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Now that recession has ended, tradespeople are in high demand



Morris County School of Technology electrical instructor Kevin Conover (left) shows electrical circuits at the school in Denville. ED PAGLIARINI/CORRESPONDENT

## Industry in need of electricians

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The future is bright again for electricians and other tradespeople, spurred by a projected \$40 billion surge in construction spending in the next two years. • “The construction industry lags,” said Eric Sivertsen of Chatham, executive director of the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association. “It’s the last one to come out of a recession, and it is just now gearing up.” • With the lure of new work comes an explosion of interest in electrical apprentice programs, which are drawing young people who see in them the promise of a middle-class life. • This year, more than 400 candidates are vying for 40 to 50 apprentice slots at the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee programs at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 102 headquarters in Parsippany, according to Patrick Della Cava, business manager for the local union.

All told, there are 277 apprentices in the local program, a

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“I field a lot of phone calls from parents now.”

JOE MIKTUS  
MORRIS COUNTY SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY



Top: Anthony Sanchez, 20, of Madison is an apprentice electrician for Esposito Electric. He uses a multimeter, above, to test that grounds are connected correctly and the voltage between the hot and neutral wires. KAREN MANCINELLI/CORRESPONDENT

## St. Patrick's Day Parade Saturday

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MORRISTOWN — Morris County goes to the Irish next Saturday for the 37th annual Morris County St. Patrick's Day parade.

Originally in Wharton, this will be the 25th anniversary of Morris County's largest march moving to Morristown.

More than 120 groups in four divisions, featuring nearly 3,000 marchers, will walk the parade route Saturday to celebrate Irish heritage and history.

The parade begins at the municipal building, travels down South Street, goes around the Green before ending at the Atno Avenue side of Morristown High School.

With good weather, the parade can attract 70,000 to 80,000 people.

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The 37th annual Morris County St. Patrick's Day parade Saturday marks the 25th anniversary of Morris County's largest march moving to Morristown.

## County spending will not hike taxes

Morris to introduce \$329 million budget

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The Morris County freeholders expect to introduce a \$329 million 2015 county budget on Wednesday that would involve no tax increase but would fund nine more human services positions that at least one freeholder opposes.

For the third consecutive year, the proposed budget calls for zero increase in amount to be raised by taxes, even though the overall 2015 budget is about \$12 million higher than the 2014 budget. The tax levy would be \$217,899,755 — to the dollar identical to last year's levy and slightly lower than the 2013 tax effort.

The budget is expected to be introduced at the freeholder's regular meeting on Wednesday and tentatively is scheduled for public comment and possible adoption on April 8.

The freeholder budget subcommittee — comprised of Director Kathy DeFillippo, Thomas Mastangelo and Douglas Cabana — recapped the 2015 spending plan at the board's public, audio-recorded work session on Feb. 25. Freeholder John Krickus was incensed at that meeting by the possible inclusion of nine new employees for the county Office of

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"If people have to wait a little longer to get their Medicaid then that's fine.

That's not a priority."

JOHN KRICKUS, FREEHOLDER

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