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Although the dog days of summer must ultimately come to an end, memories, thankfully, last forever. This year, summer by the sea inspired enough memories to last throughout the fall and beyond. The Wildwoods invited its locals and tourist to an endless assortment of free activities, complete with breathtaking views and light, salty breezes. The city-sponsored dolly rides were the best way to (trolley) travel. Fireworks on the Beach, as always, lit up an already panoramic sky, as Music by the Ocean, alongside the Summer Sunset Concert Series, continuously added harmony to the tranguil air.

Stewart's 1st Annual Eating Contest was a sweet success, drawing crowds of all ages. The ageless among us found the ultimate getaway at the beach, covered in sand and suntan lotion.

Now, as summer prepares to leave its last sandy footprint, why not find a sunny spot to relax and relive all the starstudded events that happily took place While You Were Here...





Winners of the 86th Annual Marbles Tournament held at Ringer Stadium on the beach in Wildwood, Ricky Brode gives co-victor, Whitney Lapic, a congratulatory kiss after being crowned king and queen of this year's National Marbles Tournament



Sean, E.J., Lena & Bryn Dougherty of Stewart's at their 1st Annual Ice Cream Eating Contest



Brittney Posternock of Stewart's, congratualtes contest winner Amos Downey (who has certainly satisfied his sweet tooth.)

# July Sparkles!

July amazingly started off with sunshine and a sparkle as a multitude of colors blasted through the sky.



Raymond Tempest (son of Lisa Kulisek Tempest) with his girlfriend **Tori** of Egg Harbor Township (above) and Joe & Sara Austin of Port Richmond Phila. (above right) enjoyed the 4th of July spectacular Fireworks display at Magnolia & the Boardwalk. The tranquil starry sky with an almost full moon lit up by fire-

(mostly) by Rob Kulisek



works, accompanied by patriotic music, was a perfect setting for celebrating our country's independence.

### Pawsing for the Dog Days of Summer The 5th Annual

Patriotic Pooch Parade, along with "Kids Decorate Your Bike for the Fourth of July," was held in North Wildwood on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. North Wildwood Public Events Coordinator Joe Quattrone promised pet owners would have the most fun at the event, with prizes given for the most unique, patrioticallydressed dog. Picture-postcard moments captured the decorative festivities as the dog days of summer heated up! Who said cats weren't able to celebrate their independence? This cool cat, (who may be familiar to Sun readers as the cat with the flips flops,) is TAZ, the Patriotic Pussycat showing his color. He enjoys Cat Naps on a hot summer day at his seashore home in Anglesea.



**Cats Invade Summer's** Dog Days! For beauty of a feline kind, the William Penn and the European Burmese Cat Club offered a CFA Championship Cat Show at the Wildwood Convention Center on August 15th & 16th. Up to 40 different pedigreed cat breeds and household pets from local areas were vying for top awards in the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. show. Many local shelters were also present with cats looking for new, cat-loving homes.





When it comes to kickin' back with summer friends, there's no better place to enjoy "fun in the sun," before and after the beach, than in the Wildwoods, the ultimate Dog Days of Summer vacation destination!



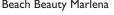
Derek Cardaci, Zack Morey, Lindsey & Megan Young, Kyle Chambers, Steve Fredericks, Brendan Grace





Beach Beauty Justine







Stella, Mary, Ben & Grace Clark of North Wildwood Mary is the sister of Patrick Rosenello. She and her family had the privilege of staying at 233 E. 1st (previous page story) in its final days during the Summer of 2009.



**3** Generations of Bathing Beauties Sue Corcoran, Danielle & Maureen Wilson



NWBP ~ Seamus, Phil, & Stolz



NWBP ~ Mike & Rich



Nikki Hearon & John Dano



This picture was taken at a photo studio on the Wildwood Boardwalk in the late 1940s. Dorothy McMonagle with 2 of her 8 kids, Johnny & Jimmy Editor Note: My Grandmom



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## Launching a Book and a Store,

the Morey Way~ literally! The Morey Family together with the Wildwoods Boardwalk Special Improvement District present hosted a sweet celebration of four decades of family entertainment on July 16th as human cannonball David "the Bullet" Smith flew 155 feet across the pier carrying two books commemorating their Book Launch Party featuring their 40th Anniversary book, "A Wild Ride." Also being celebrated in high style was the grand opening of the Morey Store. The book, written by Jack Wright, discusses the illustrious Morey's Pier history while paying homage to its impressive climb as one of the world's highest-rated seaside amusement parks. The store displays the most up-to-date apparel and accessories for shore goers of all ages, complete with the Morey trademark name.



**Teamwork at its very best!** Jack Morey {& the Morey Organization} & Jack Wright of Exit Zero Publishing in Cape May, resulted in a synergy that produced the **WILD RIDE**, described by Wright as "a thrilling story of high risks, big ideas, large monsters and a huge amount of fun!"



Jordan & Will Morey served world famous Curley Fries for all their guests in the Tea Cups



Long time Moreys employees, Joanne Duffy, Denise Beckson & Angel Daniels





Karen Morey with her son Zachary who served guests fresh squeezed lemonade... it was a cup-o-summer!



Drue Sottnick & Maggie Parsons at their summer jobs @ Russo's Market in North Wildwood



Grace Lederer, MaryKate Cheafsky, James Redmond at their summer jobs @ Russo's Market in North Wildwood



Brian Burke of DUFFY'S on-the-Lake in Wildwood Crest with his react left hand man



Rich & Jack Appelonia of Crab Island Restaurant & Bar & Liquor Store



The Lawncare specialists Chip Collier, Justin McCausland, Jimmy McKee



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At Carvel with Mr. Fudgie are Maria Winning, Carolann Mastalski & Nick Holland



At DUFFY'S on-the-Lake in Wildwood Crest are Nick Holland, Mary Marino, Lindsay Galle, Carli Senatore, Brittany Toland, Kim Holland & Brad Greenbum,



Long time Moreys employees, Anne O'Boyle & Lee Brasch~ their debut appearance in The SUN



Wildwood's Lt. Rich Adair with Elvis, a kodak moment captured by Rob Kulisek

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A luncheon was held at Sunset Bay Restaurant in North Wildwood on Wednesday, July 15th where Miss North Wildwood 2009 candidates were interviewed, and treated to a luncheon. Pictured above are: Ashley Nicole Russo, 17, NorthWildwood, (runner up), Victoria Miniscalco, 17 (Summer) North Wildwood (Second runner up), Catherine Rose Matteucci, 16, North Wildwood, Marcelina Julia Moya 20, Wildwood, Dannielle Sharkey, 17, North Wildwood, Cara

Jo Swetsky, 17, (Summer) North Wildwood, Elizabeth Beltri, 18, North Wildwood, Danielle DePeso, 16 Cape May Court House. Committee Members: Pat Cafiero, Peggy Quattrone, Joe Quattrone, Mrs. Versaggi.

A North Wildwood Beauty~ Possessing her own trademark beauty, Deneen Marie Piotrowski, 18, was crowned Miss North Wildwood 2009 at the Lou Booth Amphitheater on Thursday, July 16th. She is a graduate of St. Ann's Regional School and Cape May County Tech School where she majored in Biology/Physical Therapy. She earned first honors all through high school along with four sizeable scholarships toward her tuition at Stockton College, where she'll major in Physical Therapy in the fall. As Miss North Wildwood, Deneen received \$500, the crown, and a trophy and will proudly participate in many events and parades during the year.



Diane McMonagle, (left) had a busy and quite enjoyable summer entertaining relatives in her North Wildwood home. A visit to the new WILDWOODS sign was on Ed & Carol Gorczyca's "must do" vacation list, while relaxing on the porch and on the beach and taking tram car rides is all the Preston's from North Carolina were looking to do during their visit. Either way, the Wildwoods has something for everyone!



L-R: Eugene, Sara, Joyce Preston & Diane. Gene's favorite summer job was at Woody's Place, the Summer of '76



Mark Kirkner & Grace **Isaksen** not only **V** their customers, they 🧡 each other! They met their true love at Michael's Fabricare! They are soon to be Mr. & Mrs. Kirkner, Congratulations! 🌂



Mr. & Mrs. Earl Groff leaving their restaurant after a hard days work. Groff's Restaurant has been owned & operated by the Groff family for 85 years at the same location. Some things never change! Including great dinners and homemade pies!



Retired Realtor & former Wildwood Crest Commissioner. Jules Gold & Art Schard now man the Nesbitt Information Center at Rambler Rd. beach in Wildwood Crest.



July 28th ~ a Private Party held at Sunset View Marina & Raw Bar @ 3rd & the Bay, North Wildwood



Backyard, Back Bay Parties! Porch Parties! Pool Parties! Clam shell Tournaments! Wiffleball Tournaments! All across the island, were parties happily taking place, and people happily enjoying what summer is all about!

Many family reunions were enjoyed during this season of fun as well as high school reunions and neighborhood reunions as well, like the photos above, taken at Sunset View Marina & Raw Bar, on the bay at 3rd St. in North Wildwood. Northeast Philadelphia's loey M was the host while Mike LeCompte supplied the tunes as he played many old favorites and requests... it was a perfect summer day, the children all got to enjoy playing in the bay!



8th Annual Conway Family "Waffle Ball Tourney

August 1st ~ (bottom photo) The 8th Annual Conway Family "Waffle Ball Tourney" was held Saturday, Aug 1st at 23rd & the Bay. This year's tournament, held in memory of the family patriarch, Howard Paul Conway, was won by his granddaughters, Amanda Piazza and Briana Bepler and Mike Kusner. The trio was undefeated in the double eliminator tournament, taking the crown after defeating runner-ups, (and pre-tournament favorites) Ann Conway, Pat Miller, Linda Piazza, and Erica Piazza in the championship game.

The highlight of the day was a stunning over-the-shoulder catch with two outs and the bases loaded by Nicole Conway in a semi-final game. The lowlight of the day was the over-the-hill lackluster play of her father, Howard Conway, Jr. a former athlete when he was much younger. Bobby Miller basically watched all afternoon after quickly losing two consecutive games.



From NE Philadelphia to 3rd & the Bay's Sunset Vie Marina in N.Wildwood Joey M & Mike LeCompte



WILD BILL DeWald s "if it's from the sea, it's for m enjoying the blue claws. Bill is pictured at his sumn job at Sunset View Marina North Wildwood



When he's not out clamming Big Clam Charlie Hughe likes to stop by and cho with his friend Bob Starr of the North Wildwood Marine



Why did the mother clo scold her children? Because they were bei shellfish.

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July 24th ~Father & Son, Bob & Steve Narrigan worked up an appetite after a back bay morning kayak ride by Sunset **Bay Restaurant & Castaways Beach Bar** 



July 25th, Sand Blast Beach Run Team 222: Back row ... Nick Stangler, KC Lamb, John Fetsick, Jenna Beck, Jeannine Beck, Anndrea Yetter, Shannon Lockwood, Jimmy Synder and Joe Beck.Center row...Jaime Cheafsky, Kyle Francis, Marykate Cheafsky, Jennifer Fetsick, Melissa Montalvo, Krista Fetsick and Owen McQuire, Center front...Casey Francis



July 27 ~ Chuck & Jeanette Burns with city officials ceremoniously cut the red ribbon at their Grand Opening of the Ice House Restaurant on historic Otten's Harbor, Wildwood.



July 31st ~ Another rainy summer night sent droves of vacationers flocking to Wildwood's only Blockbuster for the best family home entertainment on the island.

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



John Freeman ~ on his trip home from the beach



Island girls Amy & Emily Coleman celebrated the Grand Opening of the new Ice House Restaurant



**SAM'S PIZZA PALS** Nina Baumgartner of Orange City, Florida, and cousin Paulie French of Hampton, Virginia, are all smiles at Sam's Pizza Palace. They're the grandniece and nephew of Robert and Mona Sofronski of Port Richmond and North Wildwood.





Ozzie Sandora, James Hemingway, Judge Kenneth E. Calloway and Andrew J. Kane, III held early morning court all summer long.



August 4th ~ National Night Out, an annual nation-wide event, designed to promote neighborhood safety, provides an opportunity for neighbors to organize against crime. The Night's festivities heightens crime and drug prevention awareness, strengthens police community relations, and generates community support for crime prevention. Captain Robert Regalbuto of the Wildwood Police Department supervised the law enforcement participation in the event held at Fox Park. Pictured here helping out in the festivities are Wildwood Police Officers Spencer Smith, Karree Grauel & Sue Lemon.

Note: Capt. Regalbuto can be seen on page 41 !!!



Drew McKeefery & Matt Bolinski enjoyed their summer jobs @ LAKEVIEW DOCKS on Sunset Lake in Wildwood Crest. The Best Ride in the Crest!!!!!! See Claudia & Claudio!



66 year old **TAMMY BARTH** Parasailing in the Wildwoods is fun no matter what your age!

Summer Sailed Beautifully into August until it Rained on Our Parade! Plunging into another unique event, August 6, 2009 marked the 100th Anniversary of the First Wildwoods Baby Parade. As one of the oldest, baby parades in the area, the event has drawn thousands of babies over the years, with contestants wearing a variety of imaginative costumes

Much-loved community member **ReverendThomas** Goslin, II of Wildwood Crest was given the special honor of Grand Marshal, fitting considering the Goslin family has been tied to Wildwood's history since his grandfather settled here in 1903, years before the Baby Parade started. Thomas Goslin also holds the honor of being a former winner for prettiest baby in 1924. To keep people from questioning the parade's integrity, his father, H. Foster Goslin, President of Wildwood Board of Trade, refused the \$20 first prize.

The parade route usually starts at the Wildwood Convention Center and ends at 16th Street in North Wildwood, but this year the event was held indoors due to the inclemenet weather.

## Aug. 8th ~PRO DEBUT VICTORY

North Wildwood's **Josh Mercado's** hand is raised in victory after scoring a unanimous four-round decision over Terrell Boggs in his first professional bout at 139 pounds at Bally's in Atlantic City in August.





**Ralph Grassi** of Wildwood Crest at the Morey Family's Wild Ride Book Launch Event on Mariner's Landing Pier. Go to www.funchase.com if you love the Wildwoods!

AK AVENUE - JUST OFF ATLANTIC IN THE HEART OF WILDWOOD Now Open Every Night But Monday ★ KIT KATS PLUS... ★ THE REASONS WHY

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Aug. 8th ~ Ronny, Jim (the new drummer in Kit's place), Karl, Big John, Mrs. Caterini (owner of the Rip Tide where the Kit Kats use to play back in the day), Paul Russo and myself, Dorothy. Photo was taken after a performance at Cool Scoops. In my hand is the album that my father took to the Riptide and had the Kit Kats sign for my siblings & I.The Kit Kats joined together as a group in 1962. This was their first gig together in 37 years (with the exception of founding member Kit Stewart, who passed away in 2001). Note! It was also the first time they ever played at an ice cream parlor! Thanks to Paul & Lori Russo of COOL SCOOPS!





the original signed album



Saturday evening the Kit Kats reunited at the Lou Booth Ampitheater, and afterwards they received a well-deserved Wildwood Music Award from founder Paul Russo.

Aug. IITH ~ The Dog Days officially reached their peak with a sultry summer night of music & meteor showers at the Cramer Lake offshore. Jamie & Corey Cramer organized the gathering with all proceeds going to Kasempa, Zambia, where this brother & sister team spent three months last year ministering at the mission hospital.

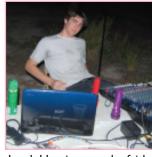
Check out the blog they kept while there at this site: restlesswanderers.blogspot.com



Robin Salasin Cramer special ordered the intense humidity and bugs so everyone could get the whole African experience!



Bonnie Salasin & Mark Brown



Jacob Hemingway, the faithful sound tech with his can of bug spray



Rob Kulisek, kicked back & enjoyed the music



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Musicians, Lisa Salasin, Jamie Cramer, Mike DiAntonio II & Mike DiAntonio III



6 year old, Rachel 'butterfly' Cramer showing off her new front teeth! Facepainting by Trish (Vallese) Stone



Mark Vallese, Andy & Hannah Stone



Cramer

Veronica Holmes & Jordan Mike Holmes, North Wild-

#### Mike Holmes, North Wildwood native from 6th Ave.

ays Summer Jog





**August 15th** ~ the North Wildwood Beach Patrol welcomed "21 Down" families, (a down's syndrome awareness group) to the inlet beach for the 1st Annual Swim with the Lifeguards. Water safety talks, riding waves, paddleboard lessons, and games filled the afternoon.



These guys think they're special sitting next to OWEN' PUB Specials sign. **Taking a lunch break are** (L) **Glenn Leader & (R) Rich Petronzi** 



Shampoo Bar girls, **Jody Barone & Jackie Bauhof** met a real leprecahun at the 2008 Irish Fall Festival



In Memoriam "Buddy" Bright, the official greeter at the Wildwood Historical Society passed away on July23, 2009. Deepest sym pathy is extended his master of almost 15 years, Bob Bright. Buddy will be sadly missed.

With so many free, fabulous things to be a part of in the Wildwoods this summer, many shore lovers are resisting letting the season take its final sunlit bow. Take heart, summer lovers, as another great season surfs in to these sandy shores. There's plenty of year-round fun to be had as the sound of Thunder on the Beach announces the arrival of the Monster Truck Race. Farther on down the beach block, there's a Fall Festival, for the Irish in all of us, and a Boardwalk Car Show as classic as the town itself. For the nostalgic type, there's great food to be had at An Olde Time Italian Festival as well as a modern day, musical twist weaving through another Fabulous 50s Weekend. Whatever decade you prefer, fall promises to pack more than pumpkins under the harvest moon as it waves summer a bittersweet good-bye. May those still not convinced autumn is an amazing time of year find comfort in the words of wise poet Percy Bysshe Shelley, who believed, "There is a harmony in autumn, and a luster in its sky, which through the summer is not heard or seen, as if it could not be, as if it had not been!"

We here at the SUN wish you all the harmony our island provides, along with a lustrous sky, and many more Sun-packed stories to come!

by Meg Corcoran & Dorothy Kulisek 🚧