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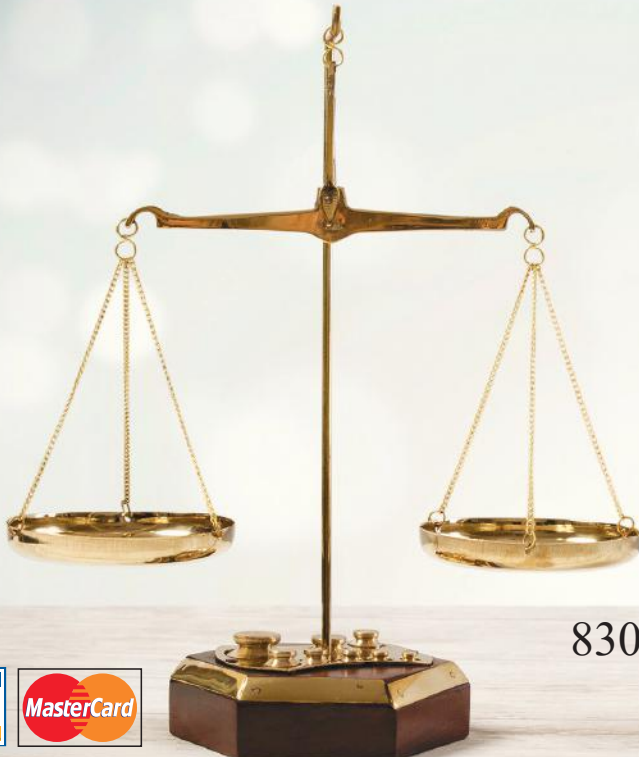
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1778, IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR."

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The Pulaski Monument, a National Register of Historic Places site, memorializes the enemy British attack on the port of Little Egg Harbor in October 1778 resulting in a campaign known in history as the 'defense of Little Egg Harbor.'

The Monument marks the spot where a strong British amphibious force landing at night-time on Osborn-'Mincock' Island(s) was repulsed during the three-week campaign ordered by the Continental Congress. Brig. General (Count Casimir) Pulaski's defensive scheme proved effective on October 15, 1778, during the renewed British assault; even though the enemy clumsily attacked and shattered a small American infantry outpost (Pulaski Monument) located 2 miles off Great Bay. The attack betrayed a strategically envisioned, carefully laid, but ultimately useless British plan of secret advance by 250 crack infantry, already at least 7 hours in execution.

Pulaski's 'trap' was then sprung in a decisive counterattack unleashed from his 3/4-mile-distant headquarters at the Willits-Andrews farm (Hollybrook Dr.). Polish-schooled American Dragoon cavalry, some 60 horses, and a swarm of riflemen caused another panicked retreat of British light infantry back

to the islands and on to boats (near Graveling Point). The Royal Navy 13-ship flotilla lay in the Harbor off Beach Haven.

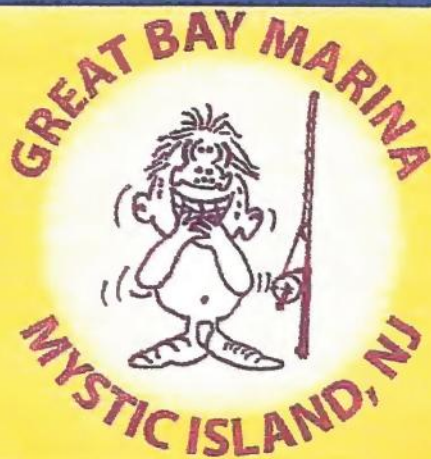
The Journals of Continental Congress archive includes a commendation for Pulaski Dragoon lieutenant Gerard St. Elme, who led the Oct. 15 counterattack and was the first to tear into British guard Pickets in the vicinity of the modern Little Egg Harbor Township municipal hall. His horse was stabbed, but he survived and would soon receive a recognition for bravery and promotion in rank from Congress.

In the words of Pulaski Legion soldiers found in other archived testimonies-by-deposition, the battle progressed rapidly:

--One account said that the British "fled, running and leaving their guns and knapsacks as we endeavored to prevent their escape back to the fleet lying in the bay." (Cavalryman Ripple)

--Cavalryman Horn further reported, "We were attacked one night by the British at Little Egg Harbor, as we were encamped in and about a barn (Ed. note:

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near the 800 block of Radio Rd.). And I leaped over a fence to which Horses were fastened and gave the first alarm to the general " [Pulaski] ..."That in the morning our troops drove the enemy to their vessels."

--Another eyewitness description: "Our [Pulaski] riflemen drove the British over a Bridge [Ed. note: at Big Creek near S. Longboat Dr.] which they tore up and stopped our march ... [but] several of the enemy were wounded." (Infantryman Luger)

--There were "some few killed and wounded on each side." (Infantryman Wood)

--Trooper Horn also stated: "An Infantry Col., von Boze and 'a number of American privates' were killed."

--Another Dragoon's testimony read, he was seriously injured when he "received a gunshot Wound in the leg, by which he was confined in the hospital near seven months." (Cavalryman Walker)

--And Ripple further described in his account that between "30 or 40 British prisoners were taken."



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--One more report read, we "repulsed [into 'retreat'] the enemy and compelled him to reembark... our forces kept possession of the harbor" in the end. "That our forces were commanded by General Pulaski." (Cavalryman Dunnom-Warrick)

The enemy never reached a point closer than 1/2 mile of Pulaski's main body of troops before being attacked. Contact at first dawn light between the forces occurred when Pulaski's Dragoon horse cavalry charged through British infantry pickets and collided with the rearguard of the enemy column chaotically piling back onto a narrow salt marsh Causeway (near the modern-day Italian American club). On October 16, after arrests of suspected loyalists (sympathizers of the British king), an Oath of Allegiance to Continental Congress was administered at Pulaski's headquarters (Willits-Andrews farm, on high ground along Hollybrook Dr.) by Legion officers to area residents. But for the magnanimity of Pulaski some of the suspects could have been hanged, as gen. George Washington's standing orders for compromised loyalists instructed. That episode was testified to by Hezekiah Mathis of the great John Mathis patriot family, who also materially helped Pulaski's Legion by provisioning his cavalry. The Oaths themselves contained his name and many others of venerable residents.

The October 15th action, involving 400 troops (on both sides) on or near the Upland opposite Osborn Is./Great Bay, marked already the second time in 9 days the enemy retreated in front of Pulaski's horses. The British had already done so on October 7, about 5 miles to the southwest (even at 500 strong in the enemy attack which began October 6 at Chestnut Neck on the Mullica River) when Pulaski's opening surprise arrival turned the New Gretna raid into a rout, or so it seemed—at least until Oct. 15.

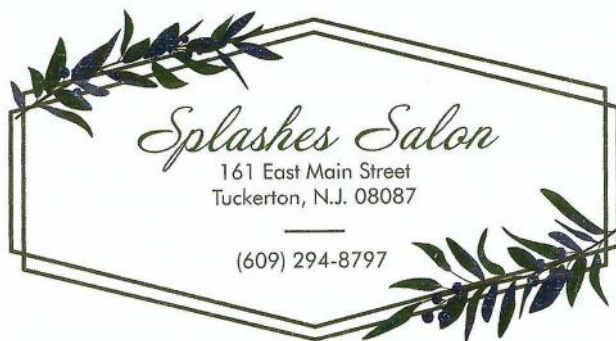
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Gen. Casimir Pulaski's plan for the Defense of Little Egg Harbor, conceived in a day or perhaps only hours, would answer Continental Congress' belated call to defend the port. His Quick March, cannonball-like run from Trenton to the lower Mullica River on October 7, stunned the enemy into chaotic retreat; they would return on October 15 in a futile attempt to break through Pulaski's Legion.

But the enemy's failure-- twice-- to reach its strategic goal, Batsto-at-the-Forks, the critical wartime supply and communications hub at the heart of Little Egg Harbor port, was of such importance as to draw the attention of Thomas Paine in his pamphlet series, *The American Crisis*. He famously wrote on Oct. 20, if the British look back they see "Nothing but Loss and Disgrace". Pulaski had fulfilled his order from Congress to defend the port.

The historical port of Little Egg Harbor was defined by the area between the ocean inlet through Great Bay, the lower Mullica River and all navigable waters up to 'the Forks.' The township's namesake was that entire historical area.

Little Egg Harbor's unique American Revolution chronicle surrounding the historical sea-and river-port in the Great Bay Estuary and Mullica River Basin goes deeply into the American Founding story. This is a brief introduction to a very remarkable storyboard which at times during the conflict reached epic, saga-like proportions under the watchful eyes of not less than 22 signers of the Declaration of Independence, and many others. That big years-long chronicle defines the Revolutionary times in coastal South Jersey.

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Little Egg Harbor: An Exotic Destination Hidden in Plain Sight

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There's something magical about watching an osprey dive into the bay, talons extended, and emerge with a struggling fish. The first time I witnessed this through my camera lens, I knew Little Egg Harbor had stolen a piece of my heart.

People often dream of distant, exotic locations where they can experience remarkable wildlife and breathtaking landscapes. They plan expensive trips to the Serengeti for dramatic migration scenes, the Galápagos Islands for unique wildlife, or the Norwegian fjords for stunning vistas. Many don't realize that right here in Little Egg Harbor, we have a natural paradise that rivals these bucket-list destinations, and no passport is required.

As a wildlife and landscape photographer based in Tuckerton, I've spent countless mornings with my boots in the marsh, waiting for that perfect light to illuminate the wings of a Green Heron or cast golden rays across the rippling waters of the bay. I've captured dramatic hunting scenes as osprey plunge from the sky, witnessed terns dive bomb the fish below, and photographed sunsets that could compete with any tropical island. What continually amazes me about this special corner of New Jersey is how it offers such diverse natural beauty within just a few miles.

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Where the Bay Met the Railroad Tracks

By Karl F. Held

It was some years ago and one of the few times my father spoke about his childhood along the Jersey shore. So when he began to speak about it, I fell quiet and I listened...

"You see, back in those days", my father said, "Late morning in the summer along the bay was different than it is now. It was peaceful and silent. And the call of the red winged blackbird, the breeze rustling through the reeds and the faint rumble of a distant ocean became part of that silence..."

Three barefoot children wandered south along the sod banks. Pausing and peering into the bay. Stopping and stooping to ponder shells and other treasures tangled in damp seaweed. The sod banks came to a point in the bay, then curved east towards the Island and formed a large cove. Towards the center of the cove, the bay lapped against the brick rubble bed of a railroad track.

The children scurried along the water's edge to explore the cove where the bay met the railroad. Pools formed amidst the rock and rubble. They were ankle deep in water and the oldest child, a girl named Alexandra led the way. She cautioned her younger brothers, Freddy and Karl to be careful of the sharp stones. They slowly waded through the cool water.

Then a small hand lifted in alarm, pointing to a shallow pool. "Look!" Freddy exclaimed, "What is it?". The eyes of the other two children darted towards the pool. "It's a crab" Alexandra replied, her eyes growing large, "Let's catch it".

Karl quickly spotted a stick and he lifted it and shook off the wet seaweed. Slowly, ever so cautiously he approached the blue claw crab with his stick extended like a sword. The crab began to climb out of the pool, but Karl lowered the stick, trapping the crab against a brick.

Freddy had found his own stick by then and quickly joined his brother. Alexandra spotted a large metal can, it was half way up the railroad bed and she climbed to retrieve it along with a piece of a broken wooden plank. She returned and the two brothers



used the sticks like tongs to place the crab in the can. The boys removed the sticks and Alexandra slapped the plank over the top. Karl lifted the can while holding the plank tightly in place.

"What will we do with it?" Karl asked. "Take it to mother" Alexandra replied.

The three children hurried north on a sandy path through reeds and bayberry bushes. It was almost noon and the air was warm and thick with the aroma of bayberry as they raced for home.

Up the wooden steps they ran and into the house, leaving the door wide open behind them. "Mother,

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Upcoming Township Events:

Art & Craft Fairs: September 13th, November 8th 2025
-11:00 am- 3:00 pm

National Night Out: August 5th, 6-9 pm

National Senior Citizen Ice Cream Social: August 21st, 1-3 pm

Mental Health & Wellness: October 16th, 2-7 pm

Halloween Bash: October 17th

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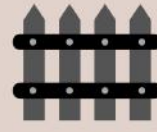
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Where the Bay Met the Railroad Tracks

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Mother! Come look!" they hollered. Upon seeing the can, the woman drew close to her children, "What do we have here?" she asked in a thick Russian accent. Karl lifted the wooden lid, an expression of young pride showed in his grin.

"Oh, a crab! A big one! We will cook that up for lunch", the mother said. And she turned to light the kerosene stove. The children were amazed how the crab turned red when it cooked and they all dined on that one blue claw crab...

And that was one summer day, there would be more. Many more. And autumn would come quietly. The laughing gulls would disappear. Then winter and then spring and the laughing gulls would return. And summer again, the seasons spinning... spinning off the days, the months, the years. And the children would grow and they would one day leave the island, but they would return like the laughing gulls...

"That was 73 years ago", my father said to me, "Mother has been gone for more than thirty years. Freddy has been gone for twenty... and now Ally."

His sister had just passed away and he paused for a moment, it was a long moment and his eyes lost their twinkle and he seemed to be reflecting on something. But then the twinkle returned. And then a smile...

"It seemed like that crab was as big as a lobster and I have never seen a crab that looked as big as that one did", my father said. "Strange how I remember that, like it was last summer." His eyes lifted, "It was where Bayview Park is now, that's where the bay met the railroad tracks. That's where we caught that crab".

For the first time in my life, I could picture Aunt Alexandra, Uncle Fred and my father romping along the shoreline so many years ago. I was amazed how

this man could carry the events of one summer day and how that recollection could return 75 years later and make him smile.

It seems young souls cast nets made of wonder and dreams and old souls retrieve those nets, full of memories. This is how it should be. And if we believe in a heaven, maybe that's because heaven sometimes touches us on earth.

I had to stop by Bayview Park that afternoon and watch as the children played under the watchful eyes of their mothers. There in the place where the bay once touched the railroad tracks, I saw a child stooping and pondering shells and other treasures tangled in damp seaweed.

May those treasures one day bring a smile.





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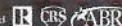
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Families seeking portrait locations find endless opportunities here, from sun-dappled forest paths to classic beach settings with grasses and dunes. The quality of light in coastal areas has a softness that portrait photographers dream about, especially during the "golden hours" of sunrise and sunset.

The seasonal changes bring new photographic opportunities throughout the year. Spring brings the Pine Barrens alive with rare and exotic wildflowers such as the Swamp Pink and Bog Asphodel. Summer brings amazing beach sunsets and dramatic thunderstorms rolling across the bay. Fall creates moody morning fog and colorful accents in the forest. Winter brings dramatic skies and the arrival of Arctic visitors to our waters, such as the Long-tailed and Eider ducks. I've also witnessed harbor seals numerous times off the beaches in Barnegat Light.

There is something to look forward to throughout the year in and around Little Egg Harbor.



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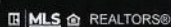
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Into the Woods



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A shore thing? Without a doubt! But if you're looking to take a break from the water sports, saltwater fishing, boating to restaurants and the Atlantic City Casino's don't overlook the fact that more than half of Little Egg Harbor Township is forest. We offer access to Bass River State Forest, freshwater streams and lakes to kayak and fish, and some of the best hiking trails in the State of New Jersey. Whether you are a tent camper, hauling a trailer or are one of those big RV glampers, check out one of the two campgrounds we are proud to say are members of the chamber and an active part of the community. Both offer entertainment, swimming pools, clubhouses and an awesome family camping experience. If you find yourself salt waterlogged in Little Egg Harbor, maybe it's time to experience the other half of our community. Take a hike and search out some the unique wildlife to our area, pack up the kids and hit one of the campgrounds for the weekend, or grab the Kayak or fishing poles and try one of the freshwater streams or lakes. There is something for everyone in Little Egg Harbor.



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The Mysterious Pine Barrens

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Just a short drive inland, the landscape transforms dramatically. The Jersey Pine Barrens, with Bass River State Forest as one of its crowning jewels, feels like stepping into another world entirely, one of tea-colored streams, whispering pines, and stories that stretch back centuries.

For hikers, the forest offers trails that wind through stands of pitch pine and Atlantic white cedar, with the sweet scent of pine needles underfoot. Some of my favorite trails loop around Lake Absegami, including Joe's Trail and the Orange Loop. Here, you can spot colorful songbirds, watch for largemouth bass breaking the water's surface, or enjoy lunch on a secluded beach by the lake.



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Launching a kayak is also a great way to have a moment of solitude while exploring the Bass River, where fallen cedar trees create mysterious passages through the water. The tannic acid from cedar and pine needles stains the water a rich amber color, not from pollution, but from natural processes occurring for thousands of years. This creates stunning contrasts when photographing reflections, especially during fall when the occasional maple tree adds splashes of red and orange to the predominantly green landscape.

Fishing enthusiasts know Bass River State Forest for its pickerel, bass, and sunfish. I've spent many peaceful afternoons watching anglers cast their lines from the lake shore, their silhouettes creating perfect foreground elements against colorful sunset skies.



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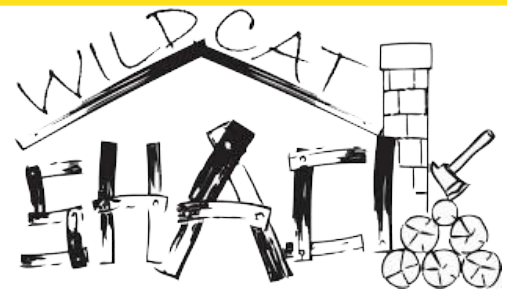
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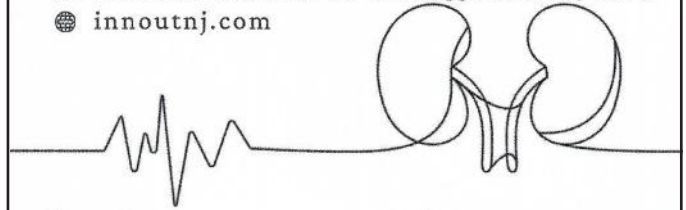
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Visiting the Wildlife Drive, particularly at dawn or dusk, often rewards visitors with sightings that would make any wildlife enthusiast's heart race. Black Skimmers slice through the air just inches above the water's surface, their lower mandibles dipping into the waves as they "skim" for fish. This dramatic aerial display creates unforgettable photographs and never fails to leave first-time observers in awe.

Each season brings its cast of characters to the refuge. Spring welcomes ospreys returning to their nesting platforms, egrets and herons in spectacular breeding plumage, and waves of colorful songbirds migrating through. Summer brings fledgling birds learning to fly, diamondback terrapins crossing marsh roads to lay eggs, and monarchs fluttering among the

wildflowers. Along the boardwalk, the fiddler crabs with their one giant claw always put on a comical show. Fall transforms the refuge with the spectacle of thousands of snow geese, sandpipers, and plovers stopping to refuel during migration. Winter is perhaps the most underrated season. The majestic silhouettes of bald eagles can be seen against steely skies, and the haunting beauty of frost-covered salt marsh grasses paints an incredible picture at sunrise or sunset. Snowy owls have been known to frequent wildlife drive, causing quite a stir as crowds flock to glimpse the beautiful arctic bird. Another exotic visitor to our area is the Harlequin duck, whose blue, chestnut, and white plumage is an incredible sight as they fight the waves on a rocky shoreline.

The refuge isn't just crucial for wildlife enthusiasts. It's vital to the entire Little Egg Harbor ecosystem. These wetlands act as natural filters, improving water quality while providing storm protection for coastal communities. They're living proof that preserving natural spaces benefits everyone, from the smallest sandpiper to year-round residents.



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JERSEY SHORE CLAM BAKE

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 pounds kielbasa
- 3 cups chopped yellow onions (2 large onions)
- 2 cups chopped leeks, well cleaned (2 leeks, white parts only)
- 1/4 cup good olive oil
- 1 1/2 pounds small potatoes (red or white)
- 1 tablespoon kosher salt
- 1/2 tablespoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 dozen littleneck clams, scrubbed
- 2 dozen steamer clams, scrubbed
- 2 pounds mussels, cleaned and debearded
- 1 1/2 pounds large shrimp, in the shell
- 3 (1 1/2 pound) lobsters
- 2 cups good dry white wine

Directions:

1. **Slice the Kielbasa** - Cut the kielbasa diagonally into 1-inch thick slices. Set aside.
2. **Sauté Aromatics** - In a heavy-bottomed 16 to 20-quart stockpot, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add the onions and leeks and sauté for about 15 minutes, until the onions begin to brown.



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3. **Layer Ingredients** - Layer the following ingredients on top of the sautéed onions in this order:
 - Potatoes
 - Salt and pepper
 - Kielbasa slices
 - Littleneck clams
 - Steamer clams
 - Mussels
 - Shrimp
 - Whole lobsters
4. **Add Wine & Steam** - Pour the white wine over the layered ingredients. Cover the pot tightly with a lid.
5. **Begin Cooking** - Turn the heat to medium-high and cook until steam just begins to escape from under the lid, about 15 minutes.
6. **Finish Cooking** - Lower the heat to medium and cook for an additional 15 minutes.
7. **Check for Doneness** - Ensure the clambake is cooked:
 - Potatoes should be tender
 - Lobsters fully cooked
 - Clams and mussels open
8. **Prepare Lobsters** - Remove the lobsters to a wooden board. Cut them up and crack the claws.
9. **Serve the Clambake** - Using large slotted spoons, carefully remove the seafood, potatoes, and kielbasa to a large serving bowl or platter. Place the prepared lobster pieces on top.
10. **Season and Serve Broth** - Taste the broth remaining in the pot and adjust seasoning as needed. Ladle the broth over the seafood, being careful to avoid any sand that may have settled at the bottom.

JERSEY CORN AND TOMATO SALAD

Ingredients:

- 6 ears of fresh Jersey corn on the cob, peeled and cleaned see note for using frozen or canned corn
- 2 garlic cloves minced
- 4 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil divided (one tablespoon for the skillet, three for the salad's dressing)
- ½ cup fresh basil julienned
- 2 cups Jersey tomatoes chopped
- 2 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- Salt and freshly ground pepper



Directions:

1. With a sharp knife, slice the corn kernels off of each cob.
2. Warm 1 tablespoon olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat; add the corn kernels and garlic. Sauté until the corn is tender and the garlic begins to turn golden, about five minutes.
3. Pour the corn and garlic into a serving bowl and allow the corn to cool slightly.
4. Add the basil and chopped tomatoes to the corn, stir to combine.
5. Whisk together the remaining olive oil and the balsamic vinegar; season with salt and pepper.
6. Drizzle over the salad and gently stir to combine.
7. Cover and refrigerate for a few hours before serving.

BLUE CRAB STUFFED BAKED TOMATOES

Ingredients:

- 5-6 medium sized not real ripe tomatoes
- 1 lb crabmeat
- ¼ cup finely diced red pepper
- 1 shallot, finely diced
- 1 ear of corn
- 1 ½ Tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- ½ tsp ground coriander seed
- ¼ cup finely chopped cilantro plus some leaves for garnish
- Juice and grated peel of ½ lemon
- ½ tsp salt plus some for sprinkling in tomatoes
- 1 ½ Tbsp margarine
- 9 Rice crackers or other cracker of your choice

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Slice across the tops of the tomatoes and scoop out the pulp leaving just the wall of the tomatoes. A serrated grapefruit spoon works great for this.
3. Sprinkle the insides of the tomatoes with salt and turn them upside down on a few layers of paper towels to drain for 15 -20 min.
4. Strip the kernels off the corncob. This is most easily done with a knife holding the ear upright in a large bowl to catch the kernels.
5. Heat the oil over medium high heat and sauté the red pepper, shallot and corn 2 minutes.
6. Add the ground coriander seed and sauté another minute.
7. Mix the crabmeat, sautéed vegetables, ¼ cup cilantro, lemon juice and peel and ½ tsp salt in a large bowl. Blot the insides of the tomatoes dry with a paper towel.
8. Stuff them with the crab mixture. Don't pack it in too densely.
9. Melt margarine in a small bowl, 20-30 seconds in the microwave.
10. Put crackers in a mini-chopper, blender or processor and process to fine crumbs.
11. Mix crumbs and margarine and sprinkle over top of stuffing in tomatoes.
12. Spread the tomatoes out on a greased baking sheet and bake at 350 degrees F for 35 min.
13. Turn the oven up to broil on high and cook about 3 more minutes until cracker crumbs are browned.
14. Let them cool down a couple minutes and then support them on one side with your hand as you gently slide a large serving spoon or spatula under the other side to transfer to plates.
15. Garnish with cilantro leaves.



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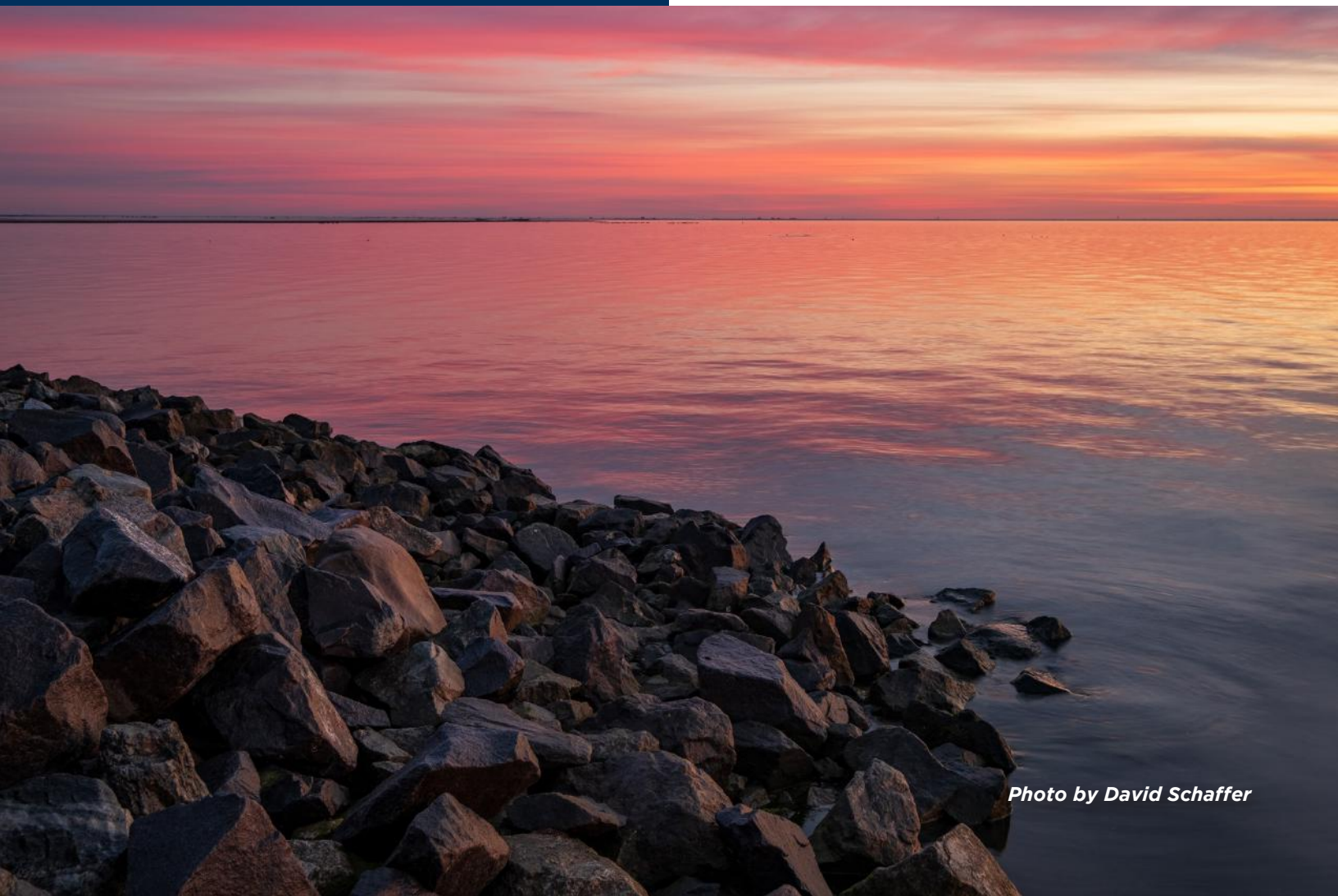


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