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Washington A. Vickers:

“Storm Warrior”

By Sandie Gerken

There are intriguing stories of heroism and perilous risk-taking in our local maritime heritage, specifically in the service of our local ancestors in the United States Life-Saving Service in its heyday in the 1880s. The USLSS was established in 1872 to provide humanitarian assistance to shipwrecked sailors along our country's seacoasts, Great Lakes, and the Gulf. Six life saving stations were built and maintained along Sussex County's seacoast at intervals of 4 to 7 miles from Lewes to Fenwick Island.

At the Indian River Life Saving Station, now a museum, one notable hero can be credited for the courageous efforts of this station and its “surfmens” during his 24 years of service as the IR Station's keeper from 1883 to 1907.

Washington Alexander Vickers was a man of deep commitment and utmost courage. Born in Seaford, DE on November 28, 1842, the son of Joseph and Mary Louis Neal Vickers, Washington enlisted in the Confederate Army at age 20, being assigned to Company G, 2nd Maryland Mounted Infantry. He was wounded in his left hand and forearm in the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863 and was hospitalized in Virginia. Unfit for further active duty, he served out the remainder of the war as a hospital nurse. Taking the oath of amnesty after the war, he married and began his surfmans career in 1878 at the Life Saving Stations at Hog Island and Assateague, VA. His service record of diligence, competency, and leadership ability

secured him a promotion when he was transferred to the IR Life Saving Station in 1883 to become the keeper.

As keeper at Indian River, he commanded a crew of six surfmen. The surfmen were usually local men, mostly fishermen who had experience with local weather patterns, the hazards of the shoals and currents of the sea. Some of the names of local surfmen who served under Vickers were: Burton, Cropper, Evans, Hazzard, Hickman, Hitchens, Long, Magee, Marvel, Massey, McCabe, and Quillen. The keeper and crew were required to live at the station during the active season, usually November through April. Vickers' wife and four children lived across the bay in Frankford. His duty kept him

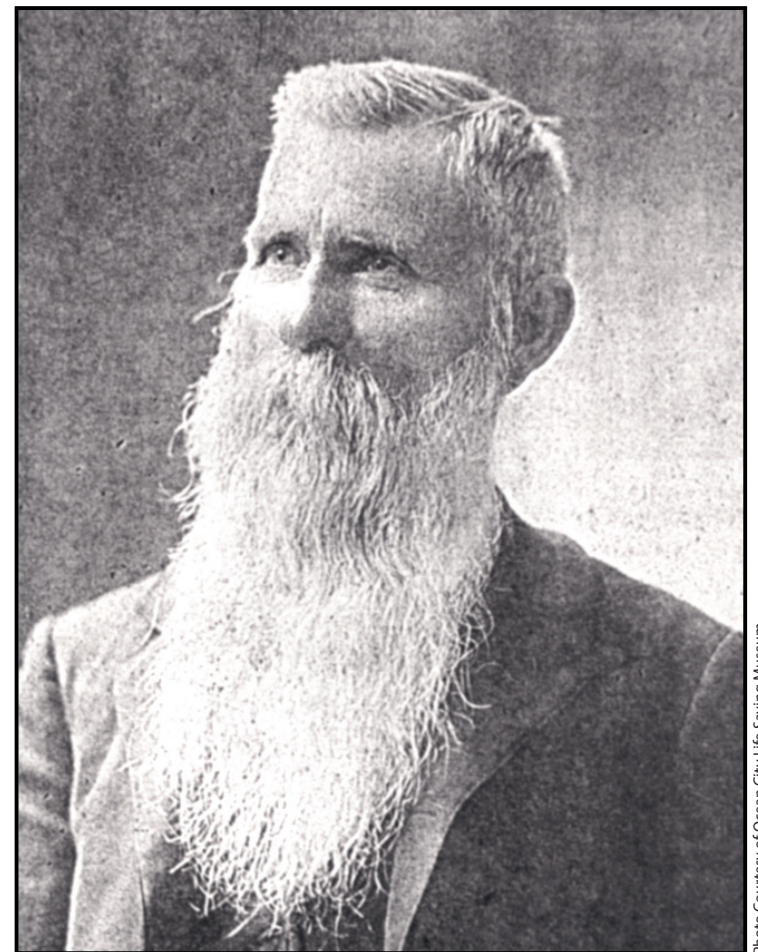


Photo Courtesy of Ocean City Life Saving Museum

Keeper Washington A. Vickers

away from family for long stretches at a time with only occasional visits home.

As keeper, Vickers was entrusted with training his crew daily in

practice with the equipment: the surfboat, the breeches buoy, and the Lyle gun in order to hone their skills in preparation for an actual

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New School on DELMARVA

Submitted by Pastor Ray Bertolet

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rescue of a ship and crew in distress. He also drilled them in Morse code, semaphore flag signals, and first aid. Each day of the week a different drill was practiced. On Saturdays they cleaned and maintained the station. Sunday was reserved for rest, except for every night patrols. Vickers assigned night patrol of the beach with one surfman keeping watch on the sea from the tower in 4 hours shifts and two patrolmen to walk the beach with lanterns in each direction for 3-4 miles, then return back to check in. These duties were performed in all weather conditions. Vickers was required to maintain a daily logbook in which he meticulously made detailed entries that have provided valuable information of the day to day activities at the station as well as descriptions of perilous storms and dangerous rescues, both successes and failures.

Vickers did not require his surfmen to face a dangerous job or risk that he himself would not attempt. The keeper usually steered the surfboat out to a ship in danger through rough seas. At times, Vickers was pulled out to the shipwreck in the breeches buoy to assess and direct the rescue attempt.



Sandie Gerken lives in Dagsboro, DE. As a native Sussex Countian, local history is one of her passions.

Retired now, she devotes her time to genealogy research (her greatest passion since 1978), watercolor painting, grandchildren, soccer for kids with disabilities, books, and things creative and historical. She recently authored the book *Memories of the Clayton Theatre* as a fundraiser to help the Clayton go digital. She is now exploring her writing skills with local history articles for *High Tide News*.

One log entry detailed a March northeaster with rough seas when the stranded brig, Tula, was spotted by a surfman on night patrol. Vickers promptly responded with his crew. All of the ship crew were rescued, fed and clothed, remaining at the station for four days while the surfmen tried to secure cargo and assist a steam tugboat that Vickers had requested to float the brig. In his log he noted that the tugboat arrived the next morning, but several attempts to float the brig failed. Several tons of cargo were thrown overboard to lighten the load. When the brig sprung a leak, it was feared the vessel would be lost. They were finally able assist the tug in freeing the Tula after three days. It was towed to the Delaware Breakwater where repairs were made. Most of the cargo was lost or damaged, but the crew was safe. Such was a typical successful rescue.

Vickers and his crew took part in a dangerous mission in responding to the disaster at the Delaware Breakwater during the March 1888 blizzard called the "Great White Hurricane". This ferocious storm came on so swiftly and continued relentlessly for three days. Many vessels anchored at the breakwater were piled up and damaged. Some ships collided and were shattered in attempts to move away from the pier. Other vessels ran aground or were sunk. The Lewes, Rehoboth, and Cape Henlopen life saving crews faced constant peril. Vickers and crew traveled the 14 miles to Lewes to assist in rescue. Assessing the dire situation of a rescuing surfboat frozen in ice and snow in the water, Vickers recruited sailors quartered at the marine hospital to aid in hauling a whip line attached to the boat to free it. The surfboat was filled with exhausted surfmen and the crew from a stranded schooner. All hands were saved with much success attributed to Vickers' arrival and recruitment of additional hands.

In 1903 Vickers was honored in Washington, DC by the US Life Saving Service with a commendation for his exemplary courage and unwavering commitment.



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In 1907 Washington Vickers became keeper of the Bethany Beach Life Saving Station and retired from that post in January 15, 1915, the same day that the US Life Saving Service merged with the US Revenue Cutter Service to form the US Coast Guard. He was 73 years old. He had served 37 of the 44 years that the USLSS had been in existence.

Vickers moved to Georgetown with his second wife, Joanna. He died on February 23, 1930 and was buried in Union Cemetery in Georgetown with his first wife, Henrietta. He was legendary in his time for his dedicated service and well respected as a man of integrity.

In 2007 he was inducted into the Delaware Maritime Hall of Fame. The statement nominating him read:

"His many years of service and great courage in the face of danger have left a legacy for those who still work today to make our Delaware waters safer."

Note: The term "Storm Warriors" was a term applied to the men of the USLSS along with "Soldiers of the Surf" per the US Coast Guard website.

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Preparation underway for the 18th Annual Dewey Beach Sprint Triathlon

The 18th Annual Dewey Beach Sprint Triathlon is scheduled to take place Saturday, September 13, 2014. The event consists of a ½ mile swim, 3.5 mile run and 16 mile bike and begins and ends at the Delaware Seashore State Park, Tower Road. It is an annual fundraiser for the Sussex Family YMCA's Strong Kids Campaign and to date has raised

over \$250,000 for the cause.

"This event has sustained virtually every weather condition expected in the fall. Fingers crossed that it is mild the week-end of the triathlon," said Race Director Ava Cannon.

This year there will be a limited number of registrations allowed at packet pickup at the Sussex Family YMCA at 20080 Church

Street in Rehoboth from 3-8:30 PM on Friday, September 12. Approximately 800 are expected to participate, including relay team members.

Some traffic congestion can be expected from about 7:30 AM until 11 on the morning of the event, so plan accordingly. Spectators can watch along the beach or streets of Dewey or at

the transition area in the State Park. Spectators are encouraged to bike or walk in to the park as parking is very limited. A post party is held for participants and others are welcome for \$5.

Go to the event website at www.deweybeachtriathlon.com to see how you can be involved or call 302-296-YMCA.

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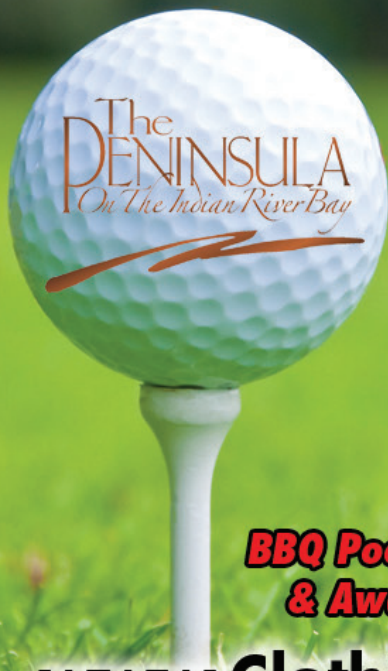
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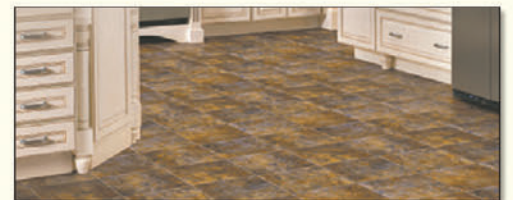
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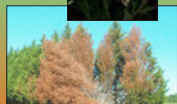


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it for our customers to be willing to do this. I also knew price would determine if the service plans would sell or not. I'm happy to say we have been able to keep the price at the amount the average service call would cost.

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A designated area is set up in the Information Center on Coastal Highway in Fenwick Island which contains all Primed for Maturity members' information, making it a "one stop shop" for visitors who may be thinking about retiring to The Quiet Resorts, or find themselves caring for an elderly resident here.

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ticipants about their products and services. Meeting quarterly, this network of businesses will be kept up to date about new and exciting developments within their particular businesses and industries, therefore enhancing the depth and breadth of services offered.

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Submitted by Sue Nilsson



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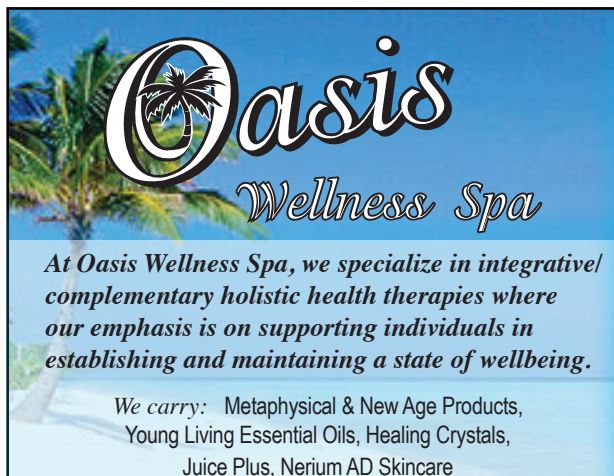
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Smoking Laws in Munich

By Vincent Paez

Smoking laws have been in place in the USA for many years now. Although I do not smoke, many of my friends do, and I can see the inconvenience of such laws for them. When I lived in Europe twelve years ago, I became so used to the smoke in public places, that it just stopped bothering me after a couple of years. Only recently, has Europe begun to



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Brook University and an M.B.A. from UCLA. He speaks five languages and has lived/worked on four continents for three Fortune 500 companies. He is also a passionate musician and loves the music scene, especially in the Ocean City area. He lives in Florida and spends much time in Ocean City. He has two sons attending Florida State University..."Go 'Noles!"

pass no-smoking laws for public places. While traveling with a friend in Munich a few years ago, I got to observe first-hand the reaction of a bar to a new no-smoking law in that city.

The city of Munich is in southern Germany in the state of Bavaria, which is said to be more relaxed and friendly, compared to the rest of Germany. We searched for a bar with live music on a Saturday night. We walked through the lovely Marienplatz in the old downtown area and found the famous Glockenspiel, an old City Hall building with two levels of revolving statues of traditionally dressed dolls, acting out a story to the sound of bells. This occurs several times a day, and it is certainly worth visiting. After the Glockenspiel show, we walked down a small alley, made several turns, and saw a sign, "Live-Musik heute abend" ("Live Music tonight"). Next to this sign was a brand new "No Smoking" sign, the first of its kind on that street, I was sure. As we walked in the door, we could see the band setting up, and we became excited at seeing the guitars, drums, and keyboard being sound-checked. The bar was rather busy, but we found a small

available table with two chairs and sat down.

At that point, the waiter approached us to take our order, and we asked for a couple of beers. When in Germany, one must drink as much of the beer as possible, as it is the best in the world. The waiter asked if we were smokers. We told him that we were not smokers, but that smoke did not bother us at all. Again, he asked if smoke really did not bother us. We were puzzled by the repeated question, because we clearly saw the "No Smoking" sign outside. Again, we reassured him that we were fine with the smoke. He gave us a bizarre but satisfied smile and walked over to the main entrance door. He opened it and glanced outside, as if he were looking for spies on the street. He then put up the "Closed" sign on the exterior of the door, closed the door and locked it shut. My friend and I were amazed that they would lock us all in, but the band was about to start, and we had our minds on that.

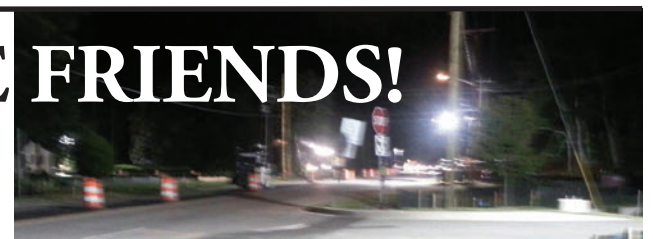
The band was fantastic. They were talented and well-rehearsed. After plenty of Led Zeppelin and Pink Floyd songs, as well as plenty of beer, we could barely see

the stage. The smoke had accumulated so much that the entire bar looked like a thick cloud. Of course, we did not wish to complain, because we were clear that the smoke wouldn't bother us. Finally, we decided to ask the waiter what was going on. He explained that the No Smoking Law stated that there could be no smoking allowed in an establishment while it was open. So he had to close the establishment in order for people to smoke and have a good time. We were part of a "private party," which allowed smoking. I thanked him for inviting us to the "party" and asked if I owed anything for the drinks. He made it clear that we did owe forty-two euros for the drinks, but there was no charge for the music. My friend and I thought that was an interesting loop-hole and were happy to pay the tab.

In a country as strict and law-abiding as Germany, I found it terribly interesting how this bar worked to get around the letter of the law. It seems that Bavarians are indeed more relaxed than the rest of Germany. If you are ever in Germany, I highly recommend visiting Munich. You will love the people and the sights.

ROADWORK, WE WILL NEVER BE FRIENDS!

Submitted by Nicholas Cirillo, Paparazzi Salon: Owner/Operator



Unless you have been living under a seashell, you know there is roadwork being done on Rt. 26 to widen the road.

The project started in the design phase in the early 2000's, and began with the ground breaking in the beginning of this year on the 6th of January, 2014. It's estimated that the project will take roughly 901 days, with the workers finishing the project completely around June 24th 2016.

With a price tag of about 26 million dollars, the expansion will be a huge help with several different problems that we all know exist. The resort areas are constantly expanding; the more people that there are, the more traffic we will have. The new road design will not only

be excellent for the community and our visitors, but it will also enhance mobility along SR.26 corridor. This will not only be beneficial for the vehicular drivers, it will also make it a safer journey for bicyclists and pedestrians.

I asked Walter Cannon, who works for Site Work Safety and Supply out of Camden DE. (for the last 3 and a half years), if he liked working better at night? Or, if he liked working during the day, which they will be returning to after the season is over on October 1st, until May 14th from 9am-6am. Surprisingly he liked working at night, even though they do not get paid more for working "The graveyard shift". He said that there is less traffic.

Although some people can be impatient, most people are very respectful. On occasions I have brought coffee and doughnuts to the workers...I asked if anyone else has done this? Cannon told me there was a woman who brought them some hot chocolate. What a great woman! There are about 30 people to an overnight crew, and also 4 police officers working over night while we are all sleeping. Just so that way we aren't complaining more than we already do, because there is so much traffic during the day because of all the "Visitors", bicyclists, and people going or coming from work.

All of the workers are doing a great job. There are only 2 places (3 is the limit) where

there is 1 lane of traffic with 1 mile between work zones as allotted by law.

Kenneth Cimino, the Construction Manager was very polite and awesome enough to answer some questions even though I initially was in "trouble" for not only distracting one of his Flagger's but I was also standing in a work zone without proper attire!

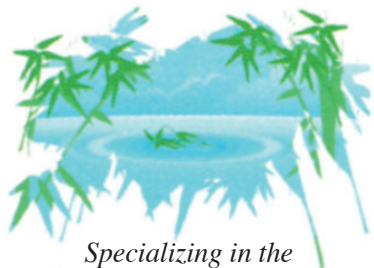
I asked if he had any idea of how many businesses were going to be losing a portion or the front of their property closest to the street. He told me, there were over 100 "Right of Way Agreements" signed, but he wasn't sure of the exact number. He explained it to me that DelDot purchases the right of way through the corridor

to widen the roadway. He also told me that everything was going very well and they made great strides over the summer. They have been extremely lucky to have 0 accidents, and have not run into anything unexpected (knock on wood).

So next time you're out after 9pm on Rt.26 and have a couple extra minutes, stop and get the workers some coffee and doughnuts! They will really appreciate it.

And just think, the happier the workers are, the quicker they will work, and the sooner it will be finished. While also doing a better job, so the roads will last longer. ...All because you bought coffee and doughnuts!

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Delaware Hospice's annual golf outing offers a fun opportunity to support this worthwhile cause.

The Delaware Hospice Sussex County Golf Outing will be held on Monday, October 6, at Cripple Creek Golf and Country Club, 29494 Cripple Creek Dr., Dagsboro, DE 19939.



\$125 per person, which includes green fees, cart, lunch, refreshment cart, and an awards reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres.

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The Golf Outing will offer the following contests: Team Prizes for Low Gross, Closest to the Pin: Men and Ladies, Longest Drive: Men and Ladies, and the Putting Contest.

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For more information about the Delaware Hospice Golf Outing or about Delaware Hospice, visit www.delawarehospice.org or contact Peggy Dolby, Associate Director of Development at 302-746-4666 or pdolby@delawarehospice.org.

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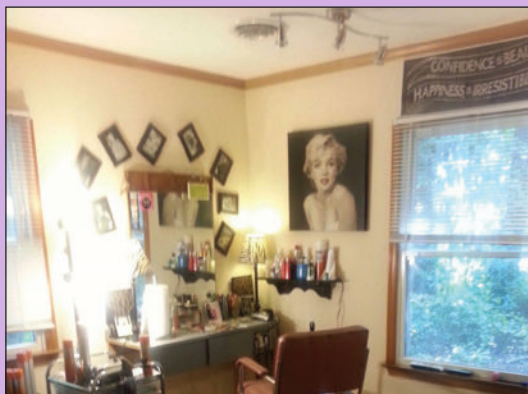
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Indian River High School Alumni Association Announces Spirit Scholarship Recipients

Story & Photo submitted by Ruth Ann Marvel, IRHSAA

September...Fall is in the air and you know what that means? IRHS FOOTBALL! The first home game will be Friday, 9/19 against Cape Henlopen! Be sure to come out and show your I.R. PRIDE!!! You may even see a few familiar faces from your IR days!

IRHSAA Spirit Scholarship Recipients Announced

We've all had a busy summer and it will be great to get back into our routines. One is our monthly IRHSAA meetings! We were happy to honor our three IRHSAA Spirit Scholarship recipients at our last meeting. The students along with their proud parents were in attendance for the celebration. We want to thank the Scholarship Committee for donating their time

to select the qualified winners. This celebration allowed the rest of our members in attendance to meet & congratulate these promising students. The winners received checks payable to their college of choice towards tuition or books for \$1,000 each. This was possible due to the fundraising efforts of our group and the generous contributions from the alumni AND our community over the past year. This is amazing considering the short time we have been in existence.

We would like to announce the 3 recipients:

Sarah Hickman will have a pre-med concentration within a University of Delaware biology major. **Samuel Izzo** will study finance and play men's soccer for Bloomsburg University. In the honors program, **Ridge Murray**

will study finance or marketing and do marching band at University of Delaware.

We certainly wish all of them much success as they begin their next step in their education and careers.

School Sign "unveiling" in the near future!

Our school sign has been one of our first goals since our inception and you should soon see it in completion. Many hours were put into the design process as well as fundraising efforts. Thank you to all who have contributed in some fashion to make this come true. Be looking for our official "unveiling" in the near future!



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Sarah Hickman (left) will have a pre-med concentration within a University of Delaware biology major. Samuel Izzo (center) will study finance and play men's soccer for Bloomsburg University. In the honors program, Ridge Murray (right) will study finance or marketing and do marching band at University of Delaware.

Our next monthly meeting will be on Monday, September 8th at 6pm. We will be meeting at Pizza King in Millsboro and hope you will consider joining us. Lots of planning for our next successful year! ALL ARE WELCOME! I.R. PRIDE!!!

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