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## MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMIC TEAM CHAMPIONS



*Submitted by James Bigsby*

The Green Brook Middle School Academic Team recently defeated Warren Middle School in the finals, and are now the ATOMS New Jersey Champions! Three months of fierce competition and studying have lead up to the final, most intense and rigorous match of this academic competition. During the rounds, our team demonstrated their strategic team work and content knowledge across science, history, mathematics, women in society, artistry, and literature. We are

incredibly proud of student competitors Anmol Bhatia, Bryan Zhang, Benjamin Liu, Atharva Kalyanpur, Sara Liu, and Ryan Wang, and are honored to have them representing GBMS in such an extraordinary capacity. We are appreciative of the parents who have supported our team throughout the process, as well as came to the final round. This victory was well earned. And a special thanks to the coaches, Ms. Cerofeci and Ms. Schaefer, for their work with the team.

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# HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT GIVES EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE TO SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS

*Submitted by Tom Kranz*

A high school junior, volunteering her time, has brought creativity, comradery and joy to the adult residents of Mt. Bethel Village for almost two years in an extraordinary commitment of service to others.

Niharika (Nina) Iyer, who is finishing up her junior year at Watching Hills Regional High School, first reached out to Mt. Bethel Executive Director Carolann Garafola in 2017 with a desire to bring art projects to Mt. Bethel's developmentally disabled adults. The projects were designed to be done in two or three hours and could be taken back to each adult's apartment to be enjoyed later. They grew beyond day projects and are now part of the fabric of life at Mt. Bethel Village, located at 130 Mt. Bethel Road in Warren. During the month of April, Ms. Iyer continues visiting MBV, completing to date more than 22 projects over 66 hours on-site with countless additional hours of prep time including the purchase of materials. The projects are planned, in writing, and tied to seasonal events and holidays and are tailored to each individual's capabilities.



(above) Niharika Iyer, who through her volunteer efforts has completed more than 22 projects over 66 hours on-site at Mt. Bethel Village.

"Through these activities, Nina has taken time out of her weekends to come on-site to motivate our adults to create their own art," said Mrs. Garafola. "She also encouraged and helped them learn how to get along in a group, how to clean up after the activity, how to have fun with art and how to be proud of what they accomplished."

As you might expect, Ms. Iyer's parents are very proud of her.

"Niharika has grown tremendously through this experience that will be a part of her forever," said Sn Suresh, her father.

Mrs. Garafola has recommended Ms. Iyer for recognition by the National Honor Society.

"She did not get glory on a sports field, on a stage, but in the quiet walls of MBV," she wrote. "For a young woman to initiate such a project took a lot of fortitude, strength and commitment as working with adults with special needs is very challenging."

Mt. Bethel Village is an apartment-style residential community for adults with autism, developmental disabilities and traumatic brain injuries.



(above) New Year's Eve glasses were among the various art projects that Niharika Iyer completed with MBV residents,

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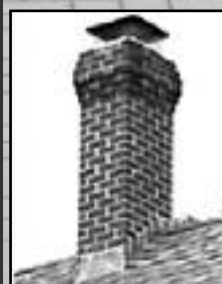
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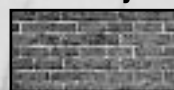
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## GREEN BROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL PERFORMS SHREK JR.

*Submitted by James Bigsby*

On March 29, 2019, the cast, crew, and staff of Green Brook Middle School's Shrek Jr. closed the curtains on their incredible production with a show-stopping final performance. This musical included a cast and crew of nearly 75 members. Both performances were very well attended with a record breaking audience size on Friday with a wall-to-wall sell out!

The production was nothing short of spectacular with amazing performances by leads and ensemble alike. Shrek was played by 8th grader Ben Cupit, who you may also remember as the lead from our fall production of "A Christmas Carol". Ben's voice was strong and vibrant and his acting reminded us that even ogres can be lovable and kind creatures. Fiona, the princess Shrek is tasked with saving, was played by 7th grader Aria Anthony. She really impressed the audiences as she belted out notes

in each song with ease and took you through the self-proclaimed "bi-polar" nature of Fiona. Comedy was in no short supply and no one got more laughs than 7th grader Lea Anthony as Donkey. From her impeccable delivery to her hilarious facial expressions and gestures, she had the audience rolling every time she stepped on stage. Kaylee Vargas (8th grade) impressed everyone with her big voice in "Forever" as Dragon, while Lucas Flint (8th grade) played the perfect mix of evil and funny as Farquaad. Both 8th graders Nadine Greybek (Pinocchio) and Michael Banker (Gingy) nailed their "freaky" fairytale characters with laughs throughout the show. The ensemble really brought it home with some incredible singing, dancing and acting from the first scene through to the end. The show concluded with a big song and dance number that had the audience on their feet dancing with the cast to "I'm a Believer," originally by the

Monkees.

The final show concluded with a wonderful cast party enjoyed by all 75 cast and crew members which was hosted by a group of fantastic parent volunteers. The show was the eighth one directed by the school's chorus and orchestra teacher Mr. William Alzahrer. The backstage crew was expertly managed by theater teacher Mrs. Erin Ferrara and the choreography was done by former GBMS graduate, Jaclyn Priore. We are so incredibly proud of all the students involved and would like to thank the parents who volunteered with supervision, the cast party, set building and painting, photography, t-shirts, publicity and more. Another big thank you to the teachers, staff, administration, and Board of Education for coming out to enjoy the show and supporting the hard work of the directors, cast, and crew have put in over the last 4 months. Bravo to the cast and crew!



(above) The cast of Green Brook Middle School's Shrek Jr.

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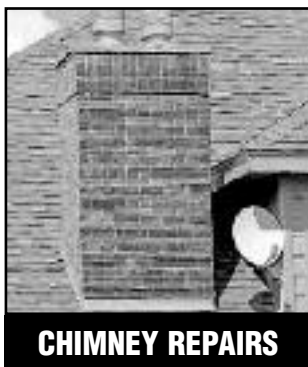
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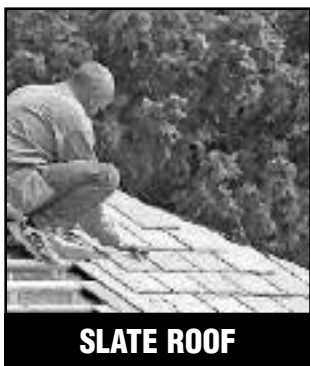
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Submitted by Michael Ryder

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The following people were involved in working on this opportunity: Danny Larsen, Lodge 885 ER; Joann Bataille, Lodge 885 ENF Chair; Marc Steinberg, Somerset Children's Center BOD Chairman; Michelle Waiser, Lodge 885 member and Trustee at the Somerset Children's Center; Mindy Hoppe, Director of the Somerset Children's Center; Kim Devizio, Lodge 885 member and English Trust Fund BOD member; Stephanie Zitsch, Lodge 885 PER and English Trust Fund BOD member; Pia Grant, Lodge 885 member and English Trust Fund BOD member; and Betty Volker, Lodge 885 PDDGER and Special Children's Committee Chairperson.

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The dinner is catered by Argyle Restaurant in Kearny, NJ. Their Fish & Chips dinner is legendary, and loved by many in the community. Dinner includes fish, chips, cole slaw, beverage and dessert. The dinner can be enjoyed at the church with others from the community, or can easily be a "Take-Out" meal. There is also a

"chicken option" for those who prefer it.

Funds raised at this annual event support the church and its mission activities. The church's mission of "Feeding Those Who Hunger" is met in a literal sense here: in the past 5 years of this event, over 100 free dinner tickets have been given to community members in need.

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# GIRL SCOUTS HOST GLOBAL CELEBRATION

*Submitted by Gina Strong*

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Green Brook Middle School was the site of this year's celebration. The hosting Troops 65032 and 65038 planned a fun packed event for over 95 scouts from both Green Brook and Dunellen. Participating troops each represented a country that participates in the World Association of Girl

Guides & Girls Scouts (WAGGGS). Each troop presented aspects of their chosen country. The girls research their country and offer table displays of facts, flags, and foods that are representative of its culture. The girls also present a respectful skit, dance or song to their fellow troops, educating them about their country and/or customs. The participating troops this year represented: Ireland, Germany, Mexico, Japan, Ghana, Italy, and Hungary. To fulfill the theme of "Leadership" Cadette Troop 65032 led the younger troops through the night's activities, and all troops were asked to bring food donations to "Lead the fight against Hunger". The food collected was donated to a local food pantry by Junior Troop 65038.



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**As a FULL SERVICE REALTOR® I can help you coordinate all aspects of your move whether you are staying local, moving out of state, downsizing or simply changing your lifestyle.**

### FOR SALE



**304 Tallwood Lane, Green Brook**  
**Listed at \$349,900**  
2 Bedrooms, 2.1 Baths  
Spacious townhome with finished basement

### FOR SALE



**132 Greenbrook Rd, Green Brook**  
**Listed at \$300,000**  
3 Bedrooms, 1.1 Baths  
Plenty of space for entertaining



### COMING SOON

**1 Bradley Ct, Green Brook**  
4 Bedrooms, 3 Baths  
Elegant home in prime cul-de-sac location

### ★★★★★ Client Testimonial - Erika P.

**Sold in Green Brook/Purchased in Marlboro, NJ**

"When we made the decision to sell our home, we knew we wanted to sell our home with a realtor with a proven track record...It was then time to find our next home, and even though we were looking 45 minutes away.... We give Roseann O'Keefe our highest recommendation for anybody who is looking to buy or sell."



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## DUNELLEN PUBLIC LIBRARY MAY EVENTS

100 New Market Rd, Dunellen, NJ 08812 • Tel: 732-968-4585 • Fax: 732-424-1370 • Visit us at [www.Dunellenlibrary.org](http://www.Dunellenlibrary.org)

Please Note: All events are open and free to the Public. All programs require registration; please take note of the method of registration unless otherwise specified.

### ADULT PROGRAM

#### Friends Annual Tea Party

Sunday, May 5 from 1 - 3 p.m.

Pinkies Out! It's Tea Time! Delectable treats and sweets, delicious goodies, and various teas await you at the library! Only \$15 per person, tickets available at the library's Front Desk.

All are welcome!

#### Computer Basics Class

Every Saturday from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Get help with internet searches, smart phones, Microsoft Suite, and more! This class is appointment based only; sessions are 30 minutes long. Please call in advance.

#### Meditation for Beginners

May 4 at 2 p.m.

(Every 1st Saturday of each month)  
Rest, relax and release! Learn the basics of meditation, no experience required.  
Conducted by a trained Yoga Instructor.

#### Balalaika Dance Show

Wednesday, May 15th from 6 - 7 p.m.

Balalaika dance show with Elina Karokhina. Program includes Russian traditional and popular music and songs as well as Ukrainian, Gypsy, Jewish, classical, and world-known popular music. \*No

Registration Required\*

#### Rock 'n' Roll Through History!

Wed, May 29 from 6 - 8 p.m.

The Origins and Progress of Rock & Roll through the British Invasion with John Groom. John will review how rock and roll influenced American culture. \*No  
Registration Required\*

### TEEN'S EVENTS

#### Gaming Club

Every first and third Tuesday of the month  
at 3:30 p.m.

What: Enjoy free snacks, dueling it out with your friends and talking about some serious gamer trends! Feel free to bring your own game systems and/or games, but they are your responsibility. Games will be reviewed for content purposes before play.

\*No registration required\*

#### Girls Who Code

Every Thursday at 5 p.m.

What: Girls Grades 6-12 are invited to the library to learn how to code! Only requirement is an email address. Don't have one? We can help you create one! To register visit:

[dunellengirlswhocode.wixsite.com/gwcdpl](http://dunellengirlswhocode.wixsite.com/gwcdpl)

#### DIY Mother's Day Gift!

Wed, May 8 at 3:30 p.m.

Give your Mom a gift as sweet as she is!  
Create a lovely flower candy box for your Mom or loved one!

#### DIY Pop Sockets

Wed, May 29 at 3:30 p.m.

Because who doesn't need a good prop for a YouTube session or a perfectly positioned photo? Customize your very own pop socket as a new addition to your phone!

### CHILDREN'S EVENTS

#### Mother Goose

Every Tuesday at 6 p.m.  
and Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

Interactive Music program for children 0-5 with a caregiver or parent. Take story time to a whole other level! Theme based stories with Ms. Jennifer!

\*No registration required\*

For a list of all calendar events visit:  
[dunellenlibrary.org/events.html](http://dunellenlibrary.org/events.html).

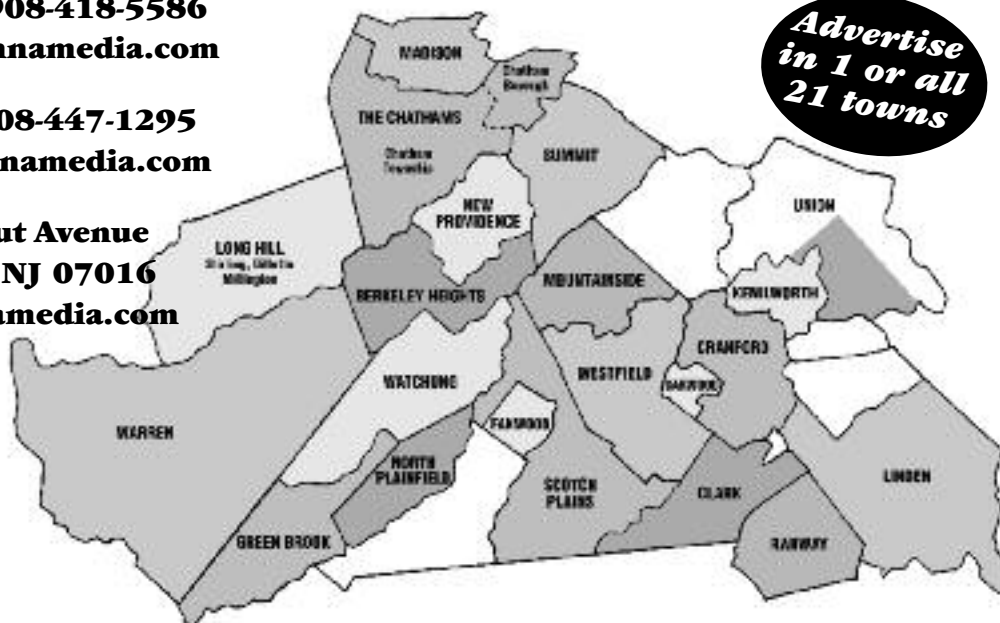
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#### NEWSPAPER AD RATES

Rates are per month. Adweek included in price. Newspapers are black on white.

Units	Size	RATE FOR ANY 1 NEWSPAPER	RATE FOR ANY 3 NEWSPAPERS	RATE FOR ANY 6 NEWSPAPERS	RATE FOR ANY 9 NEWSPAPERS	RATE FOR ANY 12 NEWSPAPERS	RATE FOR ANY 15 NEWSPAPERS	RATE FOR ANY 18 NEWSPAPERS	RATE FOR ALL 21 NEWSPAPERS
1 Unit (Business card)	3.25" x 2"	\$60	\$150	\$250	\$350	\$400	\$450	\$500	\$550
2 Units	6.5" x 2" or 3.25" x 4"	\$100	\$250	\$400	\$500	\$600	\$700	\$800	\$900
4 Units	3.25" x 8" or 6.5" x 4"	\$180	\$450	\$700	\$900	\$1100	\$1300	\$1500	\$1700
6 Units	6.5" x 6.25" or 10" x 4"	\$240	\$600	\$900	\$1200	\$1400	\$1600	\$1800	\$2000
9 HALF PAGE	6.5" x 9" or 10" x 7"	\$320	\$800	\$1000	\$1300	\$1600	\$1900	\$2200	\$2400
12 Units	10" x 8"	\$360	\$900	\$1200	\$1500	\$1800	\$2100	\$2400	\$2700
18 FULL PAGE	10" x 14"	\$400	\$1000	\$1400	\$1800	\$2200	\$2500	\$2800	\$3000
2 PAGE SPREAD	21" x 14"	\$700							
BACK PAGE	10" x 14"	\$500							
FRONT PAGE BANNER	8.25" x 2"	\$320							
FRONT PAGE BOX	1.5" x 4.5"	\$240							

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- Each post gets a virtual email address keeping your address private
- Each post includes links to your website
- Each post includes a Google map link
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**Get Maximum Exposure to Local Markets for**

- Press Releases • Classified Ad • Coupons
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**EVENT PROMOTION ONLINE: \$20**

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(Customer supplied press releases.)

**PROMOTE YOUR POST: \$100**

- Press Releases, Events and Classified ads actively promoted to a Facebook targeted audience

### DISPLAY ADS

- Banner Ad (500 x 100 pixels) - \$240 per year
- Column Ad (300 x 200 pixels) - \$100 per month
- Photo Album Ad (2000 x 1300) with link to web: \$40  
• Creation of custom photo albums available)

Rates are based on artwork supplied (Artwork - \$40)

### WEBSITE / SEO SERVICES

- Website Audit/Analysis and recommendation plan: \$250
- Website creation/update: \$2,400  
(average cost for average website: 12 pages, contact form, SEO friendly, responsive design)
- Website Hosting: \$300 per year  
Includes website hosting, software updates, monthly website content updates
- SEO Services - average cost \$1,000 - \$2,000 per month  
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