

## New history column

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something," He asked a reporter at another local paper about doing some writing and that led to him being brought on as a columnist. He has used various resources in developing his column, starting with a collection of Cape May postcards. Since his three children are grown and married, he has converted a bedroom into an office with file cabinets filled with materials.

"I use all the old Cape May books, I use the county

library, talk to some of the old timers, anything I can get my hands on," Elwell said.

Elwell figures over the past eight years he has written 395 columns.

"We are more than pleased to have Robert Elwell's history column in the Star and Wave. With his strong family history in Cape May and wealth of knowledge about the area, Elwell's 'Days Gone By' will be a valuable asset to our paper and its own seat in Cape May's history," said editor Jennifer Kopp. "And we are confident our readers will enjoy this new addition to the

Cape May Star and Wave."

Elwell is equally pleased to be affiliated with the Star and Wave.

"I grew up with the Star and Wave and always had a warm spot in my heart for it. I feel it's really one of Cape May's ties to our past and the old Star and Waves have a lot of history in them. They tell the story of Cape May's past," he said.

Elwell is also a co-chairman on the 400th Anniversary Committee, and he expects to feature stories on Henry Hudson's historic voyage to the Cape May area in 1906.

## Soldiers visit school

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veterans living in Villas. The elder Glynn has spoken at the school on several occasions, and he put the seventh grade class in touch with Sean and Brandy. He also advised Beck when the couple was returning.

Asked about the cold in this part of New Jersey, Brandy

said, "It's freezing! But it was pretty cold when we left."

"Pretty cold" means in the 30s at night and only in the 60s or 70s during the day. When they arrived in Iraq it would get to 130 during the day, and cool off to about 90 at night.

Sean said he lived in a tent when he first arrived in Iraq but now shares a CHU with Brandy. The CHU is like a

small shipping container, and has wall lockers, two beds and a path to the latrine. The CHUs are air-conditioned and offer some relieve from the biggest pest - flies.

The Glynnns were introduced before all the students and faculty of Our Lady Star of the Sea Regional School and were given presents to thank them for their service.

## Bridge toll to increase

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service and routine maintenance," he said.

O'Connor said each of their five toll bridges, all built under the New Deal program,

are having some kind of work done.

"We have to repair the under deck of Corson's Inlet, repair the Bascule span (drawbridge) at Townsend's Inlet," O'Connor said, highlighting two of the bigger

projects.

He said while the toll rates are increasing, the commission is still offering discounts to frequent travelers. The cost of discount ticket books good for 50 trips is going up to \$60 (\$1.20 per trip).

A public hearing on the toll increase was held on Dec. 11 in the Freeholders meeting room.

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### West Cape May intergenerational luncheon

Third through sixth grade students at West Cape May hosted its annual intergenerational luncheon at the Mad Batter Monday. Students served up a holiday turkey dinner to members of the community as well as parents including, above left, Benjie Swan and Joe Battle, and below, mother and daughter, Nina Coleman and Joyce Gooch-Dali.



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