WINTER SUNRISE

It seems to me that sunrise differs
When winter's chill begins to enfold;
Her brilliant colors of scarlet reds
Are changed to all the softer golds.

For frost has squeezed the color
From the bluest of summer skies,
And made the dawn a washed-out red;
The background for a rosy sigh.

Oh, a winter sunrise brings with it
A tiny hint; its pastel shade
Is but a faint reminder
Of the riotous splendor summer made.

Perhaps someday an ingenious artist
Will capture winter's sunrise hues
And set there on an empty canvas
Pinks and ochers, then pale blues.

And so, when frosted air has come,
I quietly stand outside to stare,
And wonder at the sunrise that
The Master has subtly painted there.

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COMMISSION UPDATE

The three Commission positions
have been filled by the following candidates:
One Year Term: Glenn Miles
Two Year Term: Margaret Sipple
Two Year Term: Earl Greason

Because no one else filed for the
positions, there will not be an
election on January 8, 2000.
The new Commissioners will be
sworn to office at the January 10th
meeting.

VOTER REGISTRATION

For those who received letters
reminding you to re-register, you
can register until December 30, 1999.
This will keep your name current
for any future Town elections.

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Y2K AND YOUR WATER, SEWER
AND PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

We are not expecting any problems
with either water or sewer. We
have tested all of our automated
systems and they are compliant. In
the extremely unlikely event of a
loss of power, we have back-up gen-
erators to run the plant and more
than sufficient fuel to run them.
Again there should be no interruption
to your water and sewer services this
new year.

The Police Department will have
officers on duty 24 hours starting
12:00 am. In the event of a power
or phone outage, a police officer
will be stationed at the Bridgeville
Fire Hall until power and phone lines
are restored.

Commissioner Charles Singman

"Aren't you oversimplifying when you classify
all children as either naughty or nice?"
MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION

OCTOBER 11, 1999

- Commissioner Miles reported 183 traffic arrests and 21 criminal arrests. He reported the festival went smoothly and thanked the officers from Bridgeville, Milford, Laurel, Greenwood, Seaford, and Georgetown for a job well done.
- Commissioner Singman reported the sewer main line at Walnut & Railroad Avenue had been repaired, but it was found that an elevation problem upstream needs attention in the near future.
- The stream-crossing pipe line was repaired by Hopkins Construction. We are now getting prices for the dirt and stone needed to repair the bank on the south side.
- There were two septic haulers for a revenue of $1,248.
- Commissioner Singman reported that one of the REC gear-boxes needs a new bearing and seal replacement. A price quote was received of $4,355.
- Commissioner Pierce reported an average daily water use of 122,000 gallons.
- The second reading and adoption of Ordinance #99-2 (Motor Vehicle Sound Limits) was approved by the Commission.
- President Dalton announced the new members of the Planning Commission as follows: Charles Hawk, Howard Hardesty, Kevin Carson, Jeff Scott, John Shockley, and from the Town Commission, Jack Dalton and Willie Pierce. Their first meeting will take place on Oct. 14th.
- The Commission approved to place a $25 ad in the Woodbridge Football Booster's paper.
- Donations to the library and fire company were tabled until the Town finds out how much money they will have to pay for storm damage repairs from Hurricane Floyd.
- Commissioners voted to adopt a petition for the Town to support a spray irrigation system.

- Chief Allen Parson has discussed the loose dogs in Town with the SPCA.

NOVEMBER 8, 1999

- There were 241 traffic arrests and 131 criminal arrests.
- Chief Allen Parsons received the 1999 Rotary Club Community Service Award.
- Received revenue of $1,780 from two septic haulers.
- Estimated revenue for a new silo heater (damaged during hurricane) of $700. Approximate cost to repair roof at W.W.T.P. is $15,000. A bid of $1,400 was received to correct the erosion problem along the ditch bank with an estimate of $700 to $800 to extend more rip-rap where needed.
- All residents received the Consumer Confidence Report on Oct. 15th.
- Commissioner Sipple announced that Shea's Concrete of Milford will be installing new sidewalks and the handicap ramp at the Town Hall.
- The old evergreen tree across from Town Hall has been removed and replaced by one by the Lioness Club.
- President Dalton reported the storm damage from Hurricane Floyd to be $100,000. At this point the Town nor the county have received any assistance from DEMA or FEMA.
- The building at 103 S. Main Street has been sold to Ms. Barbara O'Leary for $46,000.
- Mr. Dale McDowell presented the Community Development Block Grant Loan Program. Money spent to rehab homes in our community in the last seven years is $501,811 (53 homes).
- President Dalton reported that the newly formed Planning Commission met recently with representatives from DELDOT, DNREC, and the University of Delaware.
- Filing deadline for candidates who wish to fill Commission positions is Friday, December 10 at Noon. Those who would like to register to vote in the January 8, 2000 election
Minutes cont'd.

- Have until Thursday, December 30, 1999.
- Dr. Roberta Burns has given her home at 105 S. Main Street to the Pilgrim Ministry of Deliverance Church, Inc. Mr. Tin Banks announced he would like to use the home for recovering drug and alcohol users. To date Mr. Banks has not applied for a Board of Adjustment hearing.
- A resident requested a large pothole be repaired on Cooper Alley.

DECEMBER 13, 1999:

- Traffic arrests totaled 135 with 12 criminal arrests.
- There was one septic hauler for a revenue of $1,628.
- The stream-ban kerosin still has not been repaired, but bids on the repair have been received.
- New sidewalks have been installed on N. and South Cannon Street. Thanks to Sen. Adams and Rep. Ewing.
- The Town goes to settlement on the property located at 103 S Main St. on December 16th.
- It was voted to approve the renewal application from Donald Jones as a wastehauler in our disposal plant.
- Commission voted to disband with the alderman court.
- DELDOT gave the land located at the corner of Main and Market Streets to the Town of Bridgeville.
- Commissioners voted to have Dec. 17, 1999 as the Woodbridge High School Raiders Day in the Town of Bridgeville.
- It was voted to allow the Town employees to take their sick leave by the hour as needed.
- The police department will be receiving new uniforms in February (mostly purchased through grant money).

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK......

HOW ABOUT THOSE RAIDERS? Congratulations to the high school and the graduating seniors for setting a record that will inspire our team for years to come. We are proud of their athletic accomplishments. Well Done Team....

First, let me wish a Happy Holiday to everyone. It is so good to see the decorations and preparations for the holiday season as you drive around Town.

This has been a very busy year for us. We completed the paving program for the streets and got new sidewalks for some of the areas in Town. In the coming weeks we will complete the handicapped access for Town Hall. All of this has been done at the same time we are recovering from the damage from hurricane Floyd.

We have also established the Planning Commission, and they are in the process of developing our Land Use Plan. Public meetings will be held to give the community an opportunity for input of ideas on how we want our Town to develop. I encourage all to participate.

December means registration for new members of the Commission. We have three people filing for the three vacant seats. Margaret "Bootsie" Sipple will return to her position as will Glenn Miles. Earl Greason, of South Main Street, has filed and will fill the remaining two-year term. We welcome each of them and thank them for their willingness to work for the Town.

Finally, as always, a word of praise for the employees of Bridgeville. From the Police Department to Town Hall to the Water and Wastewater plants we are blessed with dedicated people. To each of you, Thanks and have a happy Holiday.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

ON OCTOBER 11, 1999 THE COMMISSION ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE:

ARTICLE VIII
MOTOR VEHICLE SOUND LIMITS

§222-208 DEFINITIONS:

a) Excessive Noise Level: That level of noise which disturbs the peace, quite, and comfort of any reasonable person of normal sensitiveness residing, visiting or working in the area.

b) Motor Vehicles: Any automobile, van, truck, motorcycle, or motor scooter.

c) Modified Exhaust System: An exhaust system in which the original noise abatement devices have been physically altered causing them to be less effective in reducing noise or the original abatement devices have either been removed or replaced by noise abatement devices which are not as effective in reducing noise as their original devices, or devices have been added to the original noise abatement devices such that noise levels are increased.

d) Sound System: A machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound, including but not limited to radios, cassette tape players, and compact disc players.

e) Bicycle: That certain class of vehicles which is exclusively human powered by means of foot pedals, which the driver would normally ride astride, which have not in excess of 3 wheels and which may be commonly known as unicycles and bicycles.

f) Vehicles: Every device, upon which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn on a public highway, except devices moved by human power.

§222-209. USE RESTRICTIONS:

a) It shall be unlawful for any person within Town limits to use or operate a sound system in a motor vehicle, on a bicycle or vehicle at an excessive noise level.

b) It shall be unlawful for any person within Town limits to operate a motor vehicle which causes excessive noise levels as a result of a defective or modified exhaust system or unnecessary engine revving.

§222-210 PENALTY:

Whoever violates this section for the first offense shall be fined not less than $10.00 nor more than $50.00. For each subsequent like offense he/she shall be fined not less than $25.00 nor more than $100.00.

WE SUGGEST THAT ALL RESIDENTS TAKE THIS ORDINANCE SERIOUSLY....

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ON SEPTEMBER 16, 1999 THE COMMISSION ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE:

ARTICLE XI
PLANNING COMMISSION

The Commissioners of Bridgsville adopted this article for a Planning Commission because of mandate from the state. The Planning Commission shall have the power and the authority vested in the Municipal Planning Commissions by Chapter 7 of Title 22 of the Delaware Code and any amendments thereto, or of this Chapter to prepare a comprehensive plan setting forth the municipal development strategy for the Town.

Selected to serve are: Chairman Howard Hardesty, Secretary Kevin Carson, John Shockley, Jeff Scott, Charles Hawk, and from the Town Commission, Willie Pierce and Jack Dalton.

All meetings are open to the public and all records of this Commission shall be a public record.
APPLE-SCRAPPLE FESTIVAL UPDATE

'99 FESTIVAL EVENT WINNERS

SCRAPPLE CARVING CONTEST
1st - Sean McGoneal - Wilm. ) Adult
2nd - Diana Hitch - Seaford
3rd - John Thomaski, B'ville
1st - Tanya Hart, B'ville ) Youth
2nd - Gregory Callaway-B'ville
3rd - Mike Dawson-B'ville

SCRAPPLE COOKING CONTEST
Sandra Nagler, Georgetown - $100 Bond

APPLE PIE COOKING CONTEST - $500 Bond
Jane Everline, Harrington

APPLE DESSERT CONTEST
Debra Fitzgerald, Seaford - $500 Bond

CHILDREN'S DESSERT CONTEST
Laura Parker, B'ville - $100 Bond

APPLE DECORATING, Seaford - $100 Bond

The festival committee would like to thank the Kiwanis Club for sponsoring the second annual "Apple-Scrapple Home Decorating" contest. Winners were as follows:
1st Place: Betty Jean Steffen
2nd Place: Ken & Sharon McDowell
3rd Place: Pat Correll
Honorable Mention: Ruth Ann & Robert Tull
Linda Diebel
Russ & Diana Chaney
Matt & Tina Rafail
Glenn & Connie Collins
Sylvia Hatfield

A big thank you to the Southern DE Street Rod Association for their cash donation to the festival and for hosting the car show at the festival. The event this year hosted 265 cars with the over-all winners being:
People's Choice: J.D. & Virginia Earl from Pocomoke, Md. - '57 Chevy Belair.
Best of Show: Gregg Walsh from New Castle, De. - '67 Chevy Nova
The association holds their annual car show in June at the fair grounds and have given cash donations to the following: Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Georgetown, Boys & Girls Club of Oak Orchard, and the Mason-Dixon Woodworkers in Laurel.

RESULTS FROM THE 5K HOGG JOGG

Overall Male: Leslie Wright
Overall Female: Jennifer Willis
Male (10 & under)
1st - Derek Kitchen
2nd - Russ Idler
3rd - Derek Nennstiel
Female (10 & under)
1st - Katie Nennstiel
2nd - Sydnee Yeary
3rd - Elizabeth Perciful
Male (11-14)
1st - Brian Lloyd
2nd - Seth Elder
3rd - Andrew Perciful
Female (11-14)
1st - Katie Leprad
2nd - Megan Correll
3rd - Marybeth Betts
Male (15-19)
1st - Mike Short
2nd - Matt Henderickson
3rd - Owen Elder
Female (15-19)
1st - Sara Huffman
2nd - Janel Humpton
3rd - Holly Orlando
Male (20-29)
1st - Ben Easling
2nd - Ralph Elder
3rd - Mike Macadam
Female (20-29)
1st - Rebecca Macadam
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Male (30-39)
1st - Joe Wilson
2nd - David Landis
3rd - Landy Correll
Female (30-39)
1st - Laura Hill
2nd - Laura Lockwood
3rd - Lynn Howard
Male (40-49)
1st - Herb Hall
2nd - Steve Russell
3rd - Ralph Harmon
Female (40-49)
1st - Bev Palmer
2nd - Jimalee Humpton
3rd - Diane Abrams
Male (50-59)
1st - Reuben Beauchamp
2nd - Glen Collins
3rd - Phil Perry

"SCRAPPLE TOSSING-A SPORT FOR THE NEW MILLENIUM"

Men (15 and under)
1st - Jason Diebel-58' (World Junior Record)
2nd - Alex Joseph-58' 2½"
3rd - John Wheatley, Jr.-48' 2"
Women (15 and under)
1st - Amie Joseph-35' 2" (World Junior Record)
2nd - Kaitlinne Riordan-21' 8"
3rd - Christin Riordan-18' 4"

Men (16 and over)
1st - Buck Booth-53' 8" (World Record)
2nd - Quee Dee Swan-52' 4"
3rd - Charles Gibbs-44' 11"

Women (16 and over)
1st - Katina Hood-31' 6" (World Record)
2nd - Paige Wilson-22' 10"

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL....

WELCOME TO BRIDGEVILLE
BRIDGEVILLE NEW HOMEOWNERS

Ms. Jean Sowell
Mr. and Mrs. George Warren
Mr. and Mrs. Trey Hardesty
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Mateer
Mr. and Mrs. Juan Casas
Mr. Clinton Emerson
Mr. Baltazar Cifuentes
Pilgrim Ministry of Deliverance Church, Inc.

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HOW TIME FLIES.......The Town's newsletter is two years old! Published four times a year, we think it brings to our community the news it needs to know. We would like to thank our sponsors who made it all possible. Area business people have supported our efforts all the way. Please support them by patronizing their businesses.

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HANDY TRICKS AND TIPS

* A quick way to dry wet mittens & gloves is to place them over empty tin cans that have the ends cut out and place them near a heating vent. The warm air circulates through the cans and dries out the mittens quick as a wink.

* After a light snow, take your silk flowers that have gathered dust indoors and swish them around in the white stuff. The snow pulls off the dust and barely dampens the blooms.

* On chilly winter days, prop a piece of cardboard behind potted plants on the windowsill to protect them from drafts.

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**SPEEDY SWEET TREATS**

**SHORTCUT FUDGE**

1 pkg. (3.4 oz) cook & serve choco. pudding mix
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup evaporated milk
1 tablespoon butter (no subs), softened
1 cup chopped pecans

In a heavy saucepan, combine dry pudding mix, sugar, milk and butter. Bring to a boil; boil and stir until a candy thermometer reads 224 (about 3 minutes). Remove from the heat and beat rapidly for 1 minute. Add pecans, continue beating until mixture thickens slightly. Drop by tablespoon onto waxed paper-lined baking sheets. Refrigerate until firm (about 45 min). Yield: 3/4 pound.

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**CHOCOLATE-DIPPED TREATS**

1 cup (6 oz) semisweet choco chips
1 tablespoon shortening
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Large marshmallows, miniature pretzel twist and/or whole fresh strawberries

In a microwave or heavy saucepan, melt chocolate chips and shortening. Stir in cinnamon. Dip three-quarters of each marshmallow, pretzel and/or strawberries in chocolate. Place on waxed paper-lined baking sheet. Refrigerate until set, about 30 minutes. Yield: about 4 dozen.

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**COCONUT DROPS**

1 pkg. (14 oz) flaked coconut
6 drops red food coloring
6 drops green food coloring
1 pound white candy coating

Divide coconut between two bowls. Add red food coloring to one bowl and green to other. Toss to coat. In a heavy saucepan over low heat, melt candy coating. Drop by tablespoonfuls onto waxed paper. While coating is still warm, sprinkle half of each drop with pine coconut and the other half with green; press down gently. Refrigerator until firm. Yield: 1 1/4 pounds.

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**Cheery Reindeer Word Find**

OH, DEER! Look what this Christmastime word jumble is up to. Dashing gracefully through the galaxy of letters below are 24 words (in a herd at bottom) hitched up to Santa’s high-flying reindeer.

Make like “Rudolph” and follow your nose to connect letters together up, down, diagonally and backward.

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S E U F T O Y S E D M H R B Z U T Q M
A S D N I R G H U B U X Y M A Y C B I
N V A N V F H G G E X P F D A N C E R
T W W M O S C P F I E P Z O X D R E J
A L K U S S S E L B E F G V I Q N U N
Y Y G U K E E E A C L V T E N P O T
P K F L Y C Q I N U D X S I O Q R Z L
E K I F W O O P B R J U H D S T A F I
D P E G S R E L T N A D R J H L N D M
V A L E J A F R Q F T H N P R Y C B T
U S E J V E L G N I J R O E D N E G T
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G V V Z X C H S M O E E B R U T P M M
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**ANTELS**
**BLITZEN**
**COMET**
**COURSER**
**CUPID**
**DANCER**
**DASHER**
**DONNER**
**FLY**
**HARNESS**
**HOOVES**
**JINGLE**
**NORTH POLE**
**PRANCER**
**RED NOS**
**REINS**
**ROOFTOP**
**RUDOLPH**
**SKY**
**SLEDGE**
**TEAM**
**TOYS**
**VIXEN**
COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CONGRATULATIONS to the Woodbridge High School football team for their winning season. We are proud of each and every one of you.

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Mr. George "Sonny" Hardesty has been awarded life membership in the International Kiwanis Tablet of Honor program. Hardesty is the first Kiwanian named to the Tablet of Honor who was not a club president at the time, won the honor for his 20 years as Kiwanis Foundation Board member. He joined the Bridgeville Kiwanis Club in 1961, served as president from 1965, and 1975-1976. In 1976 he served as District II Lieutenant Governor and 1980 received life membership. He was president of the foundation for the years 1983-1985. CONGRATULATIONS, SONNY!!

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The Firemen's Annual Beef and Dumpling Dinner will be Sunday, March 5, 2000 from noon until 5 P.M.

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The Lions Club Annual Variety Show will be held Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1, 2000. The show will be held in the Woodbridge High School auditorium.

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KIWANIS CHRISTMAS HOME DECORATING CONTEST

The Bridgeville Kiwanis Club will again be sponsoring their home decorating contest for the holiday season. The three categories are:

Best decorated home
Best decorated door
Best decorated home by a Kiwanian

Judging will take place on Sunday, December 26, 1999, 4:30 to 8:00 pm.

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DATES TO REMEMBER...

DEC. 23/24 - Town Office Closed
            31 - Town Office Closed

JAN.  10 - Town Board Meeting, 7PM
        13 - Planning Commission Mtg.
        17 - Town Office Closed, Martin Luther King's Birthday Observed

FEB.  10 - Planning Commission Mtg.
        14 - Town Board Meeting, 7PM

MARCH 5 - Firemen's Annual Beef and Dumpling Dinner, 12-5 PM, Fire Hall
        10 - Planning Commission Mtg.
        14 - Town Board Meeting, 7PM
        31/- Lions Club Annual Show

April 1

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