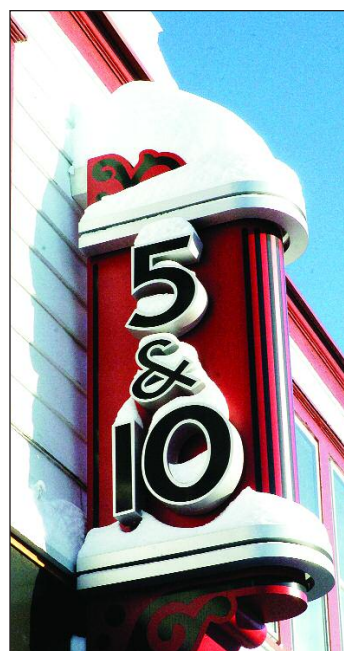
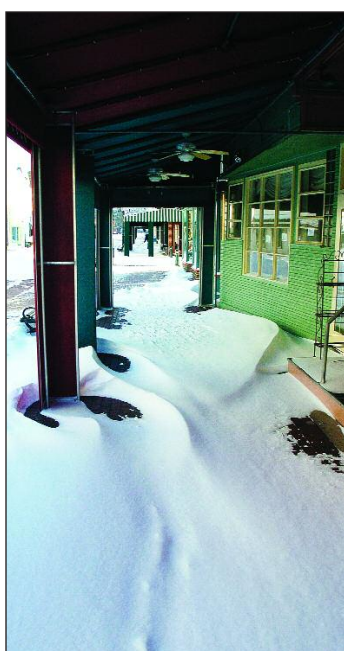


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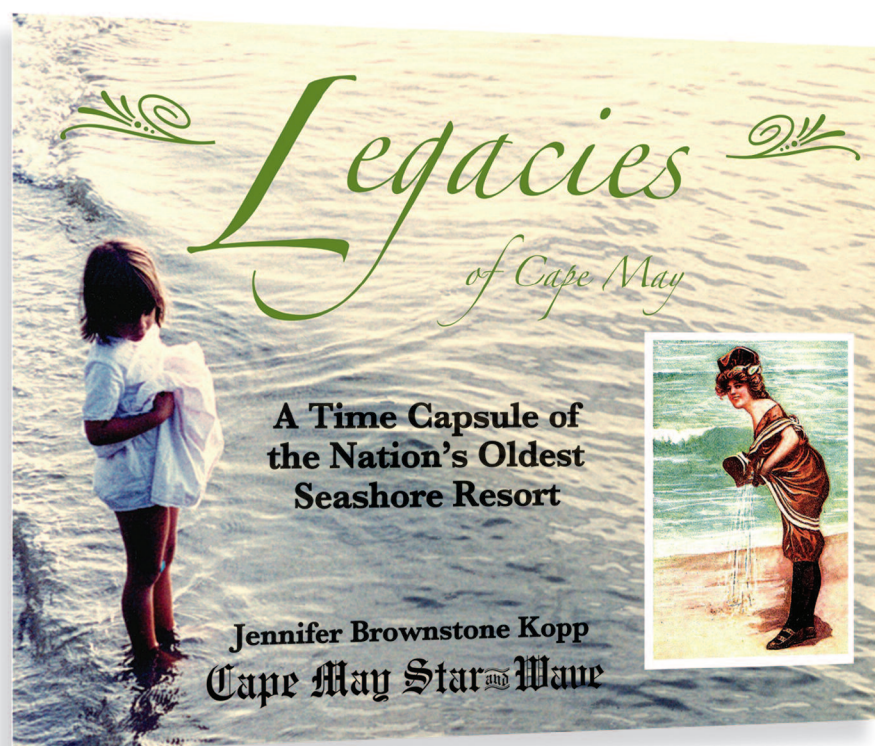
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Winter scenes around Cape May

Clockwise from top left, two rural mailboxes on Stevens Street, West Cape May; the Cape May Veterans Memorial on Columbia Avenue – Cape Island Baptist Church in the background; sidewalk shoveling on Emerald Avenue; the 5&10 sign on Dellas General Store; snow drifts on the Washington Street Mall; a wintry view of the remains of the concrete ship at Sunset Beach. Below left, a blossom that dried in the fall became a cup that caught the winter snow. Below right, the bell on the Washington Street Mall. Cape May woke up to another, lighter snowfall, Wednesday morning, which frosted every branch of every tree around the area.



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Caper Tiger Icers have up and down week and go 2-2

By JOE CASTELLUCCI
Special to the Star and Wave

The Lower Cape May ice hockey team came off an ambitious week of competition compiling two wins and two losses in four games.

The Caper Icers traveled to Voorhees Jan. 18 to face Cherry Hill West, ultimately falling to an 8-0 defeat. The Tigers had 29 shots on goal, but were unable to get the puck past the Cherry Hill West netter.

Lower Cape returned to the ice the very next night and displayed the heart and short term memory facing a disciplined Notre Dame team at home. The Tigers took out their frustrations on Notre Dame beating them 11-3. Many Lower players got in on the goal fest including Taylor Vendetta, Tom Davies who had a hat trick, A.J. MacFarlane with two goals, Morgan Gibson with two goals, and Matt Mahoney and Aaron Saylor with a goal

each. Luke Flisdorf, Joe Safaryn, A.J. MacFarlane, Sam Stango, Shawn Wilson, and Matt Mahoney contributed assists to the Lower Cape victory. Goalies Brandon Adams and Cody Walker shared time in the net combining to earn 31 saves.

On Jan. 22, Lower Cape traveled to Mt. Laurel to face Moorestown looking for a milestone tenth victory of the season. The Tigers came into the game short handed on defense due to illness, and in the opening minutes of the game, defenseman Morgan Gibson was injured after being boarded behind the opposing net. Gibson never returned to the game forcing the Cape Tigers to rely on veteran defensemen Dan Castellucci and Shaw Wilson to assume most of the duties. A.J MacFarlane was forced to drop back to "D" despite little varsity experience at this position. Moorestown quickly took advantage of the situation

and jumped to a 1-0 lead early in the first period. Lower Cape tied the game in the opening seconds of the second period with a Taylor Vendetta goal off a pass from center Tom Davies. Six minutes later Moorestown took a 2-1 lead with an even strength goal of their own. Lower Cape followed in the final seconds of the period when a Dan Castellucci slap shot cleared the shoulder of the Moorestown goalie.

In the third period, tied 2-2, the Tigers used a power play to take the lead on a Taylor Vendetta goal. Penalties began to hamper the Lower Cape effort as Moorestown racked two straight power play goals followed by an even strength goal taking a 5-3 lead. Taylor Vendetta earned the hat trick goal on a power play with :43 seconds left in the game off a Sam Stango assist to put the Tigers within one of the tie. Coach Joe Castellucci went for the man advantage by pulling his goalie in an effort to knot things up only to give up the frustrating empty netter to Moorestown who skated off with the 6-4 victory.

Lower Cape next traveled to the Grundy rink in Bristol, Pa. for the final time this season to take on Father Judge High School. Judge won their first meeting by a convincing 7-1 score. Lower Cape tied Father Judge 3-3 at their second confrontation. The Tiger Iceers came into Grundy fully aware that earning their tenth victory of the season on this night would be no easy feat. Father Judge drove the point home by taking a 1-0 lead in the middle of the first period. Lower Cape tied things up early in the second period with a power play goal by Luke Flusdorf assisted by Taylor Vendetta. The Tigers would put two more pucks past the Judge goalie before the period was concluded off the sticks of Tom Davies and Matt Mahoney, with Flusdorf getting the assist on the Mahoney goal. The Tigers went into defensive mode in the third period giving up one goal to Judge but ultimately securing that ever-elusive tenth victory.

The tenth victory in their second to last game of the season was a major milestone for the Lower Cape Ice Hockey program which is only in its second season of play.

Last season the Tigers were unable to tally a single victory so ten wins is a welcomed improvement.

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