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MOUNTAINSIDE GIRL SCOUTS EARN SILVER AWARD

Submitted by Barbara Bager

Girls Scouts of Heart of New Jersey has awarded Mountainside Girl Scouts Amanda Aponte, Kathryn Bager, Madison Duca and Anna Fiamingo the Girl Scout Silver Award - the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can earn. The award represents a girl's accomplishments in Girl Scouting and her community as she grows and works to improve her life and the lives of others.

By earning the Girl Scout Silver Award, the girls in troop 40754 have become community leaders. Their accomplishments reflect leadership and citizenship skills that set them apart.

"I was very impressed how dedicated the girls worked. Not only were the scouts committed to learning new skills, especially in woodworking, they also applied their own personal talents toward this project," said Barbara Bager, leader of Troop 40754.

The scouts' project focused on making two picnic tables for a Nursery school in Elizabeth, New Jersey. The girls thought a picnic table would be useful to the school, for eating snacks outside and for socializing as well.

In the Seventh grade, the girls went right to work in finding the plans suitable for the toddler sized tables and choosing the correct wood at Home Depot. With their fathers' guidance, they started measuring, sawing, sanding and painting the tables. By the end of the eighth grade, the girls completed two tables for the Nursery School.

In addition to making the picnic tables, each girl made a project from wood on their own time. The projects included a doll's cradle, a puppet theater, bookends and a picture mural. The girls then loaded the tables onto a truck and delivered them to the Nursery school. The school administration was very grateful to receive the tables.

"I enjoyed learning how to build a table and I am happy the school would have the table for years to come," Madison stated.

Girls Scouts offers every girl a chance to do something amazing. To join, volunteer, or donate, reach out to



(above) The Girls Scouts delivered the picnic tables, along with a few extra woodworking projects, to the elementary school.

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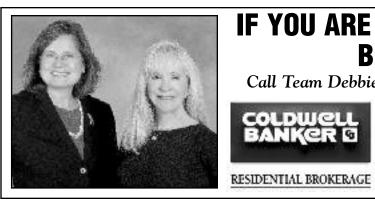


(above) Girl Scout Silver Award recipients Amanda Aponte, Kathryn Bager, Madison Duca and Anna Fiamingo pose with their picnic tables that they created for elementary school children in Elizabeth.



(above) The girls scouts, pictured here picking out wood for their picnic tables, learned woodworking skills to complete their Silver Award project.

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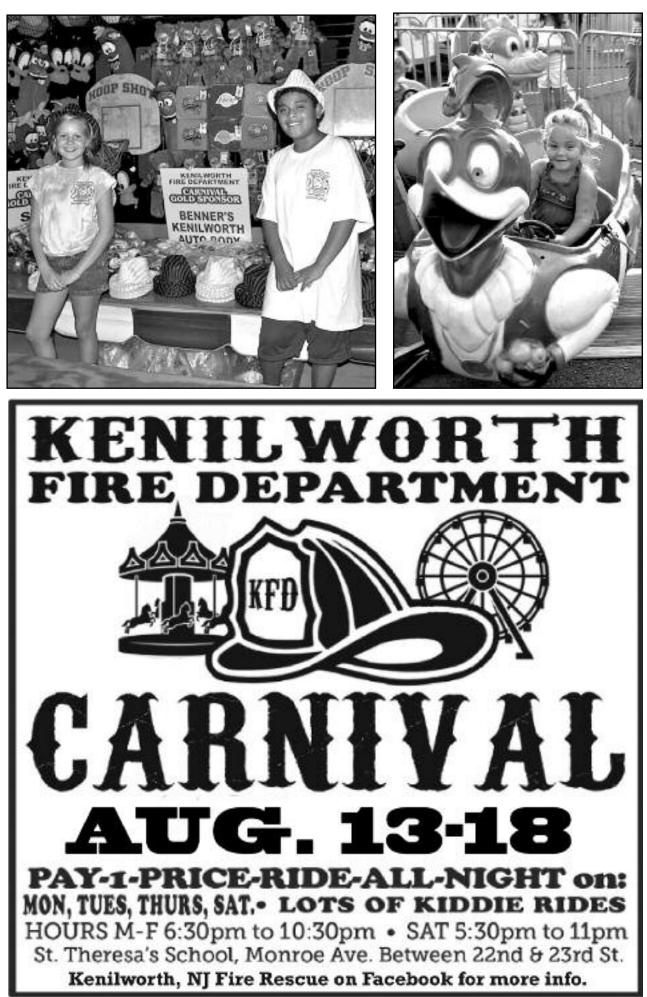
KENILWORTH FIRE DEPARTMENT CARNIVAL AUGUST 13-18TH, 2018

The Kenilworth Volunteer Fire Department \$10,000 in past years. will continue its long running summertime tradition of hosting its annual fundraising carnival on August 13 - 18th, 2018.

Stop by St. Theresa's School for lots of rides (kiddie rides too), games, food, music and safe family-friendly fun. Pay-One-Price-Ride-All-Night wristband nights are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Visit the Beer Garden, enjoy a sausage sandwich or grab a bag of zeppoles and try your luck on the Money Wheel. There will be a Super 50/50 grand prize drawing on Saturday night, which has amounted to over

Proceeds benefit the Kenilworth Volunteer Fire/Rescue Support Organization. The Kenilworth Fire Department thanks you for your continued support and hopes to see you and your family there. Like "Kenilworth, NJ Fire Rescue" Facebook updates. on for Visit Kenilworthfire.org.

Carnival hours are Monday thru Friday 6:30 -10:30 p.m., and Saturday 5:30 - 11 p.m. St. Theresa's School is located at 540 Washington Ave., Kenilworth, NJ. One block off of Kenilworth Blvd.



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AUGUST PROGRAMS AT THE MOUNTAINSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Mountainside Public Library has scheduled the following programs for August 2018. The Library will be closed on Saturdays during August and on September 1.

Tuesday Night Movies

(Showtime is 6:30 p.m. for each movie): All Saints (2017, PG) will be shown on August 7. All Saints is based on the inspiring true story of salesmanturned-pastor Michael Spurlock (John Corbett) and a group of refugees from Southeast Asia. Together, they risked everything to plant seeds for a future that might just save them all.

The Florida Project

(2017, R) is our offering on August 14.

The Florida Project tells the story of a precocious six year-old and her ragtag group of friends whose summer break is filled with childhood wonder, possibility and a sense of adventure while the adults around them struggle with hard times.

Home Again

(2017, PG-13) will be screened on

August 21.

Recently separated from her husband, Alice decides to start over by moving back to her hometown of Los Angeles with her two young daughters. During a night out on her 40th birthday, Alice meets three aspiring filmmakers who happen to be in need of a place to live. Alice agrees to let the guys stay in her guest house temporarily, but the arrangement ends up unfolding in unexpected ways. Home Again is a story of love, friendship, and the families we create. And one very big life lesson: Starting over is not for beginners. Our final offering of the month on *August 28*

will be

Victoria & Abdul

(2017, PG-13). The extraordinary true story of an unexpected friendship in the later years of Queen Victoria's remarkable rule. When Abdul Karim, a young clerk, travels from India to participate in the Queen's Golden Jubilee, he is surprised to find favor with the Queen herself. As the Queen questions the constrictions of her long-held position, the two forge an unlikely and devoted alliance with a loyalty to one another that her

household and inner circle all attempt to destroy. Brown Bag Academy

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Mondays in August at 1:15 p.m. The current course in our very popular Great Courses series concludes this month. "How to Listen To and Understand Great Music" presented by Professor Robert Greenberg, will end on August 6. The "students" enjoyed Professor Greenberg so much that they voted to take another of his courses, "The Symphony", starting on August 13. The great Bohemian-born composer Gustav Mahler once said, "A symphony must be like the world.

It must embrace everything." Over the course of its nearly 300-year life, the symphony has indeed embraced almost every trend to be found in Western concert music. Bring your lunch; coffee, tea and cookies are provided.

Come early to get your seat!

"The Artful Easel"

Thursday, August 9 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Join Lori DeVine and discover your inner artist while creating your own masterpiece on canvas to take home. No art experience is necessary! We will provide the design and all of the art supplies in this step-by-step, instructor led program. (There is a \$25 fee to cover the cost of the materials.) A little time to paint, a little time to socialize and a whole lot of fun! This program is limited to 20 participants,

so call (908-233-0115) to register!

"Aging Services Kiosk"

Friday, August 10 at 11:00 a.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.

Story Times at the Library

Tuesdays, August 7 - 28, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Family Story Time is for all ages. Just drop in; no registration required!

Story Time at the Pool

Wednesdays, August 8 - 29 from 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Join Miss Elizabeth at the Mountainside Community Pool for children's stories pool side. Take a break from the water to listen to a story! Open to Mountainside Community pool members only.

Summer Reading Wrap Up Parties

For children on

Thursday, August 30 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and for adults on Friday, August 31 at 1:30 p.m. For the children, there will be snacks, board games, puzzles, crafts, prizes and a book for everyone to keep! And, at 3:00 p.m., "My Neighbor Tortoro", an anime movie classic from Hayao Miyazaki will be shown (Rated G). This movie is perfect for all ages, even older anime fans will love this story, too! For the adults, there will be a movie with popcorn and other snacks.

Check the website calendar (http://www.mountainsidelibrary.org/programs_amp_eve nts) for details. No registration is required for either party, just drop in! (The last day for logging books on Beanstack (www.mountainsidelibrary.org) is August 29.) To register for these programs, stop into the library or call 908-233-0115. The Mountainside Public Library is located at 1 Constitution Plaza, Mountainside, NJ.

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Submitted by the Mountainside Restoration Committee

The Mountainside Restoration Committee, Inc. has partnered with CARS, Inc. to fund raise by collecting unwanted vehicles. Anyone with unwanted cars, trucks, RVs, motorbikes, trailers, heavy equipment, etc. should consider donating to help the Mountainside Restoration Committee. The vehicle doesn't have to be in working order and will be picked up from wherever it is.

Why donate a vehicle? Donating an unwanted vehicle frees up garage or yard space, avoids hefty repair bills, eliminates the hassle of selling it, benefits historic preservation, and a tax receipt is given. Furthermore, it couldn't be easier - visit mountainsidehistory.org or call (855)-500-7433, schedule a free pick up, and when the vehicle is picked up a donation receipt will be given.

The Mountainside Restoration Committee is a committee of volunteers whose purpose is to

restore and maintain the historic Deacon Andrew Hetfield House and the Levi Cory House and educate, collect and save historic information and items from destruction. For information on the Mountainside Historic Committee events or to donate funds, please call (908)-789-9420 or go to: www.mountainsidehistory.org





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JUDGE SWEARS IN 14 CASA VOLUNTEERS New training classes begin this fall

Submitted by Gretchen M. Boger-O'Bryan Eleven Union County residents from New Providence, Berkeley Heights, Cranford, Elizabeth, Fanwood, Scotch Plains and Westfield — and three from out-of-county locales Bloomfield, Irvington and South Orange recently took their oath before Union County Superior Court Judge James Hely to serve as CASA volunteers. This class proves no matter where one calls home, it's the heart for helping others that leads the way. Each new advocate ranging from age 21 to 69 — will serve a Union County foster youth or sibling set in need of a constant in their lives, and a voice in court and the community.

Volunteers with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Union County serve as extra eyes and ears for family law judges hearing cases involving the county's abused, neglected or abandoned children removed from home and placed in foster care.

Successful advocates have varied backgrounds and diverse experiences, and this class is no exception: it included parents and non-parents, medical professionals, attorneys, homemakers, students and retirees, and most had no prior knowledge of the foster system. In addition, four volunteers were raised outside the United States. Family and friends, and CASA staff and board members looked on as Judge Hely performed the swearing-in and commemorative pins and certificates were presented. During a celebratory luncheon, advocates were matched to their case, a foster youth or sibling set.

CASA volunteers have court-ordered access to all parties in a foster child's life, including foster parents, doctors, caseworkers, therapists and teachers, and incorporate into court reports findings from these contacts as well as from their own time spent with the youth. Advocates ensure a youth's needs are met and their time in care is as short as possible.

It is CASA of Union County's goal that every Union County foster child have an advocate, yet half of the more than 500 such youth still await one. Could you be their voice? The next training classes are slated for the fall.

For details, contact Courtney at 908-293-8136 or cgreen@casaofunioncounty.org, or log on to www.casaofunioncounty.org.



 (above) With Superior Court Judge James Hely are, from left, new CASA volunteers Felicia Davis of Irvington, Robin Karp of Scotch Plains, Aslam Chaudry and Carolina Bravo Sanchez of Elizabeth, Stacey Huggins of Bloomfield, Margaret Smith of Westfield, Alyssa Seiden of Scotch Plains, Rebekah Strombom of Berkeley Heights, Kristen Kim and Lisa Ripperger of Westfield, Francine Quinn of Cranford, Jessica Maier of Fanwood, Andrew Pugliese of South Orange, Katie Romano of New Providence and Executive Director Marla Higginbotham.

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SIX GARDENS SHINE DURING MOUNTAINSIDE'S GARDEN TOUR

Submitted by Carol Goggi

Six home gardens were the stars of the Mountainside Restoration Committee's "Tour of Mountainside's Gardens" held on Saturday, June 9, 2018, This Garden Tour was the third Biennial Tour of its kind and had been extremely popular. Dozens of guests leisurely visited each of the private gardens on a spectacular sunny Saturday. Visitors gained ideas and inspiration for their own home gardens. Many of the visitors also enjoyed a special Garden Tour lunch provided by The Publick House of Mountainside.

Each of the six gardens were specifically themed and featured uniquely decorated tablescapes, raffles, a boutique, special displays and refreshments. These homeowners are meticulous about their yards and have worked very hard to assure the grounds were at their peak of loveliness for this tour. Gardens included a Georgian Pond Garden, a Wood's Edge Garden

HOW TO AVOID TICK BITES

Information from the New Jersey Department of Health

Ticks can become infected with diseases when feeding on white-footed mice and other small mammals. An infected tick can then spread disease to a person through a tick bite. You can reduce the risk of getting diseases from ticks by taking steps to avoid tick bites.

Know where ticks are: ticks live in or near wooded or grassy areas. Always walk in the center of trails to avoid contact with ticks.

Keep your yard clean: mow lawns, clear brush and remove leaf litter.

Repel ticks: use EPA-registered repellent with DEET picaridin, IR3535, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus (OLE), or 2- undecanone on skin and permethrin on clothing, boots and gear. Most repellents can be used on children older than 2 months. Products containing OLE should not be used on children under 3 years. Always follow product label instructions.

Inspect: check your entire body-and your children's- for ticks after being outside. Remove attached ticks with tweezers. Be sure to check these parts of your body and use a handheld or full-length mirror to view all parts of your body: inside belly button, back of the knees, under the arms, in/around the hair, between the legs, around the waist, in/around the ears, on the scalp.

Cover up: wear long sleeves and pants tucked into socks to prevent ticks from getting under clothes.

Shower: showering within two hours after being outside (ideally, as soon as possible) can help find and wash off unattached ticks.

Protect pets: keep pets safe by checking for ticks daily and using tick control products as recommended by your veterinarian.

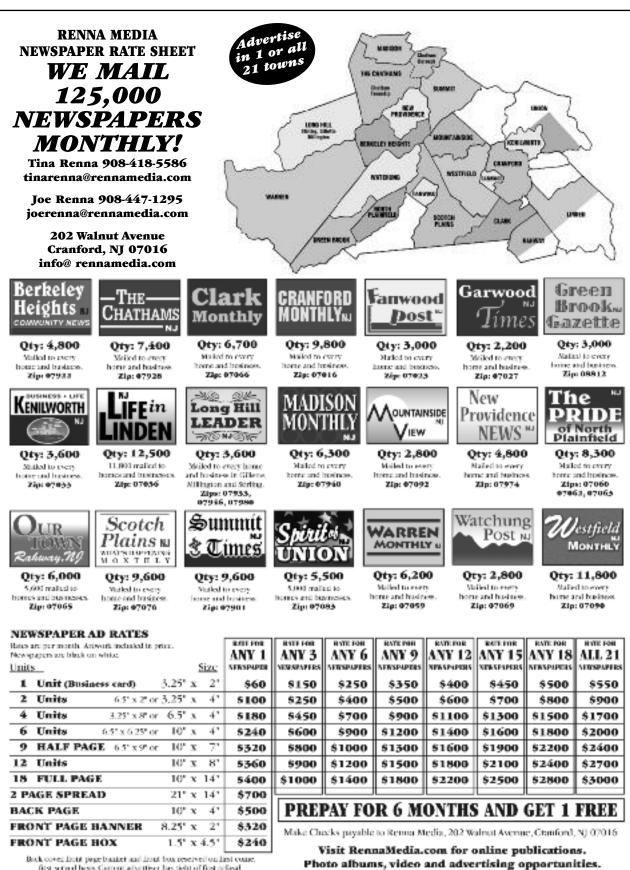
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featuring a basket raffle, a Cottage Garden Rhapsody Computer Subscription Services, featuring chicken plop bingo, a Southwest Contemporary Garden featuring a garden boutique, the Step-Up Garden and a Pool Party Garden.

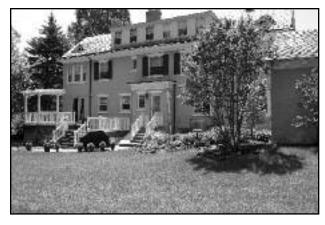
As visitors went from garden to garden, they discussed their favorite aspects of each garden from the exotic cactus and succulents in the Southwest Contemporary Garden, to the traditional gardens at the stately 19th century Georgian Colonial, to the inviting poolside gardens, to the lush garden on the hillside, to the colorful and wooded garden at the edge of the Watchung Reservation, and the friendly chickens at the Cottage Garden ready to select winners of the chicken plop bingo game. The variety and beauty was abundant.

The Mountainside Restoration Committee is thankful to the tour sponsors and donors including A.P. Mazzilli Landscape Contractors, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, Dreyer Farms, Christoffers Flower and Gift Shop, Ferraro's of Westfield, Bovella's of Westfield, Mazzella's of Mountainside Gourmet Market, Publick House of Mountainside, Jeff Houston Electrical and Cardinal Garden Center.

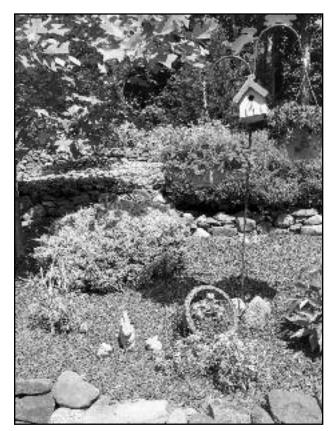
Proceeds from the tour and lunch will be used by the Mountainside Restoration Committee for restoration and maintenance of the historic Hetfield and Levi Cory houses. The Mountainside Restoration Committee (also known as the Mountainside Historic Committee) is a 501(c)(3) registered not-for-profit committee of volunteers 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.



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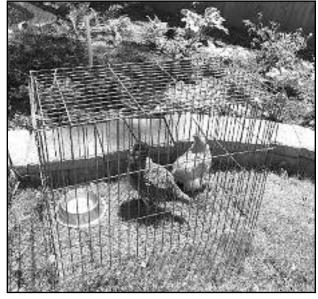


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