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CAPE MAY STAR AND WAVE

CAPE MAY – Nearly every town has a chamber of commerce, but does anyone know who they are?

"We promote businesses in Cape May, and tourism," said Kathy Scherer with the Greater Cape May Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber has taken on one of the tourism element because, in Cape May, promoting tourism is promoting businesses.

"A lot of us are getting into tourism, tourism, tourism," Cape May-President Ron Goldstein said. "The difference is 15 years ago there used to be a guidebook. Now there's a lot of information on the internet and we almost have to prove it." Goldstein said.

Goldstein said the chamber was also trying to improve its relationship with the city.

The city runs the Welcome Center, which is owned by the county. The chamber and the city are working together on the New Jersey Welcome Station, which will be located at the Welcome Center.

Goldstein said the city and the chamber have leases. The chamber have leases for the Welcome Center, which are designated for CMC members.

Goldstein said they can put Please visit CMC, page A2

According to the report, the sheriff's department had a budgetary surplus of $644,940, and an additional $175,000 for unemployment, for a total of $819,940, which was transferred to the county.

The fourth quarter is the alternative to the February Program, which saved the county $175,000 in housing expenses and labor costs in the program.

The Emergency Assistance Program (LEAP) saved the county $171,000 in incorporation costs, and $165,000 in on-road costs, for a savings total of $335,929.

Inmates in the LEAP program were allowed to perform community service at various locations in the county in 2013, LEAP inmates served 1,750 total work days, which included 115 days in Union County, 115 days in Stewart County, 75 days in Hammon County, and 175 days in the county.

Inmates in the LEAP program are required to work 10 hours per week, and must complete 100 hours of community service.

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