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(above) Millington Firefighter Edwin F. Gerecht Junior at last year's Food Truck Festival having to be taken for treatment to the First Aid Squad by fellow firefighters (left to right) Declan Rae, Chris Debiasse and Anthony Debiasse suffering from one of the worst cases of sensory overload recorded in the Township.

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Everyone is invited to join Millington Volunteer Fire Company in this annual fundraiser beginning at 11 a.m. There will be entertainment to keep the children happy and games of chance for those adults who like to test their skill and luck. It is a unique opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends, catch up with neighbors after the long summer break, and meet new people. We look forward to seeing you.

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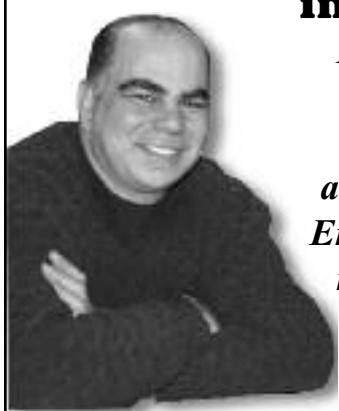
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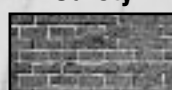
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(above) Amy Siegel Loxley, World Champion Irish Dancer and former cast member of "Riverdance the Show" and "Riverdance on Broadway," with champion student and assistant teacher, Sarah Oldam who is currently touring with "Riverdance"

Irish dancing comes to Green Brook this fall, when Heritage Irish Dance Company opens its doors to dancers of all levels at its new studio located in Sansone Plaza, 319 Rt. 22 East, Green Brook.

The school will offer several free classes including a demonstration of hard and soft-shoe dancing, a trial class for prospective new students and a discussion with parents on September 6th, 7th and 8th at 6 pm. Classes are open to boys and girls ages 2.5 to 18.

Classes will be taught by Amy Siegel Loxley of Bridgewater, formerly of Warren, World Champion Irish Dancer and former cast member of "Riverdance the Show" and "Riverdance on Broadway," and her team of licensed Irish dance teachers. Ms. Siegel Loxley, one the few American women to have won the World Championships of Irish Dance, has performed in countless cities across the United States and Canada. She studied Irish dance under the tutelage of Peter Smith for 18 years before passing her Irish Dance Teacher's and Adjudicator's Exams in 2001 and 2009 respectively.

Heritage Irish Dance Company dancers have performed at Radio City Music Hall, Carnegie Hall, The New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark, Rutgers Athletic Center, The Prudential

Center, Madison Square Garden and at countless local venues.

After winning the All-Ireland and North American Championships, Heritage Irish Dance Company alumna and assistant teacher, Sarah Oldam, is currently touring with "Riverdance." Each year Heritage Irish Dance Company sends between 15 and 20 dancers to Ireland or Scotland to compete in the World Championships of Irish Dance.

Irish dance is a cultural art form made popular by such long-running shows as "Riverdance" and "Lord of the Dance." As well as being enjoyable, Irish dancing is a way for young people to make friends, keep fit and learn about Irish culture. "Organized physical activity has been shown to be an important part of every child's social, intellectual and physical development," said instructor Loxley. "Boys and girls who take Irish dance learn valuable skills such as team work, goal setting and discipline that will follow them well into adulthood. It has been a lifelong dream of mine to open an Irish dance studio and I look forward to many years of teaching future generations of 'Riverdancers!'"

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(above) Students performing at the Somerville St. Patrick's Day Parade.

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Although not as numerous or grand as their European counterparts, a surprisingly large number of castles were built in New Jersey a century or more ago. This program will take you on a tour of well-known castles such as Lambert and Kip's castles as well as lesser known ones throughout the state. Many of them still exist, some have been disguised over the years, and others have vanished.

Phil Jaeger, a resident of Cedar Grove, is a former mathematics and computer science teacher. He is the author of books on Montclair and Cedar Grove, both in Arcadia's Images of America series. Phil is a former board member of the Canal Society of New Jersey and the Passaic County Historical Society. He and his wife Jean are frequent presenters of programs of local historical interest. This program is funded by the Horizons Speakers Bureau of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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The cost per two-person team will be \$80 and include tournament entry, a beer, a burger and a bag of chips. General admission to the music festival will be \$5 per adult and free for those under 17, veterans and military personnel. Bone Daddy, 94 Proof, Animal Masks and Anthem are scheduled to perform.

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(above) The Raptor Trust's longtime falcon resident, Georgette.

RAPTOR TRUST SEPTEMBER EVENTS

The Raptor Trust, located in Millington, NJ, would like to announce two upcoming public events in September. This non-profit wild bird rehabilitation center has a mission to provide care to injured, sick, and orphaned wild birds and to educate the public about these birds, especially birds of prey. Their location includes an avian medical infirmary, education building, a gift shop, and exterior cages and aviaries. The Trust gets about 6,000 birds brought to them per year. Thousands of these birds are able to receive medical attention, be rehabilitated and released back into the wild.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND, 11:00 A.M. AND 1:00 P.M.

RAPTOR TRUST "TOUR TALKS"
\$10 ADULTS & CHILDREN 12 & UP
/ \$5.00 CHILDREN 12 & UNDER

Take a guided tour of our outdoor display aviaries with one of our educators. Visit with our resident hawks, eagles, falcons, owls and vultures and learn about some of their fascinating stories as well as the mission of The Raptor Trust. Meet one of our education raptors up close.

Please park in the visitor's lot, check in at the Gift Shop and meet one of our resident education raptors before the tour. To register, visit www.TheRaptorTrust.org



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 6:00 P.M.

"NATURE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD"

– THE BIRDS ALL AROUND US" WITH IVAN KOSSAK

Join us for an evening lecture with long-time TRT friend and volunteer, Ivan Kossak. Ivan is an expert birder and has birded in over 30 states and in Canada. He leads bird walks in his native and beloved New Jersey. Ivan has been a member of the Hackensack Riverkeeper for over 15 years and currently serves as President of the Board of Trustees there.

This program will reveal the magic that allows all birders – from beginner to advanced – to identify birds in the field. Learn who is living in your backyard and living in your trees! The program focuses on the physical attributes of NJ's wild birds (plumage, size, shape), as well as behavior, range, habitat preferences, and vocalizations.

Come early to the Trust and enjoy a self-guided twilight tour of the aviaries prior to the talk. Light refreshments will be served.

FREE

REGISTRATION REQUIRED AT THERAPTORTRUST.ORG

The Raptor Trust is located at 1452 White Bridge Road in Millington, New Jersey and is open to the public 7 days a week to visitors who can come see and learn about some of the facility's avian residents such as hawks, eagles, falcons, and owls. They also offer outreach educational programs for children and adults by appointment. The organization runs on donations in order to provide its services year round, every day of the year. Visit their website at www.theraptortrust.org to find out more about their organizations, visiting and program schedules, or to donate.

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Carole King Tribute Band: Tapestry

Saturday, Sept 9 @ 1pm

Carole King's 1971 album, Tapestry, has won multiple awards, and is one of the best-selling albums of all time, with over 25 million copies sold worldwide.

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The Carole King Tapestry Tribute features Gerard and Diane Barros, a unique husband and wife keyboard and guitar duo who specialize in 2-part harmonies. They'll cover many of Carole's great solo hits as well as the classics she wrote for artists such as the Drifters, Shirelles, Chiffons, Beatles, James Taylor, and more!

Book Club

Monday, Sept 11 at 7pm

Commonwealth by Ann Patchett.

Copies available at the Front Desk. Read the story of how an unexpected romantic encounter irrevocably changes 2 families' lives.

One Sunday afternoon, Bert Cousins shows up at Franny Keating's christening party uninvited. Before evening falls, he's kissed Franny's mother, Beverly—setting in motion the dissolution of their marriages & the joining of 2 families. Spanning 5 decades, Commonwealth explores how this chance encounter reverberates through the lives of the parents & children involved. Spending summers

together in Virginia, the children forge a lasting bond that is based on a shared disillusionment with their parents & the strange & genuine affection that grows up between them. When their childhood becomes the basis for a wildly successful book, they are forced to come to terms with their losses, their guilt & connection they feel for one another. Commonwealth is a tender tale of the far-reaching ties of love & responsibility that bind us together.

Speaking From Spirit: Mediumship & Book Signing

Sunday, Sept 17 at 2pm

Trained at Arthur Findlay College in England, RoseMarie Rubinetti Cappiello is a gifted Medium/Intuitive/Healer who has worked professionally since 2000.

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Rave On!

Sun, Oct 8 @ 2pm

"Rave On" features the music of Roy Orbison and Buddy Holly. It's the music that influenced & inspired countless other artists including The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan and Bruce Springsteen. Rave On! will play hits such as "Crying," "That'll Be The Day," "Peggy Sue," "Not Fade Away," "Oh Boy," "It's So Easy" and "Rave On!," along with other classic early rock & roll songs.

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CLASSICAL PIANIST OLGA GUREVICH TO PERFORM A FREE CONCERT

On September 10, 2017, at 2:00 p.m., the First Presbyterian Church of Stirling will present classical pianist Olga Gurevich. This will be Ms Gurevich's first solo appearance in Stirling.



(above) Classical pianist Olga Gurevich will perform a free concert on September 10, at 2:00 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church of Stirling.

Ms. Gurevich is enjoying her career as a concert pianist, chamber musician, and a piano teacher. Her concert appearances include Carnegie Hall Weill Recital Hall, 92nd Street Y in NYC, Smirna Opera Theatre in Delaware, Westport Concert Series in Connecticut, Scuola Civica in Cagliari, Italy, and many others. Her performances were broadcasted by National Television in Azerbaijan, First TV Channel in Russia and RAI Tre in Italy. She collaborated with Manhattan Symphonie, Richmond County orchestra, New York Session Symphony orchestra, Riverside Opera Company, New Opera Company, and performed as a member of numerous chamber music ensembles. She has been a pianist in residence for Silver Bay String Quartet since 2015. Olga's solo piano recordings of Chopin's music as part of the Musopen project can be found at musopen.org/music/performer/olga-gurevich.

Mrs. Gurevich appeared with her solo piano recital at Saugertis Pro Musica concert series in May of 2017, and performed with Silver Bay Quartet at Silver Bay Festival and at Marcella Sembrich Museum Concert series in July of 2017. Her plans for this year also include a few concerts in collaboration with a composer and a soprano Alla Borzova.

Olga Gurevich earned her Master's degree in Piano Performance and Piano Pedagogy at

Gnesin Academy of Music, and then finished her post-graduate studies at Maimonides State Academy in Moscow, Russia. Olga is a winner of international piano competitions both in solo and piano four-hands divisions (XIII Piano International competition in Salerno, Italy, and Ragusa Ibla Foundation International Piano competition in Ragusa, Italy).

In addition to her active performing career, Olga is a devoted educator. She has been teaching piano for more than two decades. Olga has her private piano practice in New York City, and her students regularly perform at the Steinway Hall. She is a musical director at "Hands ON!" studio in Manhattan, teaching music appreciation to very young children, writing curriculum and training new teachers.

Ms. Gurevich's program will include selections from Scarlatti, Chopin, Debussy, and Robert Schumann.

For more information, go to www.fpcstirling.org to view Ms. Gurevich's program or call the First Presbyterian Church of Stirling at (908) 647 - 1033.

This will be the first concert in the Church's concert series for the 2017 – 2018 season. Admission, as always, is free. A short reception will follow the concert at which attendees may meet the performers. Refreshments will be served.

ANNUAL "BARK-A-QUE" & DOG ADOPTION EVENT SEPT. 9

Meisel Park will 'go to the dogs' this year as Berkeley Heights-based Home for Good Dog Rescue brings its Seventh Annual "Bark-a-Que" & Dog Adoption Event to Springfield, NJ for the first time on Sept. 9.



(above) Long-time Home for Good foster Simonti Choudhuri of Berkeley Heights, NJ, pictured with a puppy adopted at last year's "Bark-a-Que" has welcomed over 300 dogs into her home through Home for Good's foster program.

Photo by Gail Ryan

From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the pet-friendly event, which attracts up to 3,000 attendees each year, will feature rescue dog adoptions, food and merchandise vendors, family activities, professional photos, canine contests—including the annual 'Mr. and Mrs. Bark-a-Que' Costume Contest—and on-site prizes and giveaways.

"We're so thrilled to welcome our community to join us for a day of food and fun as we celebrate the more than 5,300 dogs we have rescued since our inception," Richard Errico, Home for Good's co-founder and treasurer, said. "We hope to see so many new faces in 2017 at our exciting new venue in Springfield."

In addition to welcoming the general public and all of Home for Good's adoptive families, "Bark-a-Que" hosts the rescue's largest adoption event of the year. In 2016, the festivities placed nearly 30 dogs with loving permanent households.

Photo by Jessica Biamonte



(above) "Bark-a-Que" is a pet-friendly event attracting hundreds of dog owners each year.

"We are committed to rescuing dogs from high-kill shelters throughout South Carolina and Georgia, nurturing them at our rescue facility in Aiken, SC, and transporting them northward to New Jersey for adoption," Errico explained.

As a 100-percent foster-based organization, Home for Good then places each animal with a volunteer family rather than in a kennel or shelter until adoption into a loving, permanent home.

"Seeing our dogs go to good families makes all the hard work worth it," long-time volunteer Anna Newmark of Warren, NJ said. "But even if you're not ready to adopt right now, 'Bark-a-Que' is definitely a great time for adults and kids of all ages. It's just a fun day for any pet lover!"

This year, Home for Good Dog Rescue is encouraging attendees to register early as "Bark-a-Que VIPs" by visiting www.HomeforGoodDogs.org. For a suggested donation to the organization's rescue mission, families can avoid the line at the park entrance on Sept. 9.

Home for Good Dog Rescue is a 100% foster-based, non-profit 501(c)(3) dog rescue established in 2010 in Summit, NJ with offices in Berkeley Heights, NJ. We rescue homeless dogs from high-kill shelters in the South, which are overflowing with unwanted dogs on the brink of being euthanized. We socialize, care for, and provide them life-saving medical care at our property in Aiken, SC, transport them to our rescue in New Jersey, and nurture them in our network of foster families while they await adoption into loving homes – giving them a second chance at life.



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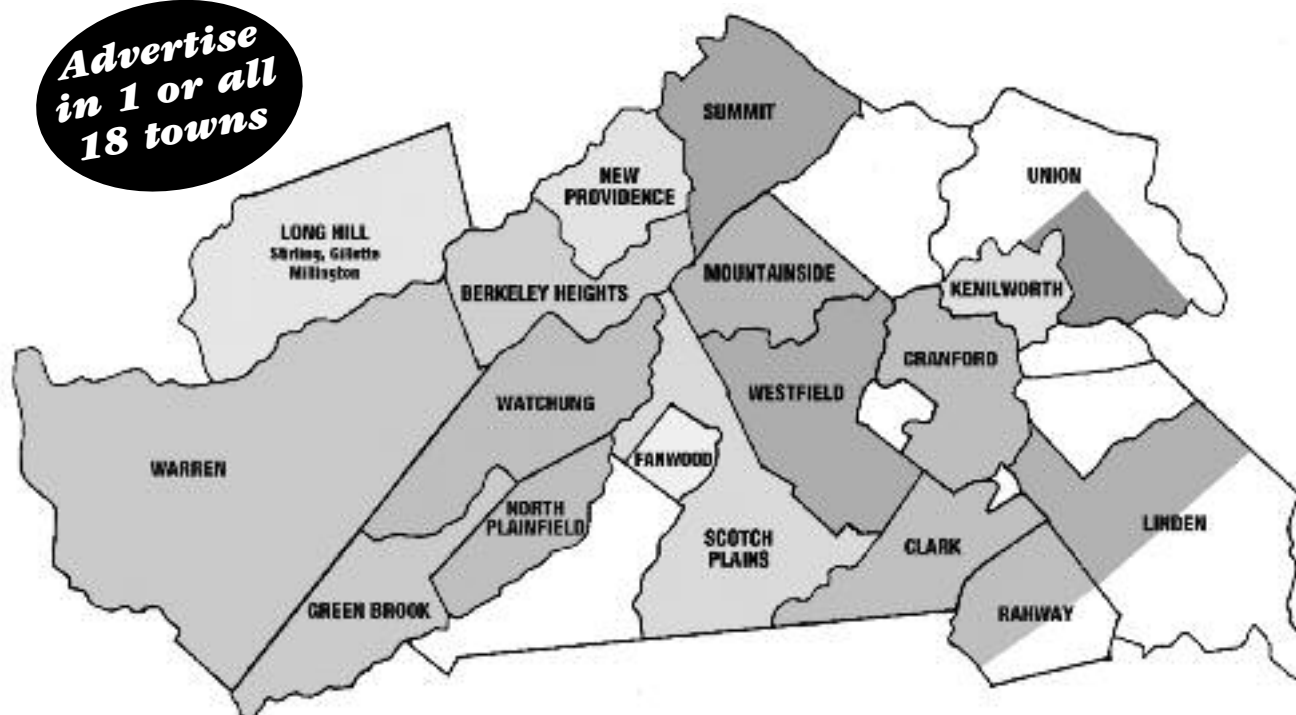
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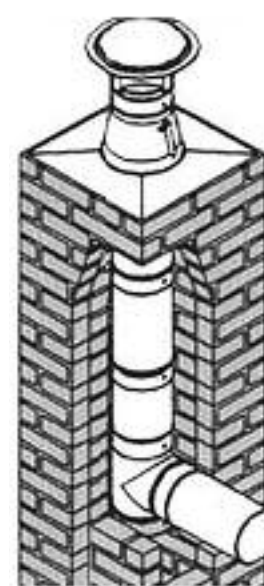
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