

FROM THE MAYOR

THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER...

If you think it's a phrase your grandmother thought up, think again.

The phrase actually dates back to ancient Roman times. "Caniculares dies" or days of the dogs was what the Romans called the period from the first week of July through the second week of August. Then you ask the question, "What does a dog have to do with any of this?" Sirius, also known as "Dog Star" by the ancients is the brightest star visible from Earth and therefore must contribute to the heat in in summer... or so they thought. Not true, but that is another astronomy lesson.

The "Brightest Star" during the dog days of Chesapeake Beach summers is Operation Second Chance – Operation Hope on the Chesapeake. Take time out of your busy weekend and join the community on Saturday morning, August 16th as we welcome our wounded veterans and their families to join us for a weekend on the Bay. We will be lining the streets from approximately the American Legion Post to the parking lot of the Rod 'N' Reel. I encourage you to be out early as we never know for sure what time the busses will arrive. Our guests will be

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Chesapeake Beach invites you to be a hero and welcome our honored guests on August 16 through August 17. Our wounded veterans and family members will be visiting our Town and enjoying time on the Chesapeake Bay. Let's show them how much we appreciate their service to our country.

Helping Heroes Move On – Heroes Never Change

Story by Mary Mathis and Photography by Susan Purdy

Operation Second Chance – Operation Hope on the Chesapeake

Operation Second Chance is a small, low-overhead nonprofit that helps our wounded, injured and ill combat veterans. We are patriotic citizens committed to serving our veterans and their families while they recover in military hospitals. We engage in building relationships and identifying and supporting immediate needs and interests.

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Need More Info?

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If you would like more
information about
Operation Second Chance, Inc.,
you can visit our website at
www.operationsecondchance.org.



Our wounded veterans and family members showing off their catch of the day at Operation Hope on the Chesapeake.

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Operation Hope on the Chesapeake, through Operation Second Chance, sponsors an annual fishing trip and barbecue for our wounded veterans and their families. This year our guests will be spending the night and have the opportunity to enjoy everything the Chesapeake Bay has to offer. The event will begin in the early morning of Saturday, August 16th and conclude at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 17th.

Most of you have read my letters telling about our military heroes. This time I decided to write about a different kind of hero. *On Saturday morning, these heroes line the streets to welcome our honored guests.* I make the journey down the motorcade route before the busses so I have seen each one of you. There is the mother still in her pajamas with small children, the older man sitting in a lawn chair and the groups that represent everyone in-between, coming together to share the experience. I always ask myself, is this mother the wife of someone serving overseas? Is the old man in the chair a veteran from a previous war? Are these people the brothers, sisters or other loved ones of our service men and women? However connected, I have read your banners and signs and your message is loud and clear – this Town loves our military heroes!

On one occasion, I remember standing outside the bus in the Rod 'N' Reel parking lot waiting to welcome our guests. The doors did not open as ex-

pected; I waited for what felt like an eternity. Finally, the doors opened and I stepped on the bus. The driver softly said, "I had to give these guys a minute to get themselves together." As I looked at the driver and then the passengers on the bus, I saw tears running down their faces. I promptly stepped off the bus and, as the driver explained, waited for the passengers to regain their composure.

You stood along the side of the road and you filled their hearts with Hope on the Chesapeake.

It never fails that someone will ask how we manage to pull it off; how do people pull together to make this weekend happen. The "Green Shirts" as I call them, work hard all year long to make this weekend a reality. They are always looking for funding, donations and volunteers. Their diligence brings with them new volunteers, opportunities and ideas. Every year I am able to see this happen repeatedly, the person in the back of the room that steps up and says, "I will do it." They never disappoint. They work tirelessly without complaining, each doing it for their own personal reasons. *In any case, Operation Hope on the Chesapeake would not happen without the "Green Shirts," our volunteers.*

Over the years, our volunteers have learned some valuable lessons, and I would like to share a few with you.

- Never put ice for the barbecue on a fire truck — emergencies happen.

- The crabby old veteran that fries the chicken for the barbecue does not need your help. He has everything under control.
- It is hard to put a luggage tag on a prosthetic leg.
- Maggie C., there is a wounded veteran that fell in love with you in front of Tyler's Tackle Shop. Although you do not know it, your kindness made a difference.
- No need to worry about the weather as heaven accepts emails. The driving rain just as it is time to round everyone up to board the bus on Sunday afternoon is a lifesaver.
- Our guests are never hungry, if you are going to worry about something, worry about how we are going to get all the leftovers on the bus to go back to the hospital.

Other Heroes come in the form of our contributors that have donated goods and services for this event.

Things can change with a few hundred flags and some free printing from two separate contributors; put them together and you can paint the streets of Town red, white and blue. A donation of fishing poles has turned into an overnight stay — what veteran would want to go back to the hospital without casting a line from the North Beach pier? No fishing would take place without a fishing license. But don't fret, there is a hero in Town that takes care of that. *You open your hearts and you make a difference.*

The final hero in the equation is the one that opens the checkbook and covers the remaining balance. The economy has stalled, but your generosity stays strong. For each person, business or organization that was not able to give as much, there was one who made up the difference. Your financial contributions have allowed us to grow and create new opportunities for our wounded veterans and their families. You have given them hope.

Southern Maryland is Hope on the Chesapeake for our wounded military. Our goal is to work quietly and do some good. On behalf of our wounded veterans and their families, I would like to thank you for your generosity and kindness that has never failed. ■

FROM THE MAYOR

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spending the night, so when you see them, welcome them with open arms, a big smile and a hearty "Thank You."

Please take the time to stop by Veterans' Memorial Park and see the new Vietnam Veterans' Memorial. The new memorial was the focus of a very touching ceremony conducted by the Nam Knights of America, Maryland Old Line Chapter in conjunction with American Legion Post 206 on Memorial Day.

I am sure you have all noticed that Chesapeake Pharmacy is now CVS Pharmacy. We welcome CVS to Town, but at the same time are sorry to see our hometown pharmacy go. Beverly Dillon, the most prominent face at Chesapeake Pharmacy has opened up a gift and flower shop in the old Nationwide building at 7623 Bayside Road. She has wonderful gift items as well as a gourmet food line and flowers.

This summer has found the Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society in the business of manufacturing oyster balls. The cement reef

balls will be deployed to Old Rock Reef in late August. How exciting it is to know that CBOCS members are being such good stewards for the Chesapeake Bay!

It is hard to believe, but by the time you read this there will be just a couple of weeks left in the 2014 season for the Water Park. It has been a tremendous season; to get an idea of the economic impact the Park makes in our community, take a minute to read about the study conducted. The story is on page 5.

Finally, I want to wish our receptionist of 16 years, Kathy Johnson, a happy retirement. Just by looking at the pictures you can see that Kathy was a wonderful asset to our Town. Over the years, Kathy participated in just about every activity imaginable. Kathy, we will always miss your warmth and your smile.

Enjoy the rest of your summer...

Bruce Wahl

Mayor of the Town of Chesapeake Beach
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Maryland Municipal League

Mayor Bruce Wahl Elected 2014-2015 President

The Maryland Municipal League (MML), representing 157 Maryland municipal governments and two special taxing districts, elected Chesapeake Beach Mayor Bruce A. Wahl 2014-15 President. Mayor Wahl received the oath of office in a ceremony during the 2014 MML Annual Convention held at the Ocean City Convention Center from June 8-11.

Wahl will serve a one year term as president. Wahl has been a MML Board Member since 2010, having previously served as president-elect, Convention Planning Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman, and IT Committee Chairman.

Wahl has an extensive background as a public servant, has served on the Chesapeake Beach Council from 1989 to 2008 and acted as Mayor since 2008. In addition, Mayor Wahl is a member of the MML Hall of Fame and a member of the Academy Council for the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance. He is a U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran and Leadership Maryland Class of 2003 graduate. He is also a proud father of four and grandfather to nine.

"Thank you to my fellow members for electing me as their president," said Bruce A. Wahl, MML President and Chesapeake Beach Mayor. "I am honored and pleased to take on this new role with MML." ■





Remembering Chesapeake Pharmacy

This past May, our community sadly said good-bye to our local pharmacy. Chesapeake Pharmacy, owned by Leo Mallard and Walter Szot and managed by Beverly Dillon, closed its doors leaving behind a legacy of friendly service, a helpful staff and 27+ years of supplying a wide selection of goods to the community.

The Town of Chesapeake Beach thanks you! Here's a quick look back at Chesapeake Pharmacy. ■



Bayfront Park Clean-Up

Story by Pat "Irish" Mahoney and Photography by Nancy Feuerle

Town Council Vice-President Pat "Irish" Mahoney reports that the annual Bayfront Park (Brownies Beach) Clean-Up "had an outstanding neighborhood turnout, chock full of visitors as well. We had a gorgeous day," Mahoney reported.

The Old Campgrounds crew (i.e. Terry Klazer,

Nancy and Peter Feuerle) was joined by Cornerstone Church Pastor Jason Karamatsos and friends who were visiting our Town to participate in the annual Run for the Bay 5K. Allan Brown does such a great job keeping the beach clean year round, so we were able to conduct a social event as

well. Nancy Feuerle also served as our photographer/reporter. (She was having fun.)

All-in-all, Vice-President Mahoney reports that our dedicated volunteers made this year's event another successful beach and boardwalk clean-up!!! Thanks to all and Happy Summer. ■



PHOTOS BY CORREINE E. MOORE

Check out all of the fun programs available this season at the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum. Everyone from every age is welcome!

Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum

SUMMER BAY BREEZE CONCERT SERIES:

Tuesday, September 9 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. FREE concert series on the outside porch of the Museum featuring the Dixie Power Trio with the New Line Brass.

In case of inclement weather, the location will be moved to the Northeast Community Center, 4075 Gordon Stinnett Avenue, Chesapeake Beach. 410-257-2554

FALL FAMILY FUN DAY:

Sunday, October 12 from 1-4 p.m. at the Museum. Games, face painting, moon bounce, crafts and refreshments! FREE!

SWEET TREAT EXPRESS:

Sunday, October 12 from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Northeast Community Center. Come build a holiday train from rice krispie treats and candy. FREE! ■



Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum • 4155 Mears Avenue, Chesapeake Beach • 410-257-3892

TRASH & RECYCLE

| Location | Weekday | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| North Trash | Mondays | *2, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 6, 13, 20, 27 | 3, 10, 17, 24 | 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 |
| South Trash | Tuesdays | *3, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 7, 14, 21, 28 | 4, 11, 18, 25 | 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 |
| North Recycle | Every Other Thurs. | 11, 25 | 9, 23 | 6, 20 | 4, 18 |
| South Recycle | Every Other Fri. | 12, 26 | 10, 24 | 7, 21 | 5, 19 |
| Bagged Yard Waste | Every Other Wed. | 3, 17 | 1, 15, 29 | 12, 26 | N/A |

Special Note: Please put your trash and recycling out the night before your pick-up day, as the routes sometimes begin as early as 6 a.m. Thank you!

*Change in schedule due to Holiday.

Chesapeake Beach Water Park – Great for the Community

Story by Connie O'Dell

The Town of Chesapeake Beach recently received results from an economic Impact study of the Chesapeake Beach Water Park. The study was conducted by BEACON, Business Economic and Community Outreach Network at Salisbury University on the Eastern Shore.

The project leader for BEACON was Dr. Memo Diriker, Professor of Business and Economic Development, Franklin P. Perdue School of Business, Salisbury, MD. The following are a few points of interest developed from the study:

- The Chesapeake Beach Water Park is a very important economic development asset for the Town of Chesapeake Beach. The Park attracts a significant number of visitors who are responsible for a very high amount of primary, secondary and tertiary economic activity throughout the Town. Visitors to the Park generate \$3.2 million in total economic impact for the Town and support over 150 local jobs. The Park generates "fresh" money into the Town because a large percentage of the spending is initiated by visitors to our community who are coming because of a locally manufactured product called "The Water Park."
- While the Park is a great economic asset as it is, there is still much that can be done to increase its total value to the Town. With some additional repairs and upgrades, the Park could greatly increase its offerings. These upgrades would generate additional income and therefore additional economic activity for the Town.
- The Park is not an attractive candidate for privatization in its current state, but with upgrades there would be the possibility of privatizing certain portions.
- The Chesapeake Beach Water Park has served the Town of Chesapeake Beach admirably in the past. With a modest amount of reinvestment, the Park can be of even higher value to the Town's taxpayers in the future. ■



CBOCS cages in their home under the Railway Trail in Fishing Creek.



Counting oyster spat.

Oyster Hatchery, Oyster Reef Balls and Annual Oyster Planting

Story by John Bacon and Photography by John Bacon and Nancy Feuerle



5,000+ oyster larvae.



Larvae in the CBOCS hatchery tank.

On July 11, the Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society (CBOCS) became the newest oyster hatchery on the Chesapeake Bay. After weeks of trying through Maryland DNR and the Oyster Restoration Project, I was able to obtain oyster larvae from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. This allowed us to complete another step in the oyster growing cycle. We received around 5,000 larvae (less than a quarter of a teaspoon full, see picture with napkin) and introduced them into a 300 gallon tank filled with our oyster balls and MGO cages. The Chesapeake Beach Maintenance Staff was instrumental in getting the tank and associated equipment ready. The tank is located at the trail head and will be recycling Fishing Creek water through it for the next two weeks. The oyster balls and MGO cages will then be removed, and we will count the new spat on each. This process has been repeated two or three times dur-

ing the summer and will continue into the early fall. Students and interested parties can observe this exciting new addition to our program.

CBOCS oyster reef ball manufacturing is now almost complete. There is only one week remaining before they will be deployed on the Old Rock Reef. To date more than 30 oyster reef balls have been molded. Don't miss out on this final opportunity to get your own autographed oyster ball placed with the others on **August 23**.

Come back on **September 6, at 10 a.m.** to load up the cages with new spat, count them and place them under the trail. Also, individuals hosting MGO cages should pick them up at this time.

For a list of all CBOCS activities, go to the Chesapeake Beach Town website and click on oyster cultivation. We encourage you to be active, participating members of the society. ■



Oysters on their way to the Old Rock Reef.



Unloading CBOCS cages.



Loading CBOCS cages.

ALL HANDS ALERT

Every CBOCS member and interested friends are welcome and needed on **August 23 at 12 Noon**. We will remove the oysters from the cages, count them and move them to the Old Rock Reef. The location is Abner's boat yard. Also, we will be deploying the reef balls and doing a diving survey.



Oyster reef balls.

Chesapeake Beach Town Calendar

AUGUST

| Day | Event/Location | Time |
|-----|--|------------------------|
| 18 | Mayor's Open Door, Town Hall | 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. |
| 18 | Water Park Advisory Committee, Town Hall | 2:00 p.m. |
| 21 | Town Council Meeting, Town Hall | 7:00 p.m. |
| 31 | Railway Museum, Last Day of Summer Weekend Hours | 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. |

SEPTEMBER

| Day | Event/Location | Time |
|-----|---|-----------------------|
| 1 | Town Hall Closed in Observance of Labor Day | |
| 1 | Last Day of Season for Water Park | |
| 7 | Railway Museum Begins Weekend Hours | 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. |
| 8 | Mayor's Night Out, Town Hall | 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. |
| 9 | Railway Museum Bay Breeze Concert, Dixie Power Trio/New Line Brass; 7:30 p.m. | |
| 10 | Planning & Zoning, Town Hall | 7:00 p.m. |
| 15 | Mayor's Open Door, Town Hall | 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. |
| 15 | Water Park Advisory Committee, Town Hall | 2:00 p.m. |
| 18 | Town Council Meeting, Town Hall | 7:00 p.m. |

OCTOBER

| Day | Event/Location | Time |
|-----|---|------------------------|
| 6 | Mayor's Night Out, Town Hall | 7:30 - 9 p.m. |
| 6 | Water Park Advisory Committee, Town Hall | 2:00 p.m. |
| 8 | Planning & Zoning, Town Hall | 7:00 p.m. |
| 12 | Fall Family Fun Day, Railway Museum | 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. |
| 13 | Town Hall Closed in Observance of Columbus Day | |
| 14 | Cable TV Advisory Committee, Town Hall | 7:30 p.m. |
| 16 | Town Council Meeting, Town Hall | 7:00 p.m. |
| 19 | Halloween Family Fun Night, Water Park | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. |
| 20 | Mayor's Open Door, Town Hall | 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. |
| 25 | Fishing Creek Fall Clean Up, Railway Trail Head | 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. |
| 26 | Halloween Family Fun Night, Water Park, Rain Date | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. |

NOVEMBER

| Day | Event/Location | Time |
|-----|---|------------------|
| 1 | Railway Museum, Weekday Closing, Weekend Hours Only | 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. |
| 3 | Mayor's Night Out, Town Hall | 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. |
| 11 | Town Hall Closed in Observance of Veterans' Day | |
| 11 | American Legion Ceremony, Veterans' Memorial Park | |
| 12 | Planning and Zoning, Town Hall | 7:00 p.m. |
| 17 | Water Park Advisory Committee, Town Hall | 2:00 p.m. |
| 17 | Mayor's Open Door, Town Hall | 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. |
| 20 | Town Council Meeting, Town Hall | 7:00 p.m. |
| 22 | Railway Museum, Sweet Treat Express, NECC | 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. |
| 27 | Town Hall Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving | |
| 28 | Town Hall Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving | |
| 30 | Holiday Lighting Ceremony, Town Hall | 6:00 p.m. |



Tribute to Kathy Johnson

Everyone in Chesapeake Beach knows Kathy Johnson. She is the smiling, helpful face behind the reception desk at Town Hall. Kathy always greets people in person or on the phone and makes them feel welcome.

What many people may not know is that Kathy was a founding member of the Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society. Along with Mayor Wahl and others, she organized the initial events, convinced many people to join the different committees and kept the records. That was only the beginning.

Throughout the life of CBOCS Kathy has always been active with many new ideas. She has participated in the water monitoring committee on Saturday mornings in all seasons. Kathy wanted to show what CBOCS is all about and was instrumental in obtaining and programming the digital display next to her desk which shows many of CBOCS activities.

Not being satisfied with that, she organized the "Treasures of Fishing Creek" activity book and chaired its publication, now in its second printing and given out to all students taking the Fishing Creek oyster field trips. Next, she initiated the "Oyster Tree" for the "Festival of Trees" which was decorated by the fifth grade students from Beach Elementary. It won great praise at the festival and was housed in the Town Hall lobby over the Christmas holidays. She is currently working with others on the Smart Board/Smart Tablet program being developed for school use throughout the county and state.

Kathy, on behalf of all the members of CBOCS, we want to thank you for all your help.

Have a happy retirement!
John Bacon

On a personal note Marilyn and I want to thank you for convincing us to move to Chesapeake Beach 15 years ago. It is a wonderful Town, and you are a wonderful person.



Kathy and I met for the first time when she came to work for the Town in the summer of 1998. We became fast friends, and that first summer was filled with laughter and good times. We worked so well together which made our 16 years together a delight. We found we had so much in common which just added to our friendship. I, along with anyone else who ever came to that front desk, will truly miss her cheerful smile and welcoming personality. I consider her a true friend and wish her all the best in her retirement.

Sharon Humm

\$ The Worth of Kathy Johnson

Kathy Johnson has been the face of Chesapeake Beach Town Hall for 16 years. When folks come to Town Hall for their first time, they are greeted by Kathy, fall in love with her and the beautiful Town they moved to.

I got to thinking "what is the actual worth of Kathy Johnson?" A few years ago, I was explaining the Town tax to a roomful of citizens and explained how (after our County Tax discount) our Town tax averages \$13/month. For these, we receive a bevy of local services – and most importantly we had Kathy Johnson at Town Hall who would handle your problems and issues. The roomful agreed that access to Kathy Johnson was well worth \$13/month.

So I did some math, and 5,800 citizens at \$13/month amounts to \$905,000 per year. If we times that by 16 years, we arrive at Kathy's worth to be \$14,480,000. Rounding, I officially declared Kathy Johnson to be the Town's 15 Million Dollar Woman... .. to which Kathy replied, "Do I get a check?"

Pat "Irish" Mahoney, Town Council Vice President





The new Vietnam Veterans Memorial was presented by the Nam Knights of America, MD Old Line Chapter at the closing ceremony of the 2014 Stars & Stripes Festival.

2014 Stars & Stripes Festival

Story by Stephanie Zanelotti and Photography by Nancy Feuerle

On behalf of the Planning Committee, we would like to thank all committee members, volunteers, participants, performers and attendees for making the 2014 Chesapeake Beach Stars & Stripes Festival (CBSSF) the biggest Festival yet. The theme of honoring the Fallen Heroes of the Vietnam War brought a number of exciting activities into Town. Many men and women were never given the proper respect and recognition they deserved, and we wanted to do our part in attempting to honor all who served during this War.

After nearly one year of communications with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, we were given the opportunity to host their Mobile Museum. Our Festival began with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Mobile Museum coming into Town with a full escort of police, fire and rescue and Nam Knights. The Town was decorated red, white and blue by home and business owners.

Friday brought the Fox Channel 5 News team who spent all morning sharing Chesapeake Beach with their viewers and

highlighting our Festival on their Friday Zip Trip. Several must see locations were focal points of the show: Veterans' Memorial Park, Water Park, Railway Trail, Railway Museum and enjoying seafood. Kids from Beach Elementary shared their artwork with the camera as well as sang a song. The Young Marines and Explorers both made appearances as did Sam Grow, Twin Beach Players and Mayor Wahl. The Fox 5 team visited all the focal points as well as the Mobile Museum.

I had the opportunity to spend some



time around the Mobile Museum observing people. My fondest experience was a group of five or six Vietnam Veterans standing in a circle in front of the Museum sharing their experiences. They were adorned with either a Vietnam or branch of a military hat or shirt. It was a sight to see as they shook hands and heads. You could almost know what they were saying by watching their actions. I saw men break down and cry and comforted by their spouse. Some people walked by quickly – some took their time to read and experience everything within the Museum's walls. The purpose of the Museum is not only to educate and share memorabilia left at the Wall in Washington, D.C., but also to help heal those who have been unable to visit the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall. We hope that everyone who visited the Museum left with a bit of a history lesson on the Vietnam War and a sense of why we want to bring back the true meaning of Memorial Day.

Our Festival kicked off with our Opening Ceremony on Saturday morning. Master of Ceremonies Mayor Bruce Wahl introduced VIPs and dignitaries as well as our guest speaker, Mr. Wayne Karlin, a

Vietnam Veteran, author of many books, and professor at the College of Southern Maryland. There was not a dry eye left in the house as he spoke of his personal experiences in Vietnam. His voice said it all as you heard it crack and watched him fight back the tears as he paid homage to his brothers who never made it home.

Our Family Fun Day presented a free picnic donated by the Williams Stallings American Legion Post 206 with both fun and educational activities for all ages focusing on our youth. Our mission is to educate our youth and our community and to bring back the true meaning of Memorial Day. Kellam's Field was decorated with artwork honoring our fallen heroes from students of Beach Elementary School. There were games and prizes, moon bounces and slides, popcorn and snow cones and country music galore. The crowds came and stayed to experience the Southern Maryland hometown talents of Wesley Spangler and Sam Grow.

Local community theatre group, the Twin Beach Players, led by Sid Curl presented a Bob Hope Radio Show to a sold out crowd at the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department. The players were joined

by local talents Jamie Zemarel of the famed Capitol Steps and Marina Ybarra. Co-Chair of the Festival, Bob Snider, assembled a talented group of musicians to complete the show which featured comedy routines and music from the Vietnam era.

The weekend ended with the annual Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans' Memorial Park hosted by Williams Stallings American Legion, Post 206. The Nam Knights of America, MD Old Line Chapter unveiled and dedicated the new Vietnam Veterans Memorial. If you have not seen the Memorial, please make a point to stop by Veterans' Memorial Park and be sure to thank any Nam Knight member you see for working so hard to raise the money for the Memorial which honors all those who lost their lives in Vietnam.

Thank you to everyone who participated and attended to make this our most successful Festival yet. The focus for the 2015 Stars and Stripes Festival is Korea, The Forgotten War and our live entertainment will be The Fabulous Hubcaps.

To volunteer or participate in the Festival, please email Stephanie Zanelotti at sasz_cbssf@comcast.net. ■



Our 20th Anniversary Season is in Full Swing and Proving to be Our Best Season Ever!

Story by Laura Krick, Marketing/Groups Coordinator & Marilyn VanWagner, General Manager

This summer marks the 20th Season at the Chesapeake Beach Water Park!

We celebrated our **20th Anniversary** with a Hawaiian Luau, and many Chesapeake Beach residents came out to celebrate with us. Special thank yous to everyone who worked hard to make the evening a success. The live music and beautiful decorations added a special touch to the evening. We are looking at the possibility of making this an annual event.

We are now open seven days a week. This will continue until school opens in mid-August, and then we will be open on weekends only through Labor Day Monday. If you have a birthday or other special occasion to celebrate, consider celebrating with us! We have several party packages to choose from for your party needs, and Chesapeake Beach residents always receive our discounted rates. Please remember, Tuesdays are our **Chesapeake Beach Resident Days** where Town residents receive Half-Price Admission until

4 p.m., and Free Admission after 4 p.m.! This is a great time to visit with the other local Chesapeake Beach residents.

We have many other Special Events at the Water Park this season. The **World's Largest Swim Lesson** event in June was a great experience for the over 160 participants we had in attendance. There were lots of kids and parents present, and our goal of helping teach Swim Safety Awareness was achieved. We have had three **Character Days** so far this season. Our visitors included a Live Mer-

maid, Beautiful Princesses, and Super Heroes. Check our website for more Character Day Mondays. These are great photo opportunities.

Season Passes are still available for purchase on our website at www.chesapeakebeachwaterpark.com. New this season, all Season Pass holders are receiving a 20% discount on all food purchases. Our Season Pass holders also avoid standing in line at admissions. Other great benefits are Free Admission for Adult Swim as well as **Friday Night Slides!** If you



haven't purchased your Season Pass yet, start saving now. A couple of visits to the Park will pay for your pass. All of the other added benefits are just extra bonuses!

We have had two impromptu surprise **Lifeguard Safety Audits** from Ellis and Associates (E&A), and we are pleased to announce that our lifeguards received the highest rating achievable in both audits. E&A trains our lead aquatics team so that they are certified to train our lifeguards. By conducting these audits, E&A can be sure that we are representing their company by meeting all of their required standards. As always, **the Safety of our Guests Remains our Top Priority**, and these audits help ensure that we are operating at the optimum levels in terms of safety for our guests. We have also improved the safety of our guests by opening the Side Gate for admission to help keep lines to a minimum in the parking lot. Another new adjustment this season is that we only allow groups to visit on Wednesdays and Thursdays and only from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. These new hours are maintaining crowd control inside the Park and also allowing a more pleasurable and enjoyable experience for all guests.

We have received positive feedback regarding the improvements and enhancements we have made to the Park this year. Despite our limited funds, the Park looks brighter, and we have been able to clean up the Park and enhance its appearance.

After 20 years, improvements are a necessity. Through the hard work of our Water Park Advisory Committee, led by Town Council Member Stewart Cumbo, we are accomplishing these changes and making good progress. In the near future, we will be reaching out to you, our Town residents, to listen to your comments and suggestions on new ways for continued developments and improvements. Your thoughts and comments are important to us, and we value your ideas.

For all program details, to make ticket purchases, and to stay informed on our events, visit our website at www.chesapeakebeachwaterpark.com. **Like us on Facebook** so you can keep up to the minute on any special deals or exciting news and events! We look forward to seeing you this summer at the Chesapeake Beach Water Park! ■

Send Letters and Gifts to Our Troops

Story by Rosalie Russell

What better way to show your appreciation to our deployed Troops than to send them a little piece of home. Taking a few moments out of your day to share a thought, draw a picture or gather a few items to send to our military overseas will be very much appreciated and welcomed.

Chairman of Operation Shoebox, Rosalie Russell of Stallings-Williams American Legion Post #206 in Chesapeake Beach sends boxes out monthly to some of our deployed troops.

The following items are included in her boxes.

Letters of Support: Our military would like to receive letters from home. They would like us to tell them about ourselves. This makes them feel good and remind them of why they are there (to help keep us safe and free back here in the USA). They would also appreciate handmade notes, cards and drawings from children.

Snack Items:

- Pumpkin and Sunflower Seeds
- Beef Jerky
- Slim Jims
- Peanuts
- Gum
- Cereal Bars
- Protein Bars
- Hard Candies
- Fire Balls (they love anything hot)
- Drink Mixes (individually wrapped) dry powdered
- Protein Bars
- Twizzlers
- Puzzle books and Mechanical leaded pencils (this they can enjoy in their down time).
- No chips, pretzels, crackers, or cookies, as these items get crushed in shipment).

Toiletries: (These get shipped as donations come in). If you travel, you could collect the room toiletries such as soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, mouth wash, razors and cream, etc. These items are placed in zip lock bags and go into the boxes. This allows the guys and gals to help themselves to Grab and Go shower packages. Hand sanitizers are much needed as well.

Hand Held Games: These are also very welcomed always.

Magazines: Subjects about the following are enjoyed by many: boating, cars and custom rods, mechanical, sporting, etc. ■

To contribute or get more information, contact:

Rosalie Russell, Chairman, OPERATION SHOEBOX

E-mail: stopherrse@yahoo.com. Subject: OPERATION SHOEBOX

Home Phone: (410) 257-3664. Please leave message on voice mail.

If you have any family members or friends deployed she would be happy to mail boxes to them!!

Below are testimonials to the effort of Rosalie Russell and those who contribute:

Hello, my names is SGT Aaron L. Zills. I currently work at the Camp Hoven Post Office. We received a package from you or one of your associates. I just wanted to thank you for your generous support of our troops overseas. We are all currently stationed in South Korea. I personally have been deployed to combat zones over four times in the last 10 years. Care packages and support boxes such as yours always make everyone's day better. Again, I wanted to take a moment and say thank you for your continued support.

Sgt Zills, Aaron L. SSGT, US Army
HHC 1 BSTB Mail Room NCOIC

Sir/Ma'am,

Thank you for your continued support for us deployed overseas. We hope all we accomplish keeps you and yours proud to call yourselves Americans, and we can't wait until we get to come home to loving arms such as yours.

We greatly appreciate all you have supplied us, and we will cherish every item.

Maj Harrop, USAF
Assigned to Army 10th Mountain Division
CJTF-10, RCC/CJ39 TF Gauntlet, APO AE 09354

Get Ready for Fall

At the Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch!

There's always something fun and interesting going on for all ages at the Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch. And fall is right around the corner. Plan ahead for these upcoming fun events! Please let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions on what else you might be interested in learning more about. Call 410-257-2411 or stop by anytime to get updates on what's available at the library. Or visit our website at www.calvert.lib.md.us. Happy learning!

Children Programs

Storytime

Meets in the Children's Area of the library Wednesdays and Saturdays, beginning the week of September 8th. Registration is required.

WEDNESDAYS

- 9:15 – 9:35 a.m. Cuddle Up and Read to Me Storytime**
Designed for children birth to 24 months. Children are introduced to books and language through short stories, songs and more.
- 10 – 10:45 a.m. Family Storytime**
For children birth through 5 years old and for families with children of multiple ages. Enjoy stories, songs and flannel boards. Children will make a craft weekly.
- 11 – 11:30 a.m. 2-3 Year-Old Storytime**
Uniquely designed with 2 and 3 year-olds in mind. Children practice their listening skills, participate in group activities, and create a craft weekly.
- 1 – 1:45 p.m. Family Storytime**
For children birth through 5 years old and for families with children of multiple ages. Enjoy stories, songs and flannel boards. Children will make a craft weekly.

SATURDAYS

- 10 – 10:45 a.m. Family Storytime**
For children birth through 5 years old and for families with children of multiple ages. Enjoy stories, songs and flannel boards. Children will make a craft weekly.

Lego Mania

NEW THIS FALL!

For kids from kindergarten to 5th grade. Lego enthusiasts will meet monthly to hear a story followed by a Lego building session. Each session will close with sharing time. Legos supplied by library. Registration required. Meets the **2nd Thursday** of each month.

- September 11** Rescue Heroes
- October 9** Pirates
- November 13** Pets



Playtime

Saturday mornings, 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. A new addition to our children's programs, Playtime is learning and discovery time for you and your child. Engage in interactive play, connect with other parents and caregivers, and have fun! Bring a non-battery operated toy to share. No registration is required. For ages birth through 5 years old.

Kids Just Want to Have Fun

An exciting hour filled with reading, discussion and projects. Themes change every session. Kids Just Want to Have Fun will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the **3rd Thursday** of every month from September through May (except December). Designed for students in kindergarten through 3rd grade. Registration is required.



THEMES

- September 18** China
- October 16** Donuts
- November 20** What Floats Your Boat?



Halloween Evening Storytime

Thursday, October 30 at 6:30 p.m. Join us for a fun evening of Halloween stories and songs. Costumes welcome!

Code Name 4-5-6

For 4th-6th grade eyes only! 4th – 6th grade students are invited to this series of events which uses plenty of hands-on activities to have fun with reading! Each month we will explore a new theme and introduce a great chapter book on the topic. No advanced preparation is needed and a snack will be provided. Registration is required.

THEMES

- September 4** Walk Like an Egyptian
- October 2** Wild Weather
- November 6** Wright or Wrong?

All programs start at 6:30 p.m.



Adult Programs

Book Discussions

Book discussions run from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

September 8
The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt

October 20
The Distance Between Us by Reyna Grande
(One Maryland, One Book)

November 10
Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand



Calvert Conversations

Calvert Conversations meets on the **2nd Thursday** of each month from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Living Room at the library.

September 4

October 9

November 13

Talk about the past, present and future over a cup of coffee or tea. Always something to talk about!

Yes, You Can Use a Computer!

LOOKING FOR COMPUTER TRAINING?

Please ask any librarian for help! Anyone can request a free hour of one to one training on a variety of computer topics from facebook to searching the web to applying for a job online. Come in and see how we can help you today!



Family Programs

Join us for Chess!

Chess Saturdays at the Library

Chess enthusiasts or wannabe enthusiasts – please join us (with or without your own chess set) at the library on the **2nd Saturday** of each month from 10:00 a.m. to noon. All ages and levels welcome!

September 13 **November 8**

October 11 **December 13**



Join us on a Trip to the National Book Festival

August 30

On the Go with Calvert Library to the National Book Festival on August 30, Washington Convention Center. Bus ticket just \$15. Purchase in person at any library. Visit www.loc.gov/bookfest/.

The Mobile Career Center Visits the Library

The Mobile Career Center will be parked at Twin Beaches Library from 1-4 p.m. to help people find jobs on:

September 5 **October 3** **November 7**

With Sadness, Announcing the Passing of Cookbook Author

Arnold Louis "Whitey" Schmidt

Arnold Louis "Whitey" Schmidt – noted cookbook author – has passed away. He went peacefully at his home art studio in Crisfield, Md. on Friday, July 18, 2014. He was 75 years old.

Known as the Chesapeake Bay's Blue Crab Guru, Schmidt authored 11 popular books on the region's cooking, culture and people. You may have seen many of these over the years around Town and in the Calvert Library Twin Beaches branch.

Schmidt's first book, *The Official Crab Eater's Guide* (1985), marked a milestone in the history of Bay country cooking. He would go on to publish the books *Seaside Dining: Views to Dine By*, *Bay Tripper* (Eastern and Western Shore editions), *The Chesapeake Bay Crabbiest Cookbook*, *The Chesapeake Bay Oyster Cookbook*, *The Eastern Shore Cookbook* and many others.

Through his work and life, Schmidt has touched thousands of individuals. He will be missed – but his work will live on.

For more information on Schmidt's work, go to www.crablab.com.



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