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Why were Cape Island, Lower Township spared?

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
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CAPE MAY – Officials from the Cape Island communities and Lower Township expressed how fortunate the area was to be spared the devastation experienced north of the landfall area.

According to Greg Heavener, meteorologist with the National Weather Service at Mt. Holly, the Cape Mays fared better than some other beach communities for several reasons.

“Basically, the strongest winds that occurred with the system were on the northern side of it – lower New York and from Atlantic City north,” Heavener said.

Hurricane Sandy made landfall just south of Atlantic City.

Heavener said the NWS typically measures wind speeds as a combination of the actual wind in the storm, plus the velocity of the storm movement.

“If the storm has 80 mph winds and the storm is moving 20 mph, on the north-west side of the storm you can see 100 mph winds. That’s why north of Ocean City the winds were 80 to 90 mph, and Cape May did not see the more ferocious variety,” he said. “They had a much, much longer fetch (the amount of area the wind travels over water before it reaches

ground) from the east and northeast and water was pushed ahead of the storm. Granted, Cape May had a record storm surge, but that occurred before storm got to the coast,” Heavener said.

As far as the direction of the wind hitting the Cape Mays and Lower Township, the area was getting westerly winds, with some areas even seeing blowout tides. Heavener said that definitely helped the coast from Atlantic City south and even into Delaware from receiving even higher surges.

“If the storm tracked farther south, and landed at the mouth of Delaware Bay, those areas we would have received as much damage as Atlantic City. You were on the better side of the landfall of the storm,” he said.

Heavener said Sandy could be considered the first landfall hurricane since 1903, but the matter is up for discussion. He said Hurricane Irene touched land in New Jersey, but it was not the first place along the coast where it touched.

“Basically, landfall is where the storm touches land first. Sandy didn’t hit anything until Atlantic City,” he said.

Heavener said there is also the question of whether or not Sandy was still a hurricane. Heavener said he left the weather station

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Coast Guard trains foreign maritime officers

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CAPE MAY – The Coast Guard Training Center welcomed 40 military officers from across the world on Oct. 25 as part of the International Maritime Officer Course offering superior training and an in-depth view of U.S. Coast Guard operations.

Officers traveled to the United States from 28 different countries to take tours of multiple military installations on the east coast including four of the five U.S. military academies. Training Center Cape May was the only enlisted military basic training facility the officers visited during the 15-week course. Maritime officers (Navy and Coast Guard) who attended the base came from countries such as Colombia, Lebanon, Mozambique, India, Bulgaria, Suriname and Iraq, just to name a few.

Lt. Matt Mitchell of the Training Center said the Coast Guard has been involved with international training since the Korean War, but this particular course began in 1995. Taking on 40 students made this the largest group the course has ever had at one time. This was also the first time a student from Iraq took part in the program.

He said the goal is to teach officers of allied forces the military training tactics and procedures used by the U.S. and allow them to implement the knowledge they’ve received in the training of their own military personnel.

“We bring mid to senior-grade officers in from all around the world and we train them in short pieces of



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CAPE MAY – Above, maritime officers from 28 different countries around the world utilize the weapons simulator at Coast Guard Training Center Cape May as part of the International Maritime Officer Course. At right, Petty Officer Lisa Zammello teaches fire extinguishing to international students during the 15-week International Maritime Officer Course



everything we do,” Mitchell said.

He said officers receive hands-on experience and teachings through seminars in operations such as search

and rescue, law enforcement, port security, maritime safety, fire fighting, public affairs, leadership and more. “The whole idea behind this

is that Uncle Sam can’t do the mission all by himself,” Mitchell said. “He needs

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Barry Tischler and Susan Tischler are two of the featured performers at Barry’s Grand Old Christmas Opry, Sunday, Nov. 8.

Christmas ‘Opry’ will benefit annual parade

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
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WEST CAPE MAY – Christmas has come early now that Barry Tischler and several other local musicians and singers are coming together to perform in Barry’s Grand Ole Christmas Opry to benefit the annual West Cape May Christmas Parade.

The show will take place on Sunday, Nov. 18 at 7:15 p.m. at the West Cape May Borough Hall. There will

be a chicken pot pie dinner prepared by the neighboring Volunteer Fire Company from 4 to 7 p.m. Both events benefit the parade.

Tischler and his wife, Sue, decided to organize the Opry after the success of Barry’s Grand Ole Opry held back in August. Proceeds from the summer show went to the East Lynne Theater Company.

Sue said she has wanted

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Marvin Hume honored at flag retirement event

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
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DEL HAVEN – After 40 years of honoring fallen heroes of the armed services with flag raising ceremonies at Sunset Beach in Cape May Point, the tables were turned for Marvin Hume when a flag ceremony was held in his honor.

On Sunday, the 12th Annual Formal Flag Retirement Ceremony took place at Cape May County Park South, where the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Chapter 44 in Del Haven paid special tribute to Hume for his military service and commitment



to his brothers and sisters in arms. Hume, 91, is the owner

of Sunset Beach Gift Shops and a World War II Navy vet-

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DEL HAVEN – Left, active and retired service members take part in a flag retirement ceremony held Nov. 4, at Cape May County Park South.

eran who moved to the Cape May area four decades ago.

Since then, everyday from Memorial Day to Labor Day, he raises a casket flag from a fallen hero of the military. One half hour before sunset, he lowers the flag while Taps is played after a dedi-

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Several relief efforts being organized locally

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CAPE MAY – After Hurricane Sandy passed through the lower cape area, some people had a mess to clean up, while others had very little to do. Others went to work to try to send some relief to the people more highly affected by the storm.

Scott Thomas from the Henry’s jewelry stores said he was extremely thankful both the Ocean City and Cape May Henry’s stores suffered no damage. His next thought was, “What can we do?” for people who live in those hard

hit communities.

Thomas decided his stores would dedicate 10 percent of their sales from the month of November to the relief effort. Thomas said he made a decision to do that, but realized the need would be greater and he decided to try to expand the effort.

“I was trying to figure out a way to make it a couple hundred thousand,” Thomas said, “so I talked to all the merchants on the mall and have an extremely high percentage of them who agreed to help. “Thomas said he views the fundraising effort as a kind of win-win situation because

Cape May will benefit from its benevolence.

“I say (do it for) Cape May because not only does it help the victims, but it lets other people know we are here and are working on trying to help rebuild the Jersey Shore just like everyone else,” Thomas said.

Thomas, who moved here from Florida and has seen more than his share of storms and the wake of destruction they can leave, has never attempted to organize a relief effort. He said he received help from Mayor Ed Mahaney, who he said has been very helpful in opening

up avenues of communication for him.

“He’s helped me get in touch with people who I didn’t know were in charge,” Thomas said. Thomas said by the fourth day of this effort he had probably 40 percent of mall merchants involved. He said he has talked to other people and believes more people will come on board once all the details are finalized. He said some of the more prominent businesses in town, such as Swain’s Hardware, the Fish Market and Ugly Mug have already

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