



RABIES ADVISORIES ISSUED

The Gloucester County Health Department is advising residents of three recent confirmed rabies cases in Gloucester County:

- Glassboro Borough – Joseph L. Bowe Boulevard: A bat tested positive for rabies on September 29. There was one human exposure and one canine exposure.
- Pitman Borough – Florence Avenue: A raccoon tested positive for rabies on October 1. There was no human exposure.
- Mantua Township – Quest Court: A raccoon tested positive for rabies on October 1. There was no human exposure.

Residents are reminded to take precautions to protect their families and pets. Pet owners should make sure their animals are current on their rabies vaccinations, and children should be reminded never to handle stray, unfamiliar or wild animals.

If you see an animal that appears disoriented or is exhibiting unusual behavior, do not approach or handle it. Contact the Gloucester County Animal Control Office at 856-881-2828. For additional information about rabies, contact the Gloucester County Health Department at 856-218-4170.

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATION PERIOD NOW OPEN

DCA Encourages Eligible New Jersey Residents to Apply for Assistance with Home Heating and Cooling Costs

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) is today announcing that applications for the Federal Fiscal Year 2027 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) opened on October 1, 2026. The program helps eligible New Jersey households pay for home heating costs and medically necessary cooling costs.

The LIHEAP application period runs from October 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis, while funding is available. DCA encourages eligible residents to apply as soon as possible. LIHEAP is a federally funded program designed to help low-income families and individuals meet their home heating and medically necessary cooling costs. To qualify, a household must be responsible for home heating or cooling costs, either directly or as part of its rent, and have a gross household income at or below 60 percent of the State Median Income.

FFY2027 LIHEAP AND USF INCOME LIMITS		
Household #	Monthly	Annual
1	\$4,273	\$51,273
2	\$5,587	\$67,049
3	\$6,902	\$82,825
4	\$8,217	\$98,602
5	\$9,532	\$114,378
6	\$10,846	\$130,154
7	\$11,093	\$133,112
8	\$11,339	\$136,070
9	\$11,586	\$139,028
10	\$11,832	\$141,986
11	\$12,079	\$144,944
12	\$12,325	\$147,903

For household members greater than 12, please add \$246 for each additional member for monthly income limit and add \$2,952 for each additional household member for annual income limit.

The amount of the LIHEAP heating benefit is determined by income, household size, fuel type, and heating region. The medically necessary cooling assistance benefit for FY 2027 is \$300.

In addition to LIHEAP, DCA administers the Universal Service Fund (USF), which helps make natural gas and electric bills more affordable for eligible low-income households. The LIHEAP application also serves as an application for USF, allowing eligible households to apply for both programs through a single application.

Residents can apply for energy assistance online at <https://www.energyassistance.nj.gov> or contact an authorized local agency in their county for assistance with the application process.

For residents age 60 or older or who have a disability, applications may be received and returned by mail, or a home visit may be requested from the agency in the applicant's county of residence if needed. Other households may apply by mail at the discretion of the local agency.

For further information on LIHEAP or USF or to locate the nearest application agency, call 1-800-510-3102 or email utilityhelp@nj211.org and USFHEA-application@dca.nj.gov. Additional information, including income guidelines and local agency contacts, is available through DCA's Energy Assistance resources.

AERIAL OPERATIONS



Franklin Township Police Department has been fielding multiple phone calls and emails recently regarding the aerial helicopter operations taking place within the Township. These operations are being conducted by electrical contractors on the high tension lines and are mandatory. Operations may continue through November

CLAYTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS CELEBRATES \$1 MILLION STATE INVESTMENT IN STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Clayton Public Schools is celebrating a \$1 million investment in the Clayton Model through New Jersey's state budget, supporting the continuation and expansion of school-based services now operating in multiple elementary schools across Gloucester County.

Assemblyman Dave Bailey, Jr. presented a ceremonial check during a visit to Herma S. Simmons Elementary School, joining Assembly Majority Leader Louis D. Greenwald, district administrators, teachers, social-emotional learning specialists and students to recognize the investment and the work taking place in participating schools.

Developed in Clayton, the Clayton Model brings support directly into the school day for students experiencing social-emotional challenges, mental health needs and trauma. Its approach combines individualized student support, small-group services, classroom strategies, educator consultation and family engagement, with services tailored to each school community's needs.

"This funding will help us continue providing support that students and teachers rely on," said Clayton Superintendent Nikolaos Koutsogiannis. "Our staff see every day how students' social and emotional needs affect their ability to learn. The Clayton Model gives schools a practical way to address those needs, and we appreciate our legislative partners' continued support."

Clayton is located in New Jersey's 3rd Legislative District, represented by Senator John Burzichelli, Assemblywoman Heather Simmons and Assemblyman Dave Bailey, Jr. Bailey secured the \$1 million investment highlighted at the presentation. The district also recognizes Greenwald and the 3rd District delegation for their ongoing support of the Clayton Model, as well as Senator Nilsa Cruz-Perez for her role in supporting prior funding that helped sustain the initiative.

Lisa Twomey, Clayton Public Schools' Special Projects Director, created the Clayton Model and introduced it to state leaders. She has helped guide its development and expansion, connecting district leadership, school staff and families around students' needs.

Dr. Ross D. Whiting has led sustained advocacy for state funding to preserve and expand the program. As President of Dogwood Consulting and former Associate Director of the Senator Walter Rand Institute for Public Affairs at Rutgers University-Camden, Whiting led program evaluation and advocacy supporting the 2021 law that established the Clayton Model Pilot Program. Through legislative outreach and budget testimony, he has helped policymakers understand the program's research findings and its value to students, educators and families.

Kate Hallinan, Supervisor of Guidance and Counseling and the current Clayton Model Coordinator, coordinates the program's implementation across participating schools in Gloucester County.

"The strength of the Clayton Model is the trust we build with students, families and educators," said Twomey. "When support is part of everyday school life, we can respond early, help children develop practical skills and give teachers a partner in addressing challenges. Ross's advocacy and Kate's coordination help sustain that work across participating schools. This funding gives us the opportunity to build on those relationships and support more students."

The Clayton Model began in 2009 as Clayton's Child Connection Center and grew into a broader approach to school-based social-emotional learning. Its expansion has been evaluated by the Senator Walter Rand Institute for Public Affairs at Rutgers University-Camden, helping inform the program's development and document its impact.

The new investment supports continued collaboration among schools, families and state leaders in addressing students' well-being. Clayton Public Schools looks forward to building on that partnership to strengthen access to support throughout participating Gloucester County schools and help more children thrive in school and beyond. Photo upper left.

FREE EXPUNGEMENT & RECORD-CLEARING EVENT

The Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office, in partnership with Volunteer UP Legal Clinic, Rutgers Law School, and the New Jersey Office of the Public Defender, is hosting a FREE Expungement & Record-Clearing Event. Tuesday, October 20th from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Paulsboro Fire Department, 1502 Swedesboro Ave., Paulsboro. Attorneys and legal volunteers will be available to help eligible individuals understand the expungement process and take steps toward clearing their records. Walk-ins are welcome!

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES CRUCIAL CATCH PAINTING INSPIRES HOPE AT SIDNEY KIMMEL COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER IN WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP



A powerful symbol of hope recently found a new home at Jefferson Health's Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center (SKCCC) in Washington Township. Created by acclaimed speed painter Jessica Haas during the Philadelphia Eagles' 2025 Crucial Catch Game halftime show, this one-of-a-kind painting features the Eagles' iconic logo and a multicolored cancer awareness ribbon, painted by five Jefferson cancer survivors. Each survivor added a brushstroke in the color representing the type of cancer they overcame. Now displayed in the SKCCC lobby, the artwork serves as a daily reminder of the strength of those affected by cancer and the lifesaving importance of early detection.

"We want patients and their loved ones to feel supported from the moment they walk through our doors," said DeAnnette Stanton-Cross, Director of Cancer Services for Jefferson Health-East Region. "This painting celebrates the courage of cancer survivors while reminding us that early detection can save lives. We hope it encourages conversations about screening and inspires people to take that important first step."

As the Philadelphia Eagles' Official Health System Partner, Jefferson is proud to help advance cancer awareness and encourage everyone to stay up to date on recommended cancer screenings. Every screening has the potential to save a life.

FROM THE EDITOR’S DESK



By Cindy Merckx

The fall weather is certainly here this week as this morning’s temperature was in the low 40’s. Putting the heater on is something that none of us look forward to do because of the cost to operate it. The residential heating oil price in our state is approximately \$6 per gallon, while residential propane costs about \$3.95 per gallon. So make sure to shop around to see where you can save some money. According to the latest info on the internet, the annual estimated heating cost for a typical 2,000 sq ft home in our state ranges from about \$1,214 for natural gas to \$1,785 for a heat pump each winter. Costs can vary significantly depending on where you keep your thermostat at, so now is the time to make some calls to see if we can save some money. If you have a fireplace you may also want to think about having a cord of wood delivered as a back up plan just in case. Sometimes a nice cozy fire can take the chill out of the home.

With the cost increases of food and medical insurance, things are not getting any easier for the average working class folks. I remember earlier this year when we had an awful cold snap that hit our area. There was a temperature swing in April that caused a freeze that had a drastic effect on several of our farms that reported a total loss of their entire cherry or peach crop. We may be in one of those cycles again where the weather can change quickly so we need to be better prepared.

I was speaking with a representative from Verizon this afternoon who informed me that their company will soon be fazing out all of their copper lines and going to digital only. She stated that the only customers who would be able to keep their hard

wired copper lines would be those in emergency response and hospitals. I shared my concern with her that without a hard wired phone system the only way left would be to reach someone by cell phone/computer. A few years ago, I had a friend pose a hypothetical situation to me about if a hurricane was to hit our area or if electricity was taken out by a severe storm that could also take out cell towers, how would a person be able to reach out to emergency responders? This could be a real serious scenario and we discussed some of the emergency options we could take. Right now Verizon is actively seeking to retire its copper networks and move customers to fiber or wireless service, however the FCC recently paused automatic approval of these plans in nine states including New Jersey due to concerns about the reliability of replacement service is not available at their address. So my concern was validated when one time I was without electricity for four days because of a storm. There was no power to run my well, no power to operate my heating/air-conditioner and it was not something I want to go through again. I was able to use my cell phone. I decided that a generator was something I needed to put on my list to purchase in the future as we needed a backup plan. If a major storm took out power and cell towers will a new fiber phone line work or fail? Even with a battery, fiber and digital voice services typically have a window of operation of about 24 hours. So perhaps I should now create a 'Cell Phone Survival Plan' just in case a text message may not go through to check on members of my family. I realize the move away from copper is driven by economics and technology, but it does leave a gap in the resilience of the communications network and the best defense is to have a backup plan that does not rely on the commercial power grid or cell towers.



PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Oct. 8th- Newfield Council- 7PM
- Oct. 12th- Columbus Day- Legal Holiday
- Oct. 13th- Janvier Board Fire Comm-7:30PM
- Oct. 13th- Franklin Twp. Committee- 7PM
- Oct. 14th- Franklin Twp BOE-Janvier School-6PM
- Oct. 14th- Monroe Twp Council-6:30PM
- Oct. 14th- Monroe Twp board Health-7PM
- Oct.19th- Franklinville Board Fire Comm-7:30PM
- Oct. 19th- Monroe Twp Enviro Comm-6:30PM
- Oct. 20th- Monroe Twp Econ Devel-7pm
- Oct. 20th- Franklin Twp. Planning Board- 7PM



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Student Spotlights



Delsea High School's Greg Sawyer was named Commended Student in the 2027 National Merit Scholarship Program



Delsea High School's Jordyn Blacknall is the Student Board of Education Member

THANKSGIVING PIE SALE!

Sponsored by the Monroe Twp Woman’s Club. Pies will be \$20! All orders and payment MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 11/6! Pies will be available for pick up on 11/24 from 5PM to 7PM at the Timberlake Clubhouse, 3526 South Shore Drive, Williamstown. For more info contact Elain Hewitt at (609-634-2085. Payment can be made by Cash, Check or Venmo. Select your pie option: Pumpkin, Apple Crumb, Coconut Custard, Lemon Meringue, Cherry Crumb, Peach Crumb and Blueberry Crumb.

FRANKLIN TWP LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Friends of Franklin Township Library Book Sale will be held on Saturday, October 17, from 9 AM to 4PM, in the Franklin Township Community Center at 1584 Coles Mill Road, Franklinville. There are 1000s of titles available for all ages from board books to large print. Items are only \$.50 each unless specially marked.

TRUNK OR TREAT AT THE COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS!

Get ready for a spooktacular evening of Halloween fun! Join the Gloucester County 4-H Fair Association on Wednesday, October 21 from 6–8 PM at the Gloucester County 4-H Fairgrounds in Mullica Hill. Bring the whole family and enjoy Trunk or Treat, a petting zoo, bounce house, face painting, costume and trunk decorating contests, 4-H clubs, DJ Joey Vibes, food and beverages, and more!
Gloucester County 4-H Fairgrounds - 275 Bridgeton Pike, Mullica Hill 6–8 PM - Costume Contest at 7 PM
Interested in decorating a trunk? Local businesses are welcome! Contact Jennifer at 856-466-0351 to volunteer. Come dressed in your Halloween best and enjoy a fun-filled night with Gloucester County 4-H!

Borough of Clayton Fall 2026 Leaf Collection Schedule

Week of November 2nd	East Side of Delsea Drive
Week of November 9th	West Side of Delsea Drive
Week of November 16th	East Side of Delsea Drive
Week of November 23rd	West Side of Delsea Drive
Week of November 30th	East Side of Delsea Drive
Week of December 7th	West Side of Delsea Drive
Week of December 14th	Entire Town
Week of December 21st	Final Pick-up of All Areas

New Jersey Storm Water Regulations require that leaves be placed at the curb no sooner than seven days prior to pick-up and no closer than 10 feet to storm drains. Leaves are not to be raked into the street or roadway. They are to be placed at the curb. No bagged leaves will be accepted.

CLAYTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS EARN NATIONAL ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

Clayton Public School District is proud to announce that seven Clayton High School students have earned academic honors through the 2026 College Board National Recognition Program, joining more than 300,000 high-achieving students recognized nationwide.
Joseph D. Connell received both the First-Generation Recognition Award and School Recognition Award. Emmanuel T. Ansah, Molly J. Giuliani, Cole E. Venuto, Madeleine R. Reynolds, Carter D. Poeppel, and Amanda G. Russo each received the School Recognition Award.
Representing the Classes of 2027 and 2028, these students have distinguished themselves through their academic achievement and commitment to excellence.
“We are tremendously proud of our students for earning this well-deserved recognition. Their hard work, commitment, and outstanding accomplishments throughout high school have truly set them apart, and this honor will help open doors as they continue working toward a bright and promising future,” said Matthew Slater, principal of Clayton High School.
The College Board National Recognition Program, available through BigFuture®, recognizes the academic achievements of students in communities across the country through three awards: the First-Generation Recognition Award, Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award, and School Recognition Award.
To be eligible, 10th- and 11th-grade students must earn a cumulative GPA of B+ or higher and either score a 3 or higher on two or more AP® Exams by the end of 10th grade or rank among the top 10% of eligible test takers in designated recognition categories.
The recognition gives students an academic distinction they can include on college and scholarship applications. Colleges, universities, and scholarship organizations can also connect with award recipients who opt in to College Board Student Search Service™, helping students gain greater visibility as they explore opportunities after high school.
Connell Earns Additional National Merit Recognition
Clayton High School is also proud to announce that Joseph D. Connell has been named a Commended Student in the 2027 National Merit® Scholarship Program.
Joseph is among approximately 34,000 Commended Students nationwide recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2027 National Merit Scholarship competition by taking the 2025 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®). Clayton Public School District congratulates Joseph, Emmanuel, Molly, Cole, Madeleine, Carter, and Amanda on their outstanding achievements and dedication to academic excellence.

2026 College Board NATIONAL RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Congratulations to Clayton High School’s National Recognition Program Awardees!



Left to right top row -Emmanuel T. Ansah — School Recognition Award; Molly J. Giuliani — School Recognition Award; Joseph D. Connell — First-Generation Recognition Award & School Recognition Award; Carter D. Poeppel — School Recognition Award Bottom row - Madeleine R. Reynolds — School Recognition Award; Amanda G. Russo — School Recognition Award; Cole E. Venuto — School Recognition Award

CRUSADER OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER 2026



CONGRATULATIONS TO DELSEA HIGH SCHOOLS CRUSADERS OF THE MONTH - 9th - Isabella Redrow 10th - Olivia Krebs 11th - Madison Hewitt 12th - Reid Madden



Students in Mrs. Smith's and Mrs. Jones' Third Grade Class at Whitehall Elementary in Monroe Township engaged in an interactive vocabulary-building activity designed to reinforce word recognition and comprehension. Using a collaborative guessing game, students held vocabulary words on their foreheads while their peers provided strategic clues to facilitate identification. The dynamic approach cultivated enthusiastic participation and sustained engagement across the entire class.



Our Towns

Email your events to ftsentinel@comcast.net - there is no cost - when available space permits

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!

MOM'S FALL SWAP & MEET UP
Join us on Tuesday, October 13th from 11AM to 3PM at the Williamstown Library, 713 Marsha Ave., Williamstown. Bring Your outgrown gently used clothes and gear to trade. Free Kid's Item Swap (limit 3 items per family) Free Books for Every Child. Library Story Time for ages 1-5 Story Sessions. For Moms & Kids Ages 1-5.

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

MELODIES ON MAIN; COUNTRY NIGHT!
Melodies on Main: Country Night is Coming to Williamstown! Grab your cowboy hats and boots and join us for an evening of country fun at Melodies on Main on Thursday, October 15th from 6 PM - 9 PM Main Street, Williamstown. Presented by Monroe Twp Economic Development

Enjoy: Live music by Vinnie Trav Food trucks Free pony rides Family-friendly activities Cold drinks and great times with friends and neighbors
A special thank you to SSE Party Rentals for sponsoring this event! Come out to Downtown Williamstown and experience a great night of music, community, and country charm. We can't wait to see you there!

HAUNTED WALK AT ALCYON PARK / SQUAD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

ANNUAL HAUNTED WALK THROUGH LAKELAND

Enjoy a family-friendly Haunted Walk through Lakeland. It is going to be a Haunting time and Camden County 4-H volunteers and members are busy transforming Lakeland into the annual Haunted Walk. The Haunted Walk will be held on Oct. 16-17 from 7-10:30 pm. The walk takes place in and around the Camden County Office of Sustainability at 508 Lakeland Road, Blackwood. This event is suggested for children ages 8 years old and up. The Haunting serves as the largest 4-H fundraiser of the year and has been held for more than 30 years. A DJ will be spinning Halloween tunes each night, and Entertainment by Magic Ed and special guests from the Sam 4 Magic Club will amaze people with nightly shows at 8:30 pm. For an additional cost, there will be face painting, pumpkins, and snacks and beverages available. Tickets can be purchased online at [https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-camden-county-4-h-haunting-haunted-walk-or-onsite-at-a-cost-of-\\$10-per-person](https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-camden-county-4-h-haunting-haunted-walk-or-onsite-at-a-cost-of-$10-per-person). Cash, Venmo and Zelle will also be accepted. Come out and enjoy this family-fun event and support Camden County 4-H. Proceeds support educational programs for youth in Camden County from 4-H clubs to leadership programs. Participants should dress warmly and wear comfortable shoes. If you like a good scare, then we will see you there! For more information, call Sharon Kinsey at the Camden County 4-H office at 856-216-7130 x 2

CALLING ALL GHOSTS, GOBLINS, WITCHES & SUPERHEROES!

Get ready for a spooktacular night at the Monroe Township Halloween Parade! Saturday, October 17th at 7 PM Parade Route: Main Street (from the CVS parking lot to Church Street) Show off your best costumes, decorated floats, walking groups, and Halloween spirit as we bring Main Street to life with a festive parade for the whole community to enjoy! Three judges will select winners and award plaques! Rain Date: October 18, 2026 For everyone's safety, please do not throw candy from vehicles. Registration is now open! We can't wait to see all the creative costumes and Halloween fun!

ELK TOWNSHIP HARVEST FESTIVAL

We're excited to announce a brand-new partnership between South Jersey Preservation and Elk Township to bring you the 2026 Elk Township Harvest Festival! Join us on Saturday, October 17, from 1 PM -5 PM at the Elk Township Recreation Fields for an afternoon celebrating everything that makes South Jersey special. Here's what you can expect: Farmers Market Artisan Vendors Local Food Trucks Live Music Antique Tractor Show Hay Rides to a Pumpkin Patch Trunk-or-Treat Local Drinks ...and plenty of family fun! This event is all about bringing our community together while celebrating our region's agricultural heritage. Whether you're looking for a fun fall afternoon with the family, fresh local food, or a chance to support local farms and small businesses, there's something for everyone. We currently have availability for: Farmers Market and Artisan vendors. Food trucks Trunk-or-Treat participants willing to decorate their vehicles and hand out candy

SHADOW EQUESTRIAN 24TH ANNUAL TRAIL-A-THON

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

TRUNK OR TREAT SCOTLAND RUN

October 20th (RD 10/21) at 6:30PM. Along with members and local vedors, you are invited to be part of the celebration. Decorate a trunk, bring plenty of candy to help create a safe and fun night for families. Spaces are limited so be sure to reserve your spot . To sign up call (856)863-3737 ext 3.

CALLING ALL TRUNK DECORATORS & TRICK OR TREATERS!

Monroe Township Community Affairs is organizing and planning this fun event for trunk or treaters, so start stocking up on candy if you want to be part of the fun! Decorate your vehicle, hand out unopened candy and help make Halloween special for hundreds of local families. The more creative, the better! Join us on Friday, October 23rd from 6PM to 7:30 PM at the Pfeiffer Community Center Parking Lot, 301 Blue Bell Road, Williamstown. Vehicle Setup is 4PM to 6PM. All vehicles must be decorated and hand out unopened candy. All are welcome so let's fill the parking lot with spooky, silly and creative displays for another unforgettable Halloween! Sign up to decorate a trunk at: tinyurl.com/TOT-26.

JEEPERS CREEPERS!

One of the most popular Delsea community events is returning, and we can't wait to see your best costumes! Come trick-or-treat with our students, staff, and amazing local businesses. This event is open to Kindergarten-6th-grade students from both Franklin and Elk Townships on Friday, October 23rd from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM at the entrance of the HS Athletics (Gym). Space is limited on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open promptly at 5 PM (please, no early arrivals!). Want to get involved? If you are a local business or Delsea club/sport interested in setting up a trick-or-treat table, we need your help! Please email Mrs. Pilitsowski at mpilitsowski@delsearegional.us. See you there for a spooktacular time!

BLOOD DRIVE

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

GLOUCESTER COUNTY'S FINAL CELEBRATION OF AMERICA'S 250TH

The Gloucester County Clerk's Office is proud to announce its final countywide celebration commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution. Community members of all ages are invited to join the Gloucester County Clerk's Office for a day of family-friendly festivities at the Gloucester County Store located in the Deptford Mall. Festivities will begin on October 24th at 10:00 AM and conclude at 5:00 PM.

The Gloucester County Clerk's Office is honored to host this final celebration as we recognize the history, heritage, and contributions of our county while partaking in the conclusion of the nationwide commemoration of America's 250th anniversary.

Brief History — Founded in 1686, Gloucester County is one of New Jersey's oldest counties and originally encompassed areas that now include present-day Atlantic and Camden Counties.

HOWL-O-WEEN PUPPY PARADE

Join us on Saturday, October 24th at Richard DiLucia Dog Park, 700 N. Tuckahoe Rd, Williamstown (off of Braves Blvd). Spectators are welcome to attend. Dress your pup in their spookiest, funniest or most creative costume and show it off! (Humans are welcome to dress up too!) Parade begins at 11 AM. Pups must check in by 10:45 AM. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes! All breeds & sizes welcome. All dog breeds are welcome must be leashed. Register at Tinyurl.com/2026pups. Questions? Call (856)728-9841.

VFW TRUNK OR TREAT

Fun for the whole family at VFW Post 2071, 2179 Delsea Dr., Franklinville on Saturday, October 24th at 4PM. Bring your costumes, bags, and buckets! If you want to set up your 'trunk' give us a call at (856)694-9878 or send us a message on our facebook page.

CIVIL WAR HISTORY WEEKEND

Mark your calendars for Civil War History Weekend Saturday Oct 24th and Sunday Oct 25th, the public is invited to join us at the amazing Civil War Ball at the Glassboro Marriott on Saturday night from 6pm till 9pm! Free refreshments- wear your own or dress up with Aunt Corrine and learn the reels and steps and it's ALL FREE! Bring the kids, learn about the history of the 12th NJ Volunteer Regiment- the United States Colored Regiment and talk to the Old Baldy Civil War Roundtable historians. Civil War Weekend takes place both days at 354 Oakwood Avenue Train Station, Glassboro.

MAD HATTER'S TREE PARTY

Join the Gloucester County Nature Club's event, featuring our Eldridge Trail. You will learn about trees and other features on the trail and finish by enjoying refreshments at the Tea House. Great event for kids! Sunday, October 25th from 1-3 PM. Start at E. Pine Street entrance to the Eldridge Trail, Wenonah.

HARVEST FEST & TRUNK OR TREAT!

Join us at Exley's Christmas Tree Farm, 1538 Monroeville Road, Monroeville on Sunday, October 25th at 1PM. Free admission includes trunk or treat kid's activities. Upgrade to a \$10 fun pass which includes a hay ride, corn maze and pumpkin (while supplies last). Food and refreshments are available for purchase from several local food trucks!

FRIGHT NIGHT 2026

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



"The Moral Coalition, a youth-led Christian organization based in South Jersey, participated in the Mary, Mother of Mercy Life Chain in Glassboro on Sunday, October 4. Members joined other local participants along Greentree Road for the peaceful event, which focused on prayer and the pro-life movement. Founded by members of Gen Z, The Moral Coalition works to encourage Christian faith, personal responsibility, fidelity, service, and strong moral values through education, advocacy, and community involvement. The organization is working to become more active throughout South Jersey by participating in local events, building relationships with churches and community organizations, and creating opportunities for young people to become more involved in their faith and communities. More information is available at TheMoralCoalition.org."

DO YOU STILL HEAR THE TRUMPETS?

by Dr. Glenn Mollette

A retired friend of mine fishes three or four times a week. He does it because he enjoys it and it is something to do. A retired school teacher friend played organized basketball until he was 85. He played in college and enjoyed the game his entire life.

High school kids play sports, cheerlead, play in the band or pursue various activities because it is something they want to do. There are some pursuits in life that we feel we must do. Often people work jobs they don't enjoy but they need a paycheck. Sometimes you may not really have the time to mow the grass but if you don't the grass will become unmanageable.

Food is an area where we have difficulties. I prefer ice cream and cake but I know I can't eat that very often. My regular diet of choice has to be salad, broccoli, salmon and other vegetables and some fruit. I understand why bison, elk and deer are healthier to eat. They have a very lean diet. Elk sausage and bison burgers are very good.

Every year, my doctor asks me if I am still interest in doing stuff. I am. If I had zero interest in doing anything I don't know how I would survive. This may be the catch. We don't survive very long if we give up or have nothing that arouses our interest. We need a reason to get out of bed in the morning. We need something to look forward to. Another friend wrote a book about hearing the trumpets in the morning. He wrote about his zeal to get out of bed and pursue life each day. When we stop hearing the trumpets in the morning is when we need to do a self-check. We need to ask ourselves why and determine to do something about our apathy.

I can't give you a list of activities or life pursuits. Only you know what flips your switch. Obviously it has to be something we can do because trying to do what we cannot do is not very fulfilling, but maybe it would be? Maybe learning something new might invigorate you? Maybe doing the same old thing all the time is what has become boring to you? We are creatures of habit and often we do the same things the same way forever. Maybe learning a new game or activity might be stimulating?

I do know doing the same thing the same way all the time will generally bring the same results. This may work for you. This may not be working for you.

Stay motivated. Do good every day. Love God and love yourself. Keep trying to be active. Go to bed tired. Hopefully early every morning you will hear the trumpets.



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.

Food Bank - The Food Bank at the Church is open every Wednesday from 830am to 1030am. ID is required. Clothes Closet - The Clothes Closet is open every Wednesday from 9am to 11am. Donations of clothing, pants, shirts, socks, coats, blankets, and household goods are needed. Further information on the Church programs can be obtained by contacting the Church Office at 856-691-0940.

CROSS KEYS UM CHURCH

Cross Keys UM Church now offers a blended Sunday Worship Service at 10:15AM with nursery provided and Sunday School for all ages at 9:30AM. Youth Groups gather 7PM on Wednesday evenings. Bible studies are every Wednesday morning and we have monthly small group gatherings. The Food Bank is held every third Saturday morning. 1644 N Main Street in the Cross Keys section of Williamstown 856-728-3344

ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR

Everyone is invited to have some holiday fun at the Catholic Daughters Annual Craft Fair on Saturday, November 14th at ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, Assumption Hall, 32A Carroll Ave, Williamstown. We have Crafts, Ornaments, Jewelry, Holiday Décor, Delicious Food For Sale such as Pizza, Hoagies and More!. The event is all indoors; Rain or Shine!

OBITUARIES

GERARD W. GROOM, JR.

Gerard W. Groom, Jr., age 49, of Williamstown, NJ, passed away on October 3, 2026. Born and raised in Northeast Philadelphia, he resided there before moving to Williamstown. He had a love for sports, especially football and basketball, and was a proud Philadelphia Eagles fan. Gerard had a wonderful sense of humor and could always bring a smile and laughter to those around him. He also had a passion for adding to his impressive sneaker collection. He loved taking day trips and vacations, making memories with loved ones. Above all, he cherished the time he spent with his family and had a special love for the family dog, Fiona.

Beloved son of Gerard W. Groom, Sr. and the late Judy Groom (nee Hardcastle). Loving brother of Catherine "Katie" Kupetz (Greg) and Jennifer Neveil (Brian). Cherished uncle of Ryan, Zachary, Jacob, Logan, his goddaughter Megan, and Peter. Dear nephew of Christine Groom. He is also survived by many loving cousin, friends and neighbors. Relatives and friends are invited to his visitation on Friday, October 9th from 10:30 – 11:30 AM, at the Farnelli Funeral Home, 504 N. Main Street, Williamstown where a memorial service will be held at 11:30 AM.

GERALD W. JONES

Gerald W. Jones, age 68, of Pine Hill, passed away suddenly on October 3, 2026. Raised in Lindenwold, Jerry lived in Williamstown for many years before moving to Pine Hill. He worked as a fork-lift mechanic for Gloucester Terminal for over 20 years before recently retiring. Jerry was a car enthusiast and enjoyed coin collecting. A true "jack of all trades," he was always willing to lend a helping hand and never hesitated to be there for family and friends when needed. Loving father of Jeremy Jones and the late Shaun Jones. He is also survived by his former spouse and mother of his children, Irene Jones; sisters Maureen Andrews (Bill), Diane Scott (Dave), Patricia White, Elaine Smith, and many loving nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Relatives and friends are invited to his visitation on Friday, October 9th from 6 – 7:30 PM at the Farnelli Funeral Home, 504 N. Main Street, Williamstown, where a memorial service will be held at 7:30 PM.

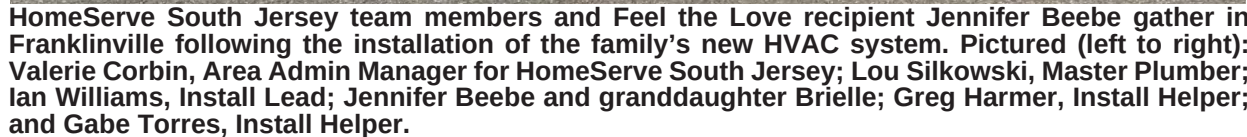
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Chris & Jennifer Beebe of Franklinville, NJ were recently selected as winners in the Lennox Feel the Love campaign in partnership with HomeServe. The campaign gives free, high-efficiency HVAC systems to local homeowners facing financial or medical hardships.

“The Beebe family doesn’t just talk about giving back, they live it every day,” said Valerie Corbin, Area Administrative Manager for HomeServe South Jersey. “Whether it is rescuing animals, responding to emergencies, coaching children, supporting families during the holidays, or simply being there for those in need, they consistently put others before themselves.”

Jennifer Beebe said receiving the new HVAC system was overwhelming. “I feel overwhelmed, excited, blessed and thankful to be chosen as a Feel the Love recipient,” Beebe said. “We’ve needed this for a very long time. It’s been a tough few years. A new unit and functioning HVAC system was far too expensive for us to even think about.”

The Feel the Love program was launched in 2009 and partners with local HVAC dealers across the United States to identify and support individuals who exemplify service to others while facing significant need.

- Bridge 8-N-5 CR659 Malaga Road over Whitehall Branch in Monroe Township. Improvements at this location include parapet rehabilitation, guide rail and attachment upgrades.

Work will begin on or about Monday October 12th. A full road detour will be in place on Lambs Rd (CR635). Once the road is closed, no vehicles will be able to proceed through the work zone. The detour will utilize Delsea Drive (Rt.47) to Bethel Mill Rd. The road will remain closed until construction is complete. The work on this bridge is anticipated to take approximately 4 weeks.

- Bridge 4-D-3 CR653 Paulsboro Road over Little Timber Creek in Woolwich Township. Improvements at this location include parapet rehabilitation, guide rail and attachment upgrades.

Work will begin on or about Monday October 19th. A full road detour will be in place on Paulsboro Rd (CR653). Once the road is closed, no vehicles will be able to proceed through the work zone. The detour will utilize Hendricksom Mill Rd to Asbury Station Rd (CR684). The road will remain closed until construction is complete. The work on this bridge is anticipated to take approximately 4 weeks.

- Bridge 6-K-1 CR651 Greentree Road over Duffield Branch in Washington Township. Improvements at this location include parapet rehabilitation, guide rail and attachment upgrades.

Work will begin between November 4th and November 9th. Two road detours will be in place for Lambs Rd (CR635). Once the road is closed, no vehicles will be able to proceed through the work zone. A detour will utilize Hurffville-Crosskeys Rd (CR654) to Delsea Drive (Rt.47) to Pitman Downer Rd. (CR658). A second detour will utilize Hurffville-Crosskeys Rd (CR654) to Fish Pond Rd (CR634) to Pitman Downer Rd. (CR658). The road will remain closed until construction is complete. The work on this bridge is anticipated to take approximately 4 weeks.

On Sunday, October 4th at approximately 9:07 p.m., Winslow Township police responded to a Wawa located on the 400 block of Sicklerville Road for a reported shooting. Upon arrival, police found Norman suffering from a gunshot wound. He was transported to Cooper University Hospital for treatment. Police were subsequently notified that another 20-year-old man walked into Jefferson Hospital in Washington Township with a gunshot wound and was later transported to Cooper University Hospital. Through the investigation, detectives obtained surveillance video footage that showed Norman and the victim engaged in a dispute inside the store that turned into a physical altercation after Norman threw the first punch. During the incident, the video showed Norman pulling out a firearm and shooting the victim. Norman also sustained a self-inflicted gunshot wound to his left hand. A handgun was later recovered at the scene. Norman was taken into custody in Sicklerville on 10/6 by the U.S. Marshals Service New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force – Camden Division and Winslow Township Police Department. He was remanded to the Camden County Correctional Facility, pending a detention hearing in Superior Court. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Timothy Jordan of the Camden County Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit at (856) 225-365-3073 and Detective Catherine Lewellen of the Winslow Township Police Department at (609) 667-3389. All individuals charged with crimes are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Valeed Anjum, 27, of Bensalem, Pa, was arrested and charged with first-degree aggravated sexual assault, second-degree sexual assault and third-degree endangering the welfare of a child. Gloucester County Prosecutor Andrew B. Johns announced on 10/6/2026. According to documents filed in this case: On July 29 West Deptford Police responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in National Park and made contact with Anjum and a12-year-old girl inside the vehicle. The juvenile was safely returned home. During an investigation, detectives learned that Anjum had communicated with the minor victim through Snapchat and a review of those communications revealed evidence of sexual contact between Anjum and the juvenile, as well as images depicting child sexual abuse involving additional victims. The investigation further determined that Anjum had previously engaged in sexual contact with the victim in the West Deptford/National Park area. The juvenile reported that Anjum forced them to perform a sex act and touched them under their clothing.

On Oct. 1, Bensalem, Pa. Police executed arrest and search warrants at Anjum's residence. Anjum was arrested and admitted to the sexual act involving the victim. He is lodged in the Bucks County Correctional Facility pending extradition to New Jersey. The maximum term of incarceration is life in state prison for the first-degree charge, 10 years for the second-degree charge, and 5 years for the third-degree charge. Prosecutor Johns thanked the GCPO Special Victims Unit, the West Deptford Police Department, and the Bensalem Police Department for their assistance in the investigation. The charges contained in the complaint/indictment are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

A DWI Checkpoint was conducted in Franklin Township on Sat. 9/12 which resulted in 127 vehicles that were checked, five DWI arrests and 50 motor vehicle tickets issued. One disorderly juvenile was arrested on a scooter. During the checkpoint a female driver was arrested for driving while intoxicated (DWI) that was also criminally charged with operating a motor vehicle with two young children in the vehicle. The children were not harmed and were released to a family member.

Join the Monroe Township Police Department for the next Town Watch Meeting! Stay informed, get involved, and help keep our community safe. Residents are invited to attend this informative meeting to hear updates from the Police Department and share feedback on issues impacting our neighborhoods. Join us on Tuesday, October 13th at 6:30 PM Monroe Township Municipal Building - Court Room 125 Virginia Ave., Williamstown. Topics will include: Police Department Overview Current Crime Trends Traffic Enforcement Updates Resident Feedback & Discussion. This is a great opportunity to connect with local law enforcement, learn about public safety initiatives, and ask questions about concerns in your community.

Beginning on or about Monday, October 5, Malaga Road (CR 659) at Blue Bell Road, will be CLOSED 24 HOURS A DAY for bridge construction. The closure will be on the eastern edge of Bluebell Road (at the bridge). Bluebell Road will be unaffected. This will be a HARD CLOSURE. Once the road is closed, no vehicles will be permitted through the work zone. The closure is anticipated to remain in place for approximately 4 weeks, or until construction is complete. Detour Routes: US 322 → Corkery Lane (CR 612) → Blue Bell Road (CR 633) Coles Mill Road (CR 538) → US 322 Motorists should plan ahead, allow additional travel time, and follow all posted detour signs.

The Gloucester County Hero Scholarship Fund proudly presents the 25th Annual Ride to Remember, honoring the emergency personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. The Ride to Remember was established in honor of Washington Township Police Corporal Steve Levy – “63,” who was killed in the line of duty on October 21, 1999. Corporal Levy was a highly trained and dedicated law enforcement officer whose service and sacrifice continue to be remembered by his family, friends, fellow officers, and community.

This year's 25th Annual Ride to Remember will be dedicated to Malaga Firefighter Robert "Bobby" Reider, III, who lost his life in the line of duty on July 10, 2026. We are honored to remember Bobby's service and sacrifice and to stand alongside his family, fellow firefighters, and the community he served. The ride will be held on Sunday, October 11, 2026, bringing together motorcyclists, first responders, families, and supporters to honor the men and women who have given their lives while protecting and serving our communities.

Proceeds from the Ride to Remember benefit the mission of the Gloucester County Hero Scholarship Fund, Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides immediate financial assistance to families following a documented line-of-duty death, supports public safety professionals who suffer catastrophic line-of-duty injuries or illnesses, and provides scholarships to help the children and families of our public safety community continue their education.

Location: The run will start from the Washington Township High School, 509 Hurfville-Crosskeys Road, Sewell, NJ, 08080 (Gloucester County) and travel the roads of South Jersey for about 63 miles. The run will end at the Washington Lake Park complex.

Registration: <https://gchero.org/ride-to-remember/registration/>
All riders must register—both the operator and additional riders. Cost: \$30 for rider & \$5 passenger. (please note registration has a line for service fee this is not mandatory, you can change it to zero) Goodie bags (Pin, patch, helmet sticker) are given to first 400 registered.

Questions: If you have any questions, please contact us at ride@gchero.org

Come out and support the Malaga Vol Fire Company on October 17th and purchase a Chicken BBQ & Spaghetti Dinner. You can eat in or take out from 12 Noon to 5PM. Cost is \$15 per dinner!

Observed annually in October, Cybersecurity Awareness Month is jointly led by the National Cybersecurity Alliance and the federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). The campaign promotes best practices for staying safe online. In support of the national campaign, the NJCCIC, a component organization of NJOHSP, is encouraging residents and organizations to strengthen their cyber defenses by: Using strong passwords and a password manager; Enabling multi-factor authentication; Keeping software updated; Recognizing phishing and other social engineering scams and backing up important data and encrypting sensitive information

"Cybersecurity is fundamental to New Jersey's safety, security, and resilience," said NJOHSP Director Thomas Hauck. "As cyber threats evolve and grow more sophisticated, protecting our critical systems and data becomes increasingly vital. That makes cybersecurity a team effort, one where everyone shares responsibility every single day, not just during Cybersecurity Awareness Month." According to the NJCCIC, common threats include phishing and text-message scams, credential theft and unauthorized account access, and ransomware.

The NJCCIC received a report of a vishing campaign, claiming to provide assistance with the target's retirement benefit plan. Threat actors may contact their targets by phone, posing as trusted financial advisors or representatives of retirement benefit plans. They can also use advanced artificial intelligence (AI) voice cloning of known advisors or representatives to appear legitimate. The threat actors claim to offer a "free" review of the target's retirement benefit plan. They offer fake meetings or consultations, potentially to steal sensitive information or account login credentials, compromise plan accounts, update direct deposit information, and transfer or release funds to attacker-controlled accounts. Threat actors may also claim that the account is at risk or compromised and trick their targets into downloading remote access software or authorizing immediate wire transfers or loans out of the plan into a "safe" external account.

Legitimate financial advisors or representatives of retirement benefit plans will never proactively call you to request sensitive information, such as Social Security numbers, login credentials, or multi-factor authentication (MFA) codes. They will also never force an urgent decision to “protect” the account by having you transfer funds to external accounts, purchase cryptocurrency, or buy gift cards. Recommendations:

- Exercise caution with communications claiming to offer assistance with your retirement benefit plan.
- Confirm the legitimacy of communications by using contact information obtained from official sources, such as the retirement benefit plan's website or an account statement.
- Navigate directly to legitimate websites and verify websites before submitting account credentials or providing personal or financial information.
- Use strong, unique passwords and enable multi-factor authentication where available, choosing authentication apps or hardware tokens over SMS text-based codes.
- Reduce your digital footprint so that threat actors cannot easily target you.
- Report malicious cyber activity to the NJCCIC and the FBI's IC3.

On Friday, October 2nd at approximately 3:15PM, Clayton Police officers were dispatched to the area of South Broad Street and Clayton Avenue for a report of a two-vehicle crash involving a school bus. Upon further investigation, it was determined that one of the vehicles involved was a Clayton school bus. The bus driver and five students were transported to local hospitals for evaluation of minor injuries. Gloucester County EMS, Clayton Fire Department along with , Clayton School officials responded to the scene and assisted with the incident. This incident remains under investigation.

A 56-year-old woman was killed after a crash along Route 613 North Porchtown Road on Wednesday, New Jersey State Police said. At around 5:50 a.m., troopers responded to mile marker 0.6 for a report of a vehicle crash. Based on early evidence, Crystal Weldon, of Bridgeton, was driving a Honda sedan southbound when she was unable to safely navigate through a right curve. She crossed into the northbound lanes and crashed head-on with a Ford pickup truck. Weldon died as a result of the collision.

During the month of September, Harrison Twp Police responded to: 1,567 Calls for Service, 623 Added Patrols and 237 9-1-1 Calls. Traffic Enforcement was busy with 36 Motor Vehicle Crashes; 156 Motor Vehicle Stops and 127 Traffic Summonses and 118 Radar Posts. Criminal Activity included 11 Criminal Arrests and 8 Warrant Arrests.

5TH COMMUNITY MEET & GREET

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MEET & GREET DETAILS

WHERE: Sgt. Anthony P.
Grochowski VFW Post 2071
(2179 Delsea Dr, Franklinville, NJ 08322)

WHEN: Thursday,
October 8, 2026

TIME:
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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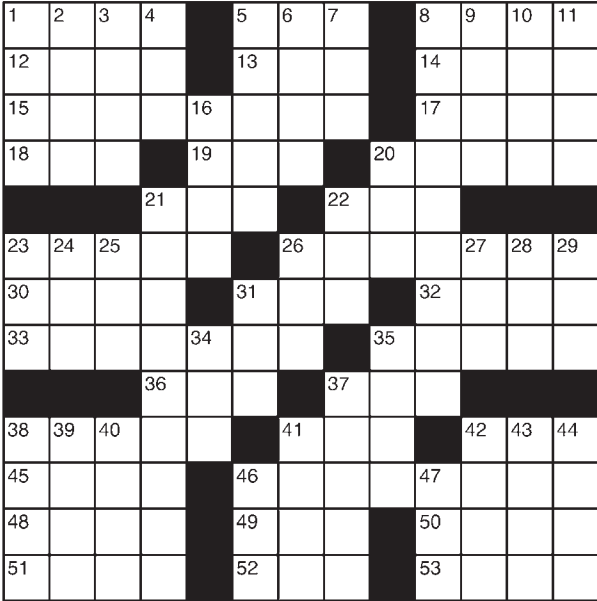
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Use a squeegee
5 ACLU concerns
8 Oodles
12 Valhalla VIP
13 — Jima
14 Slightly
15 Reveals by accident
17 California valley
18 LAX and JFK overseer
19 Bad spell
20 Playful sea critter
21 Young bloke
22 Used to be
23 Skewered Thai recipe
26 Beach robes
30 Four Corners st.
31 Gearwheel tooth
32 Barrett or Jaffe
33 Pond floater
- 35 Unclothed
36 Long lunch?
37 Tier
38 Teapot feature
41 Binge
42 Hiatus
45 Galley gear
46 Legendary gossip columnist
48 Vicinity
49 Soul, to Sartre
50 Eager
51 Drudge
52 PX patrons
53 Trawler gear
- DOWN**
- 1 Wild canine
2 Concept
3 Pocket bread
4 Em halves
5 Ticked off
6 Candy sold in twos
7 Soak (up)
8 Breaking point
9 Final notice
10 Clock reading
- 11 Swizzle
16 Horse-drawn carriage
20 Klutz
21 Revolving tray
22 Witty one
23 Bando of baseball
24 "Exodus" hero
25 Up to
26 Massachusetts cape
27 Fine, to NASA
28 Compass dir.
29 Blue
31 Taxi
34 Impose
35 Egggy drinks
37 Demolishes
38 Daytime drama
39 Rid of rind
40 Sweet sandwich
41 Rock's Hendrix
42 Donate
43 Bickering
44 Profs' degrees
46 Trail the pack
47 "Sheesh!"



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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalms 44:24-26

Why do you hide your face and forget our misery and oppression? We are brought down to the dust; our bodies cling to the ground. Rise up and help us; rescue us because of your unfailing love.

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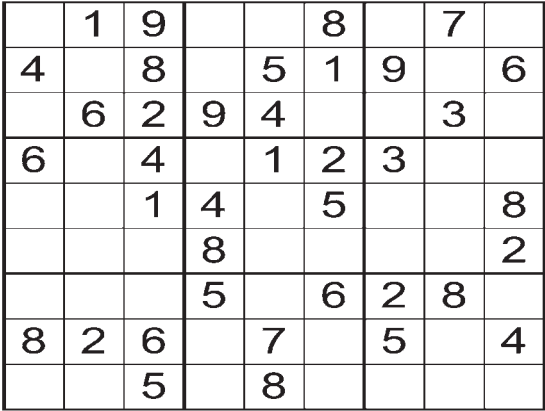


Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Weekly SUDOKU



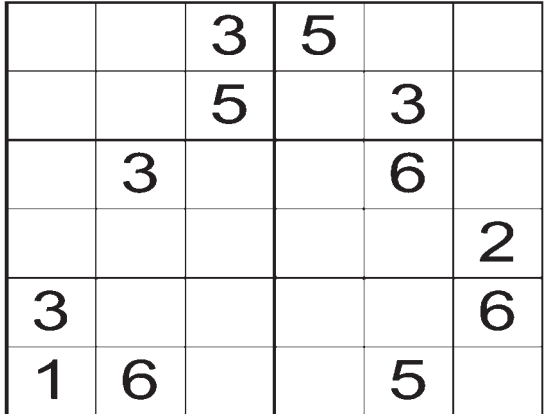
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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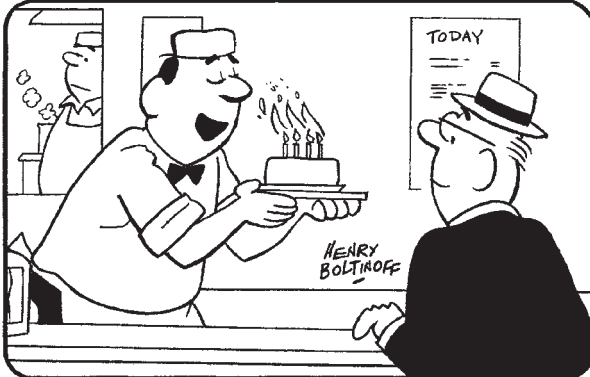
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: LARGE FLIGHTLESS BIRD

Baboon Gerbil Hyena Ravens
Cobras Grogs Jackal Snails
Crocodiles Guinea fowl Mongoose Weasel
Eagle owls Hedgehog Oryx

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Word is different. 2. Glasses are missing. 3. Sleeve is different. 4. Hat is larger. 5. Back of stool is added. 6. Mouth is different.

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.

DVQBNGIOR GBSV B ABM IP

GIJWETL QGV DIRQ QOXQG

ET QGV JVBRQ RNBZV.

— IORIT RZIQQ ZBOW

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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: T equals M

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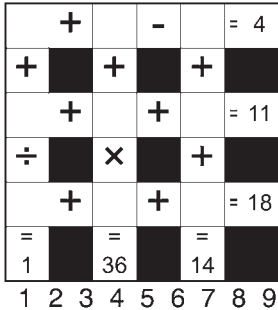
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CVEKRU? JQQJUZZG JKQBBU.

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GO FIGURE!

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

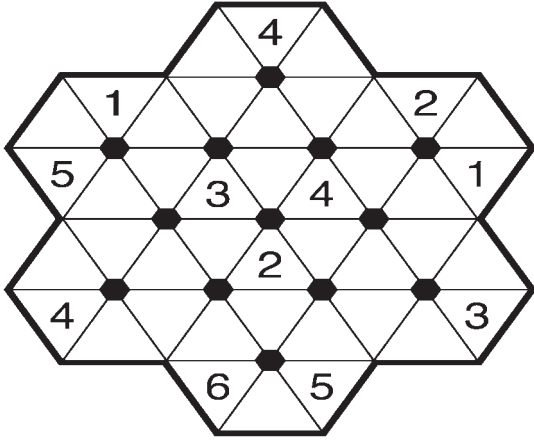


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SNOWFLAKES

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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LANTIE
AYGNT
♥ ELSA
RINAUT
♥ LPA
UMNE
♥ PEMLA
♥ ETN
RYSTUE
REPGU
RMPI

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. ♥ RATH becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An upcoming trip could create some problems with your schedule, unless you tie up as many loose ends as possible before you head out the door. Ask a friend or colleague to help you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Being eager to start a new project is fine. However, moving ahead without knowing what will actually be expected of you could cause a problem down the line. Ask some questions.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Getting through some recent challenges in good shape might give you a false sense of security.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Caution is still advised, even though you think you're as prepared as you need to be. Keep in mind that change is in your aspect, and you should expect the unexpected.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Lion's gift of persuasion helps you get your points across, even to some of your most-negative naysayers in the workplace.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Being sure of your convictions is fine, but leave some room for dissenting opinions. You might learn something that could help you avoid a possible problem later on.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Getting good legal advice on what your rights actually are is the first step toward resolving a pesky problem so that it doesn't reemerge at a later date. Good luck!

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Longtime relationships work well this week, whether they're personal or professional. It's also a good time to invite new friends and colleagues into your life.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good week to conduct research and uncover compelling facts that can back you up on your new venture when you most need it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Change is an important factor in your aspect this week and could affect something that you might have thought was immune to any sort of adjustment or "alteration."

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Being asked to share someone's deeply personal confidence might be flattering, but accepting could be unwise. Decline gracefully but firmly.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) As wise as you are, you could still be misled by someone who seems to be sincere but might not be. Take more time to assess the situation before making any commitments.

BORN THIS WEEK: You like to face challenges that others might try to avoid, and by so doing, you set an example of courage for all.

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MEGA JOB FAIR & RESOURCE EVENT at Rowan College of South Jersey on Friday, October 9th from 9AM to 12 Noon at Rowan College of South Jersey Gymnasium, 1400 Tanyard Road, Sewell. .

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.

WINERIES MYSTERY TOUR - Cumberland County Wineries invites you to a tour on Sat. October 10th from 3PM to 7PM. The Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce presents the Cumberland County Wineries Mystery Tour where you can join the fun as attendees will be taken on a fun-filled, trolley tour of Terra Nonno, Cedar Rose, and Frightened Turtle wineries, spending about one hour or so at each stop. Along the way, there will be a mystery to discuss and solve plus other fun, wine, food and other beverages. The tour begins at Hopewell Twp. Municipal Building/ Chamber office parking lot. Please arrive by 2:24PM where you can enjoy the vistas of the fall countryside, wine tastings, delicious food, a mystery event and other activities. Tickets cost \$75 per person and include wine tasting at each winery. You will also receive a coupon for food & wine beverages at a winery of choice and have a chance to win prizes in the mystery event along the way. To reserve space call (856)455-1312.

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

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

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



GRAMMY-WINNING ARTISTS SASHA COOKE AND JASON VIEAUX BRING “SONGS OF THE AMERICAS” TO WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP



Songs of the Americas Sasha Cooke & Jason Vieaux

10/18/26

MUSIC at Bunker Hill

3:00 pm

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

Music at Bunker Hill will present Songs of the Americas, featuring two Grammy Award-winning artists, mezzo-soprano Sasha Cooke and guitarist Jason Vieaux, on Sunday, October 18, 2026, at 3 p.m. The concert takes place at Bunker Hill Presbyterian Church, 330 Greentree Road in Sewell, NJ.

The program pairs Cooke’s voice with Vieaux’s guitar in music that ranges from Spanish song to American folk traditions and musical theater. It includes selections from Enrique Granados’s Tondillas and Aaron Copland’s Old American Songs, alongside works by Joaquin Rodrigo, Leonard Bernstein, Stephen Sondheim and others. Vieaux will also perform his composition Tidal Pools, featured on his new album of original solo guitar music, Gratitude, released September 18 on Azica Records.

Cooke has appeared at the Met and other leading opera and concert stages and received two Grammy Awards. Vieaux is an internationally acclaimed classical guitarist and Grammy winner. Together, they bring an intimate voice-and-guitar program to Music at Bunker Hill’s South Jersey audience.

Tickets are \$30 for adults and seniors and \$5 for students with ID. Doors open at 2:30 p.m., and seating is unreserved. Advance online ticket purchase is advised. Hybrid format offers live and remote viewing. Tickets and program information are available at musicatbunkerhill.org/songs-of-the-americas.

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.

LARA DOWNES AND RHIANNON GIDDENS IN MUSICAL CONVERSATION WITH SOUNDS LIKE AMERICA PERFORMANCE

Rowan University’s Marie Rader Series “Life & Liberty” Season Continues with Exploration of America’s History Through the Lens of its Music

Renowned pianist, NPR host and thought leader Lara Downes and Pulitzer Prize and Grammy Award-winning singer Rhiannon Giddens present a unique program of live music and conversation at Rowan University. The Marie Rader Series presents Sounds Like America, Friday, October 30 at 7:30 p.m. in Pfleegee Concert Hall. Ticket prices range from \$10-\$35 and are available at 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, reflecting 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 will be available at this performance in addition to our standard accommodations.



STUDENT PARENTS WOULD GET MORE SUPPORT UNDER BILLS PASSED BY ASSEMBLY HIGHER ED COMMITTEE

For students raising children, pursuing a degree comes with challenges that extend past the classroom. Balancing coursework and family responsibilities can make it more difficult to stay enrolled and complete a degree that will help build their careers and further support their families. This legislation would help remove barriers and increase protections for student-parents working toward a college degree That is why the Assembly Higher Education Committee yesterday advanced a trio of bills aimed at supporting student parents in their pursuit of a college degree. According to the National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS) there were more than 3.1 million undergraduate parenting students enrolled in colleges and universities across the United States as of 2023. The committee advanced the following bills on Monday 10/5/2026:

Bill A5493: would establish the “Student-Parent Protection Act,” which would ensure equal rights and opportunities for parenting students enrolled in institutions of higher education.

Bill A3424, sponsored by Assemblywoman Heather Simmons (D- Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem), would grant priority course registration to certain undergraduate student parents attending institutions of higher education.

Bill A3407, sponsored by Assembly members Simmons, Dave Bailey, Jr. (D-Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem), and Shama Haider (D-Bergen), would prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students who have children to purchase meal plans, live on campus, or pay gym fees.

THE SENTINEL - OCTOBER 8 - 14, 2026 - PAGE 7 GLOUCESTER COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ANNOUNCES MEGAN VARRELL AS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As they celebrate their 40th anniversary, Gloucester County Habitat for Humanity is excited to announce that Board Member and former Resource Development Director Megan Varrell has been appointed as Executive Director, succeeding Scott Bosley. Gloucester County Habitat is thrilled to welcome Megan back to the organization full time. “We are so grateful for all of the incredible work Scott did in his time with Gloucester County Habitat,” shared Ronda Abbruzzese, Board President. “We couldn’t imagine a better successor than Meg, who has long been a dedicated, passionate member of the Habitat family, and whose experience will be invaluable as we continue growing.”

Megan is a community-focused leader dedicated to strengthening connections between local government, businesses, nonprofits, and residents. Her career has centered on inclusive programming, community tourism, and small business support—enhancing quality of life while showcasing Gloucester County as a welcoming destination. Prior to her previous position at the Borough of Glassboro, Megan spent over three years as the Resource Development Director for Gloucester County Habitat for Humanity, leading fundraising, donor relations, and community engagement initiatives. Megan is greatly looking forward to rejoining the team in a full-time role after more recently serving as a Board Member.

“Growing up in Gloucester County, I have come to believe that strong communities are built when people have the opportunity to come together and invest in one another,” said Varrell. “As Executive Director, I am committed to strengthening Habitat’s relationships throughout the county and helping advance our mission of creating safe, decent, and affordable housing opportunities for families.”

Megan has been married for five years to Lauren, with whom she has a 14-month-old named Henry. Megan became a strong advocate for NICU families and nurses after Henry spent 57 days at Cooper NICU. In her free time, she enjoys watching the Philadelphia Eagles and spending time in North Wildwood, which her family calls their happy place. At the heart of Megan’s work, advocacy, and her personal life is a simple philosophy: when people, organizations, and communities come together around a shared purpose, they can create lasting change. As she enters a new chapter in her career with Gloucester County Habitat for Humanity, the organization knows that philosophy will guide her towards success.

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The complete text of legal notices for the Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library of the Township of Washington can be found at: <https://hegganlibrary.org/index.php/legal-notices/> and also <https://www.nj.gov/state/statewide-legal-notices-list.shtml>

Dina Meddings, Library Operations Manager, Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library of Washington Township, 606 Delsea Drive, Sewell, NJ 08080

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- View full Notices here: <https://nj-clayton.civicplus.com/1225/Public-Notices-Bids>
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Borough of Clayton
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Michelle Damminger
Business Office Assistant
Mantua Township Public Schools
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BINGO EVERY THURSDAY MORNING!

All are welcome; must be 18 or older. Doors open at 7:30AM-Books start selling at 9AM; Games start at 10AM. Bagels, Donuts & pretzels for sale. Also coffee, tea, juices & soda for sale. Location: Glassboro VFW Post 679, 275 Wilmer Street, Glassboro. (856)243-5000.

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Charles Stratton, Jr. Chairman / Jeffrey Faubell, Secretary
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Ann Zuber, Director
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GLOUCESTER COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS MOSQUITO CONTROL DIVISION PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

In compliance to Section 9.10 & 9.15 of the New Jersey Pesticide Control code (N.J.A.C. Title 7, Chapter 30) the Gloucester County Public Works, Mosquito Control Division (MCD) will be applying pesticides for the control and reduction of adult populations on an area-wide basis as needed, throughout Gloucester County during the period of April 26, 2026 to October 31, 2026. Township residents can request a packet of information from their Mayor’s Office regarding a state approved “Questions and Answers” sheet and proposed individual pesticides used throughout Gloucester County, which explains everything you need to know about our program, important phone numbers and your health and well being.

The pesticides to be used in these programs will be **Fyfanon ULV®**-(Malathion), **Duet Dual Action Adulicide®**-(Prallethrin-Sumithrin), **Zenivex® E4 RTU** – (Etofenprox), **DeltAGard®**-(Deltamethrin), **PermaSease® 4-4** – (Permethrin and Piperonyl Butoxide), **Anvil 2+2®**– (3-Phenoxybenzyl-(1RS,3RS; 1RS,3RS)-2,2-dimethyl-3-(2-methylprop-1-enyl) cyclopropanecarboxylate), **PermaSease® 3-15** – (3-Phenylphenyl) methyl (+/-) cis, trans-3-(2,2-dichlorethenyl)-2,2-dimethyl cyclopropanecarboxylate and **Merus 3.0** – (Pyrethrins). All chemicals will be applied by truck, aircraft or hand held Ultra Low volume spraying equipment for adult mosquito control.

In case of any pesticide emergency, please contact The New Jersey Poison Information and Educational System @ 1-800-222-1222 for routine pesticide related health inquiries.

Upon request the MCD shall provide a resident with notification at least 12 hours prior to the application, except for Quarantine and Disease Vector Control only, when conditions necessities pesticide applications sooner than that time.

Updated information on the time and location of adulicide applications can be found and reviewed @ <http://www.co.gloucester.nj.us/depts/pw/highway/mosdiv/msl.asp>. For those seeking further information please contact Wayne J. Wurtz, Jr., General Supervisor, NJCPA license number 69093A at The Gloucester County Public Works/Mosquito Control Division @ 1-856-307-6400, between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday thru Friday, except on holidays.

For information on pesticide regulations, pesticide complaints and health referrals, contact the New Jersey Pesticide Control Program @ 1-609-984-6568.



Dr. Brenden Rickards (C), the second president of Rowan College of South Jersey, poses with former President Dr. Fred Keating (L) and RCSJ Board of Trustee Chair Gene Concordia (R), after Rickards received the Presidential Medallion during his inauguration ceremony.

“With the support and guidance of the Board of Trustees and the entire RCSJ community, I’m certain you will continue this institutional legacy of innovation and service for our students and community.”

Driven to teach, both of Rickards’ maternal grandparents were faculty members at higher educational institutions. His grandfather Charles Preston Skaggs worked at WVU and his grandmother Ruth Marie Skaggs worked at Fairmount State College (now Fairmount State University). He shared a story about a statement his grandfather made to him when Rickards was a teen.

“I remember being on the front porch and he said, ‘People like you have a duty to work and help others.’ At the time, I really didn’t know what he was talking about. It dawned on me a few years later that what he meant is if you have the ability to break down and explain things so people can understand them, you have a duty to help.

“That was my drive to get into teaching,” he divulged. “I felt that was my calling.” Rickards’ drive to teach also led him down the path to become RCSJ’s second president.

“I realized that you have an opportunity to change people’s lives and their trajectories. When you’re in a classroom, there are only X number of students. The further you go up, you now have the opportunity to change things for the better – not only for all of the students you had in class, but all of the students attending RCSJ, as well as, hopefully, the faculty, staff, and the community,” he explained.

Impact on colleagues and students A few of Rickards’ colleagues, including one of his former students, spoke about the impact he had on them during the ceremony. “I enjoyed working with you as a faculty member. I think that needs to be said because Brenden started in the faculty, so he understands what it means to be in the trenches, also known as the classrooms,” Mary Malinconico, RCSJ–Gloucester faculty senate vice chair and associate professor of Computer Graphic Arts said, eliciting laughter from the audience.

“As a dean it was a pleasure working with you; as a vice president it was a pleasure working with you, and now I look forward to leading the faculty senate [and working] with you in the future. Congratulations.”

Dr. Jennfier Riggio, RCSJ–Cumberland faculty senate secretary and assistant professor I, Computer Graphic Arts, said: “As faculty, we especially appreciate his commitment to shared governance and to ensuring that faculty voices remain an important part of the conversations and decisions that shape our institution. “On a personal note, Dr. Rickards was a mentor to me as I was going through my doctorate journey in leadership, and he’s also been an excellent resource for our Phi Theta Kappa chapters on both campuses. We look forward to continuing that tradition.”

“For me one of the most meaningful parts of Dr. Rickards’ vision is his emphasis on service,” said Joe Spencer, RCSJ–Gloucester College Assembly chair and director of the Academy of Adult Literacy. “The RCSJ Serves initiative represents something I strongly believe should be at the heart of what we do, here at RCSJ. We serve our students, we serve our communities, and we serve one another.

“Dr. Rickards, your history with this institution gives you a unique understanding both of where RCSJ has been and where it can go …,” he added, “and as a proud West Virginia Mountaineer, you know a thing or two about climbing mountains. While we may have mountains to climb here at RCSJ, I am confident that under your leadership, we will continue reaching new heights.”

Rounding out the speakers in the Greetings portion of the ceremony was Thaddeus Palmer, a 2018 Gloucester campus graduate and current assistant professor of Biology and Chemistry, at the College. He delivered heartwarming remarks during his speech. “I stand here today as a faculty member for Rowan College of South Jersey, and I’m equally honored to count myself among the alumni of the College as well, where I consider myself very fortunate to have found some of the greatest professors that I had throughout the entirety of my academic career,” Palmer said.

“I think anyone that may have had the privilege of having Brenden as a professor, or may have seen him conduct a classroom, would know that his knowledge – and I would say mastery of the subject and his ability to convey that information to his students – was maybe matched only by his genuine care and compassion for the students. I wish nothing but the best for him,” he continued.

“I’ve always been grateful to him for where I am today.” Reshaping RCSJ’s future

Rickards, a Princeton University GradFutures Clío Hall award winner, is astutely aware that a thriving college begins with meaningful connections. The president is committed to engaging with students, employees, alumni, industry partners, and community members through open dialogue, shared experiences, and collaborative opportunities.

The president’s vision focuses on hands-on opportunities, transformative innovation, and servant leadership. RCSJ Serves is at the forefront of his servant leadership initiatives.

“The idea behind RCSJ serves is to encourage all of our employees and students to volunteer in things they are passionate about,” Rickards said. “I think volunteerism and serving others is a huge, fulfilling part of my life, and I’d like to extend that fulfillment to others on campus.

“I think at the core of a community college, we have to be here to serve the community – whether that’s providing education, training, enrichment, or holding events that people in the community can come to learn and enjoy. It’s a long-term commitment to integrate RCSJ more into the community.”

Passing the torch Rickards ran down a long list of people that he thanked for helping to guide and mentor him on his journey to the presidency. Included on that list was the first president of RCSJ, Dr. Fred Keating.

“I can’t say enough about the mentorship that Fred provided over the years,” Rickards said, during the ceremony. “When you’re moving up through different roles, you have to listen and learn from others. So, the help and support that Fred gave me as the provost and ultimately in this role – I cannot say enough.” The erstwhile president had nothing but kind words to say about Rickards.

“What I take away and am appreciative to see is his success. We go back at least 17, 18 years. I supported him when he wanted to be the president. I’ve watched his growth and I’d like to think that we learned a lot from each other,” Keating said.

“He helped me a lot when I was the president. I think we had a good relationship and I’m very happy for him and his family.”

Family ties Several of Rickards’ family members – including his mother and father who traveled up from West Virginia, his siblings and sisters-in law – were at the ceremony to witness his ceremonial ascension to RCSJ president. The emotions of the moment began to surface in Rickards’ voice when he thanked his family. “I know I could not be here without the love and support of my family, my wife Jill, my daughter Lauren and my son Ben …,” he said. “It’s the love and support that you get at home on a daily basis that allows you to progress. “My wife and I have been together for 20 plus years. She was with me when I was an undergrad, and she supported and pushed me, so Jill, I love you. Thank you very much. To my kids, Ben and Lauren … seeing you grow up has been the happiest days of my life. What I want you to think about is that you too can make a true difference and that’s ultimately what life is about.”

“I’m very proud of him,” Jill, a social worker at Virtua Health, said. “Our parents predicted this would happen as he advanced at the College starting as a professor and moving to dean and the various positions he’s held.

“I’m not surprised. He’s a very hard worker, very intelligent, and sincere. I think he’ll do great things for the College.”

BUILD A WINNING GAME-DAY SPREAD

with Big Flavor and Less Mess

FEATURE IMPACT

Game day is about more than the big plays, touchdown-saving tackles and final score. Whether you’re gathering in the stadium parking lot or hosting friends for an at-home watch party, a memorable experience begins long before kickoff. Start your pregame festivities with an MVP-worthy spread that’s simple to serve, easy to eat and keeps fans full through the final whistle. For example, the flavor of Buffalo is a game-day staple, but wings aren’t the only way to enjoy it. For less mess, Buffalo Chicken Caesar and Celery Wraps pair convenience with the cool crunch of Dandy Celery, a year-round superstar ingredient for many of your favorite football-inspired dishes. It’s packed with flavor and low in calories, making it a smart choice for snacking.

The contrasting tastes and textures offer a satisfying bite, whether you slice the wraps into smaller portions for appetizer-style serving or leave them whole for fans with hearty appetites. Nervous nibblers during the game’s most tense moments may prefer a lighter bite, and that’s where a dependable dip can come through in the clutch. This Buffalo Hummus recipe puts a tailgate-spin on the familiar favorite, combining creamy texture with a little heat. Serve it alongside crackers, chips or crisp vegetables like Dandy celery dippers, fresh-cut celery sticks that are pre-washed and ready to eat at your convenience – a true time-saver when the clock is ticking. Design your own winning game plan by finding more tailgating recipes at DudaFresh.com.

Buffalo Hummus
Prep time: 5 minutes
Servings: 8

1 can (15 ounces) chickpeas, drained and rinsed

1/4 cup tahini

1/4 cup Buffalo sauce

2 tablespoons olive oil

1/2 lemon, juice only

2 cloves garlic

2-3 tablespoons ice water

dairy-free blue cheese, for garnish (optional)

chopped chives, for garnish (optional)

paprika, for garnish (optional)

olive oil, for garnish (optional)

Dandy Celery Dippers

pita chips

In food processor, puree drained chickpeas, tahini, Buffalo sauce, olive oil, lemon juice and garlic until smooth, stopping to scrape down sides as needed. Add water through lid until desired consistency is achieved.

Spread hummus onto serving plate or bowl. Garnish, if desired, with dairy-free blue cheese, chopped chives, paprika and drizzle of olive oil. Serve with celery dippers and pita chips.

Buffalo Chicken Caesar and Celery Wraps
Servings: 4

2 cups shredded rotisserie chicken

1/4 cup Buffalo sauce

2 cups Dandy romaine hearts, chopped

1 cup Dandy celery, chopped (about 4 ribs)

1/3 cup Caesar dressing

1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

1/2 teaspoon black pepper

4 large flour tortillas (10 inches)

In bowl, toss shredded chicken with Buffalo sauce. Set aside.

To make salad: In separate bowl, combine romaine, celery, Caesar dressing, Parmesan cheese and black pepper. Mix well.

To assemble wraps: Spoon about 1/4 cup Buffalo chicken along center of each tortilla, leaving small border at each end; top with Caesar salad. Fold up bottom of tortilla over filling then fold in sides and roll up tightly. Slice in half diagonally.