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Water Rescue - Malaga Lake - The Franklin Township Police Department was dispatched to Malaga Lake at 11:17 am for a report of a capsized boat. Initial 911 calls indicated that two boaters were trapped near the boat and were screaming for help. The Malaga Fire Department Marine Rescue Unit arrived on scene and was able to rescue both victims. A 72 year old male from Millville and a 74 year old male from Westmont were evaluated by Gloucester County EMS on scene. No injuries were reported and the boat, which was a canoe, was recovered from the water. Also assisting at the scene was the Franklinviile and Forest Grove Fire Departments

JUVENILE SUSPECT CHARGED IN SCHOOL BOMB THREATS

On five separate dates through March and April of 2026, the West Deptford Police Department responded to West Deptford High School for false reports of bomb threats and armed subjects on location. During each incident, the school was secured by police and no harmful devices or threatening people were located. Through a collaborative investigation between the West Deptford Police Department, Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a 17-year-old suspect was identified and placed under arrest on April 19 for their involvement in the incidents according to a press release by West Deptford Police Department on Friday, October 9th.

The juvenile suspect was charged via juvenile petitions with two counts of second-degree making false reports involving bomb or deadly weapons, two counts of third-degree terroristic threats, on count of third-degree circulating false reports of impending disaster, and one count of second-degree conspiracy. The juvenile suspect was lodged in a youth rehabilitation facility pending juvenile court. All charges contained in the juvenile petitions are merely accusations and the juvenile suspect is presumed innocent until adjudicated delinquent in a court of law.

MAN SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS IN THEFT CASES

Woodbury – Justin Barci, 43, of Sicklerville, was sentenced to three years in state prison by the Honorable Niki Arbitter this week, consistent with a negotiated plea agreement. According to documents filed in this case and statements made in open court: Barci was involved in three separate incidents. On July 5, 2024, he took six air conditioning units from businesses in a Turnersville shopping center. On, Jan. 12, 2025, police found him on the roof of Sony Music in Pitman after business hours and observed an air conditioning unit had been removed from a window. On April 6, 2025, he removed copper from the Christmas Tree Shoppe in Deptford. Barci pled guilty to one count of third-degree theft and two counts of third-degree burglary. He was sentenced to three years in state prison. The State was represented by Chief Assistant Prosecutor Joseph Brook and Deputy Chief Assistant Prosecutor Rex Utuk. Prosecutor Johns thanked the Pitman, Deptford, and Washington Township Police Departments for their assistance in the investigation.

EDITH PERRY'S 101ST BIRTHDAY



Edith "Sis" White Perry's piercing blue eyes popped against her gold metallic sash and sparkly silver crown. She had gotten all decked out because it was her 101st birthday, and there was going to be a big party.

Friends and family had decorated the living room at Summit Place Assisted Living in Glassboro with heart-shaped balloons and streamers, plus colorful napkins and plates. And someone arranged for a really big cake.

Edith Perry was born October 2, 1925 in Swedesboro. She worked as an operator for the Bell Telephone Company in Doylestown, PA, and fondly remembers managing the switchboard during D-Day. She worked a variety of other jobs throughout her career including as a nursing aid. Mrs. Perry raised three children (Valerie, Bill, and Alana) with her first husband. She remarried in 1975 and, with her beloved husband Joseph Perry, adopted and raised their son Manny and grandson Joe in Swedesboro. The Perrys remained active in community organizations, especially Kiwanis, while traveling throughout the country to visit family and friends, until Joe's passing in 2000.

Sis was an avid reader, reading several books a week. She also enjoyed crocheting, and embroidering. She was known to make baby blankets for every new baby. Sis also loved gardening, working in her yard and cooking/baking. For Sis the most important thing in life is family. She loved hosting family for dinner whether it was for the holidays or otherwise. She is always happiest when family is near.

Assemblywoman Heather Simmons (D-Gloucester) was invited to the celebration as well, to present Mrs. Perry with a Ceremonial Resolution on behalf of the New Jersey Legislature. The document memorializes in the written history of New Jersey a beautiful life filled with family, friends, work, community and a whole lot of love.

"Whenever I am invited to a special birthday, I am reminded that the celebration isn't really about the number. It's about the life behind it," said Asw. Simmons. "It's about the people, connections and stories we collect along the way, and moments like these when we gather together to celebrate them. And Mrs. Perry's life is definitely one worth celebrating."

STUDY FINDS PAULSBORO ENERGY COMPANIES GENERATE $814M IN ECONOMIC OUTPUT

The Greater Paulsboro Energy Companies (GPEC) generated nearly $814 million in total economic output and supported 2,855 jobs, making it a major driver of economic activity in Gloucester County, according to a new study by the Steve Sweeney Center for Public Policy at Rowan University.

"The GPEC companies are the economic anchor of Gloucester County's port economy, supporting high-paying, stable union jobs and contributing to local property taxes," said Gloucester County Administrator Steve Sweeney, who chairs the policy center. "In these days of international energy supply and price uncertainty, we need an 'all of the above' approach more than ever that supports refineries like these that are a critical component of our national economy and to sustain our modern way of life."

Stuti Jha, Ph.D., and Kul Kapri, Ph.D., Associate Professors of Economics, conducted the economic analysis, working with the GPEC member companies and the leaders of the Sweeney Center and the interdisciplinary Rowan Energy Collaborative (ROWEC) on the data-driven study.

GPEC generates approximately $22.6 million in local tax revenue, helping fund public schools, emergency services and municipal infrastructure. GPEC also generated $265.9 million in labor income and contributed $437.8 million in value to New Jersey's economy, the economists found.

"The energy companies that make up the GPEC are a cornerstone of our local and national economy," said Rowan University President Ali A. Houshmand, Ph.D. "We are pleased to play a role in sharing their story through this impact study and we are grateful for their leadership in advancing innovation and workforce development alongside organized labor."

Together, GPEC comprises the Paulsboro Refining Company, CPI Operations, PBF Logistics Products Terminal Paulsboro, ExxonMobil Lubes Plant, Repauno Port & Rail Terminal, Sunoco Property and Energy Transfer Eagle Point Terminal. These facilities occupy a strategic location along the Delaware River spanning Paulsboro, Greenwich Township and West Deptford in Gloucester County with access to railroads and the I-295 and I-95 corridors serving markets throughout the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions.

GPEC provides significant tax revenue, wages and capital investment that reach communities throughout South Jersey. The impact on jobs is significant, as statistics from the Paulsboro Refining Company demonstrate.



Attending the release of the Rowan study at the Paulsboro Refining Company earlier this week are, from left, NJ Buildings and Construction Trades President Bill Mullen; Paulsboro Refining Company General Manager Michael Capone; Stuti Jha, Rowan University economist and lead study author; Congressman Donald Norcross; Rowan University Chancellor Tony Lowman; Randi Licciardello, Paulsboro Refining Company Lead Community and Government Relations Advisor; PBF Energy President and CEO Matthew Lucey; state Senator John Burzichelli; Gloucester County Administrator Steve Sweeney, and state Assemblyman David Bailey, Jr.

"This refinery has anchored the local economy for more than a century," said Michael Capone, General Manager of Paulsboro Refining Company. "Today, we have 295 full-time employees and 290 contractors working on site daily. Most of our employees are unionized, and a majority of contractors are trade union members. These highly paid, skilled workers are committed to safe, reliable, and environmentally responsible operations for our refinery, rail and truck yards, and marine terminal that supply fuels and products that help provide our modern standards of living and mobility,"

"These are the types of skilled union jobs New Jersey is trying to attract. We offer more than jobs – we offer family-supporting careers with excellent pay, some of the best benefits available, and the opportunity to build a secure future," said William T. Mullen, President of the New Jersey Building and Construction Trades.

GPEC accounts for nearly one-third (30.7%) of the combined economy of Paulsboro, Greenwich and West Deptford and supports roughly one in six jobs (16.5%) across the three municipalities.

"The GPEC companies are the backbone of the local economy in their region and generate significant tax revenue to Gloucester County, South Jersey and the entire state," said Assemblyman David Bailey (D-3), whose legislative district includes the GPEC facilities.

Total tax revenue generated by GPEC was $107.1 million, including $22.6 million in direct local taxes to the three municipalities in which they are located, making up 17.5 percent of local property taxes. More than $53.8 million has been invested in capital investments, including the redevelopment of the Repauno site, storage cavern expansions and terminal improvements.

"ExxonMobil is proud to be integral to New Jersey's economy for more than a century. Our Paulsboro advanced manufacturing facility produces essential consumer and industrial lubricants to keep the region moving," said Raul Sanchez, ExxonMobil Paulsboro Lubricant Plant Manager. Dr. Jha, the lead researcher on the study, summed up her findings. "Using the IMPLAN input-output framework to evaluate 2023 data from GPEC companies, the Center found that GPEC facilities generated $813.7 million in total economic output and value added of $437.8 million to New Jersey's economy," she said. The study used 2023 data because that was the most recent year for which a complete set of all relevant economic data was available.



Congratulations to the Reutter School September RAM STRONG Students of the Month! These exceptional students were nominated by faculty and staff for going above and beyond in demonstrating outstanding character throughout the month of September. To celebrate their hard work, dedication, and positive impact on our school community, honorees were recently awarded a certificate of recognition and treated to a special VIP Party during their enrichment period.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



By Cindy Merckx

The older I get the quicker time seems to pass. We are only two weekends away from Halloween and about ten weeks until Christmas. If you are looking for activities that will get you out of the house this weekend, there is plenty listed in this weeks digital edition. My neighborhood used to be very busy on Halloween with about 100 kids going door to door looking for a special treat to fill up their trick or treat bag. Every year we would prepare and buy candy about a week before so we would not be tempted. Last year we only had about twenty kids come to our home and I think it is due to several factors. I did some research that I thought I would share with our readers this week.

Americans are expected to spend a record $13.5 billion on Halloween in 2026, up from $13.1 billion last year . On an individual level, the average consumer plans to spend $115.14, which is slightly more than the $114.45 spent in 2025. Candy remains the top favorite purchase, with 96% of Halloween shoppers planning to buy candy that is projected to reach $4.1 billion dollars because the cost of candy has risen just like food, rent, gas and utilities.

According to a study by FinanceBuzz the cost of filling a candy bowl has climbed 71% since 2021, which is more than triple the national inflation rate during that period . A standard 100-piece bag of assorted candy now averages **$16.96**, up 3.5% from last year and $7.05 from five years ago . That breaks down to roughly 17 cents a piece. Halloween chocolate prices have jumped 15.5%, averaging $5.67 per package, largely due to a global cocoa supply shock. In contrast, non-chocolate candy prices rose only 1.8%.

M&M's is the most popular candy in America for the second year in a row and Sour Patch Kids are a close second. Rankings can vary by source. For instance, DoorDash's delivery data from 2025 placed Reese's Peanut Butter Cups at number one for the third year in a row, followed by Hershey's Milk Chocolate Bars and M&M's.

This weekend is the big Halloween Parade in Williamstown and it is a lot of family fun. American's spend a lot of money on costumes and decorations is estimated to be around $4.4 billion. ($920 million for pet costumes!). I remember the days when some homes would give out apples, but the fear of someone tampering with fresh fruit was circulated and the apple was replaced by prepacked candy.

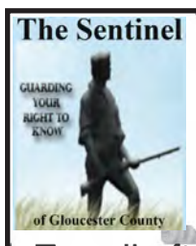
Another factor of seeing less kids going door to door on Halloween in your neighborhood is credited to 'Trunk or Treat' events that started around the year 2000. Several churches (particularly in the southern states) where there is more land space between farms decided an alternative to door to door trick or treating. Members of the congregations would decorate car trunks and park in a circle or row and let the kids go from trunk to truck to collect candy. Before long the idea hit mainstream and social news media and the idea has caught on.

Schools and Community groups plan these events so that kids stay safe in one contained well lit area rather than walking and crossing streets after dark. It is just one stop, with a set time window that guarantees a good haul of candy. This is especially great for families who don't live in a walkable neighborhood or who don't know their neighbors that well. Much of our state is built around driving and many rural neighborhoods, just like mine in Franklin Township lack sidewalks, street lights, bike paths or safe pedestrian walking routes. One thing that hasn't changed is that Halloween will have grown-ups do anything for chocolate - many enjoy dressing up in costumes and decorating their homes for the annual occasion. Even the old folks make sure to buy some extra candy hoping that a few trick or treaters will stop by to say 'Trick or Treat!



PUBLIC MEETINGS

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
Oct. 21st- Franklin Twp Library Board-7pm
Oct. 21st- Heggan Library Board- 5:30PM
Oct. 28th- Monroe Twp Council-7PM
Nov. 3rd- ELECTION DAY - Vote!



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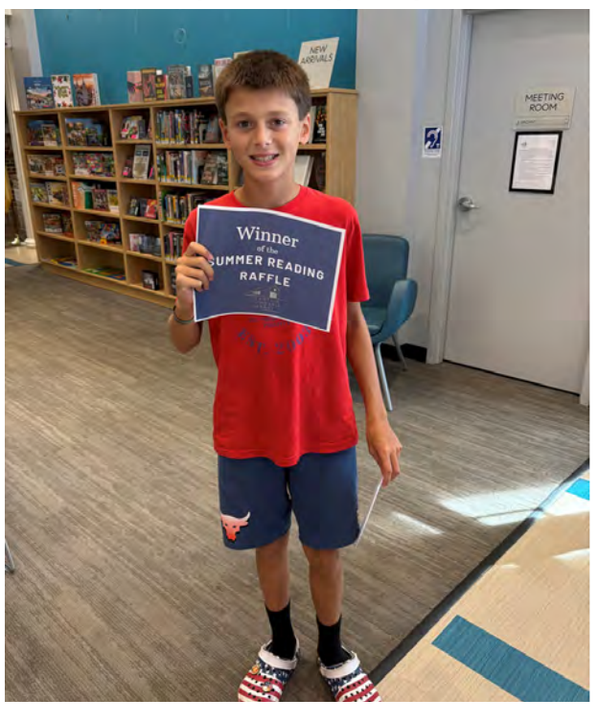
LIBRARY EVENTS



Pre-Reader Winner - Landon D. Prize: $100 gift certificate to StoryBook Land



Juvenile Winner - Amelia C. Prize: $100 gift certificate to iFly Indoor Skydiving



Teen Winner - Nathan C. Prize: $100 gift certificate to iFly Indoor Skydiving

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.

SIXTH GRADERS UNCOVER THE SCIENCE OF DENSITY WITH HANDS-ON CANDY LAB



Students in Mrs. Zemaitatis and Mrs. LaScala's sixth-grade science classes participated in a hands-on lab activity this week that brought physical science concepts to life using various types of candy and chocolate.

The lab provided students with a practical opportunity to review and apply the scientific formula for determining density, calculating the ratio of an object's mass to its volume. Working in small lab groups, students utilized digital scales to measure the mass of each candy sample in grams. They then determined volume through geometric measurements for regular solids or water displacement methods in graduated cylinders for irregular shapes. Once mass and volume were recorded, students calculated the density of each sweet treat to predict whether it would sink or float when placed in water.

By combining key mathematical calculations with direct scientific inquiry, Mrs. Zemaitatis and Mrs. LaScala created an engaging, interactive environment that reinforced essential physical science standards and critical thinking skills.

Student Spotlights



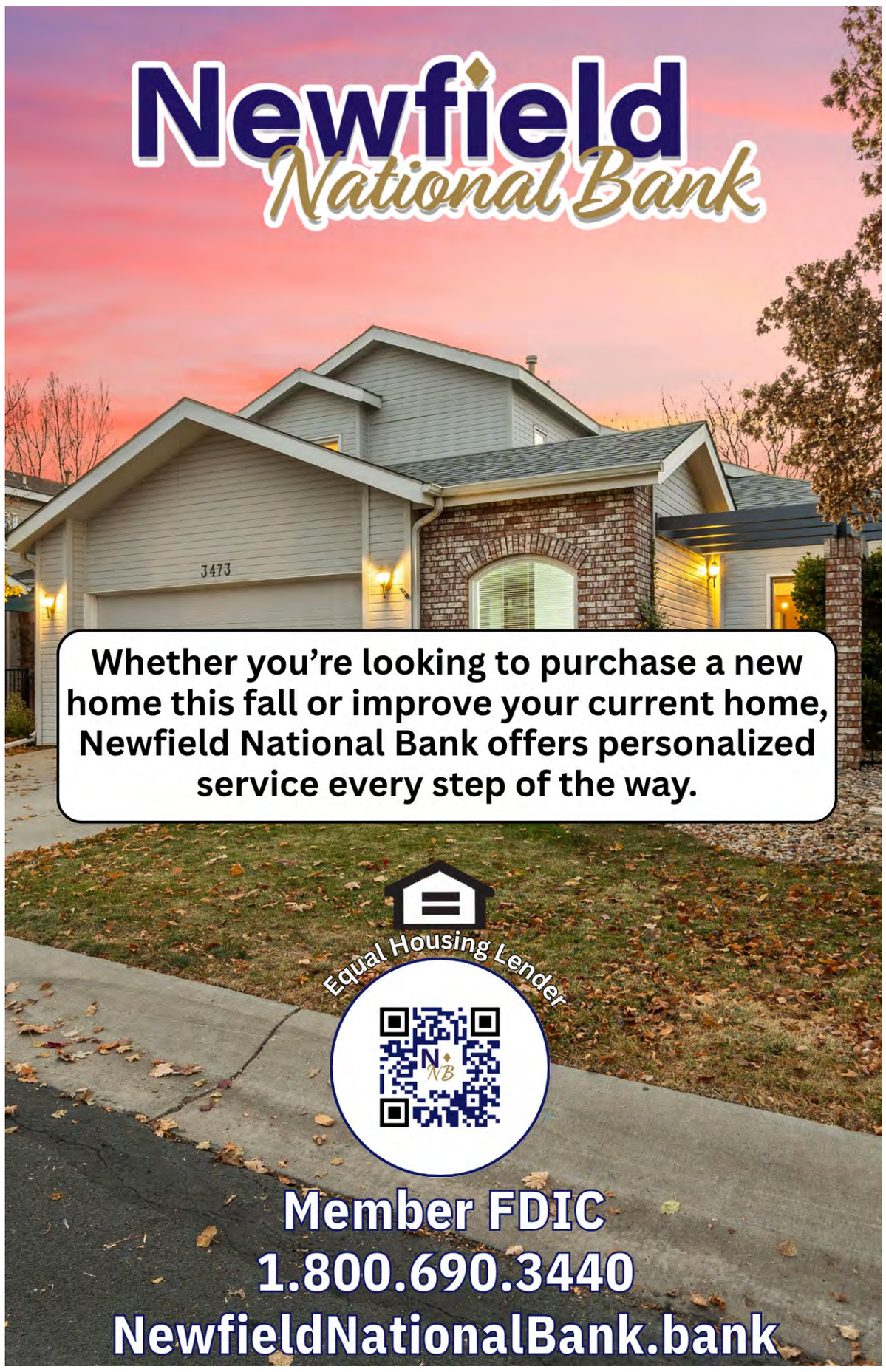
Kindergarten Sept Student of the Month Mary F. Janvier School Franklinville (l to r)- Gage Evans, Ethan Hetzel, Abigail Moore, Luke Simmons, Madelyn Connolly, Dominic Sargent, Mackenzie Smith, Peyton Cruice



First Grade Sept Student of the Month Mary F. Janvier School Franklinville (l to r) - Amelia Robertson, Raelynn George, Favor Adeniji, Taylor Trovarelli, Everleigh Pasculli, Lucy Schafer, Paisley Sides, Charlotte Clark



Second Grade Sept Student of the Month Mary F. Janvier School Franklinville (l to r) - Ralph Ciak, Amaya Byrdsell, Lana Hess, Eliana Garcia, Callaghan DiBenedetto, Aurelia Dolente, Peyton Bonzella, Tristan Esposito, Chase Trovarelli, Skylar Espitia





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!

FRIENDS OF THE M. E. HEGGAN LIBRARY MEET TO ASSIST LIBRARY

If you are interested in making sure that the written word is made available to all residents, in promoting reading for knowledge, information, and pleasure, and in joining together with other like-minded residents, be a true Friend of the Library. Membership cost is $7. for an individual, and $50 for a business membership. 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. The Friends meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 4 pm in the Library meeting room. Upcoming meetings include October 20th and November 19th. More information is available at: www.hegganlibraryfriends.org or Heggan Library Friends on Facebook.com

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!

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. Pilitowski at mpilitowski@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.

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.

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.

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 HATTERS TREE PARTY

Sunday, Oct. 25 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Eldridge Trail — E. Pine St. and S. Princeton Ave, Wenonah

The Mad Hatter's Tree Party is a celebration of autumn and trees! It is a fun way for people to learn about the trees of our community and the critical role that trees play in a healthy environment.

The Tree Party is a chance for families and people of all ages to share a whimsical adventure in a community forest. This event consists of a self -paced, 45 minute walk in Wenonah Woods.

This is more than an ordinary hike, though. You can stop at several locations to learn about specific trees along the trail and their role in the overall forest.

Musicians will add an instrumental accompaniment to your journey. At the end, you can share light refreshments in the Tea House with the Mad Hatter himself. This event is great for family, and takes place rain or shine.

The walk begins at Eldridge Trail, at the intersection of E. Pine St. and S. Princeton Ave. in Wenonah. Arrive at your convenience and travel at your own pace. No pre-registration is necessary. For more information, please visit www.gcnatureclub.org

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!

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.

WHY DO YOU KEEP LIVING?

by Dr. Glenn Mollette

What keeps you living? Do you enjoy life? Are you happy for the opportunity to be in the world, breathe the air, see the beauty of God's creation? Do you enjoy family, friends and daily life? What is your reason for living?

None of us chose to be born. We didn't choose our parents or the geographical location of our birth. There are many other choices along the way we do not make. We don't choose cancer, disabilities, wars, being the victims of crimes, drunk drivers and much more. We make choices about what we eat, activities, lifestyles, religion, attitude, vocation, residences, beliefs, how we treat others and more.

We often cannot control much of life. We can't control the bad things that happen to other people. We are impacted by what happens to people we love. A sick spouse, parent or child greatly impact us and can be very stressful with many challenges. We do the best we can to offer as much love and support as possible. It's never easy and wears on us. Every day presents new challenges and a flexible, positive attitude is essential for survival.

Children can bless or challenge. We can't control what they do forever and so we usually go with the flow offering as much love and support as possible. We can't take care of them forever. They have to live life when we are gone and so they need to start way before we are gone.

Our careers are often meaningful and give us something to do most of our lives. We have to work and it's better if we enjoy our work. The opportunity to go to work every day is often a blessing many people miss until the work days are over.

We live for all kinds of reasons. We live for love, for family, for pleasure, for careers and for the enjoyment of life.

Lots of things in life can get us down. The loss of a career, the death of someone we love deeply. We miss a spouse, a parent, a child. We grieve the loss of a job. Sickness gets us down. Depression can come to any of us at any time of the day. We've all been there to some extent. None of us are immune to depression. We have all shed tears along the road of life and it's nothing to be ashamed about. We suffer hurts, disappointments, failures, grief, death and much more. Not much is required to cause us grief, depression and disappointments. We are very fragile when it comes to downswings of life.

Thus, we have to know where our joy and upswings of life come from. Personally, where would I be or how could I survive without my faith? God has been my source and rock for most of my life. There have been times when I didn't realize He was all I needed until He was all I had. There is an old song that asks the question, "Where would I be without the Lord?"

I also look around me and give thanks for this beautiful world. I don't hate the world. Go made this beautiful place. We mess it up, but God gave us a beautiful place to live. I am fortunate in that I have a beautiful wife, children, grandchildren, siblings and friends whom I love very much. I enjoy my work and have hobbies that are still fun. These and the love of God keep me going and living.

OBITUARIES

MAX E. SPRINKLE

Max E. Sprinkle, age 91, of Clayton, went home to be with the Lord on October 9th, 2026. Born and raised in Kannapolis, North Carolina, he has lived in Clayton since 1962. Max was an active member of the Assembly of God churches in Deptford and Sewell for 41 years. He worked for Ford Motor Company in Pennsauken before retiring in 1989. He had a deep love for the outdoors and found great joy in camping, fishing and spending time surrounded by God's beautiful creation. But above all, his greatest passion was his unwavering faith in the Lord and his dedication to outreach ministry. He had a heart for sharing God's love, helping others, and spreading the message of hope and salvation.

Beloved husband of the late Lillian M. Sprinkle (nee Hutchinson). Devoted father of Judith Leone (Michael Leone) of Buffalo, NY, James Sprinkle (Deborah Smith-Davis) of Sewell, Patricia Tunstall (Robert Tunstall) of Clayton, and David Sprinkle (Elena Sprinkle) of Williamstown. Dear grandfather of 9 and loving great-grandfather of 19. He is predeceased by his brothers William Sprinkle, Jr. and Gene Sprinkle, of North Carolina. Relatives and friends are invited to a visitation on Saturday, October 17th, from 6:30 – 7:30 PM, at the Farnelli Funeral Home, 504 N. Main Street, Williamstown. A memorial service will begin at 7:30 PM.

MARK WILSON

Mark Wilson, age 76, of Williamstown formerly of Franklinville, passed away on October 5, 2026. Mark worked as a truck driver for AC Moore for many years, a career he truly enjoyed. He enjoyed his time spent at Crossroads Worship Center, where he met his wife in 1984 and raised his children with a foundation of faith. A talented painter, he was known for his Bob Ross style of art and created many beautiful masterpieces and landscapes. He also had a love for aviation, enjoying the freedom of flying planes as an amateur pilot. Family was the center of his world, and he cherished every moment spent with those he loved. Beloved husband of Donna M. Wilson (nee Mento). Devoted father of Anita Marie Gabrielson (Jason), Giana Marie Albano (Paul), and Arian Marie Marra (Zeth). Loving grandfather and great grandfather. Dear brother of Rick Wilson (Marie) and brother-in-law of Joseph Mento (Marie), Steven Mento (Jimena), Maria Mento, Loretta Mento (the late Cynthia), and James Mento (Rosette). He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, and dear friends. He was predeceased by his parents Walter and Frances Wilson. Relatives and friends are invited to his service on Tuesday, October 13th at the Gloucester County Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 240 N. Tuckahoe Rd., Williamstown. Family and friends may gather at 10:45 AM at the cemetery where military honors and a memorial service will be held at 11 AM.



PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
BOROUGH OF CLAYTON

ORDINANCE 25-2026
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON BY REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 31A AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The foregoing Ordinance was finally adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Clayton on October 8, 2026.

DEBBIE SCHLOSSER, DEPUTY CLERK

The Sentinel of Gloucester County 10/15/2026
Fee $12.00

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE 29-2026
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER SSA, FIRE SUPRESSION AND KEY BOXES OF THE CODE BOOK OF THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON

TAKE NOTE that the foregoing ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Clayton held on October 8, 2026 and was then read for the first time. The said ordinance will be further considered for final passage by the Mayor and Council at the Municipal Building, 125 N. Delsea Drive, Clayton, New Jersey, at a meeting beginning 6:00 p.m. on October 22, 2026, at which time and place, or any time and place to which such meeting be adjourned, all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.

BY ORDER of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Clayton.

Debbie Schlosser Deputy Clerk
The Sentinel of Gloucester County 10/15/2026
Fee $16.50

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
BOROUGH OF CLAYTON

ORDINANCE 23-2026
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2-2026 FIXING THE SALARIES, WAGES AND COMPENSATION TO BE PAID THE VARIOUS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2026

The foregoing Ordinance was finally adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Clayton on
October 8, 2026.

DEBBIE SCHLOSSER, DEPUTY CLERK
The Sentinel of Gloucester County 10/15/2026
Fee $13.50

PUBLIC NOTICE
BOROUGH OF CLAYTON

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD CONTRACT UNDER A NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT

The Borough of Clayton intends to participate in the **Sourcewell** cooperative contract for the purchase and delivery of **(100) 96-gallon recycling carts under Contract #120324-TOT**. The Borough intends to award a contract to Sourcewell vendor, Toter, Inc.

Use of national contracts is permitted under the authority of N.J.S.A 52:34-6.2. Information regarding the contract may be found at Borough Hall, Municipal Clerk's Office, 125 N. Delsea Drive, Clayton NJ 08312 between 8am and 4pm Monday through Friday. Please contact the Borough at (856) 881-2882 to schedule an appointment with the Qualified Purchasing Agent, Robert Law. Information can also be found on the Sourcewell website at https://www.sourcewell-mn.gov/cooperative-purchasing/120324-tot.

Opportunity to comment on this purchase will begin upon publication of this notice and end ten(10) days thereafter. Any comments must be emailed to rlaw@claytonnj.com.

Debbie Schlosser, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Dated: October 9, 2026
The Sentinel of Gloucester County 10/15/2026
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POLICE ACTIVITY LOG



MATTHEW MCCLOSKEY COMPASSION AWARD

The Franklin Township Police Department is extremely proud to recognize Officer Matt Flynn as the recipient of the 2026 Matthew McCloskey Compassion Award. Officer Flynn exemplifies the true meaning of compassion through his remarkable ability to connect with people, often during some of the most difficult moments of their lives. His genuine care for others, unwavering commitment to treating everyone with dignity and respect, and dedication to the community he serves make him truly deserving of this prestigious honor. This special award was presented by Matthew's mother, Michele Harding, alongside her family, making the recognition even more meaningful. Photo by Matt Finley

CHICKEN BBQ & SPAGHETTI DINNER

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!

RIDE TO REMEMBER

While Mother Nature may have changed the plans, she certainly has not changed the mission! All current registrations will automatically transfer to new date of October 18th as last weeks event was postponed due to the weather. The gathering will take place at Washington Township High School on Sunday, October 18th to honor Corporal Steve Levy #10-63 and Malaga Firefighter Robert 'Bobby' Reider III, and all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their communities. Registration will be from 8AM to 9:45AM. Kickstands Up at 10AM. Thank you for your patience, understanding and continued support of the Gloucester County HeroScholarship Fund.

FREE NARCAN CARE KITS: WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PROJECT LIFELINE

Washington Township is proud to officially launch Project LIFELINE, a community initiative designed to put lifesaving resources directly into the hands of our residents. This project has been three months in the making. Through the New Jersey Department of Human Services' Naloxone DIRECT program, we received Narcan at no cost for distribution to our community. MATTERS-NJ provided the zipper care-kit bags, and our team assembled the kits with additional safety items and substance-use prevention and treatment resources.

FREE NARCAN CARE KITS are now available! Each kit includes: Narcan nasal spray; CPR mask; Mini flashlight; Substance-use prevention & treatment resource materials and WTPD air freshener.

In addition to being available to the public, Project LIFELINE kits will be carried by WTPD officers and made available to families at overdose calls we respond to. This builds upon New Jersey's Naloxone Leave Behind initiative, giving officers the ability to leave Narcan and important treatment resources with family members who may need them during a future emergency. Pick up a FREE kit at: Washington Township Police HQ Records Office or Washington Township Municipal Clerk's Office (Egg Harbor Rd.) Monday–Friday | 8:30 AM–4:30 PM No cost. No questions asked.

Our goal is simple: make Narcan readily available throughout our community, connect people with resources, and help save lives. Project LIFELINE is made possible through the cooperation and support of Washington Township, the New Jersey Department of Health, New Jersey Department of Human Services' Naloxone DIRECT program, and MATTERS-NJ. Having Narcan available when it is needed can save a life. Project LIFELINE helps put that lifesaving tool within reach.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Bring your beloved pets and furry, feathered, or four-legged family members for an afternoon of faith, fellowship and blessings! West Deptford Police Chaplains and guest Pastor Mike Chapman are sponsoring the event, and all pets and animals are welcome on Saturday, October 17th at 1PM at Riverwinds Community Center to celebrate the joy, love and blessing our animals bring into our lives!

WEEKEND BRIEFING REPORT

It was a busy weekend (10/2-4) for the Washington Township Police Department WTPD. Officers made 9 arrests and handled 272 CAD calls for service, including 10 MV crashes, 5 hit-and-run crashes, 4 domestic disputes, 2 noise complaints, 3 vacation house checks, and 2 shoplifting calls. Psychiatric Emergency / Aggravated Assault on Law Enforcement Arrest: A male reported that his girlfriend was experiencing a psychiatric emergency in the parking lot of Planet Fitness. Upon arrival, officers found the female in a manic state. While officers were attempting to detain her, she spit in an officer's face. She was placed under arrest, processed, and transported to a medical facility for crisis evaluation. Shoplifting Arrest: A Sewell female was arrested for shoplifting $283.98 worth of merchandise from Walmart. She was processed and released on a summons. Dispute: Officers responded for a report of two unruly males who had been removed from the establishment. One of the males reportedly attempted to strike a bouncer. Both subjects left prior to officers' arrival, and staff declined any further police involvement. Psychiatric Emergency: A female contacted police while experiencing crisis. Officers responded and transported her to a medical facility for evaluation. Warrant Arrest: A Turnersville man was placed under arrest for violating a restraining order. Warrant Arrest: A resident contacted police regarding an ongoing dispute with his landlord. During the investigation, the resident was discovered to have an active no-bail Washington Township warrant. Processed and turned over to the County Jail. Shoplifting / NCIC Wanted Person Arrest: A Pine Hill female was arrested for shoplifting $218.72 worth of merchandise from Walmart. During the investigation, she initially provided officers with several false names. Once her identity was established, officers discovered she was an NCIC wanted person out of Camden County. She was processed and turned over to the County Jail. NCIC Wanted Person / CDS Arrest: Following a pedestrian stop, a West Deptford female was discovered to be an NCIC wanted person out of the Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office. She was additionally charged with possession of methamphetamine and turned over to the County Jail. Warrant Arrest: As a result of a motor vehicle stop, a Jersey City man was arrested on an active Gloucester Township warrant. DV Harassment / TRO: A resident reported that his son had been repeatedly harassing him. A Temporary Restraining Order was applied for and granted. The subject was served with the TRO and escorted from the residence. Violation of TRO Arrest: A male violated an active Restraining Order by returning to and entering his father's residence. Responding officers located the subject and placed him under arrest without incident. Charges were placed on a warrant, and he was turned over to the County Jail. Simple Assault: An employee of a group home reported that two residents assaulted her by throwing a glass of milk at her. Theft: A resident reported that while using the cash-back feature at the Walmart self-checkout, she forgot to retrieve $20 dispensed by the machine. Review of surveillance footage showed that the next patron using the self-checkout took the money. A report was completed. Jefferson Hospital: Officers responded to five calls for service at Jefferson Hospital over the weekend, including the report of a subject in the emergency room suffering from a gunshot wound; a patient reporting that they had been assaulted; a 911 hang-up call; a disorderly female in the emergency room; and a medical emergency in the parking lot.

It was another busy weekend (10/9-10/11 for the Washington Township Police Department. Our officers handled 317 CAD calls for service, including: 8 Motor Vehicle Crash Investigations, 4 Hit-and-Run Crash Investigations, 45 Motor Vehicle Stops, 4 Shoplifting Investigations, 4 Domestic Disputes, 2 Fraud Complaints and 8 Arrests. Heavy rain Sunday evening resulted in hazardous road conditions and flooding on several WT roadways.

Notable Arrests: DWI Arrest: A Williamstown man was arrested for DWI following a motor vehicle stop and field sobriety testing. He was transported to Police Headquarters, where an Alcotest revealed a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .23%, nearly three times the legal limit.

DWI Arrest: Officers located a vehicle stopped in the roadway on the Black Horse Pike by Stagecoach Road, facing against the direction of traffic. A Browns Mills man was subsequently arrested for DWI. Alcotest revealed a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .15%BAC. Shoplifting Arrest: Walgreens reported that a Turnersville woman left the store without paying for medication. The woman was subsequently arrested. Shoplifting/Warrant Arrest: Bottino's ShopRite reported that a Blackwood woman shoplifted approximately $50 worth of merchandise. Officers also discovered that she had an active arrest warrant out of Washington Township. Warrant Arrest: A Turnersville man was arrested on multiple outstanding warrants. Shoplifting Arrest: A Sicklerville man was arrested at Walmart after allegedly concealing $585.96 worth of Pokémon cards in a child's stroller and passing all points of sale without paying. Warrant Arrest: A Sicklerville woman was arrested on an outstanding warrant following a motor vehicle stop. Arrested by Officer Inman. Warrant Arrest: A Camden man was arrested for active warrants and hindering apprehension by providing officers with a false name. Additional Incidents: Theft – Jefferson Hospital: A Pitman resident responded to Police Headquarters to report that his ring had been stolen while he was a patient. Shoplifting – Walmart: An unknown male reportedly stole more than $500 worth of baby formula from Walmart before fleeing in a dark-colored sedan. Noise Complaints:

Officers responded to several noise complaints throughout the weekend, including: Village Pub: Multiple complaints Friday evening regarding loud music from a DJ. The music was turned down. Lowe's: A resident reported an ongoing issue involving generator noise at approximately 4:45 a.m. Sunday. Lowe's was issued a noise ordinance violation. Wedgewood Drive: Officers responded to a large party with a DJ. The resident complied with a request to lower the music. Whitman Drive: Loud music complaint. East Holly Avenue: Loud music and party complaint. Salina Road: Loud music complaint involving a party. Jefferson Hospital Incidents: Wellbeing Check: A patient ran from the hospital with an IV still in his arm, heading toward P.J. Whelihan's. A police officer located the individual and returned him to the Emergency Department. Threats to Staff: Hospital personnel reported being threatened by a patient's family member. 911 Hang-Up: Officers investigated a 911 hang-up call. Hospital staff advised that everything was okay. Unwanted Person: Officers responded to a report of a female wearing green scrubs refusing to leave the hospital and causing a disturbance. An individual dialed 911 seeking assistance with 211 social services. Wellbeing Check: Officers responded to a report of a female wearing hospital scrubs waving down passing vehicles in the rain on Egg Harbor Road. An officer checked on her and provided transportation. Motor Vehicle Crash – Greentree Road: On Sunday morning, officers responded to a single vehicle crash at the intersection of Greentree Road and No Name Street. The vehicle left the roadway, struck and knocked down a traffic signal, and continued into a wooded area. Fortunately, no injuries were reported.

SENATE COMMITTEE ADVANCES BILLS ON FIRE SAFETY PREVENTION, PREPAREDNESS, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

In recognition of October being Fire Prevention Month, the Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee, advanced several bills focused on improving fire prevention and building safety, supporting volunteer fire companies and firefighters, and holding landlords and rental property owners accountable.

October is Fire Prevention Month, and the agenda reflected a basic responsibility of government: to prevent avoidable tragedies, protect the people who answer emergency calls, and ensure that every resident has a safe place to live. Fire safety is not one policy or one piece of equipment. It is a complete system. It begins with how a building is designed and constructed. It includes the materials behind the walls, the barriers that contain a fire, the systems that warn residents, and the escape routes available when an ordinary exit is blocked. It depends on firefighters having accurate information about the structures they enter. And it requires trained responders, sustainable fire companies, modern equipment, and reliable funding. The proposals approved today address that entire continuum."

The measures advanced by the committee include:

FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING SAFETY - S-385, establishes fire-safety standards for certain light-frame residential construction and requires placards identifying a building's primary structural system.; S-386, requires fire barriers in common attic areas of certain residential buildings.; S-1795,limits installation, inspection, repair, and maintenance of fire escapes to registered design professionals or employees of certified fire-escape contractors.; S-3042 addresses the availability of fire-escape mechanisms in residential dwellings and establishes penalties for violations.

SUPPORTING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND FIREFIGHTERS

Creates a Volunteer Fire Company Assistance Program within DCA and appropriates $10 million to support volunteer fire companies.; S-1755, sponsored by Senator Singleton, allows volunteer firefighters and other emergency responders to be included in municipal employee groups eligible for certain small-employer health benefits.; S-3526, sponsored by Senator James Beach, authorizes counties to establish a non-lapsing fire academy trust fund.

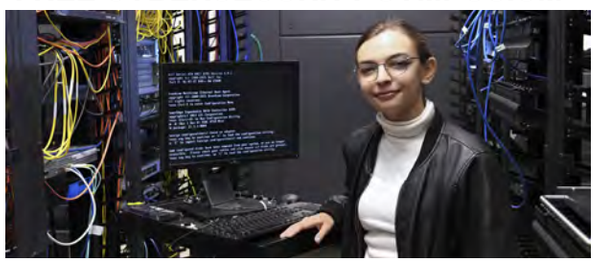
RENTAL PROPERTY AND LANDLORD RESPONSIBILITY

S-3703, sponsored by Senator John Burzichelli, addresses when municipal governing bodies may notify an insurance company about activity at a rental property suspected of violating the property's insurance policy.; S-2191, expands liability for certain individuals associated with LLCs and other commercial entities when acting as residential landlords.

OTHER LEGISLATION ADVANCED BY THE COMMITTEE:

S-4304 restricts agreements designed to conceal certain information about data-center development.; S-4437 allows political subdivisions to require certain economic-development subsidy recipients to enter into community-benefits agreements.

RCSJ-CUMBERLAND AND RCBC HOST FREE CYBERSECURITY SYMPOSIUM



Rowan College of South Jersey (RCSJ) and Rowan College at Burlington County (RCBC) will bring together cybersecurity experts, educators, students and industry professionals for Cybersecurity Symposium: Empowering the Next Generation of Cybersecurity Leaders on Thursday, October 29, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the RCSJ–Cumberland Campus, Luciano Center, 3322 College Drive, Vineland.

The half-day symposium will explore the technologies, challenges and career opportunities shaping the future of cybersecurity. Experts representing higher education, government and industry will share their perspectives on protecting today's increasingly connected digital world while introducing attendees to the skills and careers that will help secure its future. Featured topics will include network security, artificial intelligence and cybersecurity, firewall management, and data encryption and protection.

As artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies continue to transform the digital landscape, the symposium will provide participants with an opportunity to learn about evolving cybersecurity practices and discover the growing range of education and career pathways available in cybersecurity and information technology.

Attendees will have opportunity to: Hear from cybersecurity experts and industry professionals; Discover how artificial intelligence is transforming cybersecurity; Explore cybersecurity and IT career pathways; Learn about real-world approaches to network security, firewall management, and data protection; Connect with cybersecurity professionals, educators, and students and Gain insight into emerging cyber threats and the future of digital security.

Speakers include: Kay Prashad, Chief Information Officer at Cooper University Health Care, leads cybersecurity strategy and helps protect the systems, data, and services essential to patient care across a rapidly growing academic health system.; Patricia Tamburelli, NJCCIC Cyber Training Education Specialist, is responsible for the development, coordination, management, and implementation of innovative cybersecurity training initiatives across a wide-range of audiences including those in K-12, higher education, and adult education sectors.; Sean-Alexander Edwards, System Engineer in Cybersecurity at AS&T - Lockheed Martin, is building on experience that began with a cybersecurity internship and developed into his current engineering role. His work and continued interests sit at the intersection of cybersecurity, systems engineering, and technology, with a focus on understanding how complex systems are designed, secured, and brought together to solve real problems. He is currently pursuing his master's degree in Cybersecurity at Rowan University.; Dwayne Watkins, Sr. Supervisor, Call/Information Center & Adjunct Professor at RCSJ – Cumberland Campus, following a distinguished career as a Forensic Tech. Detective, working beside local, national and international agencies, and with more than three decades in the IT industry, Dwayne continues to share his passion for technology through teaching, mentoring, and professional service. As Call Center Supervisor and Adjunct Instructor at RCSJ, he educates the next generation of IT professionals.

Special Invitation to High Schools and Educators - Area high school students and educators are especially encouraged to attend and experience firsthand the rapidly evolving world of cybersecurity. The symposium will offer students an opportunity to learn directly from industry leaders, explore cybersecurity careers and discover pathways to higher education and in-demand technology fields. For educators, the event provides an opportunity to connect classroom learning with rapidly changing workforce needs and introduce students to the range of academic and professional opportunities available in cybersecurity and related technology fields. Whether students are already considering careers in cybersecurity or are just beginning to explore their interests in technology, Cybersecurity Symposium 2026 is designed to help them learn, connect, and become inspired by the possibilities ahead. The event reflects a shared commitment by RCSJ and RCBC to help prepare the next generation of professionals to protect our digital future. REGISTER HERE

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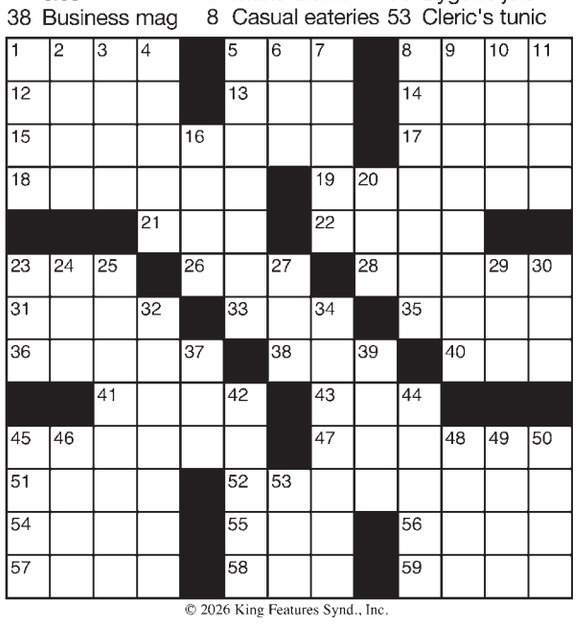
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13 Shock partner
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BIBLE WORD SEARCH
by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 45:1-2

My **heart** is **stirred** by a **noble theme** as I **recite** my **verses** for the **king**; my **tongue** is the **pen** of a **skillful writer**. You **are** the **most** excellent of **men** and your **lips** have been **anointed** with **grace**, since **God** has **blessed** you **forever**.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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MAGIC MAZE ● SHE'S IN THE MIDDLE

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Unlisted clue hint: GUIDES YOU TO YOUR SEAT

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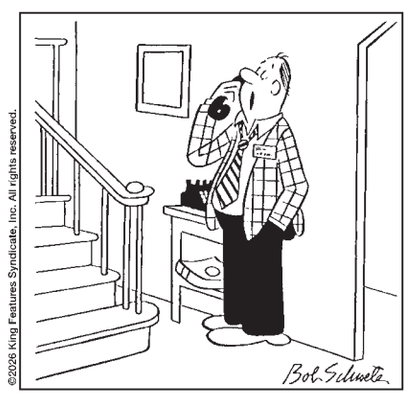
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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

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.

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10. Corn cob segment	_ _ R _ _ _	Canine lodge	_ _ N _ _ _

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"I can't go bowling, Al — I just got back from a convention in Vegas and my wife is demanding a _ _ _ _ _ _ _!"

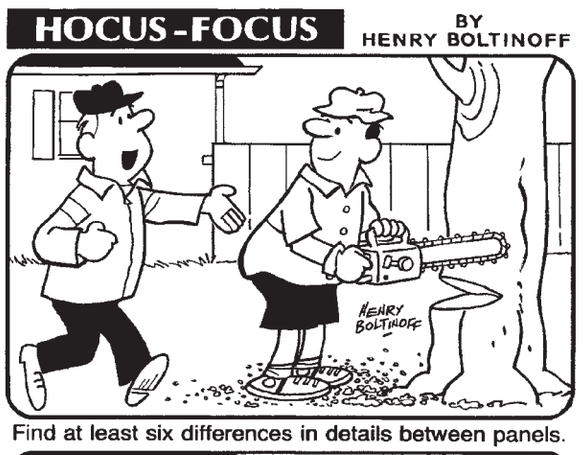
SCRAMBLERS

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!

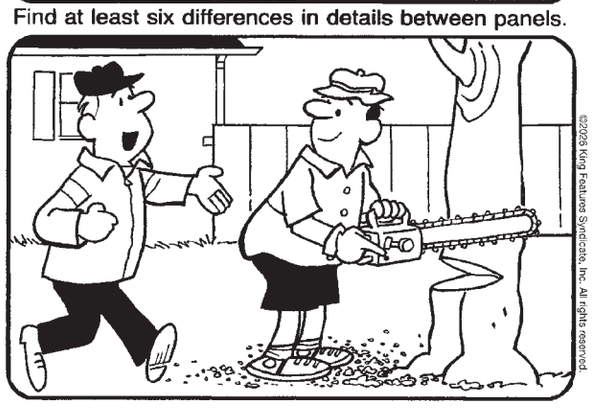
Curve — MECABR
Balance — SOFFET
Cover — CEPTAR
Trend — DIET

TODAY'S WORD

HOCUS-FOCUS
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Arm is shorter. 2. Saw blade is longer. 3. Hat is different. 4. Finger is moved. 5. Leg is moved. 6. Tree is thinner.

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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.

ZYMWRKF MGF ZXFT QRTKZQ
MGF HZETRTJ BRE RW BII
BQBWG QRMG BTJFIW.
— EROGBEK QRIUYE

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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.

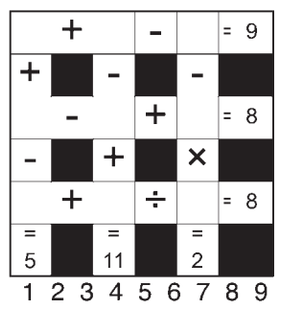
Clue: **B** equals **S**

LIECUEAZ BRQJLRJQW MERP
QJAZB RPFR QWLWEKWB
OFUJIVJB QWKEWMB:
F IFTTWQ VO
QWLVCCWATFREVA.

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GO FIGURE!

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



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Puzzles4Kids
by Helene Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

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

XIBU EP ZPV HFU JG ZPV DSPTT

_____

DPMVNCVT EBZ BOE IBMMPXFFO?

_____

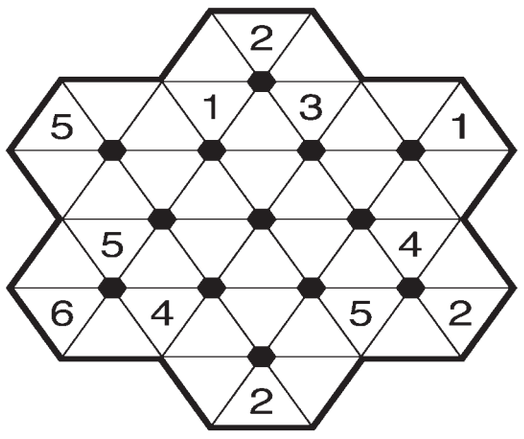
HIPVM – VNCVT EBZ.

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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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Salome's Stars

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Yet again, you show your skill at being able to indulge in your love of the arts this week while still taking care of practical matters, including some still-unfinished business matters.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A potential change might appear to be what you've been looking for. In any event, consider both the negative as well as the positive possibilities before making any sort of decision.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Relationships continue to dominate your aspect this week on a mostly positive level, with just a few problem areas to smooth over. Also, try to be flexible about travel plans.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) You love being on center stage, and while you absolutely purr at the sound of all the praise, be careful not to take on too many commitments at the expense of time spent with loved ones.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might feel that you need to get involved in a matter concerning a friend or relative. But while the issues appear to be cut and dried, they might not be. Get more facts before you act.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A suggestion about a policy change could create heated reactions. Keep your mind open and resist joining in with naysayers, unless they can show a real basis for their position.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) While potential career changes warrant your interest, don't ignore your current job responsibilities. A personal relationship can also benefit from more of your attention.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Don't guess at what the facts might be if you hope to make the best decision possible. The wise course is to ask direct questions and act on the answers that you get.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your efforts involving a pesky problem should soon show positive signs of being resolved. This will allow you to shift some of your focus in another direction.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) While you enjoy well-deserved praise for getting a difficult job done, there's no time to relax. A new challenge looms. Expect more support from a once-strong critic.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might still have some explaining to do about your decision, but support grows as you continue to make your case. You might also want to start making plans for the upcoming holidays.
BORN THIS WEEK: You insist on making decisions based on facts, not on popular opinions. Have you considered a career in science?
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SENTINEL SPORTS

Norm Merckx, Sports Editor





Students in Mrs. Turella's Gym Class at Whitehall Elementary in Monroe Township engaged in an innovative cardiovascular drumming activity using pool noodles as percussion instruments during physical education. This dynamic fitness unit combined rhythmic movement with aerobic exercise.





During their dynamic fitness unit in physical education, students in Mrs. Turella's engaging gymnasium class at Whitehall Elementary School in Monroe Township had the exciting opportunity to challenge themselves on the rock climbing wall. This hands-on learning experience allowed them to develop strength, problem-solving skills, and perseverance while mastering a valuable athletic technique that builds both physical and mental resilience.

2026 FALL TROUT STOCKING INFORMATION

By Ray Merckx

The long-awaited 2026 fall trout stocking season is finally here! The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife kicks off the action this week up in North Jersey, but local South Jersey anglers only have to wait until next week for regional deliveries to begin.

The state is pulling out all the stops this year. The standard two-year-old Rainbow Trout being released average an impressive 14 to 16 inches. Even better, massive three-year-old broodstock breeders averaging 18 to 22 inches are being mixed into every truckload dropped across our region.

Keep in mind that the daily bag limit is a maximum of 2 trout per day, with a minimum size limit of 9 inches (a threshold these fall-stocked heavyweights easily exceed). Anglers should also note a permanent change to the state schedule: the traditional November winter stocking program has been discontinued, with all of those fish now added directly into this expanded, action-packed fall program. With more fish hitting local waters right now, this fall season promises to be an awesome time to be on the water.

Mark your calendars! Here is the official South Jersey stocking schedule, broken down by date, waterbody, and county:

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 - Birch Grove Park Ponds (Atlantic) – 180 trout; Hammonton Lake (Atlantic) – 250 trout; Crystal Lake (Burlington) – 200 trout; Sylvan Lake (Burlington) – 190 trout; Grenloch Lake (Camden) – 190 trout; Oak Pond (Camden) – 190 trout; Giampietro Park Pond (Cumberland) – 190 trout; Mary Elmer Lake (Cumberland) – 230 trout; Maurice River (Cumberland) – 190 trout.

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 - Greenwich Lake (Gloucester) – 210 trout,; Iona Lake (Gloucester) – 230 trout; Swedesboro Lake (Gloucester) – 240 trout; Schadler's Sand Wash Pond (Salem) – 180 trout.

Thursday, October 22, 2026 - Haddon Lake (Camden) – 220 trout; Rowands Pond (Camden) – 100 trout; Ponderlodge Pond (Cape May) – 180 trout; Shaws Mill Pond (Cumberland) – 230 trout; South Vineland Park Pond (Cumberland) – 210 trout

If you have been looking for one last shot at excellent trout fishing before the year ends, this is your chance. As a major plus, many of these trout will easily survive the winter months, meaning you can target them right after the winter thaw well before the Spring 2027 stocking trucks arrive.

Get your gear ready, head out to your favorite local spot, and keep those lines tight!

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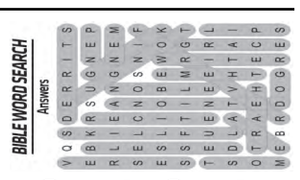
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BIBLE WORD SEARCH Answers

CryptoQuote answer

Outside the open window
the morning air is all
awash with angels.
— Richard Wilbur

CryptoQuip answer

Climbing structure with rungs that receives fabulous reviews: a ladder of recommendation.

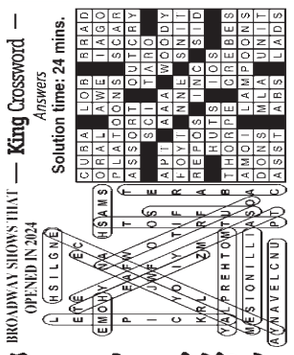
Even Exchange answers

1. Garden, Warden
2. Scold, Scald
3. Prize, Price
4. Banter, Barter
5. Pouch, Touch
6. Water, Wafer
7. Devout, Devour
8. Silver, Salver
9. Trail, Train
10. Kernel, Kennel

Go Figure! answers

8	+	5	−	4	= 9
+		−		−	
6	−	1	+	3	= 8
−		+		×	
9	+	7	÷	2	= 8
=		=		=	
5		11		2	

SCRAMBLERS *Solution*
1. Camber; 2. Offset
3. Carpet; 4. Tide
Today's Word
DEBRIEF



King Crossword — Answers — Solution time: 24 mins.

BROADWAY SHOWS THAT OPENED IN 2024

Puzzles4Kids Answer

What do you get if you cross Columbus Day and Halloween?
Ghoul–umbus Day.

SNOWFLAKES solution

Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

8	2	6	4	9	7	1	5	3
3	1	7	2	5	6	4	8	9
9	4	5	1	3	8	7	6	2
2	3	1	5	6	9	8	4	7
7	6	4	8	7	2	5	3	1
5	9	8	3	4	1	9	2	6
1	6	3	9	8	4	2	7	5
4	5	9	7	2	3	6	1	8
7	8	2	6	1	5	3	9	4

MINI SUDOKU — Answer

1	2	3	4	5	6
6	3	4	1	2	5
4	5	6	2	3	1
5	6	1	3	4	2
2	4	5	6	1	3
3	1	2	5	4	6



There is plenty of fall events happening around our County. Country Night is coming to Williamstown on Thursday, October 15th so grab your cowboy hats and boots and enjoy an evening of country fun at Melodies on Main takes place from 6 PM - 9 PM, Main Street, Williamstown. There will be live music by Vinnie Trav, Food trucks and free pony rides plus family-friendly activities and great times to experience a great night of music, community, and country charm.

If you are looking for some pre-Halloween family-fun, you can take a haunted walk at Alcyon Park in Pitman on Friday, October 16th from 6PM to 9PM. This is a family-friendly event with no jump scares! Prizes will be awarded. You can also enjoy a family-friendly Haunted Walk through Lakeland as the Camden County 4-H volunteers and members are busy transforming Lakeland into the annual Haunted Walk. The Haunted Walk will be held on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 16-17 from 7 pm -10:30 pm each night. 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 special guests 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 onsite at a cost of $10 per person. Cash, Venmo and Zelle will also be accepted.

The annual Shadow Equestrian Trail-A-Thon starts early on Saturday morning October 17th from 10AM to 1PM. Everyone is invited to the farm at 1907 Monroeville Road in Franklin Township. Come out to cheer on and encourage the students as they ride the trail. Shadow Equestrian provides therapeutic riding tailored to each participant's needs and abilities to support physical development, communication skills, and emotional growth through guided horsemanship and structured horse interaction. Participants receive a trophy and ribbon and are encouraged to progress at their own pace while building confidence, and connection with horses.

Afterwards, you can head on over to the Elk Township Harvest Festival! Join in the fun on Saturday afternoon, October 17, from 1 PM –5 PM at the Elk Township Recreation Fields (across from Aura Elementary School). There will be a Farmers Market, Artisan Vendors, Local Food Trucks, Live Music, an Antique Tractor Show, Hay Rides to a Pumpkin Patch, Trunk-or-Treat and plenty of family fun! If you're looking for a fun fall afternoon with the family, there's something for everyone at this festival.

Top off the night with the biggest Halloween Parade in the County as the Monroe Township Halloween Parade is calling all ghosts, goblins, witches & superheroes for a spooktacular night on Main Street on Saturday, October 17th at 7 PM. The parade route begins on Main Street (from the CVS parking lot to Church Street). Come out and show off your best costumes, see all the decorated floats, walking groups, and join in the Halloween spirit with a festive parade for the whole community to enjoy! Three judges will select winners and award plaques! Rain Date: October 18th. For everyone's safety, please do not throw candy from vehicles.

DENTAL ASSISTING STUDENTS GIVE BACK DURING VETERANS SMILE DAY



Rowan College of South Jersey (RCSJ) Dental Assisting students recently put their classroom training into practice while giving back to local veterans during Veterans Smile Day at Brickworks Dental in Mays Landing, N.J.

Working alongside dental professionals from throughout the community, RCSJ students assisted in providing dental services to area veterans. The experience gave students valuable hands-on experience while allowing them to serve members of the community who have served our country.

The event provided students with an opportunity to gain real-world experience in a professional dental setting while learning from practicing dental professionals. Their participation also highlighted the important role dental assistants play as part of a collaborative dental care team.

Veterans Smile Day was created to raise awareness of the lack of access to dental care facing veterans across the nation. The Veterans Smile Day Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to recruit dental professionals and corporate sponsors to help address this need by "Serving Those Who've Served." Klepadlo, in addition to her role as executive director of Dental Programs at RCSJ, serves as a founding member of the Veterans Smile Day Foundation, helping advance its mission to connect veterans with much-needed dental care.

RCSJ's Dental Assisting Program prepares students with the knowledge and hands-on skills needed to pursue a career as a dental assistant. Opportunities such as Veterans Smile Day allow students to extend their learning beyond the classroom while contributing to the communities they serve.

The event reflects RCSJ's commitment to providing students with experiential learning opportunities that connect their education to meaningful service and future careers.

RCSJ's Dental Assisting Program prepares students for careers in one of the fastest-growing fields in healthcare. Through a combination of classroom instruction, hands-on laboratory experiences and clinical rotations, students are introduced to the dental profession and develop the knowledge and skills needed to perform the roles and responsibilities of a Registered Dental Assistant (RDA).

RCSJ HONORS LEGACY OF KRISTEN WHYTE



Rowan College of South Jersey (RCSJ) hosted an endowment signing ceremony on Wednesday, October 7, at 1 p.m. in the Eugene J. McCaffrey College Center. The event honored the legacy of Kristen Whyte, executive director of Internship & Career Planning. In her memory, a $10,000 endowment was established to fund the Kristen Whyte Scholarship Fund.

The Kristen Whyte Scholarship Fund honors the life and legacy of Kristen Whyte, a beloved educator, mentor, colleague, and friend whose impact on students and the RCSJ community will endure for generations. The establishment of this endowment was made possible by donations from the RCSJ community and Rosanne Elizabeth Paone-Petrucci, Whyte's mother.

Paone-Petrucci shared her heartfelt appreciation. "There's a lot of emotion today and gratitude ... I love seeing all of you here, and I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart. This is the biggest and most beautiful gift you could have ever given Kristen."

Whyte's career at RCSJ began in 2009. Whether with students, colleagues, family, or friends, she served as a trusted counselor, a source of encouragement, and a steady rock to those around her.

"Kristen loved this place [RCSJ] as her second home," Paone-Petrucci added.

Even in the face of adversity, Whyte was known for her remarkable strength, courage, optimism, and resilience. She believed in helping others, opening doors of opportunity, offering guidance with compassion, and inspiring people to believe in themselves, even during life's most challenging moments.

Dr. Brenden Rickards, president of RCSJ, reflected on Whyte's character and positive attitude.

"Kristen was a pillar here at RCSJ. Whoever she interacted with, she always made them feel at home, always made them feel comfortable, and always was there to offer an encouraging word. What really drove her was the love and support she had for everyone. She has touched the lives of so many students."

This $10,000 endowment will fund an annual $500 scholarship for one eligible RCSJ student majoring in English, Communications, Literature, or Arts & Sciences. Through this fund, Whyte's legacy of service, mentorship, kindness, and vibrant love of life will continue to transform lives and create opportunities.

Cody Miller, executive director of the RCSJ Foundation, extended gratitude to attendees for commemorating Whyte.

"Many of you knew Kristen Whyte and the passion she brought to everything she did. I really can't think of a better way to honor her legacy today than by having everyone here to honor her memory and support a student who will benefit from this scholarship every single year."



LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE # 29-2026
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 58A, FIRE SUPPRESSION AND KEY BOXES OF THE CODE BOOK OF THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Clayton, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey that Chapter SSA Fires Suppression and Key Boxes of the Code be amended as follows:

Section 1.
Chapter 58A, Section 1, Key box requirement established. is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:
All properties within the Borough of Clayton having an automatic fire alarm/ suppression system or at the discretion of the local official shall be equipped with a key box.
Section 2. Repealer
All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.
Section 4. Severability
Each section of this Ordinance is an independent section, and the holding of any section or part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective, shall not be deemed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any other sections or parts hereof.
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon formal approval by the Clayton Borough Council and publication as required by law.

BOROUGH OF CLAYTON
Darlene VonDran, Acting Mayor
ATTEST:
Sue Miller, Acting Borough Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE 28-2026
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #2-2026 AMENDING THE SALARIES, WAGES AND COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO THE VARIOUS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2026

TAKE NOTE that the foregoing ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Clayton held on October 8, 2026 and was then read for the first time. The said ordinance will be further considered for final passage by the Mayor and Council at the Municipal Building, 125 N. Delsea Drive, Clayton, New Jersey, at a meeting beginning 6:00 p.m. on October 22, 2026, at which time and place, or any time and place to which such meeting be adjourned, all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.
BY ORDER of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Clayton.

Debbie Schlosser Deputy Clerk
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BOROUGH OF CLAYTON

ORDINANCE 28-2026
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BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Clayton, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey as follows:
Section 1. That the Salaries, Wages and Compensation of the various officers and employees of the Borough of Clayton established under Ordinance #2-2026 are hereby amended by and/or by adding the following:

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Chief of Police	$107,245 - $150,500/yr.
Emergency Management Coordinator	$0 - $4,000 /yr.
P/T Civilian Evidence Custodian/ Firearms Investigator	$25 - $35 I hr.
P/T Principal Public Works Mngr.	$0 - $45.31/hr.
P/T Mechanic (NTE 24hr /week)	$25 - $35 I hr.
P/T Confidential Police Secretary	$17.00-22.00/hr.
Meals on Wheels	$15.92 - $17.00/hr.
P/T Finance Clerk	$15.92- $26.00/hr.
P/T Office Clerk	$15.92 - $17.50/hr.
P/T Senior Facilities Assistant	$15.92 - $17.50/hr.
P/T Social Media Clerk	$15.92 - $17.50/hr.

The said Salaries, Wages and Compensation listed above shall be paid heretofore; and shall be paid in the manner and at the time decided upon by the Mayor and Council.
Section 2. Repealer
All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.
Section 3. Severability
Each section of this Ordinance is an independent section, and the holding of any section or part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective, shall not be deemed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any other sections or parts hereof.
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon formal approval by the Clayton Borough Council and publication as required by law.

BOROUGH OF CLAYTON
Darlene VonDran, Acting Mayor
ATTEST:
Sue Miller, Acting Borough Clerk
The Sentinel of Gloucester County 10/15/2026
Fee $45.00

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE 27-2026
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 73-5 CHAPTER 39, RAFFLES AND BINGO ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY

TAKE NOTE that the foregoing ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Clayton held on October 8, 2026 and was then read for the first time. The said ordinance will be further considered for final passage by the Mayor and Council at the Municipal Building, 125 N. Delsea Drive, Clayton, New Jersey, at a meeting beginning 6:00 p.m. on October 22, 2026, at which time and place, or any time and place to which such meeting be adjourned, all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.
BY ORDER of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Clayton.

Debbie Schlosser Deputy Clerk
The Sentinel of Gloucester County 10/15/2026
Fee $16.50

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE 27 - 2026
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 73-5, CHAPTER 39, RAFFLES AND BINGO ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY.

WHEREAS, on December 13, 1973 Borough Council of the Borough of Clayton adopted the above ordinance promulgating and setting for the provisions of the Raffles and Licensing Law in accordance with the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to NJAC 13:47-1.1 the Borough Council is the issuing authority for licenses to perform certain games of chance entitled raffle and bingo licenses; and
WHEREAS, in as much as formal action of the Council regularly meets bi-weekly and therefore requests for raffle and bingo licenses which are typically time sensitive may not be considered and granted prior to the date set for the event; and
WHEREAS, NJAC 13:47-1.1 authorizes Borough Council to designate another individual as the issuing authority to approve and grant raffle and bingo licenses; and
WHEREAS, Borough Council finds it in the best interest of the Borough to allow and individual to issue said license there by avoiding the necessity of special sessions to consider such matters.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Clayton, that Ordinance 73-5 be amended in that the Municipal Clerk is hereby designated as the issuing authority to approve and grant raffle and bingo licenses subject to compliance with NJAC 13:47-1, et seq.

Effective Date:
This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as required by law.

BOROUGH OF CLAYTON
Darlene VonDran, Acting Mayor
ATTEST:
Sue Miller, Acting Borough Clerk
The Sentinel of Gloucester County 10/15/2026
Fee $30.00

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE 26-2026
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18, PERSONNEL, ARTICLE I, PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, SECTION 2, ADOPTIONOF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES; APPLICABILITY OF THE CODE BOOK OF THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON

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BY ORDER of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Clayton.

Debbie Schlosser Deputy Clerk
The Sentinel of Gloucester County 10/15/2026
Fee $18.00

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE 26-2026
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18, PERSONNEL, ARTICLE I, PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, SECTION 2, ADOPTION OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES; APPLICABILITY OF THE CODE BOOK OF THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Clayton, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey that Chapter 18, Personnel, Article I, Personnel Policies and Procedures, Section 2, Adoption of policies and procedures; applicability, of the Code Book of the Borough of Clayton is hereby amended, as per the attached which is incorporated herein and made a part of this Ordinance to institute a health benefit waiver for employees eligible for alternative coverage pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:10-17.1. Such health benefit waiver provision shall be included in the Personnel Policies and Procedures of the Borough of Clayton, Section Four, Compensation and Employee Benefits Policies. The provision shall be the next policy following the Borough's Health Insurance Policy.
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

BOROUGH OF CLAYTON
V. CHARLES SIMON, Mayor
Attest:
Sue Miller, Acting Municipal Clerk
The Sentinel of Gloucester County 10/15/2026
Fee $23.40

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
BOROUGH OF CLAYTON
BOND ORDINANCE 24-2026

Bond Ordinance Statements and Summary

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Clayton, in the County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey on October 8, 2026 and the twenty (20) day period oflimitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hour, at the Borough Clerk's Office for members of the general public who request the same.

Title: **BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OF THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF $1,200,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO $1,200,000 MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING**

Purpose/Improvement	Estimated Total Cost	Down Payment	Amount of Obligations	Period of Usefulness
Various Improvements to the Borough's Water Distribution System including, but not limited to, the Replacement of the Water Main Along Delsea Drive (NJIB Project No. 0801001-002), together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto, all as more particularly described in the engineering materials submitted to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank and on file in the Clerk's office	$1,200,000	$0	$1,200,000	40 years

Appropriation:	$1,200,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized:	$1,200,000
Grants (if any) Appropriated:	$0
Section 20 Costs:	$240,000
Useful Life:	40 years

Debbie Schlosser, Deputy Clerk
This Notice is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-l 7.
The Sentinel of Gloucester County 10/15/2026
Fee $69.00











Students in Mrs. Jones' and Mrs. Smith's Third Grade Class at Whitehall Elementary in Monroe Township embarked on a fascinating journey into the world of life cycles and pollination. Through hands-on exploration, they crafted vibrant flowers and discovered the magic of pollination firsthand. Each student became a monarch caterpillar keeper, witnessing the extraordinary transformation from tiny caterpillar to magnificent butterfly. When the moment arrived, they released their newly emerged butterflies into the Whitehall School Butterfly Garden, sending these delicate travelers on their remarkable migration to Mexico for the winter.

SCARE UP A SWEET, THRILLING TREAT

(*Family Features*) For a frighteningly fun time in the kitchen this Halloween, gather your family around the cauldron to create a sweet, spooky dessert. Tricks and treats may provide thrills, but a homemade concoction can be the star of your hauntingly happy evening.

This Ghostly Graveyard Cake takes imagination and creativity from everyone with tombstones, skulls and spooky icing daring all to try a bite. With looks this chilling, it's a perfect treat to enjoy while watching everyone's favorite scary movie.

Ghostly Graveyard Cake



1 box chocolate cake mix
10 chocolate creme cookies
1 cup black melting chips
1 cup red melting chips
1 cup heavy whipping cream
3 cans buttercream icing
1 purple food coloring
1 black food coloring
skull sprinkles
tombstones and bones candies

Prepare cake mix according to package instructions in three 6-inch baking pans. Once baked, allow to completely cool outside of pans.

In zip-top bag, using rolling pin, crush chocolate creme cookies; set aside.

In separate small bowls, add black melting chips and red melting chips.

In microwave, heat heavy whipping cream 1 1/2 minutes. Pour half the mixture into one bowl of chips and other half into other bowl of chips. Stir until chips are completely melted; set aside.

After cakes cool, on cake board, add small amount of buttercream icing so cake sticks. Using bread knife, level cakes.

Place one cake on cake board and add thin layer of icing on top. Place second layer of cake on top and add thin layer of icing on top. Place final layer of cake on top and add thin layer of icing on top. Add thin layer of icing to entire cake. Freeze 15 minutes.

In small bowl, mix two parts purple food coloring to one part black food coloring. Ice cake with deep purple icing. Using grooved scraper, scrape along sides of cake. Using angled spatula, smooth top of cake.

Add skull sprinkles around edges of cake. Using piping bag with small opening at tip, drip black drip mixture around top edges of cake. Repeat using red drip mixture.

Add chocolate creme cookie crumbs to top of cake. Add tombstones and bone sprinkles to top of cake.

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FROM A KIDNEY TO A DRUMBEAT: A BROTHER'S GIFT COMES FULL CIRCLE

We all have something to give. A talent, a voice, a rhythm or a piece of ourselves. Sometimes what we have to share becomes even more powerful when we give it away.



Assemblywoman Heather Simmons (D-Gloucester) was reminded of that on October 3 when her brother, Tim Simmons, led a community drum circle for about 15 South Jersey residents at the Gloucester County Library in Mullica Hill.

For an hour, a room full of strangers became a circle of musicians. They listened, responded, found a beat and communicated without needing many words. And somehow, by the end, they weren't strangers anymore.

For Asw. Simmons, watching her brother create that connection had a deeply personal meaning. Nearly seven years ago, in December 2019, Tim gave his sister Heather a kidney. He saved her life.

"There's something beautifully connected about those two gifts," Asw. Simmons said. "Tim gave me a part of himself that gave me a new life. At the drum circles he hosts like the one in the library, he shows people through music that we all have something inside us that becomes more powerful when we share it."

Tim Simmons, of Havertown, PA, is a music teacher at Delaware Valley Friends School in Paoli, PA. There he uses music to help students with auditory learning differences build confidence, strengthen their reading and connect with themselves and each other. He is also a drummer, songwriter and author.

He hosts drum circles for students and adults in school settings, community and faith-based organizations regionwide. And the goal is always the same. The music is inside us, and it's power comes from sharing it.

"None of us had to be great musicians to be in the drum circle," Asw. Simmons said. "We just had to listen, find the music inside us, and share it. Learning to do that was surprisingly simple. And it was an incredibly powerful gift."

PUBLIC NOTICE
ELK TOWNSHIP TAX SALE NOTICE

COLLECTOR'S NOTICE OF LIEN SALE OF PROPERTY FOR NON-PAYMENT OF 2025 TAXES AND PRIOR ARREARS IS HEREBY GIVEN, that I, Susan E. DeFrancesco, Collector of Taxes of the Taxing District of Elk Township, Gloucester County, New Jersey, will sell at Public Auction liens against the real estate listed below on **Monday, October 26, 2026 at 10:00 AM at the Township Building, 680 Whig Lane Monroeville, NJ 08313**, pursuant to Tax Sale Law R.S. 54:5. The amounts named are for taxes, for the year 2025 and arrears plus interest and costs to October 26, 2026. Such sale shall be made in fee to such person as will purchase same, subject to redemption at the lowest rate of interest, but in no case in excess of eighteen (18%) per cent annum. THE NAMES SHOWN ARE AS THEY APPEAR IN THE TAX DUPLICATE AND DO NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT PARTIES ARE THE PRESENT OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY. REQUIRED NOTICE AND DISCLOSURE – Industrial properties may be subject to Spill Compensation and Control Act (NJSA 58:10-23-11 et seq.), the Water Pollution Control Act (NJSA 58:10A-1 et seq.) and the Industrial Recovery Act (NJSA 13-iK 6 et seq.) in addition, the municipality is precluded from issuing a certificate to any prospective purchaser who is or may be in any way connected to the prior owner or operator of the site. IN THE EVENT THE OWNER IS ON ACTIVE DUTY WITH THE MILITARY, THE COLLECTOR SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY. PURCHASES are required by law to pay the interest and costs charged against each parcel purchased before the conclusion of sale, or property will be resold. ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE IN CASH OR CERTIFIED CHECK PRIOR TO SALE. The said lands and names of the assessed owner of said lands and the total amount due and owing on said land(s) are as follows:

Block	Lot	Qualifier	Owner Name	Amount	Property Location	Type
6	34		LIGHTFOOT, GARRY & JESSICA	$1,432.63	105 MOODS RD	T
10	2		R & R GROUP DEVELOPMENT LLC	$238.58	106 IREDELL LN	T
10	3		R & R GROUP DEVELOPMENT LLC	$235.54	110 IREDELL LN	T
10	4		R & R GROUP DEVELOPMENT LLC	$232.48	112 IREDELL LN	T
13	3		MERRYFIELD, ROBYN & REDDON, JOS A	$1,644.53	142 LINCOLN RD	T
17	6.02		SIMONS, STEVEN T & MARY ANNE	$879.94	1482 ELLIS MILL RD	T
21	3.01		BEDELL, BRIAN & STACI	$9,843.68	104 MILLSTONE WAY	T
31	13		MARTIN, PAULA GANT	$6,058.72	629 AURA RD	T
49	2	-C0008	KINSEY, TARA L	$1,140.05	156 BURMA RD	T
51	7		MARCONI, ALICIA MARIE	$3,308.02	WILLOW GROVE RD	T
62	7		AMCAN CONSULTING LLC	$1,759.69	593 WHIG LN	T
76	1		WALKER, RONALD	$337.24	448 UNION ST	T
81	5		LYLES, ETHEL EST OF	$7,647.23	506 LEDDEN ST	T
85	1.01		WHITE, SANDRA D	$1,466.48	CLEVELAND AVE	T
86	8		WALKER, SHIRLEY	$201.86	JACKSON AVE	T
88	4		ROBLES, KENNETH & SAFIRA	$3,157.60	139 STANGER AVE	T
88	10		ROBLES, KENNETH	$239.39	STANGER AVE	T
94	2		THOMAS, JAMES W & ELIZABETH	$2,419.50	523 CHRISTIAN ST	T
108	2.03		BAILEY, GEORGE JR	$3,780.00	504 ARCH ST	T
118	5.02		SCHWARTZ, MATTHEW J	$361.73	505 PINE ST	T
119	3		CHRISTMAS, SARAH EST % B SHEFFIELD	$90.87	514 HARDING ST	T
132	5		BASS, ALVIN O & DIANE	$547.08	SECOND AVE	T
133	3		SANDY DEVELOPMENT LLC	$1,419.34	FOURTH ST	T
134	1.03		BATEMAN, DONALD LEWIS	$455.69	BUCK RD	T
135	1		CARR, HAZEL & SILAS	$1,503.19	329 BUCK RD	T
135	5		CARR, SILAS	$544.25	510 FIFTH AVE	T
139	1.02		SANDY DEVELOPMENT LLC	$684.54	510 THIRD AVE	T
141	3		BATEMAN, DONALD LEWIS	$221.15	FIFTH AVE	T
144	3		PRINCE, MRS OLLIE @ HELEN FLETCHER	$285.26	FIRST AVE	T
168	2		R & R DEVELOPMENT GROUP LLC	$108.33	NINTH AVE	T
168	3.02		R & R GROUP DEVELOPMENT LLC	$1,426.17	536 EIGHTH AVE	T
171	3		DONES, ADALBERTO & MARIA SANTIAGO	$966.01	671 FAIRVIEW RD	T
214	25		CLARK, RICHARD R & SUSAM M	$9,869.65	705 WEBSTER DR	T
217	49		FENNAL, AMY L & GARRY W	$262.60	SPAULDING LN PRIVATE	T
217	50		CROUCH, EARSTENE EST OF	$2,132.33	22 SPAULDING LN	T
			Totals	$66,901.35		

T - Property Taxes
Susan DeFrancesco, CTC
The Sentinel of Gloucester County October 15, 22, 2026
Fee $180.00