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Several members of the Franklin Township Senior Citizen Club enjoyed dressing up in costumes for the club's Halloween Party. They decorated tables and enjoyed spending time together. *Photograph courtesy of Shirley Simpkins*

NEW JERSEY TREASURY ENCOURAGES RESIDENTS TO APPLY FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS

The New Jersey Treasury's Division of Taxation is urging eligible residents to apply for the State's property tax relief programs by the November 2, 2026 deadline. Seniors aged 65 and older and disabled homeowners or mobile homeowners can apply for the ANCHOR, Senior Freeze, and Stay NJ property tax relief programs through the PAS-1 application. The PAS-1 replaced the former Senior Freeze and ANCHOR applications, meaning eligible taxpayers no longer need to file separate applications for these programs. The application also applies to New Jersey's newest property tax relief program, Stay NJ. "The PAS-1 application allows seniors and disabled residents to apply for all of New Jersey's property tax relief programs at one time and makes the process as seamless as possible," said State Treasurer Aaron Binder. "We want to ensure that all eligible residents take advantage of these programs designed to make New Jersey a more affordable place to live."

Residents under the age of 65 who own or rent property in New Jersey can also benefit from property tax relief through the ANCHOR program by applying via the ANC-1 application. Both the PAS-1 and ANC-1 forms can be found and submitted online at propertytaxreliefapp.nj.gov. The deadline to file both applications is November 2, 2026. Need Help? If you have questions or need assistance with your application, the Division of Taxation offers several resources so call (609)292-6748.

BILL TO STRENGTHEN NEW JERSEY'S PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS CLEARS COMMITTEE

(Trenton) – Legislation to improve the State's pandemic response plan and improve emergency preparedness recently advanced in the Assembly Health Infrastructure Committee. Sponsored by Assemblyman Cody Miller, Bill A1321 would require the Department of Health (DOH) to revise emergency response plans for pandemic influenzas.

"We cannot wait for the next public health emergency to arise before we make a plan," said Assemblyman Miller (D-Atlantic, Camden, Gloucester). "We must take the lessons learned from COVID-19 and use them to strengthen our preparedness. This legislation will ensure New Jersey is better prepared to protect our residents by improving coordination and clarifying roles across State agencies."

This legislation would require the DOH to update the Pandemic Influenza Plan, or its successor plan to expand the scope of anticipated emergencies to include pandemics, clarify state agencies' responsibilities, strengthen coordination with local health departments, establish crisis standards, and address health equity gaps.

This bill was drafted in response to the Independent Review of New Jersey's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic report, which outlined 33 recommendations to improve the State's readiness for a future public health emergency. One of the major takeaways from the review was the absence of a cohesive plan that addressed readiness and coordination throughout the whole of State government. This bill would codify the first eight recommendations of the monitor, which address the need for the State to plan, train, exercise, monitor and audit emergency preparedness.

TWO DEFENDANTS SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR UNLAWFUL HANDGUN POSSESSION

Woodbury – Two defendants were sentenced to state prison Friday by the Honorable Kevin T. Smith in separate cases involving the unlawful possession of a handgun, Gloucester County Prosecutor Andrew B. Johns announced in a press release on 10/27. According to documents filed in this case and statements made in open court: Jacquez Prince, 22, of Pennsauken, was sentenced to five years in state prison with one year of parole ineligibility, after pleading guilty to one count of second-degree unlawful possession of a weapon. An investigation by the Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force determined Prince unlawfully possessed a handgun on July 19, 2023.Tyquan Witcher, 21, of Woodbury, was sentenced to three years in state prison with one year of parole ineligibility, after pleading guilty to one count of second-degree unlawful possession of a weapon. On June 11, 2023, Paulsboro Police responded to a report of individuals waving handguns at Fort Billings Park. They later stopped a vehicle matching the description of the vehicle seen leaving the park and found two semi-automatic handguns in the trunk. Witcher was the driver of that vehicle. The State was represented by Assistant Prosecutor Sarah Spanarkel in both cases. The County of Gloucester complies with all state and federal rules and regulations against discrimination in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, and activities. In addition, County encourages participation of people with disabilities in its programs and activities and offers special services to all residents 60 years of age and older. Inquiries regarding compliance may be directed to the County's ADA Coordinator at (856) 384-6842/ New Jersey Relay Service 711.Prosecutor Johns thanked the GCPO HIDTA Task Force, and the Paulsboro, Harrison Township, and East Greenwich Township Police Departments, for their assistance in these investigations. Defense Counsel: Sophia Black, Esq for Prince and Tamika McCoy, Esq. for Witcher.



NEW JERSEY SUES DOLLAR GENERAL

Suit Alleges Dollar General Has Generated Millions of Dollars in Revenue by Repeatedly Overcharging Cash-Strapped Consumers in Stores Nationwide

Trenton – Advancing efforts to drive down costs for New Jersey families, Attorney General Jennifer Davenport announced in a press release this week that the state has joined the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and a bipartisan coalition of 19 other states in suing Dollar General Corporation for allegedly engaging in long-running deceptive pricing practices that harmed consumers in the low-income and rural communities it serves. In a complaint filed 10/26, the states and the FTC allege that for years Dollar General has routinely charged customers more at the register for food, cleaning supplies, and household staples than the prices displayed on shelves, price tags and advertisements, costing consumers millions of dollars in unlawful overcharges over a period of years.

"Bait-and-switch pricing hurts New Jersey families who are already struggling just to get by," said Attorney General Davenport. "Together with the FTC and our fellow states, we are taking action to hold Dollar General accountable and protect New Jerseyans from unlawful pricing practices."

"New Jersey will not tolerate deceptive pricing, especially when targeted at consumers who can least afford it," said Christopher Peterson, Acting Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs. "To engage in this kind of commercial conduct as consumers struggle to pay for basic needs is completely unacceptable."

According to the complaint:

- Thousands of Dollar General stores have taken advantage of vulnerable shoppers by extracting millions of dollars in unlawful overcharges with insufficient safeguards to prevent these harms.
- Dollar General received tens of thousands of complaints from consumers across the country who say the company did not honor the advertised price, demonstrating widespread consumer harm and confirming that customers nationwide have been charged more than the advertised price.
- Dollar General knows that it harms consumers by charging more at the register than the prices it advertises, as reflected by the numerous complaints it has received.

And despite being made aware of the problem, the complaint asserts, Dollar General failed to implement policies and practices to adequately address the problem. The complaint alleges this conduct violates the FTC Act, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, and the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act. The states joining the FTC lawsuit include Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah and Wisconsin. Attorney General Davenport and the Division of Consumer Affairs are represented in this matter by Deputy Attorney General Christopher Meyer of the Consumer Fraud Prosecution Section under the supervision of Section Chief Jesse J. Sierant and Assistant Attorney General Kashif T. Chand.

ANIMAL CRUELTY

On October 23rd, West Deptford police officers were contacted by Epic Veterinary Urgent Care in Cherry Hill. They advised officers that two separate cats were brought into their facility with suspected gunshot wounds. Both animals arrived at the facility with serious life-threatening injuries and received immediate medical attention. The injuries for each cat are consistent with a small caliber firearm or pellet gun. Both cats were considered outdoor cats and were outside at the time of their injury. One incident took place near Ford and May Avenue, and the other near Crown Pint Road and Church Street, West Deptford. Thankfully, both animals were able to return home after extensive care by the Epic Veterinarian Staff.

We want to remind the residents of West Deptford that we take each one of these incidents extremely seriously and investigate each case as thoroughly as possible. As always, the safety and security of our residents, as well as their pets, remain our top priority. If anyone has any type of information about these incidents, please reach out to Detective Goggin #4167 at cgoggin@westdeptfordpd.com



FRANKLIN TWP SCHOOLS BOE APPROVED BILL LIST OCT. 2026

AUTO TRUCK PARTS DEPTFORD- Transportation parts -$2,226.69
BARNES & NOBLE - $1,650.
CASCADE SCHOOL SUPPLIES- pencils-$7.74
CATALANO MUSICAL PRODUCTS- handbells -$160.50
CRITICAL RESPONSE GROUP- Site Emergency Plan-$1,455.
CURRICULUM ASSOC- student workbooks- $984.79
DICTIONARY MEDIA GROUP- STEM website -$1,999.
DISCOUNT MAGAZINE – library renewal magazines -$275.800
ENGLISH SEWAGE DISPOSAL- jetting service MR-$1,280.66
ETA HAND2MIND- supplies-$554.95
EXPLORE K12- license renewal-$500.
FERGUSON ENTERPRISES- faucets/waterheater supplies-$2,528.79
FOXTAIL WATER SERVICES- water treatment/ maint-$4,482.15
GCSSSD= transportation busing transp-$27,955.47
GRASSROOTS WORKSHOPS- teacher workshops -$508.80
HEINEMANN PUBLISHING- math workbooks-$369.63
HOLCOMB TRANSP- Sept/Oct bus transp-$38,880.
HOME DEPOT- batteries/paper towels-$150.74
HOOVER TRUCK CENTERS- transp parts-$1,406.39
INSTITUTE FOR MULTI-SENS- subscriptions-$777.75
JMT ASSOC- fixed asset report-$959.
MGL FORMS-SYSTEMS- business cards/ envelopes-$1,304.50
MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATION- play supplies-$1,259.
NASCO EDUCATION-supplies-$1,049.84
NEWFIELD NATIONAL BANK- gift cards perfect attendance-$600.
PRIME LUBE- bulk oil-$1,746.47
SCHOOL HEALTH CORP- supplies-$546.78
SCHOOL SPECIALTY- supplies-$616.20
SNAP-ON INC- diagnostic tool/software-$4,554.30
SOUTH JERSEY GLASS/DOOR- $2,196.11
STAPLES – supplies-$272.70
STEVE'S AUTO SUPPLY-parts-$1,024.94
SUPPLYITALL/SJ PAPER- floor pads-$27,233.48
UNITED REFRIGERATION- thermostat/ supplies-$827.22
UNITED SUPPLY CORP-supplies-$876.21
WBMASON- office supplies-$2,118.95



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



By Cindy Merckx

Election Day in New Jersey is Tuesday, November 3rd. This year, there is no presidential race at the top of the ticket and no governor's mansion to fight over. Historically, that combination produces a lighter turnout than New Jerseyans are used to—and that is precisely why the contests further down the ballot deserve more attention than they usually get. Three County Commissioner seats are up this year, and the campaign has already produced its share of local mudslinging. Mail boxes and social media ads have traded in the kind of negative messaging that leaves voters wondering whether it is worth showing up at all.

It is worth showing up as far as I am concerned. And it is worth understanding what is happening in these races—both the history behind the negativity and the real challenges facing the people who choose to run. I will often get a phone call about a mudslinging ad someone got in their mailbox. I usually tell them that this it is nothing new. Political historians remind us that the 1800 election between Thomas Jefferson and John Adams was filled with rumors and vicious editorial cartoons questioning the candidates' moral fitness. Historians actually identify two "Golden Ages" of negative campaigning—the post-Civil War era and our current one, fueled by massive spending and the speed of social media. The nastiness in political ads is not a sudden collapse of civility; it is a feature of American politics that people either love or hate.

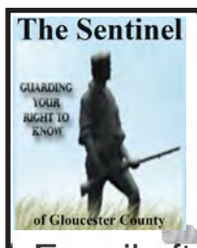
Rutgers data on New Jersey elections shows that when the Governor is not on the ballot, turnout in legislative midterms averages only about 45% of what it is in presidential years. When only local and legislative races are up—as in 2015—turnout can fall to as low as 22%. That math matters. The smaller the electorate, the louder a negative ad becomes. In a low-turnout environment, a motivated faction or a particularly nasty mailer can have an outsized impact. Gloucester County offers a case in point as it has been a long Democratic stronghold. The county saw Republicans upset the Board of Commissioners in 2021, winning two seats. With three seats up now, the mudslinging is a symptom of a genuinely contested power struggle—one that may be decided by a very small number of voters.

And the challenges facing candidates today go well beyond the attack ads. Reports indicate that members of Congress can spend 10 to 20 hours a week simply calling donors—time taken away from family and from the work they were elected to do. Local candidates share a version of that grind as they fundraise for county races. Consider too the safety concerns that are increasingly cited as deterrents for potential candidates, including fears of doxxing and swatting attacks against their families. The historical mudslinging was vicious, but it did not carry the same physical security risks. It is clear that running for office today demands a kind of constant alertness that previous generations of candidates never faced.

So what should voters take from all of this? Fewer of your neighbors will likely vote on November 3rd than in a presidential year. That places a heavier responsibility on those who do show up. The mudslinging is just an attempt to cut through the noise of a low-turnout year—and historically, negative politics is an old game. But the modern stakes, from fundraising exhaustion to personal safety, are new, and they are borne by the men and women willing to put their names on a ballot. Sometimes you have to look past the ads and social media posts. Examine the records of the local candidates. Ask what they have done and what they propose to do for your local town and Gloucester County. Then cast a ballot—if only to ensure that the small electorate deciding the future of where you live everyday is a representative one. A quiet election year is not an unimportant one. Sometimes it is the quiet years that decide the most.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Nov 3rd- ELECTION DAY
Nov 4th- Franklin Twp Zoning Board-7PM
Nov. 5th- Glassboro Council WS-6:30PM
Nov 5th- Monroe Seniors Comm-5:15PM
Nov. 9th- Monroe Twp Open Space Adv-7PM
Nov 10th- Janvier Fire Comm- 7:30PM
Nov. 10th- Monroe Council-6:30PM
Nov 11th- VETERANS DAY- holiday
Nov 11th- Monroe Board of Health-7PM
Nov 11th- Franklin Twp BOE- 6PM-WS
Nov 12th- Newfield Council-7PM
Nov 12th- Clayton Council-6:30PM
Nov 16th- Franklinville Fire Comm-7:30PM



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A SPECIAL VISITOR BRINGS HANDS-ON LEARNING TO WHITEHALL PRE-K!

The preschool students in Mrs. Kiry's class at Whitehall Elementary School in Monroe Township had a very special visitor! Charleigh's Poppop stopped by to spend the afternoon with the children and share a fun, hands-on learning experience that tied perfectly into their Ball Study.

During his visit, Poppop introduced the students to a variety of textured balls, including smooth, bumpy, spiky, and dimpled balls. The children explored the different textures, discussed how each ball felt, and made predictions about the patterns they might create.

The excitement continued as the students used playdough to investigate the unique patterns made by each ball. They pressed and rolled the balls across the playdough, carefully observing and comparing the different designs left behind. The activity encouraged curiosity, creativity, and plenty of wonderful conversations!

To make the experience even more special, Poppop generously brought enough materials for each child to take a set home and continue exploring with their families. Mrs. Kiry's class would like to extend a HUGE thank-you to Charleigh's Poppop for sharing his time, creativity, and enthusiasm with our little learners! It was an unforgettable afternoon filled with smiles, discovery, and hands-on fun. What a wonderful way to show that learning can truly be a BALL!







Borough of Clayton Fall 2026 Leaf Collection Schedule

Week of November 2nd
East Side of Delsea Drive

Week of November 9th
West Side of Delsea Drive

Week of November 16th
East Side of Delsea Drive

Week of November 23th
West Side of Delsea Drive

Week of November 30th
East Side of Delsea Drive

Week of December 7th
West Side of Delsea Drive

Week of December 14th
Entire Town

Week of December 21st
Final Pick-up of All Areas

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

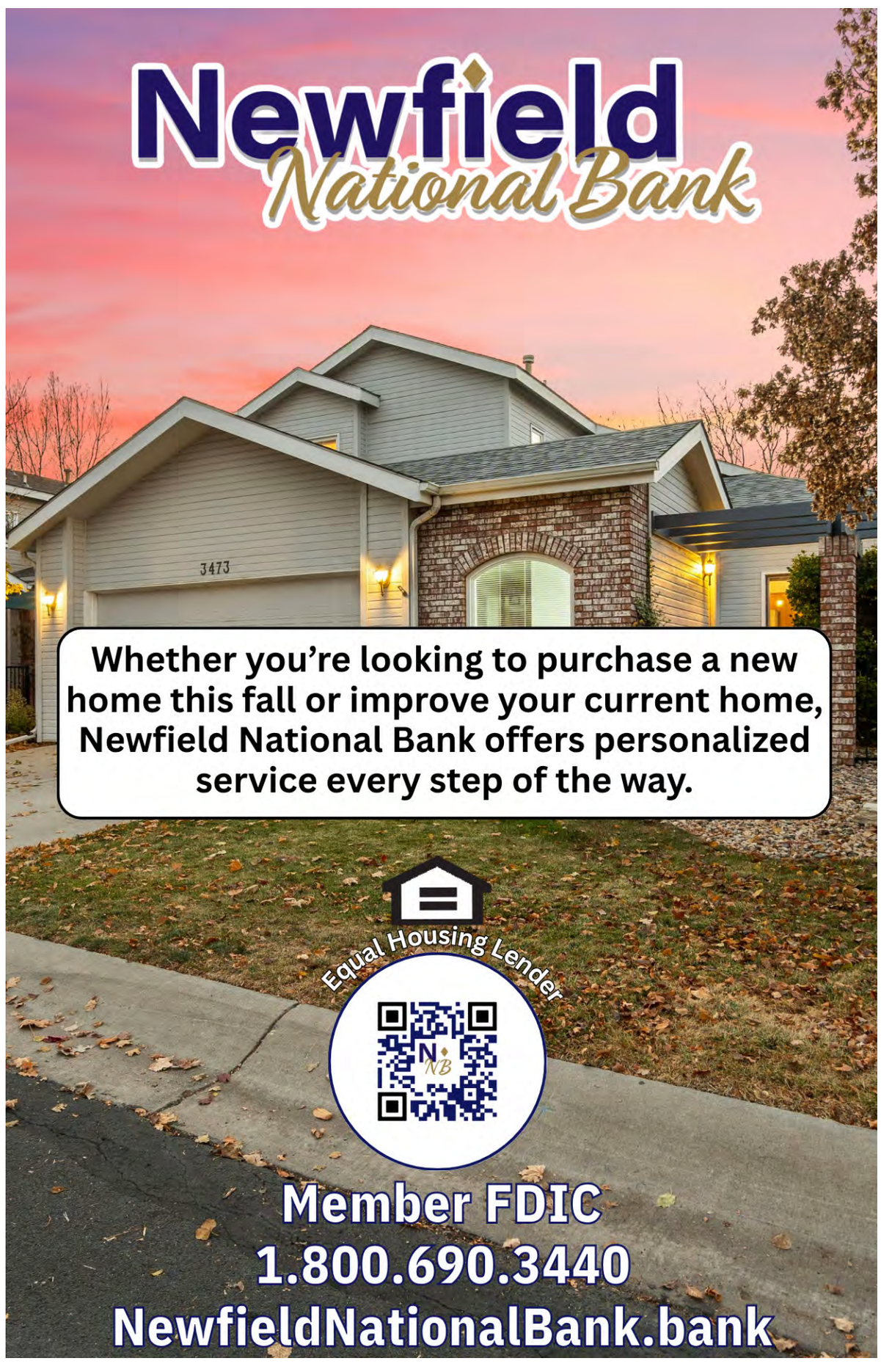
Student Spotlights

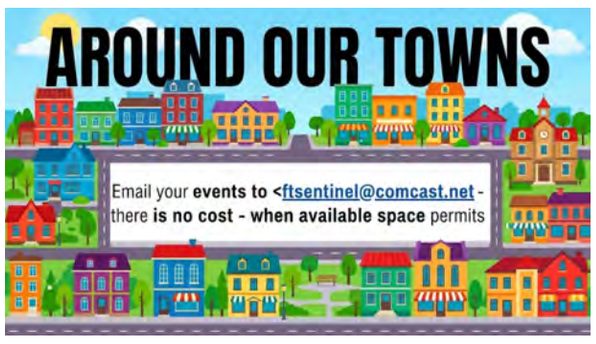


Bunker Hill Middle School Announces September Students of the Month - Bunker Hill Middle School principal Allison Egizi recently announced the school's Students of the Month for September 2026. The honored students include (pictured, left to right): Top row – Abbigail Lanting, Henry Gerace, Regan Foran, Dallis Johnson, Kayla Shockley, Annabelle Wilson, Jenna Kawalec; Bottom row – Ethan Cobb, Brian McCaffery, Emmie Onesti, Harbor Olt, Ella Rodrigo.



Mrs. Murphy's 4th graders at Whitehall Elementary in Monroe Township are on an exciting mission to uncover the secrets of Animal Adaptations! This week, students became animal detectives, discovering how animals are like super-powered information collectors. They explored how animals' senses pick up clues from the world around them, send those clues to their brain, and then—whoosh—their brain uses instincts and memories to decide what to do next. In the hands-on adventure "Raccoon Reactions," students got to be scientists using special models to watch how an animal's senses, brain, and memories work together like a team, helping animals survive and thrive in their environments.





TRUNK OR TREAT

Thursday Oct. 29th from 4-6PM at Pitman Jr/Sr HS Faculty Parking Lot

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!

FREE LIVE JAZZ CONCERT

Join Rowan University faculty members Denis DiBlasio and Behn Gillece on Sunday, November 1st for an intimate afternoon of live jazz featuring classic standards and swing at the Richwood Academy Cultural Center, 836 Lambs Road, Richwood. DiBlasio spent five years on the road as Maynard Ferguson's musical director. He brings his baritone saxophone and flute to the Academy's historic classroom, joined by vibraphonist Behn Gillece, a fellow member of Rowan University's jazz faculty whom DownBeat named a Rising Star vibraphonist in 2018.

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.

PITMAN FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

Come have some family fun and good eats on Saturday, November 7th from 4PM to 9PM along S. Broadway in Pitman. Proceeds benefit the Pitman Police Department K9 Unit.

WAYFAIR STORE SET TO OPEN IN 2028

The popular furniture and housewares retailer, "Wayfair," is opening its first-ever South Jersey location. The store, known for its online presence of affordable and trendy products, will be located in the Market Place at Garden State Park shopping center at 2000 Marlton Pike/ Route 70. The Cherry Hill location will also offer free design services that include space planning and virtual or in-person meetings with associates. The 86,000-square-foot Cherry Hill location is set to open in late 2028.

THANKSGIVING MEAL

For Harrison Township Senior Residents Only! Enjoy a 'free Thanksgiving eat-in dinner sponsored by the Harrison Twp Police Department, Harrison House and The Cake Boutique. The event will take place on Wednesday, November 18th between 12 noon and 1:30PM at the Ewan Fire Company, 312 Ewan Road, Mullica Hill. Residents aged 55+ can call (856)478-6839 ext. 1000 and speak with Karen from 9AM to 3PM to reserve their meal. A limited number of meals will be made so you MUST register prior to November 9th at 3PM. Take out or Eat in; Live Entertainment.

ANNUAL WREATHS OF REMEMBRANCE

On December 5, 2026, the People for People Foundation of Gloucester County will host the 17th Annual Wreaths of Remembrance Ceremony at the Gloucester County Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Monroe Township. Collectively with the Gloucester County Department of Veterans Administration, Lora and Rich Gess and the Rotary Club of Glassboro along with hundreds of volunteers, 4100 wreaths will be placed on the graves while saying words of gratitude to honor the deceased veterans. Family members of the interred are asked to arrive by 9:00 am for a short reception and then a private laying of wreaths on their family member's graves. Starting at 9:30 am, a formal memorial ceremony is held by local dignitaries and the laying of wreaths at the memorial sites of the different branches of the military. Volunteers will then lay wreaths on the balance of the graves. The event is open to the public. Due to the large numbers of participants all parking will be at the Williamstown Middle School parking lot which is one mile from the cemetery. Shuttle buses will transport everyone to the cemetery starting at 8:15 am. Handicap designated cars ONLY will be allowed to park at the cemetery. There will be handicap accessible buses running from the middle school as well. Please comply with all parking instructions. If you or your group would like to volunteer to lay wreaths please contact Janis at 856-579-7561 ext. 203



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP LIBRARY EVENTS

TRICK OR TREAT AT THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP LIBRARY!

Calling all little ghosts, goblins, witches, and superheroes! Join us at the library for a spooktacular morning of trick-or-treating fun outside. Come dressed in your favorite costume and collect some tasty treats. Friday, October 30 from 10:30-11:30am.

CASA VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SESSION

Please join us to learn how you can change a child's story. Learn more about Court-Appointed Special Advocates for children. Registration requested but walk-ins are welcome. We're celebrating International Games Month in November!

PAINTBALL

PAINTBALL! Get ready for some colorful competition with an afternoon of action packed paintball excitement. November 7th from 1-4:30pm. For those in grades 6-12. Limited to 15 players. Waivers are required. Event is being held at Pinnacle Paintball in Malaga.

GIANT GAMES

Go big with Giant Games! Play oversized versions of favorite games, plenty of laughs, and friendly competition.

COAT DRIVE

All month long in November, the library will accept donations of new and gently-used, clean coats in all sizes (infant through adult). Donations will be delivered to Jersey Cares, where they will be distributed to those in need.

THANK YOU CARDS FOR VETERANS

The library will have blank cards available for community members to write a message of thanks to a veteran from November 2 through November 7. Cards will be taken to the Gloucester County Office of Veterans Affairs in time for Veterans Day. The library will be closed on Veterans Day, November 11.

HALLOWEEN COSTUMES AND POLITICAL CANDIDATES MASKS

by Dr. Glenn Mollette

Halloween and the election are really close. People will hardly have time to take off their scary costumes before entering the voting booths. It is unclear as to what will be the most frightening, the scary costumes or the candidates. The outcome of the election will be the scariest because after the election the candidates will take their costumes off. Currently, we aren't totally sure who they really are. We know what they say and what the opposition says but we won't really know them until a year or two later.

Halloween costumes conceal a lot. A mask covers the face and an outfit can make you think someone is a monster or an angel. That is one of the reasons Halloween is so much fun. The children can become their favorite character or make up a character. The children try to be scary, funny or a super hero. The fun is dressing up and going out. The goodies received from generous households are cool but the adventures lie in dressing up and going out.

My first stop was always at my Grandparent's store for a free candy bar. Of course, they always knew me but pretended they didn't and mad a big deal about my Halloween garb. That was the fun part.

Fortunately, I don't remember anything too frightening about Halloween and that's a good way for us to celebrate the day. Keep it fun and very safe. Stay close to your children and be very cautious and on the look out for the little ones.

Unfortunately, Halloween won't be over for the political candidates until after the November election. They will be in their finest costumes and promising better treats than the opposition. Will they really deliver the treat or are they tricking us for our votes? The scary part is we never know for sure who and what we will have until way after the election. Most of the candidates believe what they are saying at the time, but delivering what they are promising is different.

Prepare yourself for Halloween. Stock up on some candy, but don't be the one who eats it all. Halloween will come and go quickly. Go to the polls and vote. The election day will come and go. The results of the election are what will go on and on. We have to live with the results for a long time. The results can be much scarier than Halloween.

Try your best to determine who the people are and what they stand for before the election. We will find out weeks and months later but it's better to know as much as possible when you go to the polls.



HENRY S. BARBERA, JR.

Henry S. Barbera Jr. of Williamstown passed away on October 22nd at the age of 60. Henry was a proud and honorable man who served his country and his community well. He joined the US Airforce and served during Desert Storm. He was also a volunteer firefighter for over 40 years. His love of firefighting began when he joined the Star Cross fire company, and he continued to serve as a member of the Williamstown Fire Department through the rest of his life. Henry loved his sports. He enjoyed watching NASCAR, the Philadelphia Phillies, and the Philadelphia Flyers, but his favorite sport by far, was football and he was a die-hard Philadelphia Eagles fan.

Other activities Henry enjoyed were fishing, bowling, going to dinner and playing at the casino, and road trips to Pennsylvania that always ended up at the Shady Maple Smorgasbord. Henry was a true "foodie". He loved to try new foods at new restaurants, but he was perfectly happy with a Texas Roadhouse ribeye, or Golden Nugget wings! The last 3 years were difficult for Henry. He was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, which progressed at a very rapid rate. He was determined to not let it take away his love of life. He remained positive. He remained strong. He had the support of his true love who never left his side.

Henry will always be remembered as a kind, loving, funny, brave, hardworking, and honorable man. He was loved beyond measure by so many. He will truly be missed, but he will live on in the hearts of all who loved him. He is survived by his fiancé, Barbara Minchin with whom he has shared the last 13 years of his life, his mother Dorothy Black, his brother Tony (Debbie) Barbera, his niece Allison and nephew Anthony, his loving cousins and extended family, and his faithful and forever friends. Family and friends are invited to attend his viewing on Tuesday, November 3rd from 9AM to 11AM in the McGuinness Funeral Home-(Washington Township Location) 573 Egg Harbor Road, Sewell. Funeral Service at 11AM. Interment to follow with military honors at the Gloucester County Veterans Memorial Cemetery Williamstown, New Jersey.

STANLEY N. BENNETT

Stanley N. Bennett, age 75, of Clayton, passed away on October 24, 2026 at home surrounded by his family. Stan fiercely loved Jesus and spent his life pointing others to Him. He was a devoted family man, a man of strong faith, a United States Air Force veteran, and someone who touched the lives of many throughout his life. He was deeply involved in Trinity Christian Chapel, where he served on the church's Elder Board and worked closely with the Christian Recovery Group, dedicating his time to supporting others and helping those in need. He spent many years working as a truck driver, first as an owner/operator, and then at Campbell's Express in Pitman. Never one to sit still for long, shortly after retiring, he opened Bennett Firearms, where he built lasting relationships with customers, who became friends. Above all, he was a kind and caring man who absolutely adored his family and was loved by many. Beloved son of the late Clive "Al" and Sara Bennett. Devoted husband of Betty Bennett (nee Aliberti). Loving father of Brian Bennett (Susan), Allison Moore (Aaron) and Karen Curcio (Anthony). Dear brother of Patricia Baer (Mark). Cherished granddad of Serafina and Sienna and uncle of 3. Relatives and friends are invited to his visitation on Thursday, October 29th from 10 – 11 AM, at Trinity Christian Chapel, 269 Greentree Road, Sewell. A memorial service will begin at 11 AM. Burial will follow at the Gloucester County Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 240 N. Tuckahoe Rd., Williamstown. Arrangements under the direction of Farnelli Funeral Home, Williamstown.

CARLO BERTOLDI

Carlo Bertoldi, 88, born and raised in Vineland, passed away peacefully on October 22, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. He was the beloved husband of JoAnn (Trivelli) Bertoldi, with whom he shared 55 years of marriage. Carlo was a farmer who owned and operated C & P Bertoldi Farms for over 50 years. He was also a member of the Bobby B Gun Club for many years. He also enjoyed playing cards with family and friends. He was a loving father to Pamela Costanzo and her husband, Brian, and Jennifer Smith and her husband, Keith. He was a cherished grandfather to Zachary Costanzo and his fiancée, Abby, and Connor Costanzo. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Al Trivelli; his sisters-in-law, Mary Lou Gardella and Shirley Trivelli; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. Carlo was predeceased by his parents, Joseph Bertoldi and Carolina Bertoldi; his siblings, Mario Bertoldi (Elizabeth), Ezio Bertoldi (Rita), Anna Merighi (Ike), Pio Bertoldi, Lena Bertoldi, and Aldina Bertoldi; and his nephew, Bruce Bertoldi. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, October 28th at Rone Funeral Service, 1110 East Chestnut Avenue, Vineland. Final disposition will be at the convenience of the family.

JOSEPH A. BRIGANDI, SR.

Joseph A. Brigandi, Sr., age 83, of Williamstown, passed away on October 20, 2026. Joe was a proud US Army veteran, serving from 1963 to 1969. He was the proud owner and operator of Joseph Brigandi Electrical Contractor for many years. He also had a long career as a truck driver; working for both Milk Maid and Hy-Grade Foods before retiring from Omni Recycling. In his spare time, Joe enjoyed trips to the casino, where playing Joker Poker slots were a favorite. The most cherished memories were spent with his wife and family at their home in Wildwood Crest. They loved spending time at the beach, boating, and walking their beloved husky Keno at Sunset Lake. Beloved husband of Annette Brigandi (nee Colucci). Devoted father of Joseph A. Brigandi, Jr. (Susan) and Sharon A. Myers. Services will be held privately.

BERTHA LOUISE BURGESS

Bertha Louise (née Bendel) Burgess, age 77, of Elk Township on Thursday, October 15, 2026. Beloved wife of Albert Rodman Burgess, Jr., with whom she shared 54 years of marriage. Loving sister of Frank J. Bendel (Donna), and sister-in-law of Bruce H. Burgess (Yvonne) and Monica A. Zuba (Butch Porch). Daughter of the late Frank Sterling and Bertha Theresa (née Brown) Bendel, Louise also leaves behind many cherished cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Louise was raised in Moorestown and was a proud graduate of Moorestown High School, Class of 1967. Louise continued her education at Glassboro State College where she graduated in 1971 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education, concentrating in Kindergarten and Primary School Education. While attending college, Louise worked at the Quaker Nursing Home in Moorestown. Following graduation, she began her teaching career as a first-grade teacher in the Burlington School System, where she worked from 1971 to 1974. She then joined Janvier Elementary School in the Township of Franklin School District, teaching second grade from 1974 until her retirement in 2005. Over the course of more than 30 years at Janvier Elementary, Louise influenced generations of students through her commitment to education and her care for their growth and development. In recognition of her outstanding work, she was named Teacher of the Year in 2005, a fitting tribute to her long and meaningful career in education.

Louise made her home in Elk Township for 50 years, building a life enriched by her faith, family, and community. Having grown up attending Moorestown United Methodist Church, she later transferred her membership to Franklinville United Methodist Church, where she became actively involved in the congregation. Louise found joy in spending time outdoors and embracing the many adventures life had to offer. She enjoyed gardening and took pleasure in boating and water skiing. Her adventurous side also led her to motorcycling and whitewater rafting, activities that reflected her willingness to try new things and enjoy life to the fullest. Louise also loved to travel. Louise will be remembered for her passion for education, her steadfast faith, and her adventurous nature. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, November 14th at 11AM at the Franklinville United Methodist Church, 1525 Coles Mill Road, Franklinville. Relatives and friends are invited to visit with the family from 10 AM until service time. A reception will follow in the Social Hall. Contributions may be made in memory of Louise to the Franklinville United Methodist Church or to Jesse's Wish Foundation, 230 Mariner Way, Leesville, SC 29070.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

All are welcome. On December 5th the Children Song of New Jersey Christmas Concert will be held at 3pm in the Sanctuary. All are welcome. The Sub Sale at Giovanni's Deli continues until September 30th. Ticket are $12 and can be obtained by contacting the Church Office at 856-691-0940.

Food Bank - The Food Bank at the Church is open every Wednesday from 830am to 1030am. ID is required.

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

ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR

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

ST. MARY'S MALAGA

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

AURA CHURCH

The Aura Church at 901 Aura Road in Elk Township welcomes you! Traditional services are held every Sunday at 9:30 am. Biblical messages, casual dress, nursery available

SUNDAY SCHOOL/SERVICES

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

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POLICE ACTIVITY LOG

MANTUA MAN SENTENCED TO 7 YEARS FOR POSSESSING, DISTURBING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE MATERIAL

Douglas Baldino, 48, of Mantua Township, was sentenced to seven years in state prison on Oct. 13 by the Honorable Judge Kevin T. Smith for possession and distribution of child sexual abuse material, pursuant to a plea agreement, Gloucester County Prosecutor Andrew B. Johns announced. According to documents filed in this case and statements made in open court: Following a 2019 tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children(NCMEC), the Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office High Tech Crimes Unit conducted an investigation that led to Baldino being charged with possessing child sexual abuse material. In 2023, while awaiting trial on those charges ,investigators received another tip from NCMEC, which sparked a subsequent investigation and additional charges. He pled guilty to one count of second-degree distribution of CSAM and one count of third-degree possession of CSAM. He was sentenced to seven years in prison, of which he must serve five years before parole eligibility, and will have to register as a sex offender under Megan's Law and will be subject to parole supervision for life upon release. The State was represented by Assistant Prosecutor Kylie Finley. Prosecutor Johns thanked the GCPO High-Tech crimes Unit, GCPO SWAT, the New Jersey State Police, and Mantua the Township Police Department for their assistance in the investigation.

BRIDGETON MAN SENTENCED TO ONE-YEAR FOR CAR BURGLARY

Jerome Lindsey, age 44, of Bridgeton, was sentenced Monday 10/19/26 to one year in state prison by the Honorable Niki Arbittier, J.S.C., for theft, pursuant to a plea agreement, Gloucester County Prosecutor Andrew B. Johns announced. According to documents filed in this case and statements made in open court: On May 16, 2026, Lindsey entered into an unlocked motor vehicle in Monroe Township, removing items belonging to the victim. He pled guilty to one count of fourth-degree theft and was sentenced to one year in state prison. The State was represented by Deputy Chief Assistant Prosecutor Kate Mika and Deputy Chief Assistant Prosecutor Rex Utuk. Prosecutor Johns also thanked the Monroe Township Police Department for their assistance in the investigation.

BELLMAWR MAN SENTENCED TO 4 YEARS FOR ARSON

Woodbury–Tobin N. Watson, 34, of Bellmawr, was sentenced Monday to four years in state prison by the Honorable Niki Arbittier for arson, pursuant to a plea agreement, Gloucester County Prosecutor Andrew B. Johns announced. According to documents filed in this case and statements made in open court: On Oct. 10, 2024, Watson lit a couch on fire next to an apartment building in Monroe Township. The fire spread into the building, damaging multiple apartments. Watson pled guilty to one count of third-degree arson and was sentenced to four years in state prison. The State was represented by Assistant Prosecutor Christian E. Dutill. Prosecutor Johns thanked the Monroe Township Police Department and the Gloucester County Fire Marshall for their assistance in the investigation. Defense Counsel: Joseph D. Zysman, Esq.

FATAL ACCIDENT

One person died and another was seriously injured on Wednesday, October 21st in East Greenwich Township after their Ford sedan that was heading southbound on Interstate 295 ran off the road near milepost 17 and struck a tree and caught fire around 5:30PM. The 22-year-old woman driving died and her passenger was flown to a local hospital for injuries. The cause of the crash is being investigated.

BURGLARY, THEFT ARREST

On Tuesday, October 20th at around 10:48PM, Pitman Police officers were dispatched to 400 N. Woodbury Road, Pitman (former Sony Music Building) for a report of a burglary in progress (2 male subjects inside of the building). Pitman police responded to the area and established a perimeter along with additional officers from Mantua and Harrison Township. Pitman officers entered the building to search for the suspects. After doing so, the search continued for the exterior of the property. The first suspect was discovered hiding on the roof of an exterior structure by an officer. The second suspect was discovered laying down trying to hide from police. Both suspects were placed under arrest and transported to Pitman Police Headquarters for processing. Both suspects were charged accordingly and transported to the Salem County Correctional Facility by the Gloucester County Sheriffs Department, where both are being held.

POLICE SHUT DOWN ROWAN BLVD POP-UP CROWD

On Saturday, October 24th, Glassboro Police Department anticipated an influx of vehicular and pedestrian traffic due to Homecoming festivities at Rowan University. As a precaution additional personnel was assigned to address any crowds and to help maintain peace and good order.

At approximately 7 p.m., a large pop-up crowd of several hundred people descended upon Rowan Boulevard. Resources were sent to move the crowd off of the Boulevard and even with the additional personnel on hand and the help of Rowan University Police, more officers were requested to respond in to assist from neighboring agencies to ensure safety and prevent property damage. The crowd was moved successfully without incident. During the remainder of the evening into early morning hours there were smaller lingering crowds within the downtown area and enforcement was swift and a heavy law enforcement presence maintained. The following are the stats from this detail: Arrests: 8; Open Container: 21; Riotous Immoral: 2; Urinating in Public: 1; Littering: 3; Parking Summonses: 70.

We would like to thank the following agencies that responded to assist us: Monroe Twp PD, Washington Twp PD, Gloucester County Sherriff's Department, Rowan PD and Clayton PD.

2026 HOLIDAY WITH A HERO!

You can help us make Christmas a little brighter for children in our community! The Franklin Township Police Department, in partnership with the Newfield Terrace Community Center, is proud to announce our annual Holiday with a Hero event on Saturday, December 5th at Janvier School- 1532 Coles Mill Road, Franklinville. Holiday with a Hero is more than just a Christmas shopping experience. It's an opportunity to bring joy to children and families facing financial hardships while building lasting relationships with the police officers, firefighters, EMTs, and community members who proudly serve them. Together we can make a difference as every child deserves to experience the magic of Christmas. With the continued generosity and support of our community, we hope to make this year's Holiday with a Hero our best one yet! DONATIONS can be mailed to: Franklin Township Police Department, 1571 Delsea Drive, Franklinville, NJ 08322 c/o: Chief Matthew DeCesari Checks can be written out to: 'Newfield Terrace Community Center'.

WTPD WEEKEND BRIEFING REPORT

It was another busy weekend for the Washington Township Police Department. Our officers handled 308 CAD calls for service, including:

45 Motor Vehicle Stops, 10 Motor Vehicle Crashes, 3 Hit-and-Run Investigations, 10 Noise Complaints, 3 Domestic Disputes and 10 Reported Arrests. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ARREST – TWO FIREARMS SEIZED: Officers responded to a residence for a reported domestic violence incident. During the investigation, a woman reported being assaulted, resulting in visible injuries. Officers also learned that the accused possessed firearms. A court-authorized search recovered an AR-style rifle and a Glock handgun. The accused was charged with Domestic Violence Simple Assault, Contempt of Court / Violation of a Domestic Violence Restraining Order, and Certain Persons Not to Have Weapons. He was processed and turned over to the County Jail. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ARREST: A Turnersville woman was arrested for domestic violence simple assault following an investigation. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ARREST – FAMILY DISPUTE: Officers responded to a family dispute involving a woman who reported being assaulted by her mother. The mother was charged with simple assault, served with a Temporary Restraining Order, and released. DRUG POSSESSION / WANTED PERSONS – TWO ARRESTED: A MV stop resulted in the arrest of two individuals.The driver was found in possession of suspected methamphetamine and had an outstanding warrant. He was also wanted by the Camden County Prosecutor's Office in connection with a burglary investigation. A passenger was found to have an outstanding $2,000 warrant from Washington Township.Both individuals were taken into custody and turned over to the Sheriff's Department for lodging in the County Jail.

DWI ARREST: A concerned resident contacted police after observing a vehicle pull into a residential driveway and suspecting the driver was impaired. Responding officers located the driver and developed suspicion that she was operating under the influence. She was subsequently arrested and charged with DWI. WARRANT ARRESTS: A Medford man was arrested on an outstanding warrant following a MV stop. A Williamstown man was arrested on an outstanding warrant following a MV stop. At approximately 1 AM Monday 10j/26, officers investigated a suspicious individual knocking on residents' doors asking for jumper cables. The Glassboro man was found to have an outstanding $1,000 warrant. Officers responded to an accidental 911 hang-up call and discovered that a man at the residence was wanted by the Camden County Sheriff's Department. He was arrested and transported to the Camden County Jail. SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY – CHECKING CAR DOORS: A resident in the Heritage Valley development reported a suspicious vehicle traveling slowly through the neighborhood while three individuals followed on foot, reportedly checking vehicle door handles. LOITERING / HINDERING CHARGES: Officers responded to several complaints involving two individuals near Wawa and Dunkin on Altair Drive. Complaints included trespassing, loitering, and a small brush fire reportedly caused by a discarded cigarette. An Aberdeen, Maryland woman was charged with loitering and hindering after allegedly providing false information to officers. She was subsequently transported to Jefferson Hospital. DISORDERLY CONDUCT – WASHINGTON LAKE PARK: Officers responded to Washington Lake Park after park rangers reported an individual harassing visitors, yelling obscenities, and spitting in their direction. The individual, who had been the subject of repeated complaints, was located near the soccer fields and issued a complaint for disorderly conduct. Officers continue WL Park patrols every shift. MISSING JUVENILE SAFELY LOCATED: Officers responded after a juvenile female left her home following a disagreement with her parents. Officers searched the residence, canvassed the neighborhood, and checked friends' homes. K9 Vino conducted an extensive track, and additional search resources were requested. The East Holly Fire House was designated as the Command Post. As additional personnel responded, Officer Glatz located the juvenile near the tree line behind Chestnut Ridge Middle School, successfully concluding the search. Great teamwork by everyone involved! PSYCHIATRIC EMERGENCY – INJURED INDIVIDUAL: Officers responded to a residence after a family member reported an individual acting erratically and damaging property. Upon arrival, officers located the individual with visible injuries and determined that immediate medical attention was necessary. Ambulance transported the individual to Jefferson Hospital for medical treatment and evaluation. PSYCHIATRIC EMERGENCY – UNFOUNDED INTRUDER REPORT: A resident reported that an unknown man had entered his home two days earlier and had allegedly been staying in a bedroom. Officers checked and cleared the residence, finding no one inside. Acenda mental health services were contacted for a follow up.

FIGHT – OTT'S: Officers responded to a reported fight at Ott's Tavern. The involved parties were separated, and a police report was completed. SHOPLIFTING INVESTIGATIONS: Officers responded to four reported shoplifting incidents: Target – 2 incidents; Walmart – 1 incident and ShopRite Liquors – 1 incident. CREDIT CARD FRAUD: A resident reported that her credit card information was stolen and used to make an unauthorized purchase at a Lowe's store in North Carolina. An investigation was initiated. JEFFERSON HOSPITAL – 8 CALLS FOR SERVICE: Officers responded to eight incidents at Jefferson Hospital involving a 911 hang-up, threats, a disorderly person, an assault, two unwanted persons, a reported sex offense, and a request to speak with an officer. MUTUAL AID – GLASSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT: Following Rowan University's Homecoming festivities, Glassboro Police requested assistance when a large crowd gathered along Rowan Boulevard.



Congratulations to all of the Franklin Township police officers on their awards and thank you for all you do for our community. Gloucester At the annual County Police Awards held last week on 10/22, it was a very proud moment for the police department as several of the officers were honored amongst the very best in law enforcement at the Gloucester County Police Awards ceremony held at Adelphia's Restaurant in Deptford. Life Saving Award: Lieutenant Andrew Myers, Corporal Nick Locilento, Officer Garrett Moretti, Officer Austin Theuret, and Officer Zach Pharo. Meritorious Service Award: Corporal Michael Neher, Corporal Nick Locilento, Officer Garrett Moretti, Officer Anthony Colofranson and Officer Tyler Kiszelewski. Distinguished Service Award: Detective Dylan Colclough Officer Larry Holdcraft.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY 46TH ANNUAL POLICE AWARDS BANQUET

The annual event was held on Thursday October 22nd from 6pm to 10PM at Adelphia Restaurant, Deptford and attended by Police Departments throughout Gloucester County.

Glassboro Police Department - Glassboro Police Department was proud of the announcement that one of their very own, Det/Cpl. Sean Aitken was named the 2025 Gloucester County Officer of the Year. Congratulations to Dt/Cpl Aitken always works tirelessly conducting investigations which leads to crimes being solved and suspects arrested as well as assisting victims. In addition, several officers were also recognized and given awards for their hard work and dedication. D/Cpl. Sean Aitken received an award for Distinguished service. Life Saving Awrds: Ptl. Dave Byerley, Cpl. Kyle Snyder, Cpl. Derek Walton, Ptl. Dylan Warburton, Inv. Stephanie Garcia, Ptl. Tim Cain, Ptl. Daniel Powell. Life Saving W/Valor: Ptl. Dakota Gomeringer. Unit Citation: D/Sgt Haley Mangione, D/Cpl. Sean Aitken, Det. Dante Laspata and Cpl. Jason Skidmore. Several officers received an award at the ceremony for incidents in 2025.

Harrison Township Police Department - Several Harrison Township Police officers were recognized at the Awards Ceremony that included Cpl. Macken for Exceptional Duty, Ptl. Germscheid for Distinguished Service, K9 Deployment and K9 Officer of the Year, Ptl. Kalabic for Distinguished Service, Ptl. Fiore for Distinguished Service and Lt. Pfugfelder for Distinguished Service.

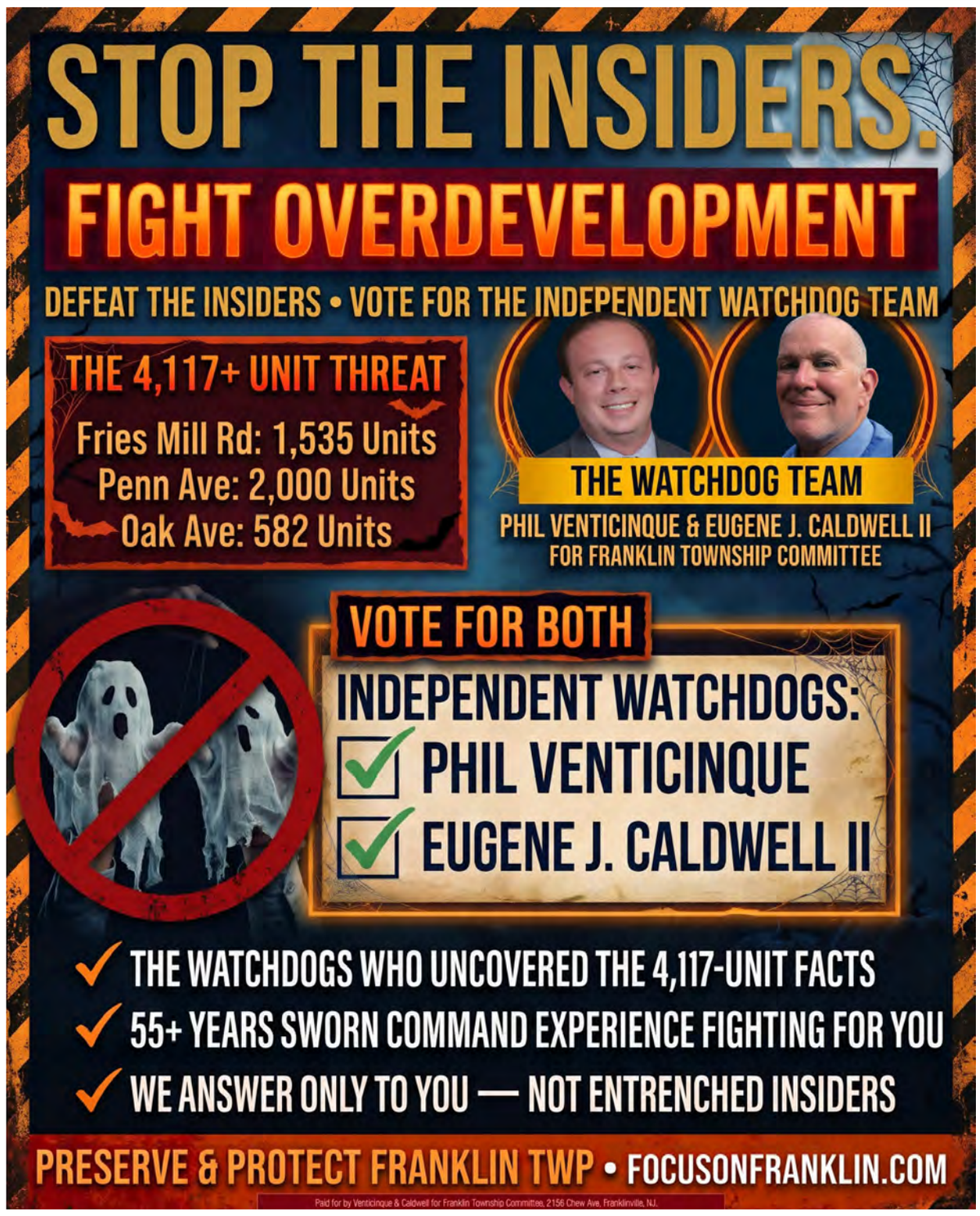
Monroe Township Police Department was recognized for their service, dedication and commitment to their community. Our Congratulations to all including: The Distinguished Service Award that went to the following officers: Anthony D'Amico, Lawrence Fernan, Matthew Gordon (2), Donald Darcangelo, Edward Brown, Michael Gabbianelli, Kevin Bielski, Jules Maiorano, Bruce Maute, John Dobleman, Taj Lumanog (2), Joshua Sheppard (3), Antonette Rivera, Michael Santagelo, Dominick Stellaccio, Enrique Espinozza, Jennifer Skala. Monroe Twp. Police officers who were awarded the Meritorious Service Award included: Elwood Wrigley, Antonette Rivera, Nocholas Racobaldo, Dacoda Leech, Michael Prus, Matthew Shipley, Anthony Tomasello. Monroe Police officer receiving the Unit Citation Award included: Joshua Sheppark (3), Antonette Rivera, Michael Santangelo, Cody Hendrickson, Bruce Maute (2), Kevin Bielski (2), John Dobleman (2), Michael Martucci, Jennifer Skala, Jules Maiorano(2), Taj Lumanog (2). Monroe Police officers receiving the Live Saving Awards: John VanLeer, Michael Bryan, Michael Matkowsky, Malachi Massaro, Shawn Rehman. K9 Deployment Award: Cody Hendrickson, Michael DiRienzi. Honorable Discharge: Lester Harris, Jules Maiorano, Anthony Pease, Brian Reeve and Eric Dare.

Washington Twp Police Department officers recognized for their outstanding service included: Meritorious Service: Sgt Andrew Nichols, Ptl. Jeremy Sadowski, Ptl. Nicholas Rojs, Ptl. Jacob Bentsen, Ptl. Kevin Zehner, Ptl. Andrew Psillakis, Ptl. Gemel Tutu, Ptl. Kyle Fisler, Ptl. Troy Lawless. Distinguished Service: Sgt. Paul Crozier, Ptl. Kevin Doherty, Ptl. Victor Rossi, Ptl. Vincent Cicatiello, Ptl. Wilfredo Matos, Det. Cody Evanko and Ptl. Matthew Tucker. Also honored was Captain Jack Wynne, 10-8 who passed away earlier this year with the Last Call Award. His grandson, Niko Postiglione accepted the award on his behalf.

West Deptford Police Department - Two officers received awards at the 46th annual Gloucester County Police Awards Banquet. K-9 Officer Ian Hausman and Detective Bridgette Draham (CCPO) each received Lifesaving and Distinguished Service Awars. The Lifesaving Award was for their heroic efforts in saving the life of an individual involved in a very serious motorcycle crash. The Distinguished Service Awards were given for a separate incident in which they successfully investigated and resolved an incident involving a barricaded and suicidal subject. The incident ended peacefully due to the efforts of these officers.

Gloucester County Dispatcher of the Year: Denyse DiSimone was recognized as Dispatcher of the Year for her exceptional efforts during last year's plan crash in Monroe Township. Her professionalism and dedication during this critical incident highlighted the vital role our dispatchers play in emergency response and public safety.

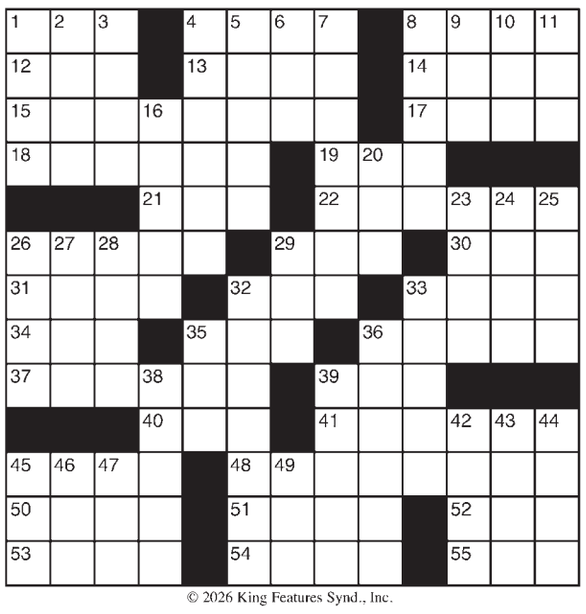
This past weekend, two members of East Greenwich Police department were honored at the Gloucester County Police Awards with a Life Saving Award: Patrolman Im and Patrolman Deputy.



King Crossword

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8 Fraud
12 Romance
13 — incline (tilted)
14 Unruly groups
15 Message from an admirer
17 Border on
18 On an angle
19 Vinyl records
21 Before
22 "Darn it!"
26 Scrabble pieces
29 Movie format
30 "Little piggie"
31 Rd. crossers
32 Grant's foe
33 1982 sci-fi film
34 "The Newsroom" actor Patel
35 Farm grazer
36 Resided
37 "I, Robot" author
39 Lanka lead-in
40 Storm center
41 Sculpted trunks
45 Sagan or Sandburg
48 Romantic Ella Fitzgerald song
50 Squad
51 — Stanley Gardner
52 PC linking system
53 Short cuts
54 Snitched
55 Vintage

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7 Bob Marley hit song
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16 Tools for duels
20 Third degree?
23 To be, in Tours
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25 Superman's alias
26 "There!"
27 Currier's partner
28 Jeans maker Strauss
29 Morning moisture
32 Mini-shutout at Wimbledon
33 Spin
35 Demure
36 Buzzed
38 Thaws
39 Unmoving
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43 Track shape
44 Email command
45 Young lion
46 Year in Spain
47 Chest bone
49 Granada gold



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BIBLE WORD SEARCH
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Psalm 45:5-6

Let your sharp **arrows pierce** the **hearts** of the **king's enemies**; let the **nations fall beneath** your **feet**. Your **throne**, O **God**, will **last** for **ever** and ever; a **scepter** of **justice** will be **the** scepter of your **kingdom**.

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◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Unlisted clue hint: A HARD TO REMOVE SPOT

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Grunge	Sludge	Squalor	

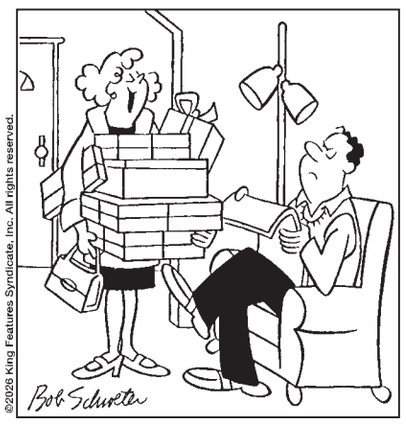
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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

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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3. Buy stocks & bonds	__ __ __ __ S __	Concoct	__ __ __ __ N __
4. Time regulator	__ __ __ C __	Mantle	__ __ __ A __
5. More rapidly	__ A __ __ __ __	Promote	__ O __ __ __ __
6. Instilled knowledge	T __ __ __ __ __	Seized the baseball	C __ __ __ __ __
7. More bleached out	__ H __ __ __ __	Author	__ R __ __ __ __
8. Outrigger	__ __ __ __ E	Tenet	__ __ __ __ N
9. Tiger or mako	__ __ __ __ K	Like cheddar cheese	__ __ __ __ P
10. Frontrunner	__ __ A __ __ __	Banker	__ __ N __ __ __

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SCRAMBLERS

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

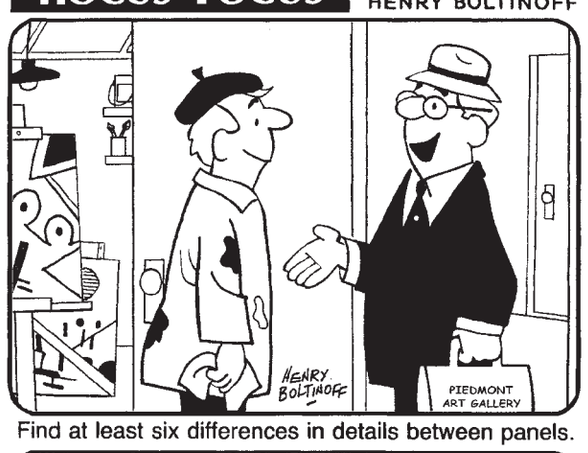
Accord **CUTER**
Later **NEECH**
Repeat **CORNEE**
Break **AUTHIS**

"I'm afraid that rainy day we saved up for turned into a _____!"

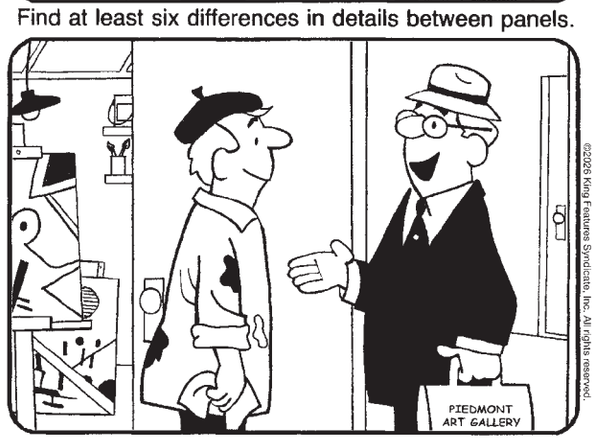
TODAY'S WORD

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Differences: 1. Light is moved. 2. Sleeve is rolled up. 3. Hand is moved. 4. Door is moved. 5. Thumb is moved. 6. Painting is different.

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is **LONGFELLOW**

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

SMFXKQYKRR MR YNA G
FIPIQH UIA G YKJKRRMAH
NW ATK TILGY RBMQMA.
— KXSGQX GUUKH

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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.

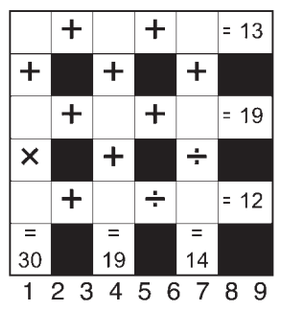
Clue: **U** equals **C**

KG ZUDPFYY YDXIF ZIC SFP
URXIFY GKRRFC EO Z DSFZDFP,
K YEOOXYF XIF NXERC YFF
PXNY XG YSZPXI.

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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.



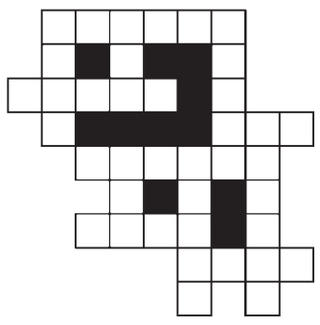
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FEAR KNOT™

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

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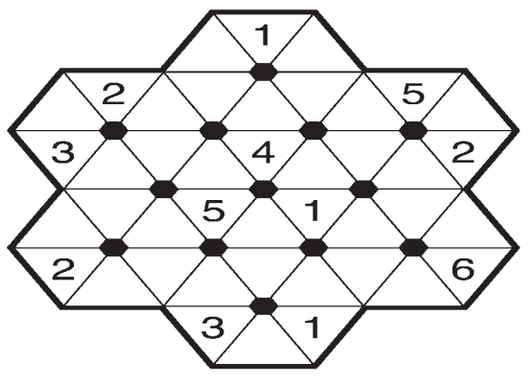


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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. **HAGNEC** becomes **CHANGE**). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥**RATHE** becomes **HATER**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

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

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might be growing impatient with a situation that seems to resist efforts to resolve it. But staying with it raises the odds that you'll find a way to a successful resolution.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Travel and kinship are strong in the Bovine's aspect this week. This would be a good time to combine the two and take a trip to see family members for a preholiday get-together.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A colleague could make a request that you're not comfortable with. If so, say so. It's better to disappoint someone by sticking with your principles than to disappoint yourself if you don't.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child's ability to adapt to life's ebbs and flows helps you deal with the changes that you might confront at work or at home -- or both. Things settle down by the week's end.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good week for LEOs and LEOnas to get some long-outstanding business matters resolved. Then go ahead and plan a fun-filled family getaway weekend with the mate and cubs!
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A possible workplace change seems promising. If you decide to look into it, try not to form an opinion on just a small part of the picture. Wait for the full image to develop.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A newcomer helps keep things moving. There might be some bumpy moments along the way, but at least you're heading in the right direction! You win praise for your choices.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You could be pleasantly surprised by how a decision about one thing opens up an unexpected new option. Also, assistance on a project could come from a surprising source.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) With more information to work with, you might now be able to start the process that could lead to a major change. Reserve the weekend for family and friends.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This could be a good time to begin gathering information that will help you turn a long-held idea into something substantive. Meanwhile, a personal matter might need extra attention.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A new challenge might carry some surprises, but you should be able to handle them using what you already know. A new supporter should be there to lend assistance.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Someone might be trying to disguise their true motives. But the perceptive and perspicacious PISCES should have little to no problem finding the truth in all that foggy rhetoric!
BORN THIS WEEK: You can always rely on your resourcefulness and determination to help you find solutions to problems that others often give up on.
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SENTINEL SPORTS

Norm Merckx, Sports Editor

CLAYTON BOYS SOCCER CROWNED 2026 TRI-COUNTY CONFERENCE CLASSIC DIVISION CHAMPIONS!



Championship pride is alive and well in Clayton! The Clayton High School Boys Soccer Team has officially captured the 2026 Tri-County Conference Classic Division Championship, marking an outstanding achievement for the program and the entire Clayton community.

Through hard work, determination, discipline, and an unwavering commitment to teamwork, the Clayton boys soccer team has earned its place atop the Classic Division. This championship is a testament to the dedication of the student-athletes, the leadership of the coaching staff, and the collective effort that has defined the team's season.

Throughout the season, the players demonstrated what it truly means to represent Clayton High School. Their perseverance, sportsmanship, and commitment to one another helped pave the way to this well-deserved conference title. The championship is more than a victory on the soccer field. It is a celebration of the values that make Clayton athletics special: pride, unity, resilience, and excellence.

Congratulations to every player and coach who contributed to this remarkable accomplishment. Your hard work has paid off, and you have given the Clayton community another reason to celebrate! Congratulations to the 2026 Tri-County Conference Classic Division Champions - Clayton Boys Soccer!

WASHINGTON TWP. HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM SET TO HOST SOUTH BRUNSWICK IN FIRST ROUND OF GROUP V PLAYOFFS THIS FRIDAY AT 6 P.M.

The undefeated and top-seeded Washington Township High School football team opens defense of its sectional and state championship this Friday, October 30, when the Minutemen host eighth-seeded South Brunswick at Tom Brown Field. Kickoff for the South Jersey Group V quarterfinal matchup is set for 6 p.m. Tickets for the game are $5 for adults, $3 for students (grades K-12), and $3 for senior citizens (62 and older), and all fans must use a live, digital ticket to gain admission (screenshots are not acceptable).The Minutemen (9-0) clinched the West Jersey Football League American Division title with last week's 28-14 victory over St. Augustine Prep. WTHS, ranked first in South Jersey and third in the state, extended its state-best winning streak to 23 games. South Brunswick is 4-5 on the season. The winner of Friday's game faces the Eastern-Egg Harbor Township winner in the semifinals next week. All tickets are non-refundable and must be purchased through the GoFan App, which charges an additional $1 fee per ticket. Cash sales WILL NOT be available at the game. Gates will open at 5 p.m. All students in grades K through 8 must be accompanied by an adult to attend the game. Tickets must be on the adult's phone. Washington Township High School students are limited to one ticket per phone, and they must show their student ID at the game. WTHS fans should use the main front gate near O'Brien Hall to access the stadium. The Acme Gate near the baseball stadium is for visiting fans only. All fans must use a digital ticket to gain admission to the game. This cannot be a screenshot of the ticket; it must be a live ticket. All fans must purchase digital tickets to gain access to the stadium.

NOVEMBER 2026 FISHING

by Ray Merckx

Here we are, heading into another month, so here is what to look forward to in November 2026 when it comes to fishing! Saltwater anglers will be targeting the striped bass hard as November is usually the best month to catch them in New Jersey. Currently, several captains have been working in the back bays due to the strong northeast winds we had this past weekend. This weeks weather is definitely looking well and also into next week. Anglers have been catching smaller striped bass using plugs and soft plastics, but there are also decent reports of keeper-sized striped bass and a couple of large ones, from the Great Egg Harbor Bay. As the evening temps cool, the striped bass fishing will be on fire. In fact many captains are getting ready to head out of the back bays and start the fall striped bass run this week. The seabass limit moves from 10 to 15 on Sunday, November 1st. Charter and party boat captains are booking trips to target them especially on the weekends. It looks like there will be lighter winds and calmer seas during the first week of November 2026. Tautog fishing will also see a limit increase from 1 a day to 5 starting November 16th at midnight. The die hard saltwater anglers cannot wait for this time of year. Both creel limits will increase until December 31st, 2026.

Freshwater anglers are also reporting some great fishing. This past week was a bit tough with blue skies and a full moon however fishing should improve by the end of this week into the first week of November. Trout anglers have had success after the first stocking. Once the full moon starts to wane, fishing for trout will improve as night time temperatures cool. As for bass fishing, many smaller ones have been caught and the bigger bass will be biting once the water temperatures drop below that 65-degree mark.

Other cold water species like Pickerel, Perch and Crappie are feasting nicely with many of our anglers seeing an increase in catches. hese fish species will be around all winter. The one downside this month is the time change that happens November 1st at 2am. Remember to set your clocks back an hour when you go to bed Saturday night.

SPORTS QUIZ

By Ryan A. Berenz

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1. What stadium in suburban Honolulu was the site of the NFL Pro Bowl 35 times from 1980 to 2016?
2. Name the catcher who played for the Philadelphia Phillies from 1983 to 1997 and penned a book about the paranormal titled "If They Only Knew" in 2007.
3. Tennis player Marcos Baghdatis, 2006 Australian Open finalist, hailed from which Mediterranean island?
4. Which USC Trojans tackle became the first offensive lineman to be selected No. 1 overall in the NFL Draft when the Minnesota Vikings picked him in 1968?
5. In 2021, Brazilian footballer Marcelo became which team's first non-Spanish club captain since 1904?
6. Name the only father/son duo to be elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame. (Hint: Neither was a player.)
7. Henry Cabelus, Michael Mena, C.J. Bartholomew and Duncan Murray are all top competitors in which extreme sport?

Answers

1. Aloha Stadium.
2. Darren Daulton.
3. Cyprus.
4. Ron Yary.
5. Real Madrid CF.
6. Larry and Lee MacPhail, both baseball executives.
7. Extreme pogo stick (Xpogo).

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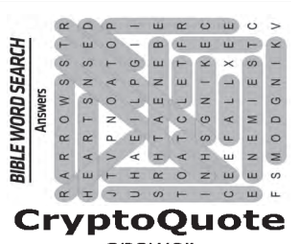
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BIBLE WORD SEARCH — Answers



CryptoQuote
answer

Wilderness is not a luxury but a necessity of the human spirit.
— Edward Abbey

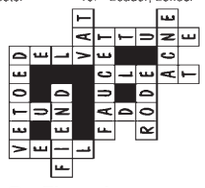
CryptoQuip
answer

If actress Stone and her clones filled up a theater, I suppose one would see rows of Sharon.

Even Exchange
answers

1. Puppy, Peppy
2. Bring, Brink
3. Invest, Invent
4. Clock, Cloak
5. Faster, Foster
6. Taught, Caught
7. Whiter, Writer
8. Canoe, Canon
9. Shark, Sharp
10. Leader, Lender

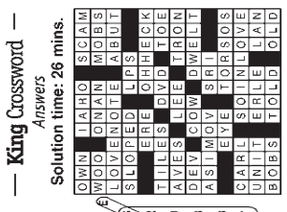
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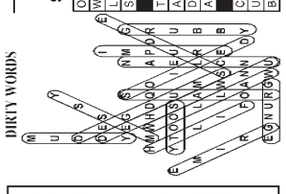
Go Figure! answers

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King Crossword — Answers
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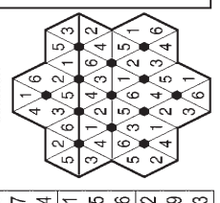


DIRTY WORDS



SCRAMBLERS
Solution
1. Truce; 2. Hence
3. Encore; 4. Hiatus
Today's Word
HURRICANE

SNOWFLAKES solution



Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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

MINI SUDOKU — Answer

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

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NOTICE OF DECISION
CLAYTON BOROUGH PLANNING/ZONING
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regular meeting of the Borough of Clayton Planning/Zoning Board of Adjustment held on October 26, 2026 at 7:00 PM, time prevailing, the following resolution was adopted in the matter set forth herein:

APPLICANT: CENCO PROPERTIES, LLC
PROPERTY: 100 CENCO BLVD., CLAYTON, NJ, A/KIA BLOCK 1904, LOTS 24.01, 24.02 & 24.03
ACTION TAKEN: GRANTING EXTENSION OF MINOR SUBDIVISION APPROVAL

APPLICANT: ALEXA ROBINSON
PROPERTY: 97 JACKSON AVE., CLAYTON, NJ, A/KIA BLOCK 2002, LOT 7
ACTION TAKEN: GRANTING EXTENSION OF MINOR SUBDIVISION APPROVAL

Copies of the aforementioned resolutions are available for public inspection in the Office of the Planning Board Secretary, Borough of Clayton Municipal Building, 125 North Delsea Drive, Clayton, NJ 08312 (856-881-2882 ext. 102) during regular business hours or by appointment, holidays and weekends excluded.

BY ORDER OF CLAYTON BOROUGH COMBINED PLANNING/ ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
DEBBIE SCHLOSSER, Secretary
The Sentinel of Gloucester County October 29, 2026
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PUBLIC NOTICE
BOROUGH OF CLAYTON

NOTICE OF MOUNT LAUREL COMBINED FAIRNESS AND COMPLIANCE HEARING ON THE FOURTH ROUND HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN OF THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER

Docket Number: GL0-892-26

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on December 14, 2026 beginning at 1:30 p.m. the Honorable Robert G. Malestein, P.J.Ch. will conduct a "Combined Fairness and Compliance Hearing" in the In the Matter of the Application of the Borough of Clayton, bearing Docket No. GLO-L-892-26 ("the Action") at the Gloucester County Old Courthouse, 1 North Broad Street, Floor 2, Woodbury, New Jersey 08096.

The purpose of the Combined Fairness and Compliance Hearing is for the Court to (1) review the Fourth Round Consent Order Conditional Compliance Certification entered into between Fair Share Housing Center ("FSHC") and the Borough of Clayton and entered by the Court on August 31, 2026, to ensure that it is fair and reasonable to the region's low- and moderate-income households according to the requirements and principles set forth in the recently amended Fair Housing Act ("FHA"), Morris County Fair Housing Council v. Boonton Tp.. 197 NJ.Super. 359 (Law Div.1984), aff'd o.b., 209 NJ.Super. 108 (App. Div. 1986) and East/West Venture v. Bor. of Fort Lee, 286 N.J.Super. 311 (App. Div. 1996), and (2) determine whether the Borough of Clayton's adopted and endorsed Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (hereinafter "Fourth Round Affordable Housing Plan") satisfies the Borough's obligation under the FHA and applicable case law under an objective standard and provides a realistic opportunity for the production of housing affordable to very low-. low- and moderate-income households, which includes the Borough's Rehabilitation, Prior Round, Third Round, and Fourth Round obligations. If the Court determines that the Borough has satisfied its affordable housing obligations, it will enter a Fourth Round Final Compliance Certification, which among other things, will provide Clayton Borough legal protection (repose) from all Mount Laurel exclusionary zoning lawsuits through June 30, 2035.

The documents described in this Notice are available for public inspection at the Borough Municipal Building located at 125 N. Delsea Drive, Clayton, NJ 08312, during normal business hours. Copies of the documents may be requested by contacting the Borough Administrator at 856-881-2882 ext. 104 during normal business hours. The documents are also available on the Borough's website.

The Borough's Amended Fourth Round Affordable Housing Plan can be summarized as follows:

- The Borough's Court approved Rehabilitation Obligation is 1.
- The Borough's Court approved Prior Round Obligation is 94 and Third Round Obligation is 162. The Borough is satisfying its Prior Round Obligation of 94 and its Third Round Obligation of 162 as follows:
  - o 4 special needs units from the Arc of Gloucester County project.
  - o 5 special needs units from the Empowerment 1 project and 3 special needs units from the Empowerment 2 project.
  - o 30 units from the Delsea View Apartments inclusionary project.
  - o 14 units from the Emerson Green inclusionary project.
  - o 35 units from the Clayton Mews inclusionary project.
  - o 14 units from the Berks Walk inclusionary project.
  - o 75 units from the Conifer/Cap Salute I00% affordable housing project.
  - o 13 units from the Habitat for Humanity 100% affordable housing project.
  - o 64 bonus credits.

- The Borough's Court approved Fourth Round Obligation is 65. The Borough is addressing its Fourth Round Obligation of 65 as follows:
  - o 3 special needs units from the P.I.L.O.T. project.
  - o 4 special needs units from the Devereux Foundation project.
  - o 4 special needs units from the Elwyn Sixth Avenue project.
  - o 3 special needs units from the Elwyn Madison Avenue project.
  - o 32 units from the Berk's Walk inclusionary project.
  - o 2 units from the Habitat for Humanity 100% affordable housing project.
  - o 36 units from the Providence House 100% affordable housing project, of which 18 will be applied to the Fourth Round and 18 will be surplus credits for future obligations.
  - o 1 surplus age restricted unit from the Clayton Mews project.
  - o 16 bonus credits.

The Amended Fourth Round Affordable Housing Plan, the Consent Order Conditional Compliance Certification, and the supporting documents on file with the Borough Clerk, provide considerably more detail as to the manner in which the Borough is satisfying its affordable housing obligations.

Any interested party, including any low or moderate income persons residing in the housing region, any organization representing the interests of low and moderate income persons, any owner of property in the Borough of Clayton, or any organization representing the interests of owners of property in the Borough of Clayton may file comments on, or objections to, the Amended Fourth Round Affordable Housing Plan or the Consent Order Conditional Compliance Certification. The Borough requests that all objections provide: (I) a clear and complete statement as to each aspect of the municipality's Amended Fourth Round Affordable Housing Plan or the Consent Order Conditional Compliance Certification contested by the objector; (2) an explanation of the basis for each objection; (3) copies of all such expert reports, studies, or other data relied upon by the objector; (4) proposed modifications, changes, or other measures which the objector contends would resolve the objector's dispute with the municipality and (5) an explanation of how the objector's proposals are consistent with applicable law. Such comments or objections, together with copies of any supporting affidavits or other documents, must be med in writing, on or before November 20, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. with the Honorable Robert G. Malestein, P.J.Ch., at Gloucester County Old Courthouse located at 1 North Broad Street, Floor 2, Woodbury, New Jersey 08096, with copies of all papers being forwarded by mail or e-mail to:

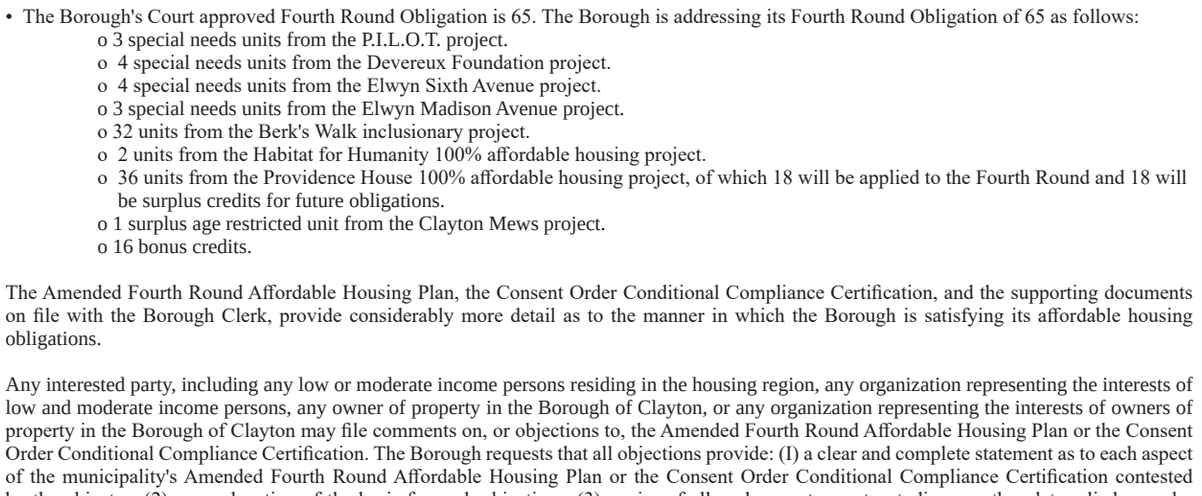
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This Notice is intended (a) to inform all interested parties of the existence of an Amended Fourth Round Affordable Housing Plan on file with the Borough Clerk, which was adopted on September 28, 2026; and (b) to explain the consequences of court approval of the plan; namely, continued immunity from all exclusionary zoning lawsuits through June 30, 2035. This Notice does not indicate any view by the Court, the Borough, or FSHC as to whether the Court will approve the manner in which the Borough proposes to satisfy its fair share.

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Fee $135.00





LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
LEGAL NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACQUIRE TITLE TO AN ABANDONED VESSEL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the New Jersey Abandoned Vessel Disposition Law (N.J.S.A. 12:C-9 et seq.), J&J Marine, LLC, located at 1596 Hurffville Road, Deptford, NJ 08096, has filed notice regarding a vessel left without consent upon its commercial property.

• Vessel Description:	**1988 Baja Sport**
• Hull Identification Number (HIN):	**AGCQ2139J788**
• NJ Registration No.:	**NJ1953FF**
• Registered Owner:	**Thomas David Park**
	209 W Red Bank Avenue
	Woodbury, NJ 08096

The above-described vessel has remained continuously on the commercial premises of J&J Marine, LLC since October 2024 without owner authorization or maintenance.

Take notice that if the vessel is not claimed and removed within thirty (30) days after the publication date, the applicant will apply for title in the applicant's name in accordance with the Abandoned Vessel Disposition Law, N.J.S.A. 12:7C-7 et seq.

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JEFFERSON HOSPITAL HOSTS 25TH VETERANS MEDAL CEREMONY

On Friday, October 16, Jefferson Cherry Hill Hospital hosted the 25th Camden County Veterans Medal Ceremony — a moving event that celebrated the courage, sacrifice and the enduring legacy of military service. The event is presented each year in partnership with the Camden County Board of Commissioners, Veterans Affairs, Jewish War Veterans Post 126, Samaritan, and Jewish Family & Children's Service of Southern New Jersey.

This year, Cherry Hill High School West's JROTC presented the colors and the Cherry Hill High School West Choir performed the National Anthem. TAPS was performed by Paul Feldman, from Taps for Veterans.

Colleagues, community partners, family members and elected officials recognized the following veterans: William R. Anthony, Berlin, Navy, DT2, CCM, CCVM; Edward M. Blair, Blackwood, Navy, FTM2, CCM; Terrence Hoskins, Pennsauken, Army, PV1, CCM; Albert F. Patchus, Cherry Hill, Navy, BT2, CCM, CCVM, CCKWSM; · James E. Proud, Jr., Audubon Park, Navy, FCSN, CCM; Steven P. Weinberg, Voorhees, Navy, LT, CCM, CCVM and Herbert Zarge, Cherry Hill, Army, 1LT, CCM, CCVM, CCKWSM



LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE BY SEALED-BID PUBLIC AUCTION OF VARIOUS MUNICIPAL OWNED BLOCKS/LOTS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES BY THE TOWNSHIP OF ELK, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13, et seq., Ordinance No. O-2-2026, the Elk Township Committee has authorized, via public auction by sealed bid, the sale of Township owned real property no longer needed for public purpose. A sealed-bid public auction for the sale of the properties identified below will be conducted on November 13, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. Bidders must submit their bid on the Bid Submission Agreement available from the Acting Township Clerk. The sealed bids will be opened at the Township of Elk Municipal Building located at the 680 Whig Lane Road, Monroeville, New Jersey 08343.
The properties to be sold and the minimum bid price are described as follows:

Block	Lot	Property Location	Bid Minimum	Approx. Lot Size
40	17	South of Elk Road	$50,000.00	16.6 acres
50	6	739 Buck Road	$10,000.00	0.82 acres
59	12	West of Union Street	$40,000.00	10.5 acres
62	19	Stanger Avenue	$75,000.00	4.13 acres
67	2	916 Whig Lane Road	$45,100.00	3.02 acres
67	11	315 Union Street	$27,600.00	3.20 acres
67	12	311 Union Street	$75,700.00	10.82 acres
74	2 and 3	State Street	$8,800.00	0.282 acres
74	4.01 and 4.02	Union Street	$11,200.00	0.502 acres
80	3	Cleveland Avenue	$35,300.00	0.57 acres
88	8	147 Stanger Avenue	$35,000.00	0.70 acres
88	9	410 Christian Avenue	$3,000.00	0.11 acres
112	1	Arthur Avenue	$10,000.00	1.49 acres
115	3	306 Harrison Avenue	$2,000.00	0.23 acres
115	5	312 Harrison Avenue	$2,000.00	0.22 acres
124	3	Roosevelt Avenue	$2,000.00	0.23 acres
124	13	Roosevelt Avenue	$1,000.00	0.11 acres
131	1	Main Street	$2,000.00	0.24 acres
131	3	503 Second Avenue	$8,000.00	0.44 acres
131	6	Second Avenue	$4,500.00	0.22 acres
140	2, 3, 6, 7 & 8	514 Fourth Avenue	$54,000.00	1.03 acres
146	2	Douglass Street	$7,500.00	0.33 acres
154	1	Dunbar Boulevard	$29,400.00	0.47 acres
154	2	Dunbar Boulevard	$45,400.00	1.88 acres
155	4	Fifth Avenue	$2,000.00	0.13 acres
156	5	Marion Avenue	$3,000.00	0.37 acres
157	3	Seventh Street	$3,000.00	0.11 acres
162	1	Third Avenue	$3,000.00	0.24 acres
177	1	Buck Road	$60,000.00	2.57 acres
182	3	Third Avenue	$2,000.00	0.28 acres
195	1	Twenty-Nineth Avenue	$2,000.00	0.14 acres
195	3	Twenty-Eighth Avenue	$4,000.00	0.57 acres
195	4	Twenty-Nineth Avenue	$2,000.00	0.30 acres
217	3	325 Cedar Bridge Road	$20,000.00	0.95 acres
217	4	319 Cedar Bridge Road	$78,200.00	1.91 acres

The sale of the properties is being made subject to the terms, conditions, restrictions and limitations of a Contract for Sale between the successful bidder and the Township and the following terms and conditions:
1. The descriptions of the properties are intended as a general guide only and may not be accurate. No representations of any kind are made by the Township of Elk as to the condition of the properties; the premises are being sold strictly in their present condition "AS IS".
2. The sale is made subject to all applicable laws, statutes, regulations and ordinances of the United States, State of New Jersey, County of Gloucester and the Township of Elk.
3. No employee, agent or officer of the Township of Elk has any authority to waive, modify or amend any conditions of the sale.
4. Bids for any and all of the properties must be made for a sum equal or greater to the minimum bid price.
5. The properties will be conveyed by a Quitclaim Deed and such conveyance shall be subject to all covenants, restrictions, reservations, easements, liens and encumbrances established of record or by prescription and without representation of any kind as to the quality or character of title of the properties to be conveyed.
6. All sales are subject to the Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. and all rights reserved by the Township by such law.
7. Bidder shall deposit cash, check or money order in the amount of not less than 10% of the high bid price at the time of sale. In the event the successful bidder fails to deposit 10% of the bid price at the time of the sale, the Township will re-auction the properties at the same public sale. If the successful bidder fails to pay the deposit, the bidder shall be responsible for any difference between their bid and the final sale bid in the event such bid is lower than the bid of the original bidder.
8. The winning bidder shall abide by all zoning, subdivision, health and building regulations and codes and acknowledges that this sale will not be used as grounds to support any variance from or relaxation of the Township's Zone Code.
9. The winning bidder acknowledges that failure to close title as agreed shall be cause to forfeit all funds deposited with the Township.
10. The winning bidder acknowledges that the purchase price shall not be used before any County Board of Taxation, Tax Court of New Jersey, or in any court of this State as grounds to support a challenge of the existing assessments with regard to the subject or other property.
11. The Township reserves the right to withdraw the offer of sale of each property.
12. All sales are subject to final approval by the Township Committee.
13. The Township does not warrant or certify title to the property and in no event shall the Township of Elk be liable for any damages to the purchaser-successful bidder if title is found unmarketable for any reason and the purchaser-successful bidder waives any and all right in damages or by way of liens against the Township. The sole remedy being the right to receive a refund prior to closing of the deposit paid in the event title is found unmarketable. It shall be the obligation of the successful purchaser to examine title to the premises prior to the closing. In the event of closing and a later determination is made that title is defective, the Township shall not be responsible for the same and shall not be required to refund money or correct any defect in title or be held liable for damages.
14. Acceptance of the offer of the highest bid shall constitute a binding agreement of sale, and the purchaser shall be deemed to agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the sale herein contained.
15. The successful bidder shall bear the burden of obtaining any and all approvals from the appropriate municipal, county or government agency, if applicable. The successful bidder shall also bear the burden of obtaining and paying for any and all necessary permits, connections, and/or arrangements to provide for cable, water, electric, sewer or solid waste disposal.
16. The Township reserves the right to accept the highest responsive bid if equal to or greater than the minimum bid price, or to reject all bids at the public sale and not to award to the highest bidder. The Township reserves the right to waive any and all defects and informalities in any proposal, and to accept or reject the highest responsible and responsive bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Township.
17. This sale is made subject to such state of facts as an accurate survey may disclose, existing tenancies, rights of persons in possession, easements, conditions, covenants and restrictions and any liens and encumbrances of title which the Township Committee may impose on any parcel at the time of the sale, including but not limited to restrictions on the use to be made of such real property, capital improvements or personal property and any conditions of sale as buildings or structures, or as to the type, size or other specializations of buildings or structures, and the time within such conditions shall be operative, or any other conditions of sale in like manner to the same extent as by any other purchaser.
18. In addition to the terms and conditions set forth herein, successful bidders agree that the Township shall impose the following conditions:
   a. To deposit cash, check or money order in an amount not less than 10% of the high bid price at the time that the bid is submitted.
   b. To submit with the 10% deposit an executed Bid Submission Agreement, which will be provided by the Acting Municipal Clerk.
   c. To pay on or before the date of closing:
      i. The balance of the purchase price via bank cashier's check or cash.
      ii. The prorated cost of preparation of all legal documents and advertising costs for each property purchased.
      iii. The prorated real estate taxes, for the balance of the current tax quarter as of the date of closing.
      iv. The realty transfer fees.
      v. All County recording fees.
19. All sealed bids shall be submitted on an executed Bid Submission Agreement and delivered to the Clerk's Office of the Township of Elk, 680 Whig Lane Road, Monroeville, New Jersey 08343 (856-881-6525). The sealed bid shall provide the block, lot, common address and bid amount, along with the ten percent (10%) deposit via cash, check or money order. The sealed bid shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name and address of the bidder and clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "Bid for Block ___, Lot ___, [address])". The sealed bids shall be returned to the Elk Township Municipal Clerk no later than November 13, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. prevailing time. The bids will thereafter be opened and read on November 13, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. Late bids will not be accepted.

Timothy Pine, Acting Municipal Clerk
Township of Elk
680 Whig Lane Road
Monroeville, NJ 08343
(856) 881-6525
The Sentinel of Gloucester County October 22, 29, 2026
Fee $342.00

RCSJ AND BOYS & GIRLS CLUB PARTNERSHIP EXPANDS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Vineland – Rowan College of South Jersey (RCSJ) hosted a partnership signing ceremony between RCSJ, the Rowan College of South Jersey Foundation, and the Boys & Girls Club of Cumberland County (BGCCC) on Wednesday, October 21, at 12 p.m. in the Guaracini Center Lounge. This new partnership will expand pathways for Cumberland County's local youth through scholarship support, mentorship, career exploration, and college-readiness efforts.

BGCCC is a youth development organization located in Cumberland County that provides youth, ages 5 – 18, with after-school programs for healthy lifestyles, academics, community service, and recreational activities. Their mission is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens.

Carlos Mercado, chief executive officer of BGCCC, conveyed the importance of community collaboration. "This partnership is much more than what's written on paper – it's about opening doors and showing our kids that their future can be filled with possibilities. I also believe that no organization can do it alone. It takes partnerships like this to truly make a difference."

Mercado continued, "On behalf of our board of directors, our staff, and most importantly, the young people we serve, we thank you for believing in our mission and investing in our futures. We look forward to a long and successful partnership with RCSJ." The partnership also supports the college's mission to advance educational opportunities and student success. Brenden Rickards, president of RCSJ, shared how the goals of BGCCC and RCSJ are aligned.

"The Boys & Girls Club of Cumberland County and Rowan College of South Jersey share a common mission: creating opportunities that transform lives. Together, we're investing in our community, empowering future leaders, and helping individuals develop the skills, character, and confidence needed to become engaged citizens and make a lasting impact where they live and work."

RCSJ has played a leading role in helping area youth transition to postsecondary education. Its Collegiate High School has provided hundreds of students with a pathway to academic success. Students can earn a few college credits that can count toward an associate degree or transfer credits to other institutions, all before graduating high school.

Additionally, RCSJ's GEAR UP partners with Bridgeton City public schools, supporting students from middle school through their first year of college as they explore, prepare for, and navigate postsecondary education. This new BGCCC partnership will further expand educational pathways for Cumberland County youth by providing tuition assistance and scholarship support for up to 10 eligible Boys & Girls Club members annually. Cody Miller, executive director of the RCSJ Foundation, explained how this partnership addresses barriers to education that some students may face.

"Not every student knows what resources and programs are available to help them continue their education, whether that's financial aid, grants, or scholarship support while working toward a certification, associate degree, or bachelor's degree. With this partnership, we're not only offering scholarship support to students who want to enroll at RCSJ, but we're also connecting them with the resources they need to help them afford whatever path they may choose."



Leadership from BGCCC, RCSJ, and RCSJ Foundation come together to celebrate a ceremonial partnership signing. (Back row, left to right): Diane Fisher-Cristano, board member, BGCCC; Rosemary DeQuinzio, chief financial officer, BGCCC; James Piccone, vice president & chief administrative officer, RCSJ; Taryn Allison, unit director, BGCCC; Michael Deem, Jr., director of Special Projects, BGCCC; Shirley Santos, advisor, RCSJ; Cody Miller, executive director of Advancement and Foundation, RCSJ; Sarah Palese, director of Foundation and Alumni Relations, RCSJ. (Front row): Paul Trivellini, vice-chair, RCSJ Foundation; Brenden Rickards, president & chief academic officer, RCSJ; Carlos A. Mercado, Jr., chief executive officer, BGCCC; Danielle Carroll, RCSJ Board of Trustees.

HALLOWEEN MONSTER BURGERS THAT JUST MIGHT BITE BACK



(*Feature Impact*) Out with the ordinary, in with the weird - that's what the Halloween season is all about. These Halloween Monster Burgers give a ghoulishly fun twist on burger night, featuring all your favorite toppings transformed into olive eyes, cheese fangs and a pickle tongue.

Whether you reach for a traditional hamburger patty or switch it up with chicken, turkey, bean or veggie options, the effect is the same: a dinner that looks like it escaped from a mad scientist's lab. It's a good way to get some protein and veggies into kids before the trick-or-treating sugar rush, and you can even make it interactive by inviting them to decorate their own monsters and come up with creative variations.

Alternatively, if you're looking for some spooky hors d'oeuvres to impress at this year's Halloween party, these burgers are easy to size down into slider form. Serve a whole tray of mini monsters ready to devour - or be devoured by - hungry guests. Find more Halloween recipe inspiration at Culinary.net.

HALLOWEEN MONSTER BURGERS
Recipe adapted from Happy Foods Tube
Prep time: 10 minutes
Total time: 18 minutes
Servings: 4

4 hamburger, chicken or veggie patties
4 tablespoons mayonnaise
4 teaspoons ketchup, plus additional, to taste, divided
4 hamburger buns
8 leaves baby romaine lettuce
4 slices dill pickles, sliced lengthwise
4 cheese slices
8 large green olives, pits removed

Cook burger patties until they reach desired doneness.
In small bowl, combine mayonnaise and 4 teaspoons ketchup. Spread each bun base with about 1 tablespoon mayo sauce then add two lettuce leaves and cooked burger patty.
Add pickle slice as monster "tongue." Take each cheese slice and cut triangles into one side to resemble teeth; add to burger then cover with ketchup "blood," to taste.
Stick olives on toothpicks and add two to each top bun as "eyeballs.
Photo courtesy of Shutterstock

BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR'S RODEO FUNDRAISER RAISES 20K FOR PATIENTS OF JEFFERSON HEALTH'S SIDNEY KIMMEL COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER



Last weekend, breast cancer survivor and South Jersey professional ranch sorter Michelle Donio hosted her annual "Sort for Support" rodeo and ranch sorting fundraiser at Double P Ranch in Bridgeton, N.J., raising nearly $20,000 for patients at Jefferson Health's Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center (SKCCC) where Donio was treated. "Sort for Support", which features teams of riders on horseback separating specific numbered cattle from a herd and driving them into an adjacent pen, has now generated nearly $90,000 over six years.

"Michelle has been an extraordinary advocate for our patients, and we are incredibly grateful for her continued generosity and support," said Dr. Tamara LaCouture, Chief of Cancer Services, Jefferson Health New Jersey's Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center and a member of Donio's care team. "Sort for Support reflects her compassion, resilience, and dedication, and the funds raised will make a meaningful difference for patients and families receiving cancer care."

Donio has been riding horses since age 12 and has earned ranch sorting championships across the country. After being diagnosed with breast cancer, she was unsure whether she would see her youngest granddaughter born. Thanks to the care she received at SKCCC and her determination, Donio not only witnessed that milestone but has since taught her granddaughter to ride and now proudly watches several of her granddaughters compete in sorting events. Donio credits the support of her family, friends, and the Ranch Sorting Team Penning Association (RSTPA) with the success of "Sort for Support" allowing this annual, sanctioned competition on the Ranch Sorting Team Penning Association (RSTPA) national circuit to make meaningful contributions to Jefferson Health's Patient Assistance Fund, which helps cancer patients with essential needs including utility bills, wigs, and other supportive services.



