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Keith D. Rice, former Point Commissioner, father, loving husband

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
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Adams, but was later adopted by James Rice.

CAPE MAY – Former Cape May Point Commissioner Keith Rice was remembered Tuesday, in a eulogy delivered by one of his 13 children in a service held at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church.

Rice, who served on the Cape May Point Board of Commissioners from 2000 to 2004 and two terms as president of the taxpayers association, died at his home May 13 at the age of 76.

Rice was remembered by son Andrew Adams, who said he went back to Rice's name before being adopted by his stepfather. His father was born Keith David



Keith D. Rice Sr.

“Dad was ultimately abandoned by two fathers,” Adams said. However, Adams said, neither the abandonment nor growing up being raised by a mother who supported her family on a waitress’ income soured his father on life.

“He was self-assured, confident and optimistic,” Adams said. “The room gravitated toward him.” Adams remembered his father as having a zest for life, his family and his work in the computer field.

“Growing up in the ‘60s and ‘70s, when we told people our dad worked with computers, a typical response

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CM clerk rescinds certification of petition

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
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CAPE MAY – Municipal Clerk Diane Wheldon announced Tuesday she had rescinded the certification of the petition calling for a referendum on two parking ordinances.

A group known as Friends and Neighbors of East Cape May (FAN ECM) gathered 220 signatures on a petition calling for a referendum on Ordinances 200-2010 and

201-2010. The first authorized the placement of parking meters along Beach Avenue from Madison Avenue to Wilmington. The second established back-in angled parking on Beach Avenue, which the group also opposed

because it created denser parking and the opportunity for more meters.

However, City Solicitor Anthony Monzo said Wheldon had to rescind the certification of the petition because one of the five members of

the petition committee was determined not to have been a legal voter in Cape May at the time the petition was created.

“One petitioner, Jean Testa, was not a legal voter in Cape May. The law requires each

petition paper include the names of five legal voters,” Monzo said.

While preparing for the May 11 municipal election, Wheldon saw that Testa had just recently registered to vote in Cape May, Monzo said. Notice was given to the Cape May County Board of Elections, and two registrars determined Testa’s name should be removed from the voter list. The FAN ECM

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—Anthony Monzo, Cape May city solicitor

West Cape May to offer amnesty to water use scofflaws

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
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WEST CAPE MAY – The West Cape May Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance providing amnesty for water users with illegal hook-ups in exchange for ‘fessing up and becoming compliant.

Ordinance 447-10 establishes a water amnesty mechanism allowing the Board of Commissioners to grant amnesty to illegal water users who voluntarily hook-up legally to the municipal water supply. Once a water user requests amnesty to avoid being penalized, the user would have 90 days to come into compliance.

According to Mayor Pam Kaithern, the ordinance was recommended by Andy Cricken of Edens Recovery, the forensic analysis firm hired to find out why the borough is losing millions of gallons of water annually.

“It’s something that came up in discussion,” Kaithern said. “We could we go door to door, yes, but if we could bring them in line sooner by offering this amnesty it could reduce costs further.”

Kaithern said the incentive for accepting amnesty is to avoid a maximum fine of \$2,000, community service, and the humiliation of being outed as one who has been using water illegally.

“The carrot is, come in, tell us who you are, and there is no penalty,” Kaithern said.

The mayor said the amnesty offer is one piece of a plan they have been working on all along to reduce or eliminate unaccounted for water use.

“Here’s the thing. It is going to be impossible or very difficult to charge people for water they used when not connected. I’m not sure there is a mechanism in the law that would allow us to do that. We can fine then for not hooking up. That is minimal, and we are looking to increase it. But it’s a misconception that we can collect for water that is lost,” Kaithern said.

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Armed Forces Day 2010

Above, John Phillip Sousa (Rich Chiemingo of MAC) plays God Bless America on his trombone at an Armed Forces Day remembrance ceremony sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts and Humanities. In the background, left is Robert Heinly, who regularly portrays Dr. Emlen Physick, and right, Cdr. Michael Senecal of the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center, Cape May. **See more photos on page A12.**

Gaiss’ Market in Villas brings home three major awards

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
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VILLAS – When they talk about pigskin and Penn State University, most people think of Joe Pa and Nittany Lions football.

However, there is another competition at Penn State involving pig skin – or the removal thereof.

John Louderback and his sausage maker, Ed Dworchak Jr., recently traveled to State College for the annual competition of the Pennsylvania Association of Meat Processors. When they came home they had more hardware than when they left.

“We were grand champions for Italian sweet sausage and reserve grand champions (second place) for knockwurst and honey ham,” Dworchak said.

The competition actually involves meat processors from eight states surrounding Pennsylvania, and has attracted interest from Canada as well. The competition is held at Penn State’s meat lab, right next to the football stadium.

“Every year we’ve gotten awards with ham,” Dworchak said. “I once said we will take grand champion, but right now second place is pretty good.”

Dworchak will have been working at Gaiss’ Market five years on

Labor Day and he has come to enjoy the competition.

“We’ve entered more items – our jerky, snack-time salami, roast beef...” he said.

And Dworchak wants people to know this is not child’s play.

“This isn’t the Food Network. They (the judges) are scientists.

through Sunday networking, sharing ideas, and going to seminars. The worst part is waiting. They drop off their entries on Friday and don’t hear anything about them until Sunday afternoon.

“So we went to a class on ready-to-eat lunchmeats. They made liverwurst, pepper loaf, pastrami loaf and a pressed ham. The guy who taught the classes, the following week was flying to Germany to compete,” Dworchak said.

According to Kathy Louderback, Mary Gaiss opened Gaiss’ Market in 1928. The market originally sold fresh meats and groceries, as Gaiss’ does today, but expanded to include a smoke house.

Mary Gaiss handed the business down to her daughter’s husband, Charlie Geissel, who ran it until the 1970s. He sold it to Kay and Jim Borley, who sold it to Kathy Louderback’s brother, Mike Bolf, in 1986.

John And Kathy Louderback took over the business in 1990. Kathy said she was essentially born and bred into the business.

“We had a market in Pleasantville that my father owned for many years. We sold it and came down here,” she said.

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John Louderback, left, holds the Grand Champion prize for Gaiss’ Market’s sweet Italian sausage won at the annual judging by the Pennsylvania Meat Processors Association. Right, Ed Dworchak Jr., of Gaiss’ holds two Reserve Grand Champion awards for knockwurst and honey ham. Judging was April 30 to May 2.

These are people with letters after their names,” he said.

Dworchak said the judging is very serious, very competitive.

“Two years ago we got gigged for a pinhole in a hotdog,” he said.

At the same time, he said, the competitors have a good time and everyone gets along. The competitors spend a lot of the time Friday

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