

The Dog Days of Summer

A SUMMER IN PHOTOS

“Scratch a dog and you’ll find a PERMANENT JOB.” ~FRANKLIN P. JONES

The much-anticipated dog days of summer began, fittingly, with a red, white, and blue bang, commemorating the fourth of July and the start of the award-winning Fireworks on the Beach. A glimmering collection of color ignited the dazzling summer sky every Friday night while Kite Festivals soared higher than Concerts Under the Stars. Music filled the sea-sweetened air all summer long, parades abounded, and picturesque scenery could be found on every corner.

Farther down the sandy path, a Barbeque Champion found a prime spot at the Anglesea Blues Festival while Beach Concerts and Boardwalk Craft Shows blended as effortlessly as sun and surf, providing alternative entertainment during those blistering, blissful days.

As summer slowly leaves our seaside canvas, we fondly recall all of the colorful events that took place While You Were Here...



The Boogie Board Races Take Off

The boys were back for the annual North Wildwood Boogie Board Races held on July 10th. It was hardly a “dog-eat-dog” competition for the Rosenello boys and the Rullo twins who joined in on the child-friendly fun.



North Wildwood Mayor Bill Henfey said, “Our City loves its parades so much, that on the Fourth of July, we had two!” There were kids on bikes as well as patriotic pooches, all decked out in red, white, and blue. 1st Place winners in Bike Parade: David, Sophia and Monica Cross of Anglesea



1st Place Winner: Rock Lobster, Mardi-Chen, Skye, & Caesar, owners The McCloskys
1st Place Winner: (no photo) Mr. Cupcake as Rocky with his entourage, owner Jeff Buscham



2nd Place Winner: Lu-Lu as Betsy Ross, owner Eva Middleton



3rd Place Winner: Buddy & Axel, Yachting in the Wildwoods, owners Janette & Joe Chelowski

July Packs the Parades

The July sun glowed over two very unique parades in North Wildwood on July 4th. The Independence Day Parade, supporting a “Best Red, White, and Blue Theme,” showcased kids riding decorated bikes, strollers, and wagons.

Meanwhile, every dog had its day at the annual Pooch Parade. One hundred and forty seven dogs competed for the Most Original Patriotic Decorated Pooches (in the first Pooch Parade, only 19 dogs were registered). Two of man’s best friend tied for first prize in the fierce competition, receiving the “Gorbi Cup.”

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“My goal in life is to be as good of a person *my dog* already THINKS I am.”



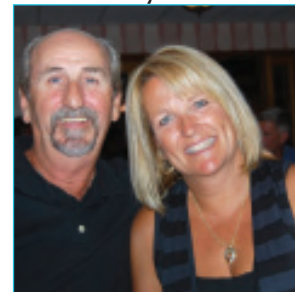
The Holland Family dining at Alfe’s~ Amanda, Karen, Jack, Nick, Jack & Kevin



Joe DeMuro the bartender at ALFE’s for 15 years



The James Family dined at Alfe’s to celebrate Alex’s 15th birthday~ Angela, Alex, Ann & Bill, Philip & Steve and Rose Alfe herself!



Bob Duckenfield (Cape Classic Motorcycle Club) & Karen Sowers were guests at Alana Kutepow’s birthday party.



July 23, 2010 ~ The Kutepow Family met at ALFE’S to celebrate their mother’s birthday. Above is Alana with her 3 sons, (L-R) Michael, Eric & Adam, her daughter-in-law Linda and her granddaughter Amelia.



Amelia with her grandparents Karen & Jim McDevitt



Gary & Julie Osmundsen with their children Emma Faith & Joel. Gary is working on his PhD at the University of Oklahoma.



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A Baby Shower for Lauren & Billy

Future Lifeguard~ A baby shower was held on July 17th for expectant parents Bill and Lauren Auty (their soon-to-be-beach-loving baby boy is due in September). Adding a Wildwood "touch" to the occasion, the baby Birdwells were purchased at Kona and the official NWBP baby bunting was designed at Sandpiper embroidery in the Crest.



The Mother-to-be with friends Amanda(L) & MaryEllen(R) Curley



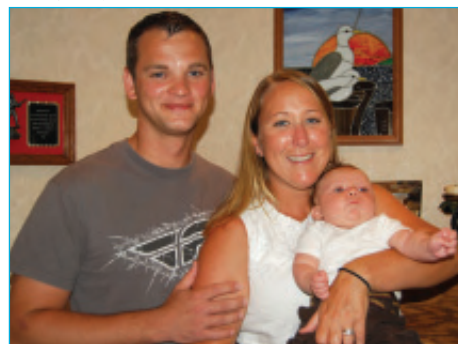
Lauren's mother & sister, Joan & Katlyn Zumpino



Bill's mom & dad, Bill & Barbara Auty



Lauren & Bill Auty's story began, naturally, on North Wildwood's beach when Lauren "Met her True Love" while shelling when Bill was on lifeguard duty. Being true beach lovers, the excited parents can't wait to take their new son to the beach and are happily making preparations. They already have all of the baby's beach needs ready to go for the summer of 2011!



Cody, Bridget (Auty) & Baby Benji Shidler



Photo by Megan Rogers

June 19, Rambler Rd. Beach, Wildwood Crest ~ Grace Rogers with her friends & family at the annual Life Rolls On Event. For more info or to volunteer, go to: www.liferollson.org



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Working like a Dog...



Connor Gross didn't know he had to learn to flap his wings when he was asked to work at his Aunt & Uncle's Key West Cafe this summer!



Alexandra Calvo of Westchester U. and Key West Cafe, is a die hard SUN by-the-sea Fan. (Our fans are the BEST!)



3Js~ Tharidha from Thailand



Lisa Salasin LOVED her summer job at Aquabeach Internet cafe



North Wildwood beach sweep crew~ Joe Carr, Tom Burke, Bob Shearer, Kinley Felme, John Ferentz, & Gene Suplick



The Staff of the North Wildwood Rec are dog-tired after working their tails to the bone this summer! Bryan, Mark, Chuck, Jenna, Nick, Jen, Buddy, Lindsay, Tom, Brooke, Kate, Bridget, Chrissy, Rick, Liz, Ann.



Rocky & Sam, the 'top dogs' of FAMS Moving Crew



Boardwalk Special Improvement Crew (L-R) Bill, sorry we didn't get his name, he was in a hurry to get back to work, & Cappy

photo by Sharon Miller, Beach & Boardwalk Correspondent for The SUN

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Lifeguard Bike Tour... on Tap & ready To Bowl & roll!

July 18th, A Striking Group... Local Lifeguards gathered at 3J's Bowling Alley before heading out on their Annual Summer Bike Bar Tour.



WWCBP~ JZ, Dudeman, ZB, Axel Duppel WWBP~ Alex Bause, Jordan Villare, Biles, John Holmes



WWCBP~ Terry McGovern, Stephen Zamulinsky, DJ Penny & John Way



Diamond Beach guard~ Stump, with 3Js Larry Hippen



Stone Harbor guards ~ TOP DOG Bowling Winners 2010



Axel Duppel 'strikes' a pose



Jennelle Hippen at 3J's Bar



July 15th, North Wildwood. A Beautiful Summer Addition~ Middle Township High School graduate of 2010 Hannah DiBruno, 18, was crowned Miss North Wildwood on July 15th at the Lou Boothe Amphitheater. She will be heading to Rutgers University in the fall where she will major in French. Following a visit to France on a class trip, it became her dream to one day live and work in Paris. As a former lead in a high school play, Miss DiBruno knows how to take center stage and proudly represent North Wildwood during her tenure.

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Gary Ross, Tony Santora (the official 24th St. Market dogsitter), Albert Butler with Leo the Chow Chow. While Gary shops at 24th St. Market, he is thankful that Tony is usually around to dogsit Leo. Leo is short for Leon which is Noel spelled backwards since he was a Christmas gift for Gary's wife 4 years ago. You can meet Leo on the seawall taking his daily walk (the North Wildwood Seawall is almost 2 miles from one end to the other, and back again makes it 4.) Another tidbit of information is that Gary & Albert are semi-retired Boardwalk business owners.



Inside the new Adventure Maze & Palace of Sweets is Mikki McMonagle & Alyssa Coolen sitting in a perfect spot for a fun photo.



Photo by Megan Rogers

Hanging out on their handmade Beach Sofa are Avery Tomlinson, Madison Hamlin, James Bradley, & Lauren Holey, Anthony Chiolo, Colin Hamlin, Michael Chiolo, Katelyn Holey and Olfa Ferria

July 24th-25th, the 72nd Annual Greater Wildwood Yacht Club Regatta



Photo by Megan Rogers

Bj, Bill, (Santa) Brittany & Brook Burns at the Greater Wildwood Yacht Club celebrating Christmas in July



Photo by Megan Rogers

(Above) Tyler Johnson sailing Opti in the 2010 GWYC Summer Regatta. Kyle Killen and Jackson Rogers were neck & neck. Kyle took 3rd & Jackson took 2nd. Nice Job Boys!



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A Closer Walk



Art Schard & his great-grandson **Dutch** enjoy a lovely summer morning bicycle ride together.



Angelique Richardson of Wildwood dressed up for the Annual Baby Parade

According to a wise, old English proverb, "All good things must come to an end." As the dog days of summer leave their indelible print on each shore-loving heart, wise Wildwood lovers know the fun never truly ends here. Beyond the summer horizon, a never-ending medley of free, fall events is waiting, as Irish and Italians (and everyone else) celebrate festivals and Fabulous 50s, seaside days and starry nights. While The New Jersey Light House Challenge(s) attendees of the Fall Beach Jam to find a better place to spend this season of harvest (and Halloween), we here at the SUN wish you the happy challenge of warm Wildwood days and cool coastal nights!

~by Meg Corcoran/
Dorothy Kulisek



Summer Fitness Fun The fitness-minded among us perfected their downward dog at Bobi Watson's Yoga on Sunset Lake in Wildwood Crest every Tuesday and Thursday while exercise classes at the Lou Boothe Amphitheater at 2nd and the beach in North Wildwood provided a healthy alternative for beach lovers and boardwalk strollers alike.



In summer days gone by, exercise classes in Wildwood often attracted 100s of people. Clearly, Wildwood workouts have withstood the test of time! Zumba on the beach, Yoga on the Fishing Pier & Aerobics at the Gazebo are a few of the summer classes held every year on the island.

(PHOTO COURTESY OF WILDWOOD HISTORIC MUSEUM)



Music by-the-sea The Borough of Wildwood Crest showcased its newly constructed entertainment pavilion at Centennial Park for the first time as it hosted three free concerts over Fourth of July weekend. In photo above, The B Street Band, a popular long-running Bruce Springsteen tribute band, plays to a large crowd at Centennial Park on Friday evening. 2U, a U2 tribute band, and Bandstand, a dance/party band, also performed on Saturday and Sunday, respectively. More free concerts were held at Centennial Park each Wednesday and Saturday evening throughout the summer.



July 15th-17th, at Morey's Piers ~ Excitement and enthusiasm radiated from the beach as youth groups unpacked and took shelter in what became a tent city at the sea for the 9th annual "Closer Walk" event along the Wildwood beach, drawing thousands of Christian youth from the tri-state area for a long weekend of fellowship, rekindling, camping on the shore and growing closer in relationship with God. From Thursday to Saturday, the beaches at Morey's Piers became a Tent City with thousands of youth groups taking refuge in God while enjoying the shore and amusements.

Joel Johnson, co-host of "Acquire the Fire" youth conference guest spoke about how God can take people through the hardest times in life and turn them around for good. The message came from personal experience, Johnson having faced an alcoholic stepfather, abuse and obesity, and persevered by the power and grace of God. Most participants found the sessions exceptionally powerful. Christian bands Building 429 and Pocket Full of Rocks performed worship music.

Ocean baptisms on Friday morning were the pinnacle of the event, where participants declared their decisions to follow Christ in such a memorably landmarked setting and receiving a certificate of commemoration. The weekend resulted in changed lives with hearts touched and transformed through God's sacrificial love.

A Closer Walk Christian Youth Event was the perfect combination of camping, worship, friendship and amusements to the Jersey Shore under the direction of CEO, Will Morey. Some groups have attended the event every year since its start in 2001.

"We provide youth pastors with a unique, relaxed format to reach out to their youth as they guide them in their spiritual journey with Christ. We see teens, youth leaders and parents receive a positive life changing experience," says Merideth Fiorucci, Director of Group Services. Friday's baptisms proved her point and spoke for themselves.

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by Josh Kinney

21 Down



Bill Auty, NWBP
& a special friend



July 23rd, North Wildwood Beach~ The NWBP hosted their 2nd Annual Beach Day benefiting **21 Down**, an organization supporting families with developmental disabilities, particularly Down syndrome awareness.

The event started last year with 5 families and grew to an estimated 15 this year. The NWBP provides for a fun day of swimming, activities and games that is not only centered on fun, but also incorporates educational purposes like life guard and ocean safety, marine life, and what to do if you get lost on the beach. Participating families spent the day connecting with each other over shared experiences. Having non-disabled children come to the Beach Day helped bridged the gap and join together the two for a relaxed day and memorable experience.

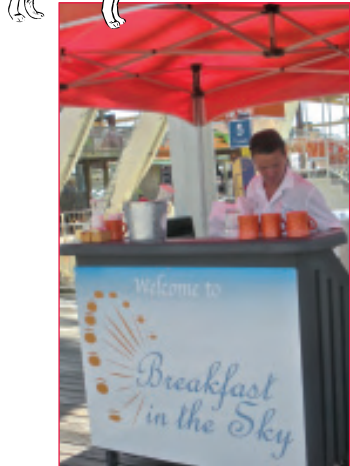
21 Down strives to integrate children and families with special needs inside the community. They want to create memories through outings such as dances, trips, activities and other monthly events. The NWBP help create those memories at the shore, turning what would be a typical family beach day into a grand occasion for families to get together, support, encourage, and network.

"We want the kids to get in the water and have fun," said Bill Auty, a beach patrol medic and patrol lieutenant in North Wildwood. He and his wife Lauren organize and run the six hour event. 21 Down and the beach patrol plan to host the beach day again next year and for many years to come, so there's plenty of time to get involved.

21 Down's only FUNdraiser (emphasis on the "fun") is the Buddy Walk on Sunday, September 26th in Ocean City. If you're interested in sponsoring, participating, or just want more information please email infor@21down.org

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Will Rowe from Kentucky, made his 1st Wildwood experience a memorable one with Breakfast in the Sky. Anyone can call to reserve a spot on the Giant Wheel to be whisked away on a breakfast experience unlike any other, 160 feet above sea level. Advanced Reservation Required: Call (609) 846-1624 to reserve your table.

Breakfast in the Sky

It's the highest breakfast in South Jersey (unless you're in an airplane). **July 23rd Morey's Piers introduced their latest ingenious initiative, Breakfast in the Sky aboard the famous Wildwood Ferris wheel.** For the first time guests enjoyed the spectacular sunrise view 160 feet above the beach while indulging in Executive Chef Walter Jurusz's handpicked culinary meals such as scrambled eggs with salmon and shrimp and lobster omelets.

With a fresh dawn ocean breeze whisking through the cars, the mighty Atlantic coastline can be seen stretching the entire island to Cape May. This isn't just breakfast on a Ferris wheel; it's a high class restaurant with fine heavy china standing firmly against the wind, white linen tablecloths, and an incomparable view where guests are

eloquently catered to be wheel-side servers. Will Rowe, 21, a visitor from Lexington, Kentucky, enjoyed his first morning in the state of New Jersey aboard the giant ferris wheel, checking out from above, the island that became his vacation playground for the week and where he wishes to move someday.

Jack Morey and his creative team at the Piers have transformed the Ferris Wheel this summer that isn't just juice and a bagel but rather fine dining and top notch service. Many keep asking why the great idea wasn't thought of earlier. Will Morey said, "We want our guests to leave saying 'wow, what an awesome ride... and darn those eggs were great too!' If anyone was looking to take their lover out on a creative date that was far above the rest, Breakfast in the Sky was this summer's chance.



Beach LaX

July 17th Morey's Piers Beach Lacrosse~ The sand was swarming with energy and competition as the first beach lacrosse tournament was played in the U.S. bringing a new sporting crowd to Wildwood as competitors from regional schools versed each other in Morey's Piers Beach Lacrosse and Soccer matches during the week-end of July 17-18. The sunny weather and ocean breeze was ideal for the beach sport and boardwalk amusements. Games were played five against five, four field players and a goalie with two 18-minute halves and four-minute breaks. Wildwood's beaches allowed the perfect amount of vast open space for the games, the fields being 30 by 40 yards. Teams traveled from all over the regional northeast to participate in the tournament and enjoy all that is the Wildwoods in the summertime. The beach between the piers teemed with vigorous players while spectators on the boardwalk rested and watched from the Douglas Fudge Pavilion.

Merideth Fiorucci, Director of Group Services at Morey's Piers said, "Our team traveled to the Netherlands to research the only known instance of organized beach lacrosse because we wanted to bring this sport to the Wildwoods' beaches. As far as we know, it is the first tournament of its kind in the U.S. We're bringing one of the fastest growing youth sports and a new audience to the Wildwoods."

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Ghost Ship



After a WWII experiment in the Philadelphia shipyard led to the vanishing of a warship, summer of 2010 brought about its reappearance on the Wildwood Boardwalk. The Ghost Ship, known as the Ignis Fatuus made its Memorial Day unveiling as the latest creative attraction on Morey's Piers. Around 12 mutated actors staff the three story, 11,020 foot long walk-through ship, lurking through murky corridors and chilling passageways leading to various quarters and ship's deck. Surely it was the talk of the boardwalk, leaving thrilled, spooked, and excited guests.

The legend behind the Ghost Ship makes the ride unlike any in South Jersey, based on the Philadelphia Experiment, prompting the interest of its visitors and keeping the North Atlantic Paranormal Society (NAPS) busy. An effort such as this has not been conducted in over 33 years because of the enormous tasks necessary to pull it off, but the Morey's commitment to fun has led to this summer's "discovery" of The Ghost Ship.

"Hot Dog!"

For me, the summer of 2010 took an unexpected turn. I remember sitting alone one morning during the last week of my junior year of college, thinking how I wanted this summer to be epic and memorable, one that would stand out, different and better than all the rest. As a journalism and creative writing major I struggled to find my place in the field, and just when I was discouraged the most, I finally discovered an outlet for my passion. Sun-by-the-Sea gave me a wonderful opportunity to write, cover stories, and make some amazing new friends.

When I think of the past summer, it's cruising the Parkway with the sun shining, windows down and music blasting. It's late night crabbing on the bay and beaching from 3 to 8 pm, hammered by waves on the boogie board and reading good books with sand in the creases. It's that same awesome Friday night playlist on the boardwalk just before and during the fireworks, going from a Black Eyed Peas song to The Beach Boys. I think of lounging on the porch late at night and early in the morning, walking the wall in North Wildwood as the sun disappears to the west, late night homemade seafood dinners, and savoring Scoops ice cream with Jimmies, not sprinkles. My college friends from Kentucky and Indiana came to visit the Wildwoods and fell in love with the island, never wanting to leave; not knowing such an ideal, fun place existed. So, things turned out much better than I had anticipated. But what real lasting value is ever what we plan or expect?

Joshua Kinney is entering his senior year at Asbury University in Kentucky where he will graduate with 2 Bachelor's degrees; one in Journalism with an emphasis on magazine/newspaper publishing and literary journalism, and the other in Creative Writing. We hope to welcome Josh back with The Sun for the Dog Days of Summer 2011. Best wishes for a great school year Josh!



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The HOT DOG CREW & NWBP: Maureen and Kevin Tinneny/ Paula, Pat and Michael Raila/ Gina, David and Lisa Prickril, Vince Piccirelli, Chief Tony Cavalier, Lt. John O'Brien (not in order)



Lifeguard Hot Dog Run

by Kevin Tinneny

This year the annual NWBP Hot Dog Run was held on Saturday, August 21. It's our way of saying a great big THANK YOU to the North Wildwood Beach Patrol! ~ The Hot Dog Run began back in 1990 when my nephew, Michael Tinneny, was a lifeguard for the Wildwood Beach Patrol. I wanted to do something to give back to those who kept the vacationers and the beaches safe on a daily basis all summer long. My family and I always made sure we brought Michael something to eat when we went to his beach, so I thought that bringing lunch to the guards would be a great idea, and that was the birth of the Lifeguard Run! We bought enough hot dogs & buns (130) so that each would have 2, with their choice of mustard, ketchup, sauerkraut or any combination. They also received a soda and a snack. The dogs were cooked at my house by my sister-in-law, and then placed in coolers; the soda was iced and also placed in coolers. The sauerkraut was heated and put into smaller coolers. This was an all morning endeavor! Finally, all was transported to the NW Beach Patrol headquarters at 15th St. where we were then driven from stand to stand to deliver the food. This continued for the 3 years Michael was a lifeguard.

Several years later in 1999, my daughter, Gina Tinneny, became a lifeguard for the North Wildwood Beach Patrol, a job she held for 6 years. The Hot Dog Run was reborn at that time and continues now, even though Gina is no longer a guard. Each year Chief Tony Cavalier checks the tide table (we need low tide for the jeep) and gives me several dates to choose from. He has someone drive us in one of the jeeps along the water's edge. My brother-in-law, nephew, nieces, in fact, anyone who is available, helps out. I have to say that the constants were my sister-in-law, Paula Raila, her husband, Pat Raila, and my wife, Maureen. My other sister-in-law, Gina Prickril, has also contributed with snacks and soda. I call Pat the "runner" because he runs down to the stand to get the order, then runs back to the jeep and tells someone there to make the dog, then he and someone, usually my nephew Michael Raila, run the food, soda, and snack down to the guards. We ride from 26th Avenue up to the Inlet. Each year we are amazed at how excited the guards are—as though they are getting surf and turf!!!

I'd also like to thank Joe & Nancy Rullo of Shoobies Good Eats for their help & support of this great event.



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Steve Murray with his newly published book "Guardians of the Hereford Inlet"



Anita Hirsch and husband Sy with their newly published book "Wildwood by-the-sea Nostalgia & Recipes"



Richard Dietz, read what happened on his 'day trip' on Page 20-21



Margaret 'Jingles' Bell & 'Friend' Joe Loehman

My little dog - a
Heartbeat at my FEET.
~EDITH WHARTON



NWBP Tom Holden speaks to children about the importance of safety in and on the water. Kyle Ward(L) & Travis O'Dell were 'all ears'.



Nonogenarian friends, Jane Collier Von Savage, Tony & Phyllis Catanoso & Mildred Timmons. Steve Murray dedicated his book to former North Wildwood Mayor Anthony Catanoso & his wife Phyllis for having the vision and passion to launch a 20 year crusade to successfully save the Hereford Inlet Lighthouse.



Kathy Mills, Samantha Johanna Robins (named after her Grandfather who is on the Board of Directors of the Hereford Inlet Lighthouse, Samuel Joseph Black), & Diane McGuire

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BUILT 1874
watercolor by Dorothy Kulisek

Hereford Inlet Lighthouse Maritime Festival

by Steve Murray



July 17th & 18th, everyone was invited to come "Celebrate the sea in Anglesea" at Hereford Lighthouse. The historic landmark held its first maritime theme festival on that steamy weekend and despite the hot weather it was a great time and huge success. The idea for this came from our good friend Les Kammerman of Resorts Graphics Inc. and husband of renowned lighthouse artist Donna Elias. This maritime theme was perfect for us and all of our special guests had some association with the sea or seashore. Donna Elias, of course, brought a very large showing of her art work. Donna just recently celebrated the 20th anniversary of her "Great American Lighthouse" series with a long national tour. Donna and Les have long promoted lighthouse preservation and have been especially supportive of Hereford. Other artists included award winning photographer Skip Willits, artist Raymond Schorle with his breathtaking seascape and nautical theme prints, nationally known bird and decoy carver Anthony Hillman had a wonderful display of his unique work, finished and unfinished. This is an art form that may be lost to the future although Anthony has written over 30 "how to" books on the subject. We also had some authors. David Veasey was on hand to sign his books "Guarding New Jersey's Shore" and "Ten Crucial Days". Local writer and "Sun" contributor, Anita Hirsch, was there with her wonderful new book "Wildwood by the Sea - Nostalgia and Recipes". Children's book author Steven Winklestein sold and signed his "The Diving Horse and the Magic Whistle" as well as another about Margate "Lucy the Elephant." "Himself" was there with my just published "Guardians of the Hereford Inlet". This is the first written history of the Hereford Lighthouse, the Anglesea Life Saving Station and Hereford's U.S. Coast Guard Life Boat Station. This book is available at the Lighthouse gift shop as are most of the works of the authors and artists listed above. Special exhibits by non-profit organizations included Brigantines Marine Mammal Stranding Center, The Mid Atlantic Center for the Arts (MAC), the N.J. Lighthouse Society, the Delaware Bay Lighthouse Keepers and Friends Assoc., The Delaware Bay Discovery Project and The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary (Wildwood). Local mari-

ners were here as well. Retired commercial fisherman Ken Shivers had photo books and great stories of his family's long seafaring history in Anglesea. Photographer and historian Richard Dietz talked to visitors and shared his rare vintage photos spanning over 100 years of Wildwoods history. U.S.C.G. Chief Petty Officer (retired) Dave Howell had a display which included his family's incredible combined 250 years of Coast Guard history. Former Coast Guard and retired sightseeing boat Capt. Ron Sinn set up a wonderful presentation about the wreck of the General Slocum. This steam ship caught fire and sank in New York's East River in 1904. 1,021 people died in this great but avoidable tragedy. There were 2 vessels on display in the parking lot, one being a small scale reproduction of the sailing ship the Jeannie Johnston (thank you NW Public Works). The original ship brought thousands of Irish immigrants to America without ever losing a single passenger. North Wildwoods beach patrol supplied us with a beautiful surf boat. Life guards Phil Cameron and Tom Holden passed on good swim safety tips to visitors. One of my favorite things at the festival was the children's activity tent, decorated with pirate and nautical things. Young volunteer Samantha Robbins helped create a fun time for the kids with juice and cookies, book readings, coloring and trips to talk to our special guests and learn a few things. Jingles the Clown and 2 pirates also were there to hold their interest. Music was provided by Pearl Street, a Wilmington Delaware jazz & blues band. They performed their own original music all day Saturday. There were several food vendors including Loraines Italian specialties with gourmet Italian deserts (outstanding canoli's). Fine crafters and artisans with items for sale rounded out the weekend. The event will definitely be held again next year, hopefully improved and expanded. We are trying to get local folks involved so if you or your family has a connection with the sea or our maritime history you may have photos and an interesting story to pass on. You don't have to be a writer or historian. We are also looking for local crafters and artists that would fit in with our theme. Anyone interested can call the Lighthouse 609-522-4520

SHORE-INSPIRED SUMMER READING



Twenty-four-year-old Margate native Steven Winklestein (pen name Winkle) didn't realize he would become an award-winning children's book author when he enrolled in a children's book class in Colorado focused on creating stories based on local, one-of-a-kind landmarks. He was familiar with the often-told story of Lucy, the giant artificial elephant in his hometown. Steven, however, wanted to tell a different, fabled tale. From that, the children's picture book "Elephant, Elephant, Come Alive," was born. In the imaginative story, Lucy, the elephant

magically springs to life when she leaves her spot at Decatur Avenue and the beach to travel around her beloved hometown. The book was the winner of the USA Book News Awards in the category of Children's Gift and Novelty.

After many book signings and a tour of the Atlantic County school systems in Margate, Atlantic City, and Egg Harbor Township, Winkle, along with illustrator Christie Mealo, presented their latest collaboration over this summer. "The Diving Horse and the Magic Whistle" tells the story of a horse that becomes famous when he learns he can fly and takes a trip back in time to Atlantic City.

Winkle, meanwhile, spent his summer at his family home on Fredericksburg Avenue where he enjoyed the positive fan response to the work his hometown inspired.