Cherry blossom time
A stand of cherry trees was in peak bloom last week at St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery off Seaside Road in Lower Township.

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By CRAIG D. SCHENCK

REDEMS POINT — It was a boost for local South Jersey and state lawmakers in Cape May, where the cleaning of the former coal-fired power plant continued Friday morning with implosion of the boilers units.

Dalton’s site Development Group, which bought the property in November 2021, specializes in redeveloping at-risk sites and has plans for a hotel, marina, restaurants, retail shops and homes, as well as a strong environmental education aspect with public access and interpretive signs.

The RPDG hired Controlled Demolition Inc., to perform the implosion, saving all appropriate property and minimizing any environmental impact according to the state to ensure local and state compliance as well as safety of the community.

Chief Parks, executive vice president of real estate and development for RPDG, said Controlled Demolition places 185 charges over six stories for a total of 1,500 pounds of explosives.

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The boiler units at the former B.L. Engleder Generating Station was partially destroyed during a scheduled implosion April 21 in Upper Township.

He said recently called the company at about 1:30 a.m. Wednesday and a worker responded and apologized for the boiler explosion.

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Cape May regional, Cooper sign merger agreement
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CAPE MAY — City officials OK’d a $10.7 million tax increase in the 2023 municipal budget, which funds what is called the “local purpose tax rate,” as well as an analysis to fund the salary of two new police officers. The city also said it will have an overall small increase each year related to the property tax bill when a major project must be executed.

The $22.7 million spending plan also includes a $1.7 million from the property tax rate.

On April 18, auditing firm of Ford Scott and Associates, said many years had increased in their local purpose tax plan. He said every municipality was seeing larger increases in expenses.

“You happen to have a lot of local revenues, and the biggest one that you have, you have a big increase in the room tax, so that is basically taking care of the increase in that you have,” he said.

Delco said this in the worst year he has seen for municipal tax increases.

“Cape May is zero,” he said.

The city anticipated collecting $13 million but had only $11.7 million from room tax, beach tag and parking control last year, he said.

Mayor Marc Mallack said the city has not had an increase in four years. Former councilman Mallack said the city will not go without property tax, to increase but it was not with a very low tax rate after year. He said a 3-cent property tax increase on an annual or semi-annual basis could cover some infrastructure improvements.

The city has a $427 million budget but has not had any property on staff, which

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