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## Cape May community loses a powerful beacon

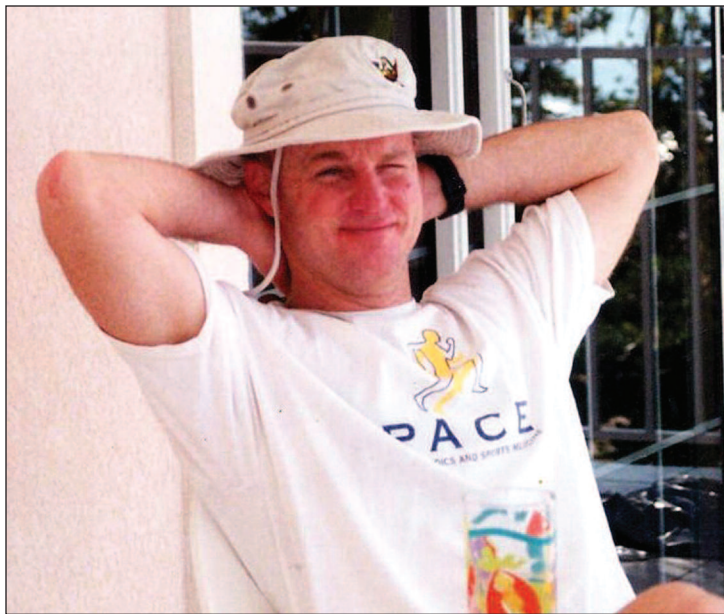
The community says goodbye and Semper Fi to a beloved educator

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN  
Cape May Star and Wave

ERMA – Much of the community came together Monday night at the Richard M. Teitelman Middle School to mourn the loss of a beloved teacher, principal, Marine, friend and family man.

Eugene F. "Gene" Sole, 48, principal of the Richard M. Teitelman School, passed away at his home last Thursday after a long and hard-fought battle with cancer. His friends and former colleagues had nothing but good things to say about Sole, whether it was about his committed service to his country and community or dedication to his family and students throughout the years.

Retired physical education teacher, John Wilsey Jr.



Gene Sole is shown above as his family wished to have him remembered. Sole was an educator, the principal of the Richard M. Teitelman School, a retired Marine/Marine Reserve Lt. Col., and a Boy Scout Leader. Photo courtesy of the Sole Family.

taught in the Lower Cape May Regional High School for 33 years and became a very close friend to Sole during that time.

"Gene had a very dry sense of humor, which I really

liked," Wilsey said. "He was a great guy to work with, when he was a teacher and a principal."

Wilsey said he truly admired Sole's courage throughout his fight with can-

cer. He said Sole never wanted to be treated any differently because of it.

"He never gave up, he was a fighter and despite the cancer, he always wanted to be treated the same," he said. "He was very humble."

Around 10 years ago, Sole started singing in "Old School," a band formed by former and current teachers, which Wilsey was a part of.

Fellow educator, Jim Colubiale referred to Sole as the "original front man," and said Sole used to sing for them when the teachers would perform at the school. Colubiale still sings and plays guitar for "Old School." He said he would like to dedicate their show at the West Cape May Farmers Market next Tuesday to Sole's memory.

He said there were times Sole would even dress up, get on stage and take part in performances like "The Blues Brothers" for the students.

"He was a funny guy and the kids loved him," Colubiale said. "Sometimes, when he was deployed overseas he wouldn't be able to join us. But when he was able to, he always came up and sang. He was great."

Colubiale said one of his fondest memories of Sole was when they were coaching junior varsity soccer together at Lower Cape May Regional. They held a spaghetti dinner at Colubiale's home with the varsity team and Sole had the idea of playing a joke on former varsity coach, Dave Smith. He said at the time, Gene's son, Tyler, was very young and Sole introduced him to Smith as "Steve." Throughout the entire dinner, Smith called Tyler by the wrong name and couldn't understand why the toddler was ignoring him. Colubiale said Sole was laughing the whole time.

He said Smith finally worked up the courage to approach Sole and say he should have his son's hearing checked because he was concerned about the child not hearing or acknowledging him.

"Gene looked at him and said 'He might hear you if you called him by the right name.' We all started laughing so hard. That was just Gene's sense of humor. He loved joking around with people,"

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## Point has ticket issued to self

Citizens will bear no cost for the code summons

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH  
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY POINT – The Borough of Cape May Point had its code enforcement officer issue the borough a summons for violating its ordinance regarding trash cans.

At the Aug. 11 commissioners meeting, Commissioner Anita Van Heeswyk said the borough had been made aware of the violation by resident Walter Greame, 91, who was cited on July 19 for not bringing in his trash cans on time. The borough does not allow cans to be placed out for Monday morning pick-up earlier than 3 p.m. Sunday. Cans must then be removed from the street by 7 p.m. Monday. Greame was cited

early Tuesday morning, roughly 12 hours past the deadline. Greame said he suffers from congestive heart failure, and the person who normally gathers his cans was not available that day. Subsequent to being cited, Greame noticed trash cans were put out early along the curb outside Borough Hall. Van Heeswyk said the lifeguards thought they were doing the borough a favor by putting the trashcans out, which were spotted and photographed by Greame. A photo ran in last week's edition of the Star and Wave.

Van Heeswyk said after learning of the infraction, she called the municipal judge and asked if the municipality could issue a summons to itself and plead guilty. Judge Louis Visalli said it was possible, and a summons was written.

"The borough takes its ordi

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## Decisions at the West Cape May Farmers Market

Above right in the photo, a woman seems to ponder whether or not she wants to purchase a basket of fresh tomatoes at the West Cape May Farmers Market. The table includes a nice selection of produce, including nectarines, blueberries, and two varieties of tomatoes. See more photos on page A12.

## After 60 years, Fr. Jim's first art show

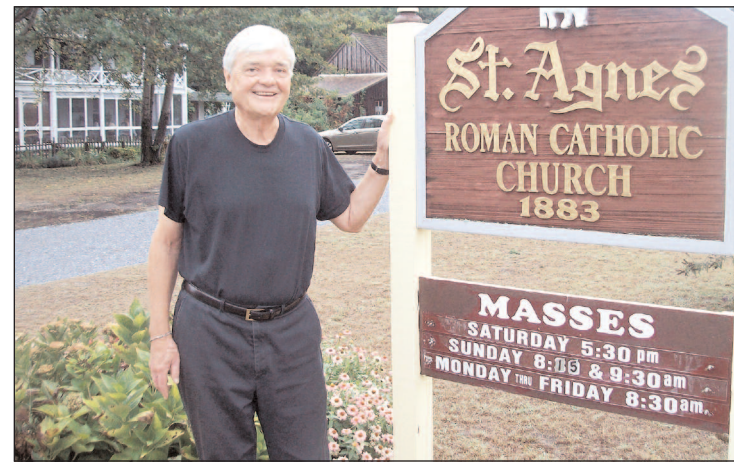
By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH  
Cape May Star and Wave

WEST CAPE MAY – Father Jim Collins started drawing and painting when he was a child. When he was old enough, he started asking for art supplies for Christmas rather than toys. Now, at 73, he is having his first art show.

Collins interest in art at developed over the years; however, his studies and vocation took him on a much different path.

Collins won several awards for his artwork as an eighth grade student at St. Callistus. He said his parents had always encouraged his art, as did the Sisters of St. Joseph. He said his father was something of an artist as well.

Collins entered high school in Philadelphia, and at 16 he entered St. Charles Seminary. He put his talents to use on the high school newspaper and later at the seminary, doing work for a literary journal and painting scenery for shows. However, his religious studies took over his life, and his art faded into the back-



ground.

Collins went to Rome to study, and was ordained in 1964. He returned to Philadelphia, teaching at Roman Catholic High School for a year, before being sent back to Rome to study for a doctorate. He spent about 10 years in Italy completing his studies.

After completing his doctorate he returned to teaching high school for another eight years. He was then assigned to teach at Holy Family College (now University)

where he spent the next 35 years teaching Theology.

Collins went on to write four books on Dante.

All of this caused him to forgo his artwork, but after taking a cruise in 2007 that originated in Venice, he was inspired to take up painting again.

"I was just overwhelmed by the beauty there," he said.

Collins took numerous photographs in Venice and other parts of Italy, and he used

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## Nelson honored by fire company

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN  
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WEST CAPE MAY – The regular meeting of the West Cape May Board of Commissioners began quite differently than usual as the Volunteer Fire Company presented a meritorious award and medal to Deputy Fire Chief Steven Nelson.

The VFC started the ceremony by giving certificates of appreciation to Public Safety Commissioner Ramsey Geyer and its fellow departments and companies on Cape Island. The Cape May and Cape May Point Volunteer Fire Companies, the U.S. Coast Guard Fire Department and the Town Bank Volunteer Fire Company were all given the certificates because of their cooperation and mutual aid assistance they've provided through the years. However, Nelson was not expecting what happened next.

The VFC awarded Nelson



Cain Chamberlin/Cape May Star and Wave

Above, West Cape May Deputy Fire Chief Steven Nelson has a meritorious service medal pinned on by his wife, Christine. Nelson was recognized for coming to the aid of a fellow firefighter.

with a meritorious award and gave the responsibility of pinning on the medal to his wife, Christine. He was given this

high honor for actions he had taken at a structure fire on

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