

Brigantine Places 1st In Chief Kuhn Invitational

The 61st Annual Chief Kuhn Invitational was held Monday night at the 17th St beach,, and the Brigantine Beach Patrol dominated the competition, winning three

of the five races and scoring 22 points to take the crown. Lavallette and Sea Grit each finished with 12 points, and Atlantic City Beach Patrol finished 4th with

By Tom Morgan

eight points, Longport with 7 points, and Ocean City scored 6 points. Close to one thousand people flocked to the 17th Street beach to watch Brigantine, Atlan-

tic City, Margate, Ventnor, Longport, Lavallette, Ocean City, Ship Bottom, Surf City, and Island Beach State Park compete in the local race. Representing Brigantine in

the 61st Kuhn Invitational were BCBP lifeguards Sean O'Neill, Grace Emig, Matt Hoffman, Matt Winterbottom, Matt Dolan, (Continued on Page 4)

Join the Family at the Brigantine Farmers Market

By The Market Media Team

Every Saturday, the Brigantine Farmers Market offers more than fresh food and handcrafted goods. It also supports family businesses whose products are a reflection of love, tradition, and family legacy. For over four decades, Cream Ridge Winery has relied on a simple philosophy of hospitality that owner Jerry Amabile learned from his dad, Tom, who claimed,

"You can make the best wine, but if the person pouring it isn't kind, customers won't come back." Tom seeks relationships with customers, building community and trust. Proceeds from select wines, like their passion fruit wine, fund City of Joy, a school for girls in Rwanda. Their welcoming, generous spirit creates a family atmosphere, commit-

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Matt Dolan and Joe Savell compete in the doubles row leg of the Iron Man Relay at the Chief Bill Kuhn Brigantine Lifeguard Invitational races in Brigantine on July 13, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

Food Truck Festival Back in Town July 17-19

The second Food Truck Festival of summer 2026 is happening this weekend at Haneman Park. The Food trucks on site will offer a wide variety of treats. Vendors include Smash n' Grab, Rosa's Kitchen (Puerto Rican flavors), Pirate Pete's refillable soda, Mad Dog Morgan's, High Tide, Blended Pig Smoothies, Donut NV, Twisted Steaks, Star of the Seafood, Chillin' Out Ice Cream, Di' Dogs and Burgers, Buzzettas, Festival Foods, and the Empanada Guy Truck.

The event hours for each are: Friday 11a-8p - Saturday 11a-8p - Sunday 11a-5p. There will be Live music by Bryan McCloud on Saturday and local favorite Sounds of the Island on Sunday. There will also be shade tents on site, craft vendors, games, and Little Water Distillery will be there. Plenty of picnic tables and seating will be available. Food vendors have been instructed to bring to-go boxes for anyone coming from out of town or off the beach who wants to

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Brigantine Mayor Vincent J. Sera swears in Special Law Enforcement Officer Class I Appointments Jordon McGowan, Leindon Emory, Nick Manera, Andrew McLeod, and Nathaniel Holbrook. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



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Drew Storr, Joe Savell, and Molly Hoffman, Mike Brooks, Matt Sahl, James Haney, and Breddan Carey. The Kuhn Memorials is unique in that it uses all of the skills used in lifeguarding to determine a team winner. The Kuhn Invitational features a Paddle Relay, a Sprint Surf Boat Relay, a

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Swim Relay, an Iron Man Relay, and a Rescue Relay. Right from the start, Brigantine came out strong, winning the Paddle Relay with Sean O’Neil, Grace Emig, Matt Hoffman and Matt Winterbottom representing Brigantine. Ocean City finished 2nd. Next up was the Surf

Boat Relay, and this race put Brigantine in command for the rest of the evening. Brigantine came out fast and was in first and second place the whole first leg of the race. After the first transition turn, Brigantine pulled away and dominated the

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Spectators eagerly await the start of the Chief Kuhn Lifeguard Invitational on Brigantine Beach, Monday, July 13th, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



James Haney churns through his swim leg of the Iron Man Relay, setting the pace before handing things off to the paddle and row legs of the race. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

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ment to service, and a legacy that would make Dad proud. Gary Schempp, owner of Busy Bees, says that his passion for hard work came from his beloved stepfather, Clarence, a vegetable farmer who took young Gary “huckstering” daily, selling vegetables door to door. Now, Gary applies that work ethic to rescuing honeybees, educating people across the county and internationally about honeybees, and manufacturing and selling his delicious honey. Gary’s bees thrive on his farm, cared for by his family for more than 75 years. Gary’s father taught him, “If you love what you do, it’s not called work, it’s called life.” Together, Gary and his wife, Joan, get up and live his father’s dream every day.

Visit Burgus Vitae, which translates as “strong family village,” and you are not just buying oil but a living tradition that began over a century ago with grandfather Rolando and stretches across the Atlantic to olive farms in Italy. Their premium olives come directly from the family’s farm in Abruzzo, where generations have cultivated the same land and time-honored growing methods. Every jar and bottle connects Brigantine customers with a heritage rooted in hard work, quality, and pride. Perhaps the most poignant family story belongs to Soul Empanadas. While customers are drawn in by the delicious, handcrafted flavors, Ben Dawson’s greatest inspiration is his son, Mekhi, who has Danny Walker syn-

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tions preserved, communities served, and loved ones who’ve inspired a legacy. As you stroll through the Brigantine Farmers Market, meet the people behind the tables. You may come home with a bottle of wine, a jar of honey, Italian olives, or a warm empanada, but you could also become part of

a family’s story, a father’s dream, or a son’s future. Note: We love all our Brigantine families and want to remind those who requested access to water at the Market to visit “The Waterway,” a bottle-filling station up the steps in row 4. See you Saturday, fam!

A Letter to The Editor

A heartfelt thank you to all of the individuals and families along the bay who generously put on such incredible fireworks displays each year. Your time, effort, and expense create unforgettable memories and a fun night for those who

are observers. It’s a tradition that so many of us look forward to and truly appreciate. Please keep them coming—we’re grateful for everything you do to make our holidays so special! Signed...a bayside resident.



Grace Emig — already a winner in the Paddle Relay — takes her turn in the water during the Swim Relay, one of four events she competed in for Brigantine that evening. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



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Below is a chorus verse from Tracy Lawrence’s song “If the World Had a Front Porch”:

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I remember listening to the radio show from Atlantic City called “The Front Porch,” hosted by Barbara Altman. She would sit on her front porch, and listeners could call in to discuss a wide range of topics, from local news and community issues to personal stories and current events. Known for its warm, conversational tone and Altman’s engaging, listener-friendly approach, the show became a trusted voice for the Jersey Shore community. The show drew in both residents and visitors, offering a mix of personal, political, and lifestyle content. She would sit on her front porch, and listeners could call in to discuss a wide range of topics, from local news and community issues



Luca and Angelo show off their sidewalk chalk art for the 4th of July. (Photo by Marisol Vazquez).



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Porch Time’ is a tradition we should revive. Porches served many purposes, from fostering a feeling of belonging to direct communication and connection within the community. Remember back when you got in trouble at school, and all the ladies on the porch would know about it, and you were gonna’ be in trouble again when you

got home! When people started leaving the cities for the suburbs, front porches were replaced by the backyard. It became the main gathering place for family BBQs and entertaining... the ‘American Dream’. As we celebrated America’s 250th anniversary, our porches donned American flags & banners. One could

see the Spirit on our Island. As we raze some old houses and new ones rise, perhaps we could see some covered, wrap-around porches as part of the new design. This way we could wave to our neighbors, put out some water for the pets, and keep some treats (and libations!?) on hand for those walking by. I saw that some thought-

ful folks have mini boxes on the lawn for passers-by to pick up a book on their way to the beach. We, here in Brigantine, foster such a great sense of community. Maybe it’s time to sit back, relax, and let the world go by on our own front porch. If you would like some information about the market here on the Island or within

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By Phyllis Glomb

Summer is in full swing here at the Jersey Shore. The whole island is blooming with a plethora of colors all topped off with red, white, and blue flags. Even the new Promenade/seawall pots each displayed a flag. Sending a shout out to Kathy DiMario as the new coordinator for adding the flags--a perfect tribute to patriotism.

While we are sending thanks, hats off to North End photographer Linda Congemi and South End photographer Gina Bergin. Several other members have shared photos also--sending thanks to all of you. Thanking Phil Tilman for the Show Us Your Flowers slide presentations.

The South End beds are now showing freshly painted identification numbers. Thanks to Kathy Skimmons for completing this project. Now, Kathy...let’s talk about the north end numbers...

I am delighted that my vegetable garden has tomatoes almost ready to pick. A robin and I have our eye on one in particular. To scare him away, I always tie old CD’s to the cages so they spin and sparkle in the sun. This tip works to keep

the birds out of the garden.

Now for rabbits and squirrels, I place forks in the ground with tines up. The tines touch the animals, and they don’t like it so they back off. So far so good!

The next Board Meeting will be on July 27 at the Brigantine Historical Museum at 5:00. The next general meeting will be at the Brigantine Community Center on Aug. 3 at 6:00. Join us for some interesting plant talk!

Thanks to all of our volunteers who are dedicated to making Brigantine a timeless island escape you’ll cherish forever. Seen on a garden sign: Feel free to talk to these plants. They understand.

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Michael Brooks prepares to jump over the bow of the Team Brigantine Boat to clinch the 1st-place finish for Team Brigantine during the Surf Boat relay in Monday night’s Chief Kuhn Lifeguard Invitational. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

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We have a Paint and Sip Party planned for Wednesday, July 22. See our Facebook page for details and the QR code to reserve a spot.

Pasta Sunday continues to be a wonderful solution for those looking for a simple, delicious meal to end the weekend. No better way to end a beautiful beach day! Open to members and guests.

Our weekly lineup includes: Monday Bingo with Debbie calling the games!! The kitchen is not open, but we have some easy pub food to keep you going. Tuesday is Trivia!! Is your

brain full of useless information? If so, the VFW needs you! The kitchen is open Tuesday with a great menu.

This Friday (July 17), we welcome the return of Chelsea Rae for our entertainment. Plan on dinner and fantastic entertainment!

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Joe Savell and Molly Hoffman drive their boat into the surf in the Surf Boat Relay, part of a strong opening stretch for the BCBP. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

The Coast Guard Auxiliary: Past and Present

By Alan Moose, USCG Aux.

Boating has always been one of America’s favorite pastimes. In 1939, the Coast Guard reported that there were more than 300,000 boats operating in federal waters. In the previous year, it had received 14,000 calls for assistance and had responded to 8,600 “in peril” cases—a record number. Boaters needed to be better trained in seamanship and federal law. At the same time, civilian yachtsmen were pressing the Coast Guard to establish a volunteer arm of the service. As a result of these demands, on June 23, 1939, the Congress passed legislation that established the Coast Guard Reserve, its volunteer civilian component, to promote boating safety and to facilitate the operations of the Coast Guard. Groups of boat owners were organized into flotillas, and these into divisions within Coast Guard Districts around the country. Members initially conducted safety and security patrols and helped enforce

the provisions of the 1940 Federal Boating and Espionage Acts. Then, in February 1941, a military reserve was created, and the volunteer Reserve was renamed the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Following America’s entry into World War II in December of 1941, recruits flooded into Auxiliary flotillas in a burst of patriotic fever. June 1942 legislation allowed Auxiliarists to enroll in the Coast Guard Reserve on a part-time, temporary basis. Throughout the war, some 50,000 Auxiliarists constituted the core of the temporary Reserve membership. These reservists, along with newly enrolled civilians, performed coastal defense and search and rescue duties. They patrolled bridges, factories, docks, and beaches. They fought fires, made arrests, guided naval vessels, and conducted anti-submarine warfare. As their ranks grew, thousands of active-duty Coast Guard personnel were freed (Continued on Page 16)



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The Coast Guard Auxiliary: Past and Present

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up for service overseas. Under legislation passed in 1996, the Auxiliary’s role was expanded to allow members to assist in any Coast Guard mission, except direct law enforcement and military operations, as authorized by the Commandant. Since 9/11, members have been

integrated into the Department of Homeland Security and also perform a variety of port security functions. On an average day, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary saves 1 life, assists 28 people, completes 62.5 safety patrols, performs 299 vessel safety checks, educates 369

people on boating safety, participates in 100 Coast Guard operational support missions, attends 70 public affairs functions, and more. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is the largest volunteer marine safety organization in the world, and during its eighty-two years has lived up

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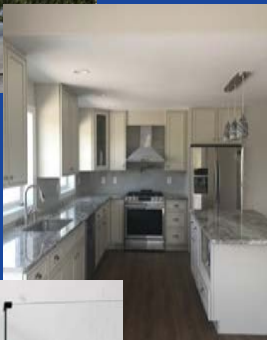
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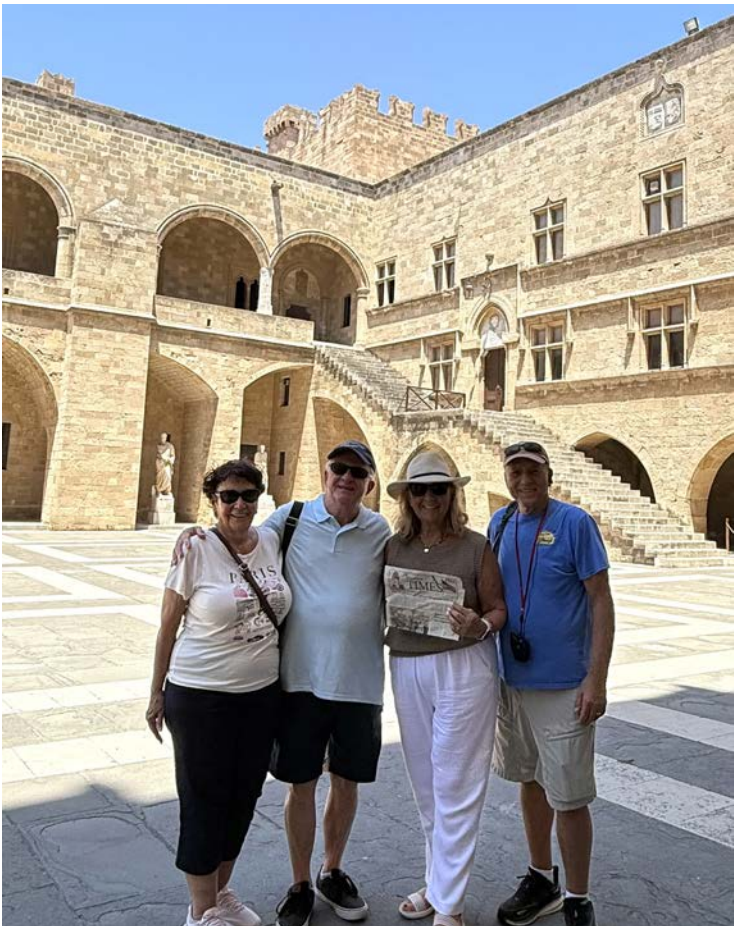
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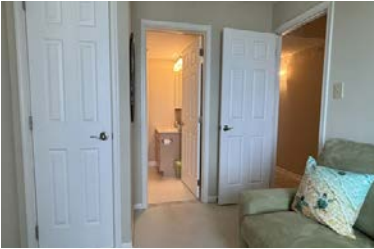
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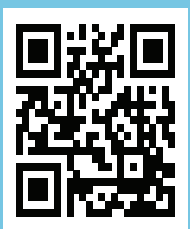
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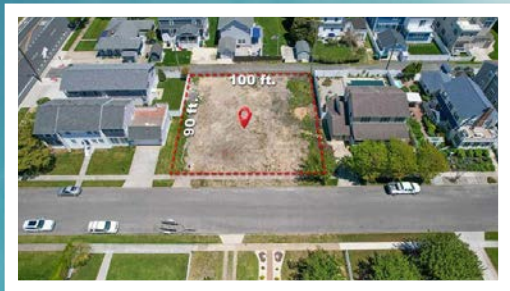


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Chamber Chatter

Summer continues to bring great energy to Brigantine and we're delighted to welcome everyone spending time on our island. Whether you're relaxing on our beautiful beaches, exploring the scenic wetlands or enjoying the nearby attractions of Atlantic City, there's something for everyone to experience. One of the things that makes Brigantine truly special is our strong community of locally owned businesses.

Our business owners and their employees are your neighbors, friends and fellow community members who work hard every day to provide outstanding products, services and hospitality. We encourage everyone to support local by shopping, dining and doing business with the establishments that help make our island such a wonderful place to live and visit. Throughout the summer, we'll continue recognizing Chamber members and shar-

ing the stories of the people and businesses that contribute to Brigantine's success. Make plans to join us for our next free Movie on the Beach on July 21, featuring Disney's Tangled. Bring your family, friends, beach chairs and blankets for a magical evening under the stars. Meet Rapunzel before the movie and enjoy complimentary snacks and refreshments provided by the Brigantine PTA. While

you're out enjoying summer, stop by Chamber Row at the Brigantine Farmers Market each Saturday. Then explore businesses throughout the island participating in our growing Thursday Night Twilight Market, held every Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m. through Sept. 3. Hop on the Beach House Shuttle Bus, which operates Thursday through Sunday from 4 to 9 p.m. and makes 17 convenient stops throughout the

island, making it easy to visit local shops, restaurants and attractions. As you explore town, watch for the 7-foot flags outside participating Chamber businesses and discover all they have to offer. Stay informed about everything happening around town by joining the Brigantine Community Calendar. Simply email BrigantineEvents@gmail.com with the subject line "Add (Continued on Page 22)

Food Truck Festival

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swing by. Ample parking is available at the event at City Hall and on the surrounding streets. Golf carts and bikes are likewise welcome. Bring your appetite! The next Food

Truck Festival will be held from August 14th to August 16th. All local businesses are welcome to participate! If interested, please email localeatsfest@gmail.com



Theo Ferreira did an excellent job coloring in this picture from our 4th of July Kid's Corner last week!



Myatt Sahl (rescuer) tows James Haney (victim) to shore during the Rescue Relay, the night's final event and a fan favorite for its simulated ocean rescues. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

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Brigantine Places 1st In Chief Kuhn Invitational

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competition, easily taking 1st Place. Matt Dolan, Drew Storr, Joe Savell, Molly Hoffman, Mike Brooks and Sean O’Neil rowed for the BCBP. Longport was 2nd, and Lavalette was 3rd. Atlantic City won the Swim Relay race with Brigantine swimmers Matt Sahl, Grace Emig, James Haney and Brendan Carey scoring points and finishing 3rd. The Iron Man Relay race was neck and neck as Brigantine and Surf City both caught waves near shore and collided to finish 1-2. Brigantine took 1st place with Matt Dolan, Joe Savell, James Haney and Sean O’Neil, earning points for Brigantine. Surf City placed 2nd. In the final race, the Rescue Relay, Brigantine Beach Patrol was represented by Matt Sahl, James Haney, Grace Emig, Sean O’Neill, Matt Dolan, Joe Savell and

Mike Brooks. Surf City won the race, but Brigantine finished a close second, earning points to ensure Brigantine the hometown victory. BCBP Chief Kip Emig stated, “I’m extremely proud of the way our guards performed Monday night, showing just how important teamwork is in guarding Jersey’s beaches. It’s always special too when you win your hometown competition in front of the local fans. When we set this race up, we want to make sure we have three swimming events, three paddling events, three rowing events, and then multiple people doing it. It just makes you a better lifeguard. It makes you use your skills.” The Brigantine Times Congratulates the Brigantine Beach Patrol on their Chief Bill Kuhn Invitational Victory.



Mayor Sera officiates the swearing-in ceremony for new Brigantine City Beach Patrol Lieutenant Alex Grassi on Wednesday, July 15, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



Brigantine City Beach Patrol Captain Andrew Doorley is joined by his family while Mayor Vince Sera swears him into office. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

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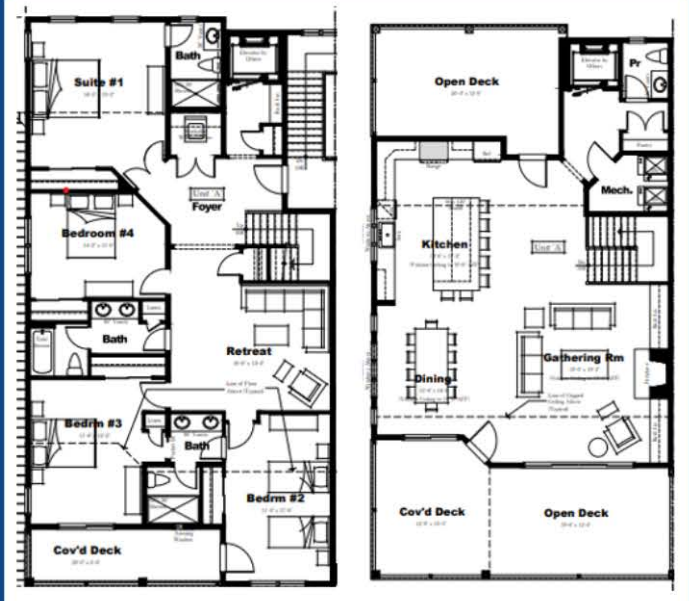


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MEGA News Week #12

By Joseph Mingoia

Last week was the annual “MEGA PAR 3 Tournament “. The back nine of the Links was magically transformed into a par-3 course. Tees were strategically positioned so all flights had significant scoring opportunities. In ‘A flight’, Joe Price Jr. (28/24.9) was on fire. Joe was Low Net and Low Gross

with two birdies and the only two skins in ‘A’. Billy Ryan (30/26.6) gets the LG honors and Brendan Kelly(30/26.6) 2nd Low Net. Anthony Lawler (30/30) was next. Price birdied 15and 16 for his skins. The cttp were Lawler (50’) at 12 and Birthday boy Drew Noeck-

er (9’ 8”) at the 15th. In ‘B flight, Dan Adams(36/24.6) was our winner. Brendan McHugh (32/26.6) wins Low Gross and Eric Battisti (37/27.1) was 2LN. Plenty of ‘B’ skins, Jim McHugh birdied the 12th, Mike Bartlett had two with birdies, 14 and 17, Fred

Soos birdie at 16 and Jason Wren birdied the 17th. Jim McHugh (12’) at the 12th and Eric Battisti (5’ 10”) at the 25th for the greenies. In ‘C’ flight, Tom Newcomer (37/22.6) had

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Chamber Chatter

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“Uncle Sam” saluted every Vineland Memorial veteran in the room during the Elks Veterans Service Committee’s visit to Vineland on July 14. “Uncle Sam” Said it was magical to see the delight and happiness in their eyes!

MEGA News Week #12

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a great day, winning the Low Net. Steve Ricceli (40/25.3) was 2LN and Andrew Elefante (34/25.9) wins Low Gross. Dave Bolinski (37/25.5) and John Hayes(35/25.5) were next in a very competitive'C' flight. There were three skins, Dan Driscoll with a

birdie at the 13th, Peter Cortellessa parred the 14th and Hank Worthington made a par at the 18 a winner. KJ DiMuzio (30' 9") at the 12th and Joe Milano (56' 7") at the 15th split the greenies. In 'SENIOR A', Ed Burke (29/24.5) and

Gordy Bew (29/25.4) battled to the end and split the big accolades. Ed won Low Net and Gordy Was Low Gross. Steve Hurtt (33/27.2) snuck in for 2LN. Although lots of birdies in Sr.A, only two held up. Gordy Bew birdied the 11th and Dorie

Herndon birdied the 15th. Steve Frei (4' 5") won the 12th and Dorie Herndon (9' 1") won the 15th. In 'Senior-B', Larry Hess (35/24.6) made his debut a winning one. Kurt Schaetzle (34/24.8) wins 2LN and tied Mark Coyne (34/24.7) for LG.

Mark won LG in a moc. Mike Pagoulatos grabbed a skin with a par at the 11th, Mark Coyne got one with a birdie at the 13th, and Larry Hess' birdie at the 15th was good. John Gilbert had the only greenie, 9' 2" at the 15th.

Brigantine Co-ed Adult Softball Weekly Standings:

By Tiffany Maiorano

It was another exciting week of games for Brigantine's Co-ed Adult Softball League. Maynard's got its revenge against Riptide on Tuesday night, earning a hard-fought 13-9 victory after falling to them earlier in the season. Coppola set the tone from the very first at-bat, ripping a leadoff triple and igniting an offense that never let up. The bats stayed hot all game long, with Matthis, Perkins, MacFarland, Schrieber, and Maiorano each collecting two hits. Their offensive production accounted for ten of Maynard's runs and powered the team to an impressive bounce-back win over Riptide. A longstanding league rivalry delivered another thriller on Thursday eve-

ning as Maynard's edged out McSooy's in a dramatic 15-14 victory. The McSooy's came out swinging, plating three runs in the top of the first, highlighted by a two-run blast from Lawler. Maynard's responded in emphatic fashion, scoring nine runs in the bottom of the inning to seize the early lead. The back-and-forth battle continued throughout all game, with McSooy rallying to take a two-run advantage into the bottom of the sixth. Facing their final opportunity, Maynard's delivered under pressure. Hits from Schrieber, Taylor Sr., and Taylor Jr. fueled the comeback, with Taylor Jr. driving in the game-winning run to cap off a hard-fought victory.

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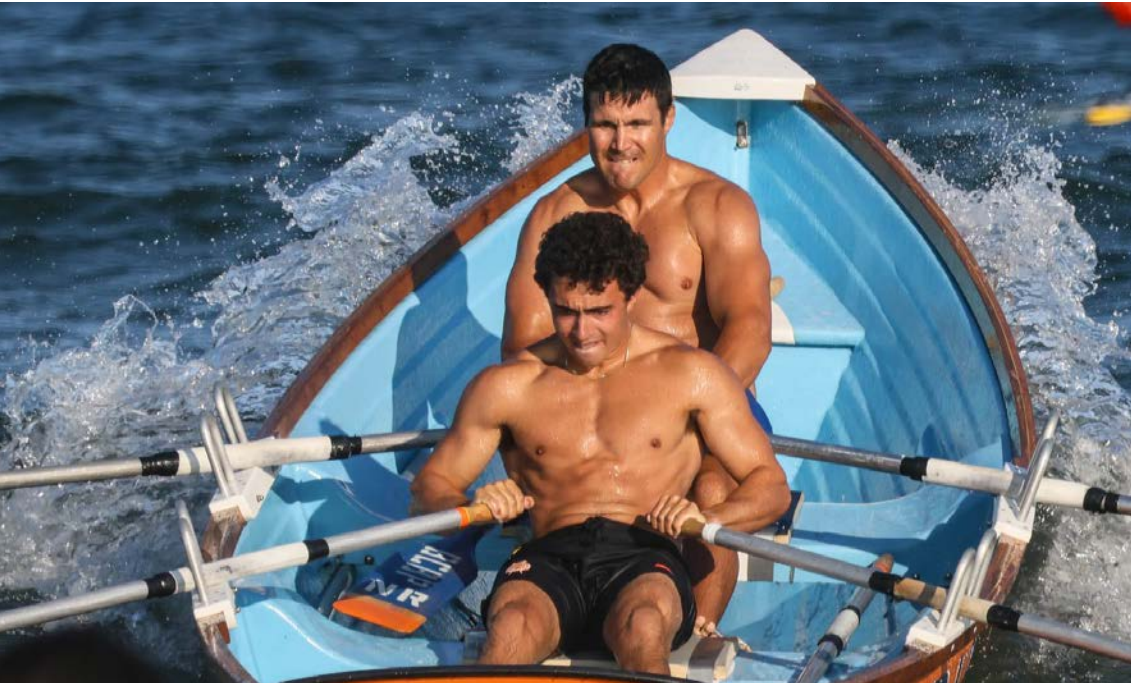


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Contact on the water: Dolan and Savell’s boat takes a hit from a rival crew mid-race in the Iron Man Relay. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



Matt Dolan and Charles “Drew” Storr are off in the second leg of the Surf Boat Relay during Monday’s Lifeguard races on Brigantine Beach. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

Brigantine Elks Throw Super BBQ For Vineland Memorial Veterans

By Dr. Karen Geller

The Brigantine Elks prepared an awesome picnic for the Veterans at Vineland Memorial Home on July 14. Rick Jacobs made extra special crab cakes at 8 AM at the Elks Lodge. They were transported in a hot box to the Veterans Home.

It was 88 degrees, so instead of being outside under tents, the Veterans came into the Auditorium to eat. The staff helped to seat them at long tables while the Veterans Service Committee members took Veterans’ orders of crab cakes, hot dogs, or hamburgers and served them macaroni salad and coleslaw. They could have all that they wanted, and some had one of each! It was wonderful to see them enjoy the delicious food, sharing lots of conversation and laughter. The Elks also tease their Veteran Bowling competitors, spontaneously chuckling and strengthening the bonds of friendship.

Our singing Chef, Phil

Amplo, along with Jay Ferreira, George Groeber and Lou Lupinacci grilled the hamburgers and hot dogs outside and then transported them inside. They did a great job.

Everyone enjoyed the huge cake for dessert that said, “God Bless Our Veterans” in red, white, and blue. They all cheered for the gift cards that were distributed.

After dinner, Les Newhall, dressed as Uncle Sam, walked up to and saluted each veteran in the room, shook his or her hand, and thanked each one for their service. Les said he couldn’t express the happiness and delight in their eyes enough. “It was magical.”

Veterans shared that they loved everything! They cheered as gift cards were awarded to winners. It was a fun day for all. Before leaving, the Veterans asked when they would all be together again. As they said good-

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Dedication of the Wall Mural

By Steve Montagino

Here in Brigantine, there are over 3,000 members of the Elks Lodge 2428. Most are full-time residents of Brigantine, while some are summer residents. During the summer, many will show up at the Lodge on the week-ends for food, drinks, music, and fun with friends and family. If this is you, have you noticed the new mural on the wall? It's out there! Outside, on the wall, next to the bar, behind the TV sets! It's quite large and very beautiful, though. If you take the time to look at it, you'll see that it tells a story about our Lodge, its founder, the various committees, and the work that we Elks here in Brigantine do. We are an integral part of daily life on this island. We participate in most of the public activities, such as parades and events. We help out when and wherever we can. Our utmost goal is charity, followed by brotherhood and patriotism. This painting speaks to all of these things. Tuesday night, this Mural was dedicated in a brief ceremony. Our Exalted Ruler, Howie McElhenry, opened the ceremony by speaking of the charitable work that we Elks do. He then introduced the husband-and-wife team of Charles and Randi Barbin, who actually planned and painted it. In speaking with them, I discovered that the planning took 6 weeks, while the actual painting took approximately 3 days for them to complete it. Both are very talented artist and I plan on visiting them at their place of business, the 'Dunes' here in Brigantine. Murals paintings are what they do, and they are apparently very good at it. If you take a look at it, I think you'll most likely agree with me.

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Brigantine Elks Throw Super BBQ For Vineland Memorial Veterans

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bye, there were many hugs. It was a magical day. Making veterans happy and seeing their smiles sums it all up. It touches our hearts with joy!

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Howie Menry, Exalted Ruler of Brigantine Elks opens the ceremony for the dedication of the new wall mural.



Mason Petitgout, 7, of Brigantine, holds up his finished rune-stone at the Brigantine Library's Vikings presentation on July 10.

Dedication of the Wall Mural

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antine, scholarships for students among them. He was followed by Eileen McCready, who is heavily involved with the financial aspects and the disbursement of funds of our Lodge. She spoke of the various charities that we commit to, all offering Hope, Generosity, and Community Spirit. Terry Merkel heads a new committee, the Development Committee for fundraising and gift giving, and then spoke. He offered ideas of gift giving and creative ways people can contribute to the Elks, through things like estate planning or wills,

should they choose to. As I previously mentioned, the dedication was rather brief. That being said, the underlying and constant theme can be summed up in one word: Charity. As a not-for-profit fraternal organization, that is what we Elks do! We are very happy to do it too. So, if you haven't noticed the Muriel or just haven't taken the time to look at it, please take a moment to look do so. I'll see you at the lodge.



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6th Annual Cornhole Tournament Raises Funds for Brigantine City Beach Patrol

The 6th Annual Cornhole Tournament, organized by Scott DiDomenico, was held on the beautiful 4th/5th Street South Beach in Brigantine on Saturday, July 4th, 2026, and brought

together 70 players for a day of friendly competition and community spirit. The event raised \$320 in donations, which Scott proudly presented to the Brigantine City Beach

Patrol in appreciation of the outstanding work they do to keep Brigantine's beaches safe throughout the summer. Scott extends a sincere thank you to everyone who
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the event and their unwavering dedication to protecting beachgoers. The annual tournament continues to be a great tradition that brings the community together while giving back to those who serve Brigantine.

BBCAC Chalk Walk

The Brigantine Beach Cultural Arts Commission is delighted to spotlight budding artists Giada, Nina, and Vincent Arnold; Angelo and Luka Balmer; Claire and Luke Brueninder; Austin and Evan Caniglia; Marco Cipriano; Jasper and Violet Neal; Domingo Pery; Brady Reither; Leigh and Nick Soluitti; Charlotte, Liam, and Emma Straubel; and Brody, Abby, and Aubrey Westrich. Using red, white, and blue chalk, they imaginatively decorated Brigantine’s Seawall this past July 1 to kick off the community’s celebrations of America@250. A drone flyover by Mariele Ford and photographs by Marisol Vazquez captured the colorful scene for all to enjoy. In recognition of their inspired and ingenious images, all the budding artists received coupons donated by Richman’s Ice Cream and Burger Co. and an exclusively designed U.S. flag. We look forward to their return performances and to welcoming new talent at an upcoming Chalk Walk or Chalk-a-Lot!



A large crew comes out to walk during Brian’s Walk Fundraiser on July 11. The fundraiser, in honor of Brian Woods, raises money to support scholarships to local Catholic High Schools. (Photo by Tricia Cosgrove).

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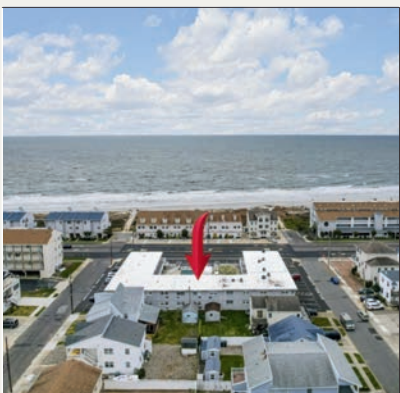
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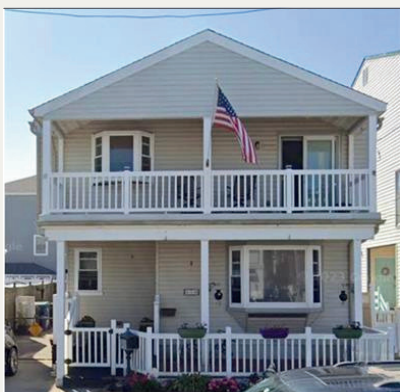
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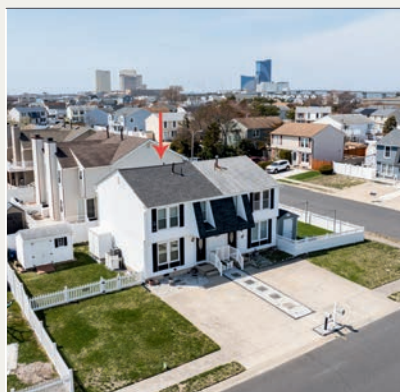
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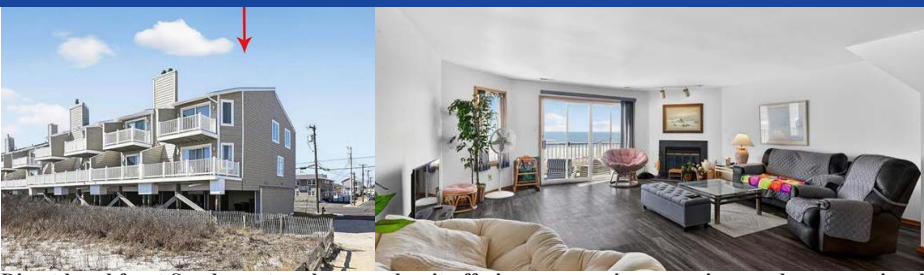
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and fascia. That means they deliver a more balanced amino acid profile than a plain steak, along with all the perks you’ve heard about from bone broth: better gut health, stronger joints, and healthier skin and hair.
The magic really happens when you cook shanks low and slow. That tough collagen breaks down into gelatin, which makes all those beneficial nutrients easier for your body to absorb and put to use. The star of the show is glycine, the main amino acid in collagen. Glycine is

“conditionally essential,” meaning your body makes

some, but not enough to truly thrive, especially as natural

collagen production drops
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Some young folks attend the Brigantine Beach Cultural Arts Commission’s Chalk Walk, a sidewalk chalk festival. (Photo by Marisol Vazquez).



Here’s some of the art from the BBCAC Chalk Walk Festival.



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with age. It's also wonderfully pro-metabolic, helping your cells clear out unburned fuel and easing stress on your system. That's why a food-first approach beats reaching for supplements right away. When you eat collagen-rich cuts like shanks, you get the most bioavailable form of the protein plus supporting micronutrients like B vitamins and zinc. Balance is the whole point here. Muscle meat is great, but too much of amino acids like methionine and tryptophan can stir up inflammation and work against your body. Glycine steps in to counteract them, which is why pairing your muscle meat with a gelatin source keeps everything in harmony. Our ancestors understood this long before we did. Their nose-to-tail way of eating was naturally rich in collagen, since roughly half of an animal is connective tissue. Modern diets lean heavily on steaks and miss out on that balance. It's no wonder shanks have earned a beloved place in traditional cuisines around the world, from Mexican Caldo de Res to Moroccan Lamb Tagine to Polish Golonka. Once you try them, you'll wonder

how you ever went without.

More Dangers From Plastics In Our Food: Microscopic shards of plastic are turning up where they were never meant to be, and the human brain appears to be collecting them faster than almost any other organ. Research published in Brain Health found that brain tissue carried microplastic concentrations seven to 30 times higher than liver or kidney tissue, a startling gap given how carefully the brain is normally protected. Even more concerning, that burden climbed roughly 50% between 2016 and 2024, and the heaviest concentrations showed up in donors diagnosed with dementia.

While no one is claiming plastics directly cause dementia, the pattern is impossible to shrug off when memory, judgment, and daily function are all at stake. The cardiovascular findings are just as sobering. In a study published in the New England Journal of Medicine, researchers followed 257 patients who had plaque surgically removed from the neck arteries feeding the brain.

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Chief of the Brigantine Police Department Steven Ward joins the newly sworn-in Brigantine Special Law Enforcement Officers during the Wednesday, July 15, council meeting. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

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Stormy weather couldn’t dampen Kim and Jim “Big Dog” DeStefano (on the left end of the picture) hosting their family in Brigantine for Christmas in July! Everyone had a great time!

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STATEPOINT

CROSSWORD:
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ACROSS

1. Anti-seniors sentiment
6. Ingested
9. “Lights out” tune
13. *”Sweet” villa (2025)
14. Leo, in Moscow
15. Mood disorder
16. Blooming bulb
17. *It happened on how many nights? (1934)
18. Follow up on (2 words)
19. *Sleepless where? (1993)
21. *Certain London Hill (1999)
23. “_____ Te Ching”
24. Future J.D.’s hurdle, acr.
25. Chips accompaniment
28. Tibetan monk
30. Celebrity
35. Please do not delay, acr.
37. S.A.T. section
39. Polynesian island coun-try
40. Scarlet O’Hara’s home
41. Singing femme fatale
43. Rig or truck
44. Artist’s support
46. Italian money, 1861-2002
47. Petri dish gel
48. Like a longer route?
50. _____ Scotia
52. RNs’ org.
53. Morally reprehensible
55. Ensign, for short
57. *Not a wedding (1994)
61. *They were reaping benefits (2011)
65. Silly
66. Gone by
68. Generational divide
69. Oodles
70. Each one for himself?
71. Ouzo flavor
72. A whole lot
73. Pertinent
74. Not rights

DOWN

1. Without further _____, pl.
2. Departed
3. Hip bones
4. *Actor Foley of #13
Across
5. Kind of block
6. Healing gel producing plant
7. *How many days to lose a guy? (2003)
8. 0 and 2, e.g.
9. Diplomat’s forte
10. _____-perspirant
11. One quark plus one anti-quark
12. Spilled the beans
15. Dull surfaces
20. Fertile topsoil, pl.
22. Boat propeller
24. Army bathroom
25. *Fifty of these, to jog her memory (2004)
26. Newton of science
27. Dissect
29. *AOL delivery (1998)
31. Org. with a mission
32. Last letter, to Homer
33. *Pretty one (1990)
34. Nigerian money
36. Part of a hammerhead
38. Villain’s rival
42. *When has she been kissed? (1999)
45. Books, in Paris
49. Langley, VA org.
51. Fauna member
54. Peruvian beast of bur- den
56. Rive Droite and Rive Gauche separator
57. Hand-to-hand combat weapon
58. Unconstitutional and uncommon have it in com- mon
59. Indian flatbread
60. Odds’ partners
61. Arial, e.g.
62. Naive, alt. spelling
63. Olden days “do”, sec- ond person singular
64. Files suit
67. Fall into it

Brigantine Times Kids Corner

The Railway Children

By E. Nesbit

Chapter III

(Continued from Vol. 57 No. 27)

"I will if Peter will," said Phyllis, sniffing. "All right," said Peter; "honour is satisfied. Here, use my hankie, Phil, for goodness' sake, if you've lost yours as usual. I wonder what you do with them." "You had my last one," said Phyllis, indignantly, "to tie up the rabbit-hutch door with. But you're very ungrateful. It's quite right what it says in the poetry book about sharper than a serpent it is to have a toothless child-but it means ungrateful when it says toothless. Miss Lowe told me so." "All right," said Peter, impatiently, "I'm sorry. THERE! Now will you come on?" They reached the station and spent a joyous two hours with the Porter. He was a worthy man and seemed never tired of answering the questions that begin with "Why-" which many people in higher ranks of life often seem weary of. He told them many things that they had not known before--as, for instance, that the things that hook carriages together are called couplings, and that the pipes like great serpents that hang over the couplings are meant to stop the train with. "If you could get a holt of one o' them when the train is going and pull 'em apart," said he, "she'd stop dead off with a jerk." "Who's she?" said Phyllis. "The train, of course," said the Porter. After that the train was never again 'It' to the children. "And you know the thing in the carriages where it says on it, 'Five pounds' fine for improper use.' If you was to improperly use that, the train 'ud stop." "And if you used it properly?" said Roberta. "It 'ud stop just the same, I suppose," said he, "but it isn't proper use unless you're being murdered. There was an old lady once--someone kidded her on it was a refreshment-room bell, and she used it improper,

not being in danger of her life, though hungry, and when the train stopped and the guard came along expecting to find someone weltering in their last moments, she says, 'Oh, please, Mister, I'll take a glass of stout and a bath bun,' she says. And the train was seven minutes behind her time as it was." "What did the guard say to the old lady?" "I dunno," replied the Porter, "but I lay she didn't forget it in a hurry, whatever it was." In such delightful conversation the time went by all too quickly. The Station Master came out once or twice from that sacred inner temple behind the place where the hole is that they sell you tickets through, and was most jolly with them all. "Just as if coal had never been discovered," Phyllis whispered to her sister. He gave them each an orange, and promised to take them up into the signal-box one of these days, when he wasn't so busy. Several trains went through the station, and Peter noticed for the first time that engines have numbers on them, like cabs. "Yes," said the Porter, "I knowed a young gent as used to take down the numbers of every single one he seed; in a green note-book with silver corners it was, owing to his father being very well-to-do in the wholesale stationery." Peter felt that he could take down numbers, too, even if he was not the son of a wholesale stationer. As he did not happen to have a green leather note-book with silver corners, the Porter gave him a yellow envelope and on it he noted:--

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and felt that this was the beginning of what would be a most interesting collection. That night at tea he asked Mother if she had

a green leather note-book with silver corners. She had not; but when she heard what he wanted it for she gave him a little black one. "It has a few pages torn out," said she; "but it will hold quite a lot of numbers, and when it's full I'll give you another. I'm so glad you like the railway. Only, please, you mustn't walk on the line." "Not if we face the way the train's coming?" asked Peter, after a gloomy pause, in which glances of despair were exchanged. "No - - really not," said Mother. Then Phyllis said, "Mother, didn't YOU ever walk on the railway lines when you were little?" Mother was an honest and honourable Mother, so she had to say, "Yes." "Well, then," said Phyllis. "But, darlings, you don't know how fond I am of you. What should I do if you got hurt?" "Are you fonder of us than Granny was of you when you were little?" Phyllis asked. Bobbie made signs to her to stop, but Phyllis never did see signs, no matter how plain they might be. Mother did not answer for a minute. She got up to put more water in the teapot. "No one," she said at last, "ever loved anyone more than my mother loved me." Then she was quiet again, and Bobbie kicked Phyllis hard under the table, because Bobbie understood a little bit the thoughts that were making Mother so quiet--the thoughts of the time when Mother was a little girl and was all the world to HER mother. It seems so easy and natural to run to Mother when one is in trouble. Bobbie understood a little how people do not leave off running to their mothers when they are in trouble even when they are grown up, and she thought she knew a little what it must be to be sad, and have no mother to run to any more.



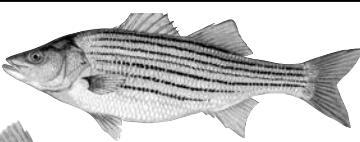
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So she kicked Phyllis, who said:-- "What are you kicking me like that for, Bob?" And then Mother laughed a little and sighed and said:-- "Very well, then. Only let me be sure you do know which way the trains come--and don't walk on the line near the tunnel or near corners." "Trains keep to the left like carriages," said Peter, "so if we keep to the right, we're bound to see them coming." "Very well," said Mother, and I dare say you think that she ought not to have said it. But she remembered about when she was a little girl herself, and she did say it--and neither her own children nor you nor any other children in the world could ever understand exactly what it cost her to do it. Only some few of you, like Bobbie, may understand a very little bit. It was the very next day that Mother had to stay in bed because her head

ached so. Her hands were burning hot, and she would not eat anything, and her throat was very sore. "If I was you, Mum," said Mrs. Viney, "I should take and send for the doctor. There's a lot of catchy complaints a-going about just now. My sister's eldest--she took a chill and it went to her inside, two years ago come Christmas, and she's never been the same gell since." Mother wouldn't at first, but in the evening she felt so much worse that Peter was sent to the house in the village that had three laburnum trees by the gate, and on the gate a brass plate with W. W. Forrest, M.D., on it. W. W. Forrest, M.D., came at once. He talked to Peter on the way back. He seemed a most charming and sensible man, interested in railways, and rabbits, and really important things.



Weekly Fishing Report



by Captain Andy Grossman

Flounder fishing continues to improve with a lot of rods bending. You still have to be patient as picking through the shorts can be a little stressful, but those who have been patient have been rewarded with some big catches. Julian C had a 9-pounder behind Margate using a sand flea while he was fishing for sheepshead by a bridge abutment. Absecon Inlet continues to be the best place to find flounder action. The surf has been giving

up king, spot, and croakers. The flounder are starting to push into the surf, as the ocean continues to warm. The reefs and wrecks are producing some nice-sized flounder, and we are seeing a lot of “toothy” critters, as I posted a great video of a 6’ “toothy” critter swimming in the back bays. Speaking of “toothy” critters, the meeting to allow anglers to legally target browns and sand tiger sharks went very well on Thursday. Nothing

has changed, but discussions went well, and hopefully, at the September meeting, some changes will be made.

There is a bunch of tuna getting caught this week, but the whereabouts are being kept a secret as the

Jimmy Johnson Quest For the Ring tournament is in
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As summer continues to roll on with all its fast-paced fun, I can't help but feel like it is already flying by! Memorial Day and 4th of July (some of our biggest and busiest weekends here in Brigantine) have already come and gone. With all of the events going on across the Island every week, each week seems like it is gone before I even know it.

The speed at which summer has been flying by has me looking forward to the future and to fall. As many of you know, Garrett and I will be welcoming our first baby this fall, and preparations for that are already well underway in the Touhill household. Baby registries are coming together, tiny onesies and hats are arriving in the mail and making their way into our laundry, and Garrett and I are plotting

and planning the best ways to keep the Times running smoothly when I go on maternity leave starting in October.

Which brings me to the very topic of this column: reporters wanted. Garrett and I can often be seen around the Island snapping photos, and in the Summer we have the help of our very talented Photographer Sean (you can find his photos on many of the pages of our Summer editions of the Brigantine Times).

However, this fall we are looking for some more photographer/reporters to help fill that role. Garrett and I will have our hands full with caring for our little one, and we would love to expand our team of reporters across the Island to maintain and expand the Times' coverage of events across the Island in the off-season.

Help Wanted

By McKayla Touhill

This is why we are looking to hire a reporter or two to help out this Fall. We are looking for someone with availability starting October 1st.

Qualifications: 1. We need someone who has excellent camera skills. One of the biggest things we need is high-quality photos of the events that happen around town. 2. Candidates should be someone who enjoys attending Island events and is comfortable talking to people to get their names for captions for the photos. 3. Anyone looking to apply should also have good writing skills to write up clear, concise, and interesting captions for the photos.

This position would be ideal for someone who is retired or semi-retired with lots of availability (especially on the weekend), who would like to make some extra money on the side.

If you, or anyone you know, would be interested, please email me at Brigantinetimes@gmail.com. I am looking to start interviewing candidates in the coming months!

Now, on to this week's Birthdays! July 17- Jillian Gura, Tammy Lancaster and Scoop Kay. 18- Paul Zuber, Tony Stolfo, Chris Dee, Jim Dove, and Kathleen Keeley. 19- 20- Verna McLaughlin, Joanne Dooner, Joe Campitelli, Russ Collins, Linda Fisher,

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This 1930s photo captures the student body of Brigantine School during a Christmas play. Among those pictured: Willia Severn-Raye (front row, third from right), who would go on to serve as principal of Brigantine's schools, and J. Edward Kline (front row, third from left), namesake of the town's American Legion post. Also appearing are three Kline siblings — June, Mary, and Robert — with June (dark hair, next to Santa) being the photo donor's mother. Other students named include Helen Sorenson-Mott and Millie Proud-Conover.



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Health Tip

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Polyethylene showed up in 58.4% of plaque samples, and a smaller share also contained PVC. Patients whose plaque held plastic fared dramatically worse: 20% suffered a heart attack, stroke, or death during follow-up, compared with just 7.5% of those without detectable plastics. Even after accounting for diabetes, smoking, and high blood pressure, that meant a 4.53-fold higher risk. Electron microscopy revealed jagged fragments lodged inside immune cells within diseased artery walls, and plastic-laden plaque showed more inflammation and instability. Other work has pulled these same particles straight out of stroke-related blood clots.

The smallest fragments carry the greatest threat. Nanoplastics, measured in billionths of a meter, slip past the blood-brain barrier that normally guards the brain like a security checkpoint. Animal studies showed polystyrene nanoparticles crossing that barrier within two hours of oral exposure, while larger particles could not. In mice, immune cells swallowed these particles and then clogged tiny brain

capillaries, cutting blood flow. In rats exposed before an induced stroke, the injury was worse, with greater inflammation and more damage to the hippocampus, the memory center. And the exposure never really stops. It comes daily from ultraprocessed foods, bottled beverages, plastic packaging, airborne particles, and contaminated water, with one review finding microplastics in 87% of tap water samples across 34 countries.

The encouraging part is that this burden is modifiable, meaning your everyday choices genuinely shape how much accumulates over time. Swapping ultraprocessed foods for simple whole meals cuts down repeated plastic contact, and cooking with grass-fed butter, ghee, or tallow instead of seed oils supports healthier cellular function. Stop heating food in plastic containers, since heat drives particles and additives into what you eat and drink; reach for glass, stainless steel, or ceramic instead. Filter your drinking water and lean on reusable bottles rather than plastic ones. Beyond cutting expo-

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Matt Hoffman brings it home on the paddle board to close out the Iron Man Relay, sealing a tight finish for Brigantine. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



Swimmers surge into the water for the Swim Relay, a race that tests both raw speed and the ability to hold a straight line to and from the flag. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

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On July 1st, 2026 BBCAC hosted a sidewalk chalk festival on the Sea Wall. Here, a young patriot works on a chalk project at the event. (Photo by Marisol Vazquez).



Matt Dolan and Charles “Drew” Storr battle through choppy conditions as the second leg of the Surf Boat Relay at the Chief Kuhn Invitational Lifeguard race on Monday. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

Health Tip

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sure, support the systems that defend you: daily walking, strength training, and morning sunlight all aid circulation and vascular health, while stable blood sugar, better cellular energy, and a carefully rebuilt gut barrier help keep inflammatory compounds from spreading. Small, repeated changes add up, precisely because the exposure itself happens over and over throughout the day.

Low back pain has a way of taking over your day. It creeps in when you bend to tie your shoes, sit too long at your desk, or lift your little one out of the crib. What I love about chiropractic care is that it doesn’t just chase the symptom; it goes after the source. When the bony joints of your spine become stuck or misaligned, that irritation can pull on nearby nerves and muscles, leaving your lower back tight and aching. A chiropractic adjustment gently restores that proper alignment, taking pressure off the nerves and helping your body move the way it was designed to. For many patients, that means real relief, not just a temporary mask over the problem.

One of the things I appreciate

most about this approach is that it’s non-invasive and completely drug-free. Before you sign up for months of pain pills or start weighing your surgical options, chiropractic care offers a safe, natural path worth exploring first. There are no needles, no medications, and no lengthy recovery from an operation. Instead, we use hands-on adjustments and personalized care plans built around your body and your goals. It’s a gentle option that works well on its own and can also complement the medical care you may already be receiving. That reassurance matters, especially when you’re worried and simply want to feel like yourself again.

Here’s what I tell my patients: the real magic shows up over time. Regular chiropractic visits do more than ease today’s ache; they help keep your spine aligned, your mobility strong, and your nervous system working the way it should. Think of it like caring for your teeth. You don’t wait for a cavity to see your dentist, and your spine deserves that same steady attention.

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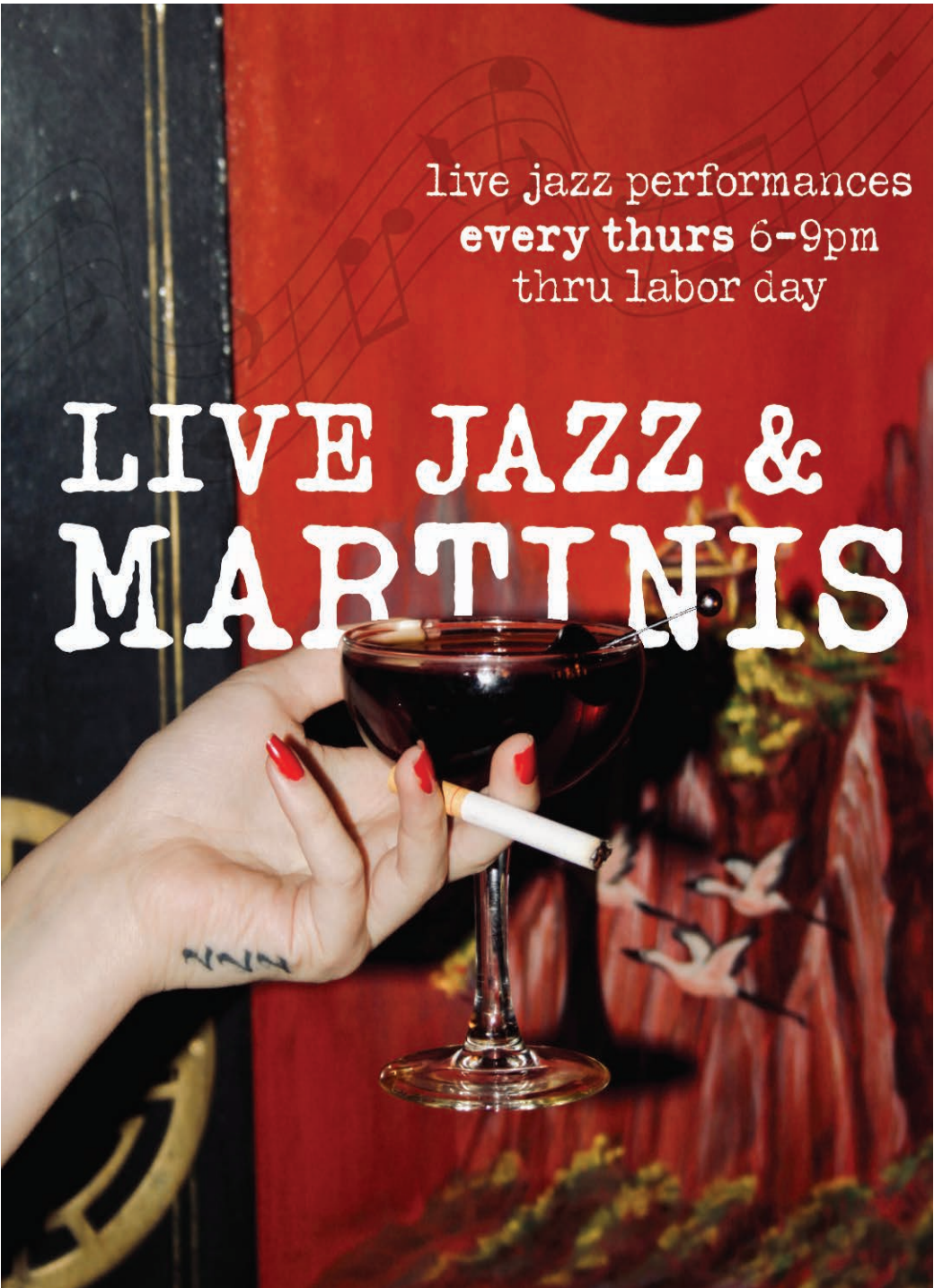
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Finding Greatness In Our World

By Roseann Smith

It isn't hard to find greatness in our world today; you just need to know where to look. If you have a positive attitude and a little bit of hope, the world is an incredibly wonderful place. I've found some specks of greatness on planet Earth for you! Here goes!

At a laboratory in Wako City near Tokyo, Japan, a team of researchers has developed a plastic that dissolves in saltwater within hours. This could revolutionize how we can keep our oceans clean and our wildlife safe. According to the University of Tokyo, this new type of material breaks down plastics while leaving no residual trace.

Scientists in China have achieved a major medical breakthrough in treating both Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes using stem cells. The treatment works by extracting a patient's own cells, transforming them into pluripotent cells and growing them into functional, insulin-producing cells. When the new cells are transplanted back into the patient, they restore the body's natural ability to produce insulin.

There are community refrigerators in Poland called "Jad-odzieienie" or "food sharing points" where people can leave surplus food for those in need. It works on an honor system. The rule of thumb is: "Take if you need, give if you can." The food-sharing points are housed in strategic places near schools, public squares, and community centers. Anonymous, judgment-free support is provided while reducing

food insecurity and waste. At the University of Surrey in the United Kingdom, there is a robotic fish named Gilbert. This bio-metric prototype swims like a real fish. While swimming in the ocean, Gilbert filters microplastics from the water. Gilbert can capture plastics as small as 2 millimeters with its mesh gills. The result? A cleaner ocean environment.

Brazil is attempting to implement positive initiatives in its prison system. The program, called "Redemption Through Reading," allows eligible inmates to shave four days off their sentences for every book they read. Inmates can choose books from literature, science, philosophy, or the classics. They have up to a month to complete a chosen book, during which time they must write a review or summary about it. A committee evaluates inmates' work. Participants can submit up to 12 reviews per year.

In the Netherlands, specific care facilities offer rent-free housing to university students in exchange for spending 30 hours per month socializing with elderly residents. Students receive small, private apartments rent-free in the care facility. They act as "good neighbors," addressing the critical issue of senior loneliness. Students share meals, celebrate birthdays, watch movies, and go on walks with their senior partners.

Australia is actively pursuing the elimination of cervical cancer as a public health issue by 2035. It's the first country in the world projected to

reach this goal. Australian researchers are working on a national strategy for universal HPV vaccination, HPV-based screening, and accessible treatment of precancerous cells. There you have it, folks—a few of the many

positive things that are happening in our remarkable world today. Be hopeful. Be the good! ————— Sometimes, more times than I care to admit, I make a mistake while writ-

ing my weekly articles. In last week's article, I made a mistake in the picture's caption. Wendy and John Lavery, and Sam Belloso and Michael Urban. Sorry about that, Wendy!

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Maddie Hoey, 6, of Brigantine, practices the Viking alphabet during the Brigantine Library's presentation: "What the Vikings Left Behind."



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Fishing Report

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Atlantic City High School Students Gain Hands-On Work Experience with Boys & Girls Club and ACUA

Local high school students recently gained hands-on experience in the wastewater industry through a nine-week workforce readiness and training program

organized by the Boys & Girls Club of Atlantic City and the Atlantic County Utilities Authority.

The Wastewater Workforce Cohort Program introduced juniors and seniors from Atlantic City High School, the Atlantic County Institute of Technology and Oakcrest High School to career opportunities at

ACUA's Wastewater Treatment Facility in Atlantic City. "One of our goals is to introduce young people to career opportunities they may never have considered," said Tracey Triniwell, CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of Atlantic City. "Through this partnership

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Health Tip

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Students Gain Work Experience with ACUA

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with ACUA, students gained hands-on experience, met professionals working in the field and learned about rewarding careers that support both the environment and public health.”

Students explored electrical, instrumentation, operations, laboratory and administrative career paths. They also learned about the role wastewater facilities play in protecting public health and the environment.

ACUA employees from several departments introduced students to their daily responsibilities through facility tours, question-and-answer sessions and hands-on activities.

“The wastewater industry offers dependable, long-term career paths that directly impact the community and the environment,” ACUA President Matthew DeNafo said. “We were honored to work alongside the Boys &

Girls Club to provide this experience and help local students discover the many opportunities available right here in Atlantic City.”

The program concluded with capstone presentations and a graduation ceremony, during which students received certificates. Participants were also invited to apply for employment opportunities at ACUA, and one student was selected for an internship.

“The ACUA cohort showed me careers I didn’t know existed,” participant Tiana Terrence-Russell said. “I enjoyed learning about how water and wastewater systems impact our community and discovering the many job opportunities connected to this field.”

Information about career opportunities at ACUA is available at www.acua.com/careers



Brigantine’s beach patrol celebrates on home turf after placing 1st at the 61st Chief Bill Kuhn Brigantine Lifeguard Invitational. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



Grace Emig, competing in her fourth event of the night, paddles in “victim” Sean O’Neill to shore during the Rescue Relay at the Chief Kuhn Invitational On Monday, July 13th 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

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How to Create a Dedicated Backyard Game Space

What distinguishes a good backyard gathering from a great one? More often than not, a little friendly competition. Exmark has partnered with landscape designer, Doug Scott with Redeem Your Ground, on a new video that helps you break down the most common considerations for building a ver-

satile backyard game space suitable for everything from cornhole to bocce to Kubb. **Location** “Location makes or breaks everything else. Get it right, and your space invites people in without saying a word. Get it wrong, and it becomes just another stretch of grass,” says Scott.

A good game space will be ideally sized, on flat ground, and receive shade during peak afternoon playing hours. Kubb, for example, only requires a 16 by 26-foot footprint, making it one of the most space-efficient options out there. If you want room for larger games like cornhole or football, aim for a 40 by 60-foot area.

Your space should feel like a natural extension of where people naturally congregate. Situate it close enough to the house that nobody’s making long treks for bathroom breaks—but far enough that a late-night game doesn’t carry into any bedrooms. Also, watch for overhead utility lines, exposed tree roots, and fences that could cut the fun short.

versation spot that adapts to wherever guests want to settle. Orient them so the sun is behind spectators during prime playing hours.

- For a more permanent setup, a simple L- or U-shaped built-in bench along the perimeter is hard to beat. It frames the space, and can be topped with cushions.
- A picnic table pulls triple duty, offering seating, a surface for food and drinks, and a natural gathering point between games.
- A fire pit just outside the perimeter is the perfect pre- and post-game hangout that extends your space’s usability into cool-weather season.;

Seating

Giving spectators comfortable seating keeps the energy going between rounds. Options to consider include:

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Betsy Okrent, of the American Swedish Historical Museum, visits the Brigantine Branch of the Atlantic County Library System on Friday, July 10, to present “What the Vikings Left Behind.”



Scott DiDomenico presents a check for \$320 to Ron Defelice and BCBP staff after the annual cornhole tournament on the 4th/5th Street South Beach in Brigantine on Saturday, July 4th, 2026

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from becoming muddy and washed out after a heavy rain.

Remember to avoid mulch adjacent to the playing surface, which migrates, and thorny shrubs. You don't want a ball—or guest—rolling into a rose bush.

For more insights, watch the Done-In-A-Weekend Projects episode “How to Create a Dedicated Backyard Game Space” on Backyard Life, a unique multimedia destination with a focus on helping homeowners improve their outdoor living spaces. There you

can also find the full rules of the Scandinavian lawn game Kubb, DIY instructions for building specific game spaces, and Exmark Original Series videos that make it easy to make meaningful improvements to your outdoor living experience.

“Remember, the best backyard game spaces are dialed in over a few seasons, as you get a feel for how you actually use the space,” says Scott. “Each addition makes the space more inviting, more functional, and more yours.” (StatePoint)



Michael Brooks and Sean O'Neill round out Brigantine's trio of boats in the Surf Boat Relay, helping the patrol pull off back-to-back event wins to open the night. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



Boats launch off the beach as the Sprint Doubles Surf Boat Relay gets underway — a fast, chaotic event where a clean turn around the flag can make or break a team's chances. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



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Brigantine Ink Meeting

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Remember

By Kelly Leyman

Remember being a kid and running in the sand like you were in a new land.
Remember swimming in the ocean then getting hit by a wave that turned you upside down.
Remember the pride you felt when your majestic sand-castle was complete.
Remember those times, they're important. They are memories, full of love and wonder.

The Sandcastle

By Lugene, a member of Brigantine Ink

The Sandcastle stands firm - a majestic symbol of endurance.
The Sandcastle stands strong- a confident symbol of hope.
The illuminated water of a tranquil sea reflects mankind's dreams.
Nature's calming hands protecting the particles of sand- A foundation for tomorrow...

Seize the Wave Returns to Sea Isle City on July 28, 2026

Sea Isle City, NJ – July 28, 2026 – Paul's Purple Warriors (PPW), in partnership with Epilepsy Services of New Jersey (ESNJ), proudly announces the return of Seize the Wave, an inspiring surf event for children and families living with epilepsy. The event will take place on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 37th Street Beach in Sea Isle City, NJ, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Now in its fifth year, Seize the Wave gives 35 children with epilepsy the opportunity to enjoy a day in the ocean without fear. The event is made possible through the generous support of our partners, Tass Home Remodeling and Heritage Surf Shop, whose skilled surf instructors work one-on-one with each participant to create a safe and empowering experience. Children receive personalized beachside lessons followed by a guided ride on the waves. Safety remains a top priority, with certified emergency medical technicians and lifeguards on-site to ensure every child can surf in a secure and supportive environment.

"In every wave they ride, there's a story of courage. Seize the Wave lets kids with epilepsy feel unstoppable—one surf at a time," said Colleen Quinn, founder of Paul's Purple Warriors.

"Epilepsy doesn't define these kids," said Liza Gundell, CEO of ESNJ an affiliate of Family Resource Network. "What defines them is their refusal to be limited. Every wave they ride is a reminder that they deserve carefree adventure, and opportunities like this to simply be kids."

More than just a surfing lesson, Seize the Wave is a celebration of resilience, empowerment, and epilepsy awareness in action. Families, friends, and beachgoers are invited to share in the experience by cheering on the children and families who won't be limited by epilepsy.

About Epilepsy Services of New Jersey (ESNJ) Epilepsy Services of New Jersey, an affiliate of Family Resource Network, is a statewide nonprofit dedicated to improving the quality of life for individuals living with epilepsy and their loved ones. ESNJ ensures that individuals with seizures have access to the resources and support they need at every stage of their journey through comprehensive services, education, and advocacy.

ESNJ offers a wide range of programs, including residential summer camp, respite care, employment and community inclusion services, scholarships, and information and referral support. The organization also provides seizure recognition and response training for schools, first responders, and community organizations to help build safer, more informed communities across New Jersey.

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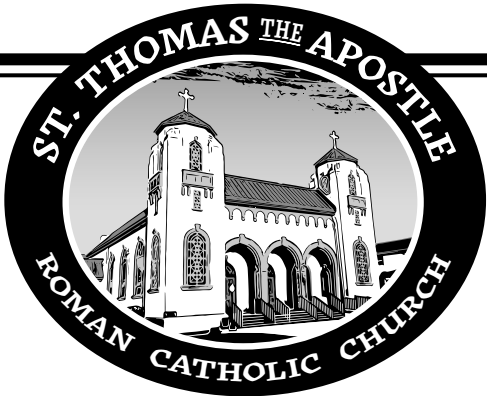
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Leroy's Corner: How I Survived a Human Staycation



Last week, my humans decided to spend their vacation at our home in Brig-

antine. At first, I thought this would be wonderful. More attention. More treats. More opportunities to remind them how handsome I am. I was mistaken. As many of you know, I have established a carefully planned daily schedule. My mornings begin with breakfast, followed by a brief patrol of the house to ensure everything remains exactly where I left it. Once security has been confirmed, I retire

to one of my favorite napping locations for several uninterrupted hours of beauty sleep. Instead of leaving for work like civilized humans, they wandered through the house at all hours of the day. Every time I found the perfect sunbeam, someone would walk through it. Every time I settled into a deep nap, there was a conversation taking place six feet away. Fortunately, I adapted. I relocated my afternoon naps

to my new cat cot, which offered a better view of the humans while allowing me to pretend I was ignoring them. I also perfected the art of opening one eye just enough to let them know I was aware of their presence, while making it equally clear that I did not approve of their disruption. By the end of the week, the humans seemed refreshed from their vacation. I, on the other paw, was exhaust-

ed from supervising them. So, to all my fellow felines, if your humans announce they are taking a staycation, do not panic. Simply establish multiple backup napping locations, maintain your usual schedule, and remember that humans eventually return to work.

Stay Whiskered,
Leroy

We have been wondering how you are dealing with the heat waves we've been having. We don't mind going out in the evening on the deck, but the days seem to be a bit more than our furry bodies can handle. Every day we enjoy a brief morning outing, but from mid-morning until dusk it's hot. We can only enjoy

about a 10-minute nap on the warm deck. Our human did get a nice carpet for the one deck, which makes napping much nicer but not cooler. There are two upsides to the warm weather, the bug hunting selection is much better, especially at night, and we add to our humans' exercise program. As you so wisely have suggested, we have

set up a routine of demanding to go in and out every 20 minutes. We paw at the glass door, they get up and leave us out, and after about 15 minutes, one or both of us turn around and demand to come in for just enough

time to let them sit down, start something, and BAM, we are back at the door pawing. It works perfectly. Because we are suck "Good Boys," they fall for it every time. Stay cool and have a great week. We look forward

to your article this week. Pawsably your favorite readers, Hooper & Brody

Hello Leroy

Mazie from Brigantine is checking in. Well, my summer of long naps and full watching in the backyard is about to change. My extended family is coming to visit, which means two doggies will be here. They're nice pups, but I can't get my naps because I have to keep an eye

on them to make sure they don't pull any funny stuff. I will get extra brushings and maybe a few extra treats during the day. Stay whiskered. Mazie the Cat



Susan Guhse and Phil Telman recently completed a week's vacation stay in Grand Haven, Michigan with their two grandsons Mason and Jackson and their parents. Plenty of beach time and play in Lake Michigan.

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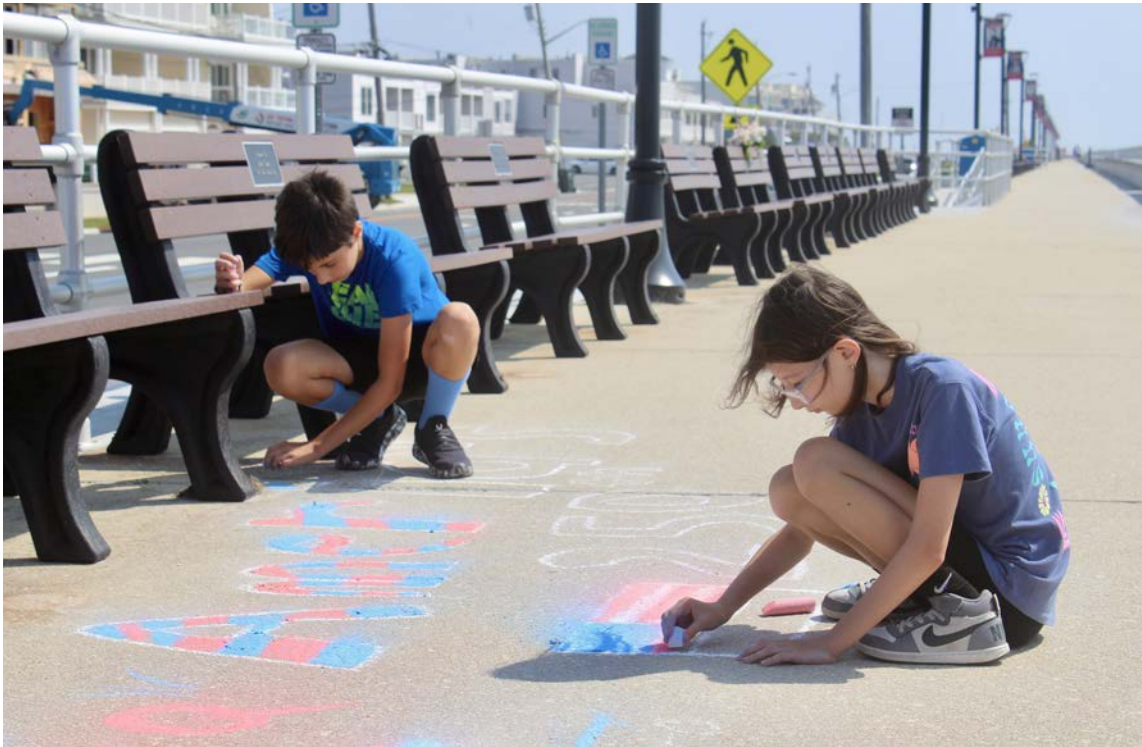
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Kids create America 250 Chalk Art on the Brigantine Sea Wall during the July 1st Chalk Walk hosted by the Brigantine Beach Cultural Arts Comission (BBCAC). (Photo by Marisol Vazquez)



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National Football Day	National Sprinkles Day
July 20	National Gorgeous Grandma Day
National Moon Day	
International Chess Day	



Anchor leg: Grace Emig catches a wave down the stretch to bring the Paddle Relay home for Brigantine, capping off a race the hometown crowd had plenty to cheer about.



Christian from SJL Racing interviews Mayor Vince Sera, asking him about the energy felt at the beginning of the race. Sera stated that the races were sure to be action-packed and that conditions were perfect for some great racing. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

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Thoughts Are Things

LIFE IS WHAT YOU IMAGINE IT WILL BE

By Stephen T. Weeks

HERE WE GO AGAIN! Some folks wonder how & why their Life & Affairs always seem to hit a snag along the way, or why their aspirations & dreams never fully form, and come to pass successfully. Many of us Human Beings dream dreams, and make promises to ourselves, that we never fulfill, or forget to follow up

on, because we get too busy, or too distracted to do so. Even simple ideas, or promises we entertain need to be followed up on, otherwise we will continue to make imaginary plans for ourselves, i.e., call an old friend, or family member, get out for a game of golf, tennis, or basketball, take a day trip to visit a friend,

or relative, or sign up for those continuing education classes we've been thinking about for years, ad infinitum. Here we are using our Creative Imagination to develop ideas about our future plans & desires, but forgetting that, unless we act on those imaginary ideas & aspirations, they will continue to buzz around our consciousness

like a passenger jet, circling the airport in a holding pattern - with no expectations of landing any time soon. This is called congestion by air traffic controllers, and when our hopes, dreams & desires become "congested," we lose the ability to enjoy a fluid creativity that produces fascinating, fresh, exciting & rejuvenating experiences for ourselves & our loved ones.

HABIT IS, AS HABIT DOES! By the time we are old enough to vote, we are conditioned to the crowd's thoughts, or a cliché-added mindset of this mundane, commercial world, through no fault of our own. The problem is, we buy into this "crowd think" to the degree that any suggestion that Life, Liberty & The Pursuit of Happiness might be attained & embraced in any other way but the limited, SOP's (Standard Operating Procedures) we've been taught to depend upon, is summarily dismissed.

Some folks automatically, do not like, or accept the status quo, and these few may be opened to new, or unique perspectives where Life & Being Alive is concerned. Here we remind you, Dear Reader - when we think like the crowd, we only get what the crowd gets - and that's less than you deserve, and much less than you & I are capable of.

To break these habits of mental & emotional limitations, we need to understand that Life Itself is only capable of delivering to us, the depth & breadth of our

own Self Esteem & Independent Thought. Because our Breath & Imagination is the Almighty Creator, living & breathing within inside us, as us, we are required to communicate with ourselves, and our higher-power, in direct & concise ideas, ideals & images, which can then be acted upon by Divine Intelligence to complete the creative process.

IMAGINE THAT! Because our Imagination is absolutely creative, it is consistently creating for us, whether we know it or not, the atmosphere & quality of Life we contemplate & imagine for & about ourselves, and our affairs, in toto. The sum of ones thoughts, words, deeds, and actions is what that individual can expect to receive & achieve in their Lifetime - one day at a time, morning, afternoon & evening - personally & professionally.

If an individual Human Being desires to "do better", or become a more prosperous, vibrant, well-balanced & successful version of themselves, he, or she will have to reassess their fundamental mindset & beliefs, or conditioning, with an eye towards weeding out the old, stale ideas, beliefs & concepts that are holding them back, and stunting their growth.

Of course we highly recommend exercising our beautiful & divine Human Imagination in more specific & direct ways, so that we are Consciously Imagining those wonderful accom- (Continued on Page 63)

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Junior Golf Clinics at Brigantine Golf Links

The second and final junior golf camp of 2026 will begin on Monday, July 27th. These junior clinics are based on ability and are held every Monday afternoon through Augst 31st. Start time of the hour-long sessions will range from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm based on playing level.

A very limited number of spots remain, so if your junior is age 8 to 15 and would like to participate, please call the golf shop at (609) 266-1388 and ask to speak to Dean Halterman, PGA Head Golf Professional. The cost of the six week series is \$400 per junior golfer.

Finding the right posture in your golf swing-

Bad posture in your set up will inevitably lead to swing faults. To find the proper address posture, follow these basic guidelines.

First, stand straight up with your shoulders back. Grip the golf club, and with your arms fully extended, hold the club belt-buckle high, with the club parallel to the ground. Then, keeping your legs straight, bend slowly from your pelvis, letting the club slowly lower along with the bending of your pelvis. Do not just lower your arms to the ground. Once the club rests on the ground, and a slight amount of knee bend. Your arms should be relaxed, but straight, with enough distance between your hands and your legs, so that you can make a smooth one-piece takeaway with your hands and arms on the proper shaft plane. You should feel like you are in an athletic setup position, much like a baseball infielder, or if you were shooting a free-throw in basketball.

As a general rule of thumb, once in this position, if you take your hand off the grip, your fingertips should rest on the top of your kneecap.

For help with this and any other tips, visit your local PGA Golf Professional.

Dean Halterman, PGA
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Couples League results July 10th:

1st place team: Jim & Holly Skon & Jim & Tina Mathis 31* won Match of Cards
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#7 Men – Jim Skon, #7 Women- Terry Nagy



Presenter Betsy Okrent looks at the runestone made by Will Handza, 9, of Brigantine.

Thoughts Are Things

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plishments & achievements we would like to enjoy, liberating us from the random & mundane Imaginations our conditioning & habits of thought have produced.

We need fresh food, fresh air, fresh water, and fresh clothing to live an enjoyable Life, and so we also require Fresh Thought, Fresh Feeling, and Fresh Imagination to invigorate, stimulate & generate successful & enjoyable experiences in our personal & professional affairs. We are using our Imagination now, in superficial & mundane ways - reverse that process, get on the good foot - and use your Imagination to visualize, feel & achieve the best & very best dreams, desires, goals & outcomes you'd like to experience - in the near & very near future. (Next Week, More Thoughts)

AFFIRMATIONS! (Mental & Emotional Exercise) Today I Breathe Consciously As I Rest, With My Eyes Closed, Gently Relaxing Myself & My Mind As I Quietly Fall Into The Twilight Between Awake & Asleep, And Feel The Subtle & Sweet Sensation Of Warmth, Tranquility, Serenity & Peace Wash Over Me, And Well Up In Me, From Within Inside The Workshop Of My Heart, Soul & Mind. Today I Begin To Imagine How It Will Feel, When All My Bills Are Paid, When Everything I Hope For & Dream About Comes True,

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Today I Trust In My Magnificent Human Imagination, Which Is In Fact The Omnipresent, Omniscient, Unconditional Power & Intelligence Divine, Living & Breathing Within Inside Me, As Me. Today There Is No Separation Between Myself & The Almighty. Today, And Everyday This Universal Intelligence Is Inviting Me To Feel Into The Future, That Which I Aspire & Desire To Accomplish & Achieve, With All Of My Heart, Soul & Mind, As I Visualize & Imagine My Victories & Successes, In Real Time, As I Feel The Joy & Relief That Fulfillment & Completion Bring To My World. Today I Trust This Wonderful, Authentic & Funloving Process To Take My Empathetic & Soulful Imaginations & Feelings From Internal Design, To External Manifestation, Here In The Material & Commercial World. AND So It Is!

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