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from Cape May County. He said the city used the remaining \$200,000 from the county open space fund, all of which putting no cost on the taxpayers.

Now the ball is in the court of the ACOE, but Hayduk said this is an application that will take a lot of time to process. He said he wouldn't be surprised if a decision wasn't reached by summer.

"Most applications take around 60 days to process, but this is much larger than most of the projects we see," he said.

He said the ACOE brought in federal resource agencies like the Fish and Wildlife Service to do studies on the environmental impacts of the project, such as a concern addressed about piping plo-

vers. He said East Cape May Associates was also required to hire consultants to help with the studies.

He said the bulk of the residential properties would be built near Maryland Avenue. The streets and utilities needed for the residential development would be extended from the surrounding streets like Maryland and Pittsburgh Avenues.

According to Hayduk, many of the public questions dealt with why the project couldn't be moved to the upland portion of the property, rather than the wetlands. The ACOE report says "according to the applicant, avoidance of wetland impacts by relocating the development into the upland portion of the property is not a viable alternative."

Thomas Brodessor of East Cape May Associates was not

available to comment on the matter.

If the application is approved by the Army Corps, the material for the project will be brought in by dump trucks and dispersed with bulldozers and backhoes. Construction equipment will include machinery like pile drivers, cranes and small front-end loaders like Bobcats.

Richard Pearsall, spokesman for the ACOE, said public comment on the matter ended Feb. 23, but the Army Corps would still keep written comments on file until the application is processed. Comments can be submitted by email to richard.g.pearsall@aco.ea.army.mil or mailed to Pearsall at the Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107-3390.

# Miss Liberty shooting for bigger title

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN  
Cape May Star and Wave

**NORTH WILDWOOD** – After being crowned Miss Liberty 2012 in October, Lauren Talvacchio returned to her summer home in North Wildwood to host an event raising money for the Children's Miracle Network.

Community residents along with her friends and family gathered for dinner, dancing and an all-around good time at the Knights of Columbus post, while contributing donations and placing their bids in a Chinese auction. Talvacchio, 24, said all the items in the auction were donated by local businesses and her friends and family who have supported her during her pageant competitions.

"I couldn't believe how many people and businesses were willing to give gift certificates and donations," she said. "The City of North Wildwood has been amazing."

Talvacchio also raises money for Crohn's Disease research. Her platform, called "The Silent Struggle: Living with Crohn's Disease" was inspired by her own experience with the disease. She was diagnosed with Crohn's Disease in 2005, when she was a senior in high school and has since joined the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America to raise awareness on the issue.

She currently attends West Chester University where she majors in musical theater and minors in music, which isn't a surprise. Talvacchio plays seven instruments and sings opera as her talent for pageants, but has never taken a singing lesson in her life.

"I just picked it up naturally, which is surprising," she said.

Talvacchio said singing is not something she is known for, so she wanted to feature opera singing as her talent as instead of playing instruments. She said she was recently cast in a Broadway Theatre of Pitman production, but for now wants to concentrate on pageants.



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2012 Miss Liberty Lauren Talvacchio (far right in photo) poses for a photo with (left to right) 2011 Miss New Jersey Kathryn Nicolle, 2012 Miss New Jersey Outstanding Teen Amanda Ross, and Miss Liberty's 2012 Pre-teen Julia Keating.

"She's always loved music and a lot of her (skill) has been self-taught," Talvacchio's father, Joe said. "She's very passionate about these pageants and she loves competing. I couldn't be more proud of her."

Talvacchio fell in love with pageant competitions at age 16, when she took part in a North Wildwood competition. She was crowned Miss Gloucester County in 2008, which is where she hails from in Washington Township and is now Miss Liberty 2012. Miss Liberty is a regional competition held in Pitman. Now, Talvacchio will be trying to win the crown for Miss New Jersey in June and if she does, she will be traveling to Las Vegas for the Miss American competition, which airs on ABC.

Her director, Michael Kelly, who started the Miss Liberty competition in 2009, said Talvacchio has been doing everything she needs to do in order to be successful and make a solid run at Miss America. Kelly said he she has competed for him in the past and has been working with her ever since she won the October pageant.

"I have a suspicious feeling I'll be buying a ticket to Vegas

in June," he said.

Talvacchio said for the Miss New Jersey competition, she will be interviewed about personal information and current events. She said she has been doing a lot of physical training, such as dancing, zumba, weight lifting and running, which are activities she has had to do anyway since being diagnosed with Crohn's Disease.

Talvacchio said she was inspired to compete for Miss America one night in 2006 while she was at home sick, and was watching the pageant on television. She said her idol, Jamie Ginn, who was Miss Delaware that year, was crowned Miss America.

"I told myself that if she could do it, I could do it," she said. "Since then, I've grown such a passion for the organization."

Talvacchio said she plans to host other fundraisers back home in Washington Township, as she trains for the Miss New Jersey pageant in June. This is last year she will be able to compete in pageants, since the ages for competitors run from 18 to 24. She said she plans to make the best of it, no matter what happens and has enjoyed every step of the way.



Christopher South/Cape May Star and Wave

## What a pane!

A construction worker seen Tuesday on the Convention Hall project works on installing window panes – another step toward completing the project's exterior. Ogren Construction, the general contractor on the project, is working toward the Memorial Day weekend. The city has already booked the Lower Cape May Regional High School Prom and a summer music series through Stockton College.

## Cutter

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reaching 20-feet or higher during the tour. He said this time of year, winds can be extremely powerful, and the Dependable is forced to wait for windows of opportunity in order to conduct boarding missions. When the weather became too strong, they

would port in places like Cape Cod Bay and Brooklyn, N.Y., which essentially block the heavy winds and choppy seas.

According to Petty, the cutter responded to two search and rescue missions, which included a diversion 50 miles north of Cape Cod Bay to help a 75-foot disabled fishing vessel with four crewmembers

on board. He said the engine had failed in approximately 15-foot seas and was adrift in 30-knot winds.

"We had to go 50 miles and we can't go very fast because of the weather," he said.

He said by the time they arrived on scene, around 2 a.m., the weather had finally calmed down and they were

able to tow the boat in to safety near Gloucester, Mass.

He said another rescue case was just south of Gloucester when a man was aboard a smaller vessel that was sinking. Petty said the bay was rather calm that day and they were able to send a damage control specialist aboard the boat to assess the damage.

Luckily, the man was able to get his boat to shore with the assistance of the Coast Guard personnel.

While on patrol, the cutter crew ran drills and exercises to enhance their training in areas such as shipboard engineering, gunnery, command and control, navigation, small boat handling and fire fight-

ing. Petty said as soon as the Dependable returned to Cape May, the crew began readying and preparing the cutter for its next Atlantic tour.

"It's good to be home for now," he said.

## Career

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from the area willing to talk about their careers," she said.

Each class has a visit from four speakers, two of which they pick themselves.

Park Naturalist Matt

Pellegrine of the Cape May Point State Park brought in some critters for the students to observe and touch, like lizards and snakes. Pellegrine is invited to be a guest speaker at many schools around the area, but said Career Day at the Sandman School is different from the others.

"It's one of the better programs we participate in, because the kids pick you," he said.

Mark Allen, a former Marine fighter pilot, spoke to the students about his 25-year military career and

even brought along some of his flight gear for the students to try on. Allen was a Top Gun graduate and instructor, and flew numerous missions for the U.S. military.

Instructor and Chef Dave Masterson of the Cape May County Tech School brought along two of his culinary students, Charles Dalrymple and Rachel Zarzycki, to show the students a little bit of the every day life working in a restaurant or kitchen. Dalrymple's sister, Katie, was also a guest speaker who spoke to the students about

her career in photography.

Perhaps the career all the students wanted to hear about was that of Patrol Officer Mike Perry of the Lower Township Police Department. Perry is in the School Resource Officer Program and often goes to schools in the district to talk to students about various topics.

"It's great to work with the younger kids," he said. "You really feel like you make an impact on them and get them thinking."

Ludgate said she plans to continue the program for as long as she is at Sandman School and hopes someone will take the reins after she leaves in the future.

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