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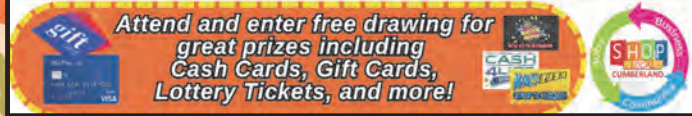
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On October 29, The Chamber of Commerce Continues Its 39-Year Tradition of Honoring Business & Community Heroes

The Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce (The Chamber) will recognize business and community heroes on October 29, 2025 at The Grove at Centerton. "We are continuing a 39-year tradition of honoring extraordinary business and community heroes who by their leadership, entrepreneurial spirit, and concern for the community, have demonstrated their "Hometown Heart" and "Love for Where They Live", said Jonathan Cummings, President of the Chamber.

**Francis Sharp, Sr. Lifetime Achievement Award:
Michael Gaimari, Sr.**

The 2025 Francis H. Sharp, Sr. Lifetime Achievement Award recipients are recently retired Bridgeton Chief of Police Michael Gaimari, Sr., and a husband and wife team Gregory and Bonnie Facemyer.

The 2025 Gary F. Simmerman Community Leadership Award recipients are Dorothy "Dotty" Robinson and the late Marlene Urban, who is being honored posthumously.

Business Hero Awards will be presented to Ocean First Bank, Garrison Tree Service, and County Line Nurseries. The recipients of the Community Hero Awards are The Margaret Winchester Enrichment Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Stephanie Gonzalez of Bridgeton UEZ, and Kay Delp and Rick Dawson, who will be recognized together for their community service.

To honor the memory of the late Francis H. Sharp, Sr. (Binks Sharp) who served his community with extraordinary dedication and integrity throughout his life, including a long, esteemed record of leadership of the Chamber and the community, the Chamber presents the Francis Sharp Lifetime Achievement Award annually.

Michael Gaimari, Sr. recently retired as Chief of Police of the City of Bridgeton, one of the most important and difficult jobs in any city. Gaimari served with distinction as the challenges faced by police departments grew and changed. The Chamber selected him for this lifetime achievement award based on a career and life of

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concern for and service to his community.

Michael A. Gaimari Sr. was born and raised in Hammonton, NJ and moved to Bridgeton in 1982 after graduating from Glassboro State College with a BA in Communications. He was recruited as a newspaper reporter for the Bridgeton Evening News by an editor who was also an adjunct professor at the college. He worked four years at the local paper attaining the position of city editor before moving on to the Daily Journal where he worked until joining the police department in December 1987 and graduating from the New Jersey State Police Academy Municipal Class 188 in April of the following year.



In 1998 he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and returned to patrol but was re-assigned to the department's Training Unit the very next year. In 2001, Sgt. Gaimari was assigned to the Cumberland County Narcotics Task Force comprised of officers from law enforcement agencies throughout the county including the New Jersey State Police, FBI, DEA, and ATF. He served as Deputy Commander on the unit for three years before returning to the department's Criminal Investigation Division and subsequently promoted to Lieutenant in 2004. Mayor Albert Kelly appointed him Chief of Police on May 1, 2015.

The department underwent several major changes under his tenure as Chief of Police including a reorganization of duties and assignments, department policies and procedures, a dedication to community outreach activities such as PAL, Coffee with a Cop, Shop With a Cop, Police Youth Week, participation in the Cumberland County Positive Youth Development Council and CC Thrive and a number of other initiatives.

He initiated a change in the appearance of the department's police vehicles and enhanced the vehicle fleet every year as Chief while also facilitating the

vast equipment replacement project following a 2016 lightning strike that crippled the department.

During his tenure, the department suffered through the turmoil of two police-involved fatal shootings both of which the officers were exonerated, two more police officer deaths and a Covid epidemic that rocked the entire world in 2020.

He acknowledges the support of the Mayor and City Council, and the residents for the department and city getting through those times.

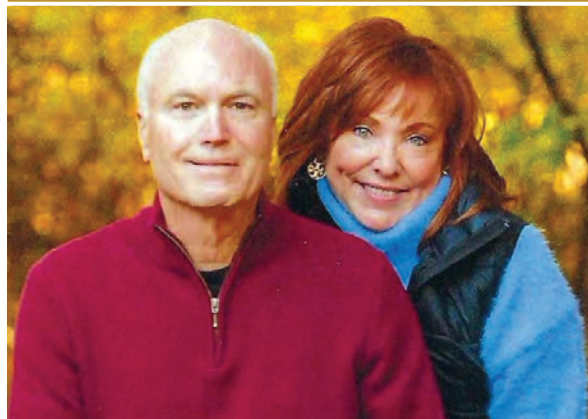
He earned five Unit Citations; three Exceptional Duty Medals, one Meritorious Service, and one Honorable Service award during his career, but atop the list of accomplishments, Retired Chief Gaimari notes placing fine officers in positions within the department to ensure future success.

Gaimari was active in the community joining the Bridgeton-Area Jaycees before joining the police department and helped organize the Greater Bridgeton Christmas Parade for a number of years. While serving on the PBA, he assisted in instituting the annual PBA 94 Golf Tournament and Deerfield Harvest Festival Cheesesteak Booth. Michael also served on the Hopewell Township Board of Education for 19 years, the last nine as Vice President.

Gaimari has been married to his wife Maria, who is employed by the State of New Jersey Judicial system, for 33 years and they have one son, Michael Jr., a 2018 graduate of Lasalle University, who lives and works in Philadelphia.

Bonnie and Gregory Facemyer are co-recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award. This husband-wife team have given a lifetime of service to Bridgeton and Cumberland County as business professionals and concerned citizens.

**Francis Sharp, Sr. Lifetime Achievement Award:
Gregory & Bonnie Facemyer**



Greg Facemyer has been a Certified Public Accountant for 50 years, with 40 of those years managing his own firm, Gregory Facemyer, CPA, where his experience, expertise, knowledge, and concern for his customers, built a

well-respected successful accounting practice that serves all types of businesses, including non-profits like the Chamber for many years. The firm received a business award from the Chamber in the 1990's.

Greg's accounting accolades include being a member of the American Institute of CPAs, New Jersey Society of CPAs, and a graduate of Rowan University (Summa Cum Laude).

Bonnie Facemyer worked beside her husband Greg in the Gregory Facemyer, CPA office for 40 years, serving as office manager. She is President

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of B&G Realty and attended Rutgers University. She has served the community in many ways, including serving as a Commissioner of the Cumberland County Tax Board for 12 years. Bonnie has also served on the Cumberland County Board of Elections and the Bridgeton-Cumberland Tourism Association. One of her passions has been leadership of the Cohanzick Zoological Society, serving 25 years as President. She has also been a foster mom to orphaned kittens and has been a member of the DL Club that provides fellowship and donations to various local charities.



Greg's dedicated service to the community includes Hopewell Township Committee for 15 years, including servings as Deputy Mayor, and taking the lead for Hopewell and the region to seek better service from Verizon that helped bring broadband internet service to all of Hopewell.

Greg Facemyer also served on the Hopewell Planning Board three years including as Chairman, the Upper Deerfield Township Committee for three years, including serving as Mayor, and on the Upper Deerfield Planning Board for three years. He also was County of Cumberland Treasurer and Interim CFO for three years, Cumberland County Insurance Commissioner for three years, and was on the Cumberland County Utilities Authority Board for five years.

Greg has served on the boards of Cumberland Mutual Insurance, Colonial Bank, Cape Bank, Inspira Health Network as Treasurer, Bridgeton Invitational Tournament Committee, Bridgeton Recreation Commission, Bridgeton Industrial Commission, Red Cross, Woodland Country Day School, and Bridgeton Rotary Club President and Treasurer.

Greg and Bonnie Facemyer have been publicly acknowledged for their

years of service including Bonnie's recognition by Cohanzick Zoological Society with the presentation of a bench dedicated to her and a plaque from the Society in 2018, and a proclamation from Bridgeton's Mayor Albert Kelly for 25 years of unwavering support of Cohanzick Zoo. Greg has been recognized by Rotary International with the Paul Harris Award and has received the Bridgeton Sportsmen's Corner Award.

**Gary F. Simmerman Community Leadership Award:
Dorothy "Dotty" Robinson**



To honor the memory of the late Gary F. Simmerman, who served the Chamber for 40 consecutive years in many leadership roles and was a leader in the business community and community in general throughout his life, the Chamber presents the Gary F. Simmerman Community Leadership Award. This year's awards will be presented to two outstanding women who have been exemplary business and community leaders.



Dorothy Robinson, known fondly to most people as Dotty, continues her outstanding service to the Chamber and the community. For many years, she was seen at meetings and events with her friend Marlene Urban, who passed away recently. The Chamber will honor Marlene with presentation of the Gary Simmerman Award posthumously to her family at the awards celebration on Oct. 29.

Dotty Robinson grew up in Stow Creek and is a 1960 graduate of Bridgeton High School. As a senior, she took a job that was a part of the curriculum of the Secretarial Class. She chose to work part-time for the Bridgeton Board of Education, working for the Secretary to the Board. Dotty showed extraordinary expertise and knowledge for a high school senior as well as a very good work ethic. This led to a job offer from her supervisor for a full-time job with the Board of Education before her senior year in high school concluded.

Dotty accepted the job and began a 41-year career with the Bridgeton Board of Education. As Dotty recalls, she never had to go for an interview or worry about getting a job after high school. Her future was in front of her and she was grateful and returned the favor with four decades of outstanding work. She began as an administrative assistant and when she retired she was in charge of all purchasing for the school district.

Her work ethic and upbeat personality served her well in her career. Her supervisors spoke highly of her organizational skills, her outstanding audits, her high marks in performance reviews, and most importantly her ability to get along with all she worked with over the years. Amazingly Dotty worked under 14 business administrators and 8 superintendents and served as interim business administrator in 1988.

Dotty Robinson has given that same level of professionalism and concern for people in her post retirement employment and service to the community. She served as the part-time manager of Upper Deerfield Estates for many years after retirement from Bridgeton Public Schools, where she not only

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served the owners of the complex and its residents, but she went over and above her job to help the residents and her friends.

Dotty has served the community as a long-time parishioner and leader at Trinity United Methodist Church in Bridgeton where she has served as Financial Secretary, Chairwoman of the Church Board, and as a choir member. She has also been an active member of the Eastern Star and Cumberland County Soroptimist International.

Dotty Robinson's service to the Chamber of Commerce began in 2007. She has served on the Board of Directors and as Chairwoman of the Chamber's Membership Committee. Dotty's dedication to the Chamber after her retirement has been so valuable and dedicated that the Chamber office often receives calls asking for Dotty because she does so much, they think she is an employee.

Her community service has won her acclaim from many organizations including City of Bridgeton, The Chamber of Commerce, and others. Nowhere does Dotty's love for her community, her friends, and her family shine more than

through the countless thoughtful and meaningful ways she helps her friends and neighbors. She does not seek public praise for this service but prefers to quietly go about the work her Lord commands when he says "love thy neighbor as thyself." The Chamber and all who know Dotty are blessed by her care and her service.

Gary F. Simmerman
Community Leadership
Award:
Marlene Urban



The Chamber and community will celebrate the life of the late Marlene Urban when her family receives the Gary F. Simmerman Community Leadership Award on her

behalf.

She was a graduate of Bridgeton High School with the Class of 1959. After graduation from high school, Marlene began a long career in banking, working at Cumberland National Bank in Bridgeton and later at Farmers and Merchants National Bank, also in Bridgeton. She

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subsequently accepted a position with the Elmer Bank and Trust Company in Rosenhayn.

Marlene was at that location through many mergers and bank name changes, but what never wavered was her love for her “Rosenhayn Customers.” At her ‘first’ retirement, she was the branch manager and assistant vice-president. She returned to banking when Capital Bank in Vineland was established and worked through Capital’s acquisition by Ocean First. Most recently, Marlene was employed as a receptionist with Gateway Community Action Partnership in Bridgeton where she proudly worked until health issues forced her final retirement at the age of 83.

Marlene was active in a number of community organizations. She was a longtime member of the former Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church in Bridgeton where she was a choir member and church treasurer. She later sang in the choir and was a member of the administrative board at First United Methodist Church in Bridgeton. Most recently she belonged to Bethany Grace Community Church in Bridgeton and was active with their Code Blue and M25 program. She also volunteered with the church’s food bank.

She was a Board Member with the Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce and always among the first to volunteer for memberships on different committees. Marlene was a member of Soroptimist of Cumberland County and served on various committees, including the audit committee. She was also a former assistant treasurer and member of the Bridgeton Rotary Club.

Marlene is remembered as a “people person,” whose greatest joy was to



Dotty and Marlene, enjoying time together as they serve others.

help others. Other community service activities included Deerfield Township Harvest Festival, Pittsgrove Economic Development Committee, Open Hearts Food and Clothing drives, American Heart Association Heart Walk, Breast Cancer Awareness Walk, March of Dimes, SPCA and Pittsgrove Day.

The Chamber gratefully acknowledges Marlene’s life of service to others and to the Chamber with this special award.



Marlene at Rotary with Bruce Riley.

**Business Hero Award:
OceanFirst Bank**

The Chamber will recognize three area businesses with its Business Hero Awards on Oct. 29.

OceanFirst Bank, a strong supporter of the Chamber and the community, which traces its banking roots in our area to Young Men’s Savings and Loan Assoc, Colonial Bank, and Cape Bank, opened in 1902, with its founders belief in supporting and growing our local community. Initially, the focus was helping neighbors realize the dream of owning a home. Now, more than a century later and stronger, the bank still helps fulfill those dreams and assists families, businesses, organizations, and governments with all of their financial needs during every stage of growth.

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The Bridgeton branch, located at 85 West Broad Street, has been proudly serving the community for more than 60 years. Bridgeton Branch Manager Tracy Jenkins serves on the Chamber Board of Directors and her entire branch team are committed to making a difference and actively participate in events that support the Bridgeton community year after year, and strives to provide the community with exceptional customer service along with OceanFirst Bank’s wide array of financial products and services designed to help our customers achieve their financial goals. Visit www.oceanfirst.com to learn more.



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**Business Hero Award:
County Line Nurseries**



L-r: Janice Perlstein Maxwell, Jules Perlstein, Abby Perlstein O'Brien

County Line Nurseries, owned by the Jules Perlstein family for two generations, will receive one of the Chamber's Business Hero Awards. Their agricultural business closely mirrors the Chamber's marketing slogan "Hometown Heart with Global Reach." With over 400 acres of cultivated farmland in production in the area, County Line is deeply rooted in Cumberland County, but their reach extends nationwide, delivering high-quality plant material to job sites and garden centers across the country. At the heart of their operation is a multigenerational commitment to excellence, service, and horticultural expertise.

Jules Perlstein, the founder and President of County Line Nurseries, has been a driving force in the nursery industry for over 60 years. Born and raised in Deerfield Township, where the nursery now thrives, Jules earned a degree in Ornamental Horticulture from Delaware Valley College. He went on to teach the subject while pursuing his Master's degree at Rutgers University. Combining academic insight with hands-on experience, Jules turned his passion into a thriving business and has long been recognized as a leader in producing top-quality plant material.

His dedication and love for the industry have been passed down to the next generation. His older daughter, Abby Perlstein O'Brien, brings a strong sense of design and customer service to the business. A graduate of Virginia Tech with a Bachelor of Architecture, Abby is a Registered Architect in



the State of New Jersey and a LEED Accredited Professional. Her background in architecture and construction enhances the nursery's ability to serve landscape professionals with both aesthetic insight and technical understanding.

Deeply committed to her community, Abby has served on the Deerfield Township Committee for 10 years, including 5 years as Mayor, and also currently serves as Board President of Woodland Country Day School

in Bridgeton, New Jersey and as Vice Chairwoman of the Cumberland Development Corporation.

Janice Perlstein Maxwell, Jules' younger daughter, followed closely in her father's agricultural footsteps. She earned her degree in Plant Science from Cornell University and brings a wealth of knowledge and hands-on experience to the nursery's operations. Janice manages the farm's supply business and helps maintain the field programs and compliance, and she also specializes in plant brokering, sourcing high-quality materials from across the country to meet clients' needs at competitive prices. In addition to her professional role, Janice is a certified yoga instructor, and on the board of a non-profit organization that sends girls to summer camp. Both experiences provide her with a reflective sense of bottom lines that contribute to the success of the business.

All three owners were born and raised in Cumberland County and are proud to continue growing County Line Nurseries and their families from their hometown. Together, they blend tradition, innovation, and a steadfast commitment to customer satisfaction, making County Line Nurseries a trusted name in the horticulture industry.

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**Business Hero Award:
Garrison's Tree Service**



Jeff Garrison, Owner

The Chamber presents its third Business Hero Award to Garrison's Tree Service. Jeff Garrison began his journey in the tree care industry nearly two decades ago, quickly developing a deep passion for the work and the people it serves. In 2019, after years of experience, he made the bold decision to launch his own business, Garrison's Tree Service. For the first few years, Jeff balanced his full-time

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Business and Community Hero Awards

Business Hero Award: Garrison's Tree Service

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job while running the company three days a week. By 2023, Jeff Garrison fully committed to his dream, taking the leap to run the business full-time.

Since then, Garrison's Tree Service has grown from a small operation to four dedicated crews serving multiple counties with residential, commercial, and emergency tree services. Under Jeff's leadership, the company has earned a reputation for quality, reliability, and integrity.

Jeff's vision extends beyond business success. He's passionate about giving back to the community that has supported him. Garrison's Tree Service proudly sponsors numerous local initiatives, including baseball and softball teams, soccer programs, professional fishermen, motocross riders, and more. Through it all, Jeff's greatest strength has been his resilience. He's faced challenges and setbacks, but instead of letting them define him, he's used them as fuel to move forward and continue helping those around him. His unwavering authenticity and dedication are the foundation of both his company and his character.

The Chamber is pleased to recognize Garrison's Tree Service as a Business Hero. His business exemplifies the spirit of entrepreneurship that has turned many local people's dreams into business success stories serving Cumberland County and beyond. Their success strengthens our economy and our communities just as Jeff's vision, his incredible employees, and loyal customers have led to his company's recognition.

In response to the Covid-19 epidemic in 2020, the Chamber created a new award category – Community Heroes – to recognize health and community heroes, who courageously served others and helped our area sustain itself in those difficult times. The recognition of community heroes continues in 2025 when we honor three individuals and one organization as Community Heroes.

Community Hero Award:

The Margaret Winchester Enrichment Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc.

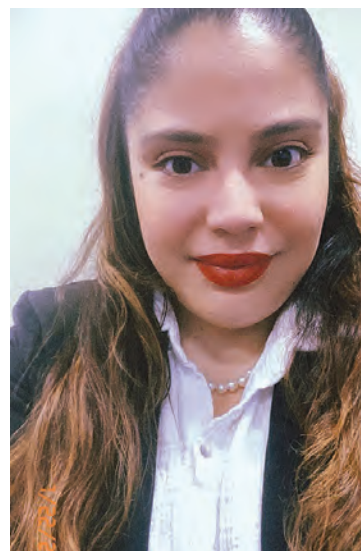
The Margaret Winchester Enrichment Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc., will receive a Community Hero Award for its many years of dedicated service to improve the quality of life for the blind and visually impaired people of Cumberland County.

The program is free for participants and provides social, educational, physiological, psychosocial and recreational needs of the blind and visually impaired through a variety of activities and projects. The program provides services to visually impaired persons, assisting them in functioning more effectively and with confidence in their homes and community, with a long-range goal of self-sufficiency.

While the Center is funded in part by New Jersey Commission for the Blind, the Cumberland County Office on Aging and Disabled Supplemental Aging and Supportive Services grant funds, its success is based on the professional and caring work of its dedicated employees, volunteers, families, and the strength and tenacity of its clients. The Chamber is pleased to name the Margaret Winchester Center for the Enrichment of the Blind and Visually Impaired a community hero.



Staff of the Margeret Winchester Enhancement Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired



Community Hero Award: Stephanie Gonzalez

Stephanie Gonzalez, the passionate community leader dedicated to service, empowerment, and economic growth as the Coordinator of the Bridgeton Urban Enterprise Zone will be recognized by the Chamber as a Community Hero.

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Stephanie Gonzalez (left) at a downtown Bridgeton event promoting the UEZ.

With a background in psychology and business administration, she blends her understanding of people with her expertise in organizational development to create meaningful impact. She worked with the City of Los Angeles for 14 years, where she gained extensive experience in public service and community support. Today, she continues that mission as the Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) Coordinator for the City of Bridgeton and

the State of New Jersey, helping small businesses grow, driving economic development, and fostering community revitalization. Stephanie's leadership is rooted in compassion, resilience, and a deep belief in the power of community. She lives by the belief that "the sun shines for everyone" — or in her words, "el sol sale para todas" — a guiding principle that reflects her commitment to uplifting others and creating spaces where people and businesses can thrive.

Beyond her professional work, Stephanie is deeply grounded in faith, family, and love. She is blessed with loving parents, a brother, her fiancé, three beautiful stepdaughters, and a large circle of family and friends — and she considers her community part of that family as well. With God's guidance, she continues to share her love and light with everyone she meets.

She is grateful to work alongside her Bridgeton UEZ team — Business Administrator Kevin Rabago and Project Manager Heather Moran — and she speaks highly of amazing Mayor Albert Kelly of the Great City of Bridgeton, businesses, youth, community partners, and business owners within the UEZ, who keep her passion fueled every day. The Chamber acknowledges Stephanie's service and dedication with this Community Hero award.

**Community Hero Award:
Kay Delp and Rick Dawson**

The Chamber's Community Heroes are not people or organizations that are well-known and do not always serve the community in highly visible ways. They are often people who show that they love where they live and that they care for others, in small but impactful ways. Kay Delp and Rick Dawson are being recognized as Community Heroes because of the quiet and persistent way that they serve our community.

On the corner of Commerce and Laurel Streets in downtown Bridgeton is a little park known as the Pocket Park. It does not even have its own name. Bridgeton



Kay Delp and Rick Dawson with others from Bridgeton Main Street Association at the park they help maintain.

Main Street Association was tasked with keeping the area clean and welcoming. That's where Rick and Kay stepped up. They have become caretakers for the park and they both take pride in their roles.

Once a month or more when needed, rain, snow, cold or brutally hot, you can see them working tirelessly cleaning up trash, cigarette butts, pulling weeds and raking. There is never a task they can't handle including brandishing a chainsaw to clean up the trees in the area. They supply all their own supplies such as trash bags, leaf blowers, and rakes.

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Kay Delp is the founder and director for Eastern Sky Co-Op in downtown Bridgeton, a non-profit organization that offers yoga classes and wellness and community benefit events. She is a retired school psychologist and a former business management executive. She is married to Dr. Michael Feinstein and they have 3 grown children and 3 black cats. Kay teaches yoga classes, gardens, cooks and travels extensively.

She has served with numerous volunteer organizations since

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moving to Greenwich in 1990. They have included the Greenwich Planning Board, NJ Human Relations Council, Cumberland County Dept. of Corrections GED Program, Court Appointed Special Advocates of CGS(CASA), Services Empowering the Rights of Victims (CFS, Vineland), Bridgeton Main Street Association and Bright Future Collective. Recently, Kay has been working on becoming “retired” for real to give her more time to enjoy family and friends.

Rick Dawson grew up in Bridgeton, where he enjoyed Little League baseball, high school gymnastics, and his first jobs at Sam’s Men’s Shop and WT Grants. A proud member of Bridgeton High School’s Bicentennial Class of 1976, he went on to build a 40-year career at the Salem Nuclear Generating Station, serving in Operations and Technical Departments, as a union shop steward and executive board representative for IBEW Local 94, and as president of the Nuclear Federal Credit Union. He worked on major reorganization initiatives with PSE&G, developed training programs, and later returned after retirement to support plant projects.

In his community, Rick has been an active volunteer with the Bridgeton Main Street Association, helping with events and park clean-ups, and has served the City of Bridgeton as Chairman of both the Planning and Zoning Boards, as well as past Vice Chair of the Cumberland County Utilities Authority.

Rick is married to the Honorable Celeste Riley, Clerk of Cumberland County, and is the proud father of five daughters and grandfather of seven.

Our community is fortunate to have community heroes like Kay and Rick, such dedicated individuals in our community.

“Our Business and Community Heroes have stepped up in so many ways to boost our businesses and our neighborhoods. Our 2025 award recipients with their amazing accomplishments and community spirit, exemplify what we call hometown heart, and clearly are people who love where they live,” stated Randi Galan and Omarey Williams, Co-chairs of the Hero Awards Celebration, and Chamber Board Members.

The public is invited to join the Chamber of Commerce at the Business and Heroes Celebration on Oct. 29, 2025 at The Grove at Centerton. Reservations, sponsorships and ads are available. For more information about the award recipients, the celebration, sponsorship opportunities, and reservations, call 856-455-1312 or visit www.tinyurl.com/BACCHero and www.baccnj.com/hero.



Bridgeton Unity Celebration

This article provided by Minerva Alvarado, Chamber Board Member and 1st Vice President



Thanks to Bridgeton UEZ and KYMO for bringing unity and fun to Bridgeton City residents on July 26. Stephanie Gonzalez of Bridgeton UEZ along with Harlan Miller, President of the nonprofit, KYMO (Keep Young Minds Occupied), hosted, this inspiring event where residents gathered for the purpose of celebrating community, culture, and to inspire the children of Bridgeton. Spearheaded by Kevin Rabago, Bridgeton

City Administrator and Stephanie Gonzalez, UEZ Coordinator, the event highlighted and included representatives of the City who engaged with families and helped to make memories for local residents.

KYMO creates positive, safe, and life-learning experiences for area youth, and partner, Tony Hill, owner of Games on the Go, delivers good energy, music and games to gives kids hope to realize their dreams..

Special thanks to the UEZ Vendors and Merchants who along with their employees and families demonstrated how great it is to celebrate as a community.

Bridgeton UEZ - Gallery 50 Art Festival and Block Party with KYMO is Sunday, September 23, from 10am to 4pm between Bridgeton City Hall and the Riverfront (181 E. Commerce St. to 12 E. Commerce St.). The community is invited to explore live art presentations, art workshops, and musical performances during this creative community event.

Celebración de la unidad de Bridgeton

Gracias a Bridgeton UEZ y KYMO por traer unidad y diversión a los residentes de la ciudad de Bridgeton el 26 de julio. Stephanie González de Bridgeton UEZ con Harlan Miller, presidente de la organización sin fines de lucro,

KYMO (Keep Young Minds Occupied) organizaron este evento inspirador donde los residentes se reunieron con el propósito de celebrar la comunidad, la cultura e inspirar a los niños de Bridgeton. Encabezado por Kevin Rabago, la administradora de la ciudad de Bridgeton, y Stephanie González, coordinadora de UEZ, el evento destacó e incluyó a representantes de la ciudad que se comprometieron con las familias y ayudaron a crear recuerdos para los residentes locales.

KYMO crea experiencias positivas, seguras y de aprendizaje de vida para los jóvenes del área, y su socio, Tony Hill, propietario de Games on the Go, ofrece buena energía, música y juegos para dar a los niños la esperanza de realizar sus sueños.

Un agradecimiento especial a los vendedores y comerciantes de UEZ que, junto con sus empleados y familias, demostraron lo grandioso que es celebrar como comunidad.

Bridgeton UEZ - Gallery 50 Art Festival and Block Party with KYMO es el domingo 23 de septiembre, de 10 a.m. a 4 p.m. entre el Ayuntamiento de Bridgeton y Riverfront (181 E. Commerce St. a 12 E. Commerce St.). Se invita a la comunidad a explorar presentaciones de arte en vivo, talleres de arte y actuaciones musicales durante este evento comunitario creativo.



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Summer Party & Dog Days of Summer

The Chamber Foundation held two fundraising events this summer to support the Foundation and to provide funding to the Cumberland

County Sheriff's K9 Unit. The Summer Party at Terra Nonno Vineyard featured delicious wines from this Chamber Member, food from SJ BBQ Boyz food truck, and live music by local favorites Whiskey Sunset. Dog Days of Summer at Chamber Member Cedar Rose Vineyards raised funds for the service dogs of the Cumberland County Sheriff Department. The Chamber thanks everyone who helped, attended, sponsored, and donated.



Above: Whiskey Sunset plays at Summer Party. Below: Sheriff's officer, K9, and youngster at Dog Days of Summer.

The Love Where You Live - Cumberland County program, administered by Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation, is accepting "Beacons of Pride" grant applications Sept. 1 to Nov. 1. Beacons of Pride are community beautification projects that are highly visible to passersby and instill a sense of pride that adds

to the benefit of the general public and the community at large. The projects must support the mission of Love Where You Live. For more information and the guidelines and application visit www.CumberlandGrows.com/BACCLWYL.

Beatification at Hopewell Municipal Building and enhancements to the Peace and Tranquility Park in Bridgeton City Park are complete. Hopewell's project around its flagpole was a partnership of Hopewell Township and Overdeest Nurseries. The Tranquility Park project was led by Soroptimist International of Cumberland County. Projects approved but not yet complete include a signage project in Deerfield Township led by its government and a project at Cohanzick Zoo led by Bridgeton Rotary Club. The Committee has approved study funding for possible beautification project of the railroad bridge over Rt. 77.



Community Days in Deerfield and Hopewell

On August 5, Deerfield Township Day was held at Rosenhayn Fire Hall and Frank LoBiondo Park. On September 6, Hopewell Township celebrated its community day at Hopewell Business Park and Greater Bridgeton Amish Market.

Hundred of people from the townships and visitors enjoyed the food, fun, and community, at these builders of community identity, pride, and unity.

The Chamber of Commerce is pleased to support these and other community events, and congratulates town leaders, sponsors, participants, visitors, and volunteers who make these events happen.



Above: Deerfield Day Below: Hopewell Day



Above: The Chamber table and representatives. Below: Hopewell's Mayor Robin Freitag National Anthem singer Kara Langloid.



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Sat., September 27, Run for the Animals at Cohanzick Zoo. A fun, family friendly event to benefit the Cohanzick Zoo. Starts and finishes at the Cohanzick Zoo parking lot. Parking for the event will be at Bridgeton High School. Participants will be able to take a short walk from the side entrance down to the zoo. Bathrooms will be open in

the zoo and at the splash pad. Mayor Aitken Drive will be closed to traffic 8:30am - 10:30am. Register: www.cohanzick-zoo.org/events

Wed., October 1, 8 - 10 AM, Breakfast with State Legislators from District 1 and 3 at The Grove at Centerton. \$35 for members of Cumberland County Chambers. Sponsorships available. All registrations with Bridgeton Chamber, www.tinyurl.com/BACCLegislators. Sponsor: The Authority NJ (CCIA).

Wed., October 15, 5-7:30 PM, the Chamber's Hispanic Heritage Celebration at Inka Chicken Restaurant. Celebrating the national commemoration celebrating Hispanic culture, business and achievement. Planned by the Chamber's Bridgeton Business Alliance Committee. All Chamber members, businesses, and the public are invited. Sponsors are welcome. Esta es una cena de la Cámara de Comercio que celebra el último día de una conmemoración nacional de un mes de duración que celebra la cultura, los negocios y los logros hispanos. www.tinyurl.com/BACCHispanicHeritage. Sponsored by TD Bank & Atlantic City Electric.

Sat., October 18, 8 AM sign-in, 9 AM Run/Walks, Bone Run & Dog Walk at Parvins State Park. Fun, healthy activity benefit CompleteCare Foundation and SJ Regional Animal Shelter. Register: runsignup.com/bonerun



Sat., October 25, 5-8 PM, Boo! At The Zoo, Fun activities, music, food trucks (Big John's Pizza Queen and House of Cupcakes), and costume contests for the whole family.

Wed., October 29, 5-8 PM, The Chamber's Business & Community Hero Awards Celebration at The Grove at Centerton. Join us as we honor our local heroes. Register to attend and to sponsor: www.tinyurl.com/BACCHero.



Fri., October 31, 4-7 PM, Community Trick or Treat Hours in most area municipalities. Walk and drive safely. Have fun.

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Wed., November 19, 5-8 PM, The Chamber's Bowling Night at Campani's Legacy Lanes. Get your team together and join the fun. Register to attend and to sponsor: www.tinyurl.com/BACCBowl.



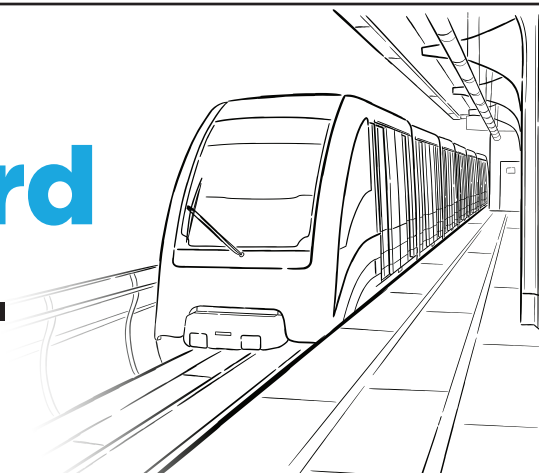
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