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6	12:41	6:13	6:33	
7	12:48	1:39	7:04	7:37
8	1:46	2:40	7:58	8:44
9	2:51	3:44	8:57	9:52
10	3:59	4:46	9:57	10:58
11	5:07	5:46	10:57	11:59
12	6:10	6:42	11:56	
13	7:08	7:33	12:56	12:51
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New Moon, July 1				
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Food pantries finding the cupboards are bare

By **CHRISTOPHER SOUTH**
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – It seems the Thanksgiving Christmas season is mainly when food pantries solicit donations as they try to assemble holiday meals for local residents. But when the Christmas season is over you don't hear much about them anymore.

"We are always in need," Margie Barham, executive director of the Community Food Bank of New Jersey-Southern Branch said. The Community Food Bank of New Jersey has a number of commercial donors who provide a great deal of assis-

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– **Margie Barham**
Executive Director
Community Food Bank of NJ

tance, as well as numerous private donors. This year, Barham said, there seem to be more people in need and fewer donors.

"The need is always going up. We just finished our fiscal year (end of June) and I just received our report of poundage distributed. We did

about 25 percent more than last fiscal year," she said.

Barham said whenever you hear of cutbacks or layoffs it means they are going to be getting an increase in business.

"We are the only business that, when other business goes down, our business goes up. When the economy goes down, people lose jobs, and they need food," she said.

Barham said they are now seeing people use their services who said they used to donate to the Community Food Bank.

The Community Food Bank delivers to about 30 agencies in Cape May County.

Fourteen are in lower Cape May County, and nine are divided between Wildwood and Woodbine. The Food Pantry in Cape May is one of the agencies in the Community Foodbank network.

"The Community FoodBank of New Jersey/Southern Branch provides food to those in need though our 250 partner agencies in Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland and Southeastern Burlington counties. In 2010 we distributed over 7.1 million pounds of food. Between 2008 and 2010 our distribution

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Where in the heck is 'South Jersey'?

By **CHRISTOPHER SOUTH**
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CAPE MAY – If anyone is crossing the bridge over the Cape May Canal going toward West Cape May or Lower Township, if you look on the ocean side of the bridge you will see a green sign with white lettering. Even driving past I could

precisely it meant. Surely, this was not the border between North Jersey and South Jersey. Then one day I decided to stop and look at the sign and I found it was not a Road Department sign, but a homemade sign, rather crudely stenciled. At the bottom of this particular sign it read "7 of 100." My understanding of that was someone



This "unofficial" sign on the West Cape May Bridge indicates the border between North and South Jersey is the Cape May Canal.

tell it was meant to indicate a dividing line. There is a line down the middle, broken only by the words "Jersey." On the side nearest Lower Township it reads "North." On the side nearest Cape May the sign reads "South."

For a while, I wondered why the county would have put up such a sign, and what

had placed this sign there six times before, and in the event someone was to remove the seventh, well there were plenty more where that came from.

That someone believes South Jersey begins on the south side of the Cape May

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Hey buddy, wanna buy a print?

By **CAIN CHAMBERLIN**
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CAPE MAY – The Beach Theatre Foundation (BTF) is giving signed prints of Clayton Thomas' 2007 painting of the historic theater's marquee to donors who contribute \$80 or more to the foundation.

BTF President Steve Jackson said all the money made from the prints will be used for paying off legal expenses from the ongoing litigation with Frank Investments, Inc. He said it would also help pay for the recent suit filed in New Jersey State Superior Court to nullify a settlement between Cape May City and the Franks, which would permit demolition of the theater until Dec. 31.

Jackson said Thomas, whose studio is based in Collingswood, is a well-known artist who has exhibited all over the coun-



Above is a section of the Beach Theatre marquee painting by Clayton Thomas. The Beach Theatre Foundation is selling prints for \$80.

try, especially in the South Jersey and Philadelphia areas. He said Thomas finished the vibrant painting of the theater marquee in 2007 and donated it to the BTF and said they could do whatever they wanted with it to raise funding for their efforts of keeping the Beach Theatre alive.

"He said he went to the theater with his family in the past and wanted to help support our cause," Jackson said.

BTF Vice President Ray Roberts and his wife, Susan then purchased the painting in late 2007 at the foundation's charitable auction.

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Bombs bursting in air...

Spectators enjoy the annual July 4 fireworks at Congress Beach, Cape May. There were a multitude of activities taking place all over the Jersey Cape to celebrate our nation's Independence Day. **See more photos on pages A10 and B6.**

George Bundschu at 100 years

By **CAIN CHAMBERLIN**
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LOWER TOWNSHIP – George Bundschu was born July 16, 1911, which means he will celebrate his 100th birthday in just 10 days.

Coincidentally, July 16, 1911 is also the date on the cornerstone of the Our Lady Star of the Sea Church on Washington Street in Cape May – a church Bundschu attended for a number of years.

He and his wife of 72 years, Anna, built their home near the canal on Jonathon Hoffman Road in 1977 and have lived there ever since. They first moved to Cape May in 1971, and George and Anna attended the Star of the Sea for years. Eventually they noticed the date on the cornerstone at the



George Bundschu
Born: July 16, 1911

Washington Street church was the same as George's birthday.

"What are the odds?" he said.

George was born in the Brewerytown area of

Philadelphia and moved to Wildwood when he was 16. Anna, 94, said she was from the Fox Chase section of Philly and when she was 5 years old her family moved to Wildwood Crest, which was where she and George met.

He attended the Roman Catholic School in Center City, Philadelphia. He said they lived where the Philadelphia Athletics baseball park used to be on 29th and Columbia.

"My bedroom was home plate," he said.

Two months before graduation, when his mother became sick, they moved to Wildwood.

Just before the Great Depression, he worked at his father's grocery market, The Quaker Store on Bennett and

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Queen Maysea LXXIX coronation Aug. 3

CAPE MAY – Cape May's 2011 Queen Maysea LXXIX and her court will be honored at Cape May City Elementary School on Wednesday, Aug. 3, when the new queen is crowned during the 79th Annual Queen Maysea Coronation.

Queen Maysea LXXIX Kamryn Brooke Spicer, 9, will enter the fifth grade at Sandman Consolidated School this fall. Kamryn enjoys dancing, swimming, biking, lacrosse and being with her friends. She is the daughter of Robert and Teresa Spicer.



Kamryn Brooke Spicer

This year's princesses are Alexandra Marie Bruno, 7, Erin Rose Connolly, 9, Madison Hope Johnson, 9, Paige Mackenzie Riess, 10, Reilly Elizabeth Sheehan, 10, and Karli Theresa Whitten, 10. Mikella Austin, 8, Elise Virginia Heim, 8, Abby Shauna Hobbs, 9, Rylee Grace Johnson, 7, Briar Rhiannon Paige McNeill, 9, Brooklyn Grace Peckiconis, 6, Devon Alice Peckiconis, 7, Abigail Frances Zilinek, 10, will accompany Queen Maysea on the 2011 majestic

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