

OBITUARIES

ARTHUR 'MICKY' BLOMKVEST, 83

Arthur "Mickey" Blomkvest, 83, former Cape May mayor and councilman, of South Seaville, passed away Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019.

A lifelong Cape May resident, Mickey was mayor at the time Cape May became a National Historic Landmark. Fueled by his passion for the city he served, Mickey successfully lobbied the federal government for beach restoration funds that were the foundation for Cape May's beaches today. He was proud to have been the only mayor who held the city tax line for 11 out of 12 years. Mickey served on Cape May City Council from 1968 to 1972 and was proud to serve as Cape May's mayor from 1976 to 1988.

Mickey was a master carpenter, renowned in the area for specializing in Victorian restoration. His work lives on at Cape May's "Pink House."

He was predeceased by his Swedish parents, Elmer and Alice Blomkvest of Cape May, and brother Elmer (Sonny) of Virginia. Mickey is survived by his beloved wife of 64 years, Mildred Needles Blomkvest; his five children: Stina Smith, Majken Mechling, Dagmer Chew, Stig Blomkvest and Annika Nash; brother Charles of Ewing; 11 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and, last but not least, his devoted companion and ever-faithful dog Teddy.

Relatives and friends will be received from 11 a.m. to noon Sunday, Feb. 3, at Cape May City Hall, 643 Washington St., where a memorial ceremony in the form of family and friends sharing thoughts and memories will follow at noon. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Belleplain Emergency, 167 Broad St., Belleplain, NJ 08270. To share condolences, visit spilkerfuneralhome.com.



Blomkvest

Church of the Advent welcomes new rector

CAPE MAY — The Rev. Alan Leonard is the new rector at the Church of the Advent and will officiate at services at 8 and 10:30 a.m. beginning Sunday, Feb. 3.



LEONARD

Leonard, who served as rector at St. Margaret's Church in Boiling Springs, S.C., earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Ripon College in Wisconsin, a master's degree in counseling from Northern Illinois University and a master's degree in divination from Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, Calif. He completed clinical pastoral education at Dublin Federal Correction Facility.

Leonard served in the U.S. Army as a field artillery officer prior to entering the seminary, and returned to active duty as an Army chaplain for seven years, including a tour of duty in Iraq in 2007.

In addition to his parochial duties, he has been actively involved in de-

veloping successful outreach ministries to veterans, creating Christian education programs for young adults and keeping a multigenerational focus across the spectrum of his professional ministry. Recognized for his administrative and canonical skill and effectiveness, he has served terms as a deputy and alternative deputy of the Diocese of Upper Carolina to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church. Leonard's spiritual life has also led him to become an associate of the Order of

the Holy Cross, and his familial descent includes a legacy as a Son of the American Revolution.

His wife, Brenda, is a cellist and strings teacher who holds a doctorate in music from the University of South Carolina. The Leonards have two adult children and served as foster parents in South Carolina for four years.

Church of the Advent is located at the intersection of Washington and Franklin streets in Cape May. Call (609) 884-3065 or visit capemayadvent.org for more information.

Lower Township police welcome three new officers

ERMA — The Lower Township Police Department welcomed the addition of three full-time police officers, who took the oath of office Wednesday, Jan. 23, during the Lower Township Council meeting.

The officers successfully completed 22 weeks of residential training at the Cape May County Police Academy. Each officer now must complete at least four months of field training with a designated field training officer, who will further guide and instruct the new officers in applying what they learned in the police academy to real-

life situations.

Patrolman Kevin O'Brien, 26, is a graduate of Cape May County Technical High School Class of 2010 and went on to receive his associate degree from Atlantic Cape Community College in May 2012. He is a graduate of Camden County Police Academy (February 2018) and spent 10 months serving as a corrections officer for the Cape May County Sheriff's Department. He recently attended the Cape May County Police Academy and graduated Jan. 14. O'Brien and his wife, Paula, have two daughters and are expecting their

third daughter in July.

Patrolman Steven Trunfo, 31, was born and raised in Philadelphia and became a full-time resident of Lower Township in 1999. He attended Cape May County Technical High School, where he studied law and public safety, earning a Class One Police Certificate. After earning a bachelor's degree from West Virginia University, he returned to Lower Township and worked locally in Cape May. His family resides in Lower Township.

Patrolman Michael Harkin, 24, is a lifelong resident of Lower Township.

Harkin graduated from Lower Cape May Regional High School in 2013.

After high school, he attended the Cape May County Police Academy and worked for the North Wildwood Police Department, where he was a class two officer. After a year of working for the North Wildwood Police Department, Harkin was hired as a Class Two Police Officer in Lower Township and has been working at the department for three years. Harkin was hired full time in August 2018 and graduated from the Cape May County Police Academy on Jan. 14.

Cooking competition Feb. 9

ERMA — The Kitchen Phantoms 4-H Club will host the 4-H Chopped! cooking contest Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Erma Volunteer Firehouse, 415 Breakwater Road at the Cape May County Airport.

New this year is an adult division for all 4-H volunteers, alumni and parents. The event is also open to all registered Cape May County 4-H members in fourth grade or older. The twist to the contest is that all prepared dishes must include the required ingredient ginger, regardless of whether the recipe is intended for breakfast, lunch, dinner or dessert.

Contestants will have two hours for food preparation

and cooking, and will be judged on creating a table setting, displaying a menu for one meal and preparing one dish from the menu.

Contestants are required to bring all items needed for preparation, cooking and serving, as well as all items for their table setting.

Judging will be based on the 4-H Danish system and prizes will be awarded to first-, second- and third-place winners in each division.

The snow date is March 9. Preregistration is required by Feb. 1. Call (609) 465-5115, ext. 3605, or email charlotte.axelsson@co.cape-may.nj.us. For more information about 4-H, visit cmc4h.com.

Stockton students to study high rate of pediatric cancer

CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE — The Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Stockton University approved an affiliation agreement last week to study the rate of pediatric cancer in the county.

According to a news release, Freeholder Jeff Pierson heard concerns that Cape May County has one of the higher pediatric cancer

rates in the country and decided to look for answers.

Over the course of the past four months, he met with representatives of Stockton University about getting students to do a study to look more closely at this issue.

"When you look at these numbers you can't help but wonder why our county has such high numbers," said

Pierson, liaison to Department of Health and Human Services. "I believe as elected officials we have to take a proactive approach and find out what we can do to help."

This agreement will allow students both at the graduate and undergraduate levels to work within the county to collect information and find some data that

will help find out why.

"I want to thank all of the staff at Stockton University for working with the county so well on making this project a reality," said Pierson, of Upper Township. "In government you have to have partnerships to make important initiatives happen, and this is just another example of a great partnership."

Area Worship Services

The following worship services are planned for the southern Cape May County area this week.

Allen AME Church - 715 Franklin St., Cape May. Sunday school 10 to 10:45 a.m. Bible study Wednesday 7 to 8 p.m. Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Call (609) 884-2626.

Beadle Memorial Presbyterian Church - 506 Cape Ave., Cape May Point. Sunday service 10 a.m.

Beth Judah Temple - Spencer and Pacific avenues, Wildwood. Saturday service 9:30 a.m. For Friday night service at 6:30 p.m. or other services, contact Rabbi Ron at (609) 522-7541 or visit bethjudahtemple.org.

Bethel United Methodist Church - 386 Route 47, Green Creek. Sunday service 9 a.m. Visit greencreekumc.org or call (609) 889-0474 or (609) 522-4054.

Calvary Chapel - 596 Seashore Road, Cape May. Sunday service 10 a.m., Children's ministry and nursery provided. Bible study Wednesday 7 p.m. Call (609) 884-5821 or visit cccpe-may.org.

Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church - 100 Dias Creek Road, Cape May Court House. Sunday worship services 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Memorial Day weekend until Labor Day weekend, 7 p.m. at Boardwalk Chapel, Wildwood. Call (609) 522-8489.

Cape Community Church - 1159 Route 9 South, Cape May Court House. Sunday service 10:30 a.m. Bible study Wednesday 7 p.m. Call (609) 465-2338.

Cape Island Baptist Church - Columbia Ave. and Gurney St., Cape May. Sunday school (all ages) 9:30 a.m. Morning worship service 11 a.m. Celebrate the Family 5:30 p.m. first Sunday of month. Call (609) 884-3917 or visit cibcnj.org.

Cape May Beach Sunday School - Clubhouse Drive between Folsom and Elwood Roads, Town Bank. Services 9:30 a.m. between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Call (609) 408-0022.

Cape Bible Church - 1812 Bayshore Road, Villas. Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school (all ages) 9:30 a.m. Tuesday group fellowships 7 p.m. Call (609) 889-2264 or visit capiblechurch.wix.com/villas.

Cape May Congregation of the Jehovah's Witnesses - Seashore and Town Bank Road, Cape May. Sunday: Public meeting 10 a.m. Watchtower 11 a.m. Call (609) 884-8611.

Cape May Lutheran Church - 509 Pittsburg Ave., Cape May. Sunday service 10 a.m. Bible study Tuesday 10 a.m. Call (609) 884-2181.

Cape May Point Union Chapel - 317 Cape Ave., Cape May Point. Sunday service 11 a.m. Thursday praise and worship 10 a.m. Call (856) 785-2652.

Cape May United Methodist Church - 635 Washington St., Cape May. Sunday service 10:30 a.m. Sunday school 9:15 a.m. (adults), 9:30 a.m. (youth). Call (609) 884-3792.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints - 803 Hand Ave., Cape May. Sunday service 9 a.m. Call (609) 465-2558.

Cold Spring Presbyterian Church - 780 Seashore Road. Sunday service 10:30 a.m. Call (609) 884-4065.

Court House Church of Christ - 102 E. Pacific Ave., Cape May Court House. Sunday services 10:30 a.m., Bible class 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Call (609) 465-2840.

Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA) - 123 Fishing Creek Road, North Cape May. Sunday service 10:15 a.m. Sunday school 9:15 a.m. Call (609) 886-2448.

Episcopal Church of the Advent - Washington and Franklin streets, Cape May. Sunday services 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Weekday services Thursday at noon. Call (609) 884-3065 or visit capemayadvent.org.

First Assembly of God Church - 1068 Seashore Road, Cape May. Sunday worship service 10:30 a.m. Adult bible study Wednesday 7 p.m. Youth ministry Wednesday 7 p.m. Call (609) 884-2424 or visit cape-mayfirstassembly.org.

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First Presbyterian Church - 500 Hughes Street (Corner of Hughes and Decatur), Cape May. Sundays: Traditional worship service 9 a.m. with choir and organ. Coffee hour 10 a.m. Adult forum, 10:15 a.m. All questions welcome; there are no wrong answers. Celebration service 11 a.m. with jazz and gospel ensemble. Call (609) 884-3949 or visit cmfirstpresbyterian.com.

Good Samaritan Baptist Church - 307 Townbank Road, North Cape May. Sunday services 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Adult bible study Wednesday 6 p.m. Call (609) 425-2467.

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church - 1220 Bayshore Road, Villas. Sunday service with communion 10:30 a.m. Sunday school (all ages) 9 a.m. Church office hours 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Food pantry 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Call (609) 886-2141 or visit holyspiritvillas.com.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church - Atlantic and Poplar avenues, Wildwood. Sunday worship services 8 a.m. (spoken) and 10:30 a.m. (traditional). Sunday school during 10:30 service. Communion offered during both services. Call (609) 522-5000 or email lutheransinwildwood@gmail.com.

The Lighthouse Church - 1248 Route 9 South, Cape May Court House. Saturday service 6 p.m. Sunday services 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. (service with interpretation for hearing impaired). Children's church and nursery at all services. Call (609) 465-6690 or visit tlcma.org.

Macedonia Baptist Church - Corner of Lafayette and Franklin streets, Cape May. Bible study Sunday 10 a.m. Sunday service 11 a.m. Call (609) 884-3512 or visit macedoniacape-may.com.

Maranatha New Covenant Church - Breakwater Road, Erma. Sunday service 10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday school noon. Evening service Wednesday 7 p.m.

Marianist Family Retreat Center - 417 Yale Ave. Cape May Point. Call (609) 884-3829 or visit capemaymarianists.org.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church - 525 Washington Street Mall, Cape May. Daily Mass at 11 a.m., Saturday at 4 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Call (609) 884-5312.

Revolve Church - 3860 Bayshore Road, Unit 10, North Cape May. Sunday services at 9 and 11 a.m. Visit revolvechurchnj.com.

Rio Grande Bible Baptist Church - 1107 Route 47, Rio Grande. Sunday services 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday school (all ages) 9:45 a.m. Wednesday prayer service 6:30 p.m. Call (609) 886-9494.

Society of Friends - Seaville Meeting, 3088 South Shore Road (Route 9), 10 a.m. Sunday. All are welcome.

St. Barnabas by the Bay Episcopal Mission - 13 West Bates Ave., Villas. Sunday service 8 a.m. without music and 10 a.m. with choir. Church school and nursery 10 a.m. Adult education 9:15 a.m. Worship and healing service Thursday 10 a.m. Call (609) 886-5960 or visit saintbarnabasvillas.org.

St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox - 321 St. Demetrios Ave., North Wildwood. Orthos 9 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10 a.m. and Holy Communion 11 a.m. (Oct.-May). Orthos 8:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. and Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Call (609) 522-0152 or visit stdemetriosnj.com.

St. John Neumann Roman Catholic Church - 680 Town Bank Road, North Cape May. Sunday service 10 a.m., Saturday service 4 p.m. St. Raymond's, Bayshore Road and East Ocean Avenue in Villas, Mass 8 a.m. Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday. Spanish Mass 5 p.m. Sunday. Call (609) 884-1656.

Saint Peters by the Sea Episcopal Church - 102 Lake Drive, Cape May Point. Sunday morning services for 2018 season (May 27 to Sept. 30) 9 a.m. without music and 11 a.m. with music. Call (609) 374-1387 or visit spscmp.org.

Seashore Community Church of the Nazarene -

446 Seashore Road, Cape May. Sundays: Worship service 11 a.m. Sunday school (all ages) 10 a.m. Wednesdays: Family dinner 5:45 p.m. Caravan children's program 6:45 p.m. Youth group 7 p.m. Adult bible study 7 p.m. Call (609) 886-6196 or visit seashorecommunitychurch.com.

Tabernacle United Methodist Church - 702 Seashore Road, Erma. Sunday worship service 9:15 a.m. and Sunday school 10:30 a.m. Call (609) 884-3574 or visit tumc-erma.org.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the South Jersey Shore - At the corner of Pomona Road and Liebig Street in Gallopway Township. Sunday service 10 a.m. Call (609) 965-9400 or visit uucjsj.org.

Mail services listing for the Cape May and Lower Township areas to Cape May Star and Wave, PO Box 2427, Cape May, NJ 08204. Call (609) 399-5411 or email cmstarwave@comcast.net.

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