



Washington Township High School on Thursday announced the court for the Class of 2027 Homecoming Festivities. The Homecoming Queen will be crowned on Friday, October 16, 2026, during halftime of the Minutemen football team's game against Winslow Township. This year's Homecoming Court includes (pictured, in alphabetical order): Alyssa Amwake, Layla Bellamah, Mattie Brenner, Julianna Bush, Raiyna Culp, Jessica Frantes Golingho, Alivia Graham, Harlowe Henderson, Aubrey Kerr, Giuliana Martino, Lyla Messick (not pictured), and Grace Passante.

BILL AIMS TO REFUND STUDENT TUITION MONIES WHEN THEY WITHDRAW DUE TO EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

Students who have to withdraw from New Jersey colleges and universities during their most vulnerable times would have an added tool to help them get their money back under legislation sponsored by Assemblyman Cody Miller.(LD4)

Bill A1319, which cleared the Assembly Higher Education Committee on Thursday, would require public institutions of higher education to adopt a policy that permits a student to withdraw for an extenuating circumstance, such as an illness, injury or hospitalization and receive a refund.

“During difficult times in a student's life, higher education institutions should have clear procedures in place that ensure students’ success. Being financially penalized for situations out of a student's control creates long-term barriers to success,” said Assemblyman Miller (D-Atlantic, Camden, Gloucester). “By ensuring each institution has a policy, students do not get lost in the shuffle of life and have the option to continue their pursuit of higher education in the future.”

The legislation is intended to ensure that students do not face long-lasting financial barriers to getting an education because of a change in life circumstances, while also allowing institutions to tailor their policies in a way that best supports their student populations.

The National Student Clearinghouse estimates that, in New Jersey, more than 840,000 residents have earned some college credit but left school before completing their credential or degree, according to the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education. Factors preventing degree completion can include financial hardship and unplanned life events impacting a student’s studies.

MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH

A serious crash is under investigation in the Williamstown section of Monroe Township, Gloucester County, that occurred on Monday night, September 21st at around 9 p.m. There was a large police presence on U.S. 322 (Black Horse Pike) in the area of CR 612/Corkery Lane. One car had damage and its airbags had deployed was in the middle of the intersection, and an SUV was seen overturned. A section of 322 between Corkery Lane and W. Malaga Road was detoured for several hours.



GLASSBORO CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL - Glassboro Craft Beer Festival will be held at Glassboro Town Square and will feature 50+ breweries, food trucks, various craft vendors, live entertainment, photo opportunities, and more on Saturday, September 26th with live music by Shot of Southern! Don't miss your chance to purchase one of our limited VIP tickets to earn you an extra hour of sampling and a lanyard to hold your custom Glassboro Craft Beer Festival pilsner cup. *Everyone in the festival must be 21 years of age or older. No pets or children will be permitted into the event.

SWEDESBORO DAY - Join us for Swedesboro Day 2026 as it returns this Saturday, September 26th from 9 AM to 4 PM in downtown Swedesboro along Kings Highway. Hosted by the Borough of Swedesboro, this large annual community event welcomes thousands of attendees for a full day of family-friendly fun, local shopping, food, entertainment, and community celebration. The day begins immediately following the annual 5K, with Swedesboro Day activities continuing throughout downtown from 9 AM to 4 PM. Event highlights include: Car Show, Main Stage Entertainment, Local Dance Performances, Food Trucks, 140+ Vendors, Bounce House, Family Activities. Admission is free for the community.

WESTVILLE FALL FESTIVAL - September 26th – Car Show hosted by South Jersey Pontiac Club. Over 75 vendors, music, food trucks, arts & crafts and family activities. Located at Route 47 and Duncan Avenue in downtown Westville.

HARVEST FESTIVAL - The annual Old Stone House Village Harvest Festival is just around the corner! Our volunteers are busy at work finalizing all of the details for this fun, family event and we hope you'll visit us Saturday, September 26th from 10am-2pm where you'll get to step back in time and see historic trade demonstrations, play olde time games, take a hayride, pick a pumpkin, and do some shopping with our vendors! This is a FREE event but donations are graciously accepted and used toward the restoration and preservation of the buildings in our village located at 208 Egg Harbor Road, Sewell (Washington Township).

WOODSTOWN FALL FESTIVAL - Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 26 as Woodstown Central Railroad joins the annual Woodstown Fall Festival for a full day of autumn fun. With the return of Steam Locomotive No. 9, guests can choose their own adventure: Woodstown Fall Fest Special Departing directly from Downtown Woodstown at: 12noon, 2PM and 4 PM. You can enjoy a scenic 12-mile roundtrip steam-powered journey through the Salem County countryside before returning to explore everything the Fall Festival has to offer. Looking for even more fall fun? Hop aboard the U-Pick & Maze Train: A Bil-Dol Farm Experience, where you'll travel by steam train to Bil-Dol Farm for: Tractor-pulled wagon tours U-Pick sunflower fields Exclusive access to the patriotic-themed corn maze. It's the perfect way to celebrate the season with family and friends while enjoying everything fall has to offer in South Jersey.

RECORD \$1 MILLION FINE TO DATAONE DATA CENTER

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection on Tuesday, September 22nd announced that it has fined the DataOne data center in Vineland, Cumberland County, \$1.07 million for violations of the New Jersey Air Pollution Control Act for installing and operating 62 large natural-gas power generators without the requisite DEP permits. The DEP’s Administrative Order and Notice of Civil Penalty Assessment (AONOCAPA) stems from a July 29 site inspection of the facility, during which the power generators were observed. The power generators were not observed during the DEP’s last previous site inspection in December 2025.

“This enforcement action – by far the largest ever taken against a data center in New Jersey and possibly one of the largest such actions in the nation – sends a clear message that these facilities will not be constructed or operated with impunity in this state,” said DEP Commissioner Ed Potosnak. “The Sherrill administration demands accountability and corporate responsibility in the construction and operation of data centers and is committed to putting in place legal and regulatory guardrails that protect ratepayers, communities and the environment.”

Natural gas generators emit carbon-dioxide, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide and other combustion-related pollutants. The AONOCAPA cites DataOne with violating the Air Pollution Control Act by installing and operating 62 1,982-kilowatt stationary reciprocating generators (known as engines) without first obtaining a preconstruction permit and valid operating certificate. These approvals are required for any generator with 37-kw capacity or higher. The AONOCAPA orders DataOne to immediately apply for and obtain the required permits or cease operations.

The Sherrill Administration, recognizing the impacts data centers have on energy, water use and communities, is committed to a comprehensive, four-pillar plan to ensure the development of AI infrastructure in New Jersey is done responsibly and with protections in place for electricity ratepayers and host communities. The comprehensive plan includes four key pillars:

- Establishing fair-share rules to ensure data centers bring new clean energy online and contribute to the grid infrastructure needed to support their growth, shifting costs away from residents and ratepayers rather than to them.
- Improving transparency starting with requiring reporting on energy and water use so the public has greater visibility into the impact of large-scale facilities.
- Developing strong statewide standards for Community Benefits Agreements and providing state resources to ensure municipalities can negotiate from positions of strength, ensuring data centers address impacts like light, noise, and pollution while making meaningful local investments.
- Delivering good paying jobs by ensuring these centers leverage local trades and pay prevailing wages.

On August 27, Governor Sherrill signed legislation (S3379/A4096) to increase transparency regarding the use of energy and water by data centers. The law requires data center owners and operators to submit semiannual reports to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) detailing their water and energy use. The reports will provide greater transparency into data centers’ demands on the state’s energy and water resources, including total energy consumption, energy used for cooling and information technology equipment, peak daily water use, water sources, and on-site and backup power supplies.

At that time, the Governor announced statewide guidance to help municipalities negotiate strong community benefits agreements (CBAs), as well as technical assistance from the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, DEP, and BPU for communities.

These actions follow the signing of nation-leading legislation in July that requires data centers to bring their own clean energy and establishes a separate rate class for these developments to shield other ratepayers from shouldering the costs of data center energy demand.



BUILDING DEDICATION -The members of the Williamstown Fire Company No. 1 are excited to invite the community and fellow First Responders to celebrate the Building Dedication of their new fire station on Saturday, September 26th from 1PM to 10PM. Join us for a day of celebration, community pride and appreciation. Event Highlights include: Parade at 1PM, Sugar Ruch Rocks from 3PM to 7PM, Food trucks throughout the day, Beer Garden and a 50/50 Drawing. This new building represents more than brick & mortar – it represents the commitment, dedication and sacrifice of the volunteer firefighters who proudly serve this community every day. It is a symbol of its past, present and future that will serve and protect the residents, businesses and those who visit Monroe Township for generations to come.



WALLET WATCH

Keeping The Taxpayers Informed Of
How Their Money Is Spent



SEPTEMBER 2026 TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN	
AMERICAN WORKCARE- \$110.	\$532.72
ASSOCIATED TRUCK PARTS- Aug auto parts-\$66.58	GENNA ELECTRIC- reset breaker-\$150.
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC- \$113.06	GLOU COUNTY IMP AUTHORITY- Aug tipping fees-\$3,716.64
ATLAS MATERIAL TESTING- Core testing-\$1,548.50	GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICE- postage meter rental-\$169.
AUTO TURCK PARTS OF DEPTFORD- brake shoes/ filter/rotors-\$2,316.36	H.A.DEHART & SON- auto parts Aug-\$1,371.26
BRYSON & YATES- engineering svcs-\$46,445.45	HALL, SANDRA- community day entertainment-\$3,500.
BURGIS ASSOC- affordable housing planner-\$4,951.25	HOLGUIN, WALTER- interpreter-\$353.96
CHASE BANK- serial bonds/interest bonds-\$360,400.	HOME DEPOT – materials/supplies/wellness training center-\$892.98
CIVICPLUS- website hosting annual fee-\$18,513.10	HORNER ENTERPRISES- Community Day Bounce-\$7,750.
CLAYTON, WILLIAM KJ Community Day entertainment-\$500.	IRON MOUNTAIN- storage Sept-\$494.81
CME ASSOCIATES- eng fees/\$11,501.39	JANVIER FIRE CO- 3rd qtr fire dist tax pmt-\$79,150.78
CORNWELL, DAVE- emcee Community Day-\$1,600.	JOSEPH FAZZIO- fence, basin/torch-\$587.85
COVERT MEDIA CONSULTING- class/seminar-\$70.	KYLE MCMANUS ASSOC- special adjudicator services-\$3,0962.50
D&H AUTO SUPPLY- stabilizer-\$14.99	LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES- July transcript fees-\$45.25
DELVEU CHEM CO- trash bags, Lysol, gloves/supplies-\$905.57	LATORRE HARDWARE- parts for blower-\$10.
DELSEA REG SCHOOL- school tax pmt-\$1,242,042.	LAWN CONNECTION- turf care maint-\$1,993.13
ENCORE FIRE PROTECTION- monitoring fee/service calls-\$2,991.24	LB GTMA OPCO LLC- skidsteer switch-\$198.65
ENTERPRISE FM TRUST- police vehicle lease Sept-\$9,167.71	LEXINGTON INCOINS CLAIMS-\$34,548.26
ENVIRON SYS RESEARCH INST- stormwater mapping app-\$691.	LICCIARDELLO, ELMER- community day entertainment-\$1,750.00
FAMILY FUN ENTERTAINMENT- Balloon artist Community Day-\$700.	LILLISTON JEEP DODGE CHRYSLER- key fob-\$256.87
FOREST GROVE FIRE COMM-Fire Dist Tax pmt-\$142,529.75	LORCO PETROL SERVICES- used oil removal-\$270.
FRANKLINVILLE BD FIRE COMM- fire dist tax pmt-\$151,199.25	MALAGA BOARD FIRE COMM- fire dist tax pmt-\$136,258.67
GARDEN TRUCK STOP- trash truck wash Aug-	MAYHEW, PATRICIA- reimbursement Community Day-\$442.30

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FROM THE EDITOR’S DESK



By Cindy Merckx

Autumn has arrived in Gloucester County with the familiar rhythms that have defined the season for generations. The scent of cider doughnuts, the glow of pumpkins on porches, and the crunch of leaves that will soon be underfoot. But this year, as in recent years, the harvest tells a more complicated story—one of tradition, adaptation, and the quiet resilience of the farmers who anchor our region's rural communities. The apple crop in Gloucester County was affected in our area when the April freeze sent temperatures into the low 20s after an unseasonable warm spell. It wiped out apples at many of our farms along with cherries, peaches, and plums. It was a loss not seen in five generations at some orchards. However the season presses on thanks to our farm families. Apple festivals, pumpkin picking, and hayrides continue across the region which is a testament to the enduring appeal of fall traditions even when nature deals a difficult hand.

Pumpkins, fortunately, remain abundant. But the pumpkins themselves have changed. Where once the jack-o-lantern orange dominated the patch, today's farms offer a palette of ghostly whites, sage greens, and paprika ambers. These heirloom and specialty varieties have moved from curiosity to

the centerpiece. Florists, wedding designers, and homeowners now buy them by the dozen to make fall displays that welcome visitors to their front porch or business. The pumpkin, that was once used for making pies has now become a design statement!

Sweet potatoes also remain a reliable staple of the South Jersey harvest, in season from late July through December and grown on farms like Muzzarelli Farms in Vineland. They remind us that the region's agricultural identity extends well beyond pumpkins. Sweet potatoes are deeply woven into the "roots" of Muzzarelli Farms' history, as they have been growing sweet potatoes for over 80 years. At Muzzarelli Farms, their Certified Organic Sweet Potatoes are selected, planted, sorted, sized, and packed by hand. Many families order them on line by the case.

And then there is corn. New Jersey farmers planted an estimated 73,000 acres this year. A cool spring pushed some planting into late May and early June. But whatever the harvest, the leftovers—the stalks, husks, and cobs—find new life. We will see the stalks this fall bundled and sold at farm stands, where they will be used to frame porches and entryways. Left in fields, they feed livestock and restore organic matter to the soil. And in bagged form, molasses-flavored and sold at feed stores from Elmer to Monroeville, they serve the region's deer hunters, as a reminder that the fall harvest is not only about decoration but about the tradition of rural life. The season reminds us that abundance is not guaranteed, but resilience is and that, perhaps, is the truest harvest of all.



NOTICE PUBLIC SALE/AUCTION

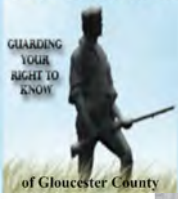
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PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Oct. 1st- Glassboro Council WS-6:30PM
- Oct. 1st- Monroe Twp Senior Comm-5:15PM
- Oct. 5th- Monroe Twp Open Space-7pm
- Oct. 6th- Franklin Twp Zoning Board- 7PM
- Oct. 8th- Newfield Council- 7PM
- Oct. 12th- Columbus Day- Legal Holiday
- Oct. 13th- Janvier Board Fire Comm-7:30PM
- Oct. 13th- Franklin Twp. Committee- 7PM
- Oct. 14th- Franklin Twp BOE-Janvier School-6PM
- Oct. 14th- Monroe Twp Council-6:30PM
- Oct. 14th- Monroe Twp board Health-7PM

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NEW PLAYGROUND & RIBBON CUTTING!

We're excited to celebrate the grand opening of Washington Township's brand-new Inclusive & Adaptive Playground at Washington Lake Park! This special playground was created so children of all abilities have a place to play, laugh, smile, explore, make friends, and create memories together. Join us for a Ribbon Cutting ceremony on Friday, October 2nd from 5 –7 PM at Washington Lake Park that will be followed by an evening of music, fun, and celebration as we officially open a playground where every child has a place to belong. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this long-awaited project a reality, including The Blackbird Foundation and all those who supported this incredible addition to our community.

HEALTH MOBILE UNIT

The Virtua Health Mobile Unit will be at the Franklin Township Library site offering screenings for breast, cervical and colon cancers on Thursday, September 24th, 1584 Coles Mill Rd., Franklinville. Appointments begin at 8AM available to insured and uninsured. Call (856)345-3343 to make an appointment.

IRISH FALL FESTIVAL WEEKEND

The annual North Wildwood Irish Fall 3 day on September 25-festival draws thousands of visitors each year. This three-day festival has music, dance and plenty of vendors and Irish apparel!

GREAT PUMPKIN GLOW

The Great Pumpkin Glow at Dalton Farms, 660 Oak Grove Road, Swedesboro starts Friday, September 25! You can experience this brand new, nighttime pumpkin trail at the farm! It's a one-of-a-kind nighttime adventure featuring hand carved, larger than life glowing pumpkins, interactive displays, and a whole lot of Fall magic! Tickets are limited, so be sure to get yours and book the day that's just right for you! For more information call (856)341-4740 or visit their website online.

BRIAN W. JONES, JOINS BOARD

Brian W. Jones, President and CEO of The First National Bank of Elmer has joined the Advisory Board for Stonier Graduate School of Banking.

The Stonier Graduate School of Banking is a graduate program designed to prepare senior level executives with educational and industry specific skill sets, such as decision making and how to succeed in today's competitive market. This three-year program is designed to help leaders develop a stronger critical thinking base and effective managerial knowledge.

Brian W. Jones, President and CEO of The First National Bank of Elmer states, "I am grateful to Stonier Graduate School of Banking for their outstanding development programs, which as a whole strengthens the banking industry and has been instrumental in strengthening the skills of my senior leadership team and my personal career."

The First National Bank of Elmer is a national community bank headquartered in Elmer, New Jersey, since 1903 with six branch locations serving Salem, Cumberland, and Gloucester County, with a Loan Production Office in Burlington County. The company's common stock is traded over the counter and listed on the OTC Markets under the symbol "ELMA".



OFFICER OF THE MONTH

Monroe Township Police Department congratulates Officer Antonette Rivera on being named our Officer of the Month for August 2026!

As a member of our Professional Standards Unit, Officer Rivera works tirelessly behind the scenes, handling numerous administrative responsibilities while also assisting our Community Response Unit. Her dedication, attention to detail, and ability to stay on top of countless tasks are invaluable to our department. Officer Rivera played an instrumental role in our department's successful re-accreditation, dedicating countless hours to ensuring we met the necessary requirements. She also recently demonstrated exceptional compassion and perseverance while assisting those involved in a serious motor vehicle crash. Officer Rivera's hard work, professionalism, and commitment to our department and community do not go unnoticed. Congratulations, Officer Rivera, on this well-deserved recognition!



by Freddy Groves

SPEEDING UP THE PROCESS

An executive order was recently signed that will reduce the time it takes to secure our benefits. The order, signed by President Trump, is titled "Accelerating Access to Veterans' Benefits and Employment Opportunities." It accomplishes this by requiring the Department of Defense and the VA to work together and share records from the first day a veteran joins the military.

In the past there have been delays in accessing benefits -- education, job training, healthcare and all the others -- when a veteran leaves active-duty service, mostly due to antiquated records management.

Now, within 180 days, the order requires the VA and the Department of Defense to update the information technology that will let them share information from day one of a veteran's service.

Also within 180 days they will create digital tools to streamline the process of a veteran applying for benefits and training offered by the Department of Labor.

Within one month they need to be able to share all the health files and records of a veteran immediately when they are discharged from military service.

Within 120 days, working with Health and Human Services (HHS), the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and others, the various departments will review any current contracts for information technology to ensure that the contracts include the requirement that any systems with veteran files and health records be compatible with the technology and systems used by the VA and the Department of Defense.

Have you ever known any government activity to move this fast? And that's not all.

Within 180 days every veteran leaving the service will either be hooked up with jobs in their field (if desired), enrolled in career and tech education or training (again, if desired), and connected with a veteran's rep who will help with applications for home loans, job placement, education benefits, disability compensation or healthcare. One thing not to miss is the Department of Defense's Project Patriot Pipeline (www.mypatriotcareer.mil). This huge website has a wealth of information for veterans, service members and military spouses looking for career development and opportunities.

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UNDERSTANDING & MANAGING ANXIETY

All parents and guardians are welcome to attend our FREE upcoming Delsea SEPAC Meeting! The Delsea Special Education Parent Advocacy Council (SEPAC) invites all parents and guardians to an informative evening. We are featuring a presentation by Children's First Services on Understanding & Managing Anxiety. Come learn about our special education and related services and our partnership with Children's First Services at Delsea High School Media Center on Wednesday, October 21st from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM. Refreshments will be served.

TORI DOTT, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL



The Washington Township Board of Education recently approved the appointment of veteran district educator Tori Dott as new Assistant Principal at Washington Township High School. Dott succeeds George Passante, who transitioned into the role of Director of Athletics on September 1, 2026. Dott has served Washington Township Public Schools since 2017. She spent seven years as a fifth-grade teacher at Whitman Elementary School before being appointed Intervention Specialist in 2024. In that capacity, she served as the school's Intervention & Referral Services (I&RS) Coordinator, Data Coordinator, and Site Test Coordinator, overseeing academic and behavioral interventions, district-wide standardized testing compliance, and teacher mentorship. Her leadership at Whitman includes co-developing "Caught by the Cat"—a schoolwide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program — and designing a school culture incentive system that drove student engagement. Her targeted instructional strategies also contributed to measurable gains in English Language Arts (ELA) achievement.

"Washington Township High School is excited to welcome Ms. Tori Dott to the administrative team," said WTHS Executive Principal Ray Anderson. "She brings a wealth of experience in teaching and learning, standardized testing, and building meaningful relationships with students and staff. Her enthusiasm and collaborative spirit are already making a positive impact on our school." "Ms. Dott is a high-energy leader whose deep passion for student success is matched by her expertise in teacher coaching and intervention services," said Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Tricia Holmes. "Driven by a strong commitment to empowering both students and educators, we know she will accomplish extraordinary things in this role." Dott earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education (2014) and a Master of Education in Special Education (2016) from Lynchburg University. She completed a Master of Education in Educational Leadership from Wilmington University in 2026. Dott holds certifications as a Principal, Supervisor, K–5 Elementary Educator, and Specialist for Young Children with Disabilities.

AURA SCHOOL DISTRICT PROVIDES UPDATE ON FLEA INFESTATION AND BUILDING REMEDIATION

The Aura School District Superintendent Fran Ciociola has been providing a comprehensive update to parents and guardians regarding an ongoing flea infestation that has temporarily closed the school building and disrupted the learning environment for students and staff. The situation began on the evening of Wednesday, September 16, during the school's Back to School Night, when additional reports of possible fleas were received. Although a professional organic treatment had been administered the day prior with assurances of its effectiveness, these new reports prompted the district to take immediate and extensive precautions to ensure the health and safety of the school community. Out of an abundance of caution, school was closed on Thursday, September 17, and Friday, September 18, to allow for a more extensive chemical treatment. This type of treatment required a mandatory 72-hour preparation and notice period.

To minimize learning disruption, on September 21st, the district partnered with two generous community organizations to provide off-site classroom space. Pre-K through Grade 3 students attended Hardingville Bible Church, while Grades 4 through 6 attended Total Turf in Pitman. The day operated on a single-session schedule, dismissing at 12:25 p.m. At the direction of the Executive County Superintendent this week, the district transitioned to remote virtual instruction while remediation work continues. Wednesday, September 23, was designated as a professional development day for staff and an off day for students to prepare for this transition.

Superintendent Ciociola stated that he has been actively working with the County, the Department of Health, and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJ DEP) to complete the remediation process. While the timeline for returning to the building remains uncertain, district officials have indicated that a return in the next couple of days is not feasible, and late next week is the earliest possible timeframe currently being considered.

"This has been a roller coaster of a week, and I want to thank our families for their incredible patience and flexibility," said Fran Ciociola, Superintendent of Aura School District. "Our preference is always in-person learning, but our highest priority is the safety and well-being of our students and staff. We are doing everything we can to move this process forward responsibly."

The school district is committed to providing a structured and meaningful remote learning experience. Teachers and administrative staff are prepared to deliver quality instruction. "To ensure every student is equipped for virtual learning, the district is assessing home technology needs families requiring a school-issued Chromebook or internet access support are urged to fill out the Device & Technology Request Form as soon as possible. Additional details regarding daily virtual schedules, attendance, and online classroom links will be shared in a follow-up communication." The district expressed profound gratitude to Hardingville Bible Church and Total Turf in Pitman for their generosity, hospitality, and willingness to open their doors to the school community. "We are extremely fortunate to have such generous partners in Gloucester County," the Superintendent added. Parents and guardians are encouraged to reach out directly to the district with any questions or concerns. "If you are relying on social media for information, there is a very real possibility that you may encounter incomplete or inaccurate information," the Superintendent noted. "We would much rather you come directly to us so that we can give you the most accurate information available." As Aura School celebrates its 100th year, the district remains focused on navigating this challenge together. "Aura turns 100 this year. This building and this town have seen a lot over the past century. We'll get through this, too. Together."

Newfield National Bank

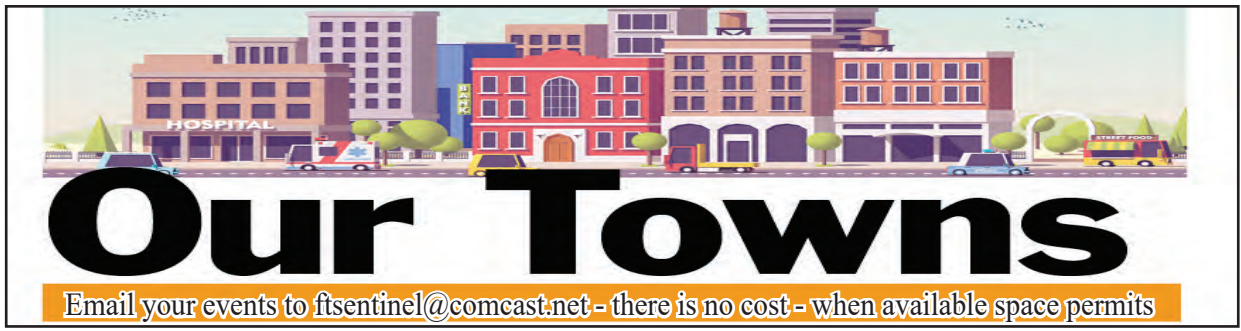
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WALKING TOUR OF CEDAR GREEN CEMETERY
You are invited on a Self-guided walking tour of Cedar Green Cemetery, 251 E. Academy St. Clayton on Saturday, October 3rd from 10AM to Noon. Take a free, self-guided walking tour through Clayton's iconic Cemetery. Follow the path shown in our booklet where you can read about some of our Mayors, Military and Memorials, presented by Clayton Historic Preservation.

TOWNWIDE YARD SALE
Pitman Town Wide yard Sale will be held on Saturday, October 3rd from 9AM to 1PM. Please register by September 25th in order to be included on the list of participating yard sales. Email your info to pitman@pitman.org

ART WALK & NIGHT MARKET
Saturday, October 3rd from 5PM to 9PM, High Street W., Glassboro. This inspiring festival will include dozens of local and area glassblowers, sculptors, painters, metalsmiths and woodworkers, plus a multitude of other handcrafters that will offer their items for sale and be demonstrating their skills and craftsmanship right before your eyes! The night market offers visitors the chance to browse a variety of goods while basking in a festival atmosphere full of food and other alfresco fun in Downtown Glassboro. Families are invited to interact with artists, create and see demonstrations that emphasize the way art keeps everyone connected to the past and improves the present why preserving art as important for the future. This is a FREE family fun event and there is something for every art enthusiast or casual admirer.

GLASSBORO ART WALK & MARKET
On Saturday, October 3rd from 4PM to 9PM join us on W. High Street, Glassboro for an inspiring festival that will include dozens of local and area glassblowers, sculptors, painters, metalsmiths and woodworkers, plus a multitude of other handcrafters that will offer their items for sale and be demonstrating their skills and craftsmanship right before your eyes! The night market offers visitors the chance to browse a variety of goods while basking in a festival atmosphere full of food and other alfresco fun in Downtown Glassboro. Families are invited to interact with artist, create and see demonstrations that emphasize the way art keeps everyone connected to the past and improves the present while preserving are is important for the future. This is a free family fun event and there is something for every art enthusiast or casual admirer. On display will be art representing all disciplines.

ELMER HARVEST DAY FESTIVAL
The 28th Annual Elmer Harvest Day Festival will be held on Saturday, October 3rd from 10AM to 4PM (No Rain Date) at the Corner of State & Main Street, Elmer. Free Admission! Fun for all ages! Featuring: Food Vendors, Crafters, Car Show, Basket Raffle, SJ Gas Engine Club, Live Music by Loose Ends, Hayrides, Bounce Houses, Fire Truck Rides, 5K Race and much more! Crafters & Vendors email cnmole47@gmail.com.

CLAYTON FALL FESTIVAL
We need trunks! Join our Trunk or Treat and help us fill the park with decorated trunks and plenty of Halloween fun for the kids! Saturday October 3rd from 12 noon to 4PM at Autumn Pasquale Memorial Park (RD 10/4). We welcome residents, families, local business, organizations, clubs, groups and community members to participate! Decorate Your trunk and bring treats and have fun. Get creative, bring some treats and join us for an afternoon of fall and Halloween fun! Contact the Clayton Special Events Committee at SPECIALEVENTSCLAYTON@GMAIL.COM.

CLAYTON FALL FESTIVAL
Mark your calendars and join us for an afternoon of fall fun with family, friends, and the community at the annual Clayton Fall Festival, held at Autumn Pasquale Memorial Park, East Avenue, Clayton on Saturday, October 3rd - Rain Date: Sunday, October 4th, from 12 noon to 4 PM. Celebrate the season with a fun-filled afternoon featuring Trunk-or-Treat, Crafters, business, and Vendors. Music provided by our DJ, Family-friendly activities and games. Bring the whole family and enjoy one of Clayton's favorite fall traditions! If you are Interested in becoming a vendor or participating in Trunk-or-Treat? Registration is now open!

WOODBURY CAR SHOW/FALL FESTIVAL PARADE
Mark your calendars and join us on Saturday, October 3rd on Broad Street for a full day of fun in downtown Woodbury! Shift your day into gear at the Woodbury Car Show, and then march on into the night at the Woodbury Fall Festival Parade. Full event details coming soon for two traditions. One Woodbury!

WOODBURY ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL PARADE
Join us on Saturday, October 3rd for the 76th annual Woodbury Fall Festival Parade. This year's theme is Red, White, Blue & 250 Too! Woodbury celebrates America's 250th birthday. With hometown pride, community spirit and a patriotic salute to 250 years! Parade begins at 5PM Broad Street Woodbury. The parade will begin at Colonial Avenue and Broad Street (Route 45) in North Woodbury, proceed south along Broad Street and end near Salem Avenue. Want to be part of the parade? We are inviting community organizations, businesses, dance groups, bands, fire companies, floats, marching groups and more to join us and help bring this year's celebration to live. Application Deadline is Sept. 25th by email to lmcilvaine@woodbury.nj.us or call Liz McIlvaine at (856)853-0892 ext 200. Parade lineup takes place between 3:30 and 4:30Pm

PEDRICKTOWN DAY
Join us for a day of fun throughout the town on October 10th from 9AM to 3 PM. Craft Vendors, Breakfast, Lunch and BBQ Dinners (2-4PM). Raffle for Beer/Wine/Liquor Wagon. Contact Bethany (856)759-2368 for dinner tickets pre-order as limited supply.

COUNTRY LINE DANCE PARTY
Kick up your heels every Thursday at the American Legion Post, 141 N. Main Street, Mullica Hill with Steve & Laura, aka the Dance Bullies!~ They will be spinning tunes and teaching the moves for a boot-stomping' night of country line dancing. Just \$10 gets you in the door and all ages and skill levels are welcome, so grab your boots and join in the fun!

WINERIES MYSTERY TOUR
Cumberland County Wineries. On Sat. October 10th from 3PM to 7PM the Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce presents the Cumberland County Wineries Myster Tour. Join the fun as we take attendees on a fun-filled, trolley tour of Terra Nonno, Cedar Rose, and Frightened Turtle wineries, spending about one hour or so at each stop. Along the way, there will be a mystery to discuss and solve plus other fun, wine, food and other beverages. The tour begins at Hopewell Twp. Municipal Building/Chamber office parking lot. Please arrive by 2:24PM. Explore three wineries on a comfortable motor coach, enjoy the vistas of the fall countryside, wine tastings, delicious food, a mystery event and other activities. Tickets cost \$75 per person and include wine tasting at each winery. Coupon for food & wine beverages at a winery of choice. Chance to win prizes in the mystery event along the way. To register go to www.tinyurl.com/BACC Wine or call (856)455-1312.

OKTOBERFEST
Enjoy a traditional fall Oktoberfest with craft beer, sausages & much more food with Bavarian Oktoberfest music & raffles in the friendly outdoor environs of the Mantua VFW's outdoor Pavillion on Saturday October 10th from October 10th from 2PM to 6PM. Tickets are \$35 per person and can be purchased at the Mantua VFW, 8 New York Avenue, Mantua, NJ 08051 or on line at www.Post192.com.

CLOTHING DRIVE
Cleaning Out Closets? Delsea Project Graduation will receive money for every pound donate. Please be sure that all donated items are in tightly tied plastic bags and DROP OFF in front of the Delsea High School Main Entrance on Saturday, October 10th from 9:30 AM to 12:30PM.

FALL FESTIVAL IN MULLICA HILL
Join us on the weekend of October 10th at 10AM and October 11th at 3PM on Main Street in Mullica Hill to celebrate the 54th annual Fall Festival! We will have vendors, crafters, food trucks, entertainment, live music, free pumpkin painting for kids and so much more. There will also be some ghastly Tales of the Civil War! Hear about the horrible tales about Civil War medical practices, funeral lore and town tales. You can visit both camps by candlelight and end the evening with the night firing of the Canon and a song or two on Sat. Oct 10th from 6:30-7:30PM.

CELEBRATE ITALIAN HERITAGE
The City of Vineland and the Italian Cultural Foundation of South Jersey invite the community to join us for the Annual Italian Flag Raising Ceremony & Luncheon on Monday, October 12. A Flag Raising Ceremony will take place on the City Hall Steps beginning at 11 am. Rain location: City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor of City Hall. Following the ceremony, join us for a FREE Luncheon at 12 Noon at the North Italy Club, 414 Virano Lane, Vineland. Enjoy good food, fellowship, and music provided by The Incredible Funny Group! Reservations are required for the luncheon. To reserve your tickets, contact Special Events Coordinator Sheena Santiago at 856-794-4000, ext. 4169 or email shsantiago@vinelandcity.org. Come celebrate the rich Italian heritage and traditions that are such an important part of our Vineland community.

HAUNTED WALK AT ALCYON PARK / SQUAD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Enter if you dare to a Haunted Walk at Alcyon Park on October 16th from 6PM to 9PM. A Family Friendly Hour from 6PM to 7PM with no jump scares permitted! Calling all Haunted Walk Volunteers! If you want to help, bring the 2026 Pitman Haunted Walk to life on Friday, October 16th at Alcyon Lake Park we are looking for creative costumed actors to create fun and spooky characters along the trail. Prizes will be awarded for Borough Choice Award and Fan Favorite Award. Volunteer proposals are due by October 1st. Volunteers are invited to participate as costumed actors along the route adjacent to the Rotary Pavilion. Participants are encouraged to create imaginative costumes and simple themed displays or props that enhance the experience for visitors. All costumes, props and displays are subject to Parks & Recreation approval and must be capable of being set up between 5PM and 6PM and removed immediately following the event. All proposals must be submitted by October 1st. The Parks & Rec Committee will be in contact with each individual/group to provide additional details and grant formal approval of your proposal that can be submitted online.

SHADOW EQUESTRIAN 24TH ANNUAL TRAIL-A-THON
The Trail-a-athon will take place on Sat. Oct 17th at 10AM to 1PM. We invite the community to our farm at 1907 Monroeville Rd., Franklin Township, to watch students ride the trail stops. Family Fun, food, basket raffles and more!

BLOOD DRIVE
The Monroe Township Woman's Club has made a new home at the Timber Lake Community Associations clubhouse, moving from our previous location at the Pfiefer Center. As gratitude we would like to assist them in spreading the word about a Blood Drive at the Timber Lake Community Association Clubhouse on October 24th. Some of our members will be at this event but it is being organized by them.



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OBITUARIES

MARVIN W. BENDY SR.
Marvin W. Bendy Sr., age 86, passed away peacefully on September 22, 2026. Marvin was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, firefighter, and friend whose life was defined by service, family, faith, and the many interests he pursued throughout the years. He was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin F. Bendy and Rose Elizabeth (Schmidt) Bendy; his beloved wife of 54 years, Darlene M. Bendy (Shinn); their infant son, William H. Bendy; his sister, Gail L. Bendy (Wojciechowski); his brother, Kenneth A. Bendy; his granddaughter, Chonah D. Bendy; and his daughter-in-law, Sharon M. Bendy (Wilson). Marvin is survived by his daughter, Darlene C. Bendy of Augusta, West Virginia; and his sons, Marvin W. Bendy Jr. of New Jersey and Gary J. Bendy of Augusta, West Virginia.

He is also survived by his grandchildren: Jennifer Smith and her husband, Tony, of Maryland; Marvin W. Bendy III; Joyce Richardson and her husband, Daniel; and Elsie R. Bendy, all of New Jersey. He is also survived by eight great-grandchildren, his nephew, Christopher M. Parks of New Jersey, as well as cousins and many, many friends. As a young man, Marvin worked for the New York Shipbuilding Corporation in Camden, New Jersey, where he contributed to the construction of two United States Navy vessels: the Barbel-class submarine USS Bonefish and later the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk. From there, he proudly served as a career firefighter for 25 years with the Camden Fire Department, retiring as a distinguished Fire Captain. He also volunteered as a firefighter with Gloucester City, New Jersey; Winslow Township, New Jersey; and, later, North River Valley Volunteer Fire Company No. 7 in Hampshire County, West Virginia. His involvement in the fire service spanned an extraordinary 63 years, reflecting a lifelong commitment to the brotherhood serving others and his community.

Marvin also enjoyed an interest in firearms, competitive shooting, the careful craft of reloading his own ammunition, and the history and tradition of Civil War-era firearms. He was an accomplished competitive shooter who earned numerous medals and awards over the years. He was a longtime member of the North-South Skirmish Association, where he enjoyed the competition, history, camaraderie, and friendships that came with the sport for more than 35 years.

In his later years, Marvin became a familiar sight sitting on his front porch, waving to the cars, neighbors, friends, and passersby traveling past his home on Delray Road. It was a simple pleasure, but one that reflected his friendly nature and his enjoyment of the community around him.

Above all, Marvin was a man of faith. As his life came to a close, he found comfort and peace in that faith and looked forward to being reunited in Heaven with his beloved wife, Darlene, and the family and friends who had gone before him.

A funeral service will be held at Giffin Funeral Home & Crematory on Wednesday, September 30, 2026, at 11:00 AM. Officiating will be Pastor John Sine. Interment will follow in the Greenlane Cemetery in Delray, WV. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

JOAN G. BUCK
Joan G. Buck (nee Zeuner), 81, peacefully went to heaven on September 16, 2026, with her family surrounding her and holding her hand. Joan was born in Bridgeton. She attended Cumberland County College and worked as a nutritionist for Rutgers University. For much of Joan's career, she was a limousine driver for Tropicana Atlantic City's VIP clients which brought her into contact with many interesting and sometimes famous people. Joan had many interests including painting and pottery. She loved owls, lighthouses and cats. She led a 4-H group in which her sons participated and took her children on adventures to the lake, the beach and camping. Joan is most remembered for being a devoted mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She spent her time keeping up with all the news and achievements of her family. Joan was always ready for a long phone call, gathering or celebration of her beloved family.

Joan is predeceased by her parents William and Rita Zeuner (nee Pipitone), her brothers Robert and Salvatore (Charlotte), her beloved daughter Sarah (Brian) Moore and grandson Michael Shisler. Joan is survived by her brother William (Judith) Zeuner; beloved sons David (Kimberly) Zeuner and Michael Zeuner; Mom Mom to Rebecca (Edward) Kozić, Bryant (Yanet) Loungo, Cody Zeuner, Carly Zeuner, Yadon Buck, Chance and Lincoln Moore; Great Mom Mom to Justin Lee, Edward, Emilia, and Vivienne Kozić and Charlotte Loungo. Joan had requested cremation and a final adventure to the Verrazzano Bridge in New York which her sons are arranging. Friends and family will be invited to a celebration of her life in the coming days. Arrangements under the direction of Gardner Funeral Home.

WILLIAM NATHANIEL ISIBEL, III
William Nathaniel Isibel, III, age 51, on Wednesday, September 16, 2026. Beloved husband of Melissa Leigh (née Taylor) Isibel, with whom he shared 22 years of marriage. Devoted father of Haley Isibel (Juan Gomez, fiancé) and Dylan Isibel. Loving son of Linda Ann (née Quirk) Job (George), and the late William Nathaniel Isibel, Jr. Dear brother of Laurie Barber (Nicholas) and Frank Isibel, and brother-in-law of Kelly Davis (Brian), Sarah Myers (Brian), and Emily Kohri (Ron). Bill is survived by his nieces and nephews. Bill was raised in Carneys Point. He was a proud graduate of Penns Grove High School in 1993. Later, Bill made Clayton his home, where he and his family have lived for the past 20 years. Bill built a fulfilling 23-year career in the automotive industry beginning as a Sales Associate. He took on various management roles during the past 15 years, dedicating himself to leadership within the dealership.

and most recently served as Sales Manager with Lilliston Ford in Vineland. He was known for his dedication to his work and for the relationships he developed throughout his career

Bill also cherished the time he spent with his children. At home, he loved spending time with the family's rescue dogs. Whether sharing an interest with his children, enjoying the outdoors, talking with family and friends, or simply spending time together at home, Bill treasured the moments that brought his family together. He took great pride in the family he and Melissa created and valued the time they shared together.

A Celebration of Life was held on Tuesday, September 22nd at the Clayton Elks Lodge, Clayton. Services are under the direction of Barclay Funeral Home, Clayton, NJ. Sorrowfully submitted by the family.

JEFFREY KIER
Jeffrey Kier, age 75 of Ewan and former fire chief of Ewan Fire Co. passed away at home on Wednesday, September 16, 2026. Born and raised in Ewan, NJ to the late Herb Kier and Margaret (nee Riley), he joined Ewan Fire Co. in 1965 as a junior fireman. Jeff graduated from Clearview Regional High School in 1969 and married the love of his life, Agnes "Penny" Kier (nee Baran) on May 26th, 1973 and together raised three children. He was a building inspector for several towns and municipalities and retired from Harrison Twp. Jeff dedicated many years of service to the Ewan Fire Company, where he served as secretary and trustee and was instrumental in initiating numerous improvements to the firehouse. He also served as assistant chief before becoming chief, a position he held from 1988 to 2002. For more than 20 years, Jeff served as a commissioner on the Harrison Township Board of Fire Commissioners, including time as chairman.

He was a member of Holy Name Catholic Church in Mullica Hill, Company F, 12th New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, and the Sons of Union Veterans. He had a deep appreciation for history and enjoyed traveling to Civil War reenactments throughout the region. In his free time, Jeff enjoyed deer hunting, carpentry, restoring cars, trains, and going on cruises. Above all, he treasured time spent with his family and especially loved being with his grandchildren.

He is lovingly remembered by his wife of 53 years, Penny; his daughter, Nesandra Oswald, and her husband, Jamie, of Woodstown; his two sons, Jeffrey Kier Jr., and his wife, Nicole, of Monroeville, and Aaron Kier and his wife, Jessica, of Wellsville, PA; and his eight grandchildren, Brody, Ewan, Juniper, Poesy, Claire, Hunter, Riley, and Alec. Relatives and friends may visit from 9:30am to 11:00am on Thursday, September 24th at Smith Funeral Home, 47 Main Street, Mantua, where a memorial service will be held at 11am. As an expression of sympathy, contributions can be made to Ewan Fire Company, 312 Ewan Road, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062.

MARCUS P. LANG
Marcus P. Lang, 55, of Woolwich Township, New Jersey, passed away on Thursday, September 10, 2026, after a courageous and hard-fought battle with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer. Marcus was a loving and caring husband, father, son, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend. He brought joy to those around him and lived life with a passion for the things and people he loved. Marcus graduated with honors from Pennco Tech in 1992. He was a dedicated mechanic for more than 30 years, of which 26 years of service with West Deptford Township and was also the proud owner of JML Services. He was known as a mechanical savant. One of his proudest achievements was obtaining his OUPV 6-Pack and 100-Ton Master Captain licenses through the US Coast Guard, reflecting his lifelong love of being on the water. He was the beloved husband of Jenn Lang (nee Thompson), with whom he shared 32 wonderful years. He was the devoted father of Jacob, Matthew, and Melanie. He was the treasured son of Jeff (Gail) Lang and the late Peg Lang. He was also an adored member of his extended family the Thompson's and Rowand's : Mary Jane (the late Herb Sr.) Thompson, Herb Jr. (Debbie) Thompson, Jim Thompson, Jon (Sandy) Thompson, Jeff (Tina) Thompson, Margie and Bob Rowand, Dana (Mike) Brown, Rob Rowand, and Todd Rowand. Marcus will be deeply missed by his many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and by his beloved furry pal, Rusty. Marcus leaves behind a lifetime of memories, laughter, love, and stories that will forever live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. A Celebration of Life will be planned in the near future.

BEVERLY A. SARGENT
Beverly A. Sargent, age 83, of Williamstown, NJ., passed away on September 16th, 2026. Beverly resided in Williamstown since 1971. She was a member of the Williamstown Chapter #149 OES, where she generously volunteered her time. She also dedicated herself to serving her church, always willing to lend a helping hand. Above all, her greatest joy was her family and creating lasting memories with them. Beloved wife of the late Edward J. Sargent. Devoted mother of Edward Sargent (Annette) and Stacey Milam (the late Timothy). Dear sister of Carol Holman. Loving grandmother of Samantha, Rachael, Shelby, Franklin, Travis and the late Timothy and Matthew. Relatives and friends are invited to her visitation on Thursday, September 24th, from 10 – 11 AM, at the Farnelli Funeral Home, 504 N. Main Street, Williamstown, where a service will be held at 11 AM. Burial will follow in Lakeview Memorial Park, Cinnaminson.

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POLICE ACTIVITY LOG



THANK YOU! - The Clayton Police Department would like to express our appreciation to Newfield National Bank President Mr. John Borelli and the entire Newfield National Bank team for their generous charitable donation in support of Clayton’s National Night Out. Mr. Borelli and the members of the Newfield National Bank, thank you for your continued support of the Clayton Police Department and our community. A special thank you also goes out to Retired Clayton Police Chief Andrew Davis for his assistance in helping make this partnership possible. We truly appreciate his continued support of the Clayton Police Department and the community.

DID YOU GET YOUR “NO KNOCK” STICKER YET?

Washington Township residents can take advantage of the Township’s “Do Not Knock” Registry, which gives residents the ability to prohibit solicitors, vendors, and peddlers from approaching their homes. And yes — we enforce it. Several weeks ago, Officer Swan responded to the Crossroads development after a resident with a posted “No Knock Soliciting” notice reported an unwanted solicitor selling solar services. Officers located the solicitor, a Lawnside man, who was issued a summons for soliciting without a license. Residents wishing to participate in the Do Not Knock Registry can register through the Washington Township Clerk’s Office and receive a sticker to display prominently on their property, notifying solicitors that they are not permitted to knock on the door. Please remember: Constitutional protections apply to certain activities involving religious and nonprofit organizations and political campaigns. The Township ordinance cannot prohibit activities protected by the First Amendment. Your home. Your choice. Get registered and display your NO KNOCK sticker!

TWO MEN CHARGED IN ASSAULT INVESTIGATION

Glassboro Police Department Press Release: On April 3, 2026, at approximately 11 a.m., the Glassboro Police Department received a report of an assault that had occurred earlier that morning at approximately 2 a.m. at a residence on the 100 block of Wilson Avenue during a college party. As a result of this assault, the victim sustained multiple injuries that required extensive and prolonged medical treatment. The Glassboro Police Department Detective Bureau subsequently conducted a several months-long investigation into the incident. As a result of this investigation, Maximus Danziger, 19 years old from Manahawkin, NJ, was charged and served a summons on June 24, 2026 with the following: 2C:12-1A(1); Simple Assault; DP; 2C:33-2A(1); Disorderly Conduct; PDP and 2C:33-4B; Harassment; PDP

Vincent Spagnola (19 years old from Totowa, NJ) was charged on warrant on August 13, 2026 with the following: 2C:12-1B(7); Aggravated Assault; 3rd degree Spagnola was located on September 13, 2026, outside of another college party after he was stopped for a local ordinance. He was placed under arrest for the previous charges and remanded to the Salem County Correctional Facility.

The Glassboro Police Department believes additional witnesses and videos exist related to the incident. Anyone with information pertaining to this case is asked to contact Detective Corporal Sean Aitken #9130 at 856-881-1501 ext. 88161 or saitken@glassboropd.org. All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

GUN & DRUG ARREST

On Saturday night September 19th, Monroe Township Police Officer Paulson conducted a MV stop in front of the United Artists movie theater and contacted the Washington Township Police Department requesting assistance from a narcotics detection K-9. K-9 AJAX was on duty and ready to work! Sgt. Crozier and K-9 AJAX responded to assist. AJAX conducted a sniff of the vehicle and gave a positive indication. A subsequent search of the vehicle resulted in the recovery of a loaded handgun, ammunition, and suspected controlled dangerous substances. Two subjects were placed under arrest! Great teamwork between Monroe Township Police and Washington Township Police—and another great job by K9 AJAX!

DWI CHECKPOINT RESULTS

A DWI Checkpoint was conducted by Franklin Township Police Department on Saturday, September 12th which resulted in the following: 127 vehicles checked 5 DWI arrests 50 motor vehicle tickets issued Disorderly juvenile arrested on a scooter. During the course of the checkpoint a female driver who was arrested for DWI was also criminally charged for operating a motor vehicle while being intoxicated with two young children in the vehicle. The children were not harmed and were released to a family member.

WASHINGTON TWP POLICE DEPT. WEEKEND BRIEFING REPORT

It was a busy weekend (Sept.18-20) for the Washington Township Police Department. The officers responded to a variety of 256 CAD calls for service, investigated 10 MV accidents, made 10 arrests, and handled numerous other incidents throughout the Township.

DWI ARREST: Police conducted a motor vehicle stop on SH42 at approximately 3:10 a.m. Sunday. During the investigation, the driver displayed signs of impairment and was observed to have urinated on himself. The driver was subsequently arrested and charged with DWI.

SHOPLIFTING ARREST: The Target Department Store on the Black Horse Pike reported that a Williamstown woman shoplifted approximately \$100 worth of merchandise. She was arrested. **WARRANT ARREST:** While investigating a motor vehicle crash, officers discovered that a Williamstown man had active warrants out of Monroe Township and Cherry Hill. He was arrested. **INHALATION OF TOXIC CHEMICALS ARREST:** While serving a restraining order on a Washington Township man, he was arrested after inhaling an intoxicating substance in the presence of an officer.**SERIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH:** Officers responded to the area of Chapel Heights Road near the Lake Kandle entrance for a crash involving a dirt bike and a flatbed truck. The dirt bike operator and passenger were thrown from the motorcycle and transported to Cooper University Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. **SHOPLIFTING ARREST:** Walmart reported that a Berlin woman shoplifted approximately \$200 worth of merchandise. She was arrested. **WARRANT ARREST:** As a result of a motor vehicle stop, a Williamstown man was arrested on multiple outstanding warrants. **COMMERCIAL BURGLARY/THEFT:** Officers investigated a burglary/theft at McDonald’s - 3501 Black Horse Pike. **JUVENILE CHARGES:** A 17-year-old juvenile was charged with criminal mischief after throwing a tree branch at a police vehicle, causing approximately \$1,000 in damage. **VIOLATION OF RESTRAINING ORDER ARREST:** A subject was arrested for violating a restraining order issued by a Superior Court judge. **ASSIST OTHER AGENCY ARREST:** Monroe Township Police conducted a MV stop on Tuckahoe Road and requested assistance from our K9 Unit. Sgt. Crozier and K9 Ajax responded, and Ajax gave a positive indication on the vehicle. A subsequent investigation resulted in two arrests and the recovery of suspected CDS and a loaded handgun.

WARRANT ARREST: During a motor vehicle stop, a woman was discovered to have an active warrant out of Washington Township Municipal Court. **STOLEN VEHICLE / ELUDING:** At approximately 3:20 a.m. Police attempted to stop a 2022 Toyota Tacoma on Greentree Road for a traffic violation. The vehicle, occupied by two males wearing masks, fled at a high rate of speed onto Route 42 North. At the time, the vehicle had not been reported stolen because the registered owner was unaware it was missing. Haddon Township Police responded to the registered owner’s residence and awakened the owner to inquire about the vehicle. The owner then discovered the vehicle was missing and reported it stolen. **BUS FIRE:** Officers responded to the NJ Transit Bus Garage on the Black Horse Pike after an NJ Transit bus caught fire inside the building. Employees extinguished the fire, and NJ Transit Police responded to the scene. **SHOPLIFTING:** Charges were filed against a Turnersville man for shoplifting at Walmart. **SHOPLIFTING:** As a result of a shoplifting investigation from 08/19/2026, two Philadelphia men were positively identified as the accused and charged with shoplifting. **ASSAULT REPORT:** Officers responded to Jefferson Hospital and assisted with a report of an assault that occurred in Pennsylvania. The appropriate Pennsylvania law enforcement agency and the Gloucester County Prosecutor’s Office were notified. **WOODMONT SQ. FIRE:** Officers and firefighters responded to the 4000 Building of Woodmont Town Square for reports of smoke. Officers and fire personnel encountered heavy smoke while assisting with the evacuation of the building. Firefighters located and extinguished the source of the fire, which appeared to be unattended meatballs cooking. There were no reported injuries or structural damage. After the building was ventilated, residents were permitted to return. **PSYCHIATRIC EMERGENCY:** Officers responded to Gloucester County Social Services Friday for a man experiencing a crisis. Officers were able to speak with him and convince him to seek treatment. He was transported for a crisis evaluation. **JUVENILE THREAT INVEST:** A resident reported a concerning communication involving their juvenile son and another juvenile. Officers responded and conducted a follow-up investigation, including speaking with the involved parties and parents. The matter was documented for appropriate follow-up

JUSTICE LINK I.D. LAUNCHED IN CUMBERLAND, GLOUCESTER & SALEM COUNTIES

Gloucester County Prosecutor Andrew B. Johns along with Cumberland County Prosecutor Jennifer Webb-McRae, Salem County Prosecutor Kristin Telsey, and the Superior Court of New Jersey Vicinage XV, announced on Monday, Sept. 21st, the launch of JusticeLink I.D. (Identify. Divert.), a regional mental health diversion program designed to connect eligible individuals in the criminal justice system with behavioral health treatment and other community- based services.

The program, serving Cumberland, Salem, and Gloucester counties, provides a voluntary pathway for eligible individuals charges with certain criminal offenses whose serious mental illness, or co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorder, is determined to be substantially related to the alleged offense.

Rather than relying solely on traditional prosecution, JusticeLink I.D. seeks to address underlying behavioral health needs through a structured, court-supervised program that connects participants with treatment, case management, and other services while maintaining accountability and promoting public safety. “JusticeLink I.D. recognized that, in some cases, a person’s involvement with the criminal justice system is closely connected to an untreated behavioral health condition,” Prosecutor Johns said. “By bringing the courts, prosecutors, defense counsel, probation, treatment providers, and community partners together, we can create a more coordinated approach that addresses those underlying needs while maintaining accountability and protecting our communities.”

The program used a two-step eligibility process. Individuals must first undergo a legal eligibility review conducted by the Prosecutor’s Office where their charges are filed. If legally eligible, the Superior Court will order a comprehensive clinical assessment by a contracted licensed mental health provider to evaluate whether the applicant has a qualifying serious mental illness, such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), or another qualifying mental health condition recognized in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders(DSM).The evaluation also considers co-occurring substance use disorders and whether the individual’s behavioral health condition contributed to the alleged criminal conduct.

Eligible participants may be connected to a range of individualized services based on their needs, including mental health treatment, psychiatric care, medication management, substance use treatment, housing assistance, medical care, benefits navigation, peer recovery support, transportation, and case management. Participants are supervised by a multidisciplinary Mental Health Diversion Team led by the Superior Court. The team includes representatives from the Prosecutor’s Office, Public Defenders Office, specially trained Mental Health Probation Officers, contracted mental health providers, and other treatment professionals. The team works collaboratively to monitor progress, address barriers to treatment, and adjust as needed.

Participation generally lasts between one and two years, depending on an individual’s needs and progress. During the initial phase, participants appear before the Court regularly for monitoring. As participants demonstrate stability and compliance with the program, the frequency of court appearances may be reduced with judicial approval. Upon successful completion of the program’s requirements, participants may receive significant legal benefits, including dismissal of their criminal charges with prejudice and automatic expungement.

“JusticeLink I.D. represents the kind of collaboration that is necessary when we are dealing with the intersection of mental health and the criminal justice system,” Johns said. “No single agency can address all the challenges an individual may be facing. This program gives us an opportunity to connect people with the treatment and resources they need while continuing to focus on accountability and public safety.”

The program is funded through a grant provided by the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General, Office of Alternative Community Response, as part of the state’s continued investment in innovative, evidence-based approaches to behavioral health outcomes, reduce recidivism, and strengthen public safety. The launch was announced Friday, Sept. 18, at the Cumberland County Courthouse in Bridgeton. Assignment Judge Benjamin Telsey provided opening remarks, followed by an overview of the program from Prosecutors Webb-McRae, Johns, and Telsey, Deputy Public Defender Margaret Butler, and other leaders involved in the initiative.

WESTVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO 12 YEARS FOR AGGRAVATED MANSLAUGHTER

Michael A. Zapple, 69, of Westville, was sentenced to 12 years in state prison Friday, September 18th by the Honorable Niki Arbittier, Judge of the Superior Court, for aggravated manslaughter in the 2016 death of Miguel Martinez III in Deptford. According to documents filed in this case and statements made in open court: Family members reported Martinez missing on June 15, 2016. For several months detectives investigated, continually checking hospitals, phone records, social media records, and interviewing individuals, but were unable to locate Martinez. In January 2020, a witness came forward with details on how Martinez was killed in 2016, and how the body had been disposed of. With this information investigators applied for and executed search warrants for multiple properties on Fox Run Road in Deptford where they recovered 106 bones, later determined to be human remains. DNA and genetics testing proved the remains belonged to Martinez. In a taped statement, Zapple admitted to an altercation with Martinez in which he grabbed the victim from behind, restricted Martinez’ airway until he could not breathe, and struck him on the head with a steel door. Zapple said he left the body outside overnight and upon returning, took the body to a wooded area off of Fox Run Road and attempted to burn it. Zapple pled guilty to aggravated manslaughter in August 2026. He was sentenced Friday to 12 years in state prison, of which he must serve 85% before becoming eligible for parole. The State was represented by Deputy Chief Assistant Prosecutor Steven J. Salvati. Prosecutor Johns thanked the GCPO Major Crimes and Crime Scene Investigation Units, the New Jersey State Police and the Deptford Police Department for their assistance in the investigation.

NATIONAL PARK NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

We are excited to announce that we have rescheduled National Night Out and will be holding the event on October 6th from 6pm-8pm. It will be held at the ACA Playground and Ballfields, the same as in year past. If you are a community program or vendor and would like to take part in a great event, please email Patrolman.Baglivo@rbaglivo@westdeptfordpd.com. We look forward to a great night including meeting our officers, a K9 Demonstration and some Chick Fil A. We look forward to seeing you there.

INCREASED POLICE PRESENCE TO MONITOR OWENS PARK

The Monroe Township Police Department is aware of an incident last week involving juveniles recklessly operating e-bikes and motorbikes at Owens Park. The incident has been investigated, the juveniles involved have been identified, and appropriate action is forthcoming. Numerous safety concerns were expressed and in response to those concerns, an immediate deployment was initiated. We have increased police presence at Owens Park and will continue to monitor the park to ensure all safety concerns are addressed. This deployment will continue until further notice. Parents are to be reminded: New Jersey’s e-bike laws have recently changed. Please make sure you and your children understand and follow the current requirements before operating an e-bike. Under the new law: E-bike operators MUST be at least 15 years old. Riders MUST possess a valid driver's license, e-bike license, or applicable permit. E-bikes MUST be registered with the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission. Helmets are required for e-bike riders. Motorized bicycles are also subject to insurance requirements. Motorized recreational vehicles, including motorbikes, mini bikes, trail bikes and ATVs, are prohibited in Monroe Township parks under Township Code § 226-4(B)(1)(e). Please help us keep our parks safe and enjoyable for everyone.

TWO NEW PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS FOR MANTUA

Last week at MantuaTownship Committee Meeting, officials approved the hiring of two new part-time police officers for the Mantua Township Police Department. Officer Ryan Guidotti was sworn-in as a SLEO II, and Officer James Reilly was sworn-in as a SLEO III by Mayor Bob Zimmerman. Officer Guidotti is the son of retired Mantua Township Detective, Nicholas Guidotti. Officer Guidotti will primarily serve as a court officer, and will assist the patrol division as needed. Officer Reilly recently retired from the Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office as a Lieutenant after a distinguished 25 year career. He served as a member of Gloucester County SWAT for 20 years, and was the team's commander for over 6 years. His background brings many benefits to the Mantua School District as he starts his new role as a School Resource Officer in our community. Congratulations and welcome!

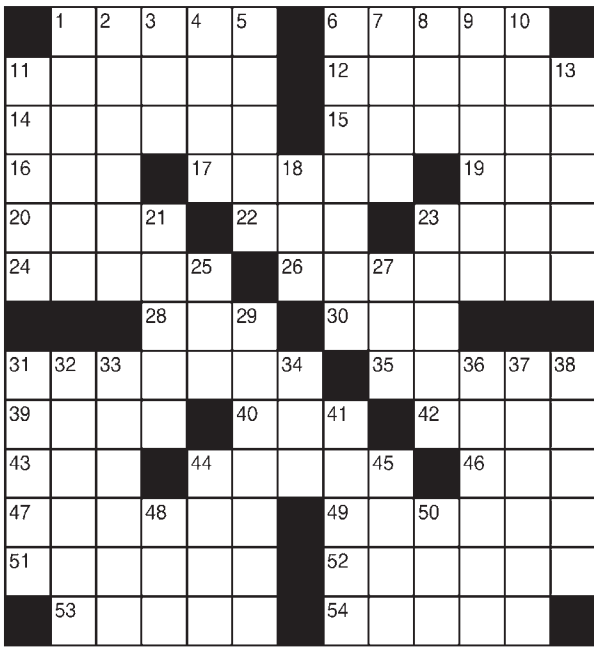
WESTVILLE POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

For the month of August Westville Police Department record 424 Motor Vehicle Stops; 5 Assaults; 1 Motor Vehicle Theft; 3 Burglary/Theft Report; 136 Property Checks; 843 Added Patrols; 17 Motor Vehicle Crashes; 33 Arrests; 78 Foot Patrols; 7 domestic Violence Incidents; 13 Parking Enforcement; 80 Community Policing; 8 Abandon Vehicles/ Local Ordinances; 22 Radar CADS; 9 DUI Arrests; 6 Possession of CDS (Drug Arrests); Total Calls for Service 2,263.

On 8/2 a male from West Deptford was arrested for Driving Under the Influence during a motor vehicle stop. On 8/3, a male from Deptford was arrested for 2 counts of Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Failure to Give CDS to Police and active warrants during a motor vehicle stop. A female from Deptford was arrested for Driving Under the Influence during a motor vehicle stop. On 8/6, a female and male from Woodbury were arrested for active warrants during a motor vehicle stop. On 8/8, a male from Deptford was arrested for active warrants during a motor vehicle stop. On 8/11, a female from Camden was arrested for active warrants during a motor vehicle stop. On 8/12, a female from Marlton was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance and Failure to give CDS to Police during a motor vehicle stop. On 8/13, a male from Gloucester City was arrested for active warrants during a motor vehicle stop. On 8/14, a male from Audubon was arrested for active warrants during a motor vehicle stop. On 8/15, a male from Deptford was arrested for Driving Under the Influence during a motor vehicle stop. A male from Mullica Hill was arrested for Driving Under the influence during a motor vehicle stop. On 8/16, a male from Deptford was arrested for Driving Under the Influence during a motor vehicle stop. On 8/17, a male from Deptford was arrested for Driving Under the Influence during a motor vehicle stop. On 8/18, a male from Deptford was arrested for Driving Under the Influence during a motor vehicle stop. On 8/19, a female from Camden was arrested for active warrants during a motor vehicle stop. A male from Mullica Hill was arrested for Driving Under the Influence during a motor vehicle stop. A male from Woodbury was arrested for being a wanted person out of the Gloucester County Prosecutors Office and for active warrants during a pedestrian stop. A male from Camden was arrested for 2 counts of Aggravated Assault, Possession of a Weapon for Unlawful Purpose and Unlawful Possession of a Weapon because of a stabbing investigation. A male from Deptford was arrested for active warrants during a pedestrian stop. On 8/20, a female from Westville was arrested for active warrants during a motor vehicle stop. On 8/21, a male from Deptford was arrested for Driving Under the Influence during a motor vehicle stop. On 8/22, a male from St. Robert, Missouri was arrested for Driving Under the Influence during a motor vehicle stop. A male from Hackensack was arrested for active warrants during a motor vehicle stop. On 8/24, a female from Camden was arrested for active warrants during a motor vehicle stop. A male from Atco was arrested for active warrants during a motor vehicle stop. On 8/25, a male from Pine Hill was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance and active warrants during a pedestrian stop. On 8/25, a male from Westville was arrested for being a Fugitive from Justice from Ohio during a domestic violence investigation. On 8/26, a male from Elmer was arrested for Driving Under the influence and Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance during a motor vehicle stop. On 8/27, a male from Camden was arrested for Driving Under the Influence during a motor vehicle stop. On 8/29, a male from Glendora was arrested for Violation of a Restraining Order during a domestic violence investigation. A female from Camden was arrested for active warrants during a motor vehicle stop. A male from Woodbury was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Failure to Surrender CDS to Police during a suspicious vehicle investigation. A female from Camden was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Failure to Surrender CDS to Police during a suspicious vehicle investigation. On 8/30 a male from Woodbury was arrested for active warrants during a motor vehicle stop.

King Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Bath powders
11 Patronize, as a bistro
12 Cuts at an angle
14 Long-haired cat
15 Rise in defiance
16 Montmartre Mrs.
17 Wide
19 Big fuss
20 — ale
22 Rocker Nugent
23 Raced
24 Nosh at mid-night
26 Bishop's district
28 Free (of)
30 Spanish gold
31 Pianist Arrau
35 Slowpoke
39 Fireplace shelves
- 40 Ump's call
42 Old U.S. gas brand
43 Balloon filler
44 Impetus
46 Weeding tool
47 Roma's land
49 Pub perches
51 Pay off
52 Digital greetings
53 Lasso
54 Afternoon hour
- DOWN
- 1 Dorothy's friend
2 Germany's Merkel
3 Sign before Virgo
4 Keto restriction
5 Kick off
6 Trucker's device
7 Obegs
9 Mexican shawl
- 10 Shakes off
11 Muffles
13 Fine china brand
18 British ref. work
21 Beige shades
23 Tea biscuit
25 Tease
27 Choice words?
29 Museum display
31 Desk go-with
32 Hang around
33 Rub the wrong way
34 Gigi's "yes"
36 On the beach
37 Tristan's love
38 Windblown soil
41 Sports bar fixture
44 Food regimen
45 Engrave
48 Meadow
50 Rowing need



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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 44:19b-21

you covered us over with deep darkness. If we had forgotten the name of our God or spread out our hands to a foreign god, would not God have discovered it, since he knows the secrets of the heart?

NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

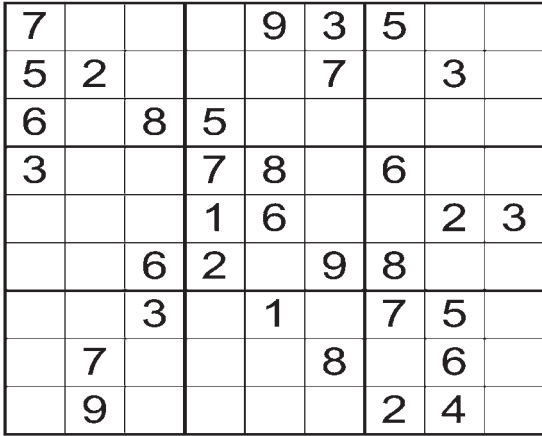
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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Weekly SUDOKU



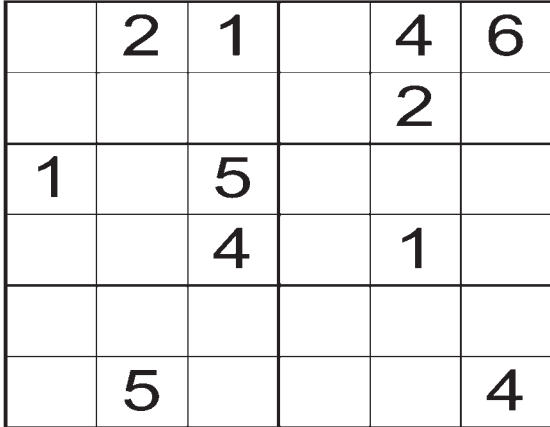
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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MINI SUDOKU



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 6-box square contains all of the numbers from one to six.

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MAGIC MAZE ● FALL

Z H E B Y W T T S E V R A H R
O L J G E B Y W G U R P N K L
I G D L R B Z A X V S S Q O L
E M K L O I I G E C E A Y W A
S R H A L L O W E E N U S Q B
P E I F O (EQUINOX) N L T
J H V F C F E C A Y C X V U O
A C O R N S R E T A E W S S O
Q P N M A O E Z A M N R O C F
Y L L I H C B S E D I R Y A H
K J H F E C S N I K P M U P B

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: THE YIELD FROM CROPS

Acorns Corn maze Football Pumpkins
Bonfire Equinox Halloween Scarves
Chilly Fall Hayrides Sweaters
Color Foliage Pine cones

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Menu is shorter 2. Pad is longer 3. Finger is moved 4. Curtain is not as wide 5. Apron strap is moved 6. Tie is missing

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

GT WQS LKO UQ ZBKX WQS

UQ EYVX KOU EY BKNNW,

WQS KCY TSCXBYC KPQOM GO

PGTY XBKO RQVX NYQNPY.

— PYQOKCUQ UGLKNCGQ

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: E equals **W**

EFSM V EVGG WGVDRSQ

USGZNSQX NVM DWZGGD V

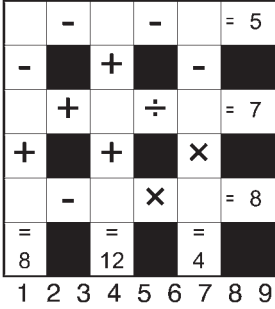
GJVU UYQZMB QYDF FJYQ, UJ

XJY BSR DRYIJ ZM RQVTZI?

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GO FIGURE!

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.



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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHY DID THE STUDENT SIT ON THE CLOCK?

ITSELF ___ FILES DROOLS ___ LORDS
DRAGON ___ GRAND ANTLER ___ ALERT
ROBBED ___ BORED BITTER ___ TRIBE
DARKEN ___ DRANK AISLES ___ SALES
MOWERS ___ WORSE
SIMPLE ___ LIMPS

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) After much traveling this year, you're due for some settled time with family and friends. Use this period to check out situations that will soon require a lot of serious decision making.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Keep your keen Bovine mind focused on your financial situation, as it begins to undergo some changes. Consider your money moves carefully. Avoid impulsive investments.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You'll need to adjust some of your financial plans now that things are changing more quickly than you expected. All the facts you need haven't yet emerged, so move cautiously.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Personal and professional relationships dominate this period. Try to keep things uncomplicated to avoid misunderstandings that can cause problems down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) An elusive goal that you'd been hoping to claim is still just out of reach. But something else has come along that could prove to be just as desirable, if only you'd take the time to check it out.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time to get away for some much-needed rest and relaxation. You'll return refreshed and ready to take on a workplace challenge that awaits you!

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Confidence grows as you work your way through some knotty situations. Watch out for distractions from well-meaning supporters that could slow things down.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Consider spending more time contemplating the possibilities of an offer before opting to accept or reject it. But once you do make a decision, act on it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're in a very strong position this week to tie up loose ends in as many areas as possible. Someone close to you has advice you might want to heed.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Congratulations! This is the week that you've been waiting for: After a period of sudden stops and fitful starts, your plans can now move ahead without significant disruptions.

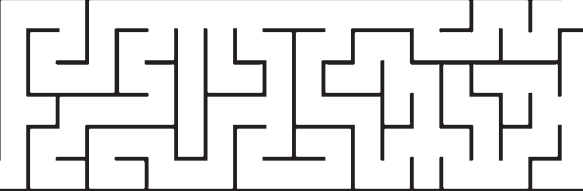
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're in an exceptionally strong position this week to make decisions on many still-unresolved matters, especially those involving close personal relationships.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) This week starts off with some positive movement in several areas! A special person becomes a partner in at least one of the major plans that you'll be working on.

BORN THIS WEEK: You work hard and get things done. You also inspire others to do their best. You would do well heading up a major corporation.

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Kids' Maze



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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Write

CRAWLS

Gift

WORDE

Idiom

LOGIN

Thing

TIME

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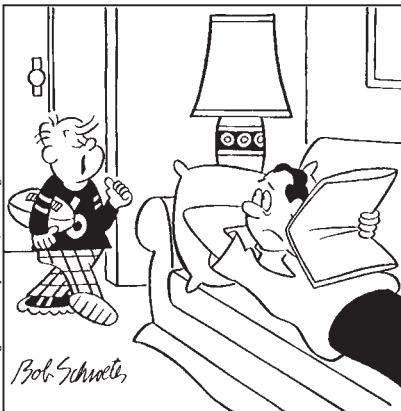
___ E ___

___ R ___

___ M ___

TODAY'S WORD

_____ is worth \$200!"



"The nerve of that guy next door claiming a

_____ is worth \$200!"

SENTINEL SPORTS

Norm Merckx, Sports Editor

CHRIS THOMAS TO LEAD NEW WOMEN'S FLAG FOOTBALL PROGRAM



Chris Thomas knows exactly what it takes to build a program from the ground floor right up the ladder of success. And the newly appointed head coach of the Roadrunner Women's Flag Football team hopes to capitalize upon his past successes as he prepares to lead RCSJ's newest women's athletic program. Thomas comes to RCSJ Gloucester following a successful tenure as head football coach at Pitman High School, where he established a reputation as a program builder, offensive-minded coach and leader of student-athletes. His experience also includes coaching softball at Pitman, giving him a valuable background working across sports as he prepares to lead the Roadrunners' Flag Football team.

"Chris stood out to us because this position requires more than someone who can coach football," said RCSJ Gloucester executive director of athletics Brian Rowan. "We needed someone who could build a program. Chris has demonstrated that throughout his career. He understands how to develop athletes, create a culture, and get people excited about being part of something. His leadership, football knowledge, and ties to South Jersey make him a great fit to become the first head coach of our Women's Flag Football program." Thomas spent 11 seasons leading the football program at Pitman. One of the defining chapters of his tenure came when low participation forced the Panthers to step away from varsity competition in 2017. Thomas remained committed to rebuilding the program, strengthening participation, and developing the foundation necessary for Pitman football to return. The Panthers later produced several successful seasons, including an 8-2 campaign in 2024. Chris Thomas, Roadrunner Women's Flag Football Coach That experience should serve Thomas well as he takes on a different kind of building project at RCSJ Gloucester — creating a collegiate program from its beginning.

"I love the fact that we are starting from scratch," said Thomas. "We will implement our own program philosophies and culture right from Day 1 – and then we will keep building from there." Thomas added he will center his program around two basic themes – building strong personal inter-relationships among coaches and players and encouraging players to take ownership of all aspects of the program. "When building relationships among coaches and staff, we all compete more and do more for the people we care about." Thomas stressed. "And the players will be encouraged to take ownership in what we do on the field and take this program to the highest levels we can."

Women's Flag Football will become the 17th varsity sport offered at RCSJ Gloucester and will begin competition during the Spring 2027 semester. The addition represents another investment by the College in expanding athletic opportunities for female student-athletes while also positioning RCSJ to participate in one of the fastest-growing areas of interscholastic and collegiate athletics. "We want this to become a program that young women throughout our area aspire to be part of," Rowan said. "Chris now has the opportunity to establish what Roadrunner Women's Flag Football will stand for from the very beginning. There is something special about being the first coach, the first recruiting class and eventually the first team to represent RCSJ Gloucester in a new sport. We're excited to see what he and our student-athletes build together." Thomas will immediately begin assembling the inaugural Roadrunners roster, developing the program's identity and building relationships with high school coaches and prospective student-athletes throughout South Jersey and the surrounding region.

"Launching Roadrunner Women's Flag Football marks an exciting new chapter for RCSJ Athletics and creates another opportunity for our students to compete, build confidence, and develop as leaders," said Brenden Rickards, president, Rowan College of South Jersey. "We are thrilled to welcome Coach Chris Thomas to the Roadrunners family. His leadership and commitment to student-athletes will be instrumental as we build this program from the ground up and prepare for competition in Spring 2027." Coach Thomas is excited about the caliber of athletes he will recruit here in South Jersey and the surrounding counties. "We can take this program as far as we want from that standpoint," said Thomas. "It's pretty well known that in this area, we have some of the best athletes in the country right here in our midst. We can capitalize on all of the excitement being generated nationwide about flag football, get our local athletes here involved, and then take it all the way to a national championship."

AUTUMN 2026 FISHING

Summer has come and gone, and welcome Autumn 2026. It's a long-awaited season change for some even though some will be sad to see the summer go. Here is what anglers can look forward to across Southern New Jersey this fall. Saltwater anglers unfortunately need to say goodbye to Summer Flounder (fluke), as the season officially closes this week at midnight on September 25th. If you haven't made your last run yet, you only have a few days left to try your luck. Waiting until Saturday morning will be too late, and any fluke landed will have to go back over the gunwale.

On the bright side, as of midnight on September 23rd, the Black Sea Bass daily limit jumps from 1 to 10 fish (with a 12.5-inch minimum). That leaves a tight three-day window—Wednesday through Friday—where you can legally harvest both species on the same trip if you're planning one last run to the shore reefs or wreck grounds.

For those waiting on the fall striped bass run, current reports are quiet. Local tackle shops are either keeping tight-lipped or the fish simply haven't made their move yet due to warm water. With a possible Nor'easter approaching the coast this week, the churning surf and dropping water temperatures could be the exact spark needed to kickstart South Jersey's annual fall migration. So far, only Northern Jersey has reported some scattered action with 30-inch-class fish, but reports remain few and far between. We will see what next week brings once the storm clears.

Freshwater anglers are seeing consistent action across almost all target species. Largemouth bass, chain pickerel, yellow perch, and crappie are biting well in nearly every South Jersey pond and lake. Even bowfin and Northern snakeheads are showing up in good numbers throughout the Delaware River tributaries. As long as air temperatures remain moderate, this pattern should carry well into November. Another long-awaited milestone arrives in mid-October with the state's Fall Trout Stocking. During the week of October 18th through October 22nd, select South Jersey waters will receive fresh loads of Rainbow Trout, giving local anglers great target action through autumn and into winter. Keep an eye on local shop boards and water conditions as the weather settles. Just like spring, the autumn transition brings some of the year's best bend-in-the-rod action. Tight lines!

SIXTEEN FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETES SELECTED FOR INDUCTION INTO WTHS SPORTS HALL OF FAME

The Washington Township High School Sports Hall of Fame will add 16 new members when the latest class is inducted at a ceremony on Saturday, November 28th. The every-three-years induction will occur as part of a celebratory dinner at Adephia's Restaurant (1750 Clements Bridge Road, Deptford, NJ 08096). Cocktail hour is from 6 to 7 p.m., with dinner served at 7PM. Tickets are \$60 for adults, and \$20 for children under 12 years of age. They can be purchased by contacting Sandy Pfizenmayer in the WTHS Athletics office at (856) 589-8500, x7219, or by email at spfizenmayer@wtps.org. Program ads are available for purchase by contacting Mrs. Pfizenmayer at a cost of \$100 for a full page and \$50 for a half page. Hall of Fame President Jack McGee recently announced the Class of 2026. The inductees include: Amanda Attanasi (Class of 2021) – Soccer; Deanna Balsama (Class of 2018) – Soccer/Basketball/Lacrosse; Sandra Ross Conlin (Class of 1981) – Field Hockey/Basketball/Softball; Spencer Cuello Cook (Class of 2016) – Basketball; Jesse Cooper (Class of 2005) – Football; Pete Ferris (Class of 1997) – Football; Alexis Fraction-Mills (Class of 2014) – Track & Field; Lindsey Hatch (Class of 2011) – Field Hockey; James Huckel (Class of 1999) – Football/Basketball/Baseball; Anne Blank Keenaghan (Class of 1998) – Field Hockey/Basketball/Lacrosse; Kelly Giedemann McAllister (Class of 2014) – Basketball; Kylie Giedemann Patrone (Class of 2014) – Basketball; Eric Ring (Class of 2001) – Wrestling; Kirstyn Ubras (Class of 2009) – Tennis/Lacrosse; Erin Waller (Class of 2011) – Field Hockey/Lacrosse and Chad Yates (Class of 2018) – Soccer.

MINUTEMEN WIN!

FINAL from Atlantic City — Washington Township defeats the Atlantic City Vikings 21–19! The Minutemen improved to 4–0 on the season and extend their incredible winning streak to eighteen straight games! Congratulations to the players, coaches, families, students, and everyone who made the trip to support the team last weekend!

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Answers

CryptoQuote

answer

If you can do what you do best and be happy, you are further along in life than most people.

— Leonardo Dicaprio

CryptoQuip

answer

When a wall plaster delivery van spills a load during rush hour, do you get stucco in traffic?

Even Exchange

answers

1. Remain, Retain
2. Sydney, Sidney
3. Cloud, Clout
4. Ember, Amber
5. Chase, Phase
6. Treaty, Treats
7. Shrub, Shrug
8. Austin, Austen
9. Hardy, Harry
10. Loton, Motion

Go Figure!

answers

9	-	1	-	3	=	5	
8	+	6	÷	2	=	7	
+	8	+	6	÷	2	=	7
7	-	5	×	4	=	8	
=	8	=	12	=	4		

SCRABLERS

Solution

1. Scrawl; 2. Dower
3. Lingo; 4. Item

Today's Word
WINDOW

Kids' Maze Solution

King Crossword

Answers

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Answers

SNOWFLAKES

Solution

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

MINI SUDOKU

Answer

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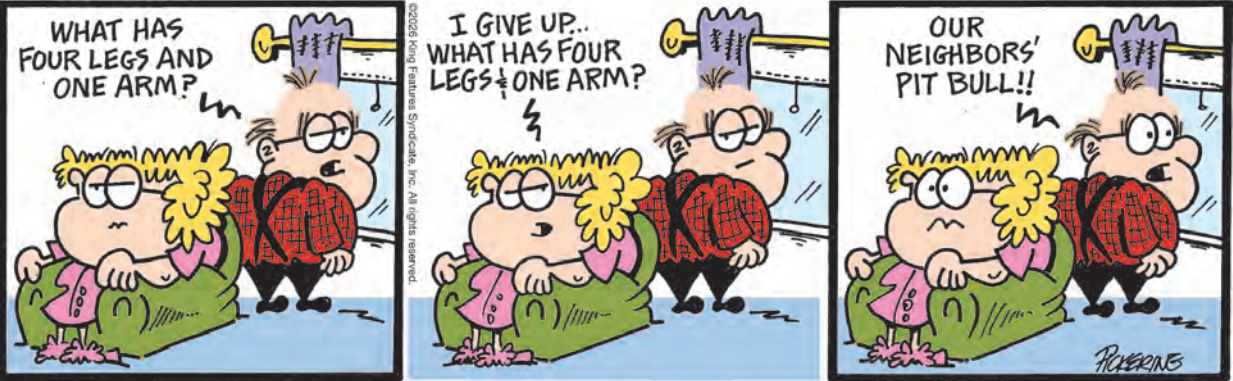
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MIDATLANTIC WASTE SYSTEMS- inventory parts-\$500.34	\$80,753.30
MONMOUTH TELECOM- monthly service phone-\$2,079.09	STARR SEPTIC- portable potty rentals Aug-\$1,835.
NJ STATE DEPT OF HEALTH- dog license fee to state-\$13.80	STATE TOXICOLOGY LAB- random testing-\$720.
NATIONAL HWY PRODUCTS- signs-\$222.67	STEVE'S AUTO SUPPLY- auto parts-\$966.43
NATIONAL PAVING CO- road patch July-\$1,617.56	SUNBELT RENTALS- lights for Community Day-\$367.02
NJ ADV MEDIA- public notice of decision-\$36.	SURENIAN, EDWARDS, BUZAK & NOLAN- affordable housing attny-\$13,026.30
NJ CYBER RISK MANAGEMENT- decudtible claim-\$255.	THE VIGILANTE LAW FIRM- legal services/solicitor-\$5,162.50
NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES- annual conference-\$65.	TRICO INDUSTRIES- misc hardware July-\$445.55
OSCAR TREE SERVICES- tree removal cemetery-\$3,500.	TWP OF FRANKLIN BOE- local school tax Sept-\$1,253,991.
PERNA, DARLENE- reimburse for recreation event-\$2,881.43	TRACK YOUR TRUCK- vehicle tracking Sept-\$1,072.26
PKF O'CONNOR DAVIES, LLP- 2026 audit/budget-\$47,531.	TRAVALINO, VINCENT- entertainment Community Day-\$1,500.
PPC LUBRICANTS- dpw def-\$770.79	TREASURER STATE OF NJ- recycle compliance monitor fee/landfill permit fee-\$1,515.
PYROTECNICO- Community Day fireworks-\$11,500.	TWILIGHT CLEANING SERVICE- Sept-\$2,000.
RIGGINS- unleaded fuel-\$6,489.23	TWP OF FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY- library tax qtr-\$179,568.10
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY- principles public purchasing-\$1,004.	UNITED ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO- police dept lights-\$239.36
SJ COURT ADMIN ASSOC- seminar-\$25.	VAN EMBDEN- judge court session-\$725.
SERVICE TIRE TRUCK CENTERS- dpw tires-\$2,391.72	VINELAND ACE HARDWARE EAST- DPW/paint/materials/supplies-\$96.76
SO.JERSEY LAND WATER TRUST- consulting services open space-\$4,140.	WB MASON- office supplies-\$881.65
SOUTH JERSEY WATER TEST- Pennsylv Ave water test-\$94.50	WHEELABRATOR GLOU CO- trash/recycle fees Aug-\$48,658.09
SJ WELDING SUPPLY- products-\$486.16	WINNER FORD- ford police interceptor (2)-\$112,437.96
STAR CROSS BOARD FIRE COMM- fire dist tax pmt-	WOODFORD CEDAR RUN WILDLIFE- Community Day entertainment-\$400.

THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON

HYDRANT FLUSHING



Beginning Tuesday, October 13, 2026,
For approximately three – four weeks or until complete
7:00 am – 2:00 pm



The Borough of Clayton Water & Sewer Department will begin flushing hydrants on Tuesday, October 13, 2026. Flushing time will be from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and will continue for approximately three-four weeks until hydrants have been flushed. Residents may experience low water pressure and a slight discoloration in their water during this time. If discolored water is experienced, please let water tap run until clear. Residents are asked to check their water before doing any wash.

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RESIDENTS REMINDED TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST WEST NILE VIRUS

Gloucester County officials are reminding residents to take precautions against West Nile virus (WNV) as mosquito activity continues into the fall. West Nile virus season continues through late October, and awareness remains one of our strongest tools in preventing the spread of this virus. In addition to the County's ongoing mosquito control efforts, residents need to have the information to protect themselves and their families. As of this date, two cases of West Nile virus have been reported in Gloucester County residents. The Gloucester County Mosquito Control Division is continuing surveillance efforts and collecting additional mosquitoes for testing. Mosquito spraying in the affected area has been completed. Fall is a time when many residents continue to enjoy outdoor activities, and we want them to do so safely. The best protection against West Nile virus is to prevent mosquito bites. Residents can help by eliminating standing water around their homes, using insect repellent and taking extra precautions during the hours when mosquitoes are most active.

Throughout mosquito season, the Gloucester County Mosquito Control Division responds to service requests from residents, schools, businesses and organizations. Residents with questions or concerns may call (856) 307-6400, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Protect Yourself from Mosquito Bites as West Nile virus is transmitted to people through the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on infected birds. The virus is not spread from person to person. Residents can reduce their risk of mosquito-borne diseases by following these precautions: Use an EPA-registered insect repellent containing ingredients such as DEET, picaridin or IR3535 when outdoors. Always follow the product label; Use permethrin-treated clothing and gear according to product directions; Limit outdoor activities between dusk and dawn, when mosquitoes are most active; When outdoors, wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants and socks; Make sure windows and doors have screens and that all screens are in good condition.

Residents should also eliminate standing water around their homes. Mosquitoes can breed in puddles and other containers of standing water that remain for more than four days. Common mosquito breeding sites can be eliminated by: Cleaning gutters and drains; Disposing of old tires; Removing standing water from pool covers and ditches; Emptying or removing containers that can collect water; Properly maintaining pools, spas and saunas and Changing birdbath water every several days.

Know the Symptoms as anyone can become infected with West Nile virus. Approximately 80 percent of people infected with WNV do not develop symptoms. About 1 in 5 people who are infected develop symptoms, which may include fever, headache, body aches, joint pain, vomiting, diarrhea or rash. Less than 1 percent of infected individuals develop a serious neurological illness, such as encephalitis or meningitis. Adults over age 50 and people with certain medical conditions, including cancer, diabetes, hypertension, kidney disease and organ transplants, are at greater risk for serious illness. There are no specific medications or vaccines available to treat or prevent West Nile virus infection. Most people with mild illness recover on their own, although symptoms may last for several weeks. Individuals with more severe illness may require hospitalization and supportive treatment. Anyone experiencing symptoms that cause concern should contact their health care provider. For additional information about West Nile virus and mosquito-borne diseases, residents may contact the Gloucester County Department of Health at (856) 218-4170.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENTS

The Gloucester County Historical Society takes a look back at the ghost stories from the Civil War in a special presentation in its Museum hosted by Civil War reenactor Vince Diccio from 7 to 8 PM on Thursday, October 15. He will detail the haunted sites, eerie encounters, and tales of apparitions reported from buildings and sites across the grounds where the Battle of Gettysburg was fought. Gettysburg is considered one of the most haunted places in the country, with numerous accounts of ghostly regiments, phantom horsemen, and mysterious faces appearing in photographs. Sites like Devil's Den at Gettysburg, Bloody Lane at Antietam, Chickamauga, Sharpsburg, Shiloh, and Andersonville are well-known for reports of spectral soldiers wandering the grounds or reenacting historical battles.

Tourists and locals at Gettysburg have reported seeing apparitions, hearing the sounds of battle, and encountering unexplained phenomena around landmarks such as the Gettysburg Orphanage, Farnsworth House, and Soldier's Orphanage cellar. Bloody Lane at Antietam has tales of ghostly singing, vanishing Confederate soldiers, phantom gunfire, and strange smells attributed to lingering spirits of fallen men. Tickets available at \$15/person. Tickets must be purchased in advance online. Free parking available on Hunter Street in the Gloucester County Historical Society lot or the large County Justice Complex Parking Garage.

In a presentation at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Woodbury Friends Meeting House, historian Patrick Ward will recount the local Revolutionary War campaigns of British General Charles Cornwallis, one of Great Britain's most aggressive and capable senior field commanders during the American Revolution. Cornwallis' later maneuvers in the South ultimately culminated in his surrender at Yorktown, the final battle of the war, in 1781. Co-sponsored by the Gloucester County Historical Society and the Woodbury Friends Meeting, this event is FREE & open to the public.

Ward is a Southern New Jersey historian whose interest focuses on Gloucester City, the Delaware River, and the region's Revolutionary War history. Cosponsored by the Gloucester County Historical Society and the Friends Meeting, the event is free and open to the public.

Titled "British General Lord Cornwallis Marches to Woodbury and Gloucester County in November 1777," Ward's PowerPoint presentation will include maps from the period, information about the military units that participated, personal accounts from those on the march, and details about how the Americans responded to Cornwallis' forces.

On Oct. 22, 1777, Hessian forces failed to capture Fort Mercer at Red Bank. By holding the fort, American troops disrupted efforts to resupply the British Army in Philadelphia by way of the Royal Navy and other supply vessels on the Delaware River. General Sir William Howe, commander in chief of the British land forces, responded by organizing a larger expedition against Fort Mercer. He placed General Lord Cornwallis in command of the attacking force.

On Nov. 17, 1777, a combined force of British and Hessian troops landed south of Fort Billingsport, and began marching north through Gloucester County. Additional British troops from New York City landed at Fort Billingsport under the command of General Thomas Wilson. Cornwallis assumed command of the combined force, estimated at 4,900 troops, and led it north toward Fort Mercer at Red Bank. Their objective was to eliminate the last remaining American threat to British shipping on the Delaware River. Ward's presentation will include an opportunity for informal discussion with the audience.

Free parking is available on Hunter Street in the Gloucester County Historical Society lot and the large County Justice Complex. The Friends Meetinghouse is located across North Broad Street from the Charlie Brown Restaurant. GPS Coordinates: Friends Meeting.

FRIGHT NIGHT 2026

Bring the family out for a spooktacular evening of trick-or-treating, costumes, and Halloween fun presented by Clayton Athletics & Activities! Wednesday, October 28 6-8 PM Clayton High School Children ages 12 and under are welcome to trick-or-treat! Come dressed in your favorite costume and make your way through the festivities, including a Haunted Trail at the Performing Arts Center! Help support our Food Drive: Please bring canned goods to donate at the door. Enter: Doors adjacent to the Gymnasium Parking Lot Exit: Performing Arts Center Grab your costumes, bring a canned good, and join us for a frightfully fun night!



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NEW LAW ESTABLISHES ‘FILM TRAIL’ SHOWCASING NJ’S LOCATIONS

New Jersey’s role in filming some of the most iconic movies and television productions will be showcased through a “New Jersey Film Trail” under legislation sponsored by Senator John Burzichelli and Senator Jim Beach that was signed into law this week on 9/9 by Governor Mikie Sherrill.

“Identifying the locations where some of the most memorable movies and TV shows were filmed would be a celebration of New Jersey’s cultural impact that would support local tourism and small businesses throughout the state,” said Senator Burzichelli (D-Gloucester/Salem/Cumberland). “The Film Trail will give residents and visitors a new way to recognize and appreciate the stories that were filmed right here in the Garden State.”

The new law, S-4268, will have the Division of Travel and Tourism work with the Motion Picture and Television Development Commission in the New Jersey Economic Development Authority to select sites where notable filming occurred to be part of the film trail. They will design filming markers with a description of the filming that was completed at the location, what production was filmed, which performers took part, and when the filming took place.

“Productions like The Sopranos and Friday the 13th are part of New Jersey’s long history in film and television, and that history continues to grow,” said Senator Beach (D-Camden/Burlington). “By highlighting the places where memorable productions were filmed, we can celebrate our past while encouraging the next generation of filmmakers to see New Jersey as a place where their own stories can come to life.” The Film Trail comes as New Jersey’s film and television industry continues to expand, bringing new productions and opportunities to communities across the state and helping position New Jersey as a destination for the next generation of filmmakers and industry professionals. A website will be established to provide information on the film trail, including driving directions, available tours, surrounding attractions, restaurants and lodgings.

NAACP BLACK AND WHITE GALA

The Gloucester County NAACP proudly announces its 2026 Black & White Gala, taking place on Sunday, November 1, 2026, at Adelphia Restaurant in Deptford, NJ. Doors open at 5:00 PM for an evening dedicated to celebrating excellence, leadership, and transformative community impact. This signature event honors individuals whose service, advocacy, and accomplishments have strengthened the social, civic, and cultural fabric of South Jersey. The Black & White Gala continues to be one of the region’s most anticipated gatherings, uplifting “Game Changers” who embody the NAACP’s mission of equity, justice, and community advancement. For more information, please visit genaacp.com.

2026 HONOREES

President’s Award - Wilbert Hart, The Delfonics; Shawn Ludwig, President, CWA 1038; Mayor John Wallace, Mayor of Glassboro, NJ

Power Couples of the Year - Fatihah & Michael Dixon, Perfecting Church, Sewell, NJ; Charlyn & Gregory Martin, Council Members, Carney’s Point, NJ

Lifetime Legacy Award - Denise Williams, National President, National Association of Colored Women’s Clubs

Game Changer Awards - Excellence in Communication – Atlantic City Focus; Wilfredo Rojas Civil Rights Award – Veronica Santina Rojas; Dr. Irene Hill Smith Civil Rights Award – Dr. LaDerrick Bullock

Law and Public Safety Award – Aquasia Davis, Gloucester County Prosecutor’s Office

Excellence in Government Award – Tahje Thomas, Paulsboro Council

Medical Excellence Award – Dr. George Scott, Rowan University

Next Generation Award – Dalin Hackley, Office of Congressman Norcross

Veterans & Armed Forces Award – George Bethel, U.S. Navy Veteran

Excellence in Education Award – Cody Miller, Rowan College of South Jersey

MVP – Gloucester County NAACP – Sonny Winters & Russell Altersitz

The Gloucester County NAACP invites the community, partners, and supporters to join us in celebrating these extraordinary leaders whose contributions continue to uplift and empower our region.

For event details, sponsorship opportunities, or ticket information, please visit genaacp.com

PUBLIC NOTICE		
SYNOPSIS OF 2025 REPORT OF AUDIT OF THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON		
COMBINED COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE--REGULATORY BASIS		
ALL FUNDS		
	Dec. 31, 2025	Dec. 31, 2024
ASSETS		
Cash, Investments, and Prepaid Debt Service	\$ 13,043,593.56	\$ 14,942,743.19
Taxes, Liens and Utility Charges Receivable	630,237.29	593,761.31
Property Acquired for Taxes -- Assessed Valuation	1,210,600.00	1,141,100.00
Accounts Receivable	2,941,726.91	2,940,624.59
Fixed Capital Authorized and Uncompleted -- Utility	13,452,894.10	4,052,894.10
Fixed Capital -- Utility	17,483,180.50	17,377,752.08
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation --		
General Capital	6,479,037.00	5,491,812.00
Fixed Assets	<u>11,087,731.00</u>	<u>10,588,361.00</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 66,329,000.36</u>	<u>\$ 42,169,221.45</u>
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE		
Bonds, Notes and Loans Payable	\$ 11,062,739.43	\$ 10,566,380.33
Improvement Authorizations	11,742,248.66	3,303,580.48
Other Liabilities and Special Funds	8,589,364.19	9,811,760.08
Amortization of Debt for Fixed Capital Acquired or Authorized	15,198,129.00	14,740,859.68
Reserve for Certain Assets Receivable	2,259,833.71	2,182,768.84
Fund Balance	6,388,954.37	5,935,337.86
Investment in Fixed Assets	<u>11,087,731.00</u>	<u>10,588,361.00</u>
Total Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 66,329,000.36</u>	<u>\$ 42,169,221.45</u>

SYNOPSIS OF 2025 REPORT OF AUDIT		
BOROUGH OF CLAYTON		
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -- REGULATORY BASIS		
CURRENT FUND		
	Dec. 31, 2025	Dec. 31, 2024
Revenue and Other		
Income Realized	\$ 1,549,955.00	\$ 1,549,955.00
Surplus Utilized		
Miscellaneous -- From Other Than		
Local Property Tax Levies	3,394,237.74	3,080,811.62
Collection of Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens	351,733.37	363,193.44
Collection of Current Tax Levy	20,198,679.06	19,453,622.22
Other Credits to Income	<u>865,992.83</u>	<u>917,649.81</u>
Total Income	<u>26,360,598.00</u>	<u>25,365,232.09</u>
Expenditures		
Budget Expenditures:		
Municipal Purposes	9,444,045.16	9,141,784.13
County Taxes	3,843,428.68	4,052,233.20
Local School District Taxes	11,074,707.00	10,476,997.00
Other Expenditures	<u>71,387.70</u>	<u>219,192.84</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>24,433,568.54</u>	<u>23,890,207.17</u>
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance	1,927,029.46	1,475,024.92
Fund Balance		
Fund Balance January 1	<u>4,048,530.11</u>	<u>4,123,460.19</u>
	5,975,559.57	5,598,485.11
Decreased by:		
Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	<u>1,549,955.00</u>	<u>1,549,955.00</u>
Fund Balance December 31	<u>\$ 4,425,604.57</u>	<u>\$ 4,048,530.11</u>

SYNOPSIS OF 2025 REPORT OF AUDIT		
BOROUGH OF CLAYTON		
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -- REGULATORY BASIS		
WATER-SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND		
	Dec. 31, 2025	Dec. 31, 2024
Revenue and Other		
Income Realized	\$ 492,000.00	\$ 385,800.00
Surplus Utilized		
Collection of Water Rents	3,223,676.69	3,237,609.92
Miscellaneous - Other than Water Rents	161,443.46	217,269.65
Other Credits to Income	<u>278,943.80</u>	<u>510,281.66</u>
Total Income	<u>4,156,063.95</u>	<u>4,350,961.23</u>
Expenditures		
Operating	2,900,930.00	2,786,200.00
Capital Improvements	125,000.00	120,000.00
Debt Service	433,846.89	369,393.55
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	127,745.00	123,800.00
Total Expenditures	<u>3,587,521.89</u>	<u>3,399,393.55</u>
Statutory Excess in Fund Balance	568,542.06	951,567.68
Fund Balance		
Fund Balance January 1	<u>1,818,317.97</u>	<u>1,252,550.29</u>
	2,386,860.03	2,204,117.97
Decreased by:		
Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	<u>492,000.00</u>	<u>385,800.00</u>
Fund Balance December 31	<u>\$ 1,894,860.03</u>	<u>\$ 1,818,317.97</u>

RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

The above synopsis was prepared from the Report of Audit of the Borough of Clayton, County of Gloucester, for the calendar year 2025, submitted by Michael D. Cesaro, Registered Municipal Accountant, Certified Public Accountant of PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP. The information included therein is not intended to represent complete financial information as presented in the Report of Audit. A copy of the Report of Audit is on file at the Municipal Clerk's office and may be inspected by any interested person.

Christine Newcomb, Clerk
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WOMEN SELECTED FOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Gloucester County Board of County Commissioners announced that the Commission for Women has selected 10 women to be honored this year at the 2026 Women of Achievement Event. The event will take place on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. at the Sapphire Grand, 1849 Cooper Street, Deptford, New Jersey. Tickets to the event are \$65 and are available by calling (856) 384-6874.

This year’s honorees are:

Denise Adams – Denise Adams is a Human Resources Executive with more than 30 years of experience developing leaders and building inclusive workplace cultures. She serves as an elected Councilwoman and currently as Council President in Monroe Township, where she championed Gloucester County's first all-inclusive playground and created "Melodies on Main," a community event supporting local businesses. Denise mentors’ women entering the workforce, advocates for mothers of children with dyspraxia, and has led life-skills groups for women re-entering the workforce after recovery. She sees her greatest contribution as helping people recognize their own potential, advising women starting out to "measure success not by the title you earn, but by the lives you impact."

Dr. Marcia Ashhurst-Whiting – Dr. Marcia Ashhurst-Whiting is a retired educator with twenty years of combined experience teaching students and training educators. She served as English Language Arts Coordinator for the New Jersey Department of Education and was selected as one of the national writers for the Common Core State Standards, adopted by 44 states. A longtime member of Saint Matthew's Baptist Church, she has coordinated the church's tutoring program for 15 years and served as a "GriefShare" counselor. She encourages women to walk their own path, advising, "Do not let anyone influence you that their path is the only right way."

Michelle L. Baylor – Michelle L. Baylor is Gloucester County's Director of Health & Human Services, overseeing a \$9 million-plus budget and five divisions serving more than 300,000 residents. With over 30 years of healthcare leadership experience, including 20-plus as a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator, she is committed to advancing health equity for historically underserved populations. Michelle believes her greatest contribution has always been her willingness to serve others, and advises women starting out to "never place limits on what you can accomplish."

Gina Renee Burton – Gina Renee Burton is Associate Vice President of Electronic Health Record–Revenue Cycle Implementation and Optimization at Bancroft, a New Jersey nonprofit organization. A senior-level healthcare executive, she bridges clinical, financial, and IT operations to strengthen revenue cycle performance and administrative efficiency. Gina's advice to women just starting out in their careers would be to "align your passion with purpose. Write down your overarching goals, break tasks down into smaller steps with deadlines, and track progress along the way. Celebrate when a milestone is reached. Be kind to your yourself and understand that the journey is not always a straight path."

Terri R. Dunnet – Terri R. Dunnet is Servicing Director at UFCW Local 360, where she manages the union's Business Representatives and oversees grievance and arbitration processes. A 24-year employee of Zallie Family Markets before rising into union leadership, she was the first woman to hold a position in the store's Produce Department and later led members through the largest strike in the Local's history as a Shop Steward. Terri's proudest contribution is her passion for equality: "If they can't find their voice, then let me be your voice."

Janet Gabbianelli – Janet Gabbianelli has dedicated more than 25 years to the Sunshine Foundation as President of its Monroe Chapter, helping fulfill the dreams of children living with severe chronic illnesses and physical disabilities. Known for leading quietly and without seeking recognition, she has inspired volunteers and mobilized community resources to bring hope to families during some of their most difficult moments. She advises women starting out to "believe in your abilities, never stop learning, and never underestimate the value of integrity and hard work. "I am honored to share in this year’s Women of Achievement event. These ten remarkable women selected share in a common goal to lead with purpose, inspire other women, and make Gloucester County stronger than they found it. I admire their drive, courage, compassion, and leadership."

Kerri Gatling – Kerri Gatling brings nearly three decades of public service leadership advancing workforce development and economic mobility across federal, state, nonprofit, and employer sectors. As Regional Director with the U.S. Department of Labor, she led a team managing \$600 million in federal workforce investments benefiting communities across six states. She considers her work with the Jericho-Deptford Community Development Corporation, which addresses food insecurity through its Food Pantry and Senior Nutrition Center programs, among her most significant community contributions, and encourages women to "cultivate relationships with senior or more experienced women who are willing to mentor, encourage, and guide you."

Charisma Harrison-Jones – Charisma Harrison-Jones is a Child Study Team School Social Worker with the State of New Jersey, where she supports pregnant and parenting teens as a resource, advocate, and mentor. A two-time breast cancer survivor, she founded "Awareness on the Asphalt," a walking and health-education group, and started the first Girls on the Run and Girl Trek programs in Gloucester and Camden Counties. She advises women starting out to "lead with confidence and be their authentic self... share your experiences because you never know who may need to hear your story."

Anna Miller – Anna Miller was elected to the Glassboro Borough Council in 2013 and appointed Council President in 2023, where she chairs the Highway Committee and advocates for the revitalization of Downtown Glassboro. A former High School All-American track athlete, she serves as President of the Glassboro Orchid Club and volunteers with the Glassboro Park & Recreation Track and Field Program. She considers being elected Councilwoman her most significant community contribution, and advises women starting out to "stay focused, be diligent, and never let anyone stop or prevent you from pursuing your dream."

Nicole Nocito – Nicole Nocito is a Registered Nurse and Certified Forensic Nurse with more than 22 years of experience in high-acuity healthcare settings. A former Glassboro EMS volunteer dispatched to Ground Zero following the September 11th attacks, she now serves the Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office as a Forensic Nurse and directs the Woodbury Farmers Market, voted #1 in New Jersey and #5 in the nation. Nicole says her most significant contribution is "just showing up in the times of need," and advises women starting out that "your best chapters are unwritten. Your ending is in your hands."

LEGISLATION WOULD LIMIT USE AND RETENTION OF DATA COLLECTED BY AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READERS

Assemblyman David Bailey, Jr. has introduced legislation to establish privacy protections and clear limits on the use of automated license plate readers (ALPR) in New Jersey. Commonly referred to as “Flock” cameras, ALPRs are AI-equipped surveillance cameras which identify, track, and share license-plate data through a centralized database.

Bill A5483 would prohibit private individuals and entities from operating APLRs and would also regulate how government and law enforcement agencies may use the technology and the data it collects.

Under the legislation, law enforcement could use license plate readers for specified public safety purposes, including locating stolen vehicles and missing persons and investigating serious crimes. ALPR data generally would be deleted within two days unless certain requirements for retaining it are met, such as if the vehicle is unregistered or if the owner is suspected of committing a violent crime.

The bill would also restrict the sharing of ALPR data, require annual audits of government use of the technology and establish a statewide data management system overseen by the Attorney General.

PITMAN'S 2ND ANNUAL BUSINESS BEFORE BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Whether you’re looking to grow an existing business or turn a new business idea into reality, the Borough of Pitman wants to help you succeed. The Pitman Economic Development Committee (EDC) will host its free Second Annual Business Before Business Breakfast on Thursday, October 8, 2026 from 7:45 to 9:45 a.m. at the Pitman United Methodist Church, 758 North Broadway, Pitman, NJ 08071, offering a continental breakfast and a morning of information and resources designed for existing business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs alike.

“Our Business Before Business Breakfast is perfect for existing businesses looking for ways to increase their success and profitability, as well as entrepreneurs considering starting a business in our special community,” EDC Chairman Jeff Sanders says.

Guest speakers will address topics including financing and business assistance, accounting and financial planning, local planning and zoning, insurance, and banking. Speakers include Jabari Adams, Small Business Liaison with NJEDA; Mark Rizzo, Director of New Jersey Small Business Development Center; Akeel Gaines, Regional Director of New Jersey Small Business Development Center; John Fitzpatrick, CPA, Principal of Premier Accounting Services; Nicholas Aspras, Chair of the Pitman Borough Planning & Zoning Committee; and Pitman Mayor Michael L. Razze, Jr., CRM, CIC, who is also CEO with BIG I NJ.

“If you’re looking for an exceptional place for your business to call home, I strongly encourage you to start your morning, and your journey, at Pitman’s Business Before Business Breakfast,” Pitman Mayor Razze says. “Our program will kickstart your day, help you grow your business, and showcase why you’ll want to do it right here in Pitman.” The Business Before Business Breakfast is free to attend but pre-registration is required. Visit https://tinyurl.com/2026EDCBusinessBeforeBusiness to register. The Pitman Economic Development Committee is a volunteer group appointed by the Borough Council to attract new businesses and enterprises to Pitman, help new entrepreneurs navigate local permits, licensing, and startup requirements, and provide ongoing technical, marketing, and expansion assistance to existing local business owners.

NJHMFA FINANCING TO BRING 55 NEW AFFORDABLE SENIOR APARTMENTS

Aging in place means remaining in the community that you call home, even as your needs change. A new affordable housing development in Gloucester County will ensure that 55 seniors will be able to age in place with dignity and independence, as these units will provide a safe and modern home designed with their needs in mind. At its September 3rd Board meeting, the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (NJHMFA) approved more than \$16.1 million in financing commitments for Nicholas Angelo DiLella Senior Housing, a new three-story development planned for 400 Harmony Road in Greenwich Township. Residents will be offered access to a community room, on-site laundry facilities, an exercise room, case management space and management offices. Outdoor amenities will include walkways, benches and garden areas designed to provide residents with opportunities for recreation and social interaction. “New Jersey’s seniors deserve the opportunity to age with dignity in homes they can afford in the communities they know,” said NJHMFA Executive Director Melanie R. Walter. “Nicholas Angelo DiLella Senior Housing will provide more than apartments. It will create a community where 55 seniors will live independently, with rental assistance, supportive resources and amenities that contribute to their quality of life. NJHMFA is proud to help make this important investment in Gloucester County possible.”

The new community will be adjacent to many of the shops and grocery stores that Greenwich has to offer and will be only half a mile from the Greenwich Public Library and C. A. Nothnagle Log House, a historic landmark from when the area was part of the New Sweden Colony. NJHMFA is providing \$16.1 million in financing and \$6.7 million worth of 4% Low-Income Housing Tax Credits to make this new community’s construction possible. All 55 apartments will be supported by a Project Rental Assistance Contract through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, helping ensure the homes remain affordable for seniors. The rental assistance is expected to convert through HUD’s Rental Assistance Demonstration program once the development stabilizes. Construction is anticipated to begin in fall 2026 and finish in fall 2028.



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