

# Blackwood Farmers Market group hopes to revitalize downtown

By Jessica Ercolino

*Editor*

A group of dedicated Blackwood citizens is hoping to sprout some spirit in the downtown area by way of a few fruits and veggies.

Two years ago, a group of residents attending a Neighborhood Preservation Program meeting began discussing the need to “bring life back into the center of Blackwood,” said Isabelle Miller, one of the market’s managers.

A fellow resident suggested opening a market, and the Blackwood Farmers Market soon became a reality.

This year, the market is open every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. until Oct. 9.

A dozen Blackwood residents work each week to bring fresh fruits, vegetables and other tasty items — honey, jam, salsa and baked goods — to the community.

“Each member takes a turn being the market manager, but most of us are down there every week,” said Miller. “It’s a great way to meet neighbors and make new friends. It’s a really fun day.”

Items on sale at the market come from local merchants, she said.

“We have a nice variety,” said Miller. “It’s

about 10 to 12 great vendors, who are very friendly, who come just about every week.”

Handcrafted items, such as candles and jewelry, are also available, according to the manager.

“We even have one guy who makes his own dog biscuits,” she said.

Yard sale space is available the last Saturday of each month, Miller added.

The market has seen several hundred visi-

tors throughout the course of the summer, according to its managers.

“We’re really pleased with the turnout,” said Miller. “The farmers seem pleased, too; a lot of them have their stands empty at the end of the day.”

The market is an extension of a community rejuvenation effort that also organizes Pumpkin Fest in October and a Christmas parade.

“We want to revitalize it and build it up — like Collingswood,” said Miller. “Our objective is to draw people back into the town and show them that it’s a vital community.”

The farmers market, open rain or shine, is located at 15 S. Blackhorse Pike.

For more information, or to reserve space, contact Gloria at 856-278-4810, or e-mail [farmersmarket@glotwp.com](mailto:farmersmarket@glotwp.com).



**Photos courtesy of John Bennett**

At the Blackwood Farmers Market, organizers dress in costume to draw attention. At left, a young volunteer in an apple suit waves down those passing by. Local produce, such as Jersey peppers and squash (right), is available at the market every Saturday until Oct. 9.

"Second Annual"

# Blackwood Farmer's Market



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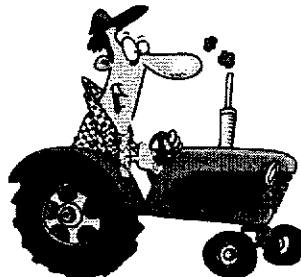
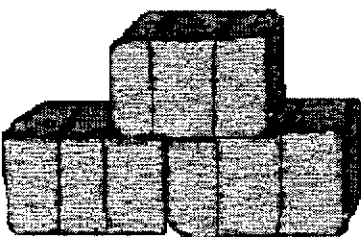
## FRUIT STRIPED POPS

- 2 cups strawberries
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup honey, divided
- 6 kiwifruit, peeled and sliced
- 2 cups peaches peeled and sliced
- 12 paper cups (3oz. size) or popsicle molds
- 12 popsicle sticks

In blender or food processor, puree strawberries with  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup honey. Divide mixture evenly between 12 cups or molds. Freeze until firm, about 30 minutes. Meanwhile, rinse blender; puree kiwifruit with  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup honey. Repeat process with peaches and remaining  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup honey. When strawberry layer is firm, pour kiwifruit puree into molds. Insert a popsicle stick and freeze until firm, about 30 minutes. Pour peach puree into molds and freeze until firm and ready to serve.

Hours 8:30 AM - 1 PM

Location: Blackwood Library Parking Lot  
15 S. Blackhorse Pike



***These items are available every week !***

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Monte Leone Farms

La Baguette Bakery

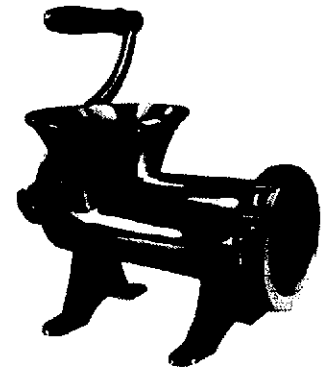
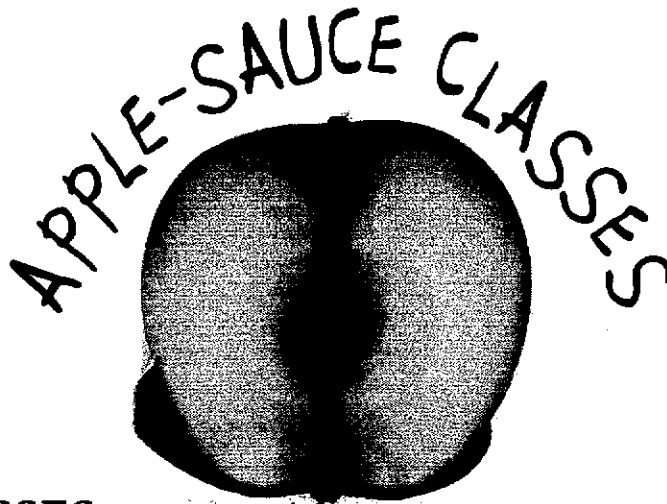
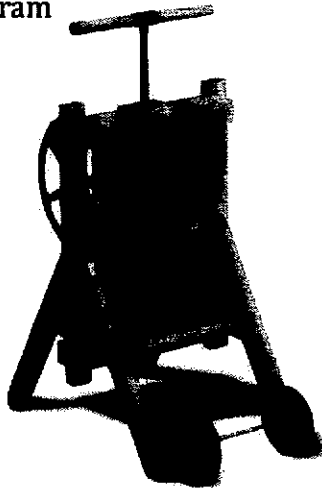
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**Hours 8:30AM - 12 Noon  
Blackwood Library Parking Lot  
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Vendors each  
week.....

**Every Saturday  
Extended by Popular  
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October 24th**



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**Yard Sale Weekends**  
**Aug 28th, Sept 25th**

**Come out and sell your treasures and your junk at our end of the month yard sale spaces only \$ 10. each , please contact the link below to reserve your space.:**

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**or Gloria @ 856-278-4810**

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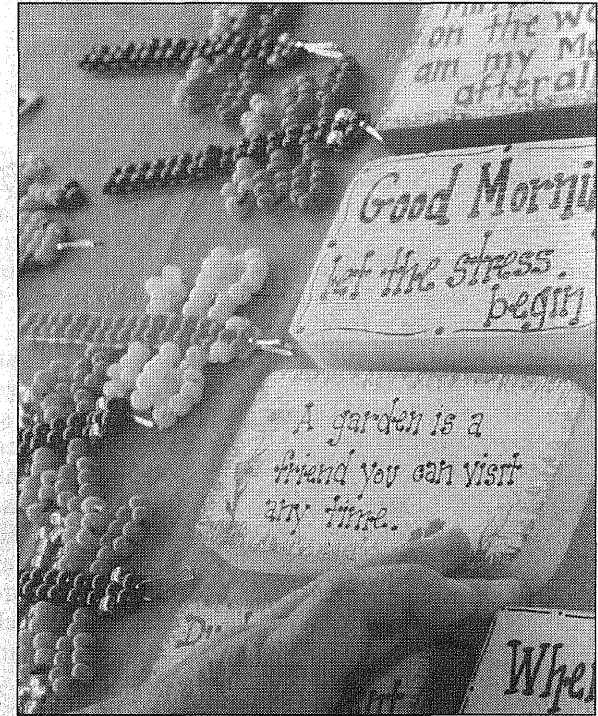
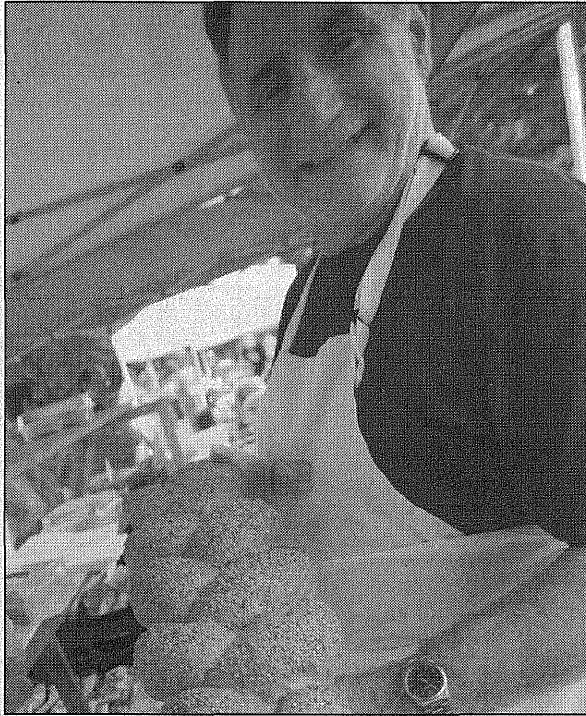


**Farmers Market Open**  
**Every Saturday**  
**Thru October 9th**





## Farmer's market



JOAN CIMINO

Bread, corn and crafts are among some of the attractions at the Blackwood Farmer's Market. Pictured are John Ashwell from La Baguette Bakery, left, and creations from Three Generations Crafters, right.

## WORSHIP

**Bethel Christian Center**  
• 1583 Blackwood-

**Laurel Hill Bible Church**  
• 1260 Blackwood-

and 11 a.m., weekdays  
at 8 a.m.

Bible study, Wednesdays  
at 6:30 p.m.

a.m. and 11 a.m.

**St. John's Episcopal  
Church**

October 1, 2009

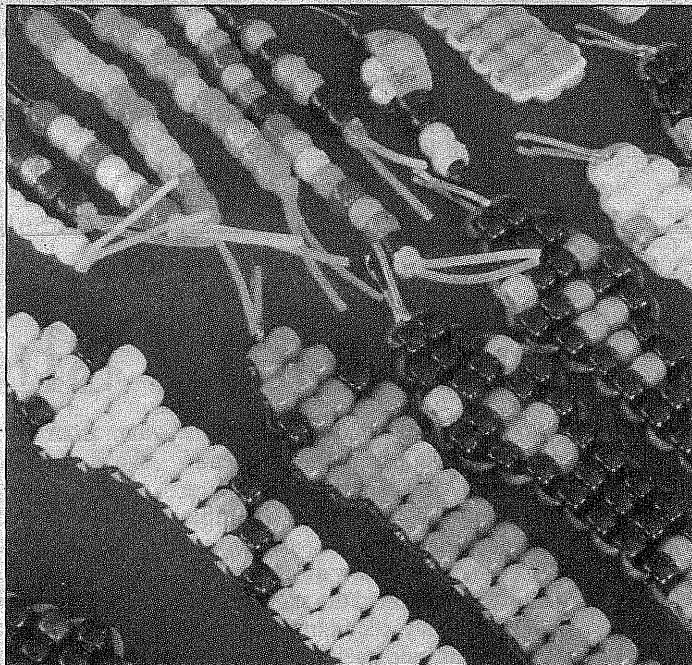
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## Farmer's delights



DREW CICCOTELLI

Honey and jewelry are among the delights to be found at the Blackwood Farmer's Market. Pictured below are Deborah and Angelica Hosmer.





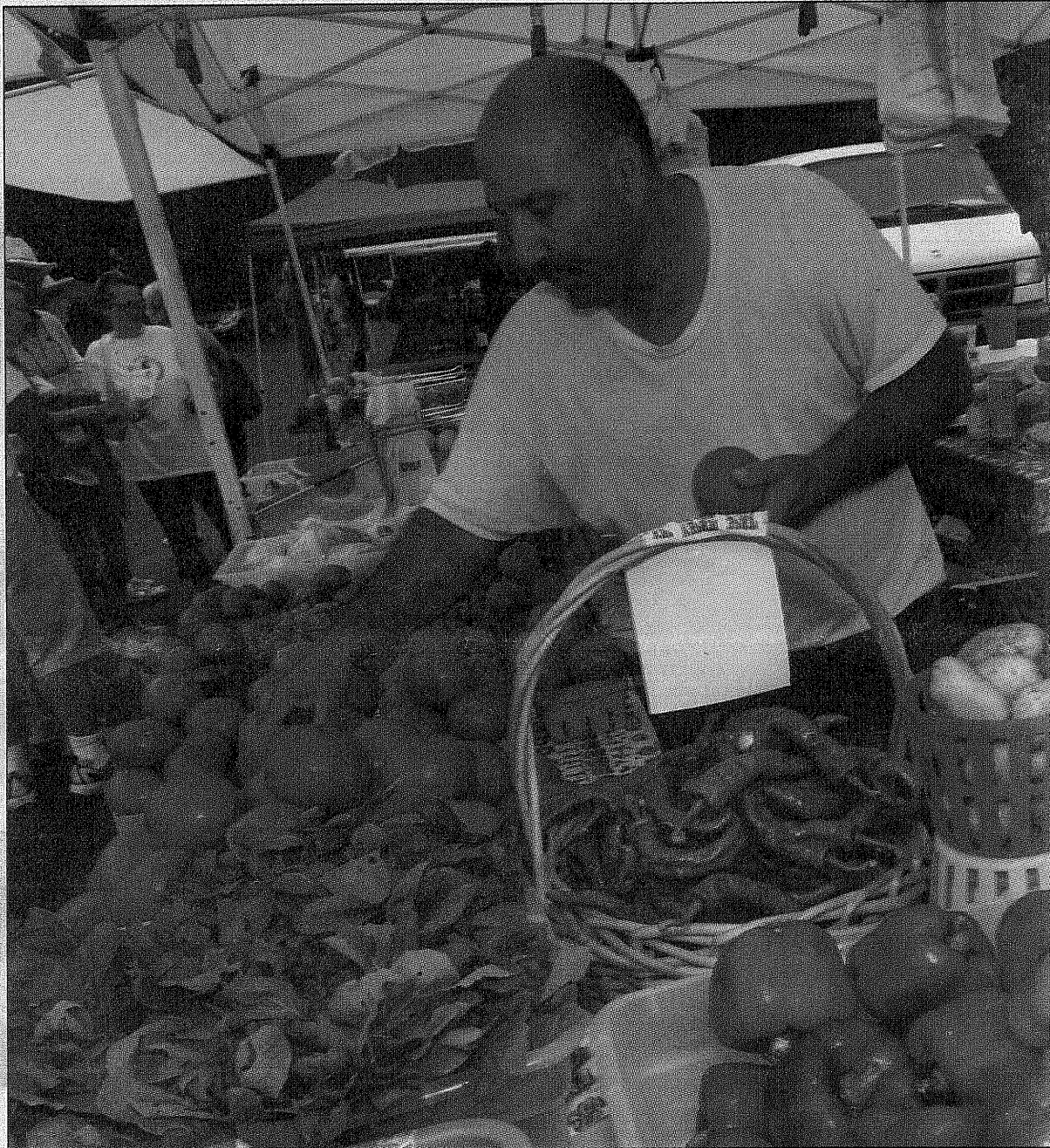
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## Vegging out



Dave Monte Leone of Monte Leone Farms in Vineland arranges produce at the Blackwood Farmer's Market. For more photos, see page 3.

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## Bottle lead t

*Staff Reports*

Gloucester Township Police have arrested men in connection with a bottle bombing that occurred Sept. 6 in a Gloucester Township shopping center.

Arrested were Parker, 19, of Blackwood; Elwood Humphries, 21, of Blackwood; Anthony Giambri, Jr., 19, of Blackwood and Vero Beach, Fla.; Andrew J. Smith, 19, of Laurel Springs, reports the police.

All were charged with possession of a destructive device and possession of a destructive device with intent to use it unlawfully against the property of another. Parker, Giambri and Humphries

## Colleg being

*Staff Reports*

New traffic patterns around the Camden County College campus in Blackwood will affect traffic to and from the school, located at College Drive and Cheeseman Road.

The work to create a new Route 42 interchange in the area has required closure



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### Directions on how to use the calendar:

To read detailed information for an event, please click on the specific event you wish to view in the calendar and a window will pop up, displaying more detailed information.

If you wish to view events occurring in other months, please scroll down the calendar.

Gloucester Township's website uses Google's powerful web application to bring more information to our residents and users.

The Calendar is color-coded into three groups:

**BLUE EVENTS** are US Holidays.

**RED EVENTS** are events held by the Township.

**YELLOW EVENTS** are community events.

### Gloucester Township

[Today](#)

[Saturday, June 18](#)
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8:30am Special Household Waste Collection

8:30am **Blackwood Farmer's Market**

**When** Sat, June 18, 8:30am – 1:00pm

**Where** 15 S. Black Horse Pike in the Blackwood Library parking lot ([map](#))

**Description** The Blackwood Farmer's Market is coming to town! Beginning on June 18th, the farmer's market in downtown Blackwood hosts an abundance of delicious fruits, nutritious vegetables, fresh baked goods and handmade crafts. Between the hours of 8:30 AM and 1:00 PM, the Blackwood Farmer's Market is held every Saturday, rain or shine, until October 8th. You can find the farmer's market treasures in the Blackwood Library parking lot located at 15 S. Black Horse Pike.

[more details»](#) [copy to my calendar](#)

8:30am Camden County Electronic Recycling Collection Event

8:30am Camden County Special Waste Collection Event

**Sunday, June 19**



of [our website](#) about our Sustainable Gloucester Township (SGT) initiative to become a certified [Sustainable Jersey](#) municipality. Check out the pages, take the pledge, or look for events happening related to Sustainable Gloucester Township (Such as our SGT booth on Gloucester Township Day).

You might want to check out our [Green Tips](#) page to find out how you can make small steps to improve your impact on the environment, or perhaps you would rather look for [local](#) shops in order to support our community's businesses.

### Sustainable Gloucester Township Meeting

Sustainable Gloucester Township will be having a meeting on **May 11th, 2011, at 7:00 PM** in the Senior and Community Center Building adjacent to the Municipal Building located at 1261 Chews Landing Road for all to attend. Mayor David Mayer and Councilwoman Michelle Gentek will discuss what Sustainable Gloucester Township is, how we are becoming certified, and how our community members can be a part of our effort.

### Gloucester Township Day

Summer is quickly approaching, and with that, so is Gloucester Township Day! Come to the Sustainable Gloucester Township booth on June 4th, 2011. We will have fun games and information about SGT. Please bring your **lightly used** or **new footwear** as a donation to the Soles 4 Souls charity—keep your shoes out of a landfill and help someone less fortunate. We are also asking that people bring plastic shopping bags to our Sustainable Gloucester Township booth to be recycled.

Please think of our planet and consider walking, biking or carpooling to this event!

habits to change in your life for the good of the environment.

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### Single Stream Recycling

Gloucester Township will be transitioning to "single stream recycling" in the next several months. Single stream recycling will allow for the mixing of paper products with your plastic, metal and glass recyclables. When it is implemented, your paper recyclables will no longer need to be sorted.

### New Way to Pay Taxes

Gloucester Township is proud to introduce a new way to pay your taxes. Save gas money and time (and reduce your carbon dioxide, emissions!). For a small fee of \$1.05, you can now pay online with an e-check. To use this feature just find your tax record [here](#) and make your payment on that page. If you choose to pay with a credit card, there is a fee of 2.95% that will be charged at the time of payment.