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MOUNTAINSIDE COMMUNITY GATHERS TO HONOR VETERANS

November 11, 2018 was a special day in Mountainside as community veterans gathered at the Mountainside Veterans Memorial Park to participate in a Veterans Day remembrance ceremony. This year marked the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I in 1918 which was called Armistice Day.

The day's festivities was organized by Mountainside VFW Post 10136 and Post Commander Timothy McLaughlin, a Colonel in the NJ Army National Guard, was the master of ceremonies. COL McLaughlin greeted all community veterans and introduced Mountainside Councilmember Rene Dierkes who provided remarks on Veterans Day and recounted his time growing up on U.S. military installations in Europe. In attendance were several other councilmembers including, Deanna Andre, Robert Messler, and Rachel Pater.

COL McLaughlin read a Veterans Day

message from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Headquarters recounting the history of Veterans Day, recalling the sacrifice and service all of U.S. veterans, and remembering current uniformed service members serving our nation globally protecting our freedoms and American way of life. In addition, PFC Chris McLaughlin, 102nd Cavalry Regiment, NJ Army National Guard, read a poem entitled "America's Veteran." COL McLaughlin took a moment to remember their comrade, Win Miller, who recently passed away. Win was a founding member of Mountainside Post 10136 which was chartered in November 1968. Win was part of "America's Greatest Generation" serving in the U.S. Navy in WW II as a Seabee in the Pacific Theater. As Taps was played in his honor, community Veterans saluted to render their respect.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Mountainside Restoration Committee welcomed community veterans and family members to the Hetfield House for a luncheon to celebrate the day. Members of the Mountainside Restoration Committee along with Mountainside councilmembers served their guests with a delicious lunch in a patriotic themed dining room. The Bake Zone in Mountainside provided a delicious flag cake for all to enjoy.

Colonel McLaughlin reminded all ceremony attendees that remembrance bricks are still available for purchase which are installed in the assembly area of the Mountainside Veterans Memorial Park. Brick forms are available in the drop box attached to the park sign. Bricks can also be purchased on-line at: polarengraving.com/VFW10136.

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(above, l-r) Board members Diane Kontra and Alice Cowell joined by other volunteers of the Mountainside Restoration Committee hosted lunch at the Hetfield House, adjacent to Mountainside Veterans Memorial Park, for those who attended the Vetern's Day Ceremony.

Photos from this and other events can be found online at rennamedia.com and on Long Hill Leader page on [facebook.com Feel](https://www.facebook.com/Feel) free to "Like," "Tag," and "Share."



(above, l-r) Post Chaplin Bill Leber with daughter Jean Leber.



(above, l-r) Master of Ceremonies, Colonel Timothy McLaughlin, Commander of VFW Post 10136, with Post Chaplin Bill Leber as he delivers the opening prayer.



(above) In attendance at Mountainside Veteren's Day ceremony were Veterans who served in wars form WWII through Desert Storm.

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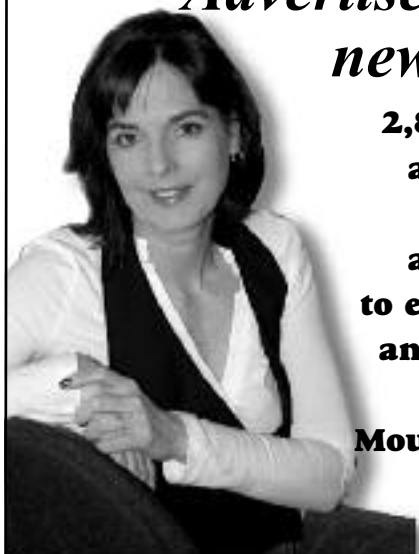
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Attention Outlander fans: STARZ Series' Outlander bard, “Gwyllyn” aka Gillebride MacMillan, has just been added to the 2018 production of the Pipes of Christmas with performances in NYC and Summit, NJ.

Tickets still remaining for the 2PM concert on Saturday, Dec. 15 in NYC and the 7PM concert on Sunday, Dec. 16 at Central Presbyterian Church in Summit, NJ.

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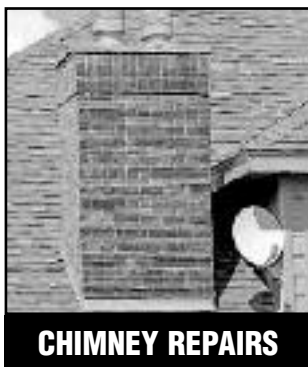
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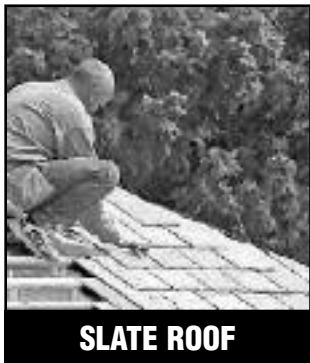
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HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES SET FOR DEC 1ST

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The Mountainside Christmas Tree Lighting festivities will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at Borough Hall beginning at 4:30 p.m. There will be caroling, hot chocolate and cookies (for sale) and Santa will be available for photos.

FAMILY SKATE NIGHT:

Mountainside Recreation Department Family Skate Night will be held after the Tree Lighting ceremony. Free to all Mountainside residents from 6:30 – 8 p.m. at the Union Sports Arena, located at 2441 US-22 in Union.

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JERRY RICE NAMED 'MARINE OF THE YEAR'

Mountainside resident Jerry Rice was honored during the Marine Corps Birthday Ball held on November 9th, 2018 at the Pantagis Renaissance in Scotch Plains, NJ.

Jerry was honored as the 'Marine of the Year' from the Central Jersey Leatherneck Detachment of the Marine Corps League.

Jerome 'Jerry' Rice served with the U.S. Marine Corps from 1952 to 1955. He flew with the 1st Marine Air Wing as a radar operator in a Skyraider plane. In 1957, Jerry was a

commandant in the Marine Corps League with the Elizabeth detachment. After the U.S. Marine Corps he served as a Detective Sergeant for 35 years with the Mountainside Police Department.

His family followed in his footsteps, as his son James 'Jim' Rice served, and his grandson Michael Rice currently serves with the U.S. Marine Corps. He is married to Audrey Rose Rice, they have four children, Karen, James, John, Eileen, and he is a loving grandfather and great-grandfather.



(above) Audrey & Jerry Rice

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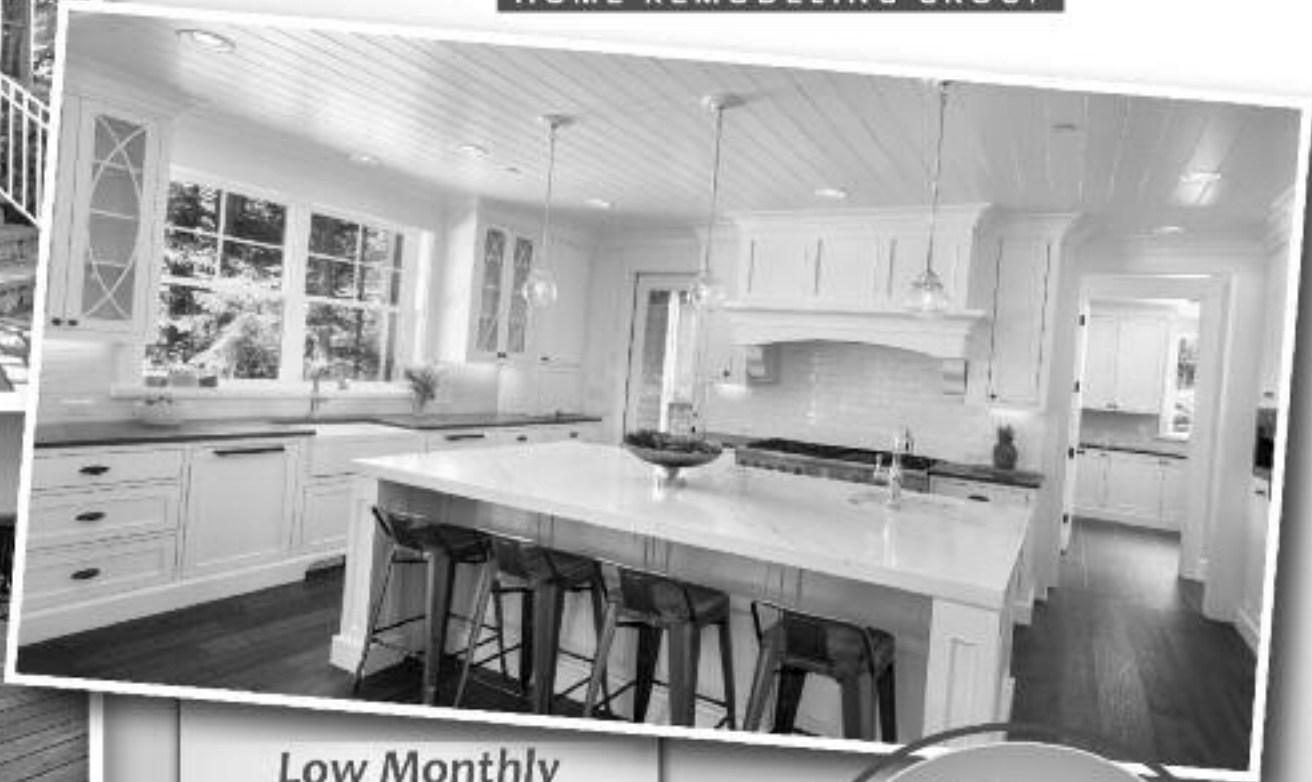


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(above) Carol Clark and Elthel Ward put the finishing touches on a display of unique holiday décor and gift items for sale at Mountainside's Levi Cory House Holiday Boutique – open November 16, 17, & 30; and December 1, 7, 8 & 9 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

2018 HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE DATES AT THE LEVI CORY HOUSE

The Levi Cory House Holiday Boutique will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the following days: Friday & Saturday, November 16 & 17; Friday and Saturday, November 30 and December 1; and, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 7, 8 & 9. The Levi Cory House is located on Constitution Plaza, off Birch Hill Road.



(above) Santa & Mrs. Claus and the Gingerbread Man will welcome guests to the Family Gingerbread Open House which will take place at the Hetfield House on Sunday, Dec. 9 from 1-4 p.m.

MOUNTAINSIDE'S LEVI CORY & HETFIELD HOUSES GINGERBREAD OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND

For further information, please call (908)789-9420; or, go to: mountainsidehistory.org

The spirit of the holidays, present and past, will be celebrated during the Gingerbread Open Houses at Mountainside's Levi Cory House and Hetfield House the weekend of December 8-9, 2018. On Saturday, Dec. 8, the Levi Cory House will be open for adults for a Grand Opening Wine & Cheese reception with wine tasting by Stew Leonard's of Springfield; and on Sunday, December 9, the Hetfield House will be open for families. During each event, both houses will be decorated in all their holiday splendor. The Levi Cory House will be open throughout the weekend from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. for the Holiday Boutique

Adult Wine & Cheese & Grand Opening Open House – Saturday, Dec. 8 from 3-5 p.m.

Levi Cory House

During the adults' open house on Saturday, Dec. 8 (3-5 p.m.), there will be light refreshments including wine, cheese/crackers, baked goods and beverages. The event also serves as the official Grand Opening of the Levi Cory House which was moved to Constitution Plaza five years ago. After years of repair, renovation and restoration, it is now open. Stew Leonard's Wines of Springfield will provide wine tastings. The event will kick-off at 3:00 p.m. with a visit from jolly old St. Nick. Guests will enjoy music and plenty of holiday cheer. Stop by for a short visit or stay for a while.

Family Gingerbread Open House – Sunday, Dec. 9 from 1-4 p.m.

Hetfield House

Families with children are welcome on Sunday, Dec. 9 (1-4 p.m.) to enjoy many interactive events and activities. These include gingerbread-themed ornaments to decorate, mini holiday arrangements to make, guessing contest, mulled apple cider and baked goods to enjoy - all surrounded by festive holiday décor and live music by the Deerfield Middle School Instrumental Music students (1:30 p.m.) and Our Lady of Lourdes Children's Choir (2:30 p.m.). Despite their busy work preparing for the holiday, Mr. & Mrs. Claus promise to visit the children and share holiday cheer. Bring your cameras for pictures.

On both days, the Levi Cory House Holiday Boutique will be open featuring Holiday décor items, ornaments, jewelry, gifts, crafts and other curiosities – both new and vintage.

The Levi Cory House and Deacon Andrew Hetfield House are located at Constitution Plaza (Watchung Ave., off Birch Hill Rd.) adjacent to the Mountainside Library. The Mountainside Restoration Committee is a 501 (c)(3) charity and a committee of volunteers whose purpose is to maintain the Deacon Andrew Hetfield House, restore and maintain the Levi Cory House and collect and save historic Mountainside information and items from destruction.

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Please bring with you the following: 1) Your tax deductible donation (\$25 is the minimum per family – more is always appreciated). 2) One wrapped gift per child clearly labeled with your child's first and last name and address. **PLEASE:** One gift per child of a reasonable size and weight. 3) The registration form filled out completely.

Once delivery dates and times have been set, rescheduling will be extremely difficult, so please be sure to provide any preferences at the time of registration. Each date will have a certain number of slots, so date availability will be on a first come, first served basis. Please come with a second option in mind.

Step 2: If your gift wasn't ready at registration

Gift drop off should take place at the Mountainside Fire House at time of registration (preferred) or by appointment if absolutely necessary. **ALL** gifts must be received by December 8th and be clearly labeled with the first and last name, and address of the child **PLEASE:** One gift per child of a reasonable size and weight.

If you cannot bring the gift at time of registration, please contact Samantha Grindlinger at (908)531-6883 or email at grindlingers@gmail.com to arrange an appointment for a drop off date/time.

Step 3: Be on the lookout for delivery dates and times

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Step 4: Here comes Santa!

Santa will be making his deliveries on Sunday December 16th 1 p.m.-6 p.m., Monday December 17th 5 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., and Sunday December 23rd 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

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The Mountainside Public Library has scheduled the following programs for December. The Library will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, December 24-25 in observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas and on Monday and Tuesday, December 31 and January 1, in observance of New Year's Eve and Day.

Tuesday Night Movies

December 4, *Ocean's 8 (2018)* will be shown.

Upon her release from prison, Debbie, the sister of legendary conman Danny Ocean, puts together a team of unstoppable crooks to pull off the heist of the century (PG-13).

Woman Walks Ahead (2018)

will be shown on
December 11.

A widowed New York artist travels to North Dakota to paint a portrait of Chief Sitting Bull and is met with open hostility by the US Army (PG-13).

Our final movie of the month
will be *Mama Mia!*
on December 18

Here We Go Again (2018). Five years after the events of *Mamma Mia!* (2008), Sophie prepares for the grand reopening of the Hotel Bella Donna as she learns more about her mother's past. Stars Lily James, Amanda Seyfried and Meryl Streep (PG-13). There will be no movie shown on December 25. Showtime for each movie is 6:30 p.m.

Brown Bag Academy, Mondays
(except December 24 & 31)
in December at 1:15 p.m.

Experience the joy of learning at lunchtime without the homework or exams! We will be featuring lectures by Professor Robert Greenberg on "The Symphony". This

course ends on December 3 and a new course will be selected by the participants. Bring your lunch; coffee, tea and cookies will be served for dessert!

"Come Read to Kalee (Therapy Dog)"
Friday, December 7 at 3:45 p.m.

Stop in and read to Kalee for 5-10 minutes. Please bring two favorite books with you to read when you come. This program is especially designed for emergent and beginning readers in Grades K-1, but all readers are welcomed. Please call to reserve a spot for this program.

"Holiday Card Workshop"

Saturday, December 8 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
This workshop continues to be a tradition at the Library!

There will be cards for all ages to make: from the youngest child to adults. Register so that we have enough supplies and then drop in to create one-of-a-kind cards for your family and friends.

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Friday, December 14 at 1:00 p.m.

Friday Operas on Film series presented by Mena Clemson, will be showing *Eine Nacht in Venedig* (Night In Venice) by Johann Strauss. Anton De Ridder (Herzog) and Sylvia Geszty (Annina) star in this 1973 recording filmed in Germany. The Munich Radio Orchestra is conducted by Kurt Eichhorn.

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BOY SCOUT PACK 177 FOOD DRIVE

Submitted by Jennifer Coppola

This holiday season started Saturday, November 17, 2018 for Mountainside Boy Scout Pack 177 with their annual Food Drive. This year approximately 90 scouts from Mountainside Pack 177 delivered over 2,500 food Drive Bags to residents of Mountainside. We were able to collect 613 bags to help needy families during this year's holiday season. Items included cereals, pastas, canned goods (tuna, vegetables, beans, yams, etc), diapers, jello/pudding, peanut butter, soups, and juices.

Thank you to all the residents that participated in our annual food drive. We cannot do it without you! Happy Holiday from Pack 177.



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Majestic Winds, the professional wind band of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, will present a spring concert at the Ehrhart Gardens, 100 Francis Court, Union, NJ on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

The ensemble will be directed by Howard Toplansky, an NJWA staff instrumental instructor. "Our musical offerings are geared to please a variety of musical tastes and range from Renaissance to Ragtime favorites," stated Toplansky.

"The Pirates of Penzance" Overture by Sir Arthur Sullivan, Highlights from "My Fair Lady" by Frederick Loewe and Galop from "Genevieve de Brabant" by Jacques Offenbach will be the main selections on the first half of the concert. "Golden Sunset Waltzes" by John T.

Hall, "Broadway One-Step" by Karl L. King and "Strenuous Life" by Scott Joplin will also be featured on this program. Several fine marches will also be performed which include "Children of the Regiment" by Julius Fucik, "In Storm and Sunshine" by J. C. Heed and "U. S. Army Ambulance Corps" by John Philip Sousa.

Additional numbers included in this concert are: "Deep River" and "Arioso" by J. S. Bach. Also featured on this program will be "Pizzicato Polka" by Johann and Josef Strauss and "After You've Gone" by Creamer and Layton.

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISES FOR THE HOMELESS

Submitted by Catherine Lawrence, Allison Post and Holliday Woodard

The 14th annual homeless sleep out, an Our Lady of Lourdes Youth Group tradition, was a huge success. During this event, young people sleep out in cardboard boxes to raise awareness of homelessness and raise funds to help the cause.

The experience of sleeping as a homeless person was renewing, as well as eye opening. Starting at around 5:30 p.m., the youth group gathered in Pollard Hall. We sat around talking in excitement about the night we had ahead of us. After the 5:00 p.m. mass, we brought cans and cardboard signs to each entrance and begged for money. While standing out in the cold to beg, the wind was nipping at our fingertips so we knew it was going to be a frosty night.

When coming inside we got served soup from the soup kitchen, and as we learned, only fortunate homeless people would be able to find this type of dinner on a regular night. After, we gathered around and got into a truly engaging conversation with the youth group leader Kevin. Kevin is full of knowledge about the present day homeless people, and he is a huge advocate for helping them. Box assembling came next, and we each personalized our boxes.

At around 9:00 p.m., we hiked out to the front lawn and laid our tarps on the wet ground to ensure that our boxes stayed dry. We made little villages and set up our sleeping bags for the night. By this time, the temperature was dropping and we were all trying our best to stay bundled up. Kevin kindly set up a trash can fire and we stayed in a group and warmed our bodies, telling stories, talking about the future, and laughing. As the hours past, one by one the group standing became smaller and smaller, until we were all in our boxes by 3:00 a.m.

By the time everyone was awake, it was around 7:45 a.m. Though the tarps were thought to ensure that the moisture stay out, the majority of us woke up with wet boxes. Each of us crawled out of our boxes like a butterfly breaking a cocoon and shivered with the sudden temperature drop. The fire was out and everything was chilly and wet. We all rushed inside to get into the warm and discussed our amazing night. Bagels were kindly served to us, and it was nice to have solid food (Note: We did NOT brush our teeth since toothbrushes are usually unavailable to homeless people, which made them also unavailable to us).

After we ate, we formed an assembly line and created 150 sandwiches, with chips, a dessert, and a drink. We were up and shaking our cans outside begging for money after the 7:15 a.m. mass. We attended 9:30 a.m. mass and got warm smiles and very thoughtful recognition from the clergy. Before long, we were out again begging for more money after the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. masses.

All in all, with our personal fundraisers as well as our begging after mass, we raised over \$2,500 for homeless people.

While the underclassmen continued begging after each mass, the upperclassmen traveled to Irvington, NJ to deliver the 150 prepared lunches they made that morning. In collaboration with Bridges Outreach, based in Summit, the kids worked to hand out bagged lunches along with hot soup, hot chocolate, toiletry items, and socks to homeless people in Irvington. The high schoolers saw close to eighty homeless people this morning, the majority of them extremely grateful for the help they were receiving. Every Sunday morning and Friday night Bridges makes

runs to Irvington and New York City to help the homeless and give them what they can that day. Bridges coordinator Tobias Fox, informed the kids about the work that Bridges does and made sure that the young adults knew how appreciative their organization was for the extra hands.

Of course our experience was nothing compared to what homeless people have to go through everyday, however it did give us a good perspective. This involvement led us to appreciate the roof over our head, the money our parents make to provide for us, and even the nice hot shower we all took when we got home. To be able to live our lives, not worrying when we will be able to get our next meal, whether someone will attack you, or where you will sleep, is a huge blessing. Thank you to everyone who donated to the homeless sleep out, and allowed us to reach our goal. And lastly, thank you to Kevin our youth group leader who opened up our eyes with a new perspective and appreciation on life.



(above) Our Lady of Lourdes Youth Group made 150 prepared lunches to donate.



(above) Upperclassmen Youth Group members delivered the prepared lunches to Irvine, NJ with Bridges Outreach.



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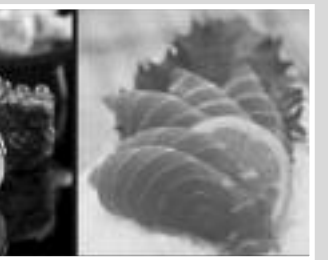


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