right around the corner and COVID restrictions begin to lift, many folks will be getting their boats out of winter storage and getting them ready for warm days on our beautiful Brunswick County waters. Many visitors to our area will also be arriving with their boats, adding to the growing number of vessels on our waterways. Knowing the regulations for boating is key in keeping boaters safe.

Children must wear life vests. Any child under 13 years of age must wear an appropriate life vest when on a recreational vessel that is underway. The life vest must fit properly with youth size corresponding to weight ranges. Always make sure the life vest is U.S. Coast Guard approved. While life vests are encouraged, but not required for adults, there must still be personal flotation devices accessible for each person on board a recreational vessel. This includes canoes, kayaks, paddle boards and any other non-motorized vessel. Our recommendation is for everyone to wear their life vests at all times while boating.

Boaters should always respect no wake zones. These are areas in which vessels are required to travel at idling speed. Large wakes can cause damage to docks and to other vessels. No wake zones are also in place to

protect boaters from hazardous conditions on the water. No wake zones are clearly marked with signs or buoys so boaters should always remain alert.

Never operate a water vessel under the influence of alcohol or other impairing substances. According to the U.S. Coast Guard, about a third of all recreational boating fatalities involve alcohol. About half of these either capsized their boats, or fell overboard. Don't put your life at risk, or risk the lives of others. Never operate a water vessel under the influence of alcohol or other impairing substances.

Much more information about boating regulations and boating safety can be found at www.uscgboating.org and www.ncwildlife.org. This includes rules of the water, boating check lists and other important information.

The Brunswick County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol Units will be patrolling the waters for boating and water safety. We want boat enthusiasts to safely enjoy their time on the water!



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Margaret Rudd & Associates, Inc., REALTORS® Celebrates 40th Anniversary

For 40 years Margaret Rudd & Associates, Inc., has turned “visitors into locals” with its dedicated brand of exceptional, personalized service. What started as a small adventure for Margaret Rudd Bishop on Saint Patrick’s Day in 1981 grew gradually with the agency’s Founder and President buying out her then partner just 2 short years later in 1983. S.R. “Buddy” Rudd, Jr. joined the company as Vice President in 1986 and the rest is history.

Our clients expect results and expertise. We deliver both in all aspects of the business...After all this time, the 2nd generation, family owned and operated business serves as the largest independent real estate agency in Brunswick County, employing a number of full-time and seasonal employees as well as a team of motivated sales agents. While sales can be found in all 3 of its current locations in Southport and Oak Island,

the property management department handles its 250+ short term, vacation rental and 65+ long term rental properties out of the Oak Island office.

The sales arm of the business recently announced its nominations for the Leading Real Estate Companies of the World® (“LeadingRE”) 2020 Award of Excellence in both the outgoing sales production and referral categories while the property management department was named Best Rental Agency for the 3rd year in a row for the 2021 Southport Magazine Maggie Awards. The recognition doesn’t end there.

Over its 40 years in business, MRA has been a trendsetter. Bishop fondly recalls that, “the firm was the first entity in Brunswick County that had property information and photos on the internet. In the 1990s, our website was used as an example across the state at travel and economic development conferences.” Along with



blazing a few trails, the agency has seen many notable accolades highlighting its unparalleled service and standards of performance. According to Bishop, “We enjoy working with each other. We have a work hard, play hard attitude.” MRA’s anniversary offers its management, employees and clients an opportunity to celebrate the agency’s accomplishments and to reflect on its influence in Brunswick County and the real estate industry as a whole. From collecting toys for the Toys for Tots program in the winter to collecting

non-perishable food items left by vacation rental guests for area food banks in the summer, from supporting area restaurants by purchasing gift cards during the pandemic to raising funds for hurricane victims in other states, the philanthropic efforts of the agency have become a large piece of that “highly regarded reputation” puzzle.

No matter what the next 40 years look like, Margaret Rudd and all of her “associates” are taking this year’s anniversary as a reason to be truly excited about what the future holds.

OUR OAK ISLAND OFFICE HAS MOVED!

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Original Artwork by Rena Powell, Recipient of the 2019 People's Choice Award

Up Your Arts and the City of Southport are eager to welcome artists back to our beautiful town for the 2021 Southport Plein Air Festival. Conditions related to the pandemic will require a few changes from activities in past years, but we are ready to host painters, residents, and visitors June 18-19, 2021 - two full days this time, rain or shine!

The 2021 Southport Plein Air Festival is open to all painters, regardless of age. It is a non-juried event, with merit and People's Choice awards conferred by established local artists. Winners will be registered in the 2022 Southport Plein Air Festival free of charge. There is no limit on medium, quantity or size. Painters retain all proceeds from the sale of their work during the Wet Paint Sale.

Artists are free to set up their easels and paint anywhere within City of Southport limits, but the majority opt to paint the landscape visible from streets along the waterfront. Day 1 of the festival for them is dedicated to filling their canvasses.

A reception later in the evening for the visiting artists will feature Gullah cuisine at the Maritime Museum; and music and painting demonstration at Moore Street Market. The event's judges are the guests of honor, along with Southport elected officials.

The evening will be capped off

with a benefit performance by the Back Porch Rockers on the lawn of the Southport Visitor Center, free and open to the public. Donations will benefit Up Your Arts' Save the Hall, Y'all campaign to transform the old city hall building in the heart of downtown Southport into an arts center.

Day 2 includes more painting by the registered artists and planned activities for attendees outside at the Visitor Center all day: plein air for children, mural painting, live music, and scheduled performances by Gullah-Geechee storyteller, Anita Singleton-Prather, funded by a grant from the Brunswick Arts Council.

At the end of the weekend, the freshly painted work will be on display outside at the Visitor Center from 4-6pm. Come meet the painters during this Wet Paint Sale, discuss their techniques, and buy their art! Don't miss this opportunity - you may get lucky and purchase an award winner! Artists receive 100% of the proceeds from the sale of their work.

The Awards Ceremony starts at 4:30pm Saturday, during the Wet Paint Sale. City of Southport Mayor Joe Pat Hatem has top billing when he announces the recipient of his famous Mayor's Award. You can vote for the winner of the People's Choice Award. This year we are proud to feature the work of local artist and resident Rene Powell, who was the 2019 People's Choice winner.

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An F3 tornado ripped through the Ocean Isle area February 15, leaving devastation in its wake. Several families were uprooted from their homes or suffered significant damage. Southport Rotarian Karen Bailey diligently worked to bring together various businesses and volunteer organizations to help. Lowes Home Improvement, Guy C Lee Building Supply, Catholic Charities, and Jeff Gibby with VOAD (Volunteer Organization Assisting in Disaster) joined forces to replace roofs, porches, siding, decks, and windows for several families that were impacted by the storm.



Thanks to generous donations of materials from local businesses, the outpouring of time from many volunteer carpenters and contractors, and financial assistance from the Southport Rotary Club, several homes of families in need were repaired. This is a great example of what a community can do when it comes together to show support for its fellow citizens!

About Southport Rotary Club: Chartered in 1986, the Southport Rotary Club is comprised of neighbors, friends, and community leaders in Southeastern Brunswick County. Our members share the common goal of creating positive, lasting change in our communities and around the world.



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Pets On The Beach

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Please be aware of any local leash laws or town ordinances listed below that may apply for specific beach locations. Also, please be respectful of others and clean up after your pet. Visit our pet friendly accommodations page to find the perfect vacation rental, inn, or hotel for you and your pet.

Bald Head Island - Pets on the beach must be leashed from sunset to sunrise during turtle season, May 1 through November 15. All other times, pets are permitted off leash but must remain under direct supervision at all times.

Caswell Beach - Dogs that are leashed are permitted year round on the beach strand, as long as they do not pose a threat or nuisance to others. Dogs not leashed, but under control of its owner, are permitted on the beach strand from dawn until 9:00 am year-round. Additionally, from October 15 through March 15, dogs not leashed, but under control of its owner, are permitted on the beach strand all day.

Holden Beach - Holden Beach

does not allow dogs on the beach from May 20th to September 10th between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Dogs must be on a leash at all times on the island.

Oak Island - Dogs that are leashed are permitted year round on Oak Island beaches. Dogs are allowed off their leash from October 15 until March 15 from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. in locations marked by beach access signs.

Ocean Isle Beach - Dogs are not permitted on the beach strand between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. during the period of Memorial Day through Labor Day. Dogs must be on a leash at all times on the island when off the premises of the owner, keeper or guardian.

Sunset Beach - From the Friday preceding Memorial Day through Labor Day, dogs are not allowed on the beach between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. After 6:00 p.m. and before 8:00 a.m., dogs are allowed on a leash no longer than 10 feet. After Labor Day and before the Friday preceding Memorial Day, dogs are allowed all day but must be leashed.

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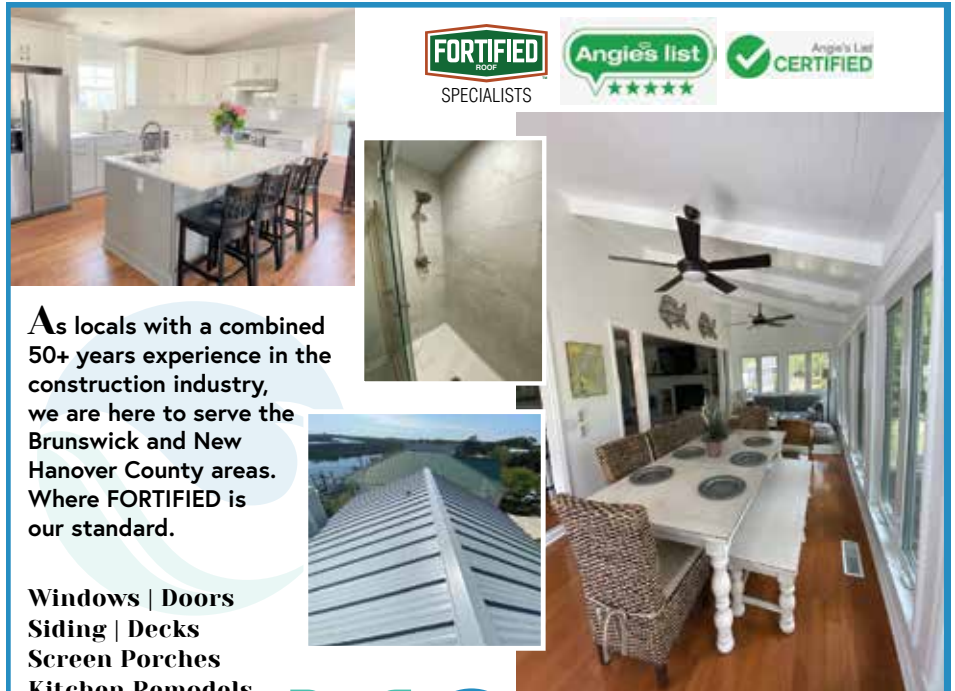
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Perceptions Eye Health and Wellness just expanded their campus at 1456 N Howe St. in Southport. "We made some significant investments in innovative technologies to help us better assess and monitor the health and wellness of the eyes. With the addition of the new space, we've also added staff and advanced technologies to address wellness aesthetics as a complement to ophthalmic services combining health and beauty."

Dr. Parnell is obtaining a certification in functional medicine, taking in-depth educational courses, and applying an integrated approach to health, wellness, and aesthetic services.

Personalized consultations are a wonderful way to start your journey to improving how you feel, how you look, and how you see! In fact, on May 6, 2021, an Open House will be

held offering refreshments, live demonstrations, and special event pricing. Come meet Dr. Tara Parnell and her team of expert professionals. Lynn Hege, LE, CLT, PBT, is now part of the Perceptions team, offering advanced medical aesthetic skin care solutions to address and treat the most common conditions associated with aging skin.

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(Book donations will continue to be accepted on sale days also; one bag limit per person on sale days please.)

It's Time for 'Battle of the Books'!

Both Harper and Barbee libraries now have the 2021-2022 Battle of the Books collection, thanks to the FOLSOI Judith Kurzer Battle of the

Books Fund. Students at participating schools will read books from a list established by the state Battle of the Books committees and then compete in quiz-bowl-style tournaments to test their knowledge of these books. FOLSOI is honored to be able to support programs like this that encourage childhood reading and a love of books in our communities. Join us!

Children's Summer Reading Program!

Registration begins Tuesday, June 1. All programs (starting June 15) on Tuesdays at 11 am Online

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Keep your kids reading and exploring new worlds through the magic of books this summer!

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Join us for the 2021 Southport Summer Concert Series on the Ft. Johnston Garrison Lawn along the beautiful Cape Fear River! Bring your blanket or chair and enjoy an evening of music at this lovely historic location.

Concerts will be held on Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. June through September. Dates that are EXCLUDED (no concerts) are: June 10th, July 8th, August 12th, and September 9th.

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Pictured above: Owners, Ray Acayan on Left and Jake Pfohl on Right

After a challenging year of operation due to the pandemic, Ports of Call Bistro has been elated to start seeing our regular customers return as they begin to emerge from seclusion, along with new guests. We've had a fairly busy winter and spring, albeit with limits on occupancy. We feel loved and sustained by our community, and part of the global spirit of resilience in the face of this public health hurdle. We will continue both Dine-in Services as well as Take-out to serve our customers this summer and into the future.



Chef Mike Kruse III on the left, Owner Jake Pfohl, Center, and Carol Prince on the Right, Front of House Manager.

Our Special Tasting and Wine Dinners have been well attended. For example, our recent dinners focused on the Cuisine and Wines of the Rombauer Vineyards of California, Food and Wines of Slovenia, and the Cajun food, with French Wines, of New Orleans. On June 24th, our next Tasting and Wine Dinner will focus on Italy.

Our regular menus have been well received, as well as our daily Specials. The new Seasonal Summer Menus for 2021 started May 3rd.

We change our Menus every six months, to keep our offerings fresh

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We will be celebrating our 10th year of Operation on June 29th and 30th, and we are currently planning a couple of special nights to commemorate this event. We will be announcing the details of this event on our Facebook Page. We welcome one and all to Celebrate and food and drink of our big and diverse world

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During the event, Covid protocols to be followed include but are not limited to: hand washing stations, one-way traffic social distancing picnic circles (Participants should refrain from filling in spaces between circles, and wait for a circle to become available), social distancing signage, and the use of masks covering the nose & mouth by both staff, vendors, and participants. Anyone who is feeling ill, or is experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms are asked to remain at home until they are well. Individuals who fail to adhere to community safety standards may be asked to leave the celebrations by the Concert Series Supervisor or the Oak Island Recreation Department Director.

May & June Line Up

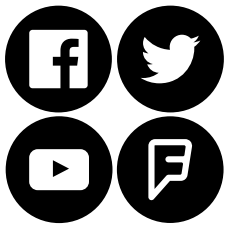
- Friday, May 21, 2021:**
 JukeBox Rehab (GENRE: Country)
- Friday, May 28, 2021:**
 The British Invaders
 GENRE: 60's & 70's)
- Friday, June 4, 2021:**
 Chairman of the Board feat. Ken Knox (GENRE: Beach)
- Friday, June 11, 2021:**
 Eaglewing - Eagles Tribute Band (GENRE: Classic Rock)
- Friday, June 18, 2021:**
 The Entertainers (GENRE: Beach)
- Friday, June 25, 2021:**
 Tim Clark Band (GENRE: Variety/Dance)



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