



Deborah McGuire/Special to the CAPE MAY STAR AND WAVE
Nathan Halsey, 10 months, with parents Sarah and Brian Halsey, of Cape May Court House, displays a toothy grin. At right, Beverly Davis, of Westfield, rowed for the Diabaters team. Below right, the Gilligan's Island team of Todd Irons, Jen Craig, Mark Ziss, Gina Bates, Mario Marino and Katherine Reeves.

Dragon boats

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cal Center: Angels of the Cape, Family Promise of Cape May County, the Real Housewives of Cape May: local housewives raising money for the Nature Center and Viking Dragons, formerly Gilda's Gladiators.

The dragon boat races' 2014 Grand Champions team Fire was from Bucks County, Pa., finishing with a time of 55.71 seconds. First place in Women's and BCS Finals was Bucks County team Fury, finishing in the finals with a time of 59.93 seconds.

First place in the local finals

was the Coast Guard Enlisted Team, finishing with a time of 58.97 seconds. First place in out-of-town finals was Bucks County team Fire, finishing with a time of 55.71 seconds.

Best cheer: Amy's Army, Big Easy, Cows for a Cure.

Best-decorated drummer: Anna's Bananas, Holy Rowers, Housewives.

Best team spirit: Hope Afloat, LCMR Key Club, Land Sharks.

Best-decorated tent: Bates, Stray Cats, WOW.

Least wet: Angels of the Cape, Caiden Celtic Warriors, Team Puff.



Cold Spring man charged with shooting down drone

Cape May Star and Wave

COLD SPRING — Lower Township police charged a Seashore Road resident Friday, Sept. 26, in connection with allegedly shooting a drone out of the sky with a shotgun.

According to police, Russell J. Perenti, 32, was charged with possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and criminal mischief.

The drone was being flown over a house under construction in order to take aerial photos in the area of Oreo's Pit, off Seashore Road and the Seashore Road Bridge. According to a police report, a friend of the homeowner was taking the aerial photos to mail to the property owner to show

the progress of construction on the home.

Perenti stated to police that he felt the drone was flying over his house and he had the right to shoot it down. The drone received more than one shot. The owner of the drone was able to recover the craft but it had sustained damage, according to police.

The drone was valued at \$1,350, according to Lt. Patrick Greene. Police said Perenti admitted to shooting the drone out of the sky. He was then placed under arrest and police seized the shotgun.

Lower Township Municipal Court Judge Thomas Hillegass set bail at \$2,500. Bail was satisfied and Perenti was released, according to police.

Drone project

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Mattessich said. "We have a lot of undeveloped land as part of our geography and we are close to the FAA, which is going to be the epicenter for gathering and collecting all of the test data over the next 18 months."

Cape May County has a minimal amount of restricted airspace, something that is found near military installations.

Mattessich said developers and potential manufacturers of UAS and institutions have asked to see the county airport. She said the county has sought uses that would be compatible with the airport.

She said the county airport needs to find a flight route that would take UAS craft out over Delaware Bay and travel the coast to the Atlantic Ocean for testing. Mattessich said there

are huge UAS test areas over the ocean along half the coast of New Jersey.

After New Jersey became one of the six test sites, a voluntary association of mostly public entities and academic institutions, with Virginia Tech and Rutgers University in the lead, formed the Mid Atlantic Aviation Partnership (MAAP).

Rose Mooney, MAAP executive director, visited the county airport, according to Mattessich, and is expected to return to the airport for a flyover of the county.

Mooney said last month that a specific drone project needs to be found before testing would begin at the county airport. At that time, the airport was only under consideration.

Mattessich said UAS as a technology would change the lives of the next generation and the generations that follow similar to the impact of the introduction of the Internet.

For Cape May County, a UAS craft could take an inventory of buildings before a hurricane strikes, she said. In addition, she said drones have been developed that can fly into a hurricane to more accurately predict landfall and intensity.

After a storm, drones can assess damage, in particular to bridges, Mattessich said. A drone could even deliver emergency medication to a stranded person, she said.

There was no word on the potential for employment if the project were to locate at the airport.

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