

"Money will buy you a pretty good dog, but it won't buy the wag on his tail." ~symansays.com

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BEGINS...

Air conditioners got the ultimate work out during summer's sweltering dog days, with record-breaking temperatures competing with a much-welcomed ocean air. Also welcoming were Wildwoods' fantastic free beaches, which made cooling off a breeze. The Fourth of July Fireworks Display started summer off with a brilliant, colorful blast as the Boogie Board Races led the way toward another thrilling season. There was a constant song in our hearts thanks to Wildwoods unsurpassed concerts, which kept us humming all summer long. We had a feast at Morey's Piers Curley Fry Eating Contest, as well as the NJ State Crabfest, and then worked off the pounds at the Tri/Run the Wildwoods. We found beauty at the Miss North Wildwood Competition, homemade delights at the Boardwalk SID Craft Show, and Santa Claus at Christmas in July! With the calendar hovering toward a softer, cooler season, our scrapbook is full (and a bit sandy), depicting a summer's worth of beach, boardwalk and breathtaking views, outdoor concert music mixed with salt air, along with an assortment of events we've had the best time recounting...

The Summer of 2012 Begins on a Musical Note with the Giant Wheel and a roller coaster contributing to the scenic, sandy background, country singer Kenny Chesney performed a free concert on Wildwoods beach to a crowd of over 30,000 on June 20th. To honor its sponsorship, the 90-minute concert, which commemorated the official start of summer, was billed as "American Express Upstaged." The event was quickly and sufficiently planned in a three-and-a-half-week time span thanks to an accommodating city and a dedicated group of workers.

A Melodious Summer by the Sea ~on the musical heels of the successful Kenny Chesney concert, the Wild 100 featured several top national acts during the summer of 2012.

The Wild 100 Centennial Celebration Concert, which was held at the Convention Center on August 19th, proudly featured National Pop Acts Hot Chelle Rae, Austin Mahone and The Ready Set teen internet sensations Rebecca Black and Justin Mahoney, along with several other pop, rock and teen bands, all giving Wildwood-worthy performances. Journey cover band Voyage, featuring Hugo and additional musical guests, performed at a free "pre-quel" event the night before.

~Meg Corcoran

"To be human is to be aware of the passage of time; NO CONCEPT LIES CLOSER to the core of our consciousness."

~ DAN FALK

Summer Concerts on the Lawn



Kelly, Diane, Joe, Mikki, Natalie, Jim, Sharon & Kim McMonagle at "2U" concert @ Centennial Park in Wildwood Crest.



Kim McMonagle celebrated her 50th at the 2U Concert at Centennial Park with her daughter Kelly & husband Joe behind her.



The 'behind the scenes' guys who help make it happen... Brian Cuniff & Frank Basile



Greg Freeman, Kevin Yecco & Dean Gentek lifetime Wildwood friends at the concert

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Memorial Weekend Kite Festival

Is there anything more enjoyable than sitting on a beach flying a kite? How about more than 30 people flying kites simultaneously performing spectacular maneuvers in perfect sync with some favorite songs?

The 27th Annual Wildwood International Kite festival kicked off May 25th on Rio Grande beach with a fascinating illuminated kite fly at 9pm. It is a unique festival which consists of competitions throughout the holiday weekend. The scoring for these contests are based on elements such as format, how they perform maneuvers and how well they fly to the music.

Beatrix Pelton has been running this event for the past several years and she can't get enough of it. "I stumbled on this event and once you get sucked in, you can't stop. People of all ages enjoy it," said Pelton.

It looks like I have been sucked in too. ~NICK TRIGLIA



PHOTO GEORGE CAPUA



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PHOTO NICK TRIGLIA

Wounded Warrior TRY Athlon

One very unique aspect about Wildwood is every summer there are new festivals, concerts and events to enjoy.

Saturday, June 9th witnessed the first ever **Wounded Warrior TRY Athlon**. This event which was created by Wildwood residents **Bones Bauer** and **Dennis Dool** who support the Wounded Warrior charity for injured soldiers and officers.

The event started with a bike ride from Keenans to the Wharf where the members could then try the ever growing activity: Paddleboarding.

Paddleboarding is a sport

which has participants paddling using an oar while standing or kneeling on a paddleboard or surfboard. Many of the participants got the hang of the sport fairly quickly. Since all the paddleboards were in use, boats and kayaks were also supplied for the people to take them out into the bay. After the participants had their fair share of paddleboarding fun, food and drinks were then served in the Wharf restaurant.

Judging from the reactions of the participants, this event should be a summer tradition for many years to come.

~NICK TRIGLIA



A New Summer Home and Old Friends

After spending the winter months on a complete makeover to her newly purchased summer home in North Wildwood, **Kathy Conallen** (left) gladly welcomed the summer of 2012 along with its many visitors, like childhood friend **Natalie Rowan**.

"Sun is shining. Weather is sweet. Make you wanna move your dancing feet." ~Bob Marley

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Uncle Charlie, a retired truck driver and Ed Keller, a retired USPS mailman are now enjoy working together @ the Bayview, the Best in the Crest! Uncle Charlie's motto is: "A body at rest stays at rest, and a body in motion stays in motion." (We love you Uncle Charlie!!)



Bouncing @Coconut Cove Drew Byrne & Jim Bratten



Mark & Tara love working @ Michael's Fabricare



Breakfast bike stop @ Harry's Corner on the boardwalk



Patrick, the young entrepreneur book monger



Merle Hill loves his job @ ANGLESEA AUTO



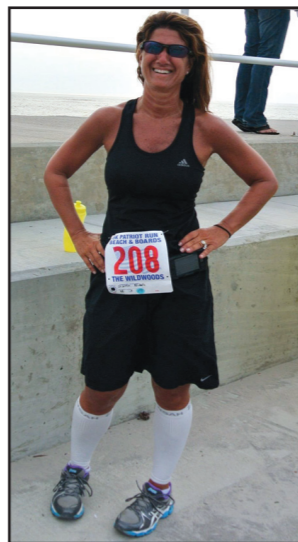
Lorena Loves The Sun!



July 4th, 2012~ Mike Snyder went to work feeling a little patriotic.



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



Michelle DeWeese warming up for the Wildwoods 5K Patriot Run, on July 4th



Michaela McMonagle at Centennial Park



Will & Bill Auty on the firetruck in the 4th of July parade



Jimmy McKee with his new pup Sheena and her Puppy School diploma



Vera & Sasha baked a festive cake for their boss Jim @ Hooked on Books



Lucas Bottoms takes a break from the kitchen to pose with this girl group @ Shoobies Good Eats

"A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself." ~Anon.

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Jeff on a MACK'S delivery



Guoda (left) and Dainius (right) with Stephani of Marcella's Gelateria with the Best homemade gelato!



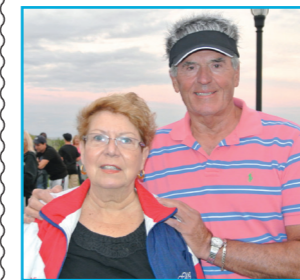
Toni & Anthony Leonetti & their Holly at the Hardware Store



Carmela Motto (left) and her 4 best friends, 1943 Wildwood



A July 4th Feast to honor Independence Day, Michael & Jeanne John of Surfside West Diner gave new meaning to the slogan "breakfast special" when they dished up breakfast from their original menu at 1963 prices! Close to 500 breakfasts were served.



AL & SANDI LOVE @ Centennial Park



Joe & Ellen Trombetta on a visit to the Wildwoods @Gia



Kirsten Skrybonja working her summer job at the Doo Wop experience museum

NWBP & 21 Down
NOT JUST ANOTHER DAY AT THE BEACH!
The North Wildwood Beach Patrol's 4th Annual "DAY AT THE BEACH" with the 21 Down organization was held on July 27th. 21 Down is a non-profit Down's syndrome awareness group serving Atlantic and Cape May Counties, while creating a network of families sharing support and knowledge while encouraging community awareness and acceptance. Trained lifeguards of the NWBP as well as US Coastguard members were on hand teaching beach safety along with help from the North Wildwood Rec center. Participants were treated to beverages, lunch, a beach treasure hunt, and soft-top paddleboard rides, the happiest part of the day! The after-party was held at Coconut Cove, where family and friends gathered together for some more summer fun.



NWBP Bill Auty, (helped run the 21 Down Beach Day along with his wife Lauren) cutting the rug with Natalie Kuprianov at the Coconut Cove after-party.



Natalie, Marissa & Frank had a splash!



The surfing was "AWESOME"!! PHOTO GEORGE CAPUA



NWBP Tommy Edwards, enjoyed one of best days on the beach this summer! PHOTO GEORGE CAPUA

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If you can't stand the heat...

Get Out of the KITCHEN!



North Wildwood BBQ & Blues

by NICK TRIGLIA

PAUL HUFF

July 14, 2012 ~ It's Porky the Pig's worst nightmare, but a barbecue chef's dream.

Wildwood kicked off its barbecue festival July 13 to 15. I was lucky enough to interview New Jersey's own Paul Huff of team Gonehoggin.com.

This is Huff's fourth year competing and third attending the festival in Wildwood. In only his fourth year he has already created quite a reputation in this country. Huff has entered many noteworthy competitions in Florida, Kansas City, Arkansas and Tennessee and is the number 1 pork cooker in the mid Atlantic states.

All the great food and entertainment left the people of Wildwood wanting more, but as Porky would say, "That's All Folks." Until next year of course.



Boogie Board contest winners with NWBP John O'Brien, Ron Simone & Rachel Ross

North Wildwood Boogie Board Races

by Nick Triglia

Down here in Wildwood we can't have the adults having all the fun. July 7th had the kids in the spotlight showcasing their skills for the 19th Annual Boogie Board Races. The event which is free to join started on 22nd street as a small competition. Each year more and more kids came to participate until it grew to the town event it is today. There are several heats for all the different age groups. First up are children 7 and under. Followed by ages 8 to 11 and finished with kids 12 and older. There were 1st and 2nd place winners of the age groups for each of the following components: most creative, longest ride and best overall. Prizes for the competition were funded by the North Wildwood Recreation Center. These kids knew how to ride, putting on a show for all the spectators in attendance. I just wish they had a 21 and older heat so I can get in on the action.

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Patriotism abounds on 10th Ave. in North Wildwood! Shannon, Shayna, Samantha, Brock and Connor paint their neighbor's driveway to celebrate the 4th of July!

~SUBMITTED BY NEIGHBOR, MARCIA LEIMBERG



Byron, Gigi & Shelley on the boardwalk Gig-Mobile



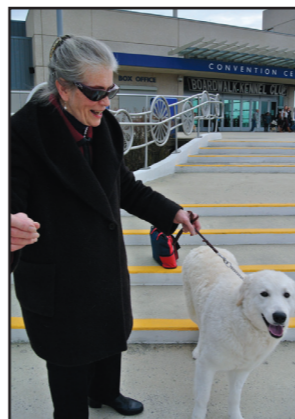
Heather, Natalie, Jeff & John love a hot summer night out dancing at Centennial Park. These kids sure know how to have some fun!



"Bright as THE SUN Paige is ONE!" ENJOYING HER BIRTHDAY CAKE—JULY 16, 2012



Bonnie & Kellen Brown



Looking back to cooler Wildwood days of Feb. during Wildwood's annual Dog Show is Abbey the Kuvasz, a Hungarian guard dog.



FIND A MISTAKE?
It is our policy to include something for everyone. Since some people like to find errors, we regularly include a few in our publications.

"One single grateful thought raised to heaven is the most perfect prayer." ~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

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9th Annual W. Wildwood Ave. Block Party ~ July 28th, 2012

A LITTLE BIT 'O COUNTRY on the 400 block of Wildwood Ave. For the 9th year in a row, this block knows how to celebrate summer. The creative theme for their 9th Annual Block Party was Country Western. The friendly neighborhood party included a moon bounce, dunk tank, country music, food, and even pony rides & some square dancing. Kenny Chesney would have loved it!



Judi, Eleanor, Mary Jane, Kathleen & Lynn went all out for this year's country western theme.



Gabby & Brittany dreaming of Kenny Chesney



Nina enjoyed a ride on Buttons with Vince

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

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Wildwood's Ultimate Frisbee JULY 28, 2012 Photo by George Capua



Wildwood Crest Beach Bagger Tourney JULY 28, 2012

Jiffy Pops and Diamond Beach Holers were declared co-winners of the first annual Wildwood Crest Beach Bagger Tournament. Pictured are (from left) Jenn Smith and Steve Shearer of the Jiffy Pops and Lou Perrochino and Scott Tomskey of the Diamond Beach Holers. The teams were declared co-winners after a summer thunderstorm forced the cancellation of the ultimate championship match. Both teams finished the tournament with one loss in five matches.



Photo by Watchthetramcarplease.com

Wildwood's 103rd Baby Parade August 2, 2012

2nd Place winners the Rivera family, Mario & Mario, jr., Sarah & Zoey parade in honor of (Sarah's brother) Jason Oliver who serves in the US Navy and is being deployed to Afghanistan this Fall.



NWBP Chief Tony Cavalier strikes a pose before the race with his 2012 girl guards

Beschen-Callahan Lifeguard Races

by NICK TRIGLIA

One of the most popular and competitive events each summer is the Beschen Callahan lifeguard race.

In its 44th year, it is one of the longest running events in the Wildwoods. The competition is in honor of two former lifeguards from the Wildwoods, Michael Callahan and James Beschen, who lost their lives in the Vietnam War.

Lifeguards from Cape May County shore towns competed in several events that showcased their running, swimming and

rowing skills. The 15th Ave. beach in North Wildwood was packed with people cheering on their town's lifeguards.

Stone Harbor took home the award for best overall score. Avalon took second place and Upper Township third. All of these lifeguards can walk away with their heads held high after putting on that spectacular performance. It is clear after this competition that we are all in good hands with these lifeguards watching over us during our summers.



National Lighthouse Day @ Hereford Inlet Lighthouse

August 7, 2012 1789- 2012 ~ Celebrating 223 years of the nation's great lighthouse heritage. Many local and state officials, as well as local townspeople gathered at Hereford Inlet Lighthouse to honor and commemorate the beacons of light that have been providing safety and guidance for ships at sea. Albeit the goal of the lighthouse has changed over the years, today many work to educate the public on the importance of historic preservation.

"To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Fun in the Sun ~Beach Baggio, also known as Cornhole, was the game craze to hit Wildwoods' beaches over the past few summers. Wildwood's Cornhole tournament was held July 14 & 15 with over 70 teams participating while Wildwood Crest Recreation Department's Beach Baggio Tournament was held on July 28 at the Jefferson Avenue Beach. Coconut Cove also got caught up in the craze and regularly hosted their own tournaments. The horseshoes-type game featured players of all ages with prizes being awarded.



Another day, Another Life Size Check! 1st of 78 teams today. Time to head home.

July 14th, 2012 ~ 3rd Annual Cornhole 1st Place winners out of 78 teams

French philosopher Voltaire wisely proclaimed, "Wherever my travels may lead, paradise is where I am." Now, as we're led into a bountiful season in paradise, we're keeping our summer memories close at heart, as an event-filled autumn takes a colorful center stage. Following a summer loaded with toe-tapping harmony, we plan on being first in line at the Wildwood Block Party and Music Festival, honoring our roots (whatever they may be) at the Irish Fall Festival and An Olde Time Italian Festival then driving straight into the Thunder on the Beach Monster Truck Races. Of course, autumn would not be complete without the tantalizing, oftentimes terrifying Halloween events our seaside town produces thanks to inspired minds. We plan on being brave at Morey's Fears Terror on the Boardwalk, getting fit at the Wildwoods Boardwalk Pumpkin Run, and having lots of sweet treats at the Trunk or Treat Family Halloween Event! With a hint of cinnamon spice and apple pie blending perfectly into the salt air, our landscape will soon change brilliant shades of the rainbow, as autumn promises to become a SUNsational season you won't want to miss!

~MEG CORCORAN



July 17th, 2012 ~ A Maiden Fishing Trip for Connie Starr who caught 6 of 14 blues and 2 bait fish on this trip. She has lived here all of her life and had never been out 5 miles in the ocean until this summer.



July 6th, 2012 ~Firehouse Tavern Jim the Roofer, Dennis Smith and Bill DeWald

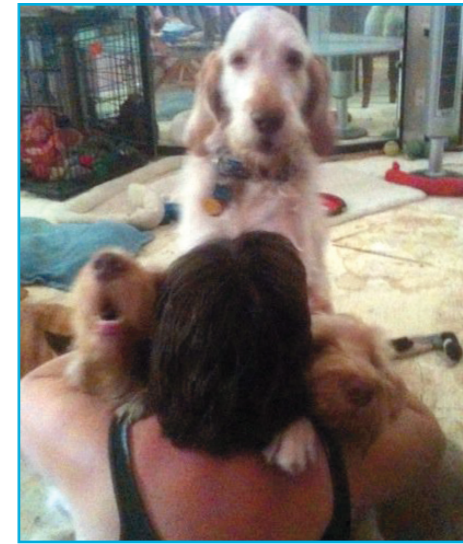


Max



Sundays were Dog Days at Cattle 'n Clover, with Oliver Twist

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Dawn's 3 Big Mushes

By Jessica Westerland Mumford

To many of us, pets are part of the family. From fish and reptiles, to dogs and cats, all the way up to horses, pets share our lives and our hearts in a way nothing else can. Dawn Chase has 3 unique dogs, Jake, Cuz and Emilio, who are dear to her heart.

Spinone dogs, (pronounced Spin-own-ee) are originally from the Piedmont area of Northern Italy, and are traditionally hunting and retrieving dogs. They are larger dogs with wiry coats. This dictionary definition however, does nothing to capture the essence of what they really are.

"They are just big mushes," Dawn said looking down fondly at one of her dogs, Cuz, who was under her chair. "They have been called the "Velcro Dog" because of how they love people. No matter where you are, they are stuck to you!" Dawn and her mother Amilia started their collection of Spinone dogs in 2005. They had just lost their Alaskan Malamute, which they loved very much. Dawn wanted another dog. "My mother swore she would never get another dog," Dawn said. "So every day I would come home and I would throw this book [of dogs] at her and say, 'Did you look at it?' So finally my mom decided to finally 'show me' and pick a dog I could never find. She shows me a picture in the book, and I didn't even know if I could pronounce it!"

Dawn looked up breeders online and was eventually connected with a breeder in Ohio. Shortly after Emilio's birthday of August 26th, 2005, he became theirs. Later, Dawn bred Emilio with a dog from New York named Lily, and Jake and Cuz



Dawn and her Spinones. Jake, Cuz & Emilio

were born May 31st 2009 and later adopted by the Chases. The Chases own 3 of about 10 Spinones in Cape May County.

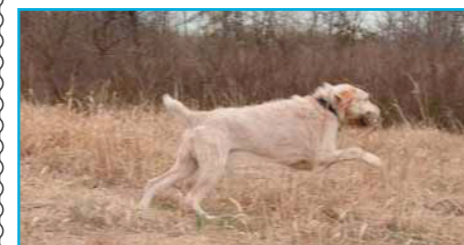
Emilio and Cuz are certified service dogs trained to help Amilia get around after a bad car accident. And all 3 are hunters, and also have been shown in dog shows, with Jake being the star show dog.

While these dogs have serious hobbies, they also slobber and shed all over the house and swipe things off the counter just like every other dog. All 3 of them have their own distinct and lovable personality.

If any reader ever has a chance to meet a Spinone dog, particularly one Jake, Cuz or Emilio, I urge you make their acquaintance. They really are unique and wonderful dogs, and you will be glad they became a part of your life, if even for a moment.



Dawn and Jake cool off in the pool



Emilio with a prized quail

"We are all wanderers on this earth. Our hearts are full of wonder, and our souls are deep with dreams." ~Gypsy proverb

Travels with The SUN

"Follow the river and you will find the sea." -FRENCH PROVERB



July, 2012 ~ Originally from Wildwood, **Angela Colucci** now lives in California. She recently travelled to Mexico with a copy of the latest SUN tucked in her beach bag!



June 26, 2012 ~ North Wildwood condo owners from Philadelphia, **Frank and Renate Pittmann**, along with their sons **Matthew and Kevin**, took their favorite paper The SUN on the Norwegian Cruise ship to Great Stirrup Cay in the Bahamas, knowing it would be very enjoyable to read while relaxing by the pool. Congratulations to this happy couple who recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.



Patti Ritorto from Clayton & North Wildwood took her favorite paper to Key West in April 2012.



Elsie Becker of Upper Township travels with The SUN to Hawaii... (it's her favorite issue of her favorite paper!)

"You alone are the Lord. You made the skies and the heavens and all the stars. You made the earth and the seas and everything in them. You preserve them all, and the angels of heaven worship you."

-Nehemiah 7:5-6

Grandparents Reminiscing with The SUN

submitted by Ashley Thompson in honor of her grandparents, who have always loved Wildwood and have been best friends all their lives.



(L) **Fred Thompson**, paternal grandfather and (R) **Joe Jagers**, maternal grandfather



(L) **Dot Jagers**, maternal grandmother and (R) **Lee Thompson**, paternal grandmother

The first official Grandparents Day was September 9, 1979, after President Jimmy Carter signed the presidential proclamation in 1978 designating the first Sunday after Labor Day as National Grandparents Day. As we celebrate the grandparents among us on September 13th this year, we remember its creator, Marian McQuade of Fayette County, W. Va., who hoped the occasion would encourage grandchildren to tap into the wisdom and heritage of their beloved grandparents. Where better for children of all ages to be inspired than in legendary Wildwood by the sea, where history is always unfolding? **Ashley Thompson** has the unique privilege of having two sets of grandparents who have been the best of friends since their youth and have bestowed upon her a lifetime of memories of their days spent on Wildwoods' beaches.

Grandmom Lee continues the tradition of weekends at the shore while Grandmom Dot's photo collection keeps those Wildwood days gone by in the hearts of generations to come.

A Very Happy Grandparents Day to all!

Dear Sun

"This is my favorite paper. I even have one framed in my Wildwood beach themed living room."

~TERRY C.

I picked up The Sun today at the Doctor's office and was soo excited to see it there. It made me feel better just reading it. Your paper is THE BEST !!!!!

~BEA CHURCH

I first want to start by telling you how much I enjoy your newspaper. I save the back issues to read again and again, especially during the cold winter months. You and your staff do such a wonderful job and bring back so many great memories.

You truly have a "Special" paper.

~JIM DUNLAP

Wildwood is such a special to so many people and The SUN captures that.

~SUSAN SCHMIDT

You put out such an outstanding publication. Much success to you,

~JACKIE SLAVIERO

Here is a photo from our summer vacation in the Wildwoods.



Visiting on their annual summer vacation to the Wildwoods from Detroit, Michigan are: Back row l-r: **Deacon Jerry McGowan, Jon Slaviero, Joshua Slaviero, Nick Murray, James Murray.** 2nd row from back: l-r: **Millie McGowan, Tiffany Tran, Jim Murray, Brittany Belcher, Jackie Slaviero.** 3rd row from back: l-r: **Bernice Murray, Joan Murray, Mike Slaviero** (kneeling) Front: **Adam Murray**