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Tab Premium Built Homes: A New Bern Tradition

By Ann Marie Byrd, Feature Writer

In the offices of Tab Premium Built Homes on Trent Road in New Bern, some of North Carolina's most admired homes begin their lives as pencil lines and imagination.

For more than three decades, Tab Premium Built Homes has been shaping the landscape of Eastern North Carolina, one carefully considered custom home at a time. What began in 1991 as a young couple's first home building project has grown into a nationally recognized, award-winning luxury home building company rooted deeply in New Bern's history and future.

A First Home That Became a Calling

In 1991, Andy Bayliss, the founder and CEO of Tab Premium Built Homes, and his wife Lisa, set out to design their first home together. It wasn't just a practical decision; it was a creative endeavor that sparked a lifelong passion.

"I've always been very creative," he says. "To take a project from beginning to end, to live in it, walk through it, and enjoy the fruits of that labor—that is incredibly rewarding."

That experience revealed both a talent and a calling. With a strong eye for detail and an almost relentless commitment to quality and continual improvement, he discovered that home building was more than a trade; it was a craft. Every project became an opportunity—an opportunity to refine, innovate, and build something that would stand the test of time, both structurally and stylistically.

Those early days laid the groundwork for what would become Tab Premium Built Homes: a full-service, luxury custom home builder offering complete in-house design and build services. From the first sketch to the final walkthrough, the team guides clients through every step, making the process as personal and tailored as the homes themselves.

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"An important part of the design process is to first sit down with the family and get to know their needs and desires," says Andy. "Then we begin to bring to life what they have imagined."

Deep Roots in New Bern

While Tab Premium Built Homes could reasonably have found success in any upscale market, its story is firmly planted in New Bern soil. "My family has been in New Bern for generations. Our family genealogy actually goes back directly to Bern, Switzerland" he explains. "We are here because my family has very deep roots in New Bern and Eastern NC. I could not imagine living anywhere else."

That connection is more than sentiment. It shapes the way Tab approaches its work. To build in New Bern and the surrounding Eastern North Carolina communities is to contribute to a shared story—one where historic charm, coastal light, and Southern hospitality all come together. The company's custom homes often reflect that blend: gracious porches, timeless details, and modern comforts designed for the way Eastern North Carolinians actually live.

Many of the homes Tab builds are for families who grew up here or, increasingly, for people who fell in love with New Bern and decided to never leave. The company's reputation for excellence has quietly helped elevate the region's profile, attracting discerning homeowners who value thoughtful design and quality craftsmanship.

A Family Business in Every Sense

Though Tab Premium Built Homes has earned statewide and national recognition, at its core it remains a family business. Andy is the sole proprietor, but he is far from alone in the day to day life of the company. His three children, Austin, Drew and Coley, are actively involved in the business, working alongside another key employee, Heather Blankenship who helps keeps their clients updated on their homes progress and manages the real estate services side of the business.

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That multigenerational involvement reinforces the company's long-term perspective. These are homes they expect to drive by twenty years from now, proud to say, "We built that." Decisions about materials, design, and construction aren't just about today's trends; they're about durability, livability, and the family names attached to every job.

Setting the Bar for Southern Living

For the last 21 years, Tab has held a distinction no one else in the area can claim: it is the region's only Southern Living Custom Home Builder.

This coveted designation aligns Tab with one of the most respected names in Southern architecture and lifestyle. Southern Living handpicks a small network of custom builders across the South who demonstrate exceptional craftsmanship, customer service, and design sensibility. Tab hasn't just maintained that relationship for over two decades—Andy also served a term on Southern Living's Board of Directors, helping to shape the future of Southern residential design.

This partnership gives clients access to a rich portfolio of Southern Living-inspired plans, styles, and ideas, all of which can be customized to fit their lifestyle, location, and taste. It's an endorsement that speaks volumes: Tab builds homes that embody the best of Southern living, in all its gracious, welcoming, and detail rich forms.

Award-Winning Craftsmanship

Within the homebuilding industry, Tab Premium Built Homes has earned a reputation that extends well beyond New Bern. The company has twice received the North Carolina Home Builders Association's prestigious award for Best Custom-Built Home in the state—an honor that places their work among the very best in North Carolina.

Over the years, Tab's projects have also been featured in multiple magazines and have received numerous other accolades. Their portfolio includes homes for high profile clients, including bestselling author Nicholas Sparks and PGA golfer Curtis Strange—proof that even those accustomed to excellence in their own professions seek out Tab when it's time to build a home.

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Design, Build, and the Difference in the Details

What sets Tab Premium Built Homes apart is the way design and construction come together under one roof. As a true design-build firm, the company manages everything in-house—from initial concepts and floor plans to final finishes and construction management.

This integrated approach allows for a smoother, more collaborative experience. Clients don't have to juggle architects, designers, and builders; instead, they work with one cohesive team that listens closely, anticipates needs, and treats every element—down to the choice of trim profile or stair rail—as part of a larger vision.

In an industry where speed and volume can sometimes overshadow care, Tab's commitment to doing things the right way, not just the easy way, has become its signature.

Building on Legacy

After more than thirty five years, Tab Premium Built Homes is still telling the same essential story: of a family deeply rooted in New Bern, of a builder driven by creativity and craftsmanship, and of a company that believes a home should be as enduring as the memories made inside it.

From its Southern Living designation and statewide awards to the quiet pride of seeing a family settle into a newly finished home, Tab's legacy is written in foundation footings and rooflines, front porches and back patios—all across Eastern North Carolina.

In a town whose history is etched into every street and shoreline, Tab Premium Built Homes is helping write the next chapter—one beautifully crafted home at a time.

Where to Find Them

Tab Premium Built Homes is located at 2851 Trent Road in New Bern, a fittingly accessible home base for a company so woven into the fabric of the community. The office is open: Monday–Thursday: 8:00am to 6:00pm, Friday: 8:00am to 12:00pm. Other times are available by appointment.

Prospective clients and curious neighbors alike can learn more about the company's history, philosophy, and portfolio of homes by visiting their website at: www.tabpremiumbulthomes.com



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MJs Raw Bar and Grille: Downtown New Bern's Long-Running Seafood Spot

By Ann Marie Byrd, Feature Writer

On Middle Street in downtown New Bern, MJs Raw Bar and Grille has spent more than two decades serving seafood, burgers, and drinks to locals and visitors looking for a place that feels equal parts neighborhood gathering spot and casual restaurant.

By July 2026, MJs will mark 21 years in business, a milestone that reflects both staying power and adaptation. What began with a focus on steamed seafood has evolved into a broader menu built around family recipes, a steady crowd, and a dining room that has become part of downtown New Bern's social rhythm.

Owner Mike Lentz says the idea for MJs started long before the restaurant opened. Growing up in Maryland, he was drawn to East Coast steamer-style seafood and the kind of no-frills tavern atmosphere he admired in places like John Steven's Five Points Tavern in Fells Point. He wanted to bring that experience to New Bern in a way that felt local, familiar, and personal.



Mike Lentz, Owner.

Over time, the menu moved beyond its original seafood emphasis. Today, MJs is known for a wide range of dishes, many rooted in family recipes passed down from Lentz's mother and grandmother. The restaurant's crab cakes and crab dip remain especially popular—and closely guarded. Lentz says those two items alone require at least 16 pounds of crab meat a day, while the restaurant goes through more than 2,000 oysters a week.

That kind of volume points to more than popularity; it reflects a restaurant that has become a dependable part of the downtown dining scene.

Lentz opened MJs in 2005, renting the building from Mr. Fuller at a time when, as he puts it, New Bern was "beginning to hit its stride" but had not yet fully become the destination it is today. A major turning point came in 2009, when the bar was added. Lentz says it changed the atmosphere of the restaurant and gave people another reason to gather there. The most meaningful milestone, he adds, was purchasing the building in 2010, which marked a new level of stability and growth for the business.

Behind the restaurant's success is Lentz's long background in hospitality. He earned a degree from UNC Charlotte in Industrial Organizational Psychology with a minor in Business, and he has worked in the industry since he was 16. His experience has ranged from dishwasher to line cook to manager, giving him a full view of how restaurants operate from the ground up.

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Still, he is clear about where his role fits now.

"I'm not a chef—I have Chef Mark Lietz who has provided MJs with solid kitchen leadership and attention to food detail" he says. "I enjoy the business side of running the restaurant, and I'm grateful for our whole MJs team that make each day fun."

His mornings often follow a familiar routine: arriving around 7 a.m., spending a few hours on work, drinking coffee, and playing backgammon with his friend Shannon. He also credits his children, Hannah and Ben, for being important parts of the restaurant's story over the years, even as they pursue different careers.

At its core, MJs Raw Bar and Grille is a story about consistency—of menu, of place, and of a restaurant that grew with downtown New Bern while keeping its own identity intact. It continues to be a place with "simply good food and good times."

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"Why Was He Buried There?"

By Claudia Houston, New Bern Historical Society

Union soldiers were often buried at Cedar Grove at first, until the New Bern National Cemetery was established on Feb. 1, 1867. Many remains were later reinterred there from the surrounding area. So why was Thomas Daniels—a Union veteran—still buried at Cedar Grove?

What I learned made the answer feel less like an error and more like a family choice. Thomas Cowpers Daniels Sr. was born in England and emigrated to the United States. He enlisted in Co. K of the 99th NY Infantry in Boston on Jan. 13, 1862, and was later transferred to Co. B in New Bern. He was discharged in Beaufort on Jan. 13, 1865. He married Mary Willis from Carteret County, and the couple settled in Morehead City before moving to Pollock Street in New Bern. Thomas worked as a fishmonger. He died in Raleigh on Dec. 4, 1924—and is buried at Cedar Grove with Mary and their family in their family plot.



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The rabbit hole soon revealed an amazing story of the oldest son, Thomas C. Daniels Jr., and the fact that everyone in New Bern and across North Carolina came to know him with good reason.

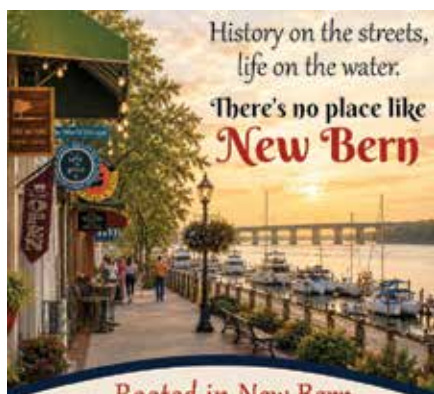
Thomas Jr. weighed only three pounds at birth and was a sickly child. After the family moved to New Bern, at sixteen, he contracted tuberculosis. His doctor advised that if he didn't move to the drier western part of the state, he would likely die. Thomas took matters into his own hands and designed his own exercise regimen. It worked. In 1888, he was admitted to Trinity College, which later was renamed Duke University and

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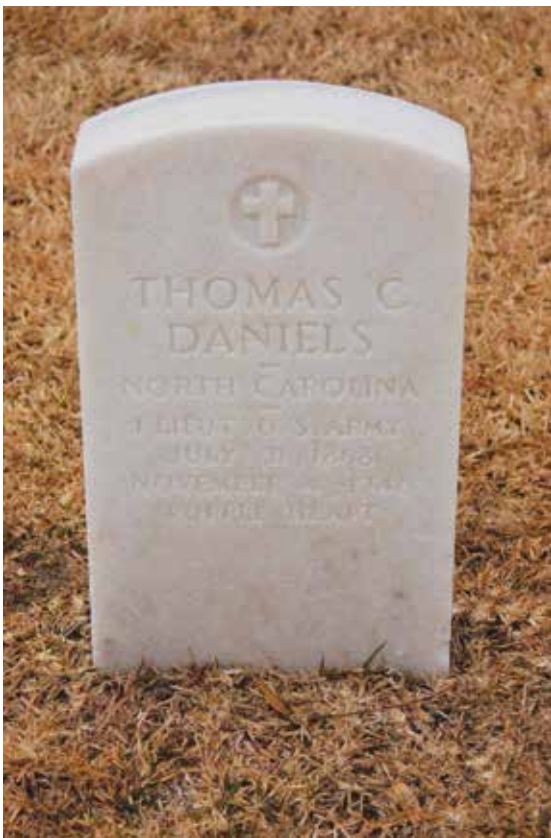
became a football star—playing in the first collegiate football game in the South, Trinity vs. the University of North Carolina. He was an athletic standout in several sports, became team captain in 1891, and—upon graduation—attended a school for coaches. He later became the first coach at A&M College in Alabama.

After college, Thomas served for about 25 years in the naval militia, retiring in 1915 with the rank of Commodore. During the Spanish-American War, he supervised signal stations along the coast. When World War I broke out, he was around fifty—well beyond draft age—but volunteered anyway. He did not want to be stuck behind a desk; he wanted to be in the action. After passing medical exams, he enlisted in August 1917 and trained at Fort Oglethorpe.

He sailed for France in early 1918 and fought in major campaigns. During the war, he was wounded and lost an eye, suffering other lasting injuries. For his bravery, he received the Croix de Guerre and the Purple Heart.

When he returned home, Thomas became a community leader. He founded and was the first commander of the Donerson-Hawkins post of the American Legion in New Bern, later serving as district and state commander. He also spent decades with the Elks, including as Exalted Ruler and long-time Secretary. Active at the First Baptist Church on Middle Street, he even helped train a ladies’ drill team.

And here’s what still surprises me: when I first shared this story years ago—back on Facebook in 2014—almost no one had heard of Thomas Daniels Jr. Yet in his time, “Captain Tom” was known far and wide. His legacy shows up in the letters and telegrams Duke received after his death and in the engraving on his headstone at the New Bern National Cemetery.



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by Edward Ellis, Special Correspondent

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We begin in 1710 when a couple of hundred sea-weary Swiss and Germans straggled in to join settlers scattered along the Trent River. By the 1760s, New Bern boasted "approximately 500 residents and 100 houses," according to colonial records. That may not sound like much today, but in the 18th century, it was practically a metropolis. By comparison, many nearby settlements were still arguing over who forgot to bring nails for the meetinghouse.

Fast-forward to around 1791, when observers noted the town had "about 400 houses." No one bothered to count the people — census-taking was still in its awkward adolescence — but 400 houses meant New Bern was thriving. Then came the 1800 federal census, the first time the government officially asked, "So... how many of you are there, exactly?" The answer: 2,467. A respectable population, and enough to make other towns glance over and mutter, "Well, look at New Bern getting all fancy."

From there, the numbers marched upward with the determination of a spot that refused to be anything less than interesting: 1820, 3,663; 1850, 4,681; 1860, 5,432; 1890, 7,843. That's nearly 8,000 people by the end of the century — despite wars, fires, storms, epidemics, and the occasional political drama. The place just kept growing, like it had something to prove.

By the 1890s, New Bern had transformed from a modest colonial capital into a bustling



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river port — and the birthplace of Pepsi-Cola — with enough residents to support shops, schools, newspapers, and at least three people who insisted they remembered when "this whole place was just pine trees."

For much of this writer's life, the count was stuck around 15,000. Today, it's bumping up against 35,700, a jump of at least 14 percent since the last federal count in 2020. Fancy, indeed!

Bear Talk

Eddie Ellis is the author of *New Bern History 101* and other works about Craven County's rich heritage. He can be reached at flexspace2@aol.com.



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Following the American Revolution, citizens were ready to break free from the high ornamentation of British Georgian style. Reflecting their newly won independence, an aesthetic emerged fostering their sense of community and American identity.

Americans wanted to show their patriotism within their homes by displaying images of champions of liberty—George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and the Marquis de Lafayette. Decorative arts and furnishings featured many symbols; eagles, cornucopias, stars, and arrows represented the strength and plenty of the United States. Classical elements from ancient Greece, such as columns, urns, lyres, and scrolls, represented democracy and appeared in furnishings.

Federalism found a solid footing, not only in government but in style. The new American Federal style was characterized by symmetry, straight lines, geometrical designs, and minimal ornamentation. Pieces featured reeded accents, stringing, inlay with contrasting colors, tapered legs, and brass elements.

The Collections staff began creating this exhibit over a year ago, discussing possible ideas to celebrate the Semiquincentennial through the Tryon Palace Museum Collection. One strength of the museum collection was its furniture and decorative arts. Those pieces provided an opportunity to create a relatable, American Revolution story told through furnishings, giving visitors a unique perspective on the New Nation.

The Collections staff created a list of what pieces the exhibit might include. This formed the initial search of the collection database to ensure enough objects were displayed to fill the gallery. Next, staff created a “story board” for the different sections of gallery, listing the contents of each section, examples of objects, text panels, and images. Then it was time to physically locate the objects. The Collections team was excited to run across items that were not on the list but perfectly complimented the vision of this patriotic exhibit.

The entire Tryon Palace team is proud of this exhibit and looks forward to sharing this part of the American story with you starting on Independence Day.



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An Interview with Steven and Kyung Cavallo

By Jonathan Burger, Craven Arts Council & Gallery, Inc.

Where are you from and how'd you end up in eastern North Carolina?

Kyung-I am originally from South Korea but came to America in the 1990s and met Steven. We lived in New Jersey, just outside of Manhattan but traveled each year on what we called "Art Trips" going out to the deserts of Utah, California and Arizona to paint, take photographs and write. We would also drive up and down the east coast from Acadia National Park down to the Florida Keys and many stops in between. We fell in love with the Outer Banks and New Bern and always knew when we retired it would be to North Carolina. It kept us close enough to our New York and New Jersey Galleries as well as the quiet rural life we wanted. The Art Councils in the area as well as the Watercolor Society of NC gave us assurance that we could stay active in art locally.



Do you have any formal training, are you self-taught, or a combination of both?

Steven-I studied at New York's School of Visual Arts and later went on to teach life drawing there. Although I have formal training, my current work (almost a half century after graduating) is basically self-taught. Kyung and I paint daily and learn from just working in our mediums. Kyung studied creative writing in Korea and has been published both in Korea and in America. But being with me in the studio since the 90s, she began to turn her focus to the visual arts. So basically, we both learn from each other and certainly from our regular gallery and museum visits and conversations with other artists.



Before the flower fades

Does your work have a central theme, or several themes?

Kyung- My work is most certainly influenced by my Korean roots as well as my absence from my parents and siblings that I left behind, but I think both our work deal with spirits, melancholy, and the past. I feel there is a sensitive quality about our work. Steven's work usually involved human rights, he did work about human trafficking including Comfort Women, Japanese internment camps and the Holocaust. But lately he carried that same somber mood into more personal work, paintings that deal with his own life. Both our work includes a little mystery and as someone else once put it, have a little touch of "Halloween" mixed in.

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You and your wife are both artists, how is your work similar, and how is it different? Is there any combination of your work?

Steven-Kyung has been my model for many years and we occasionally paint the same subject in each's own style. We are together all the time, discussing exhibitions we see, critiquing each other's work and painting together in the studio. All current ingredients in my life are in her life as well. It is the past that, when evoked, brings out different images Kyung growing up in Korea and me in New Jersey. Our styles are very different, I paint in a somewhat representational style, she is an abstract expressionist, so the work is quite different yet has their roots planted in the same place, family and relationships. We both paint about family and death quite often. I think we both touch on those loved ones who are gone yet are never out of our lives. There is a mutual foundation in subject matter that comes out through different voices.



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You work in several mediums and formats, do you have a favorite, and why (or why not)?

Kyung- I work in Acrylic and latex paint, Steven in oils and we are both watercolorists and members of the Watercolor Society of North Carolina. When working on canvas, there is a certain freedom of charging the painting with aggression, as I use several tools, knives, tree branches and roots to move the paint around. We both love the natural drips as the excess paint rolls down the canvas and the beauty of spontaneity. Watercolor is a more meditative medium for me. Although I am always free in whatever medium, I favor standing at the easel and action paint when I use acrylics. Even the music I listen to is faster and more aggressive when I am at the easel painting in acrylics. Disturbed, Rammstein, The Stones would be the playlist for a painting in acrylics, as Nick Cave, Tom Waits and Bob Dylan would dominate the playlist of a watercolor painting session. As for Steven, he is more at home in watercolor but loves the richness of the oils and uses layering in both mediums. Many of his watercolors are oversized 51x30 inch paintings, full of drips and splatters. His older work back in the 1990s was far more meticulous and almost strived for a photographic quality which no longer interests him, he would rather his watercolors look like a watercolor painting showing the washes and under drawing of the piece, as well as corrections made along the way.

Is there another artist whose work you admire or inspires you?

Steven-I love the work of Jenny Saville, Edward Povey and Cecily Brown, as well as South African artist Hari Laulhati and certainly Vincent Desiderio all of whom I follow closely.

Kyung- Certainly Anselm Kiefer is a favorite of mine as is Cecily Brown, but there are several gallery artists that have impressed and motivated me. An artist from New Jersey Kyung Youl Yoon is a wonderful abstractionist who paints large areas in gorgeous blues keeping the canvas light and free. My work leans to the darker regions, the somber and morose. But I am certainly drawn into these other approaches and find inspiration.

What one piece, award, or exhibition are you particularly proud of, and why?

Kyung- Two years ago we had an exhibition at the Belskie Museum in Closter NJ titled Past Addresses. We were curious and somewhat apprehensive as we had moved from New

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Jersey to North Carolina quite some time before. We weren't sure if we still had an audience up there. However, the reception was like a homecoming celebration. Friends, relatives, curators, artists and art collectors all came to see what we were painting five years after leaving the area. We both had sales and it was a most memorable time. Steven-I did many series on human rights and more specifically on forms of human trafficking. I painted a series of large 51" portraits of victims of the Japanese Internment Camps. These paintings were exhibited at Manzanar National Historic Site, and titled Looking Back, Seeing Ahead, about the Japanese Americans that were interned there during WWII. They were oversized portraits with a quote at the bottom of the watercolor given to me by each person I painted. At the reception, 12 of the people I painted attended and about 7 more came during the duration of the show, it was scheduled for a six month run, but it was extended to a two year show. It hung in their visitor's center from 2017-2019 and came down just before the covid shutdown.

What advice do you have for other artists, or those wanting to get into art?

Steven- Be yourself, say what you have to say and never doubt your own voice. Artists are always surrounded by people who don't understand their work and set out to discourage them. Just believe in yourself and create, never stop making art. Kyung- Paint with emotion, don't overthink the work, just let it flow, throw caution to the wind.

I know you'll be having an exhibition at Bank of the Arts, but where else can people find your work?

Kyung- We will be exhibiting together in a two person show in New Jersey at the Riverside Gallery in Hackensack this September and always involved in the Jacksonville Council for the Arts. We are now members of the Craven Arts Council, so hopefully we will be contributors to future group shows. My work can be seen on Instagram at [kyung.cavallo.paintings](https://www.instagram.com/kyung.cavallo.paintings), and on Facebook at Kyung Cavallo as well as Youtube under Cavallo watercolors. Steven-When I moved to NC, I let my website expire, but honestly, I hadn't updated it in over a year. I keep both Facebook and Instagram current and my work can be seen at Steven Cavallo on both social media platforms.



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The Bears Band

July 2

The Pointe • 1105 Barkentine Dr.

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For information and time, 252.385.5225.

Dale Moore

July 2 • 5:30-8:30pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

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No cover. For information, www.baxters1892.com.



Line Dancing

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 • 7-9pm

Blackbeard's • 415 S. Front St.

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Barry Charlton

July 3 • 7-10pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

Come hear some acoustic favorites from the 70s, 80s and onward.

\$2 cover. For information, www.baxters1892.com.

Country Night

July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 • 7:30pm

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The Bears Band

July 4 • 11am-1pm

River Bend Country Club

94 Shoreline Dr.

A four piece with 3 and 4 part vocal harmonies - playing the best vintage (50s-80s) rock and roll.

For information, 252.494.9190.

Fading Giants

July 4 • 6-9pm

DoubleTree by Hilton New Bern

100 Middle St.

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Miss Candice

July 4 • 7pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

A world-traveling cabaret chanteuse, vintage jazz vocalist, and burlesque performer known for her sultry vocals and glamorous stage presence.

No cover. For information, www.baxters1892.com.

Live Music

July 4, 11, 18, 25 • 7:30pm

Blackbeard's • 415 S. Front St.

For information, www.blackbeardstripleplay.com.

Piano Brunch with Lynne Cox

July 5 & 19 • 11am-2pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

Lynne fills the air with piano classics, beloved Broadway tunes, traditional favorites, seasonal melodies, and more. It's the perfect backdrop for a relaxed and elegant brunch.

No cover. For information, www.baxters1892.com.

Dayton Vesper

July 5 • 5-7pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

A classical piano virtuoso blending timeless compositions with modern favorites.

No cover. For information, www.baxters1892.com.

Big Jim Kohler & Friends

July 6, 13, 20, 27 • 7pm

Blackbeard's • 415 S. Front St.

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July 7, 14, 21, 28 • 4-7pm

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Patrick Smith

July 10 • 6-9pm

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100 Middle St.*

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The Bears Band

July 10 • 6:30-9:30pm

The Elks Club • 1175 Pinetree Dr.

Performing for the Elks Club Fundraiser. The Bears is a four piece band with 3 and 4 part vocal harmonies - playing the best vintage (50s-80s) rock and roll.

For information, 252.638-8116.

Christopher Siren

July 10 • 7-10pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

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\$2 cover. For information, www.baxters1892.com.

Joe Baes

July 11 • 6-9pm

Firefly Cafe • 901B Pollock St.

Playing songs you known from the 60's to today, a mix of rock, country, & blues.

For information, www.fireflycafenewbern.com.

The Scallywags

July 11 • 6-9pm

Brown Pelican • 1017 B Broad St.

The Scallywags Band bring high-energy live music to The Brown Pelican — no cover, free food by Big Lou's Kitchen. Guests are encouraged to bring non-perishable items for RCS. Presented with ENC Blues Society, Pirates of the Neuse Parrothead Club, and Main Event Marketing & Management.

For information, visit The Brown Pelican on Facebook.

Eric Metts

July 11 • 7-10pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

A vocalist and guitarist out of Wilmington, NC. Come hear some acoustic favorites from the 70s, 80s, 90s, & today.

\$3 cover. For information, www.baxters1892.com.

Piano Brunch with Hans Werner

July 12 & 26 • 11am-2pm

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Phil Routszong

July 17 & 31 • 7-10pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

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\$2 cover. For information, www.baxters1892.com.

Footloose on the Neuse Summer Concert: Kashmir

July 17 • 7:30pm

Union Point Park • 210 E. Front St.

This powerhouse tribute brings the iconic sound of Led Zeppelin to the beautiful New Bern waterfront.

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No coolers allowed. For information, 252.639.2901 or NewBernNC.gov.

Sam Lewis

July 18 • 6-9pm

DoubleTree by Hilton New Bern

100 Middle St.

For information, visit [Confluence Restaurant](https://www.confluencerestaurant.com) on Facebook.

Aaron Van Nynatten Duo

July 18 • 7-10pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

Wilmington based instrumental jazz group.

\$3 cover. For information, www.baxters1892.com.



Ed Harris

July 19 • 3pm

*Riverside United Methodist Church
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Singer and multi-instrumentalist Ed Harris performs traditional Celtic songs and fiddle tunes on guitar, fiddle, mandolin, tenor banjo, and harmonica, joined on select pieces by Simon Spalding on fiddle and octave mandolin.

No admission charge; donations to Riverside United Methodist Church are welcome. For information, 252.637.3179.

City of Havelock Summer Concert: Open Mic Night

July 24 • 6pm

City Park • 198 Cunningham Blvd.

Open Mic Night featuring a groovy DJ and local performers taking the stage.

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New Bern Brew-Grass Festival

July 18 • 9am • Brewery 99 • 1030 Pollock St.

The New Bern Brew-Grass Festival is a full day of bluegrass music, workshops, food, beer, and community fun. The festival will feature live performances from local and regional bluegrass musicians beginning in the afternoon, along with morning music workshops for players of all skill levels. A portion of workshop proceeds and event fundraising efforts will benefit the RiteCare Scottish Rite Childhood Language Program, which provides speech, language, and reading therapy services for children across North Carolina.

For information, brewery99.com



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July 24 • 6-9pm

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Aaron Davenport

July 24 • 7-10pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

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\$2 cover. For information, [www.baxters1892.com](#).

Beth & Dee

July 25 • 6-9pm

DoubleTree by Hilton New Bern

100 Middle St.

For information, visit [Confluence Restaurant on Facebook](#).



John Van Dyke

July 25 • 7-10pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

Bringing jazz and blues favorites to life.

\$4 cover. For information, [www.baxters1892.com](#).

Tentacle

July 31 • 6-9pm

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July 1-31 • New Bern

This July, New Bern's Bears are being transformed into a city-wide public art installation as part of the America's 250th Anniversary celebration. Handmade scarves and cowls created by volunteers from New Bern and beyond will adorn bears throughout the city, creating a colorful expression of creativity, community, and civic pride. The project is organized by the New Bern Yarn Project in partnership with the Craven Arts Council & Gallery.

A yarn bomb is a form of street art that uses knitted, crocheted, woven, or fiber-art creations to temporarily decorate public objects. The project brings together neighbors, artists, knitters, crocheters, businesses, and visitors to celebrate our shared history while creating something beautiful for everyone to enjoy. For New Bern's America250 celebration, the yarn bomb transforms the city's beloved bear statues into a unique public art experience that invites residents and visitors to see familiar landmarks in a new way.

The phrase "Woven Together for 250 Years" represents the larger meaning behind the project. Just as individual strands of yarn are woven together to create something strong and beautiful, communities are built through countless individual contributions, relationships, and shared experiences.

For information, cravenarts.org/yb1 or 252.638.2577.

ArtWalk

July 10 • 5-8pm • Downtown New Bern

ArtWalk is a free, self-guided walk to more than 30 stops throughout downtown New Bern — galleries, shops, restaurants, and nonprofits — featuring art exhibitions, artist receptions, live performances, and special promotions.

For information, 252.638.2577 or www.cravenarts.org.

Community Artist Gallery and Studios

July 10 • 5-8pm • 309 Middle St.

The featured artists for July are Jeff Sherman, a landscape and nature photographer extraordinaire; Annalee Ash, whose lovely and atmospheric paintings immediately capture the eye; and Carmen Platek, who handcrafts and hand shapes her whimsical and useful pottery. The front window feature for July is under the theme of "Life's a Beach." Our musical talent for July Artwalk is Bag-End.



Annalee Ash

We're now open seven days a week, starting on Sunday from 12:30-4, Monday and Tuesday from 10-1:30, and Wednesday through Saturday from 10 to 5 pm. Also visit our upstairs Studio Annex where you can see works by Joyce Stratton, Susan Cheatham, Belinda Scheber and Heide Lock. Our featured emerging artist for July is Nicole A.B. Edwards, who paints amazing large scale landscapes with bold colors in oil.

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Main Gallery: The Distance Between Memories to Nostalgia

Reception: July 10 • 5-8pm

On exhibit throughout July

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Craven Arts Council & Gallery is proud to host a joint exhibition titled *The Distance Between Memories to Nostalgia* by Steven and Kyung Cavallo for the month of the July. This exhibition will feature watercolor and acrylic paintings created over the span of 15 years, highlighting the couple's travels across America to South Korea. An open reception will be held at Artwalk on July 10th from 5-8pm, inviting the public to meet the artists, view the full exhibit, and more.

Steven and Kyung Cavallo have been collaborating in art spanning four decades. Steven Cavallo was born in New Jersey in 1956 and went on to study art at New York's School of Visual Arts, class of 1979. He became an illustrator working for publications including *The Wall Street Journal*, *March of Dimes*, *Scholastic* and *Dell Publishing*. Kyung Cavallo was born in Chun Cheon, South Korea studying creative writing and had poems, essays and short stories included in several publications both in Korea and the United States. In the 1990s, Steven began painting in watercolor and Kyung began to collaborate with Steven on art installations using burlap, thorns, and burnt paper to be used in their work, with strong themes on human rights.



The Distance Between Memories to Nostalgia is a collection of paintings created over the past 15 years. They are images of fragmented memories depicting two travelers on the road from America's Eastern Seaboard to the western deserts and to South Korea, telling a series of stories and recollections both comforting and haunting. Many of the paintings merge reality and memory with dreams often on the verge of fading into obscurity, and as in memory, they become one, blurring the lines between fact and imagination. These paintings are the memories and nostalgic recollections of family, friends and acquaintances, of hellos and goodbyes and echoes that linger on over the span of a lifetime.

For information, cravenarts.org or 252-638-2577.

Craven Arts Council Grassroots Grant Applications Open

Bank of the Arts • 317 Middle St.

Craven Arts Council & Gallery is now accepting applications for North Carolina Arts Council Grassroots Arts Program grants through August 31, 2026. Grants are available to non-profit organizations promoting diverse cultural arts programming in Craven County. Funding priority goes to qualified arts organizations, arts education programs, and community organizations providing arts programs. Projects must occur between July 1, 2026 and June 15, 2027. New applicants are strongly encouraged to schedule a consultation before August 22.

For applications and guidelines, visit cravenarts.org or contact director@cravenarts.org or 252-638-2577.



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ART

Director's Gallery: The Land, the Sea, the Sky by Fran Kohlmeier

Reception: July 10 • 5-8pm

On exhibit throughout July

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Craven Arts Council & Gallery is proud to present a solo exhibition titled *The Land, the Sea, the Sky* by Fran Kohlmeier for the month of July. Displayed in their Director's Gallery, this exhibition will feature paintings landscapes highlighting Kohlmeier's practice with waterfront horizons and pastel color palettes. An open reception will be held at Artwalk on Friday, July 10th 5-8pm, inviting the public to meet and greet the artist, view the full exhibit, and more.



As a water media artist, Fran Kohlmeier loves to discover beauty in both the ordinary and the extraordinary, drawing inspiration from landscapes, abstract shapes, and collage. She enjoys creating a visual response by using complementary colors. Her coastal landscapes begin with a wash of vermillion or raw sienna. With the landscape emerging, this allows the underpainting to peek through and enrich the subsequent colors. Kohlmeier hopes this show can highlight sensory awareness using by color & light, allowing the viewer to activate their own senses and respond in their own way.

"I retired twice - first, as an Arts Copyright Specialist at the Library of Congress, Washington, DC, then as a Teaching Asst. at Charlotte Latin School (NC). I have a B.A in Art Education, and have taught Art Workshops for over 28 years. The icing on the cake is teaching new students, and continuing my art journey here in New Bern, my home." says Kohlmeier.

For information, cravenarts.org or 252-638-2577.

Coastal Photo Club Monthly Meeting

July 11 • 9:30am • Centenary United Methodist Church • 309 New St.

The Coastal Photo Club of New Bern invites photography enthusiasts and nature lovers to its July meeting featuring guest speaker Mark Buckler, a professional photographer and wildlife biologist based on the Outer Banks. Buckler will present "Wildlife of the Outer Banks and Eastern North Carolina," sharing insights from his extensive experience photographing natural habitats and wildlife. Known for guided photography tours in Africa and Alaska, and for capturing the wild horses of the Outer Banks.

Open to the public — all skill levels welcome. For information, email cpcnewbern@gmail.com.

Twin Rivers Artist Association Summer Art Show & Sale

July 11 • 10am-4pm

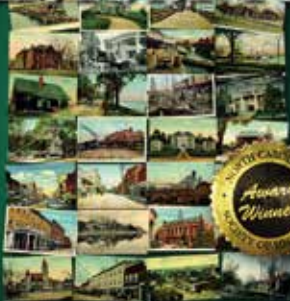
July 12 • 10am-3pm

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Come join us and get inspired at the Twin Rivers Artist Association's Summer Art Show & Sale! Browse and purchase original works from talented local and regional artists over two days at the Harrison Center in the heart of downtown New Bern.

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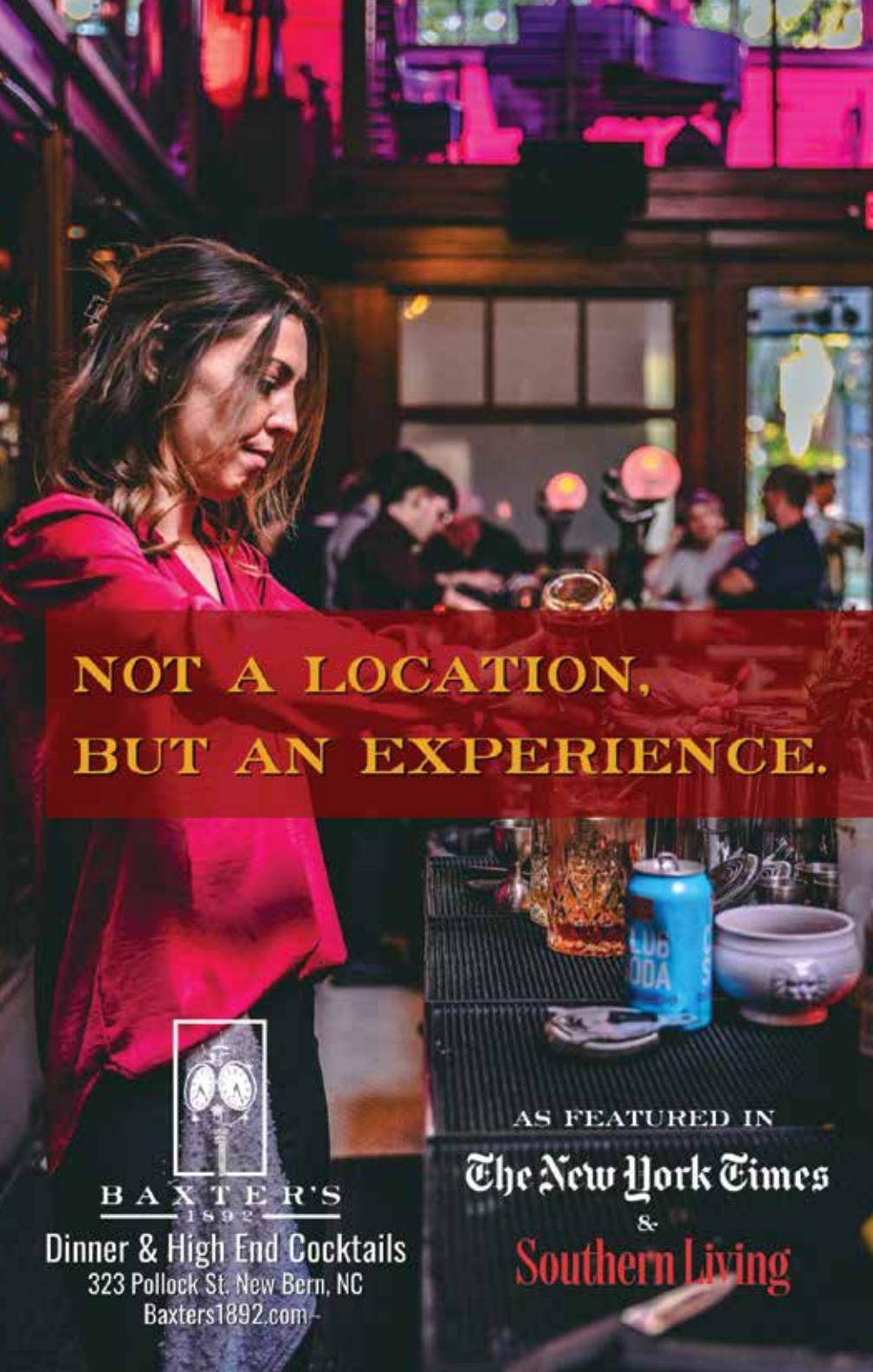
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For information, www.newberncivictheatre.org or 252.633.0567.

Little Shop of Horrors

July 17, 18, 24, 25 • 7:30pm

July 19, 26 • 2pm

New Bern Civic Theatre

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For information, www.newberncivictheatre.org or 252.633.0567.

1776

July 24 - August 2

Orringer Auditorium • 800 College Ct.

The beloved musical 1776 comes to Orringer Auditorium! This Tony Award-winning musical dramatizes the story of the founding fathers as they debate, negotiate, and ultimately sign the Declaration of Independence — a timely and fitting production in honor of America's 250th anniversary.

For information, 252.633.2618 or cravencc.edu.

Betsy's Flag

July 24 • 7pm

Orringer Auditorium

800 College Ct.

A romantic story of heroism set against the backdrop of the American Revolution. Told through the eyes of John Claypoole—boyhood friend and soldier who served in Washington's army—this production brings to life the story of Betsy Ross and the making of America's first flag. A compelling piece of living history theater in honor of America's 250th anniversary.

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30 seconds of a song. Can you name it? Mark it off your sheet and race to win. Three rounds of single-winner action lead up to the grand finale — a full blackout round.

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Fridays & Saturdays • 7pm

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Join us for Game Night, featuring Wii Bowling, Mario Kart & more. Grab a drink & get ready to show off your skills in a friendly competition.

For information, visit PourHouse 222 on Facebook.

DJ Bingo

Fridays • 8:30pm

Beartown Bistro • 1200 Hwy 70

DJ Bingo will play a portion of a song & you mark the song title off on your game sheet. Join us at BTB for prizes, food, drinks & some fun.

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For information, visit [Brew H2ouse's Facebook page](#).



Discover Tryon Palace: Caswell's Capital Tour

July 2, 4, 16 • 3:30-4:30pm

Tryon Palace • 529 S. Front St.

Discover Tryon Palace in a whole new way! Are you ready to uncover the untold story of how North Carolina helped turn the tide of the American Revolution?

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Tickets: Adults \$20. Youth ages 6-14 \$15. For information, www.tryonpalace.org.

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July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 • 6:30pm

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Movie Night in the Gardens

July 3 • 7pm

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For information, visit [The Gardens at Isaac Taylor on Facebook](#).



Movie Event: Jaws

July 3 • 7:30pm

New Bern Civic Theatre

414 Pollock St.

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Celebrate America's 250th birthday at Tryon Palace. The day begins with a performance by the Tryon Palace Fife and Drum Corps followed by an interpretive reading of the Declaration of Independence by costumed interpreters at the front gates. After the reading, the Grounds and Gardens will be open to the public until noon. A fitting way to start Independence Day in one of America's most historic settings.

For information, www.tryonpalace.org or 252.639.3500.

America 250 Fourth of July Parade

July 4 • 10:30am

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Celebrate America's 250th Independence Day with a hometown parade through the streets of historic downtown New Bern. Wear your red, white, and blue and come join the festivities!

For information, NewBernNC.gov or 252.636.4000.

City of Havelock Freedom Festival

July 4 • 5-9:30pm

City Park • 198 Cunningham Blvd.

The City of Havelock celebrates Independence Day with a community Freedom Festival at Havelock City Park. Part of the America 250 NC celebrations marking the nation's 250th anniversary.

For information, visit [HavelockNC on Facebook](#).



4th of July Celebration

July 4 • 5:30pm

Lawson Creek Park

1309 Country Club Rd.

New Bern's annual Independence Day celebration returns to Lawson Creek Park for a free evening of family fun. Activities begin at 5:30pm, with live entertainment by Petty Rewind starting at 6:30pm. Enjoy food trucks, adult beverages, games, magic shows, and more before the fireworks show lights up the sky around 9:15pm.

Bring your coolers and lawn chairs. No pets allowed except service animals. Additional parking available at Temple Church. For information, 252.639.2901 or NewBernNC.gov.

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July 6, 13, 20, 27 • 6:30pm

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For information, 252.633-5512 or cravencountyhabitat.org.

Outlander in the Palace Tour

July 18 • 3:45-4:45pm

Tryon Palace • 529 S. Front St.

Step into Tryon Palace and explore Diana Gabaldon's award-winning Outlander series. Learn about the lives of your favorite characters and their interactions with historical figures and events during the tumultuous period of the American Revolution. A must for fans of the series and history lovers alike.

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Havelock Summer Movie: Rocky IV

July 17 • 8:20pm

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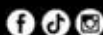
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Elegant 3BR/3BA brick home includes a boat slip with quick access to the ICW and Pamlico Sound. Features an open floor plan with 9-foot ceilings, hardwood floors, spacious gourmet kitchen, and a bonus room above the garage!

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