

Longtime Hudson companies worker retires after 53 years

In an age when the concept of retirement after 20 years is the norm, and changing occupations every few years is viewed as acceptable, Bill Hopkins of Harbeson is an exception. Hopkins is celebrating his retirement from the Hudson family of companies after working for them for the past 53 years.

Hopkins started working for Joe Hudson in the commercial farming operation in 1959. Hopkins' father had worked for Hudson, and when the business started to expand, Hudson hired the son to help out with work on the farm. Hopkins helped manage the farming operation, planting, harvesting and maintaining the

equipment. Through the decades and transitions into crop dusting, mobile home parks and later land development, Hopkins remained a loyal and trusted member of the team.

Hopkins' wisdom and experience, as well as his good humor and positive outlook, will be greatly missed by everyone at the Hudson family of companies. Speaking at Hopkins' retirement

celebration, Joe Hudson said, "You know, in all of these years Bill and I have never, ever, had a serious disagreement, let alone an argument about anything." **Continued on page 58**

Pirecki joins Coldwell Banker in Rehoboth

Coldwell Banker Resort Realty, Rehoboth Beach, has announced the recent addition of Mary Pirecki to the firm. Relocating from Jackson, N.J., in Ocean County, Pirecki possesses a comprehensive knowledge of coastal living, the lifestyle and all the joy that comes from living at the beach.

Prior to obtaining her real estate license, Pirecki's work experience included 20 years in insurance sales. She currently holds a Delaware producers license in property, casualty, health and life.

She also worked as a social case worker for Jackson Twp., N.J.

"I am excited to join the team of Coldwell Banker Resort Realty. I love living in Delaware and want to help others discover what a great area this is to live," said Pirecki.

"I am very pleased that Mary made the choice to join Coldwell Banker Resort Realty and our team of highly trained professionals. I know her background in customer relations will prove invaluable to our clients and customers," said Bruce Plummer, broker and chief operating officer.

Pirecki may be reached by calling 302-227-5000 or in person at Coldwell Banker Resort Realty, 20184 Coastal Highway, Rehoboth Beach.



Mary Pirecki

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LORENZO'S BAIL BONDS CUTS RIBBON IN GEORGETOWN



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LORENZO'S BAIL BONDS, located at 9 East Market St. in Georgetown, cut the ribbon Aug. 2 in a ceremony sponsored by the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce. Owner Lorenzo West has been in the bail bonds business since 1999 and opened his new establishment in December 2011. At the ribbon cutting, West thanked several members in the Sussex County court system for their assistance, including Tim Willard, lawyer, Myrtle Thomas, Superior Court head administrator; Wanda Smith, Court of Common Pleas head administrator; and Barbara Burke, longtime friend. Lorenzo's can be contacted at www.lorenzobb.com or 302-542-1418, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Shown at the ribbon cutting in back are (l-r) Randall Cash, Automated Copy; Tim Willard, Rebecca Barker, Edward Barker, and Corel Stallings, Lorenzo's Bail Bonds; Stephen Hartstein, councilman, Town of Georgetown; Joe Booth, state senator; Richard Lyle, Lorenzo's Bail Bonds; Ray Hopkins, chamber president, and Sam Wilson, Sussex County councilman. In front are Barbara Barker and Carol Warrington, Lorenzo's Bail Bonds; Linda Price, Fulton Bank; Karen Duffield, chamber executive director; Shannon Carmean Burton, Sergovic, Carmean & Weidman; Linda Dennis, councilwoman, Town of Georgetown; Bill West, councilman, Town of Georgetown; Helen Kruger, chamber membership chair; Mike Wyatt, mayor, Town of Georgetown; Lorenzo West, owner; Daisey Wright, Lorenzo's Bail Bonds; Scott Rukowicz, Bank of Delmarva; Jan Ezell, County Bank; Joan Deaver, Sussex County councilwoman; and Donna Koskey, Chardon Jewelers.

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Hocker's Super Center honored by DoD with ESGR's Patriot Award

Delaware Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve volunteer Becky Wingate honored Gerald Hocker and Ron Holloway of Hocker's Super Center in Clarksville in recognition of their extraordinary support of employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve.

The recipient was nominated by employee PFC Matthew Skidmore, who serves in the Delaware Army National Guard 153rd MP Company. Skidmore stated in the nomination that his employer is highly supportive of his service in the armed forces.

Christine Kubik, Delaware ESGR employer support specialist, said, "The ESGR Patriot Award was created to publicly recognize individuals who provide outstanding patriotic support and cooperation to their employees, who like the citizen warriors before them, have answered their nation's call to serve."

"Supportive supervisors are critical to maintaining the strength and readiness of our nation's Guard and Reserve units. Employers are nominated by their military employees."

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve is a Depart-



DISPLAYING PATRIOT AWARD certificates for Hocker's Super Center are (l-r) Ron Holloway, Gerald Hocker and Emily Hocker.

ment of Defense agency with a mission to gain and maintain employer support for Guard and Reserve service. ESGR provides free education and consultation on Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights

Act law, and if necessary, mediation for civilian employers of Guard and Reserve employees.

For more information on employer resources, contact Kubik at 302-326-7582 or christine.kubik@us.army.mil.



THE SPOSATO TEAM gathers for the Remembrance & Renewal Project at Arlington National Cemetery. In back (l-r) are Tim McMahon, Mark Paine, Tony Sposato, Rachel Long, Antonio Murray, Kevin Hart and Mike Walls. Seated in front is Freddy Sposato.

Sposato Landscape Co. takes 12th trip to Arlington National Cemetery

Sposato Landscape Co. Inc. participated in Renewal & Remembrance at Arlington National Cemetery July 9 for the 12th consecutive year. The event, sponsored by Professional Landcare Network, is in its 16th year.

Hundreds of landscape and lawn care professionals from across the nation bring their crews to Arlington National Cemetery to spend the day liming more than 200 acres and performing various other landscaping and irrigation tasks.

Equipped with a team of nine employees, two trucks and trailers, two tractors, three ride-on spreaders and four push spreaders, Sposato personnel joined

others to help beautify one of the nation's most treasured landmarks. Last year, 120 tons of lime were applied to 271 acres, and 30 acres of turf were aerated.

Since its inception, Renewal & Remembrance has contributed more than \$2 million to maintain the final resting place for this nation's heroes.

Sposato Landscape Co. Inc. is a Milton-based company with additional offices in Ocean View and Cambridge, Md. It is a family-owned, full-service company providing both residential and commercial services. For more information go to www.sposatolandscape.com.



JOE HUDSON, left, joins longtime employee Bill Hopkins for a photo at the Hudson Management sign on Coastal Highway in Milton announcing Hopkins' retirement.

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Some nights we worked in the fields until 2 or 3 in the morning trying to harvest vegetables so we could get to the canning factories at 5 or 6 when they opened. Throughout all that

time, I don't think I heard Bill ever complain."

The entire Hudson family extends its best wishes to Bill and his family for a relaxing and enjoyable retirement for Bill and his wife, Thelma, along with blessings and thanks for the legacy of his example of hard, honest work, prudent living and true friendship.

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