

Brigantine 2026 Triathlon Results Are In

The City of Brigantine and Green Whales, Inc. presented the 2026 Brigantine Beach Triathlon on Saturday, August 8, 2026. A hot and humid day did not deter the athletes who took part in the annual event, which

once again drew strong local and regional participation. From the early morning setup to the final awards ceremony, the City of Brigantine, Brigantine Police Department, Brigantine City Beach Patrol, Brigantine

Public Works, and a dedicated team of volunteers worked seamlessly to make the day run smoothly. Special credit goes to Sari Carroll, Robin Taylor, and Frank Rohm of Green Whales, Inc., whose tireless planning

ensured that the event went smoothly. Mayor Vince Sera and City Council joined in on the opening ceremony and the awards at the end to bookend a wonderful event. The triathlon featured 378 individual racers and 112

relay athletes. Several hundred competitors of varying abilities began the event with a ¼-mile swim in the bay, starting at the 26th St. S. City Dock area. Athletes

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Brigantine’s Jr. Lifeguards Place 1st in Championship

By Tom Morgan

Brigantine’s Lifeguard in Training program is a summer program that teaches youths ages 13–16 water safety and lifeguard skills, in the hopes that the athletes participating in the program will one day become mem-

bers of the Brigantine Beach Patrol. The BCBP Junior Lifeguard program also teaches similar skills to kids 9–13 during a summer camp. Last week, members of the

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City Begins Demolition of Unsafe Conoco Gas Station Canopy

The City of Brigantine has received court authorization to demolish the unsafe canopy at the former Conoco gas station property on Brigantine Boulevard.

Demolition began this week and is now nearly complete. The City’s Construction Official determined that the deteriorating canopy was an

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Final Food Truck Festival August 14-16

The final Brigantine Food Truck Festival of the 2026 season is coming to Haneman Park, featuring over a dozen food trucks, an interactive DJ, a hot dog eating contest with a \$100 cash prize, three live music acts, games, and more! The festival has shifted to evening hours. The new hours are: Friday 3–9 p.m., Saturday 3–9 p.m., and Sunday 3–7:30 p.m.

The hot dog eating contest will take place on Saturday, August 15, at 6 p.m. Registrants must be 18 years old. The winner of the 10-minute hot dog eating contest will receive a \$100 cash prize. Participation is free, but spots are limited. Friday evening will feature live music by ‘The Irish

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Lauren’s friends show their support for their favorite athlete during the Brigantine Triathlon last Saturday. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



Surfers get ready to take part in the long board group heat at Brigantine’s annual Surf Jam competition near the Brigantine Jetty August 11, 2026. (Photo by Kelly and Craig Photography).



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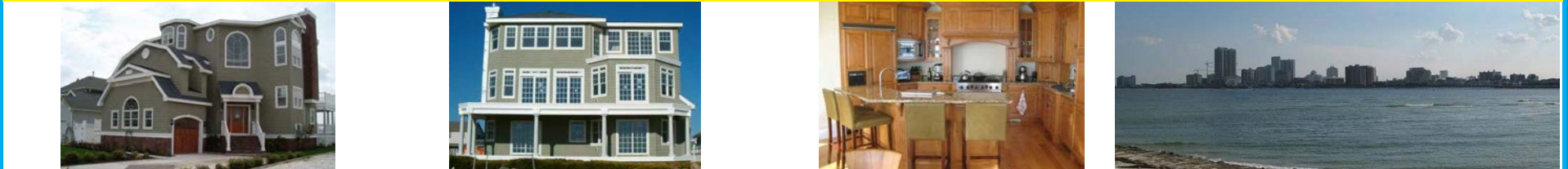
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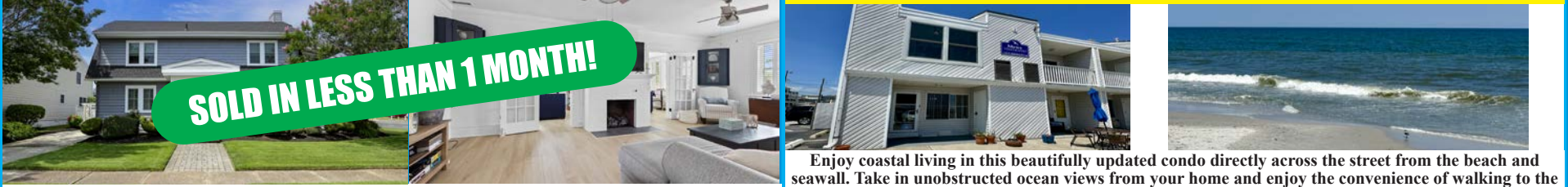
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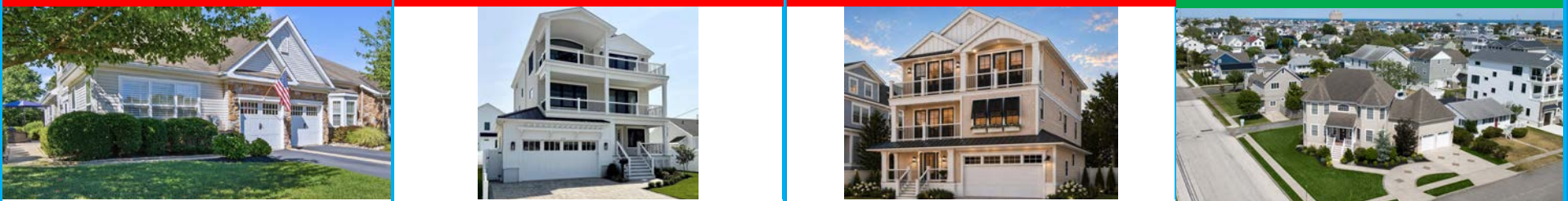
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then completed a scenic 11-mile bike ride around the island of Brigantine, returning to the 26th St. S. City Dock area to drop bikes and begin the final leg. The race concluded with a 4-mile run to the seawall at the north end of Brigantine and back, finishing at the 26th St. Rec-

reation Complex. After the event, athletes had time to relax with post-race snacks, a DJ, and an awards ceremony. This year's triathlon also introduced a new swim start procedure. Swimmers started in pairs and were released into the water every 3 seconds, creating less con-

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gestion and crowding in the swim portion of the race. The top three overall finishers were Shane McKenzie of Media, PA (58:53); Jon Bruccoleri of Brigantine, NJ (1:00:21); and Paul Power of Phoenixville, PA (1:01:28). Bruccoleri's performance stood out not only

in Brigantine but also as he went on to compete in, and win, the Olympic-length triathlon the following day

in Atlantic City on Sunday, August 9, 2026. The top three women finishers were (Continued on Page 5)



12U Team Holliday Architects were recognized for their outstanding championship season at the Council Meeting last week. Coach Nicole Moynihan, Marty Stanczak, Nora Kennedy, Coach Aaron Shotland, Christine Cao, Emily Maguire, Katherine Bourbeau, Coach Anthony Martella, Zahra Jannat, Coach Kyle Bourbeau, Colbie Calhoun, President Tom Repici, Riley Martella, Kiki Mule, Vida Smith, and Lahna Smith pictured with Mayor Vince Sera, Deputy Mayor Karen Bew, and Councilmen Mark Virgilio, Paul Littieri, Mike Riordan, and Neil Kane. The girls were presented with their certificates and the banner that will be displayed on the softball field next season. Not pictured: Grace Shotland and Aria Sanchez.



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Kylie McKenzie of Brigantine, NJ (1:09:42); Chelsea Weis of Philadelphia, PA (1:13:02); and Liesje Cooker of Brigantine, NJ (1:14:04). Age group champions were recognized as follows: Grace Shotland (F), Brigantine, NJ, won Female 14 & Under; Veer Patel (M), Absecon, NJ, won Male 14 & Under; Colette Wagner (F), Havertown, PA, won Female 15–18; Braden Bernardini (M), Sewell, NJ, won Male 15–18; Margot Murray (F), Brigantine, NJ, won Female 19–29; Paul Power

(M), Phoenixville, PA, won Male 19–29; Chelsea Weis (F), Philadelphia, PA, won Female 30–39; Jon Bruccoleri (M), Brigantine, NJ, won Male 30–39 (and finished 2nd overall); Liesje Cooker (F), Brigantine, NJ, won Female 40–49; Dan Speirs (M), Newtown Square, PA, won Male 40–49; Cheryl Keller Capone (F), State College, PA, won Female 50–59; Brad Bernardini (M), Sewell, NJ, won Male 50–59; Catharine Restrepo (F), Swarthmore, PA, won Female 60–69; Mark Del-

signore (M), New York, NY, won Male 60–69; and Deborah Phillips (F), Brigantine, NJ, won Female 70+.

The race also included additional events recognized in the awards program. In the Duathlon, the top overall finisher was Zachary Elinich (M), Orefield, PA (Male

40–49, 1st Overall). The top female Duathlon finisher was Lindsey Desanto (F), Barrington, NJ (Female 30–39, 1st Overall). The top male and female Aquabike finishers were Allen Homan (M), Male 50–59 (1st Overall), and Erin Weick (F), Garnet Valley, PA (Female 30–39,

1st Overall). The top overall relay team was Brig PT, and the top 15-and-under relay team was Team Mogging.

“This year felt especially meaningful,” said Sari Carroll, co-director of the event with Green Whales, Inc. “The participants brought

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Race participants bike an 11-mile loop around Brigantine for the Brigantine triathlon, August 8th, 2026. (Photo by Harry Markel).



An athlete runs down Brigantine Avenue on his way back from the north end sea wall as part of a 4-mile run back to 26th Street to complete the Brigantine triathlon. (Photo by Harry Markel).

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selling quickly. Some of the positives see less Seller competition as inventory drops, and serious Buyers who are ready to move on a new listing if they have already lost out and it meets all their requirements. However, Buyer demand does begin to fade after Summer. Some Realtor.com & Zillow reports early fall as a “sweet spot” for real estate activity. While framed primarily for Buyers, it notes that the period from September 29 to October 5 provides a balanced market where inventory is relatively high but demand slows down. Zillow also notes that early fall features motivated Sellers and less competition from other Buyers. Some properties that have not seen interest may become more motivated to sell by the end of the year. So if your property is still on the

market this fall, take time to put away summer items and make your porch and entryway the focal point with fall colors and arrangements. The reason I enjoy this busi-

ness is that, day to day, one never knows when some set of circumstances may lead someone to consider selling, especially in a seasonal location. So, perhaps

if you would like to make a move by year’s end, just call The Lepera Team, we’re your local connection. Our information is on page 3.



“We The People” paraded down Brigantine Bay during Brigantine’s Night in Venice event on August 8, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



Athletes gather at the Brigantine City Dock before the 2026 Triathlon. (Photo by Sean Kardon)



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Junior Guard programs from Brigantine to Cape May. The championship featured a 4-Person Swim Relay, a Paddle Relay, a 6-Person Rescue Relay, a 4-Person Surf Dash, and a 2-male-and-2-female Beach

Flag Race — all lifeguarding skills that are used to save lives and protect the public on our beaches. Each team had two age groups participating in each event, 10–13 and 14–16, with
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Athletes exit the water and get ready to hit their bikes for the 11-mile biking leg of the triathlon. (Photo by Harry Markel).



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		Sides			
		House-Made Chips \$2			
		Fries \$5			
		Sweet Potato Fries \$6 <i>Cinnamon Maple Sour Cream</i>			
		Onion Rings \$7 <i>Chiptotle Mayo</i>			
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Brigantine's Jr. Lifeguards Place 1st in Championship

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Braden Bernardini and his father, Brad Bernardini, of Sewell, NJ, each finished first in their respective age groups (Male 15-18 and Male 50-59) in the Brigantine Beach Triathlon on August 8, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



The top three finishers from the male ages 15-18 category from the Brigantine Beach Triathlon join Mayor Sera on August 8, 2026 (Photo by Sean Kardon).

both age groups' scores counting toward one team score to determine the winner. The Brigantine LIT Ocean City lineup: Swim Relay 10-13 (2nd Place) Rocco Grassi, Jack Gaskill, Kate Langan, Max Jaros Swim Relay 14-16 (1st Place) Emery Alderson, Guia Bentancourt, Marek Myers, Tristian Myers Paddle Relay 10-13 (3rd Place) Kate Langan, John Dougherty, Robert Repici, Rocco Grassi Paddle Relay 14-16 (2nd Place) Ernesto Bentancourt, Emery Alderson Rescue Relay 10-13 Jake Grassi (Victim), Rocco Grassi, Max Jaros, Kate Langan, Robert Repici, John Dougherty Rescue Relay 14-16 (1st Place) Lenna Driscoll (Victim), Marie Mastrogiorgos, Ernesto Bentancourt, Mya Nickolson, Emery Alderson, Tristian Meyers

Surf Dash 10-13 (2nd Place) Kate Langan, John Dougherty, Robert Repici, Max Jaros Surf Dash 14-16 (2nd Place) Ernesto Bentancourt, Jason Roeltgen, Marek Meyers, Lenna Driscoll Beach Flags 10-13 Kate Langan (10-13 Female — 1st Place), Cassie Langan, John Dougherty (10-13 Male — 3rd Place), Robert Repici Beach Flags 14-16 Ernesto Bentancourt (14-16 Male — 1st Place), Jason Roeltgen, Marie Mastrogiorgos, Lenna Driscoll, Guia Bentancourt, Marek Meyers In the end, the Brigantine LIT/Junior Guard team took 4 first-place wins, 4 second-place finishes, and one third-place finish to earn enough points to win the competition and be crowned 2026 South Jersey Junior Lifeguard Champions. This is the second victory for the BCBP LIT team; last week, (Continued on Page 16)



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Mayor Sera joins the first-place finishers from three categories after the Brigantine triathlon. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



Three young athletes get their picture with Mayor Vince Sera after completing the Brigantine triathlon. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

Brigantine 2026 Triathlon Results Are In

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a lot of energy, the weather stayed warm, and the bay conditions worked out well for the swim. Just as important, volunteers and partners from many organizations came together to make it all possible. It's a real reflection of how Brigantine rallies as a community." Beyond competition, the

proceeds from the 2026 Brigantine Beach Triathlon will continue to benefit nonprofits and community programs throughout Brigantine. Organizers said the event again proved it was more than a test of endurance — it was a celebration of Brigantine at its best.

Brigantine's Jr. Lifeguards Place 1st in Championship

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in a similar event, Brigantine defeated Atlantic City and Ocean City on their home turf to win that competition. Fauve Haney, a LIT coach, stated, "I've been an L.I.T. instructor for the past 5 years, and I cannot express how proud I am of this group of athletes. Their dedication and commitment to the program have made it so rewarding for us as instructors. We are so proud of their performance this past Monday, and

are so excited for their win! We cannot wait to see our 15-year-olds become rookies and watch our 13- and 14-year-olds grow throughout the next few years." The Brigantine Times congratulates Brigantine's future lifeguards on winning the South Jersey Junior Lifeguard Championship.

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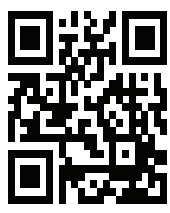
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21st Annual Brigantine Surf Jam Delivers a Day of Waves, Fun and Aloha

By Zack Laielli



Jeremy’s family came to the 26th Street baseball field to cheer for him as he crossed the finish line in Saturday’s triathlon. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



Participants in the annual Brigantine Triathlon enter the water in pairs of two (this strategy was newly introduced this year and helps free up space in the water for the swimming portion of the race). (Photo by Harry Markel.)

Sunshine, offshore winds, plenty of stoke and a whole lot of creativity were on display Tuesday, August 11, as surfers and bodyboarders of all ages took over the South Jetty beach for the 21st Annual Brigantine Surf Jam.

Another successful Surf Jam is officially in the books, and while Mother Nature didn’t deliver much in the way of wave size, she more than made up for it with a picture-perfect summer day. Sunny skies and light offshore winds greeted competitors as the first heats hit the water, setting the stage for a full day of friendly competition, laughs and good times on the beach.

The smaller surf made it a little challenging to maximize scores. But for the event’s young rippers, the conditions were just about perfect. The groms took full advantage, finding plenty of waves their size and putting on a show throughout the day. Longboarders

and stand-up paddlers were also able to make the most of the small conditions, using the extra board under their feet to glide through sections that proved elusive for the shortboards.

And when conventional surfing wasn’t enough, Surf Jam competitors got creative. Throughout the day, surfers pulled out just about every trick imaginable in an attempt to squeeze a few extra points out of the small waves. Headstands, finless surfing, reverse take-offs and even board transfers kept the judges busy and the crowd entertained. As has become tradition at the Surf Jam, serious competition mixed seamlessly with the event’s main objective: having as much fun as possible in the ocean.

*Doorley Goes Unde-
feated and Defends
Superheat Crown*

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21st Annual Brigantine Surf Jam

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It was another huge Surf Jam for Carter Doorley, who finished the day undefeated across three divisions. Doorley captured first place in Open Stand-Up Paddle, Jr. Longboard and Groms before advancing to the Surf Jam's signature Superheat, where the day's division winners meet for one final showdown. He successfully defended his Superheat title, finishing ahead of Chris Ezzie, Jr. in second and Kye Doran in third. Doorley also took home the Wave of the Day trophy after earning the highest single-wave score of the entire event. While the trophies and scores are always part of the fun, some of the day's best moments came from competitors surfing in their

first-ever contest. The Surf Jam once again welcomed newcomers into the lineup, giving first-time competitors a chance to experience the excitement of hearing their name called for a heat, paddling out with friends and competing in front of a cheering beach crowd. Hopefully, for some, it was the beginning of a lifelong love of surfing.

Spirit of Aloha

One of the most meaningful honors handed out each year has nothing to do with a score sheet. The Spirit of Aloha Award recognizes a competitor who demonstrates the compassion, sportsmanship and camaraderie that make surfing special. This year's award went to Myla McHugh.

During her heat, McHugh noticed that a fellow competitor had suffered a leash malfunction and lost their boogie board. Rather than simply continuing her own heat, she left the water to check on the other competitor. It was a simple act that perfectly captured what the Spirit of Aloha Award — and the Surf Jam itself — is all about. Competition matters, but looking out for

one another matters more.

It Takes a Community

Twenty-one years of Surf Jam would not be possible without the community that continues to show up and support the event year after year. The event was once again made possible with the support of the Brigantine Professional Firefighters Local 2657, Brigantine Public

Works Department and Brigantine Beach Patrol, along with the countless volunteers who gave their time throughout the day. It takes a small army of volunteers to turn the South Jetty into Surf Jam headquarters for a day. Special thanks go out to Kelly Lentz and Craig Schulte of Kelly and Craig Photography who were on location all day capturing

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Stephanie Troiano presents a check to Ann Bowie, president of the South Jersey Cancer Fund, after choosing the organization to receive the proceeds from their 60th anniversary commemorative T-shirt sales.



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Author Ann Marie Hanson and Crazy Gma's Pottery. After 21 years, the Surf Jam continues to prove that you don't need overhead waves to have an epic day of surfing. Sometimes all it takes is a little swell, sunshine,

offshore winds, a beach full of friends and a community ready to have some fun.
2026 Brigantine Surf Jam Results
The 21st Annual Surf Jam crowned champions across 13 divisions before concluding with the Superheat.
R e s u l t s :
Sr. Bodyboarding: 1. Gary Weber; 2. Franklin Wyck-off; 3. Lorelei Peticolas
Jr. Bodyboarding: 1. Charles Weber; 2. Jasper Neal; 3. Sadella Swiger
Open Stand-Up Paddle: 1. Carter Doorley; 2. Mike Laielli Sr.; 3. Catherine Simone
Women's: 1. Ava Ezzie; 2. Ava L. Schiaffino; 3. Lauren Doran
Gromettes: 1. Kate Langan; 2. Bella Cera; 3. Marie Mastrogiorgos

Wahine: 1. Clare Cooker; 2. Dylan Kuchinsky; 3. Savi Hunt
Jr. Longboard: 1. Carter Doorley; 2. Chris Ezzie, Jr.; 3. Michael DeMelia
Sr. Longboard: 1. Michael Meissner; 2. Chris Ezzie; 3. Joby Leigh
Groms: 1. Carter Doorley; 2. Cooper Klemm; 3. Luke Terruso
Menehune: 1. Kye Doran; 2. Cash Cooker; 3. Oliver Newcomer
Jr. Men's: 1. Chris Ezzie, Jr.; 2. Dallas Klemm; 3. Jesse Riley
Men's: 1. Vince Sera; 2. Michael Doherty; 3. Kyle Fitzgerald
Superheat: 1. Carter Doorley; 2. Chris Ezzie, Jr.; 3. Kye Doran



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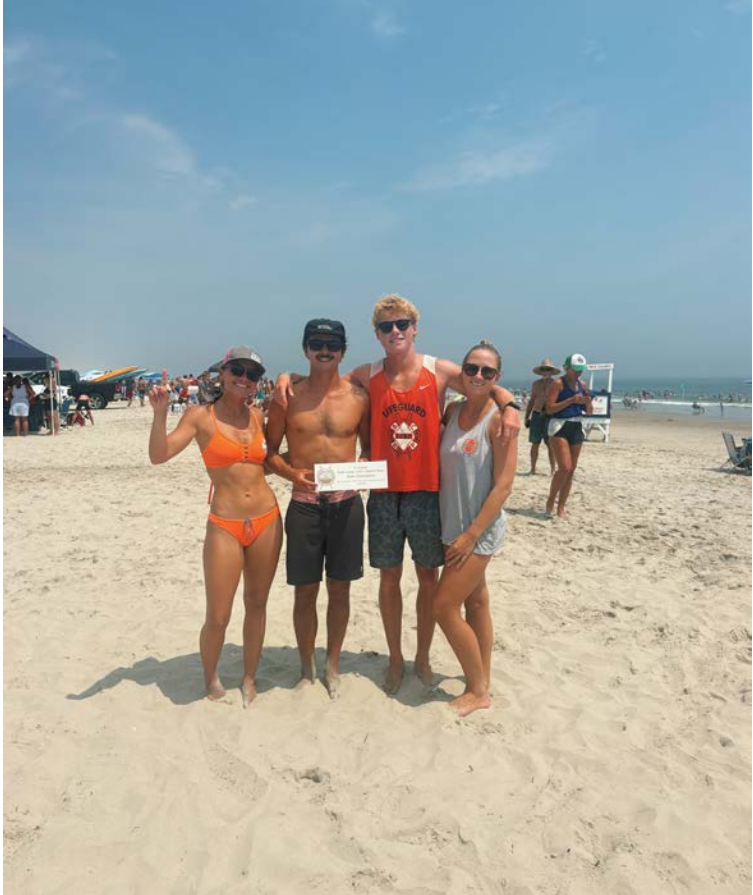
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Here's the Brigantine team of junior lifeguards that participated in the 2nd Annual South Jersey Junior Lifeguard Championship.



BCBP Instructors for the Lifeguard in training program, Fauve Haney, Jake Downing, Matt Hoffman, and Caitlin Schreiner celebrate Brigantine's wins at the 2nd Annual South Jersey Junior Lifeguard Championship.

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Community. That's the word that might best describe the Hooked-on-Fishing Program that was conducted yesterday. This event is one part of the GCSUD (Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Disorder) Program that operates in some 500 municipalities in New Jersey. The intent is to provide kids with a great alternative to drug and alcohol abuse.

Yesterday was a perfect coordination of so much of our community. The mayor opened the event with a great little pep talk to start the day. He was followed by a very informative and interesting talk by Detective Sergeant James Powderly from the Brigantine Police Department. Then JJ DiMatteo, chairman, and Dawn Jones, coordinator,

from the Brigantine Municipal Alliance, described the events that the 120 kids were going to participate in.

From there, the families went down to the beach to start the actual fishing. The next group of community helpers were the fishing experts who set up their trucks at the beach and handled and taught the ins and outs of one of the most popular things a person can do at the water. From attaching line and hooks to weighing and measuring the contest entries, these seasoned anglers demonstrated the great message from Sgt. Powderly, who explained how he substituted fishing for some other activities that might well have

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Newly promoted Lieutenant George O'Donoghue is joined by the Brigantine police chief, Mayor Sera, and family following his swearing-in ceremony.



Sovella Zentz (10) and Isabella Weaver (13) made a lovely sand turtle they named Sarah at the beach this past weekend.



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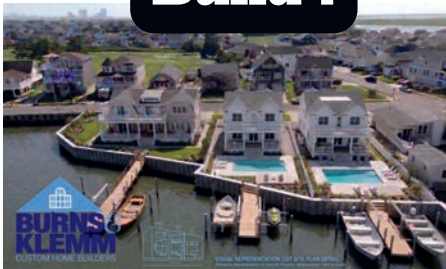
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my feathered friend safely return to the great outdoors. Most importantly, the bird was completely fine after our little visit. The humans, however, may have aged several years. I have since been informed that birds are "outside friends" and that window screens are supposed to remain intact. According to my humans, I am on open window supervision for my actions. I am still processing this information. Until next time, I'll be watching the windows. Stay Whiskered,

Leroy

PSS. PSS.: Dear Fenway, it's always nice to hear from a fellow orange cat, especially one who understands the importance of keeping the humans entertained! I do enjoy making biscuits from time to time, although lately I've been much busier supervising the birds outside and making sure the window screens are up to my standards.

Your friend,
Leroy



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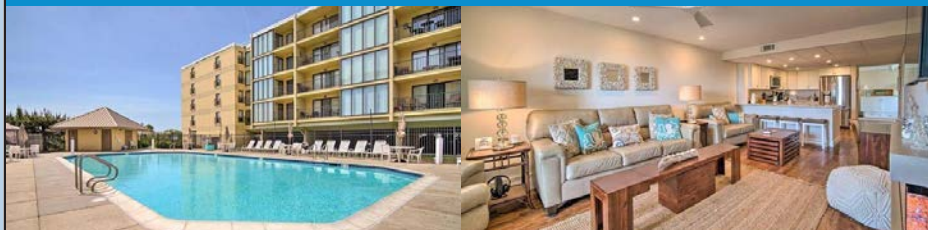
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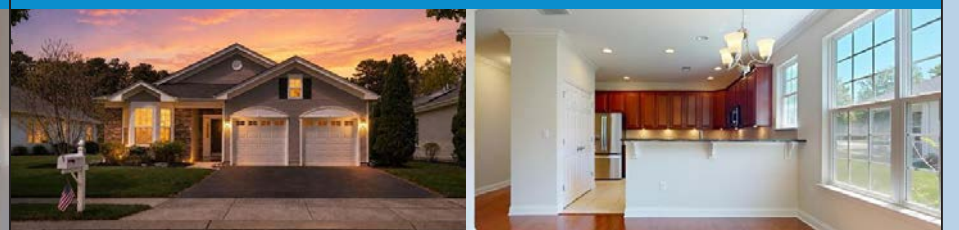
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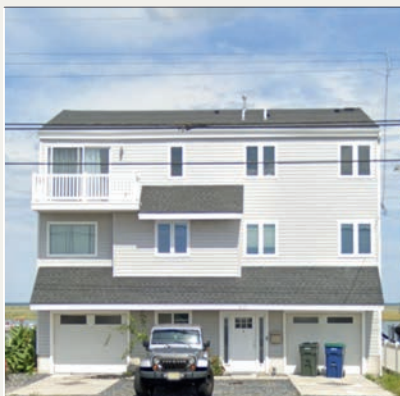
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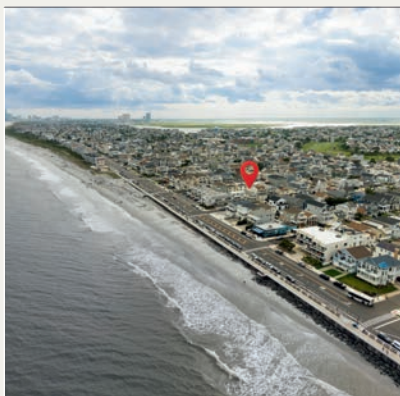
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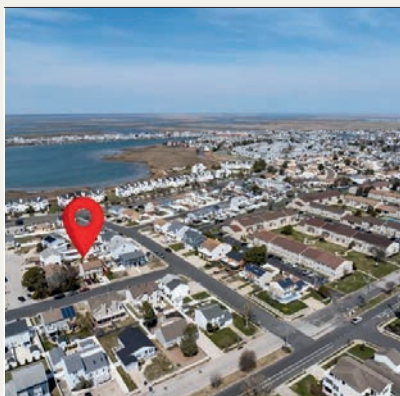
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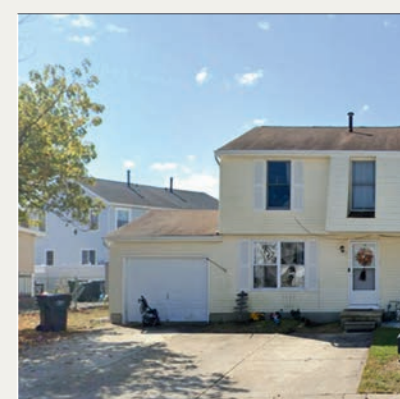
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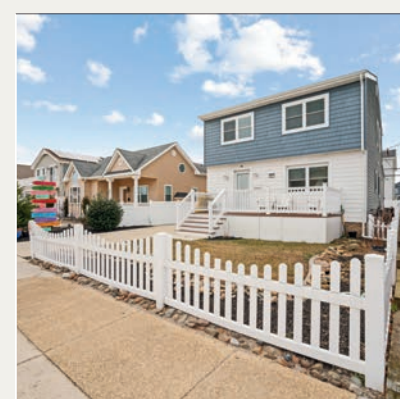
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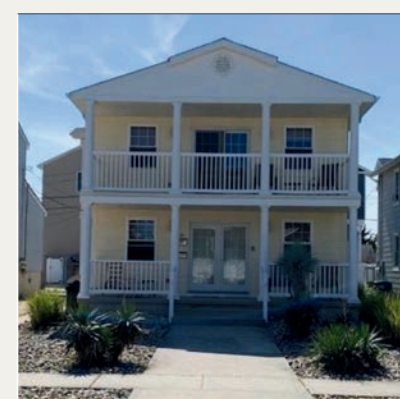
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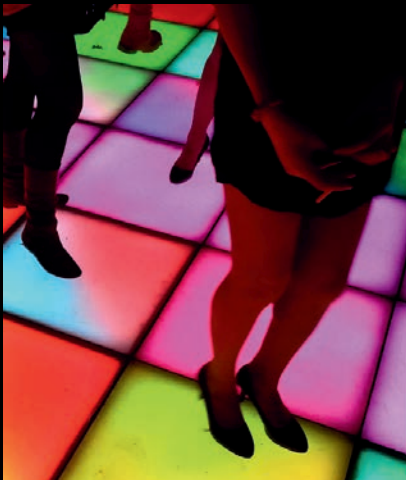
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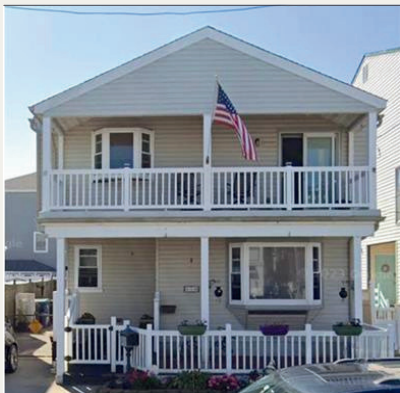
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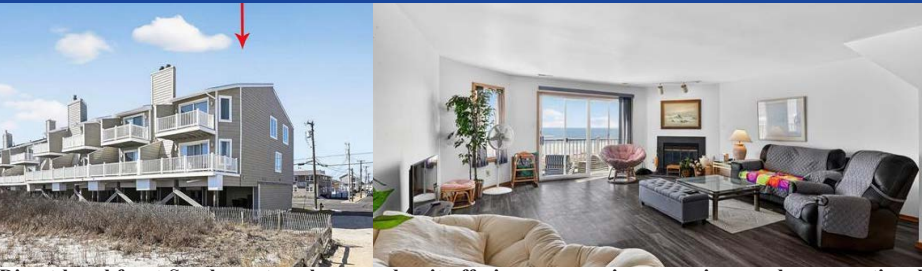
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Hooked on Fishing Recap

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the dozens from our local community who meet for six months to prepare this outing every year. And we would be remiss if we didn't thank the year-round members of the community, the folks from the City Public Works Department who help us set up and take down. Hooked-on-Fishing may

arguably be the most inclusive community-based function on our little piece of heaven here. On behalf of everyone who adds their time and goods and knowledge and effort to make this program successful, thank you.
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A g e s 5 – 8
1st — Amelia Pino

(age 5); 2nd — Noah Schuler (age 7); 3rd — Mason Petitgout (age 7)
A g e s 9 – 11
1st — Olivia Pino (age 9); 2nd — James Gillin (11); 3rd — Devin Beech (10)
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kept him from becoming a law enforcement officer. That is exactly what the Hooked-on-Fishing Program aims to do. When all of the pomp and circumstance is stripped away, that is why all of us who volunteer have been running this program for over 30 years. The next group of community members engages when the kids get back to home base once the fishing has ended. These are the folks who prepare the lunches, organize the prizes, and evaluate all of the entries to establish the winners. This segues into the extraordinary community of people and businesses who provide the food and prizes that enable this event to be one of the favorites on Brigantine Island. Looking at the entry papers, we have had people attending this event for over 20 years. Please keep coming! This year's selection for "Volunteer of the Year" for Hooked-on-Fishing is none other than John Gans, our moderator and announcer, who handles the master of ceremonies duties to perfection. John is one of



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Let’s Hear It for Our Girls! Female Entrepreneurs at the Brigantine Farmers Market

By The Market Media Team

Did you know National Women’s Day is August 26th? Help us celebrate with some amazing business owners at the Brigantine Farmers Market. So many of our vendors are women who turned a hobby, a family tradition, or a unique idea into a thriving small business. Take Katie Wiegand of Sprout and Thicket, who grows high-end, florist-quality flowers on a small farm in Galloway. A master gardener, Katie monetized a hobby that she used to consider a chore as a child. Katie’s biggest inspiration is her “bad-ass” single mother, whom she calls selfless and relentlessly hard-working. Mom taught Katie to never

take “no” for an answer. Katie says women make great bosses because of their ability to effortlessly multitask. However, being a girl boss isn’t without challenges in her line of work. When Katie shows up for farm supply pickups, people often address her husband first, thinking he owns the business. She is quick to remind them, “I’m the farmer!” She is raising her boys to not only value women, but to learn from them, too. There’s also Jackie Lavine of Go Cakes, who built her business from the ground up, literally. Starting 16 years ago with little more than a passion for baking and a lot of determination, Jackie

began her business in her cousin’s basement. Now in her 7th year as a Brigantine vendor, Jackie says her secret is building relationships with the other women and moms

who trust her with their most meaningful family celebrations. As a small business owner, she wears every hat while also balancing her family life. She sees all the

long nights and moments of self-doubt as lessons in resilience and resourcefulness, and she hopes her story

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Then & Now: Generational Perspectives

Temple Beth Shalom Bingo

By Rachel Litner

Kristin Scott has been taking her four children and nieces to Bingo for

more than 10 summers, and stays with her mom, a year-round resident.

How old were your
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Kristin and the girls eagerly await the winning number with other players.

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1. Thanksgiving tubers

5. ____ Patrol

8. Boohoos

12. Burn soothing plant

13. “Frat Pack” member Wilson

14. ____ ligation

15. Sound an alarm

16. Marvin, Majors and Greenwood

17. O. Henry’s specialty

18. *Marilyn Monroe: “Happy Birthday, Mr. ____”

20. Sporting sword

21. Blue pencil marks

22. Knight’s title

23. *One for every year

26. Custodian

30. Be in debt

31. Stay clear of

34. Accompanies relief

35. #1 Down, pl.

37. Owned

38. Subway in Paris

39. Shore extension

40. Per ____

42. Even, poetic

43. City in Netherlands

45. Like voice during laryngitis

47. Barents or Laptev, e.g.

48. Noah’s passengers

50. Type of code

52. *Astrological sign for those born on New Year’s Eve

56. Black one and white one, for Tchaikovsky

57. Crematorium jars

58. “The Odyssey,” e.g.

59. Make this, not waste

60. Let it stand, to proof-reader

61. Governmental space agency, acr.

62. The windows to the soul

63. Money in Myanmar

64. Theodora or Dorothea

DOWN

1. Bark or yelp

2. Relating to armpit

3. *”...and many ____”

4. Detected

5. *Like 16

6. Hiking sandals of a certain brand

7. Of the present month

8. *Greeting to the birthday honoree, sometimes

9. Bassoon cousin

10. Misery cause

11. Canny

13. Dated tunes

14. Make a logical connection (2 words)

19. Runs without moving

22. Lumberjack’s tool

23. Another word for nutria

24. Look forward to

25. Not as old

26. George Lucas’ warrior-monk

27. Concentration of a solution lab test

28. Shrek and Fiona, e.g.

29. Cotes du ____, wine region

32. Online room

33. As opposed to mishap

36. *”We want your presence, not your ____”

38. New Zealandian minority

40. Cuban dance syllable

41. *Quench it with punch

44. Precedes desist

46. Antonym of descent

48. *Traditional birthday celebration

49. Sleeper’s woe

50. Up, up and there

51. Level a building

52. Crescent point

53. Colorful fish

54. Greet the judge, e.g.

55. March Madness org.

56. Pronoun



Having loved big stuffed animal prizes as a kid, Bingo volunteer Jason Roeltgen now has a great time helping a new generation of players win big.

Brigantine Times Kids Corner

The Railway Children

By E. Nesbit

Chapter IV

(Continued from Vol. 57 No. 31)

The people on the canal were, of course, the bargees, who steered the slow barges up and down, or walked beside the old horses that trampled up the mud of the towing-path, and strained at the long tow-ropes.

Peter had once asked one of the bargees the time, and had been told to “get out of that,” in a tone so fierce that he did not stop to say anything about his having just as much right on the towing-path as the man himself. Indeed, he did not even think of saying it till some time later.

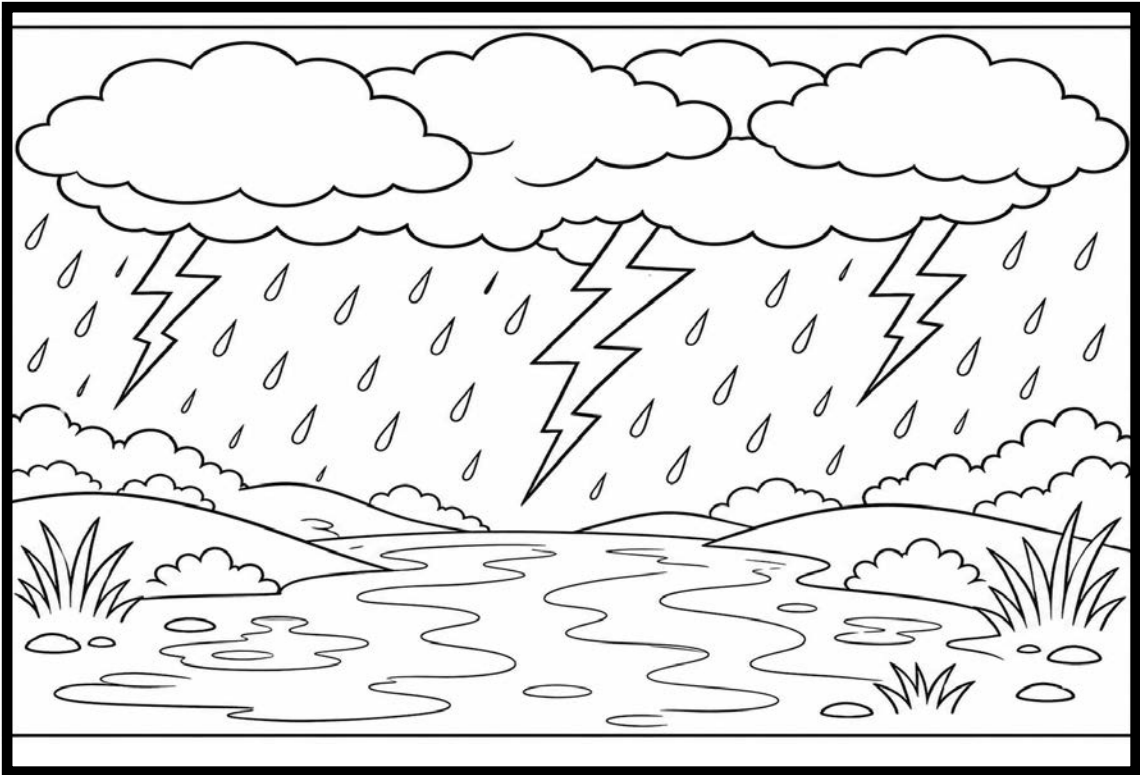
Then another day when the children thought they would like to fish in the canal, a boy in a barge threw lumps of coal at them, and one of these hit Phyllis on the back of the neck. She was

just stooping down to tie up her bootlace—and though the coal hardly hurt at all it made her not care very much about going on fishing.

On the bridge, however, Roberta felt quite safe, because she could look down on the canal, and if any boy showed signs of meaning to throw coal, she could duck behind the parapet.

Presently there was a sound of wheels, which was just what she expected.

The wheels were the wheels of the Doctor’s dogcart, and in the cart, of course, was the Doctor.



Color in the picture of the storm and share your creation with us at Brigantinetimes@gmail.com

Then & Now: Generational Perspectives

Temple Beth Shalom Bingo

children when you first started going to Bingo?

“CJ was six, and the twins — Connor and Carter — were four when we first started going to Bingo. They are 18 and 16 today. So now I’m here with my nieces and daughter, Claire, who is seven.”

Favorite memories of being at Bingo with your children?

“My boys used to have such great times going to Bingo with their summer friends. Now my daugh-

ter is friends with some of the cousins from the boys’ ‘Bingo Friends!’”

Favorite prizes?

“My boys loved winning prizes, whatever the prizes were! They may still have unused prize coupons. I wonder if they could still get the ice cream cone or slice of pizza!”

Jason Roeltgen

Jason Roeltgen fell in love with TBS Bingo when he was about 10 years old. Today he’s giving back

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to the game he grew up with, marking his second year on the volunteer team.

How long did you play Bingo before you started volunteering?

“About three years. I had so much fun playing that I brought many of my friends to join me!”

Favorite memory?

“Winning!”

Best prize?

“A big stuffed animal.”

Why did you decide to volunteer?

“I wanted to give back

to the community. Also, because I really enjoy seeing the kids win and seeing them happy.”

Join Temple Beth Shalom for Fun August Community Programs
Wednesdays
Canasta from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Mah Jongg from 1–3 p.m.

Wednesday, August 19: Come Cool Off With Seth Kibel

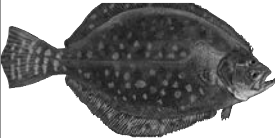
Grab a seat and join us for some cool music! Community North School @ 7 p.m., in partnership with the Brigantine Community Center. Join Temple Beth Shalom and your Brigantine Community Center
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CJ, Connor and Carter Scott enjoy Bingo at the TBS Family Bingo circa 2014.



Winning Big on Family Time! Kristin Scott enjoys a night out at Bingo with daughter Claire, 7 (left), and nieces Savannah, 8, and Olivia, 11 (right).



Weekly Fishing Report

by Captain Andy Grossman



I had a great thing happen this week at the shop that reminded me that there are still some really great people in this world. A 6-year-old boy named Jackson was walking on the sidewalk next to the shop when he looked down and found a \$100 bill. He picked it up, showed his dad, and his father brought him into the shop to return it. He told us that if anyone came in claiming they had lost \$100, it belonged to them. I took down Jackson’s phone num-

ber and told him that if we couldn’t find the owner, the money would go back to him. I spent about an hour going through our security footage and was able to see exactly who had dropped the money. It was a customer named Fred, who had been in the shop earlier that morning. I posted a picture of Fred and his truck, hoping somehow he would see it. Later that day, I got a call from someone who said he had a problem with a fishing rod he had purchased earlier

that morning. I asked him, “By any chance, is the rod a Tica?” He said yes. I then asked him what kind of truck he drove... and sure enough, it was the same truck I had seen on the security footage! I told Fred that a 6-year-old boy named Jackson had found the \$100 he had accidentally dropped and that because of Jackson, we were able to get his money back to him. Fred then went to see Jackson in person to thank him, and then Fred told me something that made the story even better. A couple of years ago, he and his son had been in a very similar situation at Boscov’s. They had found something that someone had lost and turned it into lost and found and

wouldn’t you know it, the woman who lost it walked up to the counter while they were standing there! I don’t know about you, but I absolutely LOVE when things work out the way they are supposed to, but more importantly, this story isn’t really about the \$100. It’s about a 6-year-old boy and parents who are teaching him the right lessons in life. Jackson could have easily kept that money. Instead, he did the right thing because his parents have taught him that doing the right thing matters. Great job, Jackson! And a HUGE shoutout to his parents for raising such a great kid. Sometimes, things really do work out exactly the

way they’re supposed to. On the fishing front the usual bait stealing culprits are still in the local waters. Kingfish, spot, flounder and croakers in the surf. Tog, triggers, and sheepshead in the Inlet and PLENTY of “toothy” critters if you really want to have a good fight on the rod and reel. For all the latest fishing reports, info, and pics you can find us on Facebook at Riptide Bait and Tackle, on Twitter @RiptideBait, on Instagram @Riptide911 and on TikTok @Riptidebnt. Thanks and Keep On Fishin.

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Not Enough Time; Not Enough Space

By McKayla Touhill

The title of this week’s column pretty much says it all. I managed to completely forget my column until today: Thursday. Production day. Sometimes, even as the editor, I miss my own deadlines and turn in

my pieces too late! Besides the fact that I am too late, there is also not enough space in this week’s paper. We are absolutely crammed with content, which I hope you enjoy. I guess that’s just summer

for you. There were so many events going on this week across the Island, from Jr. Lifeguard championships, Surf Jam, and the Triathlon, to city projects moving forward, the Weiner family being honored, and everyone else enjoying these golden days of summer. Enjoy it while it lasts, Brigantine. Fall will be here before we know it. Now, lets celebrate this week’s Birthday’s 14- Chrisy Farinelli Vespertino, 15- Kevin Dougherty, John Rogge, Patrick Schall, Helen Hogapian, Hank Worthington, and Breana Gargel-Acunto. 16- Jenn Mingoia, Joe Simon, Bev Smith, Joy Coleman, Rosemary Kay and Jim Koch. 17- Joe Giacomo Jr., Mike DiCarlo, Jennifer DeQuattro, Joe Mingoia, Rosemary Duffy and Nicole Brunetti. 18- Christi Cunningham,

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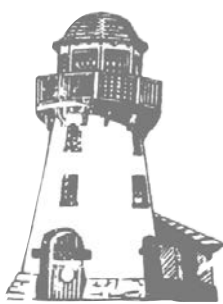
Garden Club News

By Phyllis Glomb

Summer will be vanishing in the blink of an eye. Take the time to just stop and breathe it all in. Listen to the wind blowing in the trees. Watch the rising and falling of the tides. Enjoy the glorious colors of flowers blooming across the island, not only in our garden beds and pots, but in private front yards. If you are not driving yourself, you should gaze around and notice Mother Nature’s spectacular displays and gorgeous colors. A passing thunder shower may chase everyone off the beaches, but it refreshes bushes and lawns. Good job to all of the homeowners who take the time to nurture flowers and plants. Pollinators know Brigantine is a good place to nectar. Enjoy the summer of 2026. We are already thinking

about next season. Would you like to join the Board of Directors in leading the club? Make your voice heard by filling out a nomination form and submitting it before Aug. 24. There are seven positions available. The Board meets once per month on the last Monday of each month. Check your email of the minutes for the form. Don’t miss the new Promenade pots on the seawall. Check out the Boat Dock and the City Dock. Beautiful beds are blooming across the island. Not a bed of the club, Brant Beach is a location to notice. Have you seen the new Vardon Garden? This garden features native plants, and must be seen to be believed! Follow Vardon Road all the way around. Enjoy these sights before winter takes them away. Our

next general meeting will be on Sept. 14 at 6:00 at The Community Center. Our guest speaker, Nancy Phillips, will give a presentation on Winter Sowing. Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. Thank you for your valuable contribution to the development of Brigantine. Your efforts truly make our community blossom. Seen on a garden sign: Wherever life plants you, bloom with grace.--French Proverb. Send mail to 3605 Bayshore Ave.; Call 609-266-7800 Ext. 29; email brigantinegardenclubnj@gmail.com; follow us on Facebook and on Brigantine Rocks NJ also on FB; check out the Memorial Tree in the library and purchase a leaf for \$75; donations are always welcome and appreciated.



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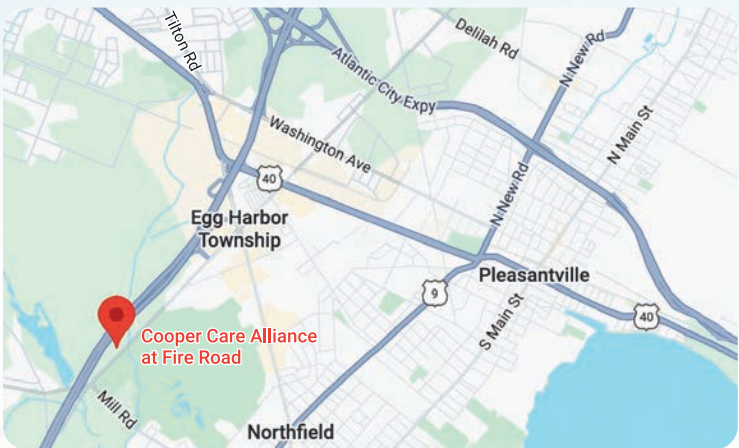


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Let’s Hear It for Our Girls! Female Entrepreneurs at the Brigantine Farmers Market

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“encourages other women to believe in themselves.”

Come see Ethel Mary Alekna, owner of Emma’s Jewelry, who began learning from her mother to bend wire into rosaries many years ago. Ethel made jewelry purely for fun until a friend from knitting club convinced her to start selling. Ethel makes bold, statement pieces as well as jewelry designed

for children, from semiprecious stones, acrylic, and island-inspired materials. At 72, Ethel still loves making jewelry, and she credits the strong women in her life with giving her the extra push to think big. Now she is teaching the next generation.

And then there’s Jillian Hunt of Let’s Get Bananas, whose frozen-banana treats started as a healthier spin

on ice cream and quickly became a market favorite. Sewing, baking, volunteering, and raising a family, Jillian’s mom inspired her strength and work ethic. Jillian now runs her business while working, train-

ing, and raising a family, including her 10-year-old daughter, Savi, who is already following in her mother’s footsteps by selling flowers and candles as a Young Entrepreneur! Different products, dif-

ferent paths, but the same ingredients for success: strong women, hard work, and the determination to follow their dreams. Stop by the Brigantine Farmers Market this month and support these female entrepreneurs!



Nine-year-old Rosalie McGill of Egg Harbor Township, granddaughter of Brigantine residents John and Linda Di Joseph, poses with some of her prizes and awards after an excellent showing at the Atlantic County 4-H Fair with her pony, Chevy.



Nine-year-old Rosalie McGill of Egg Harbor Township, granddaughter of Brigantine residents John and Linda Di Joseph, recently had a successful showing at the Atlantic County 4-H Fair with her pony, Chevy. Rosalie earned three second-place ribbons and three third-place ribbons in her riding competitions and was awarded Reserve Champion.

Brigantine athletes and Atlantic City athletes who live between the Expressway and Maine Avenue and are entering grades K–8 can still sign up for this football season at brigantinerams.net or stop by the field Tuesday–Friday, 6:30–8 p.m.



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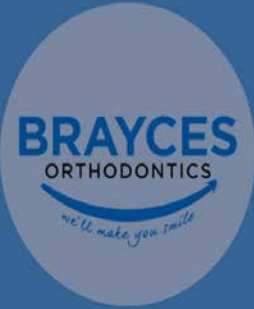
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“This Doesn’t Suck II” flies its patriotic colors and giant Bald Eagle during Brigantine’s 6th annual night in Venice boat parade on the Bay. This year’s theme was America 250, red, white, and blue. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

Then & Now: Generational Perspectives

Temple Beth Shalom Bingo

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for an exciting evening of music and fun. Seth Kibel is one of the Mid-Atlantic’s premier woodwind specialists, working with some of the best bands in klezmer, jazz, swing, and more.

Tuesday, August 25: TBS Presents the Comedy/Drama Film, Ethan Bloom Get ready to laugh! Join us for a fun comedy film and a great time together!

Thirteen-year-old Ethan is supposed to be preparing for his bar mitzvah — but despite his Jewish family, Ethan is convinced his spiritual calling is with the Catholic Church, where he

secretly finds solace under the guidance of Father Diaz (Carlos Ponce). Through the wisdom of an unconventional rabbi (Rachelle Lefevre), the love of his complicated father (Joshua Malina), and his first romance with a cowboy-boot-wearing girl who can put him in a headlock, Ethan must confront his lies and grief to discover that faith isn’t about choosing sides — it’s about honoring all the messy, beautiful pieces of who we are.

7 p.m. – \$10, includes light dinner. RSVP (609) 266-0403 ASAP.

BCAS Week 8 Recap

By Tiffany Maiorano

Rain, rain, go away! It was a rainy week in Brigantine, and because of that and poor field conditions, a handful of games were canceled. When the skies finally cleared, players wasted no time getting back to business, delivering strong performances

and keeping the summer baseball excitement alive. McSooy’s took the field against Netcon on Thursday and cruised to a 19-7, 10-run-rule victory. Both teams came out swinging, scoring runs in the first two (Continued on Page 46)

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Final Food Truck Festival August 14-16

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Goodbye.' Saturday will feature 'Sounds of the Island' at approximately 4:30 p.m., and local favorite 'The Odyssey' is performing afterward. Bring your appetites! Food

trucks include Bella Ciao Pizzeria, Dolato Express, Brotherly Love Cheese Steak Spring Rolls, Kona Ice, Holy Smoked Meats, Buzzetta's Festival Foods,

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**Brig Ink, a local writing group, will meet Saturday, August 15, at 1:30 p.m.
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Pictured with the cake that the veterans love are Elks Eric Anderson and John Johnson in the front and 2 veterans from Veterans Haven South. The Committee honors these veterans for their service.



The Elks provided 85 dinners to the homeless at Veterans Haven South on August 4. The Veterans could not wait to be served dinner. They also provided toiletries, clothing, gift cards, and snacks.

BCAS Week 8 Recap

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innings. Entering the third, McSooy’s quickly seized control of the game. Lawler continued his home run streak with another long ball, while Joey “Taco” Hartman added a homer of his own to provide early insurance. The offense stayed hot throughout the game, with Marchionda and Shipe each going 2-for-3 with two RBIs. Netcon battled until the end, but strong defense and a stellar performance on the mound from Sanchez helped McSooy’s secure the win.

A reminder that the BCAS annual Home Run Derby and All-Star Games will take place next Wednesday, August 19, at 5 p.m. The Home Run Derby will kick off the evening, followed by the Female All-Star Game and concluding with the Co-Ed All-Star Game. We look forward to seeing everyone there for an evening of fun, competition, and community.

MEGA News Week #16

By Joseph Mingoia

In ‘A-flight’, Matt Cusamano (40/33.3) wins the Low Net with an impressive performance. Cameron Sweeney (37/37) wins his third straight Low Gross, with yet another assault on par. Mike Lange Jr. (38/35.9) was 2nd Low Net.

As for skins, every hole was birdied except the 3rd and the 8th. Billy Ryan at the 2nd, James Wilkinson at the 4th, Cusamano at the 5th, TJ Granahan at the 6th and 7th, and Sweeney at the 9th won the skins. The cttp were Kevin A.

Curau (32’ 11”) at the 3rd and TJ Granahan (1’ 6”) at the 7th.

In ‘B-flight’, Mike Bartlett (38/30.8) was in total control as he coasted to Low Net and Low Gross victories. Jim McHugh (39/33.6) was 2LN.

As far as ‘B’ skins, there were only two birdies, and both were at the 6th hole, so Kevin M. Curau’s par at the 3rd hole wins the kitty.

Kevin M. Curau (26’ 6”) at the 3rd and Denis Whalen (10’ 10”) at the 7th win the greenies.

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In 'C-flight', KJ DiMuzio (43/33.1) played his best round of the year and easily won Low Gross; he parred the 9th and won LN by the tiniest margin over Steve Riccelli (48/33.3), who bogeyed the 9th.

Denver Lange started the skin game off with a great birdie at the 1st. Bob Fitzgerald's par at the 4th was good, as was Ken Biondi's birdie at the 5th and Mike Riordan's birdie at the 9th.

In 'Senior-A', there were many good scores, but Steve Frei (36/33) was the best. Steve continued his great season by winning both Lows. Sean Sharkey (37/34.6) was right there

but could only grab 2LN.

There were 4 birdie skins in 'A': Steve Hurtt at the 1st, Frei at the 3rd, Mario Gillio at the 5th, and Sharkey at the 6th.

Frei (13' 1") at the 3rd and Frank Casey (3' 5") at the 7th won the greenies.

In 'Senior-B', Kurt Schaetzle (43/33.8) pulled off the daily double, winning both Lows with his best showing this season. Bob Stoeckle (47/35) was 2LN.

We had 3 birdie skins in SB: Stoeckle at the 3rd, Schaetzle at the 5th, and Dave Carnell at the 7th.

Bob Stoeckle (25' 11") at the 3rd was the only cttp in SB.



This crazy storm rolled into Brigantine out of nowhere on Saturday afternoon, sending the crowds relaxing on the beach running for the hills before the storm descended. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



The Wiener Family, along with Post 6964 Officers and Vineland staff, grab a photo in front of the Mission BBQ delivery vehicle outside of the Vineland Veterans Home.

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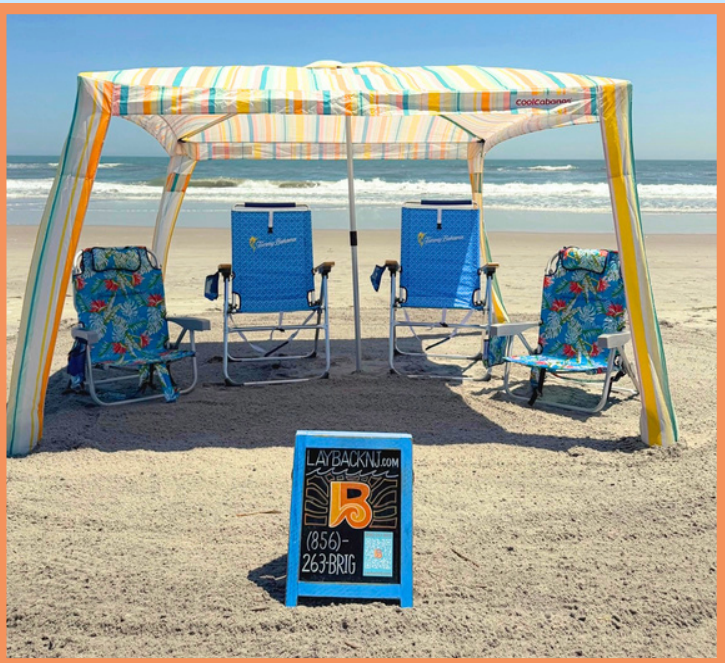


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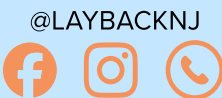
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Brigantine’s Finest: Deb Phillips

By Roseann Smith

Last Saturday, Deb Phillips successfully participated in her 39th consecutive Brigantine Triathlon. She is the only individual to have achieved this remarkable goal. Until the triathlon’s 20th year, three competitors completed the feat together each year. “It became like a little competition between the three of us, like who would be the last one standing,” says Phillips. Deb Phillips is the last woman standing, and quite proud of it!

In fact, if you’re wondering just how dedicated Deb Phillips is to Brigantine’s annual triathlon, here’s a true testimony: Phillips completed the entire triathlon solo during the two years of the pandemic when it was temporarily suspended. “One of the Brigantine lifeguards met me at the City Dock to verify and record my swim,” explains Phillips. “Then I got on my bike, and after that, I finished the run.”

You can say that Deb Phillips is a true Brigantine native. In 1946, right after

World War II, Phillips’ parents moved to Brigantine. When they settled here, only 800 residents were recorded as living on the barrier island. Now in her mid-seventies, Deb Phillips grew up in Brigantine when lots around the golf course sold for \$50 each. (Can you imagine?)

If you’re curious about how Deb Phillips prepares for a triathlon, the answer will surprise you. “I never train exactly for the annual triathlon,” states Phillips, “because for all these years I always have the three aspects of the triathlon in my weekly routine.” Phillips goes on to explain, “I swim five days a week at the Aquatic Center, and I ride my bike and run. Although these days, I jog and walk.”

Over the years, the Phillips family has not only supported Deb in her triathlon endeavor, but also joined in the triathlon themselves. “The most fun I ever had was when my oldest granddaughter completed the triathlon with me when she

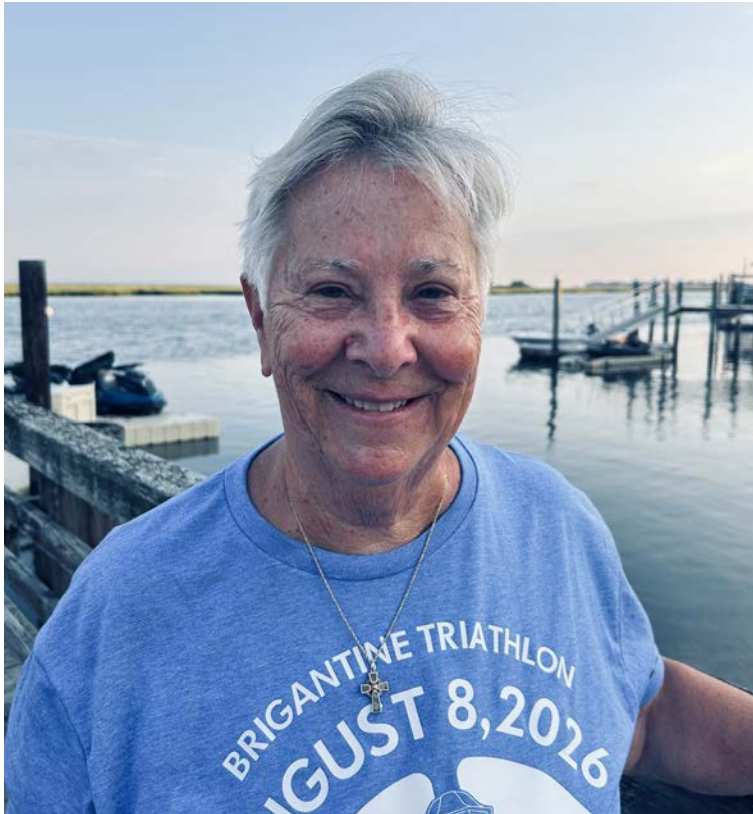
was just eleven years old.” One year, three generations of Phillips participated in the triathlon. “I have done the triathlon with all my children, and also with my brother and sisters.” For Phillips, having such fam-

ily support has made participating in the triathlon a labor of love all these years. For Deb Phillips, it’s not about finishing first or winning a medal for the best time. It’s about stamina and the ability to finish

the task. “I do it because now it has become a personal challenge; I want to know that I can still do it.”

As a retired teacher of 35 years, Deb Phillips holds

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Deb Phillips takes a moment to pose for a picture before the 39th annual Brigantine Triathlon.



Deb Phillips with her family in tow at one of the many triathlons she has proudly attended.

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one goal sacred: to complete Brigantine's 40th triathlon next year. "And then I think I'll be done;

forty sounds like a good, round number." Certainly, something to reach for! Through a little bit of grit,

incredibly hard work, the undying support of a loving family, and the ingredients that elude most of us —

long-term commitment and consistency — Deb Phillips has achieved a piece of greatness in our home-

town of Brigantine. Next time you're thinking of a goal you wish to achieve, remember Deb Phillips!

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mary, snip the green beans, and cut the potatoes. The Elks Veterans Service Committee made the fresh coleslaw and packed the paper

goods, beverages, and other accoutrements for the trip

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Dennis and Karen Cardillo celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with their children and grandchildren - the Cardillos, Cookers and Calamitos on the Islands of Maui and Kauai in Hawaii and brought along a copy of The Brigantine Times.



Mason Oliver (age 4) did a great job coloring in this adorable cat from last week's kids corner. Thanks to his grandmother, Susan, for helping him turn it in!

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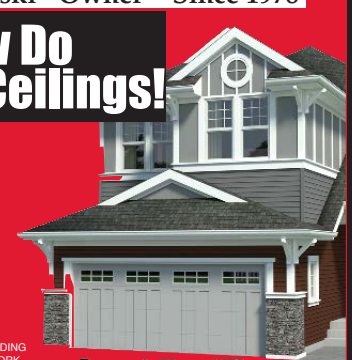
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Brigantine Elks Prepare Dinners

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to Veterans Haven South. Once they arrived at the Haven, the food was placed in the chow line to keep it warm. It did not rest for long, as the veterans arrived soon after, hungry for the food they so love, provided by the Elks. The Elks Lodge also brought along boxes of snacks and shampoo, lotions, shirts, and, by popular

request, comfortable chairs for the veterans to enjoy outside on their new covered patio, or in their rooms. Also provided were gift cards from Walmart. The veterans love these gift cards, as they are able to purchase the things they really need that are important to them. The Elks are grateful to the Elks National Foundation Grant Program for

providing the funds from grants to support this program for the homeless and for local veterans. Back at the Lodge, a large group of volunteers was packing food for our local veterans. They serve 18 veterans from Veterans Village and over 100 local veterans until the food runs out.

Brigantine Times



POETRY CORNER



POETRY PROMPT:

In honor of all the storms this week:
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oncoming storm

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In Loving Memory Of Cecilia Dunne



Cecilia Dunne, 84, of Brigantine passed away Thursday, August 6, 2026, with her family by her side, following an extended illness. Cecilia was born in Philadelphia, PA, to the late Thomas and Louise (Ranelli) DeCecco. Ceil was raised in Overbrook and, as a child, spent

her summers traveling to Brigantine, NJ, with her grandmother, parents, aunts, uncles, siblings, and treasured cousins. Later, she permanently moved to Brigantine, where she started her own family. She cherished many years of dinners at the family home, sitting around the table telling everyone's favorite stories of the "good old days," a tradition that continued in numerous large beach chair circles. She enjoyed playing bocce and attending country music line dancing classes at the Brigantine Community Center. She made wonderful friends whom she played cards with and invited to join her family for holi-

days. She was also a member of the Women's Group at St. Thomas Church. Ceil supported countless sports teams while watching her daughters in every athletic endeavor and rarely missed a women's college basketball game, especially whichever team her daughter Missy was coaching. Cecilia was the beloved wife of the late John Dunne. She is survived by her daughters, Samantha Dunne and Melissa Dunne (Kate Kunkle). Cecilia is also survived by her sister, Linda Sivieri (Nicholas), and her brothers, Nicholas (Kathleen) and Thomas DeCecco. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Life

Celebration gathering for Cecilia on Thursday, August 13, 2026, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Keates-Plum Funeral Home, 3112 West Brigantine Ave., Brigantine. A memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be private. The family kindly requests that in lieu of flowers, dona-

tions be sent to the South Jersey Cancer Fund, PO Box 1084, Brigantine, NJ 08203. To share your fondest memory of Cecilia, please visit www.keatesplum.com

Life

By Kelly Leyman

Life isn't either/or, it's both. You will struggle through life but that upward struggle will lead to happiness. Your eyes will overflow with tears but the memories will be your solace. Your heart will ache for a missing loved one but it will also be bursting with joy at the memories. Your arms may be empty sometimes but in a moment they will be filled with hugs from those you love. So you see, life isn't either/or, it's both. Enjoy.

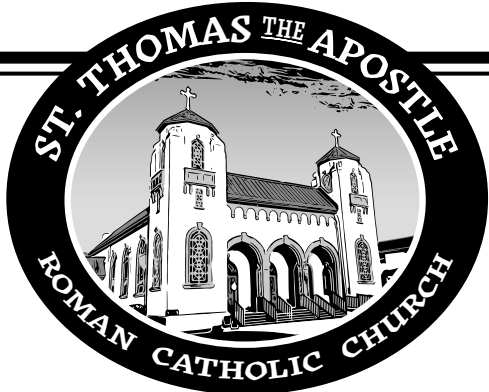


McKayla Touhill, co-editor of the Brigantine Times, meets local poet Kelly Leyman. You can read one of Kelly's poems this week in the poetry corner.

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Self Help

HERE LIES A HAPPY CAMPER! I don't plan to check out anytime soon, but if & when I do, I already know my epitaph - seriously - unless I decide to decompose naturally, which is now a thing, as it has been for millennia - by default - but now it's a legal & commercial "way to go" - I'd like my tombstone to say, Here Lies A Happy Camper.

I say this because I have arrived at a place in my Life, in my heart, soul & mind - in my experience & psychology where I automatically identify with & feel deeply grateful for, and profoundly touched by not only my heartfelt day to day existence - but by the whole shebang here on Planet Earth - especially my enjoyment of, and interaction with my brothers & sisters commonly known as - the Human Race. You folks are amazing!

Now being a happy camper is my thing - it's what I choose to be, and what I've become - because it makes everything I have to do in my Life, personally & professionally, a lot easier & far more enjoyable than it ordinarily would be. So I do write these articles, as mini-lessons & suggestions for those who would like to feel more deeply, the experience of being alive, with more enthusiasm, satisfaction & understanding going forward. Getting more in touch & in tune with your very best, most substantial self, is not rock-

et science by any means.

MY IDENTITY, MY MISSION! Because we are Human Beings we are highly sensitive to the conditioning & impressions that our early upbringing & family atmosphere have influenced us with, and now we are indeed, functioning at the level that these earliest influences have prescribed for us, even though we don't remember, or recall exactly what those impressions & influences were.

Fundamentally speaking, our Identity is the sum, or greater percentage of whatever we think about, within inside our "think tank", or workshop of the heart, soul & mind, on a moment to moment & day to day basis. We may profess to be one thing, or one kind of person on the surface - while internally we are thinking about & focusing upon a whole different set of ideas & distractions just below the surface - that only we are privy to.

If we're always thinking about money, sex, sports, food, fame, fortune, fashion, social status, or politics, internally, while trying to focus on our religion, our occupation, and our familial responsibilities externally - we are either out of touch with ourselves, or deceiving ourselves psychologically - and this unconsciousness, or lack of awareness can be the source of a lot of confusion, disappointment, anxiety & dissatisfaction in our Life. When

ALL SYSTEMS GO

By Stephen T. Weeks

our thoughts & feelings are random & scattered, we become random & scattered, and that's no way to Live.

THE REFLECTING POOL! Within Inside us, where we Live, where we think & feel, there is a Reflecting Pool, one where we can reminisce, recall & contemplate who we are, what we're up to, and what our ideas & motivations are, for the immediate & future plans we would like to accomplish.

We are all bouncing ideas, ideals, assumptions & concepts around, within inside the workshop of our heart, soul, and mind to a greater, or lesser degree, constantly, but now we want to begin to focus more precisely, and more specifically on this reflective process so we can achieve a greater percentage of successful outcomes & demonstrations of success, going forward.

To be truly successful & comfortable in our own skin, we must learn to be our own doctor, lawyer, architect, teacher, mentor, director & producer - accountant, psychologist, therapist, minister, manager, secretary, assistant & best friend - all rolled into one. We are, for all intents & purposes, the CEO & President of our own Foundation, and the more we take on these roles with sobriety, intelligence, fun-loving enthusiasm, creativity & clear minded attention to detail, the happier, and more successful

& comfortable we will be.

LIFE IS ITS OWN REWARD! If we can't be bothered to look into the Reflecting Pool, and just want to wander & wonder through this world, no one's going to stop us. Only we can decide, upon reflection, if what we're doing, what we believe in, and what we aspire to is actually working for us. This world in general, presents us with a lot of labels & menus, and these menus are colorful & complex, but do they deliver the goods?

If we went to a restaurant, read the menu, ordered our food, and then waited for hours before the waiter presented us with a check, would we still feel hungry, or would we convince ourselves that food must have been eaten according to the waiter, and the check.

So this silly example does perhaps, make one think, am I really getting full on all of the rhetoric, superstition & hearsay this world is cooking up, or do I decide to open my own restaurant, and satisfy my hunger with some home-cooked meals that I made with my very own hands? What's your idea about This Thing Called Life, Dear Reader - is it satisfying your hunger & quenching your thirst, or not? (Next Week, More Thoughts)

AFFIRMATIONS! (Mental & Emotional Exercise) Today I Focus On The Good, Focus On The Sweet, Focus On The Everyday Miracles That Simply Being



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Today I Use My Emotional Intelligence Walking Hand In Hand With My Intellectual Prowess, To Successfully Navigate The Highways & Byways Of This Thing Called Life, Here In This Modern World. Today I Understand The Difference Between My True Self, My Natural Self, My Personal, Organic Self And The Commercial Nature Of This Commercial Culture. Today I Embrace, Enjoy, And Consciously Accept These Beautiful Breaths Of Life, Coming To Me & Through Me 22,000 Times A Day, As I Learn To Relate To, And Identify With My Grass Roots Self, First & Foremost, Before I Identify With Anything Else In My Portfolio Of Life, Here On Planet Earth. AND So It Is! stpweeks@gmail.com

In Loving Memory Of Catherine Elizabeth "Liz" Cunningham



Catherine Elizabeth "Liz" Cunningham, 69 (née Pfuhl), of Stratford, CT, passed away on August 4, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of compassion, laughter, and unwavering devotion to those she cared for.

A proud Jersey girl at heart, Liz cherished her roots and especially treasured the lifelong friendships she made while growing up in

Brigantine. Whether she was spending a day at the beach, traveling to a new destination, or dancing along at a concert, she embraced life with enthusiasm and a joyful spirit. Above all, her greatest happiness came from time spent with her family, especially her three beloved grandsons, who brought endless pride and joy to her life.

Liz was a graduate of Holy Spirit High School in Absecon and Our Lady of Lourdes School of Nursing in Camden. Never one to stop learning, she returned to school mid-career to earn both her bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from Graceland University, demonstrating a determination and lifelong love of learning that inspired those around her.

Liz dedicated her professional life to caring for others as a labor and delivery nurse, helping countless families welcome new babies into the world. She worked at hospitals in New Jersey, Texas, and Connecticut, spending most of her career at Bridgeport Hospital. Liz's commitment to nursing extended beyond the bedside, as she also taught and mentored new nurses, helping shape the next generation of caregivers with the same knowledge, kindness, and professionalism that defined her own career.

Liz is survived by her devoted husband, Gerard "Jerry" Cunningham; her daughter, Kate Rutledge (Mark); her son, Thomas

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Thomas Reilly, our neighbor and centenarian, will celebrate his 101st Birthday This Christmas 2026. Seen here with his great-grandchildren Penelope & William Francos, He Has Been A Brigantiner since 1964. Congratulations, Mr. Reilly. You Are A Beautiful Soul Indeed.



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In Loving Memory Of Catherine Elizabeth “Liz” Cunningham

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Cunningham (Brittany); her cherished grandsons, Connor, Jackson, and Solomon; her sister, Samee; her brother, John; and many beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends whose lives were enriched by her kindness and generosity. Her loved ones will forever miss her quick wit, infectious laugh, candid advice, and adventurous spirit. Though her absence leaves an immeasurable void, the stories she created, the lives

she touched, and the love she shared will continue to inspire all who knew her. Friends may greet the family on August 13, 2026, at 10 a.m. at St. Thomas Church, 331 8th Street South in Brigantine. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow immediately at 11 a.m. A memorial service for nursing colleagues and friends will be held in Stratford, CT, at a future date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Family services by Keates-Plum Funeral Home, Brigantine.

News from St. Thomas

Chicken Barbecue
Our annual chicken barbecue takes place rain or shine, next Friday, August 21st, starting at 5 p.m., in the church parking lot. Admission is free, and hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages, and homemade desserts can be purchased à la carte. Eat in or take out; chicken platters consisting of half a chicken, corn on the cob, and potato salad cost \$25 and can be purchased in advance at the Parish Office and after weekend Masses. There will be basket raffles and free kids’ activities, including face painting. Mark this special summer event on your calendar!

50/50 Raffle, a Shore Thing
Our annual 50/50 raffle tickets are available for purchase during office hours for \$20 per ticket. There will be 10 prizes, each 5% of total ticket sales. An additional prize drawing for a \$200 gift certificate to Dock’s Oyster House will be held for anybody purchasing three tickets at the same time. Our prize pool is currently close to \$14,000 and growing daily. The drawing will take place at the barbecue on Friday, August 21st. The winner need not be present to win.

BWGA News

This week’s game was “Best Ball and Best Putt”. This game is played as a foursome selected by the board. Everyone is to play your ball through the hole, counting every stroke and putts. You will count one best net score and one best putt of the foursome on each hole. Total them together for the team score! Winners this week were:

1st Place - team of Josslyn Sharkey, Marianne Storr, Kathy Crits-Christoph and Anne Lynn with a total score of 40!

2nd Place - team of Renee Francisco, Karen Richards, Debra Pritchard

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How does much does putter face angle at impact affect start line?

Let’s face it...putting is the name of the game in competitive golf. All the guys on the PGA Tour are exceptional ball strikers. What separates the winners each week is who is making the putts.

The three main factors in putting are reading the green correctly, the ability to hit the start line you selected, and speed control of the putt. On putts outside of ten feet, speed is the most important to focus on. You always want to give yourself a chance to make your initial putt, but insuring you leave yourself a makeable second putt is critical to avoiding three-putts, and essentially lowering your score.

How about the putts from five and ten feet though? From this distance I would argue that hitting your intended start line is the key to making putts from this distance. Keeping the putter face square to your starting line is essential, as the following figures will show. On a straight 5-foot putt, a putter face that is roughly 1.9 to 2 degrees off from square at impact will cause the ball to miss the center and entirely clear the edge of a standard 4.25-inch golf hole.

The Math and Breakdown

1 Degree Off: At 5 feet (60 inches), a 1-degree error pushes the ball offline by about 1 inch. Because a golf hole is 2.125 inches in radius from the center, a 1-inch deviation still catches the cup or lips out.

2 Degrees Off: A 2-degree deviation pushes the ball offline by roughly 2.1 inches, meaning it completely misses the edge of the hole (assuming dead-center hit and standard pace).

Tour Standard: Professional golfers typically control their face angle to within 0.5 degrees or less at impact.

A putter face that is 1 degree off square at impact will cause a ball to miss a straight 10-foot putt. Because the error scales linearly with distance, a 1-degree deviation pushes the ball about 2.1 inches offline at 10 feet, which matches the 4.25-inch total width (or 2.125-inch radius) of a standard golf hole.

Why Face Angle Matters

Face vs. Path: Research shows that 90% to 92% of a ball’s initial starting direction is determined by the face angle at impact, while the swing path accounts for the remaining fraction.

5-Foot vs 10-Foot Margins: From 5 feet, you can get away with up to a 2-degree face error before missing the hole. Double that distance to 10 feet, and your margin for error shrinks to just 1 degree.

Pace (Speed): Firmer putts “shrink” the size of the hole because the ball doesn’t drop into the cup’s edges as easily, making even a 1.5-degree error a guaranteed miss. Slower, dying-speed putts can grab the edge of the cup at slightly wider deviations.

The key is to have control of the face with a proper grip, and to limit the amount of face rotation based on your individual preferences and putting style. Different style putters will promote or limit face rotation, and you should experiment or get properly fit into a putter to match your stroke.

For help with your putting, or any other part of your game, visit your local PGA Professional.

- Dean Halterman, PGA Head Golf Professional - Brigantine Golf Links

St. Thomas welcomes new Pastor Fr. Ed Namiotka, who served at Sunday’s Mass, assisted by Deacon Len Long and Altar Servers Owen Kennedy, Nora Kennedy, Nel Kennedy, Daniel Sanchez-Soto, and Genesis Ceron.

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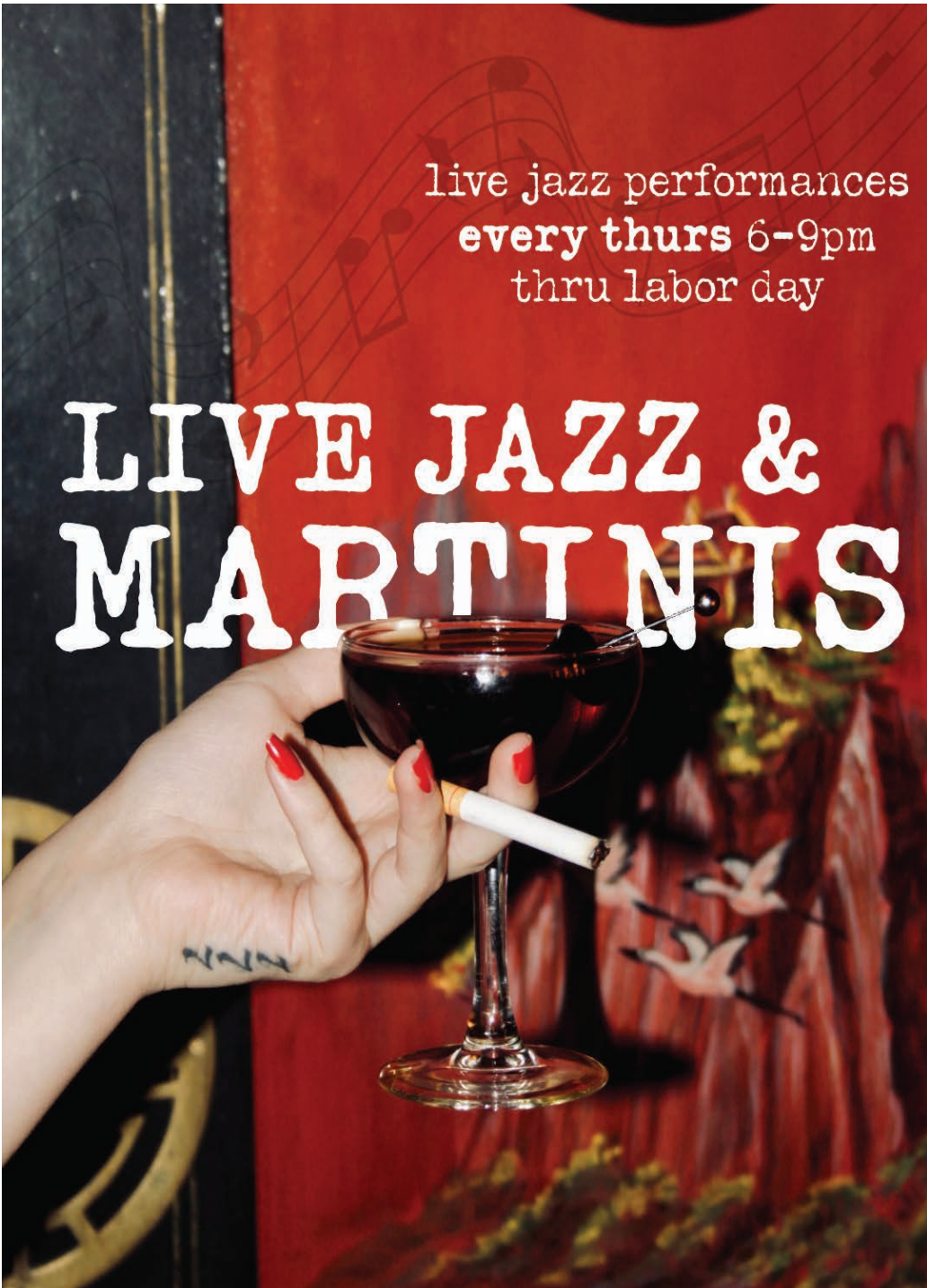
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VFW News

Your local VFW Post 6964 was proud to participate in a recognition ceremony for Norman Wiener and his family at the Vineland Veterans Home. See the article in this week's edition of the Times for the full details. Looking ahead, the Post intends to celebrate summer and continue to get the most out of the summer time left. We'll begin playing cornhole in our newly renovated outdoor area Sunday, August 23. Great fun, camaraderie, and drink specials await you. On Saturday, August 29, the Post will host our annual End of Summer BBQ. While we in no way want summer to end, we do want to celebrate summer in Brigantine. Join us for great music from Stage Left Duo and a great buffet, featuring steamed clams, sweet chili wings, corn on the cob, BBQ pork skewers, and much more! This is a don't-miss event! Our weekly lineup includes: This Friday (Aug. 14),

we welcome the return of Jay Gentile for our entertainment. Plan on dinner and fantastic entertainment! 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. The kitchen is open Tuesday through Saturday. Friday night is a more formal menu with salad, entrée, and dessert. Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday menus highlight sandwiches and pub fare. Members can join us for delicious meals any day of the week! Canteen hours are Monday to Thursday, 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Join us Friday and Saturday, noon to 11 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 10 p.m. VFW6964.org; VFW Memorial Post 6964 Facebook page. Veterans Crisis Hotline is "988" — press 1.

BWGA News

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and Lori Herndon. 3rd Place - team of Deb Beirne, Lida Rosle, Patricia Lipperini and Libby Canavan. Contest Hole winner was: Straightest Drive #5 - Anita Laielli. We had 5 birdies this week:

Lisa Dove #5, Josslyn Sharkey #9, Renee Francisco #5, Betsy Dougherty #5 and Christy Henley #3. Congratulations to all of this week's winners!

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