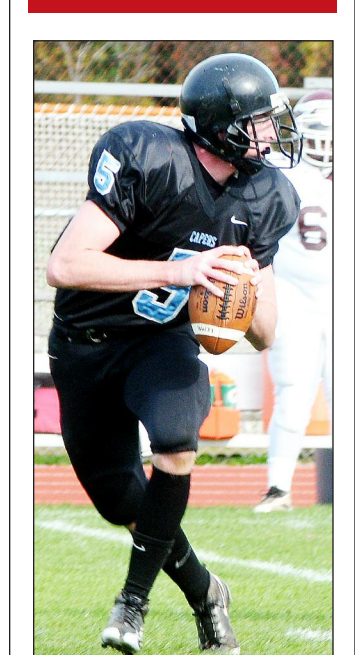




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am	pm	am	pm		
11/10	10:37	11:10	4:02	5:00	
11/11	11:28		4:54	5:53	
11/12	12:07	12:22	5:50	6:47	
11/13	1:07	1:18	6:51	7:40	
11/14	2:06	2:15	7:52	8:30	
11/15	3:01	3:09	8:52	9:15	
11/16	3:51	4:00	9:47	9:57	
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New Moon		11/6			
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Perigee		11/3,30			

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Cape May Jazz Festival, Nov. 12 to 14

**Cape May Veterans Day remembrance ceremony, 11 a.m. at the Columbia Ave. monument.**

## West Cape May considers new municipal judge

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN  
*Cape May Star and Wave*

WEST CAPE MAY – The Board of Commissioners met in closed session Oct. 27 to continue discussions for hiring a new municipal judge.

According to Commissioner Ramsey Geyer, the board spoke about taking the possible direction of consolidating with either Lower Township or Cape May City for the time being until a new judge is found.

The presiding judge of West Cape May, Dave DeWeese is also the municipal judge in Lower Township. Geyer said DeWeese would be retiring from West Cape May Dec. 31, three years before his term expires.

“Consolidation has always been an option on the table, but some don’t want it to be that way,” Geyer said.

At the last meeting on Oct. 13, Deputy Mayor Peter Burke expressed his disagreement at having another municipality coming in and running the West Cape May court.

“We have our own courtroom and the ability to run it, never reached.

The benefit of consolidating until a new judge is found is a possible decrease in court costs, which according to Geyer is between \$95,000 and \$100,000 annually.

He mentioned that the board is working to figure out the court and judge situation as soon as possible.

“We should have some direction by the next meeting,” he said.

**Third quarter water use questioned**

During the public comment portion of the meeting, Kathy Gallagher of the West Cape May Taxpayers Association had questions concerning the borough’s water usage in the third quarter of 2010.

The quarter analysis chart of incoming water flow versus water usage she obtained showed the highest consumption of water in the borough

*Please see Judge, page A2*

## Suggestions for shared court never agreed upon

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH  
*Cape May Star and Wave*

WEST CAPE MAY - The recommendations of a January 2008 report could be revisited in light of the announced retirement of West Cape May Municipal Judge David DeWeese.

The report, titled “Feasibility Study to Assess Merging the Municipal Courts of the Borough of West Cape May, the City of Cape May and the Borough of Cape May Point,” was provided to the three municipalities with recommended changes to begin in 2009.

Jersey Professional Management Company, recommended the formation of a Joint Court to serve all three municipalities. The report said the Joint Court had the greatest chance of success for several reasons.

First, it allowed Cape May city government to use the space now occupied by the court. It also allowed for the retirement of the Cape May Court Administrator.

The study said having a Joint Court would still allow West Cape May and Cape May Point a sense of independence from Cape May, but the court would be more efficient. The study proposed the Joint Court be located in West Cape May, where there is held in the large meeting room. IN addition to the court, the meeting room is where most municipal meetings are held. According to the study, using these facilities would give West Cape May officials the opportunity to negotiate a more favorable joint services agreement.

The study recommended retaining Judge David DeWeese as the municipal judge for the joint court, and have the Cape May judge, at the time Peter Tourison, as an alternate. Prosecutor Jennifer Russo serves as municipal prosecutor for both courts, so there would be no change.

*Please see Courts, page A2*



Christopher South  
*Cape May Star and Wave*

## Autumn at the Ponderlodge

The Villas Wildlife Management Area – home of the former Ponderlodge Golf Course – is starting to come into its own, with natural vegetation really starting to take over the former fairways. The 253-acre site is only sullied by the delapidated buildings and other debris still standing there. A deal to lease the part of the space to The Richard Stockton College was halted by the Department of the Interior, so hopefully the state will now clean up the property.



## 34th Jazz Festival is all about the music

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN  
*Cape May Star and Wave*

CAPE MAY - The 34th Cape May Jazz Festival will begin on Friday featuring over 30 bands artists throughout the weekend at eight different venues.

According to executive director of the jazz festival, Sal Riggi, the committee goes through thousands of submissions twice a year choosing bands to perform.

“We rarely have to search for people,” he said. “They want to come and play here.”

Riggi said the Cape May Jazz Festival is the biggest in New Jersey and one of the largest on the East Coast.

The 25-year contemporary jazz band, The Yellowjackets will kick off the festival Friday night at 8 p.m. at the Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall. They will perform a second show from 10 to 11 p.m. Friday night as well.

A festival favorite according to Riggi, Monnette Sudler’s Ladies Night Out Band will play Friday at 8:30 p.m. at the Aleathea’s Restaurant. This all-ladies band combines the styles of jazz funk and African rhythm, with soulful vocals. They have performed at concerts and festivals all over the world including Europe, Asia, Africa, the Caribbean, and across the U.S. Monnette Sudler’s band will perform again at 11 p.m.

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## Contract awarded for demolition of closed Convention Hall

**New handicapped spots recommended**

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN  
*Cape May Star and Wave*

CAPE MAY - Cape May City Council accepted a bid to demolish Convention Hall and the Solarium, with work to begin as soon as Nov. 22. Council accepted a \$109,648 bid from Albrecht and Heun to demolish both Convention Hall and Solarium. The city received only five bids ranging from Albrecht and Heun’s, which was the lowest, to the highest of \$316,000. The second lowest bid was \$139,000.

City Manager Bruce MacLeod said the reason for Albrecht and Heun’s bid being so much lower was because they had their own recycling center available to them. The higher bidders would have to pay for disposal of demolition debris. They were also located farther away.

Mayor Edward Mahaney said Albrecht and Heun have done satisfactory work for both the city and the county in the past and he doesn’t expect anything different this time around.

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