



The Harrison Township Active Adults 55+ group recently took a week long trip to Niagara Falls and Toronto Canada. One of the many places they visited was Castle Loma. Casa Loma (Spanish for "Hill House") is a Gothic Revival castle-style mansion and garden in midtown Toronto, Ontario, Canada, that is now a historic house museum and landmark. Everyone had a fun time exploring the castle and afterward posed together for a photograph. The group invites residents that are 55 years old or older who are looking to stay active with multiple fun activities.

SEVERE STORM DAMAGE REPORTED

Following a day of severe storms that hit the Gloucester County on Tuesday, more storms developed throughout the day Wednesday. Mantua Township Schools closed for the first day of school (9/2) after Tuesday nights intense storms that took down many trees and wires throughout the Township. Due to impacts from the recent storm, the Mantua Township Police Department was experiencing an internet outage, that as a result, had their offices temporarily unable to provide copies of police reports or process firearms permit-related matters on Wednesday, September 2nd. The Township's emergency services and officers remained operational and available to respond to calls for service. In Deptford Township, Deptford Police informed residents to use an alternate route in the area of Ogden Road, between Dartmouth Drive and Cornell Avenue, that was closed due to storm cleanup on Wednesday morning. Emergency crews handled multiple calls involving trees down and utility poles damaged, especially in the Oak Valley/Pine Acres section of the Township. Scattered thunderstorms were forecasted to develop across the region again that could linger into Wednesday (9/2) night. Following Tuesday's overnight storms, NBC10's SkyForce 10 found a home in Mantua Township after it had been split in two by a fallen tree. Crews from Atlantic City Electric remained in the area restoring power after damaging winds and storms caused outages as quickly as possible to assess damage, make repairs, and restore service to every customer affected. If you're experiencing an outage or notice damaged electrical equipment, please continue to report it.

WALMART IN DEPTFORD EVACUATED

The Deptford Township Police Department responded to the Walmart West store (820 Cooper Street) on Tuesday afternoon (9/1) around 4:15 PM after a report of fumes in the building and many people experiencing difficulty breathing. The building was closed at 6PM for an investigation. Deptford Township Fire Department and Gloucester County HazMat were on location at the time and reported on their social media site that there was no immediate threat to the public and no serious injuries were reported and both Gloucester County Hazmat and Camden MVU-1 were also at the scene. NBC10 reported that nineteen people were taken to the hospital after the hazmat situation caused them to experience respiratory issues. NBC Skyforce 10 was over the scene and found a number of fire trucks and several first responder vehicles at the scene. People reported coughing and throat irritation. According to televised news reporters, the store was evacuated and 19 people were taken to the hospital for an evaluation, but no serious injuries were reported. The store reopened on Wednesday (9/2) at 8 AM. A Walmart spokesperson stated that the safety of their associates and customers was a top priority and they were thankful for the quick response of first responders as they investigated the store.

GLASSBORO ANNUAL CAR SHOW



Dance and jive to the musical lineup at the Glassboro Car Show & Food Truck Festival, presented by Nexus Glassboro and Rowan University on Friday, September 4th from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Downtown Glassboro, High Street. At 5:30 p.m., the East Coast Funk Band will take the stage with a diverse mix of groovy tunes. Then, at 7 p.m., vibe to the classic surf tunes of The Surf Jerkz. Throughout the event, make sure to stop by the tent of the Rotary Club of Glassboro NJ, and participate in the 50/50 raffle. Raffle proceeds

benefit the Paul Blackstock Memorial Scholarship, which directly supports deserving Glassboro High School graduates.

LEGISLATION ALLOWING SALE AND DELIVERY OF “TO GO” ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Governor Mikie Sherrill on Friday 8/28, signed legislation giving restaurants, bars, and other eligible businesses more flexibility to sell and deliver alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption. The law, Senate Bill 4384, makes permanent rules first established during the COVID-19 pandemic allowing certain retail consumption licensees to sell mixed cocktails in closed and sealed containers for off-premises consumption. The law also grants holders of craft distillery licenses the ability to sell and deliver their products for off-premises consumption under select conditions. These privileges were set to expire on September 1.

“New Jersey’s small businesses doesn’t have to navigate outdated rules just to serve their customers and grow,” said Governor Sherrill. “Cocktails to-go worked, customers liked it, and small businesses told us it was another way to bring in revenue. Today, we’re making it permanent.”

According to the National Restaurant Association, in states where alcohol-to-go is permitted: 79% of wine drinkers, 77% of beer drinkers, and 74% of cocktail drinkers were more likely to choose a restaurant for delivery based on ability to order cocktails to-go, illustrating the economic potential for New Jersey small businesses.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP MAN INDICTED FOR MURDER

Woodbury – Dennis J. Hall, 71, of Franklin Township, was indicted on a charge of first-degree murder today in the strangulation death of his 40-year-old daughter. According to documents filed in this case and statements made in open court: Franklin Township Police responded to an East Avenue home on Thursday, June 11, 2026, after Hall called 911 and reported that his daughter was not breathing. He admitted on the call to emergency services that he had strangled the victim. Officers attempted lifesaving measures on the victim, who was transported to a local hospital. The victim died from her injuries on June 12th. An autopsy performed by the Gloucester/Salem/Cumberland Regional Medical Examiner determined the immediate cause of death was asphyxiation. Hall was arrested at the scene and initially charged with attempted murder. That charge was amended to first-degree murder following the victim’s death and the autopsy. Hall faces a maximum penalty of life imprisonment if found guilty. The State is represented by Assistant Prosecutor Michael Mellon. Prosecutor Andrew B. Johns thanked the Franklin Township Police Department and the Gloucester County Prosecutor’s Office’s Major Crimes and Crime Scene Investigation Units for their assistance in this investigation. The charges contained in the indictment are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

LICENSE PLATE READER ALERT LEADS TO ARREST & RECOVERY OF LOADED, DEFACED HANDGUN

On Friday night 8/21, Washington Twp Police Department (WTPD) officers investigated a complaint involving John Stuhl, 20, of Turnersville, who was reportedly in possession of a handgun and had made statements indicating he intended to rob a Washington Township resident. Officers obtained evidence showing Stuhl possessed a handgun. Following consultation with the Gloucester County Prosecutor’s Office, complaints were issued and a warrant was authorized for Stuhl’s arrest. The following evening, WTPD’s License Plate Reader (LPR) network alerted officers that Stuhl’s vehicle had entered Washington Township on Hurffville-Cross Keys Road after passing the Cross Keys Bypass.

Officers immediately began looking for the vehicle and subsequently located it on Egg Harbor Road near Ganttown Road. Officers closed the roadway in both directions and conducted a high-risk motor vehicle stop. Stuhl was taken into custody without incident. Stuhl’s vehicle was secured, and a WTPD Detective obtained a search warrant. The subsequent search resulted in the recovery of a 9mm Ruger handgun loaded with five rounds in the magazine and one round in the chamber. The firearm serial number had been defaced. Stuhl has been charged with: Harassment, Unlawful Possession of a Handgun, Possession of a Handgun by a Person Under 21 and Possession of a Defaced Firearm. Stuhl was lodged in the Salem County Correctional Facility.

Intelligence Led Policing efforts in conjunction with dedicated and trained officers were able to ensure our community’s safety. The evening after a warrant was issued for an individual believed to be armed and dangerous, a License Plate Reader camera alerted our officers the moment his vehicle entered Washington Township. That alert allowed officers to quickly locate the vehicle, safely take Stuhl into custody, get a loaded, defaced handgun off the streets, and ultimately help ensure every officer went home safely at the end of their shift.

All charges are accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law. Anyone with additional information regarding this investigation is asked to contact the Washington Township Police Department Detective Bureau at 856-589-0330.

JEFFERSON WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HOSPITAL OPENS NEW INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY SUITE



Washington Township (August 27) Jefferson Washington Township Hospital recently opened a new, hybrid interventional radiology suite, creating more opportunities for patients with conditions that require complex procedures (cardiac catheterization, neurosurgical, vascular intervention) to receive high-quality, specialized care close to home. The suite is Jefferson Washington Township Hospital's third to be approved by the New Jersey Department of Health, and its creation further strengthens Jefferson's Bruce & Robbi Toll Heart and Vascular Institute and Vickie & Jack Farber Institute for Neuroscience.

As demand for minimally invasive procedures continues to grow, the new suite gives clinical teams greater flexibility, helping to reduce wait times and accommodate more patients.

Designed for multiple specialties, the hybrid suite supports a broad range of procedures performed by experts in interventional radiology, cardiology, neurosurgery, and vascular surgery.

"Opening this new interventional radiology suite gives our teams the space, technology, and resources they need to care for increasingly complex patients while supporting continued growth," says Elaine Joyce, Associate Chief Nursing Officer for Surgical Services at Jefferson Health – East Region.

Although advanced technology is central to the new suite, the people behind it make the greatest difference. Each procedure relies on close collaboration among physicians, nurses, technologists, anesthesia professionals, and support staff. The new suite provides another state-of-the-art environment where multidisciplinary teams can work to improve lives.

"We're excited to begin caring for patients in this new space," says Dianne DelCollo, Nurse Manager for Interventional Radiology at Jefferson Health – East Region. "The additional suite increases our capacity, supports greater collaboration, and helps us deliver timely, efficient care while maintaining the high standards our patients expect."

The new interventional radiology suite reflects Jefferson's continued investment in its facilities, technology, and clinical teams."This investment represents another important milestone for Jefferson and the communities we serve," says Jenny Breunig, Vice President of Operations at Jefferson Washington Township Hospital. "By increasing procedural capacity today, we're preparing for tomorrow's healthcare needs while making it easier for patients to access specialized care without leaving South Jersey."

FROM THE EDITOR’S DESK



By Cindy Merckx

This weekend many of us will celebrate with our family or friends at a backyard barbeque or picnic. The Labor Day holiday falls on the first Monday of September and was created to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers. As the trade union and labor movements grew throughout our country, in researching the local history of Labor Day, I was surprised to learn that the "Father of Labor Day," Peter J. McGuire, is buried nearby in Pennsauken, New Jersey . McGuire, was a key figure in advocating for a national holiday to honor workers. In the early 20th century, parades on Labor Day were massive, with 30,000 laborers marching through Philadelphia. The post-war decades were a time of significant industrial might and labor strife in the Camden/ Philadelphia area. My father, after serving in the U.S.Navy during the Korean War had gotten a job at RCA through the GI bill after he returned from the war. Workers at the massive RCA-Victor plant voted overwhelmingly, 5,170 to 1,038, in favor of a union shop . This was a major victory for the International Union of Electrical Radio and Machine Workers (IUE), which had recently replaced the ousted United Electrical Workers (UE). However in the 1960s and 70s the region's manufacturing base began to erode, leading to protests and a changing social landscape. The closure of the New York Shipbuilding Yard in 1967 was a devastating blow to Camden, that lead to widespread unemployment and a sense of betrayal was felt throughout the community. My father spent thirty years at the RCA plant in Camden, he soldered printed circuit boards with a steady hand as a lab wireman. He took pride in his skill working with engineers that helped make technology accessible to ordinary families; not just the wealthy. He fought in a

forgotten war and returned to build a future. His work was not just a paycheck—it was a source of identity and purpose. He believed in the dignity of work and the promise of the American Dream. He like others joined unions not as a political statement, but as a practical way to protect his family. When the jobs left, it wasn't just income that disappeared; it was a sense of worth. Many women, like my mother stepped out of the kitchen and into the workforce as a two income family became a way of survival. Working-class families like mine adapted, sacrificed, and persevered during times of crisis.

The RCA story is also a lesson of caution about the consequences of prioritizing short-term profits over long-term community well-being. It serves as a reminder to all of us that when corporations chase cheaper labor overseas, they leave behind broken families and devastated cities. The scars of that era are still visible in Camden as well as other cities across America today. My parents both walked picket lines for weeks at a time, not out of defiance, but out of desperation—fighting for the wages, healthcare and security that our family depended on. When the company eventually moved those jobs to Mexico and Taiwan, it wasn't just a corporate decision. It was a betrayal. We survived, but we never forgot what was taken from us—not just the paychecks, but the promise that hard work would be rewarded. This Labor Day, as we honor the contributions of American workers, let us not forget about the families left behind when industry abandoned our cities. Labor Day is about the thousands of men and women who built post-war America with their hands, only to see their jobs shipped overseas and their communities decay. On this Labor Day, I remember my parents—not just as a worker, but as patriots, providers, and a couple who believed in the dignity of labor to take care of their family. May we never forget what was built, and what was lost."



PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Sept. 3rd- Monroe Twp Senior Comm- 5:15PM
- Sept. 7th- Labor Day- Legal Holiday
- Sept 8th- Janvier Board Fire Comm-7:30PM
- Sept. 8th- Franklin Twp. Committee- 7pm
- Sept. 9th- Monroe Twp Board Health-7PM
- Sept. 9th- Monroe Twp.Council-6:30PM
- Sept. 10th- Newfield Council-7PM
- Sept. 10th- Clayton Council-6PM
- Sept. 14th- Monroe Open Space-7PM
- Sept. 15th- Monroe Econ Devel Comm-7pm
- Sept. 15th- Franklin Twp Planning Board-7PM



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DELAWARE VALLEY BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

Check out the Delaware Valley Bluegrass Festival on Labor Day Weekend September 4th through 6th at 725 Route 40 (Salem County Fairgrounds), Woodstown. Get ready for some hear-driving string band music Danny Paisley & The Southern Grass, Tuba Skinny, Gibson Brothers, Critton Hollow String Band, Appalachian Road Show, Special Consensus, Blue Highway, The Burnett Sisters, Steam Machine, Black Eyed Suzies and more! Snag your Early Bird tickets before the price goes up. Ticket Prices and more info at: delawarevalleybluegrass.org.

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!



LIBRARY EVENTS

HEGGAN HAPPENINGS

Heggan Library Friends and Perfecting Church Join forces via Used Book Drive. Perfecting Legacy, the 55+ Ministry of the Perfecting Church in Sewell, is holding a Used Book Drive benefiting the M. E. Heggan Free Public Library in Washington Township. Perfecting Church's commitment to service led Perfecting Legacy, a group dedicated to empowering older adults, to explore ways its members could extend their impact, particularly by supporting local communities. The group reached out to Martha Frampton, then President of the Heggan Library Friends, to see how they could support the library's literacy efforts. This led to a partnership involving a church book drive, with the Public Library serving as a natural partner.

“We wanted to find a way for Perfecting Legacy to serve our community in a meaningful and practical way,” said Patricia Murray, a Perfecting Legacy team member. “Supporting literacy is a natural extension of our church’s commitment to empowering people and strengthening our community.” Perfecting Legacy hopes this will be the beginning of an ongoing relationship with the Heggan Library Friends. Donated books will be sorted by Perfecting Legacy volunteers to ensure that materials meet the library’s guidelines. Gently used books are sold in the Heggan Friends’ Bookstore inside the library during regular library hours.

The Friends of the Library is non-profit dedicated to fundraising and assisting the library in any way needed. If you would like to join, membership forms are available either at the library or on our website at http://www.hegganlibraryfriends.org/membership.html. Friends’ meetings are held each month on the third Tuesday of the month in the library meeting room at 4 pm

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

A new creative writing group, Writers’ Block, will be held on Sept. 8, from 6:15 - 7:45pm. Our staff-led writing group offers focused writing time, camaraderie, optional prompts, and a safe space to share. Adults only.*Attendees of this first session will receive a welcome gift.*Registration is required. Seats are limited. Call 856-694-2833.

ANCHOR FILING NEWS

The Deadline is November 2nd! Homeowners/Renters Under 65 and Not Collecting Social Security Disability! Eligible New Jersey homeowners and renters under age 65 and NOT collecting Social Security disability benefits may have their applications automatically filed when online filing becomes available. If you do not receive an Auto-File Confirmation Letter, you will have the opportunity to file an ANC-1 Application for property tax relief on your own. For more information visit the NJ Division of Taxation website at https://www.nj.gov/treasury/taxation/anchor/njtax

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.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY SENIOR PICNIC

Celebrating America’s 250th Birthday on Wednesday, September 23rd from 11 AM to 3PM at Red Bank Battlefield Park, 100 Hessian Avenue, National Park. Open to Gloucester County Residents 60 years and older. Tickets on Sale now! A limited number of tickets will be available for \$2 each at Division of Senior Services Office 115 Budd Blvd. West Deptford M-F from 8:30 AM to 4PM and at each of the Senior Nutrition Sites.

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.

The BOROUGH OF CLAYTON announces the sale of 2025 and prior year delinquent taxes and other municipal charges through an on-line auction on SEPTEMBER 22, 2026 – 9:00 am. For a listing of all parcels, delinquencies and costs, along with bidding instructions, please visit https://clayton.newjerseytaxsale.com **information can be viewed free of charge**



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

As the summer comes to an end, the Franklin Township Police Department wants to extend a warm welcome back to all of our incredible students, teachers, administrators, and school staff as we kick off the new school year! To help make the first week smooth and safe for everyone, we ask our community to keep a few quick tips in mind: Give Yourself Extra Time: Expect delays during your morning and afternoon commutes for the first couple of days. Watch for New Bus Routes: Be patient as drivers navigate updated routes, and remember to never pass a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing. Stay Alert for Pedestrians: Expect higher foot and bicycle traffic around neighborhood crosswalks and school zones. Keep your eyes on the road and put away all distractions. Observe School Zone Speed Limits: Slow down and drive with extra caution near every school building. Officers from the Franklin Township Police Department will be highly visible in and around our local schools during the first few days of class. We'll be there directing traffic, keeping school zones safe, and—most importantly—wishing our students a great first week back! Let’s work together to make this school year safe, successful, and fun.

ROWAN COLLEGE OF SOUTH JERSEY HOSTS RCSJ SERVES: A COLLEGE-WIDE WEEK OF SERVICE, SEPT. 8–11

In recognition of the 25th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, Rowan College of South Jersey (RCSJ) will host RCSJ Serves, bringing together students, staff, faculty, and nonprofit partners for a unified Week of Service across the RCSJ Gloucester and Cumberland campuses. Join us on the RCSJ Gloucester campus in the College Center Lobby on Tuesday, September 8 at 10:00 a.m. and hear from RCSJ President, Dr. Brenden Rickards, as we kick off the week of service. On Tuesday, September 8th through Friday, September 11th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Daily. RCSJ Cumberland Campus, Student and Enrollment Services Center at 3322 College Drive, Vineland, and at RCSJ Gloucester Campus, Eugene J. McCaffrey College Center, 1400 Tanyard Road, Sewell. Throughout RCSJ Serves, participants will engage in hands-on volunteer opportunities, community engagement activities, reflection experiences, collection drives, and large-scale service initiatives to support both campus and surrounding South Jersey communities. Week of Service projects in collaboration with nonprofit partners. Each campus will also have a nonprofit exhibition to meet individuals who want to learn more about their organization and opportunities to get involved. Nonprofit organizations at the Gloucester campus include: Bestwork Industries for the Blind, Big Brothers Big Sisters Independence, BookSmiles, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), Center for Family Services Services Empowering Rights of Victims (SERV), Glassboro Child Development Center, LUCY Outreach, Nonprofit Development Center of Southern NJ, Share My Meals, TOPSports. RCSJ Serves is a collaboration between RCSJ, RCSJ Foundation, Volunteer Centers of South Jersey, Jersey Cares, AmeriCorps, and supported by a grant from 9/11 Day.

MAIN ROAD SCHOOL FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

Student drop-off begins at 8AM. Students cannot be dropped off before 8AM. Our School Resource Officer will be assisting to help keep our children safe. To make things smooth, here are the following procedures: AM-drop off line- When in line, please have students on the passenger side of the car ready to exit the vehicle quickly and smoothly. Students can only exit on the passenger side. Only students are permitted to get out of the vehicle in the drop off line. Please have your child's items with them and ready when exiting to keep the line moving. If unable to follow these procedures, please park your car and walk your child to the front door. Dismissal - All students will be considered a bus student unless a note for pick-up is handed in and approved ahead of time. PM student pick-up takes place at 2:40PM. Please label everything that your child brings to school (Water bottles, lunch bags, book bags, jackets, etc.)

CLAYTON MIDDLE SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL

As a reminder, our district is moving toward a paperless process this school year. As we get ready to welcome our students back, please take a few minutes to complete your child’s back to school paperwork online, if you have not already done so. These forms provide us with important information we need for the school year, including emergency contacts, medical information, and permissions. Having this information updated before the first day of school helps us keep our records accurate and ensures we are prepared to support your child. Please access the forms, or visit our district website and navigate to the Parent & Student Resources section to complete the required forms. MS & HS Families Bus pass information has been sent via e-mail. Please check your inbox for your student’s bus pass information. We look forward to a great school year! Note: Elementary School bus information has been sent via postal mail.

MONROE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Beginning with the 2026–2027 school year, New Jersey requires public school districts to implement new bell-to-bell expectations for student use of personal internet-enabled devices during the regular school day. Beginning this school year, New Jersey requires all public school districts to implement a bell-to-bell policy prohibiting students in grades K–12 from using personal internet-enabled devices during the regular school day. To help students begin the year prepared and avoid violations of the District's Student Code of Conduct, we ask parents and guardians to review the following information and expectations with their child. What does “bell-to-bell” mean? Bell-to-bell means that students may not use personal internet-enabled devices from the beginning of the regular school day through dismissal. This includes class time, lunch, study hall, passing periods, and other time between classes. What devices are included? The requirement applies to personal internet-enabled devices, including, but not limited to Cell phones and smartphones; Personal tablets; Smartwatches; Smart glasses or other personal devices capable of connecting to the internet. District-issued technology used for approved educational purposes is not included in this restriction. What should students do with their devices during the school day? If a student brings a personal internet-enabled device to school, it must remain - Turned off; Stored in a backpack, locker, or other bag; Unused throughout the regular school day. Students may not access their personal internet-enabled devices during lunch, study hall, passing periods, or other portions of the regular school day.

Township of Franklin Public Schools Kindergarten Registration for 2026-2027



1. Visit our district website at www.franklintwpschools.org
2. Click on Kindergarten Registration on our homepage
3. Complete the Online Pre- Registration and steps 2-4.

Please Note Children must be 5 years old on or before

October 1st, 2026 and must reside in the Township of Franklin or Borough of Newfield.

For further information, please contact Mrs. Humeny at our Administration Office Building at (856) 629-9500, Ext. 1200



FALL ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

Join Monroe Township on Saturday, September 12th, from 10 AM to 3 PM at our annual Fall Arts & Crafts Festival on Main Street. There is so much to do with nearly 300 vendors, including local artisans & crafters, food trucks, face painting, petting zoo, bounce houses, and more. This is a Family & pet-friendly event! Vendors Wanted – Limited Spots. Parking at Pfeiffer Center (church side), Newfield Bank, United Methodist Church, and side streets along Main.

SAINT ANTHONY'S ITALIAN FESTIVAL

One of Southern New Jersey's most popular events, the St. Anthony's Italian Festival returns to Glassboro on Saturday, September 12th from 2PM to 10PM. Come enjoy a celebration of culture, gastronomy, art and music the festival attracts visitors from all over the Delaware Valley. What makes this event so special is the opportunity for the Borough of Glassboro to continue the tradition of partnership with St. Anthony's Mutual Aid Society. St. Anthony's Mutual Aid Society was founded in the early 1900's by Italian immigrants settled in and around Glassboro as an organization dedicated to helping families with monetary support and providing a place to socialize where their traditions and customs were protected and revered. The festival will have entertainment for the entire family. There will be several musical acts, Italian food vendors, a beer garden, kids zone, and much more. The event will begin with a procession starting at St. Anthony's Mutual Aid Society ending at Glassboro's Town Square at 1:45 p.m.

St. Anthony's Mutual Aid Society's Homemade Wine Competition is RETURNING for the 2026 St. Anthony's Italian Festival presented by Nexus Glassboro and Rowan University. Think your homemade wine is the best in the community? Submit your favorite blends to St. Anthony's Mutual Aid Society and compete for bragging rights. Please read all rules and guidelines before submitting, including judging criteria. Wine submissions are due by September 3rd at 3 p.m., and judging will take place during the festival on September 12th at 6 p.m. Winners will be announced on the Main Stage at 7:45 p.m. before Right Turn at 40 takes the stage.

CRAB FEAST

Join us for the annual St. Michael's Mutual Clubs Crab Feast on Saturday, September 12th from 2 PM to 6 PM. Feast Ticket includes: All you eat crabs, corn, spaghetti & crabs, dessert, draft beer & soda. Crabs Served Cleaned with Old Bay and Garlic & Butter. Cost is \$45 Per person. For tickets contact, Mike Rastelli at (8609)774-4557. – St. Michaels is located at 406 Giammarino Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ 08027.

WILDWOODS AIR SHOW

The Wildwoods Air Show returns to the beaches of Wildwood on September 12-13, bringing two days of thrilling military and civilian aviation performances to the Wildwoods beaches. Spectators can enjoy the show across the entire island with the beach and boardwalk areas showcasing optimal viewing areas. The center of the event takes place above the ocean between Morey's Mariners Pier and Adventure Pier.

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

Please join us and members of the American Legion Post 252 for our annual POW/MIA Recognition Day on September 18th at 6PM at the Pfeiffer Community Center, 301 Blue Bell Road, Williamstown. National POW/MIA Recognition Day in the United States is observed on the third Friday of September (9/18). It honors American Prisoners of War and those Missing In Action from all conflicts, reinforcing the nation's promise that they are never forgotten. There will be light refreshments served immediately following at the American Legion Post 252.

FRANKLIN TWP COMMUNITY DAY

Celebrating our Country's 250th Year! A day of fun for the whole family! Join us on Saturday, September 19th (RD 9/20) from Noon until Evening that ends with a spectacular Fireworks Show! Live Music, Delicious Food, Hay Rides, Helicopter Rides, Basket Auction, Games and a Wildlife Raptor/Reptile Show at 2PM followed by a Medieval Knight Show and More. The fair grounds are located at Coles Mill Road and Pennsylvania Avenue, Franklinville (next to Janvier Elementary School)

WOODBURY'S ANNUAL CAR SHOW

The show will be held at Evergreen Antiques and more, 429 S. Evergreen Avenue, Woodbury on September 19th (RD 9/20). FREE Registration. Show is from 11AM to 2PM. Pre-Register at (856)205-3075.

DOLLY PARTON, WE WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU

by Dr. Glenn Mollette

I was in the third grade when my teacher announced that President Kennedy had been shot. I was in the parking lot of an auto parts store in Englewood, Ohio when I heard on the radio that Elvis had died. I will always remember where I was when I learned the sad news that Dolly Parton had died.

The first time I saw Dolly was on The Porter Wagoner Show. For a long time, Wagoner's female guest artist was Norma Jean. He always introduced her as "the pretty miss Norma Jean". Then, one Saturday night there was a new guest singer. It was Dolly. Dolly was a young rising star who caught the attention of Wagoner. He knew she was an awesome talent.

The parting song that she wrote for Wagoner became a major hit. "I Will Always Love You" was a phenomenal hit for Parton but then became a mega hit when it was sung by Whitney Houston in the 1992 movie The Bodyguard. Houston's version of the song has sold over 24 million copies worldwide and has over 800 million downloads on Spotify.

Dolly made an indelible impression on all of us. Anyone who ever heard her sing or watched her in a movie was touched by the person of Dolly. She wrote great songs. She was an amazing singer and fabulous actress. She was a smart business person. Her success brought her more and more successes.

There is nothing that any writer or television/radio person can add to Dolly. All we can do is grieve and embrace all she gave us, which was a lot. She had 25 hits on Billboard's Hot Country Song chart. She had many other popular songs like "9 to 5" and "Islands in the Stream". She made at least 23 movies including 9 to 5, The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas, Steel Magnolias and Joyful Noise. She won eleven Grammys out of 55 nominations. She had many business adventures including Dollywood, a theme park in Sevierville, Tennessee. She owned Dolly Wines, a line of cake mixes with Duncan Hines, a pet accessories line called Doggy Parton and a plethora of fragrances. She had apparel and beauty products and Dolly's Tennessean Travel Stop. Recently, she was working on building a hotel in Nashville called Song Teller Hotel.

Her net worth has been estimated to be between \$450 to \$650 million.

We loved Dolly for a lot of reasons. She was a real person. The plastic surgery and her super success never tarnished her ability to connect with people on all levels. Her Imaginations Library project has gifted millions of books to children. Her financial support of hospitals and medical research was also in the millions. She supported multiple humanitarian causes which helped and encouraged so many.

I saw her in the Ryman Auditorium just a few years back. She was doing an acoustic performance with no bells or whistles and only a small ensemble of musicians. It was a simple show to raise money for struggling Nashville musicians. My wife and I were able to buy seats in the balcony and then sat for a mesmerizing two-hour show of Dolly just giving us her best in song and performance. I believe that's how she lived her daily life and that's one of many reasons why we will always love her.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The First United Methodist Church, Landis Avenue in Vineland welcome everyone to attend several upcoming events. On October 25th there will be a Great Window Re-dedication Service at 10am in the Sanctuary All are welcome. On November 8th, Beck's Philadelphia Brigade Concert will be held at 3pm in the Sanctuary All are welcome. On December 5th the Children Song of New Jersey Christmas Concert will be held at 3pm in the Sanctuary. All are welcome. The Sub Sale at Giovanni's Deli continues until September 30th. Ticket are \$12 and can be obtained by contacting the Church Office at 856-691-0940.

ST. MARY'S MALAGA

Please join us for morning Mass at St. Mary's Church, Route 40/47, Malaga on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday's morning at 9AM.

PORCHTOWN UMC

Join us at Porchtown UM Church 220 Porchtown Rd. Newfield (Franklin Township). All welcome! Sunday service 10:30am, Bible study, Thursdays 10am. Pastor Hickman (609 576 3429)

PLAINVILLE UM CHURCH

Plainville United Methodist Church, 3242 Main Rd, Franklinville invites you to join them for Sunday services at 9:30 a.m. in person or via zoom.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/SERVICES

Franklinville Baptist Church, 1829 Delsea Drive, Franklinville, has several family orientated services with Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 followed by a traditional church service at 11 AM. Wednesday bible study at 7 PM. For more info call 856-694-0670

KAREN E. BALMER

Karen E. Balmer (nee Moebius), age 70, of Clayton, passed away on August 26th, 2026. Family was at the center of her world. She was deeply family oriented and cherished every moment spent with her children and grandchildren. She loved going to the movies and had a deep love of music and dancing, regularly attending concerts to see her favorite acts. She also had a wonderful love of travel. Karen devoted 25 years of her career to working as a Paralegal before retiring. She will be remembered for her warmth, her love of family, and the many happy memories she created throughout her life.

Beloved wife of 39 years to Glenn Balmer. Devoted mother of Robert Butterick (Lisa), Joseph Butterick (Francesca), Kevin Balmer and Douglas Balmer (Hilary). Dear sister of Charles Moebius. Adoring grandmother of Chase, Brittany, Francesca, Anthony and Nora. She is also survived by her cherished fur baby, Buddy. Karen is predeceased by her parents, Charles and Sarah Moebius as well as her sister Barbara Moebius. Relatives and friends are invited to her visitation on Saturday, September 5th, from 10 AM – 11:30 AM, at the Farnelli Funeral Home, 504 N. Main Street, Williamstown. Memorial service will begin at 11:30 AM. Interment will take place privately.

VERRONYCA DESTINY CONLEY

Verronyca Destiny Conley of Franklinville lit up this world in a way that made even the brightest of sunrises seem dull. Absolutely selfless, admirably positive, invariably optimistic and one to rely on, she always took on the "mother role" taking particular pride in her role as a big sister to Keon, Julian, Isaiah, Victoria, Precious, Jordan, Vanessa, and Veyonna. That is until she had the loves of her life, her two beautiful daughters Soraya and Soriyah.

Verronyca dedicated her life to her precious girls. Ronny was truly happiest when making them happy. While taken far too soon, there is some solace knowing she had her dreams come true in the form of those remarkable young ladies whom she cherished dearly. She was a devoted Christian and held to her faith. It was through that faith she found the strength to overcome all trials put in her path. Those left to cherish her memory include her beautiful daughters, Soraya and Soriyah McDuffie; their father, Daniel McDuffie; her parents, Kristy Ricciardelli and Christopher Grady, and Brian Conley; her grandmother, Shirley Conley; her siblings; her nephews; her aunts and uncles; dozens of cherished cousins; and countless devoted friends.

Verronyca is now reunited in Heaven with the many beloved souls who went before her, including her great-grandmother, Irene Ambrosia; her grandparents, Gary and Gail Ricciardelli; and her uncle and aunt, Rob and Pam Nicholson. A celebration of Verronyca's life took place on Saturday, August 29th at Studio 10, Sewell.

JOYCE L. CUNNINGHAM

Joyce L. Cunningham (nee Musser) on August 27, 2026 of Mullica Hill. Age 68. Beloved wife of John R. Cunningham. Loving mother of Sean Cunningham of Mullica Hill, Lindsey Kranz (Eron) of Mount Laurel, and Christopher Cunningham of Mullica Hill. Cherished sister of Gayle Kusmanick (Ed) of Deptford, John Musser (Janet) of Mullica Hill, Holly Furey (Tim) of Mullica Hill, and Tracey Musser of Glassboro. Devoted grandmother of Elyana. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Joyce was a graduate of Glassboro College. She was heavily involved at St. John's Lutheran Church in Westville, where she sang in the church choir, taught Sunday school, and coordinated the vacation bible school. Joyce was a troop leader in Boy Scouts Troop 44 and was the director of the Girl Scouts summer camp. She was an athlete for all of her life, teaching physical education for over 25 years in Runnemede Elementary schools, as well as coaching and competing in a multitude of sports. Joyce loved music, sports, and being artistic; but her primary love was for her family and friends for whom she was the ultimate matriarch and will be dearly missed. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a viewing on Thursday, September 3, 2026 from 9am to 11am in The Chapel at BOUCHER FUNERAL HOME, Deptford. Funeral Service 11am in the Chapel of the funeral home. Interment Private.

TERRY BELMONT IANACONE

Terry Belmont Ianacone, age 105, died at home on Monday, August 24, 2026. She is predeceased by her husband of 68 years, Christopher W. Ianacone, Sr.; her children: Christine T. Ianacone, Michael D. Ianacone, Steven W. Ianacone, and William C. Ianacone; and granddaughter, Laura A. Ianacone. Terry is survived by her children: David C. Ianacone, Donna M. Ianacone, and Christopher W. Ianacone, Jr., as well as 8 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Terry was born on June 23, 1921, in San Francisco, CA, and spent her first 5 years traveling the Vaudeville circuit with her parents, Matthew & Genevieve (nee Pearlmutter) Belmont. Terry relocated to Philadelphia, PA, to live with her grandparents, Louis & Sarah Pearlmutter, until graduation from West Philadelphia High School. She continued her education at Thomas Edison College in New Jersey, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Prior to marriage, her various employment in the Philadelphia area included Department Store Demonstrator/Model, Habadasher's Assistant, File Clerk at Hires Root Beer, and World War II Air Raid Warden.

Terry and Chris married on June 25, 1942, and lived in South Philadelphia. In August of 1958, the family moved to Fries Mill, NJ. Terry learned to drive at age 40, wrote for 7 local newspapers, was employed at Abbott's Pharmacy in Glassboro, and lastly worked at NJ State Unemployment/Job Services in Vineland, until her retirement in December of 1986. Terry spent her last 9 years with Donna in Wilmington, DE. A Celebration of

Life was held on Saturday, August 29th at the BARCLAY FUNERAL HOME, Clayton followed by interment at Gloucester County Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Williamstown

EUGENIO POSTORIVO

Eugenio Postorivo, age 83 of Mantua Twp. passed away at home on Tuesday, August 25, 2026. He was born in Roggiano Gravina, Italy to the late Domenico Postorivo and Elvira (nee Principato). Gino was a barber in Italy and when he moved to Mantua, he worked at Nick's Barber Shop. He married the love of his life, the late Margaret (nee Miller) on April 25, 1964 and together raised three children. Gino was the owner of Gino's Barber Shop, Pizzeria, and Driving Range. Gino enjoyed trips to the Atlantic City Casinos but most of all loved taking his wife and family on many vacations to Aruba.

He is survived by his son, Eugenio Postorivo; his daughter, Debra Postorivo-Valente & her husband Chris; daughter-in-law, Kim Postorivo; grandchildren, Domenic, Michael, Angelina, Isabella, Olivia, and Eugenia; two brothers; Ralph Postorivo & his wife Patricia and Robert Postorivo & his wife Linda; his sister, Pina DiBiase; sister-in-law, Dorothy Nagel; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Gino was also predeceased by his son, Domenico Postorivo, brothers-in-law, George DiBiase, Roy Miller, Nan Mason and sister-in-law, Joan Nolte & her husband Russell. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, August 29th at Church of the Incarnation, Mantua. Entombment followed in Eglington Cemetery, Clarksboro. Memories & condolences can be shared at www.smithfhmantua.com.

THOMAS MCMILLAN SINCLAIR, JR.

Thomas McMillan "Sonny" Sinclair, Jr., age 91, of Clayton, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at his home, surrounded by his loving family. He was the beloved husband of Jeannie Shirley (nee Kegg) Sinclair, with whom he shared 28 years of marriage beginning in 1955 and who was the mother of his children. He was later blessed to share his life with the late Marcia Mae (nee Furschner) Sinclair, with whom he began a relationship in 1991 and married in 2014; they remained together until her passing in 2022. Sonny was the devoted father of Thomas Sinclair (Dana, finance) of Williamstown; James Sinclair of Jacksonville, FL; Ronald Sinclair (Mary) of Woodstown; and Jill Sinclair (the late Steve Huster) of Monroeville. He was the proud grandfather of Lori Sinclair of Paulsboro, NJ; Tommy Sinclair (Jammy) of California; Danielle Byrdsall (Dave) of Malaga, NJ; Mia Sinclair, Liam Sinclair, and Emma Sinclair, all of Williamstown, NJ; Laura Buttner (Sam); Becky Simon; Jessica "Jesi" Baldwin; Taylor Sinclair; Aaron Sinclair; Lindsey Huster (Ryan); Kelsey Huster (Rob); and Steven "Dink" Huster (Amanda). He also leaves behind many cherished great-grandchildren. Sonny was predeceased by his siblings, Jeanne Davis, Anne Sinclair-Kregg, Ruth Harrington, and Doris Snyder, and by his parents, Thomas McMillan and Caroline (nee Willis) Sinclair.

Sonny was raised in the Westfield Acres and Cramer Hill neighborhoods in the East Camden section of the city. He attended H.B. Davis Elementary School, Woodrow Wilson High School, and Camden County Vocational and Technical High School. Sonny proudly served his country in the United States Navy. He received his naval training at the U.S. Naval Training Center Bainbridge in Port Deposit, Maryland, and went on to serve aboard the USS Chester T. O'Brien (DE-421), a John C. Butler-class destroyer escort.

In 1961, Sonny and his family made Clayton their home, where he would live for the next 65 years. He was a hardworking and skilled tradesman who spent more than 10 years as a machinist with Westinghouse. He later worked on and off for approximately 12 to 15 years with Len Craig Installers as a roofing and siding contractor. He also delivered furniture for J.B. Van Siver Furniture Co. in Camden for several years and worked as a siding installer with S&S Siding for approximately six to eight years. He operated his own business, Sonny Sinclair Installations, specializing in siding and windows. Even after retiring, Sonny continued working for a couple of years at Clay Drugs in Clayton. He coached the Clayton Rams midget football team and the Twin Kiss Minor League Baseball team. He also served as Scoutmaster for the local Cub Scout and Boy Scout troop. Sonny was a longtime member of the Free & Accepted Masons, Medford Lodge 178, and was a member of the Four Season Archery Club. He served as President of the Glass Bowman Archery Club. Relatives and friends are invited to attend Sonny's viewing on Thursday, September 3, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM at Barclay Funeral Home, 208 Maple Street, Clayton. A funeral service will begin at 11:30 AM at the funeral home, with military honors and interment to follow at the Gloucester County Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Williamstown.



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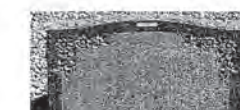
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POLICE ACTIVITY LOG

JOINT TRAINING BUILDS STRONGER PARTNERSHIPS

The Rowan University Police Department recently partnered with Rowan University EMS for joint training focused on defensive tactics and safe restraint techniques. This collaborative training began last year following an incident involving an EMT in a surrounding agency. Recognizing the potential dangers faced by emergency medical personnel, RUPD and Rowan EMS worked together to provide practical skills for safely managing combative patients until additional assistance arrives. The training was well received by everyone involved. Rowan EMS members reported feeling more confident in their ability to protect themselves, control a combative patient and maintain a safe environment while awaiting additional help. We are proud of this continued partnership and appreciate everyone who made the training possible. A special thank-you goes to Sgt. Anderson, Ptlm. Sottnick, Ptlm. DiVentura and Ptlm. Doyle for sharing their knowledge, experience and commitment to officer and responder safety. Collaborative training strengthens our emergency-response capabilities and helps keep our responders and the Rowan University community safe

SGT. GONZALEZ FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING

Come out to Support the annual foundation in memory of Sergeant Ippolito 'Lee' Gonzalez #1107; EOW: 5/6/1995. We will have Prizes and Giveaways, Top three teams will be awarded; a 50/50, Long Drive, Closest to Pin and Putting Contest. The event will be held on Saturday, September 5th at White Oaks Country Club, 2951 Dutch Mill Road, Newfield. Dinner Immediately following Golf with a 2-hour Open Bar. Registration Fee is \$125 per player and incudes Dinner. Corporate Sponsorship: \$500; Beverage Cart Sponsor: \$200; Hole Sponsorship: \$100; Dinner Only: \$75. All proceeds go directly to SGT. Gonzalez Foundation. Call (856)457-0266 to register.

CLAYTON NATIONAL NIGHT OUT & FIRE PREVENTION NIGHT

The Community is invited to join us on Wednesday, September 23rd from 6PM to 8PM at Autumn Pasquale Park, Clayton. Meet your police officers and firefighters, safety displays & demonstrations. Fire Prevention education for all ages plus Kids activities and family fun. Combined fire and police looking forward to seeing everyone there!

RETIREMENT

The Rowan University Police Department proudly congratulates Security Officer Hector Torres on his retirement after more than 18 years of dedicated service to the Rowan University community. Throughout his distinguished career, Officer Torres demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the safety and well-being of our students, faculty, staff and visitors. His professionalism, dependability and dedication have made a lasting impact on our department and the entire University community. We sincerely thank Officer Torres for his many years of outstanding service and wish him continued happiness, good health and success as he begins this well-earned new chapter.

Please join us in congratulating Security Officer Hector Torres on his retirement! Thank you for your service, Hector—you will be greatly missed

ROAD CLOSURE FOR MONROE TWP ARTS & CRAFT FESTIVAL

Please be advised that S. Main Street, from Church Street to Chestnut Street will be closed to all parking and traffic on Saturday, September 12th from 6AM to 4PM for Monroe Twp Annual Main Street Arts & Craft Festival. No vehicles will be permitted on the several streets during this time. If you live in the area affected by this closure, you will need to have your car off the street and out of your driveway/parking area prior to 5 AM or you will be blocked in and unable to leave during the event. Parking is available behind Newfield Bank in the 34d row back (near fence). Intersections of Hall Street, Washington Ave/Library Street and Blue Bell Rd. will be blocked at Main Street as well. We appreciate your cooperation and hope to see you at the event.

SEVERAL CHARGED HOSTING POP UP PARTIES

On 8/15/26 Woodbury City Police Officers became aware of a “Pop up Party” on the 100 block of High St. While checking the area, they located a large group of individuals in the backyard of a residence with loud music playing. While monitoring the gathering, at some point the host began to kick people out advising the party was over. At this point, a large number of individuals, several being juveniles, flooded out onto the street and began congregating in areas throughout the city, causing several quality-of-life issues which included trespassing, assaults and harassment. The group was loud, disruptive and unwilling to cooperate with law enforcement commands. Officers dealt with these individuals for the next several hours, as they continued to arrest, relocate and move them along. Due to the extreme public inconvenience that was created by the group, multiple individuals were charged for hosting the event, including three adult residents of the property and the landlord.

The charges included: Failure to Supervise (24 Counts); Disorderly Conduct (24 Counts); Breach of Peace (24 Counts); Maintaining Nuisance Property (4 counts) and Occupancy Standards Violation (8 Counts). On 8/22/26 Woodbury City Police Officers became aware of a Pop-Up party on the 400 block of Prince St. After responding to the area and locating where the party was being held, they began to monitor the situation. At some point, the number of individuals that were arriving for the party started to create a public inconvenience, becoming a safety issue for the community. The party was shut down, however Officers then dealt with a massive number of juveniles and young adults who remained in the area, attempting to congregate at other nearby locations. The groups were disorderly and unwilling to cooperate with law enforcement. This went on for several hours while Officers tried to get the juveniles to arrange for transportation to leave the area. Several juvenile charges are pending and the homeowners have already been charged in relation to the gathering. The current charges include: Enabling/Offering Alcoholic Beverages to Minors (2 counts); Disorderly Conduct (4 counts); Breach of Peace (4 counts) and Parental Responsibility (2 counts). As these Pop-up Parties continue to be an ongoing issue with adults allowing them to be held at their properties, Woodbury Police will continue to enforce the law, holding all involved parties, including the homeowners/renters and landlords, responsible for the public inconvenience that is created by brining large groups of individuals to the area. Any individual who is found to assist in promoting the event will be charged accordingly as well

MONROE TWP POLICE OFFICER OF THE MONTH

The Monroe Township Police Department is proud to recognize Sgt. Don Darcangelo as our Officer of the Month for July 2026! Sgt. Darcangelo serves as our Emergency Management Coordinator and plays a major role in the planning, coordination, and public safety operations for many of the Township’s largest events. Throughout the year, Don has worked behind the scenes to help ensure events such as our school graduations, Music Festival, parades, Fourth of July Fireworks, Melodies on Main, the carnival, and National Night Out were successful and, most importantly, safe for everyone attending. The success of these events does not happen by accident. Don is constantly evaluating our operations, identifying ways to improve safety and efficiency, and working to enhance everything from staffing and logistics to equipment and resources. His preparation and attention to detail have helped our officers and the Township manage events attended by thousands of residents throughout the year. For his continued dedication, leadership, and commitment to keeping our community events safe and enjoyable, we are proud to recognize Sgt. Don Darcangelo as our July Officer of the Month!

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM FRAUD: FREE COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Franklin Township Library, 1584 Coles Mill Rd., Franklinville Wednesday, September 9, at 6:00pm
Learn how to identify common financial fraud schemes targeting older adults, understand your consumer rights, and find out where to turn if you believe you've been the victim of a scam. No registration required.
Presented by Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office and the New Jersey Department of Consumer Affairs.



On Monday August 31st, an accident occurred at Route 40 and Oak Avenue, Malaga Fire company, Franklin Township Police and Gloucester County EMS assisted at the scene. photo by Maggie Zoppel

MAN SENTENCED TO 6 YEARS IN FATAL 2022 HIGH-SPEED CRASH

Woodbury – Gabriel H. Woolson, age 26, of Williamstown, was sentenced Friday to six years in state prison by the Honorable Russell A. DePersia for death by auto stemming from a 2022 crash that resulted in the death of another motorist. According to documents filed in this case and statements made in open court: At 5:40 p.m. on Dec. 14, 2022, Woolson was driving his 2011 Chevrolet Corvette ZR-1 westbound on the South Black Horse Pike in Williamstown at an extremely high rate of speed. The victim, Evan Silverstein, 52, of Marlton, had been traveling eastbound on the same road before making a left turn across the westbound lanes of travel. Woolson struck the victim’s vehicle, severing the car in half and launching the front half more than 100 feet into the parking lot of a strip mall. Silverstein was ejected from the vehicle and suffered catastrophic, fatal injuries. A passenger in Woolson’s vehicle was also injured. An investigation determined that Woolson’s vehicle reached a speed of 119 mph three seconds before the crash and the brakes had not been activated until about one second before the crash. A jury found Woolson guilty of second-degree death by auto in June of this year. Judge DePersia also found Woolson guilty of reckless driving and speeding and not guilty on a charge of assault by auto for causing injury to his passenger. He was sentenced to six years in state prison, of which he must serve 85% before becoming eligible for parole. The State was represented by Assistant Prosecutor Jonathan Grekstas and Deputy Chief Assistant Prosecutor Joseph A. Brook. Prosecutor Johns thanked the Monroe Township Police Department, the GCPO High Tech Crimes Unit, the Gloucester County Medical Examiner’s Office, and the New Jersey State Police for their assistance in the investigation that led to this sentencing. Defense Counsel: Vincent Campo of the Law Offices of Hoffman DiMuzio.

WEEKEND BRIEFING REPORT

Washington Township Police Department (WTPD) officers handled 471 CAD calls for service this weekend 8/28-8-30. Officers investigated 12 motor vehicle crashes, including one hit-and-run and one bicycle-related crash. Officers conducted 86 motor vehicle stops and made 13 arrests, including 4 DWI arrests. Officers also responded to 3 domestic disputes, 3 noise complaints, a fight at the Mayfair Motel, and 6 shoplifting complaints at area retailers. Five vacation house checks were also conducted. DWI Arrest: On Friday at approximately 10:30 PM, Officers conducted a motor vehicle stop on Fries Mill Road. As a result of the investigation, a Williamstown man was arrested and charged with DWI. DWI & Warrant Arrest: As a result of a motor vehicle stop at approximately 1 AM Saturday, a Sewell woman was arrested for DWI. She was also found to have outstanding warrants out of Deptford, Gloucester Township, and Mt. Ephraim. She refused to provide breath samples. DWI Arrest: Officers responded to a serious motor vehicle crash on the Black Horse Pike in the area of TGI Fridays. A 51-year-old Millville man was found unconscious and in critical condition and was airlifted to Cooper University Hospital. His passenger also sustained serious injuries and was transported to Cooper. During the investigation, officers observed indicators of possible alcohol impairment. A search warrant was obtained for a blood sample. DWI Arrest: An officer located a driver asleep behind the wheel in the area of Waynesboro Way. As a result of the investigation, a 47-year-old Sicklerville man was arrested for DWI. He refused to provide breath samples. Warrant Arrest: As a result of a motor vehicle stop, a Pine Hill man was arrested on two outstanding warrants. Weapons Arrest: As a result of a motor vehicle stop, a Pine Hill man was arrested for possession of brass knuckles. Warrant Arrests: During a motor vehicle stop, a Blackwood woman and Bellmawr man were both arrested on outstanding warrants. Shoplifting Arrest: A Blackwood woman was arrested for shoplifting approximately \$200 worth of merchandise from Target. Warrant Arrest: Officers responded to a 911 hang-up call in the Canterbury Mews development. Officers determined that a verbal dispute had occurred, and a male was found to have an outstanding \$2,500 warrant out of Camden City. Warrant Arrest: As a result of a motor vehicle stop, a Camden man was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Oaklyn. Warrant Arrest: As a result of a motor vehicle stop, a Williamstown woman was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Winslow Township. NCIC Wanted Person Arrest: As a result of a motor vehicle stop, a Trenton man was arrested on an NCIC wanted-person hit, a no-bail warrant out of Trenton, and two additional warrants out of Mansfield Township. Death Investigation: Officers responded to a residence for an unresponsive 70-year-old woman. She was pronounced deceased at the scene. The Gloucester County Medical Examiner’s Office responded and conducted an investigation. Assist Other Agency: Gloucester Township Police requested assistance from one of our drone operators in locating a missing 13-year-old. Officers responded, and the juvenile returned home safely while our drone was checking the area. No-Knock Solicitation Citation: At approximately 7 PM Friday, Officers responded to the Crossroads development after a resident with a posted “No Knock Soliciting” notice - reported an unwanted solicitor selling solar services. A Lawnside man was located and issued a summons for soliciting without a license. Auto Theft / Vehicle Burglaries: A Jeep Cherokee was stolen from a residence on Shire Drive at approximately 4 AM Sunday. There were no obvious signs of forced entry. Officers also investigated multiple burglaries to unlocked vehicles in the Wedgewood Farms. Residents are reminded to lock their vehicles and remove valuables and key fobs. Dispute: At approximately 4 AM Saturday, officers responded to Newtown Commons for a report of a male and female arguing in the parking lot. Officers located a highly intoxicated male, while the female had left prior to police arrival. 911 call - Community Assistance: Officers assisted a recently discharged Jefferson Hospital patient who did not have transportation home. Officers helped arrange transportation. Theft: Officers investigated the theft of approximately 160 pallets, valued at \$850, from Verchio's. The individual responsible was identified and admitted taking the pallets. He returned to the business and made arrangements with ownership to refund the business. He was barred from returning to the property. Intoxicated Person: At approximately 2:30 AM Saturday, officers responded to Ott’s for an intoxicated individual who was attempting to drive. Officers arranged transportation to safely get the individual home.

PAULSBORO MAN SENTENCED TO 31 ½ YEARS FOR AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ASSAULT, ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD

Woodbury – Jason L. Bailey, 48, of Paulsboro, was sentenced today to 31 1/2 years in state prison by the Honorable Benjamin D. Morgan, Prosecutor Andrew B. Johns announced. According to documents filed in this case and statements made in open court: On Dec. 10, 2023, Bailey committed acts of sexual assault on a girl between the ages of 13 and 16. Upon his arrest for this offense, he refused to provide a mandatory DNA sample as required by law. He was convicted in April of first-degree aggravated sexual assault, second-degree endangering the welfare of a child, third-degree aggravated criminal sexual assault, and fourth-degree refusal to provide a DNA sample, as well as being found to be a persistent offender based on his criminal history. He was sentenced to 30 years for the aggravated sexual assault charge, of which he must serve 85% before becoming eligible for parole. He was also sentenced to 5 years for the third-degree charge, to run concurrently with the 30-year sentence, and 18 months for refusing to submit a DNA sample, to run consecutively to his 30-year sentence. The State was represented by Deputy Chief Assistant Prosecutor Elizabeth Tornese. Prosecutor Johns thanked the Gloucester County Prosecutor’s Office Special Victim’s, Crime Scene Investigation, and Fugitive Units, and the Paulsboro Police Department for their assistance in the investigation. Defense Counsel: Nixon Kannah, Esq.

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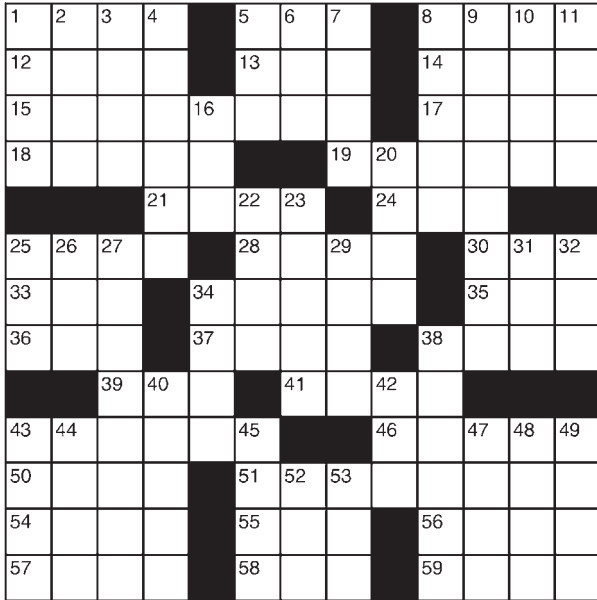
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4 Debonair
5 Sheep call
6 Boxer Laila
7 Angelic light
8 Allayed
9 Severe decline
10 "Rule, Britannia!" composer
- 41 "Absolutely!"
43 Texas city
46 Caravan stops
50 Big rackets
51 Pulled-back hairdo
54 Icelandic epic
55 Chang's brother
56 "Andor" actor
57 Optimistic
58 Tic-tac-toe loser
59 Mountain ht.
- 11 Espy
16 Aviv preceder
20 Mardi Gras wear
22 Computer brand
23 Exposés
25 "Shoo!"
26 — tear (raging)
27 Hindmost parts
29 Boyfriend
31 Comic Gasteyer
32 Enjoy Aspen
34 June honorees
38 Ringo, for one
40 Analyze
42 Trigger's rider
43 Baltic feeder
44 Queen of Carthage
45 Pinnacle
47 Biblical king
48 Aachen article
49 Serb or Croat
52 Musician Yoko
53 Private aid gp.



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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 44:11-13

You **gave** us up to be **devoured** like **sheep** and **have** scattered us **among** the **nations**. You **sold** your **people** for a **pittance**, gaining **nothing** from their **sale**. You have **made** us a **reproach** to our **neighbors**, the **scorn** and **derision** of those **around** us.

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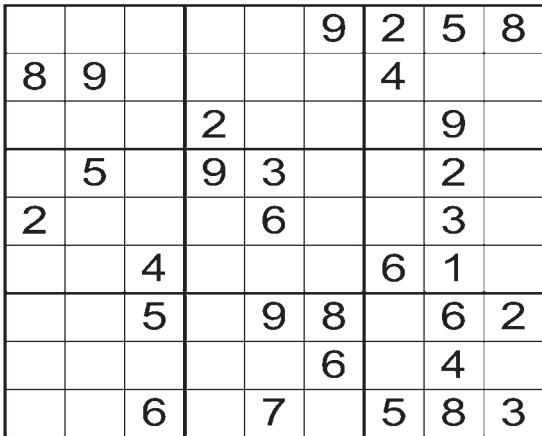
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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Weekly SUDOKU



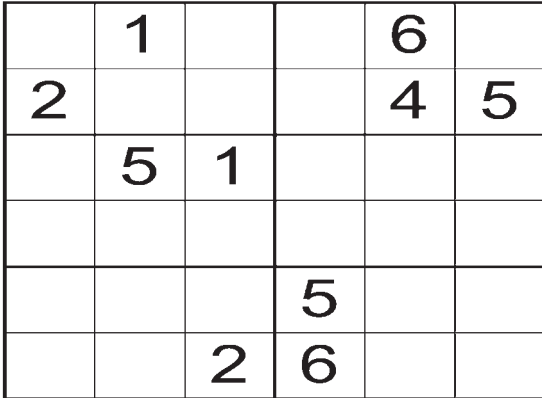
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: TALLEST PRESIDENT

Arthur Clinton Ford Garfield
Harding Jackson Jefferson Johnson
Kennedy Obama Reagan Roosevelt
Trump Tyler Washington

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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- | | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1. Poker hand | F _ _ _ _ _ | Redden in the face | B _ _ _ _ _ |
| 2. Unmarried | S _ _ _ _ _ | Socialize | M _ _ _ _ _ |
| 3. Talisman | _ _ _ _ M | Graph | _ _ _ _ T |
| 4. Sell abroad | _ _ _ _ O | Specialist | _ _ _ _ E |
| 5. Goliath, e.g. | _ _ I _ _ _ | Civil War general | _ _ R _ _ _ |
| 6. Actress Elizabeth | _ _ _ Y _ _ | Clothes maker | _ _ _ I _ _ |
| 7. Arms and legs | _ _ _ _ S | Caribbean dance | _ _ _ _ O |
| 8. President Johnson | _ _ Y _ _ _ | Thames city | _ _ O _ _ _ |
| 9. Round map | _ _ _ B _ | Hand warmer | _ _ _ V _ |
| 10. Pebble | S _ _ _ _ | Make amends | A _ _ _ _ |

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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!

Restore
PRARIE _ _ _ _ _
Virtue
REMIT _ _ _ _ _
Rancor
RUGGED _ _ _ _ _
Tether
SHALE _ _ _ _ _

TODAY'S WORD

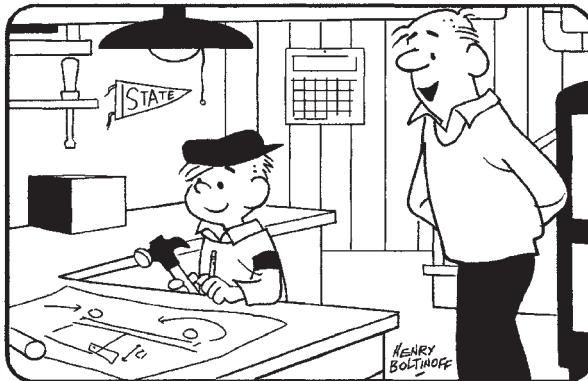
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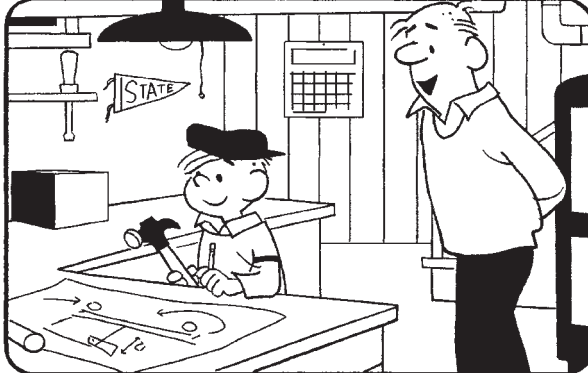
"No, they're not playing cops and robbers — they're playing baseball players and
_____."

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Arm is not showing. 2. Hammer is longer. 3. Box on sleeve is smaller. 4. Cap is tilted back. 5. Lightbulb is smaller. 6. Stripe

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.

OZH VQGDO DOHX OW MHO

UZCO KWJ UCSO QD OW MHO

GQP WV UZCO KWJ PWS'O.

— XCJEW IWHEZW

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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: **N** equals **P**

YJK NKYWY WAS BRM NVKMKSYKL

BWYJ YJK MYVASEKMY

NVAYKMYAVM RY YJK YAN.

WY'M WS LWMMKSYWSE AVLKV

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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.

		+			×			= 63
+			+			+		
		+			÷			= 6
÷				×			×	
		+			+			= 15
=				=			=	
7				84			72	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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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:
WHAT VEGGIES SHOULD YOU EAT IF YOU WANT TO RUN FAST?

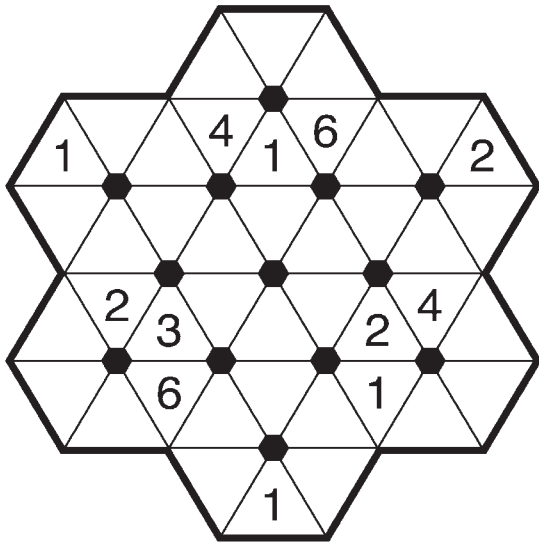
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OUNCES	—	CONES	—	PHOTOS	—	SHOOT
CHARMS	—	MARCH	—	ALERTS	—	STALE
FASTED	—	FADES	—	OLIVES	—	VEILS
BLAZER	—	ZEBRA	—	UPDATE	—	TAPED
URGENT	—	GRUNT	—	ITCHED	—	CHIDE
				THROBS	—	BROTH

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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on a steady course as you continue to work out workplace problems. Be patient. All will soon be back in balance.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A change that you hoped for is on its way. But you still need to be patient until more explanations are forthcoming. Continue to keep your enthusiasm in check.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your social life expands as new friends come into your life. But while you're having fun, your practical side also sees some positive business potential within your new circle.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your workplace situation continues to improve. Look for advantages that you might've missed while all the changes were going on around you. A trusted colleague can help.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Resist the urge to hunker down in your bunker until things ease up. Instead, get rid of a woe-is-me attitude by getting up and getting out to meet old friends -- and make new ones!

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Now that you're back enjoying the spotlight again, you should feel reenergized and ready to take on the challenge of bringing your big, bold plans to completion.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A former friend would like to repair a relationship that you two once enjoyed. Your positive response could have an equally positive impact on your life. Think about it.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Resist making impulsive decisions. Stay

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might feel confident about taking a promising offer, but continue to be alert for what you're not being told about it. Don't fret. Time is on your side!

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) People dear to you might be planning a way to show appreciation for all that you've done for them. Accept the honor graciously. Remember, you deserve it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Congratulations! Your self-confidence is on the rise. This could be a good time to tackle any bothersome situations that you've avoided both at home and at work.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You feel confident to return a favor. (Of course, you do.) But heed advice from those closest to you and do nothing until you're certain about what's being asked of you.

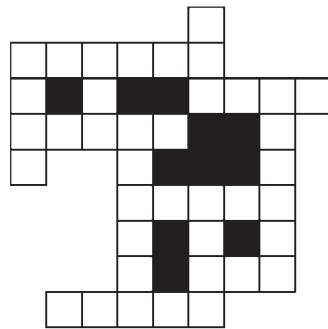
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your loving reassurance helped revive a once-moribund relationship. But be wary of someone who might try to do something negative to reverse this positive turn of events.

BORN THIS WEEK: You're a wonderful matchmaker who can bring people together to form long-lasting relationships, whether they're friendships or romantic affairs.

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FEAR & KNOT
By: rj johnson
DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

TSE
RADBUS
♥RSVEE
♥EVNA
VIRTEN
♥ABR
ATBI
DEENU
♥NBA
♥BALUNE
♥AIRLV
♥ESRU



Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

STICKELERS (sic).

by Terry Stickels

The words below share an interesting feature not often found in the English language. What is it?

Buckle, left, strike, weather, sanction, oversight, bolt

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SENTINEL SPORTS

Norm Merckx, Sports Editor

THE SEPTEMBER WEATHER SHIFT

By Ray Merckx

With the Labor Day holiday on Monday, we know that the cooler weather will be upon us soon. The September weather will shift for Southern New Jersey that will bring almost all fresh and saltwater fish species into a heavy feeding pattern once those temperatures drop. Here's what you can expect as we start seeing lows in the mid-50s at night and daytime highs in the mid-70s this month.

For saltwater anglers, those targeting Summer Flounder have limited time left until September 25th to harvest your limit of 3 flounder at 18 inches across most of Southern New Jersey's coastal waters. If you're fishing the Delaware Bay, those flounder can be kept at 17 inches, with the same 3-fish daily limit. Reports from On The Water highlight solid fluke action on the reef sites off Cape May and Fortescue, with many areas producing fish in the 20- to 23-inch range. Ocean City down to Cape May has remained a consistent hot zone compared to northern stretches. Bucktails in the 3- to 6-ounce range tipped with Gulp! or fresh fish belly continue to produce best on the drift.

Over on the reef systems, Black Sea Bass fishing remains restricted to one fish per day at 12.5 inches through September 22nd. However, at midnight on September 23rd, the limit jumps to 10 fish per day at the same minimum length. Charter captains are anticipating a strong fall opening and are already booking trips for the official start of Autumn. Captains and shore anglers alike are keeping a close eye on Striped Bass as they begin their fall run chasing peanut bunker. With the 28" to under 31" slot limit in effect, many are hoping for a repeat of the late-September action seen in recent years.

On the freshwater side, action is improving rapidly in South Jersey's larger, deeper venues. As covered previously, Union and Lenape Lakes are yielding quality catches of largemouth bass, crappie, pickerel, and yellow perch. As air temperatures fall, water temperatures dropping below the 75-degree mark will act as the master switch to trigger aggressive feeding. Position yourself around deep weed lines and main-lake drop-offs as forage groups up. This shift also triggers early fall movement for snakeheads, so expect solid action in the Delaware River tributaries for anglers throwing chatterbaits and frogs. Now is the time to make every trip count between so get out there while the weather is nice and keep those lines tight!

WOODBURY LITTLE LEAGUE FALL BALL

Registration is Now Open and Closes on September 5th. Fall Ball is a great opportunity for players to continue developing their skills, have fun and stay active on the baseball field this fall. Visit: leagues.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=2186948

GLASSBORO TRAVEL BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Registrations for Travel Basketball are live Now! Open through October 9th for grades 3rd through 8th grade. Online registration at <https://glassboro.recdesk.com/Community/Program>. Evaluations begin the week of October 13th. Cost is \$125. Coaches Needed. Parks & Rec Office 152 Delsea Drive South. Call (856)881-1515 ext 2.

JONAS CATTELL RUN & FORT MERCER 5K

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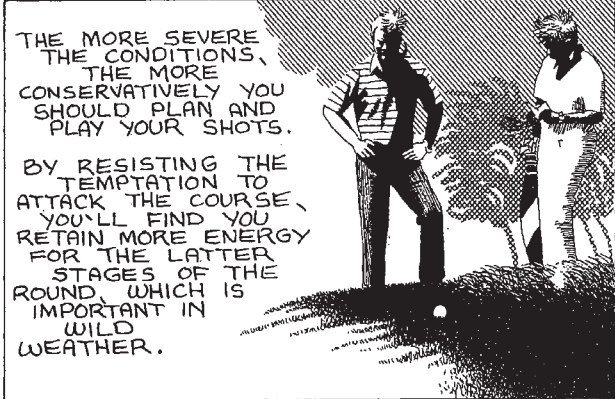
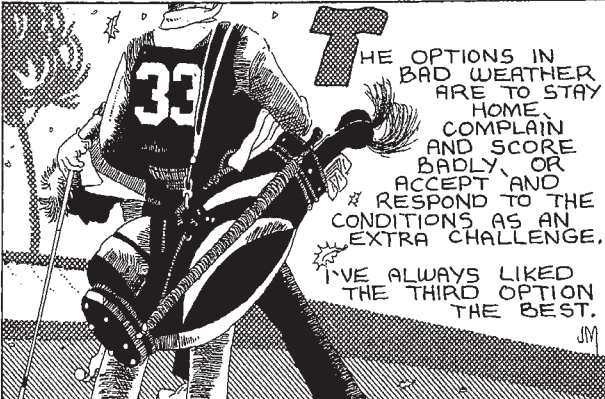
SPORTS QUIZ

By Ryan A. Berenz

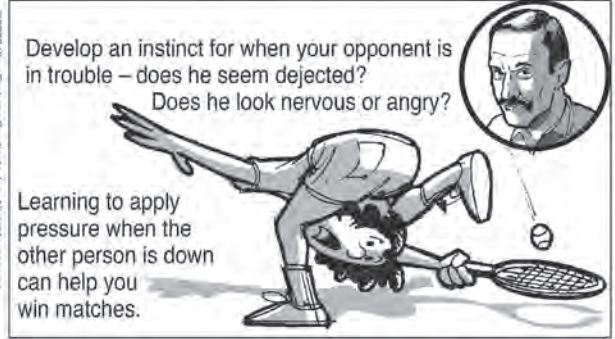
1. In 1981, which world-famous athlete talked a man out of jumping from the ninth-floor fire escape of a Los Angeles office building?
2. Name the Basketball Hall of Famer who has his No. 00 retired by the Boston Celtics.
3. The Tartan Army is the name given to supporters of which nation's soccer team?
4. Which team, made up of Caribbean nation-states, won the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup in 1975 and 1979?
5. In 2018, Brazilian surfer Maya Gabeira set a Guinness World Record for the largest wave surfed by a female. How high was the wave's face height from trough to crest?

6. In January 1974, which team snapped the UCLA Bruins men's basketball team's 88-game winning streak?
7. Who scored more points in the 1970 NBA All-Star Game: Tom Van Arsdale (East) or his identical twin brother Dick (West)?
- Answers
1. Muhammad Ali.
2. Robert Parish.
3. Scotland.
4. The West Indies Windies.
5. 68 feet (20.72 meters).
6. The Notre Dame Fighting Irish.
7. Dick, with eight points (Tom had five points).
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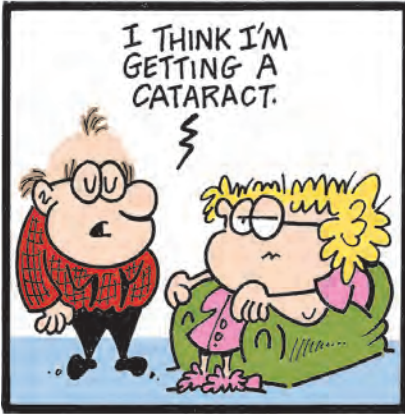
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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Answers

1. Punishment

2. Repentance

3. Forgiveness

4. Redemption

5. Salvation

6. Grace

7. Faith

8. Hope

9. Love

10. Mercy

CryptoQuote

answer

The first step to get what you want is to get rid of what you don't.

— Paulo Coelho

CryptoQuip

answer

The petition was presented with the strongest protestors at the top. It's in dissenting order.

Even Exchange

answers

1. Flush, Brush

2. Single, Mingle

3. Charm, Chart

4. Export, Expert

5. Giant, Grant

6. Taylor, Tailor

7. Limbs, Limbo

8. Lyndon, London

9. Globe, Glove

10. Stone, Alone

Go Figure!

answer

1. 10

2. 10

3. 10

4. 10

5. 10

6. 10

7. 10

8. 10

9. 10

10. 10

SCRAMBLERS

Solution

1. Repair; 2. Merit

3. Grudge; 4. Leash

Today's Word

UMPIRES

King Crossword

— King Crossword —

Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

1. King

2. Queen

3. Rook

4. Bishop

5. Knight

6. Pawn

7. Castle

8. Tower

9. Horse

10. Soldier

Puzzles4Kids

Answer

1. 10

2. 10

3. 10

4. 10

5. 10

6. 10

7. 10

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9. 10

10. 10

Sticklers Answer

These words are called "contronyms."

Each of these words can have an opposite or contradictory meaning.

1. 10

2. 10

3. 10

4. 10

5. 10

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

1. 10

2. 10

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MINI SUDOKU

Answer

1. 10

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On October 18, the long-running mezzo-soprano and guitar duo of Grammy winners Sasha Cooke and Jason Vieaux present Songs of the Americas, with works from Granados and Rodrigo to Copland and Sondheim.

Flautist Mimi Stillman and Dolce Suono Ensemble return with Musica en tus Manos on November 22 with music by Gaubert, Rorem, Tian, a NJ premiere by Jacob Bancks, and a Latin Set that is sure to raise the temperature in the hall.

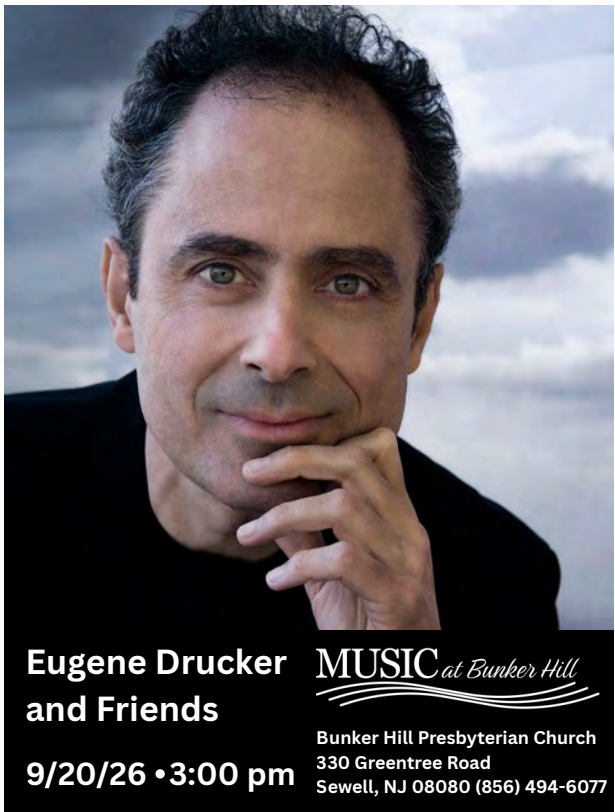
Spring concerts feature Elizabeth Starr Masoudnia, English hornist of the Philadelphia Orchestra on 4/4/27 (The Hutchins Ensemble), pianist Michelle Cann 5/23/27 (Women of Chicago’s Black Renaissance), and Schwarz and Bournaki Cello & Piano Duo 6/6/27 (music of Arthur Foote, Beethoven and Brahms).

Concerts are held at Bunker Hill Presbyterian Church, 330 Greentree Road, Sewell, NJ. Phone (856) 494-6077. Tickets are \$30 for adults and seniors, \$5 for students with ID. Advance online ticket purchase is advised. Hybrid format offers live and remote viewing. More information is available at www.musicatbunkerhill.org.

This program is made possible in part by funding from The Gloucester County Cultural and Heritage Commission at Rowan College of South Jersey, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State and the National Endowment for the Arts.

About Music at Bunker Hill

Founded in 2008, Music at Bunker Hill brings great performers to the heart of southern New Jersey, enhancing the cultural life of our community by preserving the tradition of classical music while exploring other musical genres. With outreach concerts in schools and libraries, our artists inspire the next generation with their passion for the arts and standards of excellence. Our goal is to make great music affordable, accessible, and appealing to as many people as possible.



Eugene Drucker and Friends

9/20/26 • 3:00 pm

MUSIC at Bunker Hill

Bunker Hill Presbyterian Church
330 Greentree Road
Sewell, NJ 08080 (856) 494-6077

Marie Rader Presenting Series

Sounds Like America

with Lara Downes and Rhiannon Giddens

SOUNDS LIKE AMERICA

With Lara Downes and Rhiannon Giddens Friday, October 30, 2026 7:30 PM Pflieger Concert Hall Ticket prices: \$35 / \$25 / \$10 Ticket link: go.rowan.edu/america

In a musical conversation developed for her NPR series, America in Pursuit, renowned pianist and thought leader Lara Downes presents a unique program of live music and conversation with Pulitzer Prize and Grammy Award-winning singer, multi-instrumentalist, and cultural historian Rhiannon Giddens. This concert and conversation will reflect on the roots and routes of American music, and the crossroads where traditions come together. Exploring our nation’s story through its music, Downes and Giddens share iconic songs from Amazing Grace to Paul Simon’s American Tune, tracing our history and celebrating our shared hopes and struggles. This program, which also includes multimedia work produced via Downes’ national initiative The Declaration Project, invites audiences to find common ground and shared purpose in imagining the possibilities of the American future. Closed Captioning is available at this performance in addition to our standard accommodations.

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Dina Meddings, Library Operations Manager, Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library of Washington Township, 606 Delsea Drive, Sewell, NJ 08080
The Sentinel of Gloucester County September 3, 17, 2026
Fee \$30.00

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Christine Newcomb, Borough Clerk
Borough of Clayton
The Sentinel of Gloucester County September 3, 17, 2026
Fee \$30.00

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- View full Legal Notices here: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1iN2Pk9hg7bX9ALu6YFe5pcuZJq8n0QUi>
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Karen Cosgrove, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Glassboro
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Michelle Damminger
Business Office Assistant
Mantua Township Public Schools
The Sentinel of Gloucester County September 3, 17, 2026
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The Sentinel of Gloucester County September 3, 17, 2026
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Ann Zuber, Director
Wenonah Free Public Library
The Sentinel of Gloucester County September 3, 17, 2026
Fee \$30.00

PUBLIC NOTICE
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The Sentinel of Gloucester County September 3, 17, 2026
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Craig Weidner, Chairman
Thomas Coulborn, Secretary
The Sentinel of Gloucester County September 3, 17, 2026
Fee \$30.00

NOTICE TO PERSONS WANTING MAIL-IN BALLOTS

If you are a qualified and registered voter of the State who wants to vote by mail in the GENERAL election to be held on NOVEMBER 3, 2026, the following applies:

You must complete the application form below and send it to the county clerk where you reside or write or apply in person to the county clerk where you reside to request a mail-in ballot.

The name, address, and signature of any person who has assisted you to complete the mail-in ballot application must be provided on the application, and you must sign and date the application.

No person may serve as an authorized messenger or bearer for more than three qualified voters in an election, but a person may serve as such for up to five qualified voters in an election if those voters are immediate family members residing in the same household as the messenger or bearer.

No person who is a candidate in the election for which the voter requests a mail-in ballot may provide any assistance in the completion of the ballot or serve as an authorized messenger or bearer.

A person who applies for a mail-in ballot must submit his/her/their application at least seven days before the election, but such person may request an application in person from the county clerk up to 3 p.m. of the day before the election.

Voters who want to vote by mail in all future elections will, after their initial request and without further action on their part, be provided with a mail-in ballot until the voter requests otherwise in writing, or beginning with the 2020 general election cycle, if the voter does not vote by mail in four consecutive years, then the voter shall no longer be furnished with a mail-in ballot for future elections and the voter shall be notified in writing of the change.

Application forms may be obtained by applying to the undersigned either in writing or by telephone, or the application form provided below may be completed and forwarded to the undersigned.

Dated: September 3, 2026

JAMES N. HOGAN
GLOUCESTER COUNTY CLERK
PO BOX 129
WOODBURY, NJ 08096
(856) 384-4530

APPLICATION FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

Please type or print clearly in ink. All information required unless marked optional.

1	I hereby apply for a Mail-In Ballot for: (CHECK ONLY ONE) ☐ ALL FUTURE ELECTIONS, until I request otherwise in writing. Or for ONLY ONE of the following: ☐ General (November) ☐ Primary (June) ☐ Municipal ☐ School ☐ Fire ☐ Special _____ To be held on ____/____/____ (Specify) (MM / DD / YYYY)		MILITARY/OVERSEAS VOTER ONLY I request Vote-By-Mail Ballots for all elections in which I am eligible to vote and I am (CHECK ONLY ONE) ☐ A Member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine on active duty, or an eligible spouse or dependent. ☐ A U.S. Citizen residing outside the U.S. and I intend to return. ☐ A U.S. Citizen residing outside the U.S. and I do not intend to return. ☐ A U.S. Citizen residing outside the U.S. and I have never lived in the U.S.		
	PLEASE NOTE: Your ballot can only be sent to the mailing address supplied on this application. If your mailing address changes, you must notify the County Clerk in writing.				
2	Last Name (Type or Print)		First Name (Type or Print)	Middle Name or Initial	Suffix (Jr., Sr., III)
3	Address at which you are registered to vote: Street Address or RD# Apt. Municipality (City/Town) State Zip		Mail my ballot to the following address: ☐ Same Address as Section 3 Please include any PO Box, RD#, State/Province, Zip/Postal Code & Country (if outside US)		
5	Date of Birth (MM / DD / YYYY)		6	Day Time Phone Number ()	
8	Signature: I affirm that I am the person who is applying for this ballot and I live at the address designated in box 3 of this form.			7	E-Mail Address (Optional)
			9	Today's Date (MM / DD / YYYY)	

OPTIONAL - ONLY COMPLETE SECTIONS 10 OR 11 IF APPLICABLE

10	Assistor: Any person providing assistance to the voter in completing this application must complete this section. Name of Assistor (Type or Print) Signature of Assistor Date (MM / DD / YYYY) Address Apt. Municipality (City/Town) State Zip				
	Authorized Messenger: Any voter may apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Authorized Messenger. Messenger shall be a family member or a registered voter of this County. No Authorized Messenger can (1) be a Candidate in the election for which the voter is requesting a Mail-In Ballot or (2) serve as messenger for more than THREE qualified voters per election, except that an authorized messenger or bearer may serve as such for up to five qualified voters in an election if those voters are immediate family members residing in the same household as the messenger or bearer.				
11	I designate _____ to be my Authorized Messenger. Print Name of Authorized Messenger Address of Messenger Apt. Municipality (City/Town) State Zip Date of Birth (MM / DD / YYYY) Signature of Voter Date (MM / DD / YYYY)				
	STOP Authorized Messenger must sign application and show photo ID in the presence of the County Clerk or County Clerk designee. "I do hereby certify that I will deliver the Mail-In Ballot directly to the voter and no other person, under penalty of law." Signature of Messenger Date (MM / DD / YYYY)				
OFFICE USE ONLY Voter Reg # _____ Muni Code # _____ Party _____ Ward _____ District _____					

Calling all Upper Pittsgrove residents and friends! On Saturday, September 12, 2026, there will be a Daretown Day festival to celebrate our Upper Pittsgrove community and America's 250th Anniversary! This will involve all-day festivities including a 5K Run and 1 Mile Walk at 8AM, a parade through Daretown at 10AM, a veterans ceremony at 12PM, a festival on the grounds of the Daretown School from 12PM-4PM, and a patriotic music concert at 4PM. Some of you may have attended the last Daretown Day celebration which was held in 2016. Now ten years later, we hope to once again draw the community together for this special day.

The day will begin at 8AM with our first Daretown Day 5K Run and 1 Mile Fun Walk! Enjoy a peaceful walk to Daretown Lake or run down our country roads! Both events begin at Pittsgrove Baptist Church, 368 Daretown Road, where parking will be available before 8AM. Register in advance at <https://runsignup.com/daretown5k>. Check In and Registration on the day of the event starts at 7AM. The cost is \$20 per runner or \$15 per walker (pay with card or exact cash). All registered runners/walkers will receive a FREE commemorative tee-shirt!

The parade will begin at 10AM at the Pittsgrove Presbyterian Church, 312 Daretown Road, and will continue down Daretown Road to Daretown School. If you are part of the Upper Pittsgrove community or the neighboring areas and would like to participate in the parade, please register at the link on our facebook page www.facebook.com/daretownday. Antique vehicles, tractors, bikes, ATVs, non-profit organizations, and community groups are welcome! Please Note: Daretown Road will be CLOSED during the parade from 10AM-11AM, so please be sure to arrive before then. The roads will also be closed to thru-traffic throughout the day; please inform the road closure officials that you are a participant and they will let you through! Parking will be available behind Daretown School, at Pittsgrove Baptist Church after 11AM, and at Pittsgrove Presbyterian Church after 11AM. A haywagon shuttle will transport visitors between the parking lots and each of the sites between 11AM to 4PM.

The Veterans Ceremony at 12PM Noon will be held at the Old Pittsgrove Baptist Church, 98 Woodstown-Daretown Road. The brief ceremony will be held in the cemetery, which includes graves of Revolutionary War veterans. The historic 1844 church will also be open for tours from 11AM to 1PM.

The festival on the grounds of the Daretown School, at 404 Daretown Road, will be held from 12PM-4PM. Attractions include food trucks, children's activities, antique cars, tractors, historical exhibits, vendors, giveaways, and more! The historic Pole Tavern Cannon will also be on display. Commemorative tee-shirts and other merchandise will be for sale, and free souvenir programs will be distributed. The Daretown Fire Station will also be open for visitors. Local businesses, crafters, and non-profit organizations of the Upper Pittsgrove area who would like to display at the festival can sign up at the link on our facebook page www.facebook.com/daretownday.

The day will close with a Patriotic Concert at 4PM at the Old Pittsgrove Presbyterian Church, featuring brass band music and a sing-along. Wear a historical costume to the concert to win a prize and be part of the group photograph! We also would welcome your financial support of this landmark event. If you are interested in purchasing advertising space in the free souvenir program, which will include a schedule of events and history of Upper Pittsgrove, please email daretownday@gmail.com.

Rain date will be September 19th. For more information, please contact the Daretown Day Committee by visiting www.facebook.com/daretownday, emailing daretownday@gmail.com, or calling 856-275-7814.

AQUACULTURE REPRESENTS OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW JERSEY AGRICULTURE, SMALL BUSINESS AND JOBS

Glassboro — Aquaculture is more than oysters and clams. It is agriculture, small business, jobs and a growing opportunity for New Jersey, according to Assemblywoman Heather Simmons (D-Gloucester).

As Vice Chair of the Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, Simmons is focused on understanding the diverse industries that contribute to New Jersey's agricultural economy and identifying ways to help them grow.

"Aquaculture is an important part of New Jersey agriculture, but it is an industry many people never see," said Simmons. "It supports small businesses and jobs, contributes to our food supply and has room to grow. We need to recognize that potential and make sure the people working in this industry have a voice in the policies that affect them."

The New Jersey Department of Agriculture recently hosted their annual visit with local aquaculture operators. Barnegat Oyster Collective's Matt Gregg and Clam Daddy's Billy Mayer led the tour. "Agriculture is not just what happens on land," Simmons said. "There is an entire agricultural economy happening on our waterways. Aquaculture operators are facing real challenges, from water quality and environmental changes to regulatory pressures and access to the resources they need to remain viable. As we think about the future of New Jersey agriculture, we need to make sure aquaculture is part of that conversation."



SIMMONS HIGHLIGHTS PAULSBORO SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT, COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION



Simmons said Sylvia's Palace and Lounge is an example of the impact small businesses can have when entrepreneurs are willing to invest in properties and communities others have overlooked.

"Small businesses create jobs, fill vacant properties and help build strong communities where we want to live," Simmons said. "When someone is willing to take a chance on South Jersey, we should be looking for ways to help them succeed."

GOVERNOR SHERRILL SIGNS LEGISLATION GIVING NEW JERSEYANS CLEANER, MORE AFFORDABLE ENERGY AT THEIR FINGERTIPS

Governor Sherrill signed the Garden State Balcony Solar Act (S2368/A4836), last week, removing unnecessary red tape that will allow New Jerseyans to purchase and use portable, plug-in solar panels to generate their own clean energy and lower their electricity costs. "Balcony solar is a practical, easy-to-use tool that can help families save money while allowing more people to participate in our clean energy future. This bill cuts unnecessary red tape, expands access to affordable solar power, and proves that affordability and sustainability can go hand in hand," said Governor Sherrill. Balcony solar devices plug into a standard 120-volt outlet — as most units come with a microinverter and adapter — and provide electricity directly to a home's existing electrical system, helping offset energy use and lowering costs. These devices, as well as the microinverter/adaptor, are readily available for purchase online and in local home improvement stores.

The law exempts qualifying plug-in solar devices of up to 1,200 watts — roughly equivalent to the power used by a microwave oven — from utility interconnection and metering requirements, including certain fees, approvals, and equipment mandates. It also prevents landlords, homeowner associations, and similar entities from broadly prohibiting the use of these devices, while barring municipalities from prohibiting them or requiring permits for their use. This action builds on an aggressive energy agenda to lower costs for New Jerseyans. The Governor signed Executive Orders 1 and 2 to freeze rate hikes and accelerate new energy generation, particularly affordable, clean energy that can be deployed quickly. Since then, the Administration has approved 18 new solar and battery storage projects, announced a historic expansion of community solar to 3,000 megawatts, signed legislation to hold data centers and utility companies accountable, as well as fast-tracking advanced grid technologies that will help cut costs. Together, these actions are estimated to save New Jersey ratepayers \$1 billion annually.



FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR WINGATE HARRISON TOWNSHIP

Dear Fellow Resident,
I am writing to provide an update on last weeks (8/27) storm, during which Mother Nature delivered five to seven inches of rain in just a few hours.

I want to begin by recognizing our first responders, led by Officer in Charge Captain David Marro of the Harrison Township Police Department, and all our firefighters from District 23. They responded to an extraordinary number of calls and emergencies throughout the Township. On behalf of our entire community, I extend our sincere gratitude for their dedication and unwavering willingness to answer the call of duty.

I also want to recognize the unsung heroes of our Township, our Public Works employees, led by longtime resident and Superintendent Dennis Chambers. The storm brought downed trees and electrical wires and caused power outages, road closures, and significant damage to our infrastructure. Our Public Works team did an outstanding job responding to these challenges. On behalf of our entire community, I thank them for their hard work and dedication to Harrison Township. The storm damaged a section of the eastbound lanes of Route 322 near Route 45 and the Harrison House. Traffic was currently being diverted while Gloucester County crews repaired the damaged roadway quickly. High Street between Tonlin Station Road and Franklinville Road sustained more extensive damage. The storm washed out a large section of the roadway and damaged the culvert pipe that carries a small stream beneath it. Because High Street is owned by the Township, the Township will be responsible for the cost of these significant repairs. The road will remain closed until further notice. We will work as quickly as possible to complete the necessary repairs and keep residents informed of our progress.

Finally, I want to emphasize that, as your Mayor and Township Committee, we understand the importance of emergency preparedness and resilience. Our past experiences have reinforced the need to continually invest in our infrastructure, equipment, training, and workforce so that we remain ready to respond effectively to emergencies. We are dedicated to safeguarding our community and providing responsive, reliable service to all residents. Thank you for your continued support, patience, and cooperation.

RCSJ FOUNDATION CELEBRATES ITS THIRD ANNUAL ACE-CELERATE! STEM SUMMER CAMP



Leadership from Atlantic City Electric (ACE) – an Exelon company, the National Energy Education Development (NEED) Project, Rowan College of South Jersey (RCSJ), and the Rowan College of South Jersey Foundation, celebrate the third annual ACE-Celerate! STEM Summer Camp, encouraging students to explore science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) at RCSJ's Cumberland Campus.

Vineland — The Rowan College of South Jersey (RCSJ) Foundation in partnership with Atlantic City Electric (ACE), the Exelon Foundation, and the National Energy Education Development (NEED) Project, welcomed 40 Cumberland County high school students for its third annual ACE-Celerate! STEM Summer Camp. The free two-week day camp ran the weeks of August 11 – 15 and August 17 – 21, encouraging students to explore science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) at RCSJ's Cumberland Campus.

Since 2023, RCSJ and Atlantic City Electric have partnered on a three-year STEM grant, bringing together over 140 students for an engaging learning experience focused on collaboration, problem-solving, and discovering how STEM shapes the world around us. Students are presented with hands-on learning, interactive challenges, and real-world STEM examples.

Dr. Brenden Rickards, president of RCSJ, said, "The success of this year's ACE-celerate! STEM Summer Camp is a testament to what can happen when education, industry, and community come together with a shared vision for our students. These young people had the opportunity to explore STEM through hands-on experiences, connect with industry professionals, and envision themselves in future careers. We are proud to help inspire the next generation of innovators, problem-solvers, and leaders right here in Cumberland County."

At the 2026 Blue & Gold Gala, Atlantic City Electric was named as the RCSJ Foundation's 2026 Business of the Year. In celebration of this ongoing partnership, ACE will continue collaborating with RCSJ and welcome another group of Cumberland County high school students to its annual ACE-Celerate! STEM camp next summer.

Sarah Palese, director of the RCSJ Foundation and Alumni Relations, shared how the program has expanded, "Three years ago, we created a great camp experience built around energy and STEM. Today, ACE-celerate! has become something bigger than we ever expected - a program that kids want to return to year after year, and one that families have come to know and love. Students are walking away with connections and doors open to them that might not have felt possible before, and getting to watch that happen has been incredible."

Palese continued, "None of this happens without Atlantic City Electric, who keep trusting us with this every single year, and it doesn't happen without my colleagues here on the Cumberland campus either — Facilities, IT, Operations, everybody pitches in to make this real. We took an idea and built it into something that's genuinely changing kids' lives. I'm proud of every student who's come through this program, and I'm excited to see where it goes from here."

Curriculum for ACE-Celerate! comes from The NEED Project, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit education organization that provides energy education programs that inspire learning, leadership, and innovation.

Mary Spruill, executive director of The NEED Project, explained the benefits of this community investment. "We are extremely excited about this partnership with RCSJ, Atlantic City Electric, Exelon, and The NEED Project. We have put together a curriculum that allows students to better understand energy in their houses, energy in their communities, energy around the world, and the various careers available. We are spending time making them more informed energy consumers and to become members of tomorrow's energy workforce."

This year, students embarked on field trips to ACE's Training Facilities in Mays Landing and The Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, providing students with visual demonstrations for career opportunities in STEM.

Alix P., a Vineland High School 11th grader, shared, "I feel like my favorite camp experiences were the field trips. I learned a lot from both. At the ACE Training Facilities trip, they had us look at different career options that I had never known about. It helped me elevate my knowledge."

Nana O., a Cumberland County Technical Education Center (CCTEC) 12th grader, explained how ACE-Celerate! offered more insight into the career field he wishes to pursue after high school.

"The camp has brought a lot of opportunities to meet people who know a lot about cybersecurity. I love to ask them different questions about internships, what their careers are like, and what programs I can be involved in to further achieve my goals."

Students also attended a Lessons in Leadership panel discussion, where they heard from ACE leadership and asked questions regarding their career goals. Featured ACE panelists included: Andrew Hendry, Regional Vice President; Nichole Fernandes, Director of Corporate Community Impact; ShayLa Salter, Manager of External Affairs. During the panel, Andrew Hendry offered students advice on what traits to exhibit when interviewing for a job.

"Show you have intellectual curiosity — that you want to broaden your knowledge. That's something where, when I interview people [it's important to demonstrate] an eagerness to learn."

Another takeaway from the discussion included how leaders view failures as lessons to be learned from.

Panelist, ShayLa Salter, explained, "You have to reset your mind to not think about things as failures, but opportunities for growth. I believe the second you start doing that, you don't sweat the small stuff as much."

"You're not going to have it all figured out," panelist, Nichole Fernandes, added, stressing the importance of resilience. "It's okay that things feel uncomfortable sometimes, but sometimes you have to reach out for help when you don't know what you're doing. Leverage your resources and be patient with yourself."

As ACE-Celerate! concluded its third year, students proudly showed off what they had learned, presenting energy innovation projects they designed throughout their two weeks at the camp. Projects included: Exploring Energy – Solar Oven and PV exploration, Climate Science and Greenhouse, Wind Blade Challenge, and more.

Cody Miller, executive director of the RCSJ Foundation, reflected on the community impact of ACE-Celerate!.

"Seeing some of these students grow professionally and academically over the last three years of this camp, especially with some of our returning students, has been incredible. This camp and our partners are providing opportunities to Cumberland County students that may not otherwise have had. Watching their curiosity, confidence, and skills grow makes me confident that the future in the energy sector is bright. These young minds will be the ones helping lead the way as we work to meet New Jersey's growing energy demands."

GOVERNOR SIGNS LEGISLATION TO MONITOR WATER AND ENERGY USE

Last week on 8/27, Governor Mikie Sherrill signed legislation (S3379/A4096) to increase transparency around data centers' energy and water use and announcing statewide guidance to help municipalities negotiate strong community benefits agreements (CBAs), as well as technical assistance from the EDA, 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.

This major milestone comes just three months after the Governor first announced her data center plan, giving communities across New Jersey the tools to hold data centers accountable while ensuring they can participate in and benefit from the AI innovation happening in the state. While states across the country continue to consider approaches to address the rapid growth and increasing impact of data centers, New Jersey has moved aggressively to put this comprehensive framework into action.

S3379/A4096 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.

The Governor also announced new statewide guidance from the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) on CBAs to give municipalities the tools to ensure they are in the strongest negotiating position with data center developers over proposed projects. This guidance was sent to municipalities on August 25, via a Local Finance Notice, and outlines how municipalities can leverage CBAs to help mitigate data center impacts, share in the economic benefits of these projects, and secure meaningful investments for their communities.

The guidance provides key considerations for evaluating impacts on local infrastructure and resources, assessing emergency response and infrastructure needs, and negotiating tangible community investments — from public infrastructure improvements and blight remediation to schools and workforce development programs. It also outlines state labor standards, including prevailing wage and project labor agreement requirements.

Four of the guardrails the Governor set forth were signed in May:

- 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.
- o Signed legislation (S731/A796) creating a new ratepayer class and rate structure for data centers, ensuring they pay for their own energy use and associated grid infrastructure.
- Improving transparency starting with requiring reporting on energy and water use so the public has greater visibility into the impact of large-scale facilities.
- o Signed legislation (S3379/A4096) requiring every data center in the State to submit semiannual water and energy usage reports to BPU
- 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.
- o Issued Local Finance Notice through the Department of Community Affairs with guidance on Community Benefits Agreements and launched EDA's data center community resource hub webpage
- Delivering good-paying jobs by ensuring these centers leverage local trades and pay prevailing wages.
- o Issued guidance on state labor standards for data center projects, including prevailing wage requirements and opportunities for project labor agreements via DCA's Local Finance Notice