

Symphony Coming To Whiteville

The North Carolina Symphony will be featured in a free pops concert sponsored by Southeastern Community College Sunday, June 9, at 7 p.m. at Bowers Cultural Arts Center, Whiteville High School.

The concert is being held in conjunction with SCC's 25th anniversary celebration as a gesture of appreciation for public support of the college, said Annette T. Powell, director of development at SCC. The event is being underwritten by

United Carolina Bank and the R.C. Sadler Foundation.

Associate conductor James E. Ogle will lead the orchestra in a program that includes selections from Broadway shows such as *West Side Story*, *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Phantom of the Opera*, as well as a number of marches, including Sousa's *Washington Post*.

Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

'Local' War Veterans Return

Two veterans of Operation Desert Storm have returned to Brunswick County after seven months overseas.

Naval Reservist William A. Hewett of Shallotte recently returned to Navy Cargo Handling Battalion 4 headquarters in Charleston, S.C.

Hewett's was the first Navy cargo handling battalion recalled to active duty in Operation Desert Storm.

Before and during the war, the unit moved more than 45,000 tons of equipment, supplies and ammunition in direct support of combat operations against Iraq.

Patrick Finnerty, son of Joseph and Mary Jane Finnerty of Carolina Shores, Calabash, recently returned to Fort Hood, Texas.

He was discharged earlier this month and is expected to live and work in the Calabash area, according to his mother.

The family hosted a cocktail party in his honor Sunday at the Carolina Shores Property Owners Association Building.

Bryant Returns

Army Spec. James A. Bryant, a member of the 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), has returned to Fort Drum, Watertown, N.Y., from Operation Desert Storm.

He is assigned to the 57th Transportation Company at Drum and is a motor transport operator.

Bryant is the son of Annie L. and Richard W. Bryant of Route 2, Leland, and a 1981 graduate of North Brunswick High School, Leland.

Chace Returns

Army 2nd Lt. Christopher B. Chace has returned to Fort Campbell, Oak Grove, Ky., from Operation Desert Storm.

A platoon leader, he is the son of Bryon L. and Claudette L. Chace of Leland.

He is a member of the 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment of the 3rd Infantry Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). The brigade conducted the longest combat air assault operation in military history in Iraq. With no American casualties incurred, the battalion was flown by helicopter into Iraq along the Euphrates River to cap-

Holden Beach Property Owners Meets Saturday

Members of the Holden Beach Property Owners Association will discuss plans for the annual barbecue and hear the latest news from the interim town manager when they meet Saturday, May 25.

The board of directors meets at 9 a.m. in town hall, and the regular meeting starts at 10 a.m.

Board members will appoint a nominating committee for new directors and discuss contributing to the town's Salute To The Troops Celebration.

Directors also will review a memo from Holden Beach resident Crawford Hart regarding overcrowding, according to a preliminary agenda.

Property owner groups at Ocean Isle Beach and Sunset Beach are not meeting this holiday weekend.

Rodeo Features Best Bus Drivers

Backing, cornering, stopping, turn-arounds, squeezing through tight spaces.

The best drivers from the county's 111 schools were to test their prowess Wednesday at the annual Brunswick County Bus Rodeo, with their co-workers cheering them on.

Registration began at 9 a.m. at the school bus garage, which is located at the Brunswick County Government Center in Bolivia, with awards to be presented after lunch.

William Turner, assistant superintendent for operations, says the rodeo offers an incentive for drivers to do their during the school year, recognizes the drivers and their excellent work, stimulates interest in safety and good driving skills, creates a better working relationship between drivers and school authorities and recognizes the best drivers in the county.

Battleship Hosts Services

Memorial Day services will be held on board the USS North Carolina Battleship Memorial at 5:45 p.m., Monday, May 27.

Rear Adm. David F. Chandler, vice commander of the Military Sealift Command in Washington, D.C., will give the address.

The Second Marine Division Band from Camp Lejeune will perform along with a color guard representing all U.S. military services.

The battleship, located off U.S. 421 west of Leland, serves as an official memorial to nearly 10,000 North Carolinians who died during World War II.

However, its annual Memorial Day service honors the men and women of all U.S. military services who have died in battle.

Sun Fun Starts Next Week

If a parade, air show, musical concerts, beauty contests and sporting events sound like a good time to you, then the Sun Fun Festival is the place to be starting next Friday.

The annual event, scheduled May 31 through June 5, is once again expected to kick off the summer vacation season in the Myrtle Beach, S.C., area as it has the last 39 years.

Special events have been planned to commemorate the Sun Fun Festival's 40-year history, including a "Lost in the 50's Prom" in North Myrtle Beach and a shag dance contest in Surfside Beach.

Other activities during festival week include a beach run, volleyball tournament and an attempt to break the world record for the longest sand castle that was set last year in Myrtle Beach.

Celebrity guests this year include Alley Mills, who plays Norma Arnold on ABC's *The Wonder Years*; James Michael Gregory, who portrays Clint Radison on *The Young & The Restless*; Lorraine

Crook and Charlie Chase, stars on The Nashville Network's *Crook and Chase* show; and Alex English, the NBA's eighth all-time leading scorer.

Official festival T-shirts are on sale at Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce offices and will be available at various festival events. The cost is \$7 per shirt.

The Air Force Thunderbirds aerial demonstration squadron and Army Golden Knights parachute team will perform the last day of the festival, June 5, at the Myrtle Beach Air Force Base.

Gates open to the public at 9 a.m. Military aircraft will be displayed, and demonstrations featuring the Air Force Presidential Honor Guard Drill Team, security police firepower and military working dogs are planned.

For a complete schedule of festival events, call the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce toll free at 1-800-356-3016.

Claude Howell Will Judge July 4th Juried Art Show

Claude Howell of Wilmington will serve as judge for the 11th annual N.C. Fourth of July arts competition sponsored by the Associated Artists of Southport.

Howell, a respected artist, is professor emeritus at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and is an N.C. Arts Council representative.

Copies of the show prospectus are now available, while entries will be accepted starting June 15, said Patricia C. Hoskinson of Southport, exhibit chairman.

More than \$5,000 in prizes, purchase awards and gift certificates will be awarded, including a \$1,000 prize for best of show.

The winning entry will become the property of the association.

Works will be displayed at no charge to the public throughout the month of July at Franklin Square Gallery in downtown Southport, with the gallery charging a 30 percent commission on all sales. The show opening coincides with the state's official Fourth of July Festival in Southport, a three-day celebration.

Artists may enter up two works at a cost of \$10 each.

Eligible work includes two or three dimensional pieces in oils, watercolors, pastels, acrylics, mixed media, graphics, sculpture and pottery not previously shown in this juried show. No photography will be accepted. Paintings must be framed, wired and ready for hanging. Three-dimensional works must be hand-

made, with no kits or copies.

Proceeds from the show help support operation of the gallery, which is housed in a 2 1/2-story building that once served as Southport High School and later as City Hall.

The gallery offers changing exhibits each month, a pottery studio and showroom, one of two youth galleries in the state, and special workshops and activities throughout the year.

An entry form and rules regarding submission of works are included in the exhibit prospectus, available by writing Associated Artists of Southport, Attention Patricia Hoskinson, P.O. Box 10035, Southport, N.C. 28461.

Tenor Saxophonist Plays At Trinity Methodist Church

Tenor saxophone artist James Houlick will perform Friday, May 24, at 7:30 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in Southport.

Houlick is a well-known concert saxophonist and is professor of saxophone at the N.C. School of the Arts.

The program is free and open to the public. The Brunswick County Arts Council is sponsoring the recital, with funding from the N.C. Grassroots Arts Program.

For more information, call Steve Skillman at 457-4330.

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