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Bridgewater therapist accused of false billing

East Brunswick school district latest to file against professional

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EAST BRUNSWICK - The township school district has sued a Bridgewater woman who owns a pediatric therapy company for allegedly overbilling the district more than \$200,000.

Rebecca Dean, of Bridgewater's Martinsville sec-tion, is already facing second-degree theft by decep-tion and money laundering charges for allegedly sub-mitting more than \$75,000 in fake invoices to the Bdi-son school district for services that were never provid-

ed.

Dean is tentatively scheduled to go to trial on those charges June 15 in Superior Court in Middlesex Coun-

Dean served as the president of Tiny Tots Therapy, now known as United Therapy Solutions, based in

Fanwood.

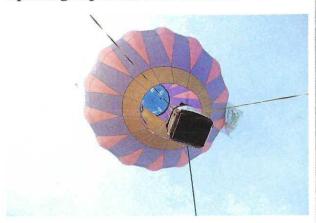
According to the lawsuit filed in Superior Court on April 26, in 2008 Dean signed a contract to provide therapy services for East Brunswick students.

For 10 years, until June 15, 2018, Dean submitted monthly invoices to the school district, which were all paid, the lawsuit says.

But in January 2018, Dean became a target of a Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office investigation which

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Uplifting experience for frontline workers



TOP: First responders and teachers were treated to a tethered balloon ride at Solberg Airport on Tuesday, RIGHT: Howard Freeman, executive producer of the New Jersey Lottery Festival of Ballooning, thanks frontline workers in Readington. More than dozen local firefighters, first responders and educators from the Whitehouse Rescue Squad, the Readington Volunteer Fire Company and Three Bridges School were recognized by the festival, the largest summertime hot air balloon and music event in North America.



Somerville wants public input regarding marijuana sales

SOMERVILLE - The borough is taking its time to decide whether to allow marijuana shops in town and where they would be located.

The Borough Council will hold a special meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday to discuss what options the county seat has for marijuana sales.

Unlike neighboring towns, Somerville is "taking our time" to pass a marijuana ordinance, Mayor Dennis Sullivan said at Monday's borough council meetine.

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More than 70% of borough voters approved the referendum on November's ballot calling for the legalization.

"Motors been bearing our voters" Sullivan said.

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"We've been hearing our voters," Sullivan said.
New Jersey municipalities have until Aug. 21 to
adopt zoning ordinances either to prohibit marijuana
sales or to allow the sales in certain neighborhoods.

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Stop the spread

- Get vaccinated when eligible
 Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others
 Avoid close contact with others
 Wash your hands often
 Cover county and covers

- Cover coughs and sneezes Monitor your health daily

State grants for \$8.5M will upgrade 10 bridges in Central Jersey

TRENTON – The state Department of Transporta-tion has awarded \$8.5 million in grants to improve 10 bridges throughout Central Jersey. Somerset County received \$2.77 million to upgrade

three bridges, Only four of New Jersey's 21 counties received more money.

Union get \$1.94 million for four projects, Hunterdon received \$1.85 million for two projects and Middlesses as warded \$1.97 million for one project.

The bridges targeted for improvements are:
Somerset Country: Tillo Road bridge over the West Branch of Middle Brook in Bridgewater (\$500,000); Marchang Avenue bridge in Plainfield

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COVID-19: U.S. may be near vaccine tipping point to contain virus, 3A

New era for Patriots begins

The Somerset Patriots play their first game as a Yankees affiliate. Game report at MyCentralJersey.com.

High 70° | Low 47°

