

Simply Sushi opens in West Cape May



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just happened to be doing at the time.

"We both started talking and exchanged information," Nace said. "He was working in New York at the time. So during the summer, when I would go tuna fishing, he'd come down here to learn the trade. Then I would travel up there, hang out and learn how to make sushi."

After learning the craft, Nace would make sushi for himself and his friends at parties.

"I would tell friends I was having a sushi party. Then they would invite other people. I still do things like this for my friends. In fact, my friend got married last September and I couldn't go to the wedding cause I was working. So I did a sushi party for 20 people as his wedding present," Nace said. "It was great."

John Alvarez/Cape May Star and Wave
Simply Sushi chef and owner Jeff Nace works on a fresh sushi roll at his new restaurant.

The semi catering was helpful because Nace was growing weary of professional fishing. "It was great work, but I was tired. I was looking for something else," he said.

It is his friends whom Nace gives credit for becoming a sushi chef full time. "The original owners of the Moonfish Grill approached me, through my friend, Doree Barde, in early spring of 2006. They had mentioned to Doree how they wanted to open a sushi bar in their restaurant. Doree said she knew of someone who might have been what they were looking for and called me."

"I did an interview with the owners and then made a sushi lunch for them," Nace continued. "They liked what they had and hired me. I was down at the Moonfish Grill for the first three years, through the 2006, '07 and '08 seasons. Then, when the new owners took over restaurant, they had wanted to do sushi. But after they had reopened, they felt like sushi no longer fit their menu."

Initially, after being released, Nace was planning

on approaching other restaurants in town, offering his trade.

"I was putting a resume together, go to different places and see if anyone would be interested in putting a sushi bar. But, as I was doing this, I thought, 'Why don't I just open my own place?'"

And, as before, Fate and one of Nace's friends interceded.

"It was a friend of mine, Don Donaldson, who saw this place had the lease available. He called me on the phone and told about it and said 'I think this could be place.' I rode by, gave this location a look and liked what I saw. I also saw they were serving coffee at the spot. The next day Don and I went in, had coffee and looked around. Before we left, I said to myself, 'You know, this would be a good spot to do this.' So, here we are," Nace said.

Now with his place starting, Nace approaches this new career with tradition and pride.

"From the very onset, I only serve the freshest sushi grade products available. I season

my rice traditionally with a sweet vinegar mix. Not only can you see the difference in the quality, but you can also taste it as well," he said. "When I moved to here, I still use the same providers. I still want to keep the same high quality I always have. I don't just make 'pre-made' sushi. It needs to be freshly made. That's what makes mine better than the rest."

As for the future, Nace is optimistic.

"If we make it through the first year, we'll be around for a second," he said with a hearty laugh. "We're good tasting and good for you. Come on in and give us a try. We'll provide you with the best sushi anywhere. You help us get to the next year."

Simply Sushi hours are Thursday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and from 5:30 till 9:30 p.m. They plan to go five days on the last week in April or first week May. They will begin seven days a week starting May 19, from 11 a.m. straight through to 9:30 p.m.

World War II veteran

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Rome.

"My stepfather said when they landed on Anzio there were many trees on the beach, but when they left there were none," Von Colln said.

The Americans also suffered from the cold, wet

against Japan. Purgatorio arrived in the U.S. on Aug. 11, 1945 and the Japanese surrendered three days later.

Discharged from the Army, Purgatorio didn't waste time going home.

"When he arrived in Cape May he walked down the street with his duffel bag over his shoulder singing 'I'll never leave Cape May again!'" Von Colln said.

As a result of going home so quickly after being discharged, Purgatorio never received the medals he was awarded for his service, including the Bronze Star for heroic service.

Recently, Von Colln's son Johnny researched his grandfather's military awards and found Purgatorio had been awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal in addition to the Bronze Star. Purgatorio also picked up a Combat Infantry Badge, and earned four overseas stripes, indicating two years in a combat zone.

According to Von Colln, Purgatorio returned to his home and, true to his word, never left except for a hospital stay in Philadelphia. He went to work at the magnacite plant, and one day while jackhammering residue off a kiln wall, the scaffolding collapsed and Purgatorio was injured. He was forced to go to Philadelphia for treatment, but returned to his home at 423 Broadway and apparently

never left.

Von Colln remembers Purgatorio as a simple man, as one would tend to be growing up in a large family. She said he didn't have a lot of hobbies, but was very interested in metals.

"He could tell you all about metal, the various kinds, and he would collect metal and sell it," she said.

Eventually, her son was able to get copies of the medals Purgatorio earned and he put them into a display the Von Collns have in their home in Lake Havasa City, Ariz. Von Colln said she could never coax Purgatorio to visit her there, but they would speak often on the telephone, especially after her mother died. It was in those later years when Purgatorio finally talked about his service during World War II.

"I'm so glad I thanked him for all he went through, as he said no one else did," Von Colln said.

Purgatorio died May 4, 2008, one of America's unsung heroes from World War II, and a hometown hero from West Cape May.



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In this display are the medals Francis A. Purgatorio was awarded for his service in World War II. Below his photo is his army dog tag and four "overseas strips," each indicating six months in a combat zone.

Italian winter.

"They wore many socks but it didn't seem to help," Von Colln said.

The unit took 10 months to get to the Milan area, liberating Rome, June 4, 1944, on the way.

In February 1945, Purgatorio was attached to the 10th Mountain Division, 87th Infantry Regiment. Purgatorio took part in a spring offensive, when the 10th Mountain broke through into the Po Valley.

In August 1945, with the war in Europe winding down, Purgatorio was deployed back to the United States pending redeployment to the Pacific Theater in the war

Ponderlodge

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50/50 chance the Richard Stockton College would be able to establish a satellite campus at Ponderlodge, adding that if there is no commitment by the college to take over and rehabilitate the main building, it should be demolished.

"I think we should know something before the next council meeting," Beck said.

"We don't know if it's being sold to the school?" Winters asked.

Beck said he didn't know about that - just that Stockton was interested in establishing a satellite campus for environmental studies there, which he described as "almost an honor."

"Will it be open to the residents?" Winters asked.

Beck said thus far there has only been a single step taken and it was too early to talk about what the college might do in the future.

"This is a huge step for the college," Beck said, "but there's got to be a due date."

Councilman Glenn Douglass said while the state never followed through with plans for Ponderlodge, Stockton has a

funding mechanism for what they are considering.

"They have the money to do something," he said.

Councilman Wayne Mazurek said he was concerned the state would drop their environmental restoration plans if Stockton takes over the site.

"Even if Stockton takes over, the state still has to follow through with their plans," he said. "Right now it's just an overgrown golf course."

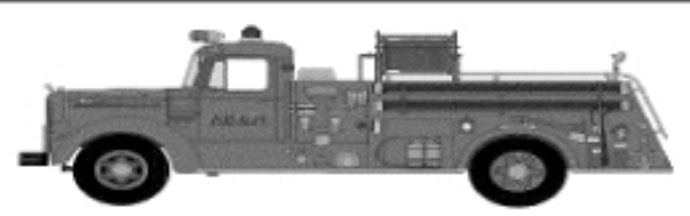
Resident Ed Butler said everyone has been talking as if it's a "done deal" for Stockton to take over the site, and he feels the residents are being left out of the equation. He said it seemed like Stockton was going to be

allowed to come in without zoning approval and do what they wished.

"When it's time to start building they should show the plans to the residents and they should decide what they want," he said.

"There's no done deal," Beck said. "And the residents have to be involved in everything that goes on there."

Resident Wayne Weissman said he e-mailed Stockton President Herman Saatkamp Jr. with some of his concerns, including hiring Lower Township residents to fill positions at the satellite campus. According to Weissman, he asked Saatkamp in his e-mail, what are you going to do for us.



NOTICE TO PUBLIC

The West Cape May Volunteer Fire Company has been providing firematic services to the residents and taxpayers of the Borough of West Cape May since 1921. In 1976 the Fire Company purchased the property at 732 Broadway with the intention of constructing a firehouse and social hall. Shortly thereafter, the opportunity existed for the Borough to apply for an EDA grant to construct a municipal complex. The Borough needed to secure Property for this project. The Borough engaged in discussion with the Fire Company relative to the possible use of the property it purchased and the Fire Company agreed to deed the property to the Borough in order that the grant be pursued. The grant was ultimately secured and the municipal complex was constructed the firehouse. The Fire Company deeded the property with the understanding that the firehouse would always be utilized and occupied by the Fire Company, including the parking lot, for the activities of the Fire Company. The Fire Company continued to occupy the firehouse and provide fire protection services and undertook many improvements to the firehouse with monies secured by the Fire Company through fundraising activities and donations.

The Fire Company was advised by the Borough governing body that a written agreement was required by the Borough relative to the Fire Company's use and occupancy of the firehouse and providing of fire services to the Borough. The Fire Company and Borough have engaged in extensive discussions relative to these issues but have not been able to reach an agreement.

The Fire Company has and will continue to provide fire services to the public. The volunteer members are committed to providing these services however the Fire Company is concerned about the issues being discussed with the Borough and would like to receive the opinions and comments of the public relative to these issues. The financial records will be open for inspection at that time.

The Fire Company will be holding an open house at the firehouse on **April 25th 8a.m. to 12 noon and April 26th 12 noon to 4 p.m., 2009** wherein the public is invited to discuss with the Fire Company representatives the issues of concern. Please attend if you are able.

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