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DEERFIELD STUDENTS WIN VFW PATRIOT'S PEN AWARDS



(above, l-r) Duane Sarmiento, NJ VFW State Sr. Vice Commander; Kimberly Richards, Deerfield School Principal; Rachel Bataille, 2nd Place; Sarah Luckenbach, 3rd Place; Hannah Tao, 1st Place; and Tim McLaughlin, VFW Post 10136 Commander. (Hannah Tao's essay appears on page 2)



Three Deerfield School students were recently honored as recipients of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) District 5 (Union County) Patriot's Pen Youth Essay contest. The VFW awards ceremony held at the Cranford VFW Post recognized students who participated in both the Patriot's Pen Youth Essay Contest and the Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Contest. For the first time in District 5 history, all three award winners of the Patriot's Pen Youth Essay contest were from the same school and sponsored by the same VFW Post. The following Deerfield School students were award recipients:

- First Place: Hannah Tao
- Second Place: Rachel Bataille
- Third Place: Sarah Luckenbach

The Patriot's Pen Youth Essay Contest started in 1996 and is a VFW nationwide youth essay contest which gives students in grades sixth, seventh, and eighth an opportunity to

write compositions expressing their views on democracy and patriotism. Each year, more than 120,000 students participate in the contest. Essays must be between 300 to 400 words and original in content. Judging criteria is: knowledge of theme, theme development and clarity of ideas. This year's theme was: "America's Gift to My Generation."

Each award recipient received a VFW plaque and monetary award. Tim McLaughlin, VFW Post 10136 Mountainside, stated, "I am extremely proud of our award recipients from the Deerfield School. I thank each of them for their participation in the program and for the support of their families and school administration at the Deerfield School. A very special thank you to Deerfield School Principal, Kimberly Richards, and eighth grade social studies teacher, Bryan Young, for their partnership with the Mountainside VFW in this program and motivating their students to participate."

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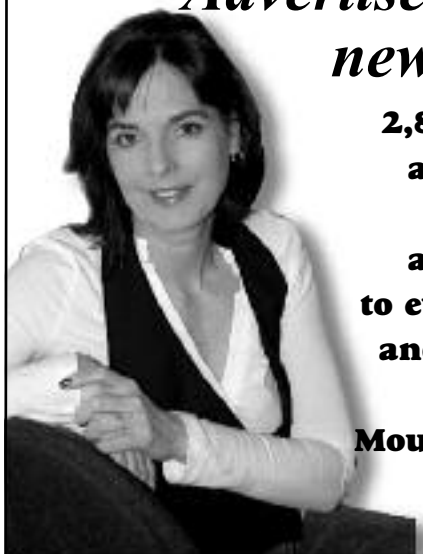
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AMERICA'S GIFT TO MY GENERATION

By Hannah J. Tao

Everywhere in America, we are reminded of the beauty and prosperity it has given us. There are quiet, serene places you can get lost in. There are bustling, lively places that wake you up. Other countries cannot say the same. Some are in the midst of war. Some are in need of homes, food, and clean water. In this nation, we are reminded everyday of how lucky we are to be American. It is when we look back upon how we have risen from the dust to become what we are today—the diversity of our people, the countless opportunities waiting for us, and our brave, faithful, veterans—that we can truly see America's gift to our generation.

Diversity. When I look at America, this is what I see. People, regardless of race or gender, collaborating together to make the world a better place. America has gone farther than all other nations to fight to achieve social equality. Sure, there were problems in our past: women's rights and slavery. But through all this, we have managed to come together and pull through.

Opportunities. Today, with all the advanced technology and resources, there is so much in store for us in America. Now, children can create their future, rather than have one already established for them. In other places, girls are not allowed to go to school, and are forced into child marriage. From the moment they are born, they already know their future. A future of silence. A future of slavery. Here in America, I can do whatever I want with my life, however I want it.

Veterans. The main reason our shining country is like it is today. All throughout history, our amazing veterans have gone everywhere, sacrificing their health, safety, and lives, at war for our country. Through the blood, sweat, and tears, these incredible people have done all they could to make America a better place. It is thanks to them that we have our freedom today.

Even in this rapidly changing world of technology, engineering, and intelligence, America has shone through. But our glory could not have been achieved without the sacrifice and pain of our veterans. Because of them, we have equal rights and no slavery. Because of them, everyone in America can live a little fuller, a little happier, and a little safer. Because of them, a gift has been created. America's gift to my generation.

(above) First place winning essay of the Patriot's Pen Youth Essay contest.



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Submitted by Carol Goggi

The Mountainside Restoration Committee's "Tour of Mountainside's Gardens" will be held on June 9, 2018. The Committee has lined up six extraordinary private home gardens which will be decked out in late-Spring splendor. The tour runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a special Garden Tour lunch planned at the Publick House. Garden fans can start touring in the morning and lunch afterward, or lunch first and tour gardens in the afternoon in any order they wish. A rain date of June 10 is planned.

Garden yards on the tour are specifically themed and will feature uniquely decorated tablescapes, raffle, chicken plop bingo, photo display and refreshments.

Advance tickets for Mountainside's Garden Tour are \$45 for tour and lunch or \$30 for tour only and can be purchased online at mountainsidehistory.org. Limited tickets will also be sold on the day of the tour at each Garden Tour location for \$35 for tour and \$15 for lunch.

Proceeds from the tour and lunch will be used by the Mountainside Restoration Committee for restoration and maintenance of the historic Hetfield and Levi Cory houses. The Mountainside Restoration Committee (aka, Mountainside Historic Committee) is a 501(c)(3) registered not-for-profit committee of volunteers associated with the Borough of Mountainside whose purpose is to restore and maintain the Deacon Andrew Hetfield and Levi Cory Houses and collect and save historic information and items from destruction. For further information, please call 908-789-9420; or, go to: mountainsidehistory.org.



(above) A photo album of the 2016 'Tour of Mountainside Gardens' can be found on-line at rennamedia.com, Mountainside View page.

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IMAGINE'S VOLUNTEER TRAINING JULY 19 TO 22, 2018

Imagine peer grief groups are the main source of support for grieving families in Union County and beyond. Support groups are facilitated by trained adult volunteers who attend a four-day training and quarterly continuing education programs. Volunteers come from all walks of life and need no special background other than a willingness to listen, a heart inclined to serve, and the ability to be with children and adults in pain without trying to fix, solve or give advice. Seven new volunteers were recently trained to become facilitators.

"As our programs continue to grow, so does our need for additional, highly trained facilitators," said Mandi Zucker, Imagine Program Director. "Our programs are growing because of the great need in this community, over 700 children annually will lose a parent to death in Union County alone. Over 260 children and adults from over fifty-five New Jersey towns are currently participating every two weeks at

Imagine. The volunteers that run these support groups are the heart of the program and we could not offer these groups without them."

Volunteer facilitators learn how to create a safe space and facilitate difficult conversations. Through the training, they will learn skills that will serve them not only at Imagine but in their lives as well.

Imagine is a free year-round peer grief support center located in Mountainside, New Jersey and serving all of Union County and beyond. Imagine serves children, young adults and parents/guardians who have had a parent, sibling, or child die. Support groups for caregivers of a person living with a life-altering physical illness are also available. If you are interested in learning more about the next training scheduled for July 19 to 22, 2018, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, or about Imagine, please contact Mandi Zucker, MSW, CT at Mandi@imagineinj.org or visit our website at imagineinj.org.



(above, back row, l-r) New Imagine Volunteer Facilitators are pictured after their four-day training at Imagine earlier this year: Mandi Zucker (Program Director); Marilyn Toriello, Westfield; Jeff Harris, Westfield; Sean Foley, Scotch Plains; Debbie Worms, Westfield; Leslie Barmakian, Westfield; Connie Palmer (Clinical Training Director). (Front row, l-r): Lisa Schwartz, Westfield; Alexandra Tinfow, Mountainside.

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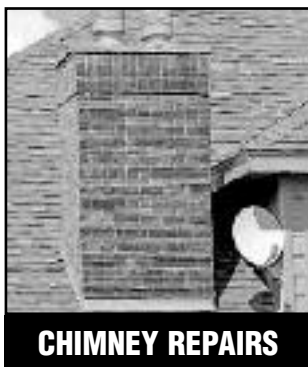
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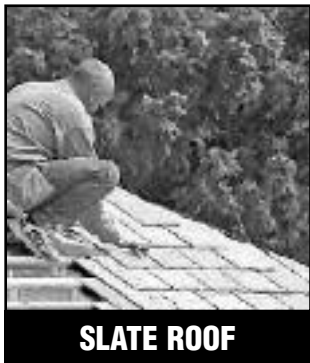
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Submitted by Elisa Roland

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Players are divided into three age groups: Minor League 8-10 year olds, Major League 11-12 year olds, and Teen League 13-15 year olds.

The Union County Baseball Association has added indoor clinics to the Summer League program. UCBA staff and guest Union County coaches will utilize the new state-of-the-art Warinanco Park Skating Center, which is equipped with artificial turf and indoor batting cages, to provide players weekly clinics focused on hitting, fielding, pitching, and catching. This

added benefit is included with the player registration fee.

The registration fee for the Summer Baseball League is \$50 and players can register online at www.ucba-nj.org. In-person registration will also be held on June 16th and June 23rd from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Warinanco Park Boathouse.

The UCBA Summer Baseball League is sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Union County Baseball Association, and the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation.

About the Union County Baseball Association
The Union County Baseball Association was formed in 1941 and runs a Summer Baseball League for players 8-15 years old and a Fall Baseball League for high school aged players. The league is based out of Warinanco Park, on the border of Elizabeth and Roselle. For more information about the Union County Baseball Association, please visit www.ucba-nj.org.

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Submitted by Jessica Arkel

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The expansion and renovation plan in Mountainside will increase the efficiency and capacity of the Mountainside Special Needs Primary Care practice. The plan centralizes the physicians, nurses and staff enhancing a team-based approach to care, ultimately increasing the number of patients receiving high-quality, family-centered, pediatric primary care.

"We are grateful for this generous grant from the Summit Area Public Foundation," said Patricia Foley, Vice President Outpatient Services, Children's Specialized Hospital. "The support of organizations like SAPF is essential in helping us to provide comprehensive and compassionate specialized pediatric primary care to more children with complex healthcare needs."

"We value the role Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation plays in our community," said John Cooper, President, Summit Area Public Foundation. "The important work they are doing has a direct impact on children in summit and our surrounding area. The planned expansion and

renovation will enable more children to receive the specialized care that Children's Specialized Hospital provides."

Children's Specialized Hospital, a nonprofit organization, is leading the way into a brighter future for children and adolescents facing special health challenges – from chronic illnesses and complex physical disabilities like brain and spinal cord injuries, to developmental and behavioral issues like autism and mental health. Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation supports the programs and services of the hospital and all donations go directly to helping us pioneer new specialized care and serve more children in need. To help, or for more information: visit childrensspecialized.org; find us on Facebook [facebook.com/childrensspecialized](https://www.facebook.com/childrensspecialized), or follow us on Twitter @ChildrensSpecNJ.

Summit Area Public Foundation is a community foundation that fosters philanthropy in the Summit, New Jersey area by identifying local needs and offering donors flexible ways to make a difference in the lives of their neighbors. During the past 10 years, SAPF has awarded more than \$4.7 million in grants to 117 nonprofit agencies. SAPF awards an average of 37 grants per year. For more information, visit sapfnj.org.



(above, l-r) Pictured left to right are Patricia Foley, Vice President of Outpatient Services, Children's Specialized Hospital; Reagan Burkholder, Secretary, SAPF; David Dietze, Vice President, SAPF; Julie Adams, Trustee, SAPF; John Cooper, President, SAPF; Frank Macioce, Trustee, SAPF; Philip Salerno, III, President; and Chief Development Officer, Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation.

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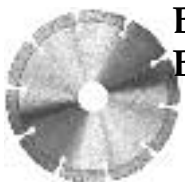


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Submitted by S.M Jose G. Vergara



(above, l-r): Cadets Paul Koizumi (Fanwood), Anushka Kumar (Watchung), and Veronica Vergara (Scotch Plains) safety fire line duty.

During the weekend of May 5 and 6, 2018, students from around New Jersey, provided community service at the Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Open House and Air Show (“Power In The Pines”). The students are cadets in the Civil Air Patrol (CAP is the US Air Force Auxiliary). They provided guidance to the public and safety by keeping the air field’s fire lines clear for emergency evacuation of thousands of air show spectators. In addition, the cadets interacted with military personnel to learn about military technology (Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force) and their operations. They also gained knowledge about different aircrafts on display and enjoyed watching the multiple flight demonstrations from of a variety of aircraft such as F22, F18, F5, and Mustang (WWII airplanes), parachute demonstrations, etc.

The CAP Cadet program offers opportunities to Middle and High School students to learn about Aerospace, Leadership, Character Development, Physical Training, STEM, Orientation Flights, and much more. In addition, the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program, provides the youth of ages 12 to 18 a strong list of credentials for their college applications and for highly competitive technical summer camps.

Cadets with proper qualifications can attend Summer Camps at the Air Force McGuire Base, and national Cyber Security, Flight Training Camp, etc.

For more information about CAP Youth Cadet Program, please contact jose.vergara@njwg.cap.gov or visit CAP’s webpage: gocivilairpatrol.com

JUNE 2018 PROGRAMS AT THE MOUNTAINSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Mountainside Public Library is located at 1 Constitution Plaza, Mountainside, New Jersey. To register for these programs, stop into the library or call 908-233-0115.

The Mountainside Public Library has scheduled the following programs for June 2018.

TUESDAY NIGHT MOVIES

Our first movie of the month, shown on June 5,

won the Academy Award for Best Picture this year. “The Shape of Water” (2017, R) is master story teller Guillermo del Toro’s other-worldly fairy tale, set against the backdrop of Cold War era America circa 1962. In the hidden high-security government laboratory where she works, lonely Elisa is trapped in a life of isolation. Elisa's life is changed forever when she discovers a secret classified experiment.

“Marshall” (2017, PG-13) will be shown on June 12.

“Marshall” is based on an early trial in the career of Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall. It follows the young lawyer to conservative Connecticut to defend a black chauffeur charged with sexual assault and attempted murder of his white socialite employer. The high-profile case served as a template for Marshall’s creation of the NAACP legal defense fund.

“Lady Bird” (2017, R) will be screened on June 19.

Christine “Lady Bird” McPherson fights against but is exactly like her wildly loving, deeply opinionated, and strong-willed mom, a nurse working tirelessly to keep her family afloat after Lady Bird’s father loses his job. Lady Bird is an affecting look at the relationships that shape us, the beliefs that define us, and the unmatched beauty of a place called home.

And on June 26,

our last offering of the month will be the comedy

“Daddy’s Home” (2017, PG-13)

starring Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg, Mel Gibson, and John Lithgow. Dusty (Mark Wahlberg) and Brad (Will Ferrell) have joined forces to provide their kids with the perfect Christmas. Their newfound partnership is put to the test when Dusty’s old-school, macho Dad (Mel Gibson) and Brad's ultra-affectionate and emotional Dad (John Lithgow) arrive just in time to throw the holiday into complete chaos.

Brown Bag Academy. Our popular Great Courses series, “How to Listen to and Understand Great Music,” continues on Mondays in June at 1:15 p.m.

Professor Robert Greenberg, Music Historian-in-Residence at the San Francisco Performances is the

lecturer. Learning how to appreciate the unmatched beauty, genius, and power of concert music can permanently enrich your life. Bring your lunch! Coffee, tea, and cookies will be served.

“Science Tellers Present:

The Mystery of the Golden Piano,” Tuesday, June 5 at 3:45 p.m.

The crew form Science Tellers return to the library to provide an exciting program mixing interactive science with storytelling. Journey with us back to the Wild West, where a legendary bank-robbing outlaw is back in town. Two young kids must saddle up to foil the great heist and discover how a mysterious piano can play an ‘instrumental’ part in putting a rotten cowboy back behind bars. Throughout this wild adventure story, volunteers from the audience will help explore the fascinating science behind chemical reactions, acids and bases, combustion, air pressure, inertia and more. This 45-minute program is designed for children in kindergarten to fifth grade, but the entire family will enjoy this program.

Call the library to register as space is limited.

“Aging Service Kiosk”

Friday, June 9 at 12:30 p.m.

Donna Farrell of The Union County Department of Human Services Division on Aging & Disability Resource Connection will be at the library again to provide information about home delivered meals, respite care, home care, adult day care, support services for caregivers and more.

“Alfred Hitchcock: Behind the Curtain of Suspense,” Monday June 11 at 7 p.m.

Author, film historian and museum film curator, Max Alvarez will be presenting a spine-tingling look behind the scenes of some of The Master of Suspense’s notorious classics, from “The Lodger” (1927), “North by Northwest” (1959), to “Frenzy” (1972), and the meticulous planning of each.

“Opera on Film Series,”

Friday, June 15 at 1 p.m.

The curtain closes on the sixth season of the Friday Operas on Film series presented by Mena Clemson with Das Land Des Lächelns by Franz Lehár. René Kollo as Prince Sou-Chong and Birgit-Pitsch-Sarata as Lisa star in this 1974 production. The Radio-Sinfonieorchester Stuttgart with the Korean Court Ballet is conducted by Wolfgang Ebert.



(above) Cadet Kiana McQuade (Scotch Plains) safety fire line duty.



(above, l-r) Cadet Manali Shah and Niyati Shah (Scotch Plains) holding QuadCopters.



(above, right) P51 Mustang airplane from WWII. (above, left) F22 Raptor.

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KEN WIGG WINS BRONZE MEDAL AT KOMEN RACE FOR THE CURE

Submitted by Kathi Wolder

Two Union County residents took home medals at the May 6, 2018 Susan G. Komen North Jersey Race for the Cure. Mountainside resident Ken Wigg, 48, crossed the finish line with a time of 21 minutes and 33 seconds, winning the third place Bronze Medal in the

Men's Division for the USTAF Certified Timed 5K Run.

Sherry Peterson-Keyt, 52, of New Providence took home the first place Gold Medal in the Survivor's Division after crossing the finish line in 24 minutes and 45 seconds. This was Peterson-Keyt's fifth Komen North Jersey Race for the

Cure medal; she also took first place in the Survivor's Division in 2012, 2013 and 2015; and came in second in 2014.

More than 2500 people came out to Liberty State Park for the event which has raised more than \$600,000 to date for the fight against breast cancer (fundraising is ongoing through June 30th).

ABOUT SUSAN G. KOMEN NORTH JERSEY

The mission of Susan G. Komen North Jersey is to save lives by meeting the most critical needs in our communities and investing in breakthrough research to prevent and cure breast cancer. Through the annual Race for the Cure®, Pink Tie Party and other events and activities, Komen North Jersey raises funds to support local community non-profit organizations that provide screening and diagnostic services, breast health/breast cancer education, treatment support, and survivorship programs for underserved women and men in Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren counties. Since its founding in 1997, Komen North Jersey has awarded over \$18 million in local community grants and has directed more than \$7 million to national research programs in pursuit of new breast cancer screening techniques, better and more effective treatment options, and ultimately, the causes and cures to eradicate breast cancer forever.

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(above) Ken Wigg accepting medal.



(above) Sherry Peterson-Keyt.



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