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Crest Arts Pavilion to host free presentation on Cape May County's role in the American Revolution Feb. 18

WILDWOOD CREST – The Borough of Wildwood Crest will host a free presentation on Cape May County and the American Revolution on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 1:30 p.m. at the Crest Arts Pavilion, located at 6301 Ocean Avenue. The event is open to the public and no registration is necessary.

The presentation will be hosted by Cape May County Clerk Rita Rothberg. This educational and informative event is being held as a prelude to the 250th anniversary of our independence from Great Britain in 2026.

Researched from public records, Rothberg's presentation will focus on what life was like in 18th century Cape May County as its residents joined the fight for independence against Britain's tyranny. The presentation will answer the following:

- *Why did the French and Indian War start a chain of events in the original 13 colonies which resulted in the American Revolution for Independence?
- *Who was John Hatton and why was he the face of British Tyranny in Cape May County?
- *What impact did locals Josh Spicer and Aaron Leaming have on New Jersey colonial politics?
- *Why did Cape May County pilots and privateers have an advantage over the British?

Light refreshments will be served. Attendees are asked to arrive at least five minutes prior to the start of the presentation.

For further information about the event, contact the Crest Arts Pavilion at 609-522-0221.

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