

FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR

Have You Heard . . . ?

Carteret Literacy Council needs tutors. Changing lives by improving the reading and math skills of adult residents of Carteret County is the mission of the Carteret Literacy Council. Unlocking the student's world by learning to read—and reading to learn—is achieved by volunteer tutors who dedicate four hours a week to working with them. Students come from all walks of life, including those who wish to learn English as a second language (ESL) and become productive citizens. All have different goals and desired outcomes and are placed with a tutor trained to meet their needs. All teaching materials such as dictionaries, workbooks, citizenship books and phonics software are provided free of charge and become the property of the student.

Learn how to share your love for reading with others by being a volunteer tutor. The Carteret Literacy Council provides the training you need to be certified as a tutor to those who need assistance to improve their skills. A few hours of your time can lead to a lifetime of fulfillment for someone else.

The next 12-hour tutor training workshop is scheduled for 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday, September 18; Thursday, September 20; Tuesday, September 25; and Thursday, September 27. Tutors must attend all four sessions. If you are interested in helping someone with the gift of reading, call 808-2020 or email carteretliteracy@carteretliteracy.org to register for the classes. A \$20 registration fee is requested to cover cost of materials.

Carteret Community College offers free GIS class. Experts will admit that it is difficult to get a simple definition of a Geographic Information System (GIS). It may be explained as being a computer-based mapping/geographical data management tool used to capture, store, manipulate, analyze, manage, and present all types of geographical data. Let's try that again. A GIS lets us visualize, question, analyze, interpret and understand data—and you're already using it whether you know it or not. Have you ever searched for a restaurant or coffee shop on your smart phone and followed the directions there? That's GIS. When you spot a friend's vacation selfie on Facebook and see exactly where he or she is having dinner, that's GIS. It also figures in when emergency services provide help in the event of natural disasters or emergencies. Carteret Community College is offering an opportunity to learn to use it locally to navigate the Carteret County GIS website—and it's free.

County residents are invited to learn to navigate the county's GIS website by query, parcel, address or sales search. The only prerequisite for the class is basic computer knowledge. The class is offered on Saturday, September 15, 9 a.m.-noon or Saturday, October 20, 9 a.m.-noon. Both classes are held in the Wayne West Building, Room 319. Register in person at the college or online by visiting carteret.edu and following these links: Continuing Education, Class Listings, Life Enrichment, Navigating the Carteret County GIS Website, Pre-Registration.

Don't miss this chance to wow your grandchildren. Call the college at 222-6000 if you have questions.

Caribbean cruise planned by the Leon Mann Jr. Enrichment Center. Share in the excitement of this 8 day/7 night cruise aboard Carnival Cruise Line's *Breeze* with friends and family. Fill your days swimming, snorkeling, walking white sand beaches or enjoying great meals and the relaxed cultures of the islands. Included are one night hotel accommodations prior to boarding, breakfast at the hotel, motor coach transportation to and from Port Canaveral, 8 day/7 night cruise, cabin, ship-board meals and port charges and taxes.

Prices range from \$1,099 to \$1,469, double occupancy, based on cabin selection/availability. Gratuities are not included. Travel protection is available for an additional \$119 per person. For information and reservations, contact Cindy Blizzard or Beth Simpson (247-2626) at the Leon Mann Jr. Senior Center. Space is limited, and the deadline for reservations is November 15. Book early for the best selection. Passports are required.

American Music Festival

By Linda Seale

The American Music Festival is proud to begin its 29th season of presenting chamber music to Carteret County with its first of five concerts on September 22, featuring **Caroline Shaw and the Jasper Quartet**. Ms. Shaw hails from Eastern North Carolina and has made a name for herself as a vocalist, violin/violist and composer. She has astonished both the pop and classical music worlds with her work and enjoys residencies with the Guggenheim, the Kennedy Center, the Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The Jasper String Quartet will join her to present both her work and the Brahms Viola Quintet. In her honor, the state of North Carolina will proclaim Caroline Shaw Day during her stay.

Future concerts will feature international award-winning **Trio Karénine** on November 3; the **Aizuri Quartet**, quartet in residence at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, on January 26; Duke University's **Ciampi Quartet**, joined by **Barbara McKenzie** and French double bassist **Hugo Abraham**, on February 23, presenting an evening of piano and strings; and the **Vera Quartet**, artists in residence at Indiana University, on April 13.

All concerts will be held on Saturday at 8 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Morehead City. A season membership can be purchased for all five concerts for \$130, plus a \$10 tax that covers the NC entertainment tax and mailing fees—for a total of \$140. This is a substantial savings over individual concert tickets of \$32.

We bring you an international assembly of artists whose passion speaks to the heart, which is what makes American Music Festival concerts unforgettable. Join today, and prepare to be wowed. You cannot hear music like this without going to Raleigh, Washington or New York.

For more information, contact Linda Seale at 726-0478.



Caroline Shaw (left) and the Jasper Quartet will perform September 22 at the First Presbyterian Church in Morehead City.