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Songs to get you in the mood – the OIB mood, that is.

You've made your summer reservation, and you've paid the first deposit, and now comes the long wait for that precious week at the beach.   While you're anxiously waiting, we have some song suggestions to make you think about the beach. Get your MP3's ready, here we go:

No beach music CD would be complete without the oldie but goodie *I Love Beach Music*, first recorded by the Embers in 1979.

As long as we're in the oldies, there's the Beatles, *Good Day Sunshine*. When you think of the beach, doesn't Bob Marley come to mind? You might want to include Marley's *Walking on Sunshine*. "…And it feels so good!" Who's the other one who comes to mind? Yeah, Jimmy Buffett. Try *Barefooting*. And,

since this is OIB, North Carolina, you definitely have to have Chairman of the Board's *Carolina Girls*.   "…Best in the world!" There's also the obscure *Beach Boy* by Eggstone.

> "You need some good vibrations, a holiday in the sun
> Whatever you might need, Now is the time to find it…
> …watch the sun go down, relaxing in the sun
> splash in the sun-warmed water"

For the kids and the young at heart, you need to include *Under the Sea* in your collection, from the movie, *The Little Mermaid*. How 'bout Jerry Mungo's *In the Summertime*

> "In the summertime, when the weather's fine
> we go fishing or go swimming in the sea
> We're always happy, life's for living yeah,
> That's our philosophy."

Do you like instrumentals? Tim Janis has a cut in his *A Thousand Summers* album called *Ocean Isle*.

If you want something more recent, there's Kenny Chesney's *No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problems*

> "Want a towel on a chair in the sand by the sea
> Want to look through my shades and see you there with me
> Want to soak up life for a while in laid-back mode
> **No boss, no clock, no stress, no dress code.**"

And isn't that why we come to the beach?

Email us your ideas for other songs to Get You in the Mood. ncmcclure@atmc.net

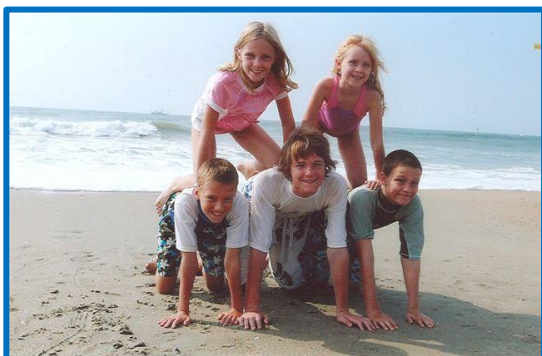**Don't forget to pack the kids! They like the beach too!**
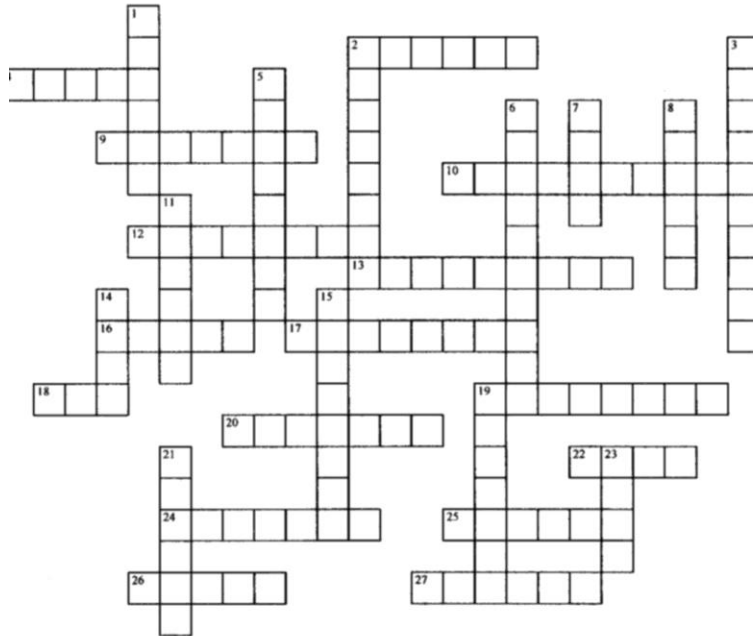
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Ocean Isle Beach

ACROSS

2. Floats and marching bands
4. Sand hills that protect the beach
9. Jonathan Livingston _____
10. Construction on the beach (2 wds)
12. Time off from work
13. Inlet to the east
16. Take it easy
17. To be pulled by a boat while hanging from a parachute
18. Another name for low tide
19. Removing dirt from channel or river to deepen it
20. Riding the waves
22. Fishing rod and _____
24. Vegetation that protects the dunes (2 wds)

DOWN

1. OIB October Festival
2. Baseball team, the Myrtle Beach_____
3. Marine turtle that nests on our beaches
5. This ocean is south of OIB
6. You can't spend this kind
7. Place to tie up your boat
8. One person water vehicle
11. Kinfolks
14. It runs sideways on the sand (2 wds.)
15. Without shoes
19. Flipper was one
21. "Night at the _____"
23. When you turn left at the pier, you're headed this direction.

Sandpipers

Commonly referred to as "peeps", sandpipers are the smallest shorebird in the world. In our last newsletter you read about the pelicans, which are around four feet long, with a wingspan of about six to eight feet. The little sandpiper is dwarfed by the pelican, since the sandpiper is only around four and a half inches long, with a wingspan of eleven to twelve inches. You've all seen this little bird, with the dark, slightly curved bill, probing for food on the shore. Sandpipers are often seen in groups of five or less, and even all alone. They're pretty tame birds, and if you approach them, they'll scamper off, but seldom take flight. While in flight, they make a sort of "tweep" sound, which has a questioning intonation. Sandpipers feed on insects, small crustaceans, and mollusks. Sandpipers are monogamous birds, and the female lays four pinkish/brownish colored eggs, with brown spots, on a dry hill or dune, in a nest lined with grasses and moss. Their incubation time is 19-23 days. Mom incubates at night, and Dad during the day, and the hatchlings take flight at around sixteen days old. The sandpiper is one funny little bird. Much like a toddler who's fascinated by the ocean, but then runs back just as the wave hits the surf so as not to get wet, sandpipers are often seen running near the water's edge, away from the crashing wave. Why does the sandpiper do this? Would you think I was joking if I told you it's because the sandpiper doesn't want to get his feet wet? Yep, they just like to keep their feet dry.

No cabanas in OIB

You won't be seeing these at the beach in OIB. In 2008, the Town of Ocean Isle passed an ordinance banning the use of cabanas, canopies, tents and/or awnings on the beach at any time. The ordinance also includes the removal and disposal of any personal items left on the beach between the hours of 7 p.m. and 7:30 a.m. Don't risk a $50.00 citation! Bring or rent a beach umbrella.

2009 OIB Fourth of July Parade

Due to the 4th of July falling on a Saturday, the Annual OIB Parade will be held on Sunday, July 5th.

Star Spangled Banner - June 14, 2009, Flag Day

We've all heard the story of Betsy Ross sewing the first American Flag. Unfortunately, there's no proof of this, and most scholars agree that it was not Betsy Ross, though she was a well-known flag maker in Philadelphia, who made the first Stars and Stripes. The story, which quickly became the stuff of legends, was first told by Mrs. Ross' grandson, and published in Harper's Monthly in 1873, sixteen years after the death of Betsy Ross. We do know that on June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress passed the first Flag Act, establishing the thirteen alternating white and red stripes. At that time, the flag consisted of thirteen stars arranged in a circle. In July 1813, Mary Pickersgill, a well-known flag maker in Baltimore, MD, was commissioned by Major George Armistead to sew an American flag for Fort McHenry, which he commanded. He wanted the flag to be enormous, so it could be seen by the British warships from miles away. Pickersgill used more than 300 yards of wool, some dyed red, some dyed blue, and some left undyed. She and her daughter used the floor of Claggett's brewery, since it was the only place big enough for the large project.

The fifteen stars were made of white cotton, and each measured two feet across. Two stars had been added to the original thirteen to acknowledge Vermont and Kentucky. The finished flag, which she delivered on August 19, 1813, measured 30 feet by 42 feet, and Mrs. Pickersgill was paid $168.54 (Around $2300.00 in today's currency).

On September 14, Francis Scott Key, a Baltimore lawyer, was aboard a British ship negotiating the release of a prisoner, when The Battle of Baltimore broke out. When the smoke cleared, Key saw the American flag still flying over the fort. This inspired him to write a poem he titled The Defense of Fort McHenry, but which we now know as The Star Spangled Banner.   The original flag sewn by Mary Pickersgill has undergone a seven million dollar restoration, and is on display, once again, in the newly renovated National Museum of American History in Washington DC.

Museum of Coastal Carolina

On May 25, 1991, Stuart Ingram's dream became a reality when the Museum of Coastal Carolina opened its doors on Second Street, in Ocean Isle Beach. Since then, the museum has expanded to include seven separate exhibits. From Civil War relics and Native American artifacts, to shell collections, shark jaws, and even live snakes, and a touch tank, this museum has something for everyone to enjoy. Check out the action of the waves on our shores, and the life cycle of loggerhead turtles. Children and adults alike love the coastal animal diorama, with its cute foxes and raccoons, and there's a most awesome Ocean Reef exhibit, where you "swim" through the ocean, surrounded by life size models of fish, turtles, rays and eels. The Museum offers a great Lecture Series through the Spring, and if you happen to be visiting OIB on Mother's Day weekend, have Daddy take the kids for Daddy's Day Out, on May 9th, when the kids will be making Mother's Day crafts. Visit www.museumofcc.org for more information, and to print a $1.00 off coupon good through May.

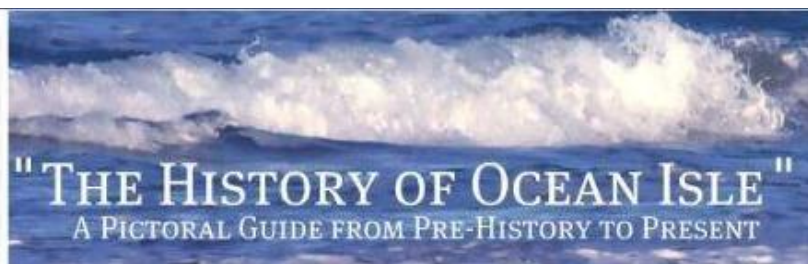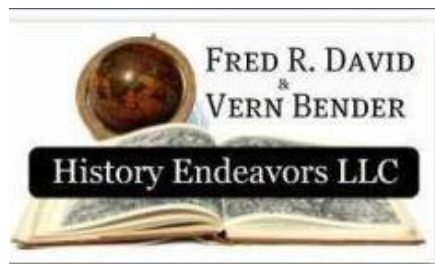## Ocean Isle Beach turns 50!

The opening of a four-car ferry from Shallotte Blvd. on the east end of the island, linking the island to the mainland, marked the beginning of what came to be known as The Gem of the Brunswick Islands.   The island was named Ocean Isle Beach by Odell and Virginia Williamson, who first bought lots on the island. Before that, the area was known as Hale Beach.   In 1955, the Sloane family moved in, and for several years, the island had four residents, George Sloane, his wife Rae, and their children Tripp and Debbie. In 1959, the same year the ferry was replaced by a swing bridge, Odell Williamson became the first mayor of the newly incorporated Town of Ocean Isle Beach.   The swing bridge was replaced by the existing bridge in November 1986.

The Town of Ocean Isle Beach is planning its 50th Birthday celebration on June 5th, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. The celebration will take place in front of Town Hall on Third Street. Come see historic memorabilia, and meet the town's elected officials.

FRED R. DAVID & VERN BENDER

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"THE HISTORY OF OCEAN ISLE"
A PICTORAL GUIDE FROM PRE-HISTORY TO PRESENT

Just in time to celebrate OIB's 50th anniversary, local authors Fred R. David and Vern J. Bender have written a new book, *The History of Ocean Isle Beach*, which will be coming out in June of this year. Through both words and pictures, the authors present a guide of historical events in Brunswick County, with emphasis on Shallotte and Ocean Isle Beach.   The book includes pirates, such as Bonnet and Teach, also known as Blackbeard. There are stories about pioneer settlers, The Revolutionary War and the Civil War, including events that took place right here on our west end, by Tubbs Inlet. The last fifty pages of the book deal with OIB as we know it.   To learn more information about the book, *The History of Ocean Isle Beach*, or to preorder your copy, please visit their website at www.OceanIsleHistory.com

The Jolly Mon King Classic is slated to be held June 19-21, 2009 from the Ocean Isle Fishing Center. The Jolly Mon is a King Mackerel fishing tournament that awards over $100,000 in cash money to the fishing teams capturing and weighing-in the largest King Mackerel caught during the tournament. 300 or more teams from around the southeast participate in the prestigious tournament due to the substantial cash payout and the tournament's commitment to family. Special prizes are awarded to lady, senior and junior anglers for participating in the event. In addition, there are generational prizes for teams that involve more than one generation of family while competing. Spectators are encouraged and line the docks every year to watch all the boats weigh-in. For information on participation or visiting the Jolly Mon King Classic tournament, visit www.OIFC.com.

Did You Ever Hear the One About? -from Laugh Man by Harry Chapin 1996

Laughter comes to Ocean Isle Beach
Salty McDoogle's is hosting Comedy Night every Wednesday, at 9:00 p.m. Comedy by the Beach is a Coastal Carolina based group of stand-up comedians that perform, produce and promote their own stand-up comedy shows in local clubs. Salty McDoogle's, on Second Street in Ocean Isle Beach is a small establishment, which gives the comedy show a homey, personal and relaxed atmosphere. Performing comedians are being recruited from all over the area. For more information, please visit their website at www.comedybythebeach.com or www.justiceleagueofcomedy.com. There's no drink minimum or cover charge. Stop by on Wednesdays, and have a good laugh.
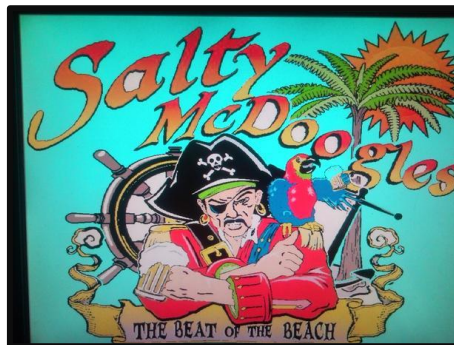
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The American Shore and Beach Preservation Association named Ocean Isle Beach as the winner of its 2008 Best Restored Beach Award. OIB's restoration program began in 1989, after Hurricane Hugo, when the town first asked Congress for federal funding. With both federal and town funding, the first dredging took place in 2001, and is normally scheduled to be done every five years. This Spring, through the month of March, 153000 CY of sand will be removed from the Shallotte Inlet and the Shallotte River, in an effort to counteract the effects of Hurricane Hannah, which eroded part of the east end of the island last September. This sand not only restores the island, but also creates a deeper channel for boaters.

Beach Homes

Oceanfront-50 East 1st St 12 bdrm, 12 baths	$ 2,795,000
Oceanfront-123 West 1st St 5 bdr., 4 baths, pool.	$1,295,000.00
Ocean Front-436 East 2nd St 4 bdrm 2 baths	$ 750,000
Ocean Front-392 East 1st St 4 bdrm 2 baths	$ 400,000
Natural Canal- 46 Wilmington St 5 bdrm, 5 bath,	$ 699,000
Concrete canal- 8 Goldsboro St 4 bdrm, 4 bath	$ 699,000
Natural canal- 1 Concord St 4 bdrm 2.5 bath	$ 499,000
Concrete canal- 18 Concord St 4 bdrm, 2 bath	$ 649,000
3$_{rd}$ Row-250 E 2nd St 5 bdrm, 2 bath	$ 575,000
Island Park Cottages-3 Myrtle Ct 4 bdrm 2 bath	$ 519,000
Mid- Island-12 Isle Plaza 4 bdrm+loft+play room,4 bath	$ 779,900

Beach Lots

Concrete Canal Lot-50 Union St	$ 1,100,000
Islander Resort-149 Via Marsh Lagoon Dr. Soundfront	$ 595,000

Beach Condos

Windjammer Unit 2A-4 bdrm, 4 baths oceanfront	$699,000
Windjammer Unit 1-J 2 bdrm 2 baths oceanfront	$399,900
Windjammer Unit 1-C 2 bdrm 2 baths oceanfront	$ 370,000
Ocean Cove Unit 122 1 bdrm + bunk nook, 1 bath oceanfront	$349,000
Old Sound Twnhse. Unit H 1 bdrm 1 bath with loft	$187,000
Ocean Point Unit 604 high rise unit 2 bdrm 2 baths	$ 649,000
Ocean Point Unit 1002 high rise unit,3 bdrm, 3 baths	$ 714,900
Channel Harbor Unit C1 1 bdrm+bunk nook, 1 bath	$218,900
Ocean Cove Unit 214 1 bdrm + bunk nook, 1 bath oceanfront	$299,000
Ocean Cove Unit 215 1 bdrm + bunk nook, 1 bath oceanfront	$359,900
A Place at the Beach Unit 2-J 2 bdrm, 2 baths side unit	$ 298,000
Sand Castle Unit A-1 3 bedroom, 2 baths side unit	$ 298,000

Mainland Lots

Bricklanding GC-1756 Forest Oak Blvd.	$ 79,000
Bricklanding GC-1633 Carriage Pl	$ 111,750
Bricklanding GC-1625 Colonist Square.	$ 111,750
Bricklanding GC-1803 Waterwing Dr.	$ 99,000
Seascape-749 Beaufain St- IWW	$ 1,100,000
Brookhaven Subd…Lot 10 in Brookhaven, 5 minutes to Wilmington.	$ 325,000

Mainland Homes

Hewett Farms-1336 Hewett Farms Rd- 4 bedroom 3.5 baths	$ 639,000
Crow Creek GC-9235 Oldfield Rd. Calabash- 4 bedroom 4 baths	$ 649,000
Nakina-551 Big Cypress Road- 3 bedrooms 1 bath	$ 139,000
Calabash…1 bedroom, 1 bath in Carolina Shores Resort.	$ 69,900
Calabash…2 bedroom, 2 bath in Carolina Shores Resort.	$ 104,900

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