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In Brief

N.J. gas prices still falling

TRENTON — AAA Mid-Atlantic says the average price of a gallon of regular gasoline in the state on Friday was \$3.36, down 7 cents from last week. That's also lower than the price from a year ago, when motorists were paying \$3.53.

This marks the fifth straight week that gas prices have fallen in New Jersey.

Analysts say falling crude oil prices have spurred the lower pump prices, despite ongoing concerns about simmering geopolitical tensions.

Authorities: Teacher lured former student

WILLINGBORO — Authorities say a former middle school teacher tried to entice a former student into engaging in sexual activity.

Patrick McGwier of East Windsor is charged with attempted luring. He was arrested Thursday in Willingboro when he arrived for what he thought would be a sexual encounter with the now-15-year-old girl.

McGwier taught the girl when she was in eighth grade. Authorities say he contacted her earlier this year through social media and expressed an interest in pursuing a relationship.

McGwier allegedly continued to communicate with the victim online, unaware that a detective was communicating with him in place of the girl.

McGwier's bail was set at \$100,000 cash.

Detective fires shot during car chase

CLARK — A police officer fired a shot during a car chase in North Jersey that ended with a New York man's arrest, authorities said.

Union County prosecutors said 32-year-old Kasaine Pertet of New Windsor was being held Saturday on \$310,000 bail. He faces two counts each of aggravated assault on a police officer and credit card theft, along with weapons offenses and single counts of eluding, criminal mischief, theft by deception and credit card fraud.

The pursuit started shortly after 5:15 p.m. Friday, when Clark police were notified that a man was trying to buy items at a department store through the fraudulent use of a credit card. Arriving officers encountered Pertet trying to leave the area in his car, and a police detective soon fired one shot that hit the vehicle.

The subsequent pursuit ended a short time later in Elizabeth.

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Camp set to help stroke victims

By Wilma A. Hurwitz
Special to the Daily Record

A camp for stroke survivors is planned for next month in Long Valley.

The Retreat & Refresh Stroke Camp is designed to enable stroke survivors, their caregivers and family members to participate in activities designed to help them address the daily physical and emotional challenges that can follow a stroke.

"While there are various support group meetings where stroke survivors and their caregivers can come together for therapy and camaraderie, we decided to offer the Retreat & Refresh Stroke Camp's full weekend of respite blended with recreation and education," said Jane Rubin, director of neuroscience services at the Atlantic Neuroscience Institute, which is part of Atlantic Health System.

The camp is sponsored by Atlantic Health System and is planned for the weekend of Sept. 12-14 at Leibenzell Retreat Center at Schooley's Mountain.



PHOTO COURTESY OF RETREAT & REFRESH STROKE CAMP
Stroke survivors and caregivers are pictured here at a Retreat & Refresh Stroke Camp.

The creation of Executive Director Marylee Nunley and her husband, John, the camp brings together stroke survivors, their caregivers and family members who have to address the stroke injury and quality of life.

"After my husband John's stroke in 2001, I felt like we were so isolated," Nunley said. "More than anything else, we needed the healing that could come from socialization and ongoing support from other stroke survivors. There was nothing avail-

able like that. In 2004, we created a stroke camp weekend retreat."

Nunley's organization became a nonprofit in 2007 and spawned a national network of retreat camps.

"Having conducted over 90 stroke camps across the country over the last 10 years, many stroke centers like Atlantic Health System are extending their hospital support to patients and their families with an external program like ours," said Larry Schaer, who is asso-

ciate director of Retreat & Refresh Stroke Camp.

The camp will be held in comfortable lodging with prepared meals and a chance for stroke survivors, their caregivers and families to be refreshed through games, educational sessions, hiking/walking, discussion groups, drum circles, informal chats with experts and various other activities. Liebenzell features spacious meeting rooms and comfortable residential facilities that can accommodate disabled individuals. The sleeping facilities are a dormitory arrangement with bunk beds so stroke survivors can stay in the same room with their caregiver.

Bill Dailey, a stroke survivor from Fort Lee, said he is planning to attend. "This retreat and refresh weekend will enable me to spend quality time with at least 15 other survivors and caregivers I have never met," Dailey said.

For more information, call 866-688-5450 or go to www.infor@strokecamp.org.

Bowlers benefit DAWN Center

ROCKAWAY: The DAWN Center for Independent Living in Denville held its annual Lucky Strike Night bowling event on Friday at Rockaway Lanes on Route 46.

For a minimal donation, bowlers were invited to try their luck on the alleys, with all proceeds benefiting social activities for people with disabilities living in Morris, Warren and Sussex counties.

DAWN Center for Independent Living promotes self-direction in order to create, expand and implement equal-access opportunities by and for people with disabilities.

Food Truck Festival gets on a roll

By Lorraine Ash
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RANDOLPH — Not even the organizers of the Just Jersey Food Truck Festival at County College of Morris predicted the thousands of eager diners who showed up at Parking Lot No. 1 for the eight-hour event on Saturday.

Two-hundred people had arrived by noon, two hours after the festival started, according to Allison Kohler, president of JMK Shows & Events, organizers of the festival. At 2 p.m., some 300 people were waiting to pay their \$5 to enter.

"The people are just pouring onto the campus, and it just keeps building as the day goes on," Kohler said, predicting that, if volume kept pace, some 6,000 diners were expected.

On Facebook, some patrons complained about long waits to get food under a hot sun, but many foodies happily braved both to indulge their passion for Philadelphia cheese steaks, margherita pizza, stuffed corn cakes, cupcakes, beef and chicken empanadas, and much more.

A smiling Kim and Pete Micchelli of West Caldwell walked their battered fried cheese curds from The Cow and the Curd truck to the one shady spot near the entrance. "It comes with three dips," Kim Micchelli said, holding up plastic containers of chipotle ranch, smoky ketchup, and Sriracha.

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PHOTOS BY KAREN MANCINELLI/CORRESPONDENT
The line just begins at The Soup Man truck at the Just Jersey Food Truck Festival at County College of Morris.



KAREN MANCINELLI/CORRESPONDENT
Annabelle Lombardi of Randolph eats pizza from Flatbread Fired Up Company at the Just Jersey Food Truck Festival.

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Long lines snaked to The Original Soup Man truck, where the \$10 lobster rolls were a hit. Even the 82-degree humidity didn't deter people from hot soup.

"I'm just letting ours cool down first," said Bria Demming of Morris Plains. "I got seafood bisque, and my husband got the chicken chili."

Another hit were Peace Love Pops, natural and



KAREN MANCINELLI/CORRESPONDENT
Mike Alline of Rockaway takes a bite of a cheese arepa at the Just Jersey Food Truck Festival.

handcrafted. Selling for \$3 each, they come in flavors including Pineapple Basil Mojito, Spicy Peach, Banana Ginger Snap, Peach Mojito, Pineapple Cilantro Jalapeño, Banana Cream Pie, and Honeydew Ginger Mint.

The Gorilla Cheese NYC truck broke down Saturday morning, Kohler said, leaving 19 trucks and Morris Tap & Grill to feed the crowds, along with a tent serving all things bacon.

The sounds of music and generators powering up the trucks were a constant. At 1 p.m., The Jimmy Hoofers, a Randolph band, played a live performance and drew a crowd. Some nonfood attractions

were fundraisers, including a dunk tank to raise money for the restoration of the 1891 Newton Fire Museum.

"I'd come to another festival," said Brennan Heuer, as he enjoyed a pulled pork slider from Oink and Moo BBQ truck. "That's a no-brainer."

The next Just Jersey Food Truck Festival is set to take place Oct. 18 at Sussex County Community College in Newton. The public can keep up with the festival at JustJerseyFest on Facebook or @JustJerseyFest on Twitter.

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