

ADVANCE TICKETS ARE HALF-PRICE

Blue Crab Festival Plans Children's Area

BY SUSAN USHER

Children are a lot less likely to get "crabby" at this year's Blue Crab Festival, May 18 and 19 at Little River, S.C., because the festival is offering a special area just for kids.

"We're trying to focus more on the family," said Elizabeth Teal, executive for the Little River Chamber of Commerce, which sponsors the festival. "In particular there have been very few things for children to do at the festival."

But no more. This year the festival is expanding to include a special children's section, in an area just to the left after entering the festival gate.

A moon station, train rides, face

painting, clowns and a roving magician, balloon sculpting and a Boy Scout camping demonstration are intended "to keep children happy and occupied so Mom and Dad can go shop," she said.

Teal said parents should feel comfortable leaving older children in the roped-off area unaccompanied, while younger children should have an adult with them.

Festival-goers can count on continuous entertainment, plenty of arts and crafts for show and sale, and seafood and other taste treats.

Ms. Teal said 100 exhibitors have been accepted for the arts and crafts show, offering everything from pottery, watercolor paintings and wood

carvings to handmade children's toys and handsmocked children's wear.

Fifteen food booths will sell treats that include crab cakes, shrimp, crawfish, hotdogs, pizza, homemade ice creams and other desserts.

"You don't have to worry about leaving to get something to eat," said Ms. Teal.

Harbor boat rides will also be available at the festival.

Concurrent events include a golf tournament sponsored by River Hills subdivision and a king mackerel tournament sponsored by the North Myrtle Beach Rotary Club.

In addition to festival hats and T-shirts, a special promotional item will commemorate the festival's

10th anniversary. Mary Arthur Weis, formerly of Little River and the founder of the festival, has been commissioned to do a commemorative painting. It is being transformed into a limited edition of 500 posters signed and numbered by the artist, said Ms. Teal. "I think it will sell really well. We hope to make this an annual thing using varied artists."

Posters will be on sale at the festival and in advance of the festival at the chamber office in Little River.

This year's entertainment will be offered in two locations and will include gospel, bluegrass, country, blues and dance by varied entertainers.

On Saturday these will include the Kerry Michaels Band, The Carolina Rebels, the Angela Derrick Dance Studio, Mt. Calvary No. 2 Young Adult Choir and the North Myrtle Beach High School Jazz Band.

Sunday's line-up include alternating sets by The Mulets and the George McCorkle Band, as well as shows by Dance Showcase and C. Lane Dance Company, the O.D. Cloggers, the Sand Dollar Square Dancers and a return performance by the Mt. Calvary Choir.

Handicapped parking is available at the festival site along the picturesque Little River waterfront.

For other visitors, a shuttle will provide easy access. Old-fashioned trolley cars provided by the CRPTA will leave every 15 minutes from parking lots at both Little River banks. Additional parking is available in adjacent lots.

Admission to the festival is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children, with tickets for sale at half-price in advance of the festival dates.

"This is to encourage local people to attend the festival because they're its mainstay," said Ms. Teal. "We couldn't do it without them."



THE POPULAR MT. CALVARY No. 2 Young Adult Choir, shown performing a gospel selection at the 1990 Blue Crab Festival, will return for both days of this year's festival.



Plays With Symphony

Pianist Norman Krieger will be the guest artist when the N.C. Symphony performs an "All Gershwin Evening" Friday, May 3, at 8 p.m. in Hatch Auditorium at Caswell Beach. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$8 for students and senior citizens. For information call Gelene Russ at 754-6237.

Festival Offers Berry Good Time

Watch a parade, bid on a flat of top quality locally-grown strawberries or dance the night away Saturday, the last and biggest day of the week-long N.C. Strawberry Festival in Chadbourne.

Before the day is over, a queen and princess will be crowned to reign over the 1992 festivities.

Jonell Ward, granddaughter of Licia Clifton of Ocean Isle Beach and the late Joel Clifton, will relinquish her title as queen at the Strawberry Festival Queen and Princess Pageant. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. at West Columbus High School in Cerro Gordo.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ward of Whiteville and a N.C. Teaching Fellow at Meredith College in Raleigh.

Candidates for the festival princess title include several young women from Brunswick County: Lorie Rae Causey, daughter of Bobby and Jane Causey of Supply and Danette Marie Hillard, daughter of Steve and Sue Causey of Longwood.

Other festival activities include the parade, which starts at 2 p.m. and will be followed by a parachute jump; a band competition at 10:30 a.m. at Chadbourne Primary School; a food products contest; a military equipment display, professional arts and crafts show, and classic car show, all on 2nd Avenue starting at 10 a.m.; and the noon auction at the civic center of berries entered in the quality contest.

The Band of Oz and The Part



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Time Party Time Band will play for the dance, from 9 p.m. to 1 p.m. at the Jimmy Green Warehouse north of Chadbourne. Admission is \$10.

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Brunswick Girls Eligible To Enter

Girls from Brunswick County, as well as from Horry, Georgetown and Columbus counties, are eligible to enter the Blue Crab Festival Little Miss, Princess and Queen Pageant.

The pageant will be held Saturday, May 18, at North Myrtle Beach High School.

Age divisions are 3-6; 7-10; and 15-20, respectively, said Elizabeth Teal, executive with the Little River Chamber of Commerce, which sponsors the annual festival.

Entry is limited to 10 girls in each age category. More information is available from Ms. Teal at 803-249-6604.



Rain Or Shine!

The 1991 N.C. 4th of July Festival Queen Robin Elizabeth Walcott (left) and N.C. Strawberry Festival Princess Teeya Reeves prepare for parade festivities at the Dogwood Festival in Statesville recently. Miss Walcott will crown the 1992 N.C. 4th of July queen at the queen's pageant June 8 at Centennial Center, Lord Street, Southport. Applications are available at any Brunswick County branch of United Carolina Bank. A new Strawberry Festival princess will be crowned Saturday.

Soprano To Perform At Beach

Soprano Jacquelyn Culpepper will perform Broadway and light classical selections Saturday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m. at Oak Island Presbyterian Church in Long Beach.

The program, sponsored by the Brunswick County Arts Council, is free and open to the public.

With her beautiful voice and exceptional musicianship, Ms. Culpepper has earned a reputation as an opera singer, symphonic soloist and recitalist.

She has appeared on top stages throughout the United States, including Atlanta's Symphony Hall, the Brevard Music Center and the prestigious John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

Ms. Culpepper also has appeared on public and commercial television and radio stations, including *Salute To Masterpiece Theater* with the North Carolina Symphony.

She also performed a recital for the South Carolina Public Education Television Network.

Ms. Culpepper, visiting artist for 1990-92 at Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, is a frequent guest artist with the North

Carolina and Charlotte Symphony Orchestras.

She has performed with the Boca Raton (Fla.) Symphony, Canton (Ohio) Symphony, Columbus (Ga.) Civic Orchestra and Fort Wayne (Ind.) Philharmonic.

Ms. Culpepper has presented concerts in Georgia, Kentucky, New Jersey, South Carolina, Texas and Wisconsin.

Happy 16th Birthday Selena



Love you,
Grandma, Papa, Aunt Donna,
Uncle C.R. and 'Dinky' Louise

Brunswick Band Sets Concert At Southport

The Brunswick Concert Band will present a public concert Sunday, May 19, at 3 p.m. in Centennial Center, Southport, with Paul Pittenger conducting.

With the band since its organization in 1987 as the Brunswick County Band, he is well qualified by experience to lead its 30 musicians, publicity chairman Ted Moss said in a news release.

The North Carolina native majored in music education at the University of Chattanooga, Tenn., with the French horn as major instrument.

He taught music and directed the band at Southport High School for 21 1/2 years in the early 1950s, and married a local woman, Pat Arring-

ton. Pittenger later joined the Social Security Administration, retiring in 1978 in Baltimore, Md., and returning to Southport in 1982.

The family has been active in the local arts community. Pat Pittenger is a painter and has been involved in the Southport Artists Association.

Both Pittengers have been involved with the Brunswick Little Theatre (formerly Brunswick Players) in various capacities.

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