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On the Road with the Ronstadt Revue



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Throughout her five-decade, chart-topping career, Linda Ronstadt released more than two dozen top-selling albums filled with original hits and timeless covers in country, rock, Latin, Motown, and even Broadway music, landing 21 Top 40 singles and helping to define the country-rock sound—until a medical diagnosis led her to retire from recording and, eventually, from performing altogether. Though Ronstadt hasn't performed on stage in 15 years, millions of her devoted fans still long to hear the beloved songs that made up the soundtrack of their lives.

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Once again, greetings and salutations...

Before we get to our regular updates, you may have heard that last month we all lost a good friend and musical pioneer, Will "Poogie" Hart of the Delfonics. It seems the more the days go by, the more so many of the

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DESTINATION RESTAURANTS OF THE MONTH

GALLOWAY CASUAL DINING and SALEM OAK DINER Score Big Among Our Readers!



Salem Oak Diner's Manager and Owner, Cafer Hasan (right), his son and Co-Manager Yardim Hasan (left) and Staff Team Leader Wendy (center), stand ready to serve up great food with great service.

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They may be more than 50 miles apart, but this month, our readers have nominated **two** outstanding dining experiences for our **DESTINATION RESTAURANTS OF THE MONTH**.

SALEM OAK DINER, in Salem County, and **GALLOWAY CASUAL DINING** restaurant in Galloway Township, Atlantic County offer hungry patrons a reason to "go the extra mile" for a memorable and delicious experience.



Galloway Casual Dining's Executive Chef Nick Karamanos (center), flanked by key staff members Tiffany Minuto (left) and Christina Faunce (right) pause for a few seconds for a quick photo before the rush begins.

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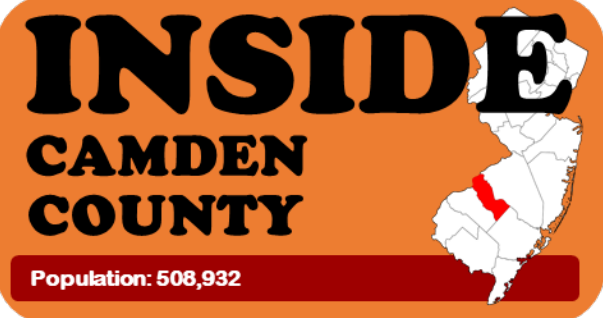
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Fortunately, her incredible musical legacy lives on through the striking talents of Gesenia Gerena and her band, the Ronstadt Revue.

Born in Paterson, New Jersey and raised in Philadelphia, South Jersey’s professional singing talent Gesenia began her career without formal training, but with stunning recognition. At 25, she earned her first professional singing paycheck and quickly moved on to record her first CD “Mi Sueño”, in the early 2004. Though family and health obligations momentarily sidetracked her career, much like Ronstadt herself, Gesenia rediscovered her love of music and of Linda Ronstadt’s music.

She first envisioned launching a Ronstadt tribute show in early 2016. Gesenia says that she “felt a void out there with regard to the music of Linda Ronstadt and wanted to fill it with something very special”, spending more than a year searching for the right musicians to fully showcase Ronstadt’s music, from country rock to mariachi to big band to pop rock. The result of those efforts is Ronstadt Revue — the world’s finest Linda Ronstadt tribute show.

Each member of the band is a seasoned, talented musician fully dedicated to recreating the sounds and vibe of a Linda Ronstadt live performance from back in the day. Joining her on stage to perform are Nick Frese (bass guitar and vocals), Bob Leonetti (electric and acoustic guitar and vocals), Jim Cohen (pedal steel and electric guitar), David Lenat (lead guitar, banjo, and resonator), Dave Hartl (piano, accordion, and harmonica) and Tim Reeder (drums, percussion and backing vocals).



While Gesenia and her band work diligently to record two new CDs, expected to be released in late 2022 or early 2023, the Ronstadt Revue is engaged in performances throughout the US, including one upcoming performance on August 27th at 8pm at the historic Landis Theater, located at the 830 E Landis Avenue in Vineland, NJ.

As of press-time, a few tickets remained available for that performance and can be purchased online, at <https://www.thelandistheater.com/shows-events-1>. You can hear an interview with Gesenia on the New Jersey Free Press’ broadcast “Taking Care of Business”, scheduled to air live on Saturday August 20th from 11:30 am to noon, on radio station WVLT, 92.1 FM, in Vineland. You can also hear a sample of the Ronstadt Revue performance on our website, at njfreepress.com/linda-ronstadt-revue/, or at the Ronstadt Revue website at ronstadtrevue.com.

Now, let’s keep on truckin...



In Your County

CAMDEN COUNTY - Sunset Jazz Series | The Camden County Board of Commissioners invites you to attend the Sunset Jazz Series to be held at Wiggins Waterfront Park 2 Riverside Drive, Camden. All concerts are free and start at 8PM. Events planned include: August 15 – Matt Cappy| August 29 – Third World

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great artists that have been a part of our lives are no longer with us. But what will always remain is the music that they created.


Kenny Gamble once explained the uniqueness of The Sound of Philadelphia by saying it was “a little bit gospel, a little bit jazz, a little bit rhythm & blues, and a combination of some real strong feelings.” Along with co-producer and co-writer Leon Huff and the beautiful orchestral arrangements of Thom Bell, who co-wrote with Pookie Hart many of the Delfonics hits, such as “*Didn't I Blow Your Mind This Time*” and “*La-La Means I Love You*,” it amounted to a brand new sound in love songs that was elegant and timeless..No wonder the Delfonics were the key element of the soundtrack for the wonderful adult love story at the center of Quentin Tarantino's film “Jackie Brown.”

I dedicated a recent “**Rock and Roll, Rhythm & Blues Express**” show on **WXPN** to the legend of the **Delfonics** and other great groups that represented TSOP, and also to the genius of **Thommie Bell**. Whether it's the Delfonics, the **Trammps**, the **Intruders**, the **Soul Survivors**, the **Blue Notes**, **Billy Paul**, the **Three Degrees**, the **O'Jays**, the **Spinners** or **Stylistics**, these great artists grace our lives with music and inspiration, and remembering them is what we always will do.

So we welcome **Poogie Hart** into the rock and roll heavenly kingdom. And if you're a fan of that sound, you'll be able to hear a rerun of my **Delfonics/Thom Bell/TSOP** show “on demand” for the next few months – just go to xpn.org/geator and scroll down the page to the archives.

Back at the shore, we had a memorable three-day July 4th weekend at **Memories in Margate** celebrating the birthdays of yours truly and Uncle Sam. And one of the highlights Sunday night was the incredible miniature Memories in Margate cake brought to us by **Bob Kelly of Fox 29** and made by the amazing **Platinum House of Sweets** in Turnersville to commemorate our 50th season at Memories.

And the partying continued and still continues for the rest of the summer season not only at Memories on Friday and Saturday nights but on Wednesdays at the



Bob Kelly of Fox 29 visits Jerry Blavat and Memories in Margate with replica club cake. Thanks Bob!

For more info on Jerry's appearances and radio shows, go to www.geator.net or follow him at [Facebook.com/Geator](https://www.facebook.com/Geator). Got a question for the Geator? Send it to geatorella@yahoo.com and we'll try to answer it here in the Geator Gab.

Jerry Blavat is one of America's leading, most recognized and most respected disc jockeys and performer who has been the leading influence in the proliferation of “oldies” music on the radio and internet for decades. A respected Philadelphia icon, he gained local fame hosting live dances in the area, leading to his own independent radio show, on which he introduced many acts in the 1960s to a wide audience, including the Four Seasons and the Isley Brothers. In 1993, Blavat was inducted into the Philadelphia Music Alliance's Hall of Fame, and in 1998, was included in the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame as part of a permanent exhibit in its Museum of Radio and Records. In 2002, he was inducted into the Broadcast Pioneers of Philadelphia's "Hall of Fame", and on January 15, 2022, Blavat celebrated his 61st consecutive year on radio.

*Jerry Blavat is an **exclusive columnist to the New Jersey Free Press**. The Geator’s monthly column is highly popular with adult readers who long for the golden days of radio and rock, as well as by younger readers who listen to his internet programs and visit his popular club “Memories in Margate”.*

Oar House Pub in Sea Isle City and Thursdays at **Bally's Beach Bar on the boardwalk in Atlantic City**. So come be a part of the musical magic that we create at all our events where people of all ages, all colors, all beliefs and orientations, from all over the area, come together to make new memories and to forget our cares for a few happy hours. For all the details on when and where, go to www.geator.net.

Remember, if you can't join us in person, you can always listen to live broadcasts of our dance parties online from wherever you are – again, go to www.geator.net and click the RADIO tab to find out how, and follow me at [Facebook.com/Geator](https://www.facebook.com/Geator) for the latest updates.

And once again I want to remind you about our annual **Time-Life Malt Shop Memories Cruise** sailing the Caribbean from Fort Lauderdale for a week starting October 30. If you're one of the folks who hates to see the summer end, you will want to check out this experience of a lifetime. This year's roster includes **Frankie Avalon, Chubby Checker, Dion, Darlene Love, Gary U.S. Bonds**, comedian **Robert Klein**, the **Righteous Brothers**, **Herman's Hermits**, **Charlie Gracie**, the **Brooklyn Bridge**, the **Duprees**, the **Capris**, the **Tokens**, the **Miracles**, **Gary Lewis & The Playboys**, and that's not even half of the artists on the bill! There are still a few cabins left, so if you decide to finally jump aboard, **call 844-855-MALT** or go to maltshopcruise.com for the lowdown, and make sure you **mention the code GEATOR** for special promotional pricing.

Well, that's about it for now. Hope to see you at any one of our weekly get-togethers down at the shore or on the radio. And remember to join us weekends at www.mix-cloud.com/live/jerryblavat-live where you'll find yourself chatting and connecting with music lovers from England, Germany, Australia, all over the world along with the majority right here in New Jersey.

And at all times, wherever you are, remember to keep on rocking, 'cause you only rock once!

In Your County

CAMDEN COUNTY - Caregivers Support Group | The Camden County Board of Commissioners, the Department of Health & Human Services-Division of Senior & Disabled Services, and ADRC invite you to join them for their Caregiver Support Group meetings. The Group provides advice and support to caregivers on matters related to Caregiver Stress, Legal Concerns, Respite Programs, Adult Medical Day Center Alzheimer’s and Dementia Education, and much more. The 2020 Zoom Meeting schedule is as follows: August 16th, 5:30pm-6:30pm | September 20, 12pm-1pm | October 18, 5:30pm-6:30pm | November 15, 12pm-1pm, and December 20, 5:30pm-6:30pm. Registration is required. To register, go to: <https://sparkcreative.wufoo.com/forms/r1692mpr12ktqvq/>

CAMDEN COUNTY - Pet Food Pantry Available to County Residents | The Camden County Pet Food Pantry, created by the five animal welfare organizations in the Animal Alliance of Camden County, works to keep pets with their families by offering food assistance. Financial hardship is often a reason many loving pet owners are faced with the difficult decision of surrendering a beloved pet. The Alliance seeks to help Camden County residents keep pets in their homes by providing nutritional assistance to those in need. All are welcome – the only requirement if a need for assistance in providing food for a pet. Contact each shelter for Pet Food Pantry hours. Contact information is: Animal Adoption Center in Lindenwold (see their column next page), Animal Welfare Association, Inc. located at 509 Centennial Boulevard in Voorhees (awanj.org)/, Camden County Animal Shelter, located at 125 County House Road in Gloucester (856-401-1300), and Voorhees Animal Orphanage, located at 419 Cooper Road in Voorhees (vaonj.org).

CAMDEN COUNTY - Cooper Hospital begins dispensing monkeypox vaccinations by appointment | Beginning July 29, Cooper University Hospital in Camden began administering monkeypox vaccines to residents without a confirmed exposure who believe they may have been exposed or are at high risk for having been exposed to the virus. The Cooper Vaccine & Testing Clinic is located at Cooper University Hospital, 300 Broadway, Camden New Jersey at the intersection of Broadway and MLK Boulevard.

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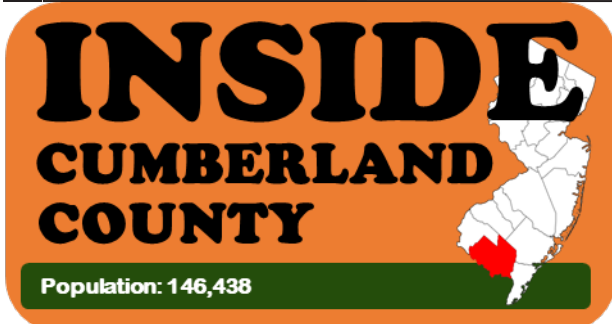
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CUMBERLAND COUNTY - Taxation Scam Alert For Cumberland County Residents | Cumberland County Division of Consumer Affairs has issued an alert to County residents that residents of Cumberland County are receiving mailed notices from a "Tax Resolution Unit of Cumberland County Public Judgment Records".

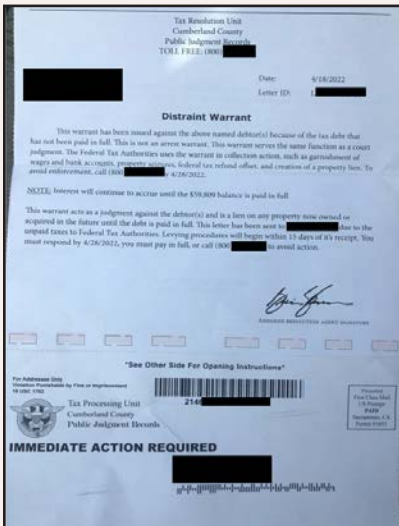
THIS IS A SCAM.

There is no such county department or unit, and this scam is an attempt to scare residents into paying a fake tax debt.

Multiple law enforcement and consumer protection agencies across the country have reported similar scams. The notice appears to be a distraint warrant pertaining to a tax debt and requests the recipient to contact a toll-free phone number. Citizens are urged to shred the mailed notification and to not contact the phone number listed on the letter. Distraint warrants are issued by state tax commissions, and the IRS does not issue these warrants.

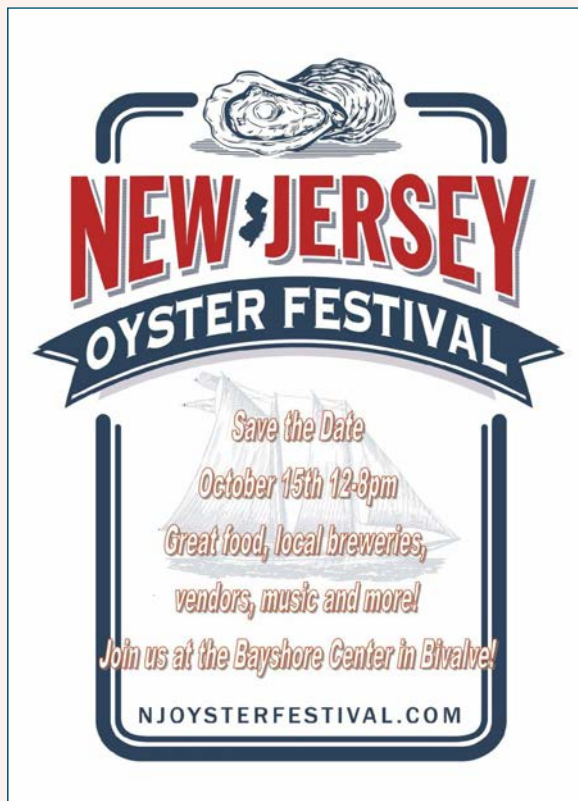
The Cumberland County Office of Consumer Protection and other county divisions are aware of this scam and are available to assist residents with any questions.

If you feel you have been unfairly treated or are a victim of consumer fraud, please contact Consumer Protection at 856-451-0925.



In Your Town

COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP - New Jersey Oyster Festival in Bivalve Scheduled for October 15th | Join us for the first ever New Jersey Oyster Festival in Bivalve, New Jersey October 15, 2022, from 12-8pm. Our region has an amazing history and offers some of the finest oysters in the world! Enjoy live music, food trucks, local artisans, local beer & wine and oysters from local purveyors! For tickets, go to: <https://www.bayshorecenter.org/events/sail-tickets/>



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AUGUST NEWS

HOURS OF OPERATION

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Please call (856) 825-7087 ext. 12 for more information.

* The Millville Public Library will be closed Saturdays starting July 2. Saturday hours will resume September 10. Please call (856) 825-7087 ext. 12 for more information.

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Job Counseling - Looking for a job? Looking for a change? Come to the Millville Library for an interest & skills assessment, or get help with resume writing and interview skills. Take the next steps on your career journey today! Appointments will be available **Monday August 15**, from 3 - 5 PM. Please contact the library at (856) 825-7087 ext. 12 for more information or to make an appointment.

Basic Computer Skills Classes - Join us for an educational series that will include learning skills such as mouse use and typing, using e-mail, creating resumes, and online job searching. Class sessions will run for 6 weeks at a time, and students can sign up for Monday evening classes from 5:30-7:30pm, Wednesday morning classes from 10am-12pm, and for Friday afternoon classes from 12-1:30pm. This publication/activity/program is supported in full or in part with funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, administered by the New Jersey State Library, award number LS-250226-OLS-21. For more information or to register please call (856) 825-7087 ext. 12.

MEETINGS AND SERVICES

Kids Clothing Swap - Back to School Kids Clothing Swap will be held **August 19**, from 11 am - 4 pm. Bring your kids' old clothes and a bag for new-to-you clothes! Clothes must be clean and stain-free. We will not be accepting undergarments. Masks are required inside the library. For more information, please call us at 856-825-7087 or visit us.

Nutritional Snack Kits for Kids - Millville Public Library will be giving out free healthy snack food kits for children from **Tuesday August 23 to Friday August 26**! Registration is required in order to receive a kit. All supplies will be provided, and the kits will include enough food for 4 people. For more information or to register, call (856) 825-7087 ext. 12.

Notary Services - The Millville Public Library now offers Notary services. Services will be available by appointment Monday through Friday, and a fee of \$2.00 per document will be charged. Please note, the Notary is not an attorney licensed to practice law and may not give legal advice about immigration or any other legal matter or accept fees for legal advice. Call us at (856) 825-7087 ext. 12 to make an appointment.

PROGRAMS

Summer Reading Program - This Summer at the Millville Public is always filled with fun things to do, and this year is no exception! The theme for this summer is "Oceans of Possibilities." We will explore the ocean through crafts and in-person programs. As always, all programs are free regardless of residence. No library card is required to participate. We hope you will join us for some fun this summer! All programs and activities are subject to change. Please follow our Facebook page for the most up to date information and announcements. The Summer Reading Program will take place from through **Thursday August 25**. Registration began on July 7 at 4:30 pm. Masks are required inside the building.

Family Craft Night - Join us on Monday August 15 between 6 and 7pm for Family Craft Night! All supplies will be provided, and there is no fee to participate. Please wear clothes that you can get dirty! Masks are required inside the library. Space is limited, so please call (856) 825-7087 to register.

LEGO Club - LEGO Club, for children in grades K-8, is a meeting at the Millville Public Library, 210 Buck St., Millville, NJ will be on Tuesday August 16 from 6-7pm. Children can build themed LEGO designs with family and friends. Registration is required in order to abide by social distancing guidelines, and masks for children and adults are required while inside the library. For more information or to register for the program call the library at (856) 825-7087 ext. 12.

Storytime - Come to the Millville Public Library on **Friday August 19** at 10:30 AM for a story time just for you! Join us as we read stories, sing songs, and recite simple nursery rhymes! Registration is required as space is limited. For more information call (856) 825-7087 ext. 12.



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