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needy with food. They also receive support from civic organizations, such as the Rotary Club, and private businesses.

"South Jersey Gas gave us a nice check at Christmas," Gates said.

The Lower Township Rescue Squad also collects food at four different sites for the food closet.

Those who are using the food closet must register. They check in, the church checks their ID, and records what they get. Clinton Jones is an assistant pastor in charge of family ministries. Gates said Jones works closely with the families and talks to them when they are in line for the food closet to see if there are other needs they require help with.

"He checks to see if they need clothes, if anyone in the family is sick, he follows up on those things," Gates said.

The church also has 63 families using its day care facility. Gates said they accept government placed children, or will take them on a pro-rated basis determined by income, or even pro-bono if necessary.

The church recently got rid of trailers, which Gates said were old and rusty. The trail-



Above left, the Seashore Community Church of the Nazarene. Above center, the familiar church sign as seen off Route 9 in Erma. Above right, a sign announcing new hours for the Sand Box Thrift Shop. The church is involved in many outreach programs for the community, and just received a large stock of coats which can be purchased at the thrift shop for next to nothing. Pastor Charles Gates said the very needy would not have to pay. The church also has a food pantry, day care, and numerous recovery programs.



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ers had been used for youth classrooms, meetings, etc. He said they are building a new all-purpose building, which will house the food closet and thrift store. It will also house the youth ministry and Sunday school.

"It will consolidate what is all spread around," Gates said.

Money raised from the thrift store goes to help pay utilities for people who have that need. Gates said many

times people get into the welfare system, which helps with utilities, but they have a two-week gap between applying for and receiving benefits.

"This very often helps," he said.

Gates said like the food, the clothing comes in and goes out.

"We are a conduit of what people need to exist," he said. "As the need and demand grows we grow with it. As long as there is a demand we

will continue to grow to meet the demand," Gates said.

Gates said the need is not always apparent to people in the area. He said people in need don't talk much about it. The church, he said, is there to give a little aid while people are in the process of finding a job, etc., to make sure they have food in their bellies and stay warm.

"That is church's role. God is a compassionate God. We are told to have compassion

on the sick, children and widows, and what matters to Him matters to us," Gates said. "The church has to serve. Worship is not the only reason the church exists. That's Old and New Testament. If someone has a need, try to help them with that need."

Gates said Lower Township has about 24,000 permanent residents, and the number grows to 130,000 in the summer. People misunderstand how much need there is in

the area because they see the boats and boardwalk. He said Cape May County has the lowest per capita income of all 21 New Jersey counties, with some of the highest rates of teen pregnancy, domestic violence, drugs and alcohol abuse. He said the church also is home to a full program of addiction recovery ministries.

Point post office hours reduced to six per day

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
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CAPE MAY POINT - Representatives from the United States Postal Service told Point residents at a special meeting they would most probably be reducing hours local post office.

Tony Bryant from the USPS said hours would likely be 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the window closed for lunch from 12:30 to 1 p.m. Saturday hours would not change, with window hours 9:30 a.m. to noon.

The USPS mailed out 306 surveys and received 128 responses. Post office box holders were told there would be a reduction in services, and were asked which options they preferred. Options included reducing

hours, having home delivery to rural mailboxes, having a "village" post office, or getting their mail at a nearby post office.

Nearby post offices included Cape May, which is 3.2 miles from the Point, North Cape May (6.2 miles), and Villas (9.4 miles).

Of the 128 respondents, 126 replied they were would rather have reduced hours at the Point post office than any of the other options.

A flier prepared by the USPS says, "Access to delivery receptacles will not be reduced from current hours."

Deputy Mayor Anita van-Heeswyk said there would be some accommodation made to allow post office box holders to gain entry.

Cool

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"People know it is there, but we need to let them know what it has to offer," he said.

One of the first events Cool is working on is for March 17 - St. Patrick's Day - when the city will host Nick Maloney's traditional Irish music show at 4 p.m.

"Nick is a Philadelphia area performer and Irish historian. It will be a nice event to celebrate St. Patrick's Day," Cool said.

Cool worked with Cape May last summer for the Monday night concert series, "Stockton Goes To The Beach." He said the series was something they talked about in the fall of 2011; about the possibility of bringing the music series to Cape May. They did, and Cool said it is something Stockton will continue to do.

"That's a nice concert series, a nice relationship," he said.

Cool said he would like to bring other events in addition to the Stockton lineup, which he said was well received by the community.

"One of the next things to do is to get people to learn more about what's happening in the city and come down and stay," he said.

He said the city has a list of things that are going on there now, including the family

roller skating nights, run on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. He said there are weddings being planned, along with other performances that were being scheduled before he was brought into the picture.

"I will be working with opportunities that present themselves. Most performing arts events are planned about a year out, so at this point we are waiting to see who is available and who is interested in coming to Cape May," he said.

Cool said he is in touch with contacts in the industry who now know his status with the city and Convention Hall and they are already starting to look for acts to bring in.

"To Cape May's great advantage we have a lot of positive feedback from the artists who have performed there. We don't want to book the same acts two years in a row, but the Nelson brothers decided they were coming back to Cape May on vacation," Cool said.

The Nelson brothers performed as "Ricky Nelson Remembered." Another act in the "Stockton Goes To The Beach" series was Jay and the Americans. According to Cool, they stayed at the Chalfonte, and were reportedly found harmonizing with guests on the front porch after the show.

"Everyone has been delighted to be here," Cool said.

Cool said Helen Reddy is going back out on tour and has been booked for the Stockton series. He said she has already heard good things about Cape May and decided to stay for a few days.

"Everybody has seemed to embraced Convention Hall, and that is good for the city and good for the region. I'm delighted to be working with the folks down there," he said.

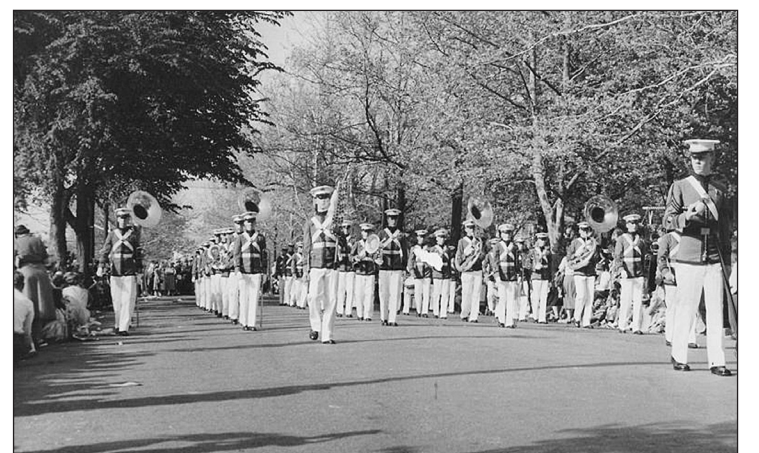
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A shore duty assignment in London attracted Taylor in the early 1960s. He said it was an interesting time with the missile crisis in the fall of 1962. He rose to the rank of Lt. Commander before he left the navy.

In 1965 Taylor moved to

Argentina with his late wife, Jehane Flint Taylor, an Argentine/Anglo, and sons Dylan and Sean. In 1980, after teaching for years in Argentina, Taylor and his family settled back in the United States in Swarthmore, Pa. Cape May became the couple's retirement home in 1997.



Members of the Band board buses for Washington. Below: The colors pass in review before President Eisenhower. -Richmond News Leader, -Richmond Times-Dispatch

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TIDES
January 23/13
Eastern Standard Time

	High	Low	High	Low
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
23	5:16	5:38	11:33	11:16
24	6:00	6:22	12:16	12:16
25	6:40	7:04	12:01	12:55
26	7:18	7:42	12:40	1:31
27	7:54	8:20	1:19	2:06
28	8:29	8:56	1:58	2:40
29	9:04	9:33	2:38	3:14
30	9:40	10:12	3:19	3:50

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