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Cape May holds National Night Out

Cape May and the city's police department hosted National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 6, at Cape May Convention Hall. The event is a national movement to have one night in which the community comes together against crime. The event featured organizations displaying their activities, such as the Nature Center of Cape May, U.S. Coast Guard, county Sheriff's Office and others.

Homelessness forum will bring multiple organizations together

LOWER TOWNSHIP — Cape Hope has scheduled its 2019 Homeless Seminar: "Taking Homeless Assistance to the Next Level," for 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, at the Seashore Community Church of the Nazarene in Lower Township. The event is free and open to the public.

Since 2014, Cape Hope has been trying to alleviate the plight of the homeless by addressing immediate needs, making referrals for governmental and non-governmental services and funding emergency housing, primarily with the use of funds from donations and grants.

At the same time, there are numerous groups, churches and agencies in Cape May County trying to

assist those experiencing homelessness. Some are trying to address homelessness in one particular manner, while others are taking a multipronged approach to combat the effects of homelessness. Despite the efforts of a lot of well-meaning and dedicated people, it seems as if they are failing to get people off the streets, as well as to help them get their lives turned around.

While the groups are trying to figure out how to best solve the problems of homelessness, larger cities have been dealing with the problem for many years. Philadelphia, for example, has the second-oldest rescue mission in the country, which serves three meals per day, 365 days a year. Such facilities have a wealth

of information they are willing to share to develop a faith-based facility that will help address the spiritual and physical needs of the homeless population in Cape May County.

With this in mind, Cape Hope has invited several speakers from larger markets to talk about how the local agencies can take their efforts to a higher level of effectiveness.

Seashore Community Church of the Nazarene is located at 446 Seashore Road in Lower Township. Call (609) 886-6196.

For more information, call event organizer Christopher South at (609) 408-1144 or Cape Hope Director Denise South at (609) 827-1164. RSVP at south5859@msn.com.

DLA's successful tests add to county UAS experience

Last month, Cape May County was the venue for successful flight tests by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) in its mission to utilize unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) to deliver emergency supplies to first responders after disasters.

The tests, led by American Aerospace Technologies Inc. (AATI) and its subsidiary company Sky Scape Industries (SSI), were the latest in a long line of operations in which the county has hosted aerospace operations to boost economic development in the area.

Cape May County's airspace and location, with water on three sides, is attractive for testing new flight technologies.

The DLA manages the global supply chain for the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, 10 combatant commands, other federal agencies and partner and allied nations. One of its key roles is providing food and water to first responders after disasters.

The recent flights tested whether a UAS could launch and land vertically carrying a payload consisting of First Strike Ration (FSR) meals and a case of water totaling 50 pounds. Flights were conducted at sites near the Cape May-Lewes Ferry terminal. In one, a custom-designed UAS — some use the term "drone" — took off from the terminal and moved land-to-land carrying the sustenance payload. On its second mission, the aircraft carried the same payload to a fast-response U.S. Coast Guard cutter off the coast of Cape May. Both target locations were about 1 mile away from the takeoff zone.

"I could not be prouder of the AATI team," said Nate Ernst, the mission commander for the operation. "The DLA is looking to new methods of emergency re-



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Employees of American Aerospace Technologies Inc. led a mission using an unmanned aircraft system to deliver goods from land to land then land to ship on a U.S. Coast Guard cutter.

sponse, and we are honored to help provide solutions that may one day save lives utilizing unmanned aircraft systems."

Ernst, who grew up in Cape May County, is a longtime member of the Cape May County UAS Innovation Forum. The county formed one of the earliest public drone programs in the country and hosts a variety of public use flights.

AATI was founded by David Yoel, another longtime member of the county's UAS Innovation Forum. For several years, he has served as the county's subject matter expert in UAS. AATI has operated under 11 FAA-approved Certificates of Waiver or Authorization (COAs), including Cape May County's, and has completed hundreds of safe and successful BVLOS (beyond visual line of sight) UAS flights across the country. When he wears his industry hat — as he did in the DLA

trials — he is known for flying cutting-edge missions that forward UAS technology.

Yoel and Ernst have another series of flights in late August for another customer. Those tests will be conducted from a base in Upper Township. Operations are not flown over people or buildings.

"We are extremely fortunate to have David and Nate working here and a part of our UAS community," said Freeholder Will Morey, who oversees the county's UAS program. "Experts like these are the reason that we are able to establish the county as a viable location for companies to test UAS technologies. This is leading us toward new and exciting economic development routes in Cape May County and into our growing regional partnership with Atlantic County as we work together to make this region an aviation hub."

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We are very excited to welcome Barbara Guenther, DMD to our team. Dr. Barbie graduated from Rutgers Dental School in Newark, NJ. She brings with her over 15 years of experience and a passion for dentistry. She enjoys meeting people and establishing long term patient relationships. Dr. Barbie enjoys the beach, travelling and is a die-hard Eagles fan. She can't wait to meet you at your next appointment!

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Back-to-back Cape to Cape winner

The signature fundraiser for the Desatnick Foundation, the Cape to Cape paddleboard race across the mouth of Delaware Bay, was held Aug. 18. The 17-mile race began at the Lewes Ferry Terminal and finished at Queen Street beach in Cape May. The winner was defending champion Sean Brennan, above. A shorter 4-mile paddle from Cape May Point to Queen Street beach was won by Pol Miranda.

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