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the organization with a goal to improve students' core academic skills and appreciation for the environment.

Because the two stayed with David's brother in Morristown, it became one of their relatively prolonged stops. David said they soon made their way south to Barnegat for another school presentation and stayed with a friend, Bill Stage, owner of the New Jersey Kayak business, which was just about the time Hurricane Sandy struck the Jersey coast.

"His house is more inland so that was OK, but the kayak business took a hard hit," he said. "We spent about four or five days helping them clean up."

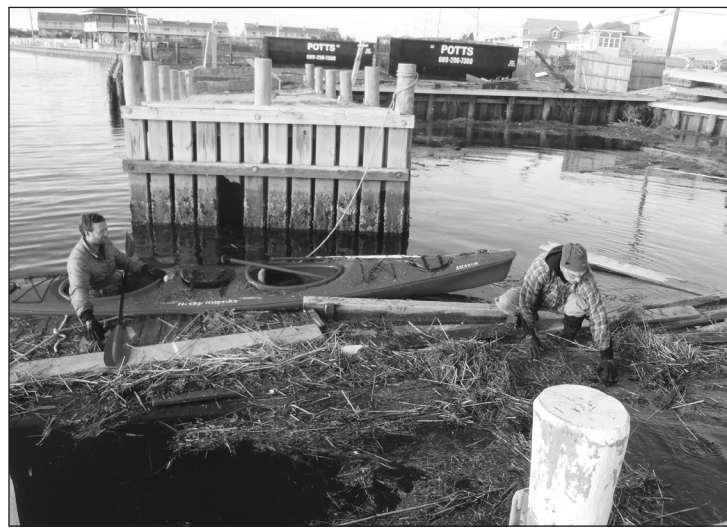
The Freemans then added another objective to their three-year venture, which was helping residents and the environment recover from the destructive storm. David said he was amazed when he realized the hardest part of a

nearly 12,000 mile trip across the continent took place in New Jersey, especially when part of that trip consisted of dogsledding through the bitter cold, snowy weather of northwest Canada.

"We've hit some pretty bad storms and blizzards, but this was definitely the worst we had seen," he said. "We expected to reach New Jersey, use the Intracoastal Waterway and be home free. It was a pretty eye-opening experience when Sandy hit."

David and Amy arrived in Delaware on Monday and are continuing south to the Florida Keys. Along the way their goal is to continue educating students, teachers and the people they meet about America's waterways and pristine habitats to inspire others to become more environmentally conscious.

From central New Jersey to Delaware, the couple spotted debris and storm damage all the way to the Cape Mays and some in the Delaware Bay. David said the worst of



Above left, David Freeman and owner of New Jersey Kayak in Barnegat, Bill Stage, clean up around the marina after Hurricane Sandy. Above right, David and Bill Stage launch their kayaks on a flooded road after Hurricane Sandy to check on Stage's kayak business.



Photo courtesy of the Freemans

it was in Barnegat, however, they noticed extensive damage around Ocean City, Stone Harbor and Avalon.

The Freemans carry solar panels and batteries to power electronics and update their websites regularly. By post-

ing daily blogs, tips on eating healthy, teacher lesson plans, and energy conservation information, David and Amy bridge the gap between their remote campsites and classrooms across the nation. Their website and the presen-

tations they put on at schools, nursing homes, and libraries across the United States consist of photographs and videos of the wildlife and scenery they have encountered during the quest.

For more information about

the North American Odyssey and Wilderness Classroom, visit the Freemans' website at www.wildernessclassroom.com.

Hall

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zone, the facility was still covered through the JIF and MEL. The present coverage has a \$500,000 deductible on the building and its contents, but the city may also obtain \$500,000 coverage through FEMA, which would cover the deductible. The quote is based on the maximum amount of coverage (\$500,000) on the building and \$400,000 on the contents. He said different levels of coverage were available. The city received a proposal from FEMA, which has numerous options for a deductible ranging from \$1,000 to \$50,000, MacLeod said.

City council is required to

make a decision on the matter by Nov. 28. MacLeod suggested council invoke some level of coverage at the Nov. 20 regular meeting as well as decide on the deductible amount. MacLeod noted there is a 30-day waiting period before the FEMA coverage takes effect.

He said if the \$500,000 coverage is approved by FEMA, the city will have an overall \$3 million in coverage on Convention Hall. MacLeod said Marsh and McLennan requested quotes from three other insurance agencies to attain insurance coverage beyond \$3 million.

He said there does not need to be enough coverage to insure the entire \$10.5 mil-

lion cost for constructing the building. He said the city will likely have a maximum of \$8.5 million in coverage when all is said and done.

MacLeod said he spoke with City Auditor Leon Costello about creating a reserve for Convention Hall through annual budget appropriations in order to build a level of self-insurance. He said the decision would be left up to council.

"We can put money aside through annual budget appropriations and put that into the reserve that is specifically held and dedicated to this purpose of the flood insurance," MacLeod said.

Gaffney said as a former insurance salesman, the idea

of the city self-insuring some of the coverage scared him.

"Self-insurance means we, the public, are the self-insurers and I don't like that because I know how costly insurance is," Gaffney said.

Gaffney also questioned why council was opting to wait until Nov. 28 to make a decision on the FEMA coverage. Councilman William Murray said it was a big decision and council would need to justify the level of coverage and deductible amount they chose. He said they needed to look at the figures and make a logical decision on the matter.

Gaffney said because of Hurricane Sandy, this is possibly the worst time in the

history of the state to look for insurance. Murray said council was aware rates were going to increase on Jan. 1, which is why council wants to have the coverage in place by the end of 2012.

Hendricks had a long list of questions prepared for MacLeod, Mayor Ed Mahaney and Deputy Mayor Jack Wichterman. He asked Mahaney how he was informed of the Convention Hall's lack of insurance. The mayor said he was told by MacLeod on the day of the storm.

Hendricks then asked why Mahaney did not inform the public about the lack of insurance. Mahaney responded it was an administrative matter

and was the responsibility of the city manager. Hendricks asked Wichterman the same questions, who said he heard the rumor through a fellow Kiwanis Club member. He then called MacLeod to verify the lack of insurance and found the rumor was true.

Gaffney said he found it hard to believe no one on council knew about the lack of insurance prior to the storm and was not happy with the way the public found out.

"It should not have come out the way it did," he said.

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ject to council signing off on it," he said.

Orlando said DEP wanted the township to sign off because some of the bulkhead would fall in the right

of way of Beachwood Avenue. Orlando presented township council with a conceptual design showing the location of the bulkhead starting at the end point of the previous bulkhead.

He said in addition to the construction on the four properties, they would like to construct bulkhead at the end

of Rosewood Avenue, which experienced significant erosion.

"To protect their properties, the four owners would install that 50 feet of bulkhead," Orlando said.

He repeated that DEP recognizes the project as an emergency, and said it would take six to eight weeks to

complete the project. He said his clients would not hire a contractor without council giving approval to the project.

Beck said he did not have a problem with the approval because they had a precedent based on last year's project. Councilman Glenn Douglass asked if there was a requirement to allow beach access, which was included in last year's project, which involved Redwood Avenue.

Orlando said that was not an issue and they would provide a set of stairs. Township Solicitor Mike Donohue said that would be one requirement the township would insist on. A second would be a hold harmless agreement with the township. Donohue said a resolution could be created at Monday's meeting and council gave the go ahead. A motion was made to authorize Engineering

Design Associates to go ahead with the project to construct a bulkhead per their conceptual design, with the two conditions stated.

Council approved the motion 4-0 with Ward 2 Councilman Walt Craig absent. Craig was appointed to the Ward 2 seat until the general election, in which Jim Neville won the seat for the remaining year of the term.

In an issue related to the bulkhead construction Township Planning Officer William Galestock said he sent a letter to council addressing requirement for dune system. He said the township has had a dune ordinance since 1981, and the DEP has an extensive review process for permits to do construction in dunes.

"I think it is prudent, after this last storm, to give some

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ous criminal complaints against Green, who is still at large, including first degree murder, second degree burglary, weapons offenses, and third degree hindering. Investigators have also identified Kyle L. Timmons, a 21-year-old black male, also residing on East Pacific Avenue, Villas, as being in custody for third degree hindering for his alleged involvement in the shooting death of Turner.

The matter is under investigation involving the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit, Crime Scene Unit, Lower Township Detectives and Middle Township Detectives.

Anyone with any information regarding this investigation is urged to contact the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office at 465-1135, Lower Township Police Department at 886-1619, or the Cape May County Crime Stoppers at 465-2800.



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24	4:51	5:04	10:53	10:54
25	5:34	5:49	11:41	11:35
26	6:13	6:31		12:24
27	6:50	7:11	12:13	1:05
28	7:26	7:50	12:50	1:44

Moon Phases
Last Quarter, Nov. 6
New Moon, Nov. 13
First Quarter, Nov. 20
Full Moon, Nov. 28
Apogee, Nov. 1, 28
Perigee, Nov. 14