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## TOUCH-A-TRUCK IS ROLLING INTO MADISON ON JULY 28TH

Thinking ahead for something to beat the summer doldrums? Put Touch-a-Truck, a family-friendly fundraising event for the library, on your calendar for Saturday, July 28, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is a chance for children of all ages to put their imaginations into "high gear" when they climb aboard, beep the horns, flash lights, and sound sirens as they sit in the driver's seat of their favorite trucks. The amazing lineup includes many types of vehicles, such as emergency, utility, and construction trucks.

Ticket flyers for completion are available at any circulation desk at the library or on the Friends' website: [friendsmadisonnjlibrary.org](http://friendsmadisonnjlibrary.org). Admission for toddlers and children up to age 12 will be \$8 for advance purchases postmarked by Friday, July 21, and \$10 on the day of the event. The cost for teens and adults is \$5. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Proceeds benefit the local library.

Emergency vehicles will stretch down along Keep Street across from the Madison Public Library and a variety of large trucks will fill the Madison Area YMCA parking lot. The event offers low cost, fun-filled entertainment for families. Sponsored by the Friends of the Madison Public Library in cooperation with the Madison YMCA and the Rotary Club of Madison, Touch-a-Truck will take place rain or shine.

Returning this year to enchant youngsters with his magic show will be the popular magician Simon Mandal. There will

be four 20-minute Simon Magic Shows held at 11:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:00 noon and 12:30 p.m.

Another highlight of the event will feature Lionel "O gauge" trains running in an authentic 1928 baggage rail car. A working Morris & Essex diesel locomotive, a 1928 safety training rail car, and new and antique Madison Central Railroad memorabilia complete a display that will delight both children and adults who are kids at heart.

Touch-a-Truck will keep families happily entertained with many additional activities, including free face painting, balloon artists capable of creating any balloon idea your child can imagine, temporary tattoos and refreshments for purchase.

Support for the event is available through sponsor opportunities. Sponsorship forms are also at the library, on the Friends' website, or can be made by a check made payable to the Friends of the Madison Public Library and mailed to 39 Keep Street, Madison, NJ 07940. Questions can be addressed at [friendsmadisonnjlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsmadisonnjlibrary@gmail.com).

This fundraiser will benefit special library offerings, particularly programs for children and teens, and expand book and media collections that are beyond the reach of the library's budget. Music, movies, poetry, team competition and workshops are also popular library-sponsored family events.

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(above) The Touch-a-Truck event allows children and families to get up close to a wide variety of trucks. The event will take place on July 28th.

Photo by Sylvia Luber.

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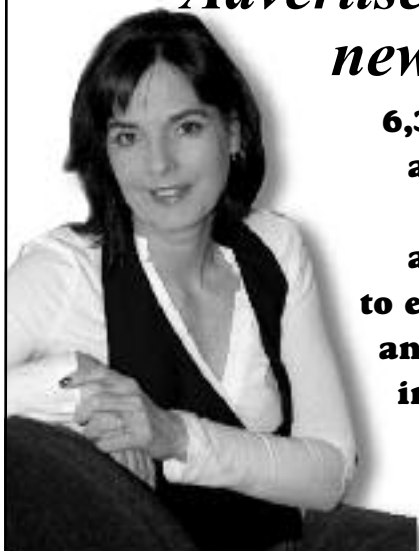
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## VERNA GILLEY RECOGNIZED FOR 70 YEARS WITH AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT #43

*Submitted by Maryann Doherty*

Four members of Madison-Florham Park American Legion Auxiliary Unit # 43 traveled to Hackettstown on Saturday, April 21, 2018 to present Past Unit President Verna Gilley with a certificate for 70 years of continuous membership in the Auxiliary. Several of Verna's family attended including her son and daughter-in-law from North Carolina, several grand-daughters, and her daughter Kathy Roman who helped with the arrangements at the assisted living facility where Verna now resides.

The program included presentation of the framed certificate by President Doris Sallie and

a framed picture from the Madison Eagle of Verna with her officers at Installation in 1957 presented by Secretary Maryann Doherty. Americanism Chairman Barbara Webster presented Verna and Kathy each with an "America Pure Gold" lapel pin which was the pin given at the 2002 National Convention at which Elsie Bailey of New Jersey was installed as National President. The program concluded with the group singing along with Pat Boone to a recording of "God Bless America." Unit Children and Youth Chairman Kathy Murphy took pictures of the affair.

*Photo by Kathy Murphy.*



*(above) Maryann Doherty, Unit #43 Secretary; granddaughters Laura Meininger and Samantha Roman; Verna Gilley with her certificate recognizing 70 years of continuous membership in Unit #43; daughter Kathy Roman; son, David Gilley; Unit President Doris Sallie who made the presentation; Barbara Webster, Unit Americanism Chairman and daughter-in-law Kathy Gilley.*

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## WE WEREN'T BAD KIDS, WE WERE SAD KIDS: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT IMAGINE SHARES HER STORY

By Mary Robinson, MA, CT

When I was 14 my father died of cancer, reticulum cell sarcoma, still one of the most deadly and difficult cancer to treat. It was 1974 and I was a freshman at Madison High School, my brother Jim was a sophomore. I remember it like it was yesterday and still dream of my dad, and still miss him. The death of a parent changes a child's life forever, as it did mine.

When my father was first diagnosed I was in eighth grade and that's when I first started skipping school. Though not a very helpful way to cope with my distress, it was also not unusual, as grief starts the moment of diagnosis; someone doesn't have to die for us to grieve. And that was certainly true of me and my family.

After our dad died my brother and I acted out in ways typical of grieving children, we were textbook examples of grieving children in fact, but at that time it wasn't understood that children grieve too, not just adults. The adults in our lives saw our changed behavior but didn't know what to do or say, or even to equate it with our dad's death and changed home life.

My mom was extraordinarily resilient all through my dad's illness and after he died. She went from being a stay-at-home mom to being a realtor, seemingly working 24/7 to pay the bills and keep us in our home. She is definitely my hero for how she worked so hard on our behalf, sending me to college and making the life I live today possible. But not all kids are so lucky. Often after a death there is great financial stress along with many secondary losses like having to move to a new neighborhood or even a new town, so a child loses friends, a sense of safety and familiarity and connections to the very people that could have been supportive.

I've now been working and volunteering in the field of children's grief support since 1997, working to ensure other children and teens don't lose years of their lives to unresolved grief like my brother and I did. The death of a parent is a trauma for a child but it doesn't have to leave them traumatized, if they get support. As the

founder of two children's grief support centers and currently as Executive Director of Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss in Mountainside, my commitment is to ensure grieving children develop healthy coping skills, grow in their resiliency, emotional health and well-being, and to create communities where children coping with loss get the love and support they need to thrive and live up to their unique potential.

Dr. Gerald Glasser of Westfield was the catalyst for the start of Imagine. He wanted to insure that no child should ever have to grieve alone. He invited me to come to Westfield and open a grief support center providing an initial grant for startup funding through The Glasser Foundation, a philanthropic organization set up in memory of Dr. Glasser's son, Thomas Glasser, who was a victim of the 9/11 attack and who left behind two young children. The Glasser Foundation continues to provide extraordinarily generous annual support to Imagine.

Meeting Dr. Glasser was such a gift in my life. His generosity and vision provided me with my life's purpose. When my father died there was no awareness back then that children and teens needed support after a loss like the death of a parent or brother or sister. Children truly were 'the forgotten mourners' as Elisabeth Kübler-Ross, author of *On Death and Dying* said over 40 years ago. But fortunately things have gotten better since then with over 500 children's grief support centers like Imagine existing around the country, and with schools bringing us in to provide educational workshops so that they are better equipped to support and understand youth coping with all types of loss. Now when a parent dies, families tell us that they heard about Imagine from multiple sources including their child's school, their funeral home or house of worship, and from multiple friends who scour the internet looking for support.

Childhood bereavement is one of society's more pervasive issues. One out of seven children under the age of 18 will lose a parent or sibling by age 20. And kids in grief are at-risk for unhealthy or destructive ways of coping which is why Imagine and other centers like it exist. Children and teens don't necessarily have the coping skills, life experience, or maturity to process their loss, and they re-grieve their losses during the various stages of their development. Imagine exists as an effective intervention and prevention program and a place for healthy mourning. The key to how well a child or teen or adult will do after a loss is to actively mourn the loss and not keep everything bottled up inside.

The mission of Imagine is to support children and families coping with loss and foster resiliency and emotional well-being for all those who grieve. But our higher purpose is to normalize grief and death and dying in society so that those who are grieving aren't left isolated or made to feel like there is something wrong with them. Our goal is to create "Good Mourning" communities that are grief- and trauma-informed. We do this by partnering with schools, agencies and workplaces to provide support and education



(above, l-r) Mary Robinson and her dad, Gerry Robinson.

on the topic of grief and loss and to hopefully change the lens through which society views grieving youth.

We work with the whole school community including school staff, parents, other agencies, healthcare providers, and first responders to create an environment that wraps around the youth served. The goal is that wherever a child turns in their life, at school, home, after-school programs, etc., there are adults who understand the impact of loss and trauma on youth, how to recognize it and how to support, listen to, and help build resilience in grieving youth.

Adults and peer support programs like Imagine can help children learn healthy ways to cope and grow more resilient. Loss is part of life and if we support children at the time of their loss they will be better able to cope with future life losses.

Over 40 years later, I am able to say, as I learned from my St. Vincent's School kindergarten friend Chris Harrington whose mom died when he was 11, that "I wouldn't have missed my dad for the world." I had the best dad for 14 years. Good can come from grief, loss, and pain, if we get and give support. As adults it is our job to help children navigate life's painful losses and create loving, supportive communities in which children can mourn their losses in healthy ways. That is the work of Imagine and all the centers like it around the country.

Imagine is a free year-round peer grief support center located in Mountainside, New Jersey serving children age 3 to 18 who have had a parent or sibling die, with concurrent support groups for their parents or guardians. Support for children and teens living with a parent or sibling with a life-altering physical illness is also available. Free year-round support groups are also available for young adults who have had a friend, sibling, parent or other important person in their life die, or who have a parent, sibling or friend living with an illness. Imagine is completely privately funded and completely free to participants for as long as they need. We rely on donations from individuals, companies, local businesses, and foundations to support the close to 300 children and adults currently attending our support groups every two weeks at Imagine. And we rely on volunteers to facilitate those groups. For more information about support, donating, or volunteering, please call 908-264-3100, email me at [mary@imagine-nj.org](mailto:mary@imagine-nj.org) or visit [imagine-nj.org](http://imagine-nj.org).



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## TEN-YEAR-OLD STELLA YIN OF MADISON PERFORMS AT CARNEGIE VENUE



(above, l-r) Charlotte Nelson and Vera Iorizzo of Chatham and Stella Yin of Madison outside Carnegie Hall.

Stella Yin, 10, of Madison, along with Chatham residents Charlotte Nelson, 8, and Vera Iorizzo, 11, were invited to perform at Weill Recital Hall, part of the Carnegie Hall complex in New York City. The three pianists proved their musical mettle by winning in various categories in several Piano Teachers Society of America competitions. The three girls were featured in the Winners' Festival held at the recital hall on May 27, 2018. They were awarded commemorative medals and certificates of accomplishment as a

token of their artistry.

The three also performed in auditions held under the auspices of the New York Teachers' Congress and were selected to perform in the organization's Honors Recital at the Greenwich House in New York on June 3, 2018.

Charlotte, Vera, and Stella are students of Carmela Cecere in Chatham. A total of nine students from the school were winners. They also performed at the Carnegie venue and the Honors Recital.

## CARRIAGE TO CAR DAY AT THE MUSEUM OF EARLY TRADES & CRAFTS

The Museum of Early Trades & Crafts (METC) is excited to host Carriage to Car, a special day-long outdoor event that will offer an up close experience with both carriages and early automobiles. The event will take place on July 14, 2018 from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. on Green Village Road in front of the historic James Library Building, home of the Museum of Early Trades & Crafts.

The event is a part of METC's programming in connection with our current exhibit, "Are We There Yet? Stories of Travel by Stagecoach and Steam." This exhibit tells the story of early travel in New Jersey, just before the invention of the automobile. Through the exhibit our visitors can learn more about the details of travel throughout our country, comparing it to the high speed travel of the 21st century.

The Museum's Carriage to Car event will appeal to families, car enthusiasts and history buffs and will showcase at least two historic Stanley Steamer automobiles from 1899 and the early 1900's and a 19th century carriage. The day-long event will include food, games and other activities for all, and the museum will be open for guided tours. Partial sponsorship for the event was graciously provided by Madison Jaguar.

For more information about these events or any other program or event at METC, please log onto our website at [www.metc.org](http://www.metc.org), email us at

[info@metc.org](mailto:info@metc.org) or call 973-377-2982.

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At METC visitors can explore American history with a focus on the life and stories of 18th- and 19th- century craftsmen and artisans from New Jersey. Drawing on its rich collection, METC is connecting the lives of people and their stories. METC is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 12 to 5 p.m. (closed Sundays during July and August).



(above) Photo of a 1899 Stanley Steamer Locomobile that will be on display as part of the Carriage to Car event, showcasing historical vehicles, at the Museum of Early Trades and Crafts on July 14.

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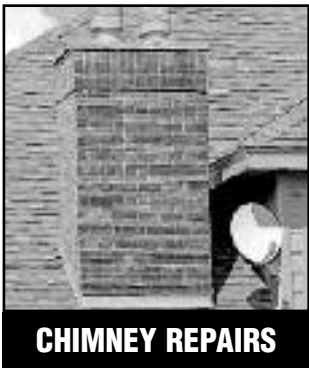




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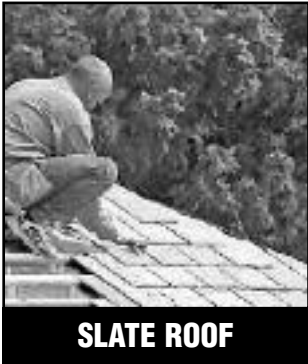
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# MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY JULY 2018 PROGRAMS

The library is open Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, or to register for programs, please check the website at: [madisonnjlibrary.org](http://madisonnjlibrary.org)

## The Summer Seminar Series

The Summer Seminar Series started in 1985, and continues this year with a lineup of eight seminars of wide-ranging subjects. The Seminars are free. No registration is required. Seating limited.

All seminars begin at 10:30 a.m.

Please check the library's website at [madisonnjlibrary.org](http://madisonnjlibrary.org) for more information.

**Dr. Doug Simon, "Great Power Shifts and New Directions for American Foreign Policy"**

Monday, July 9

Ellen Barry,

**"Infinite Variety of Shakespeare's Women"**

Thursday, July 12

James Michael, "Now and Then:

The Golden Age of Baritone"

Monday, July 16

**Jeffrey Finegan, Sr. "My Dear General: The Extraordinary Relationship of George Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette"**

Thursday, July 19

Dr. Nicole Yanoso,

**"The Irish and the American Presidency"**

Monday, July 23

Dr. Gary Darden, "Edifice Complex:

The Vanderbilt Rivalries"

Thursday, July 26

**Dr. Carlos Yordan, "Brexit One Year Later"**

Monday, July 30

**Martha Chang, "From Shanghai to Madison: An Immigrant's Story"**

Thursday, August 2

**Touch a Truck**

Saturday, July 28, 2018 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

This will be a family event with fun for all, including trucks to climb on and explore; Magic Shows at 11:00, 11:30, 12:00 and 12:30 pm; Model train exhibit; refreshments; face painting and 'tattoos'; balloon animals, and more. For Toddlers to age 12, and their parents—children must be accompanied by an adult. Touch a Truck will take place on the grounds of the Madison Public Library and the Madison Area YMCA, presented by the

Friends of the Madison Public Library in cooperation with the Madison Area YMCA & the Madison Rotary Club for the benefit of the Madison Public Library.

Toddlers to Age 12: \$8 in advance by July 21 or \$10 at the door. Teens-Adults: \$5

Tickets available at [Friendsmadisonnjlibrary.org](http://Friendsmadisonnjlibrary.org) or visit the Library's Circulation Desk

## Summer Reading Club

The Summer Reading Club kicked off June 18, and runs through July 31st.

Be sure to make plans to include the Library in your Summer activities. The Library is located at 39 Keep Street, Madison. Please call 973-377-0722, or check our website, [madisonnjlibrary.org](http://madisonnjlibrary.org), for more information.

## Adult Painting Night

Monday, August 13 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Create a beautiful lighthouse painting during this 2 hour painting workshop. Local artist Erica Pizza will guide you step-by-step through creating your own work of art. All supplies included.

Registration required for this program. Space is limited.

## Enjoy Explore India:

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Wednesday, August 1 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Join this workshop to learn the techniques of block printing and find out more about this ancient Indian folk art tradition with Seema Moondra! Participants will participate in decorating their own scarf to take with them. Registration required for this program.

Space is limited.

## The Vinyl Club

Wednesday, Jul. 18, 7:00 p.m.

Celebrate the Library's summer reading theme 'Libraries Rock,' and enter the world of music as the Library's Jeff Payton discusses and plays some of the seminal albums of progressive rock.

First up in this proposed series is Rush's fourth album, 2112, from 1976. A futuristic take on individuality in an unbending, mechanized society, this 'storytelling' music is alternately hard and soft, violent and gentle, tragic and uplifting. And the three musicians' abilities are impeccable—among the best at their respective instruments at the time, and maybe of all time.

Enjoy the immersive experience (both aural and visual) of this music from beginning to end and

contribute to the discussion of the album, its cover art, trivia, and the album's artistic impact. Whether you attend to just enjoy the music, or to participate in the discussion, the evening should prove to be an enjoyable experience.

Come and enjoy this fantastic album with us. Free. Please register for this event.

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### The Narrow Margin

1952/ 71min./ NR

Wednesday, July 11 at 7p.m.

Director: Richard Fleischer

Stars Charles McGraw, Marie Windsor, Jacqueline White

A tough cop is assigned to protect a mobster's wife on a cross-country train that is taking her to testify against her husband and his criminal pals. And the crooks are after the wife, but they don't know what she looks like.

### The Ghost Writer

2010/ 129min./PG-13

Saturday, July 14 at 2p.m.

Director: Roman Polanski

Stars Ewan McGregor, Pierce Brosnan, Kim Cattrall

A ghost writer, hired to complete the memoirs of a former British Prime Minister, uncovers secrets that put his own life in jeopardy.

### Mr. Deeds Goes to Town

1936/115 min./NR

Wednesday, July 25 at 7p.m.

Director: Frank Capra

Stars Gary Cooper, Jean Arthur  
Longfellow Deeds, a simple-hearted Vermont tuba player, inherits a fortune and has to contend with opportunist city slickers.

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2015/121 min./PG-13

Saturday, August 18 at 2 p.m.

Director: Nancy Meyers

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"The Madison Loyalty Rewards Card is a simple and fun way for our community to support the local merchants and a great vehicle for our businesses to reward our loyal customers," said John Morris, owner of Stewart Morris Awards, Gifts, & Flags, 71 Kings Road, Madison, New Jersey. John is also the Chamber's President.

The Madison Loyalty Rewards Card can be purchased for \$10 at The Madison Pharmacy, 66 Main Street.

For more information please contact The Madison Area Chamber of Commerce by phone at 973-377-7830 or by email at [MadisonChamber@gmail.com](mailto:MadisonChamber@gmail.com).



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The Rotary Club of Madison invites the public to participate in the BOTTLE HILL COB LOB: Bean Bag Toss Tournament on Saturday, July 21, 2018 at St. Vincent Martyr Church parking lot, 26 Green Village Road, in Madison, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Rain date is Sunday July 22 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The admission fee of \$25 per player guarantees at least 3 games in a round robin format. There will be prizes for the top four finishers. Snacks and sodas will be available.

This is a fund raiser to benefit the Gift of Life NJ. Gift of Life NJ is an organization which provides pediatric diagnostic and cardiac surgeries at no cost to the families of the patient. The children are from underdeveloped or war-torn countries from around the world. The Gift of Life International programs have saved over 32,000 children's lives globally in the past 40 years. Rotary International District 7470 partners with Gift of Life NJ.

For further information regarding the event, please visit Madison Rotary's website: [madisonrotarynj.org](http://madisonrotarynj.org). or contact: [rayfreaney@gmail.com](mailto:rayfreaney@gmail.com).

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## THE DOWNTOWN CONCERT SERIES AT THE MUSEUM OF EARLY TRADES & CRAFTS

Looking for live music this summer? The Museum of Early Trades & Crafts (METC) will be presenting The Downtown Concert Series: six free family-friendly concerts on Friday evenings. The concerts will be held on the lawn of the Museum where picnicking is encouraged!

On July 13, 2018 Zaire Band will be playing. Zaire features the best of classic rock with strong harmonies as a 3-piece acoustic trio, covering artists such as The Eagles, Crosby, Stills & Nash, Tom Petty, Radiohead and more.

On July 27, 2018 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. the Barba Roja Latin Band will be performing. This South River, New Jersey band with Venezuelan roots has been performing for over twenty years playing a mix of Salsa, Merengue, Cumbia, Bachata, Rock en Espanol, Latin Pop, and Latin Jazz. Dancing shoes are a must for this exciting concert!

Future shows will also include Mama D & the

Vexations on August 20, 2018 Jumping the Gun on August 24, 2018 and Rosewood on September 7, 2018.

Crafts are available for children and guests are encouraged to tour METC's current exhibit, Are We There Yet? Stories of Travel by Stagecoach and Steam, which examines personal accounts of the rigors of travel in 19th century New Jersey. Bring the family and plan to spend time Friday evening in downtown Madison exploring the town's many unique shops and restaurants. The Downtown Concert Series is sponsored by the Downtown Development Commission.

For more information about these events or any other program or event at METC, please log onto our website at [www.metc.org](http://www.metc.org), email us at [info@metc.org](mailto:info@metc.org) or call 973-377-2982. You can also "like" on Facebook ([facebook.com/METCnj](https://facebook.com/METCnj)) and follow us on Twitter (@metcnj)

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Judy Vernon  
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