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BOY SCOUTS TREK THROUGH NEW MEXICO BACKCOUNTRY

ubmitted by Matthew Mauro

A crew of eight teenage Scouts and four of their adult leaders from Madison Boy Scout Troop 25 went on a life changing summer trek through the Sangre de Cristo Mountains at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. A trek through Philmont is often considered the pinnacle of scouting. Philmont Scout Ranch covers 214 square miles of vast wilderness with 315 miles of trails that climb from 6,500 feet to as high as 12,441 feet. Each summer, Philmont hosts over 22,000 scouts across their 35 staff camps and 770 campsites in the backcountry. In addition to hosting crews, Philmont is also an active cattle ranch.

During their trek, Boy Scout Troop 25 hiked 68 miles over 12 days, with many more miles hiked within camps and between activities. At the climax of their trek, the crew summited Mount Baldy, standing at 12,441 feet high. Scout Johnny Prout remarked that "the view from the top was absolutely superb. You could just see the

landscape for miles and miles."

The group of Scouts and their advisors carried everything they needed to survive during the trek on their backs while hiking from camp to camp. "I especially enjoyed all of the activities and programs we did along the way," said Scout Kristian Kassis. The crew participated in several programs during their trek including gold panning, tomahawk throwing, spar pole climbing, petroglyph tours, railroading, forging, and multiple campfires. Part of the trek also included a burro, named Alfonso, which the scouts packed and led on the trail. The trek included a conservation project where the Scouts learned and participated in the upkeep of Philmont's ecosystem. During down time, Scouts enjoyed playing the card game Magic the Gathering with each other.

"I appreciated the breaks of rest and relaxation we had each night between hikes where I could hang out with my friends," said Scout Doyle Keane. Along the trek, Scouts endured tough challenges including backpacking in bear and mountain lion territory, steep climbs, and often inclement weather.

Looking back, Scout David Amieva reflected on his time in Philmont by saying that "the whole trek was a really special experience, one that few will ever get the opportunity to live through."

The trek certainly was a unique experience for all involved. Scout Luke

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(above, l-r) Madison Boy Scout Troop 25 on Mount Baldy (12,441 feet) in Cimarron, New Mexico. Front row: Brian Axelsen, David Amieva, and Matthew Mauro; second row: Johnny Prout, John Prout, Dan Keane, Doyle Keane, Kian Deane, Kristian Kassis, Luke Schuszler, Philip Deane, and Jorge Amieva.

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THURSDAY MORNING CLUB MEMBERS HAVE THEIR TICKETS, DO YOU?

Submitted by Cathy Gotliffe

Come together and have fun at the Thursday Morning Club's (TMC) "Fabulous Fall Fundraiser" Raffle and Cocktail Reception! There are only 500, 50%/25%/25%, tickets to be sold for raffle participation at \$100 each, also entitling the bearer and a guest to attend the cocktail reception to be held at the Madison Community House (MCH) from 7 p.m.- 9 p.m. on Saturday, October 19, 2019.

This raffle will provide 50% of the proceeds to benefit the MCH, 25% to one lucky winner, and the final 25% to another lucky winner. Winners will be drawn at the reception, but need not be present to win. To purchase, please contact Linda Gero at 973-377-3222 or Anne Lawless at 973-822-2517 and arrangements will be made for you to receive your ticket.

Through the TMC's fundraising efforts, the MCH continues to provide, among other various activities: a Pre-school for 3 and 4 year-olds, Before and After School Child Care (BASCC) at all Madison elementary schools, summer camps, after-school programs at the MCH, and space which is used by a number of groups and organizations for meetings and/or social purposes. As many as 50,000-55,000 people per year use this facility in one way or another.

As always, the TMC/MCH is grateful for the Community's past and continuing generosity which enables it to be a vibrant presence in Madison.

The Thursday Morning Club is a member of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs (NJSFWC) and the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC).



(above, l-r) Standing: Marie Toto, Anne Lawless, Judy Hynes, Pat Wolf; Seated: Linda Gero, Nancy Wallace, and Arlene Odell.

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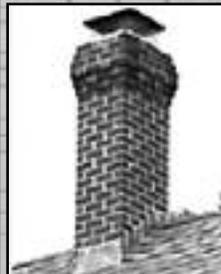
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MADISON ROTARIANS HAVE LOTS OF FUN

BOY SCOUTS TREK

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Schuszler added that “there were points in the trek where I was simply overwhelmed by the beauty and majesty of the backcountry, its sweeping hills and rocky citadels reminded me of humanity's sacred duty to nature.” With a lack of technology, modern conveniences, and usual comforts, a trek to Philmont opens one’s mind to think deeper and explore new ideas.

“On a typical day, we would wake up early, pack up camp, and hit the trail. On the trail, we may hike through various environments, whether they be dry and arid or full of vegetation. We would also often only see one other crew on the trail on any given day. When we reached camp, our site was still isolated from other crews,” explained Scout Kian Deane.

The crew made what amounts to a Scouting pilgrimage with their trip to Philmont. Philmont Scout Ranch is the Boy Scouts of America’s premier high adventure camp and the largest youth camp in the world serving nearly one million participants since 1938. Waite Phillips, the donor of Philmont land, once said that, “Nothing worthwhile was ever accomplished without the will to start, the enthusiasm to continue and, regardless of temporary obstacles, the persistence to complete.”

Boy Scout Troop 25 meets on Mondays during the school year at the Presbyterian Church of Madison, 19 Green Ave, from 7:30-9 p.m.

Twenty-five Madison Rotarians and guests recently enjoyed a Somerset Patriots baseball outing at TD Ballpark in Bridgewater. They braved the 90 degree hot weather in an air conditioned suite which was located directly behind home plate in the upper level. They had to pay attention to the many foul balls which came their way. The Rotarians thank the Somerset Patriots for their generosity in donating this suite to Taste of Madison. The suite was purchased by Rotarian Barry Kroll in the silent auction at the Taste and shared with the Club.

The Rotary Club of Madison has an enthusiastic and engaged network of ordinary

people doing extraordinary things to serve humanity in our local and global communities. We have 88 members and are inviting likeminded individuals to join our successful and vibrant club. President Michel Belt encourages you to come learn about Rotary by attending any one of our three weekly meetings as our guest.

You have your choice of two weekly meetings: Thursdays, 7:47 a.m. breakfast at the YMCA, 12:15 p.m. lunch at the Madison Hotel.

To learn more, join or visit a Rotary meeting, contact Barry Kroll, at barrykroll@aol.com or 973-476-2772.



(above) 25 Madison Rotarians and guests recently enjoyed a Somerset Patriots baseball outing at TD Ballpark.

Photo by Madison Rotary Club

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Residents of Madison, Chatham Township, Springfield and Cranford are invited. This blood analysis is a fasting test (not eating for 12 hours prior to appointment time is recommended) and appointments are required. Individual blood pressure and health information will be available at the screening. There is no fee for this community service.

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MOTHER AND SISTER OF 9/11 HERO WELLES CROWTHER TO GIVE KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT MORRIS COUNTY'S 9/11 REMEMBRANCE

Sunday, Sept. 8, 6 p.m. Hear About the "Man in the Red Bandana"

Morris County invites residents to join in observing the 18th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks against our nation at the Morris County Remembers 9/11 Service on Sunday, September 8, 2019.

The ceremony will begin at 6 p.m. at the Morris County September 11th Memorial on West Hanover Avenue in Parsippany-Troy Hills, across from the Morris View Healthcare Center and adjacent to the Morris County Public Safety Academy. It will be held rain or shine.

Alison Crowther and Honor (Crowther) Fagan, the mother and sister of the late Welles Crowther, who gave his life while saving others at the World Trade Center on 9/11, have generously agreed to be the keynote speakers.

Welles Remy Crowther was working on the 104th floor of the South Tower at WTC when the attacks occurred on 9/11. The 24-year-old rookie equities trader lost his life that day but not before repeatedly going back into the tower to help to save many others. He was last seen working with members of the FDNY just before the South Tower collapsed.

Crowther became known as the "Man in the Red Bandana" for the red handkerchief he wore as a protective mask while taking on the role of rescuer. His story has been told in the documentary film, Man in the Red Bandana -- <https://www.maninredbandana.com/>.

The Westchester County, N.Y. resident is annually honored by his alma mater, Boston College; he posthumously was named an honorary New York City firefighter; and his efforts were cited by President Barack Obama in the 2014 dedication of the National 9/11 Memorial and Museum (<https://www.911memorial.org/museum>).

The county's 9/11 event will include a march with a color guard up West Hanover Avenue to the Memorial by police, fire, rescue and emergency personnel from across Morris County.

The observance will include a special invocation, a lighting of candles, and reading of the names of each of the 64 Morris County victims, plus a 21-gun salute, and keynote remarks.

Morris County's September 11th Memorial pays tribute to all of those who died in the terrorist attacks in New York, Pennsylvania and

Washington D.C., on Sept. 11, 2001, with a special emphasis on the 64 victims from Morris County whose names are etched in plaques affixed to the Memorial.

The names of all of the nearly 3,000 people who died that day are engraved in ruby-colored paving stones that have been set in the ground as a walkway surrounding the Memorial.

Since seating at the Memorial is limited, the public is encouraged to bring lawn chairs to the outdoor observance. Parking will be available at the Morris County Department of Human Services building at 340 West Hanover Ave., in Morris Township – directly across from the Academy. Shuttle buses will be available to transport those in need the short distance to the Memorial.

Police and fire departments and rescue squads from across the county are invited to participate by sending one apparatus per department and assembling at 4:30 p.m. at the Morris County Public Safety Academy, 500 West Hanover Ave., in Parsippany-Troy Hills.

Following a private ceremony for first responders at the Academy, a procession will be held to the Sept. 11th Memorial.

For more information, visit: morriscountynj.gov/9-11



(above) The Morris County September 11th Memorial is located on West Hanover Avenue (460 W Hanover Ave, Morristown, NJ) across from the Morris View Healthcare Center and adjacent to the Morris County Public Safety Academy.

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The Group facilitator, Mike Ecklund, began his career as a licensed counselor working with the State of New Jersey. Mike has a background in psychology and mental health.

He earned a Masters degree in Mental Health Counseling from Monmouth University.

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This chance to change drug plans is an important and often overlooked opportunity and not reviewing your options each year could be a costly mistake. Fortunately, Medicare makes it easy to comparison shop Part D drug plans via its website: Medicare.gov under the Sign Up/Change Plans tab on the top left. All you need is your Medicare card, the name of your preferred pharmacy and your prescription drugs and dosage. Once you input this information, the site sorts through all available plans showing the least expensive options on top. If a different plan than the one you have is less expensive, you can easily sign up for the plan via the Medicare website or, alternatively, call the insurance company giving them the name and number of the plan you want. Changes made during Open Enrollment are effective the first day of the new year. The Madison Senior Center has a SHIP counselor on staff who can help you navigate through the site and explain the options once Open Enrollment has commenced. Call the Center to schedule an appointment.

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HELPING HOMELESS VETERANS WITH BACKPACKS FOR LIFE

Submitted by Michael Boll, New Jersey Veterans Network

For the last few years our charity racing team, Operation Rebound, has been sponsored by Backpacks for Life (BFL). This amazing charity is responsible for providing thousands of homeless veterans backpacks full of essential toiletries and personal items. Also, the BFL will seek out veterans in need and help them with housing, food, employment and any other service that will help them live a better life.

The founder of the BFL, Brett D'Alessandro, is a United States Marine Corps veteran and started this outstanding charity shortly after he returned home from his tour of duty in Afghanistan. Brett recalls living out of a backpack during the war and felt a backpack can be a life-saving tool. In just a few years, Brett and the BFL are responsible for making thousands of backpacks for our homeless veterans.

The BFL doesn't just do backpacks, they are committed to helping our disabled veterans by providing them with the necessary resources and life-saving services by participating in various health fairs and PTSD groups. The BFL estimates about 350 disabled veterans have benefited from their resources and outreach. The BFL feels it's easy for a veteran to feel lost in the system. There are amazing resources out there, but it can be overwhelming trying to navigate it alone, so the BFL is there to help and guide the veteran through this agonizing process. What makes the

BFL special is they invite veterans into their home and help with filling out paperwork, draft resumes, apply for housing, or whatever else is needed to help the veteran.

The future looks bright for the BFL. They're excited to expand their backpacks distribution and reach even more homeless veterans. As they connect with more veterans' organizations across the country, they will equip even more communities with backpacks.

Their mentorship and coaching process will soon be accessible online. In this exciting development, veterans from across the country will be able to utilize the organization despite their location. Through this growth, the BFL focus remains on bringing hope back into the lives of veterans.

The BFL is out there every day making a difference and the Operation Rebound Racing Team is lucky to be a part of this incredible charity.

If you are interested with helping the Backpacks for Life please visit their website backpacksforlife.org.

For more information about New Jersey Veterans Network visit njvn.org.

About Operation Rebound

Operation Rebound is a mobile outreach team of mentors who help at-risk veterans and first responders to live a better life. For the last two

years, our team has made huge strides with suicide prevention simply by building trust and cementing friendships with people in need. It's most important to be honest with each person in crisis and follow up with ways to help them regain purpose in life. Setting goals motivates them to stay on a positive track. If you are interested with joining the Operation Rebound Racing Team please feel free to contact Michael Boll at mdbollio@optonline.net or call 973-332-1556.



(above) Brett D'Alessandro, Founder of Backpacks for Life

RE/MAX SELECT HAS BIG PLANS FOR MORRISTOWN FESTIVAL ON THE GREEN

With the Premier Fall Festival of Northern New Jersey approaching very soon, vendor RE/MAX SELECT of Morristown has some great attractions planned for the guests of the festival. Morristown plays host to over 50,000 attendees each year in their Historic Downtown for this event. This year's festival will be held on Sunday, September 29th, 2019 from 12 – 5 p.m., rain or shine. With 4 different stages, 150+ exhibitors showcasing our local businesses, restaurants, and notable community groups this event is a true testament to a community rich in national history and local pride.

Possessing nearly a 20-year history in Morristown, RE/MAX Select takes great pride in supporting this event. This year, RE/MAX Select of Morristown will be bringing in Ryan Krachun Racing and their Dirt-modified racing car. Attendees will be able to pose for pictures for free. This is sure to be an awesome attraction for the kids, and some over grown kids (aka dads). In keeping up with the philanthropic spirit of a RE/MAX agent, the team will be holding a raffle with the all donations being donated to The Children's Miracle Network, a non-profit organization that raises funds for children's hospitals, medical research, and community awareness of children's health issues. For each \$5 donation will give you an entry to win.

RE/MAX has been a long-standing partner of The Children's Miracle Network and has donated over \$100 million dollars to the non-profit.

Just one of the winning prizes is a Ralph Lauren duffle bag filled with cosmetics and beauty products from brands like Urban Decay, Body Shop, L'Oreal, etc. with a value of approximately \$300. We have a few more prizes and giveaways as well, so be sure to come by our tent and say hello", exclaimed Tiffany DeLucia, manager of RE/MAX Select of Morristown.

Winners of the raffles will be announced at the event at 5 p.m. and via a Facebook live event through their page @remaxmorristown. It will not be all fun and games, RE/MAX Select agents will be on site to field any questions attendees may have and give them vital information on market news and how to sell your home faster and for more money.

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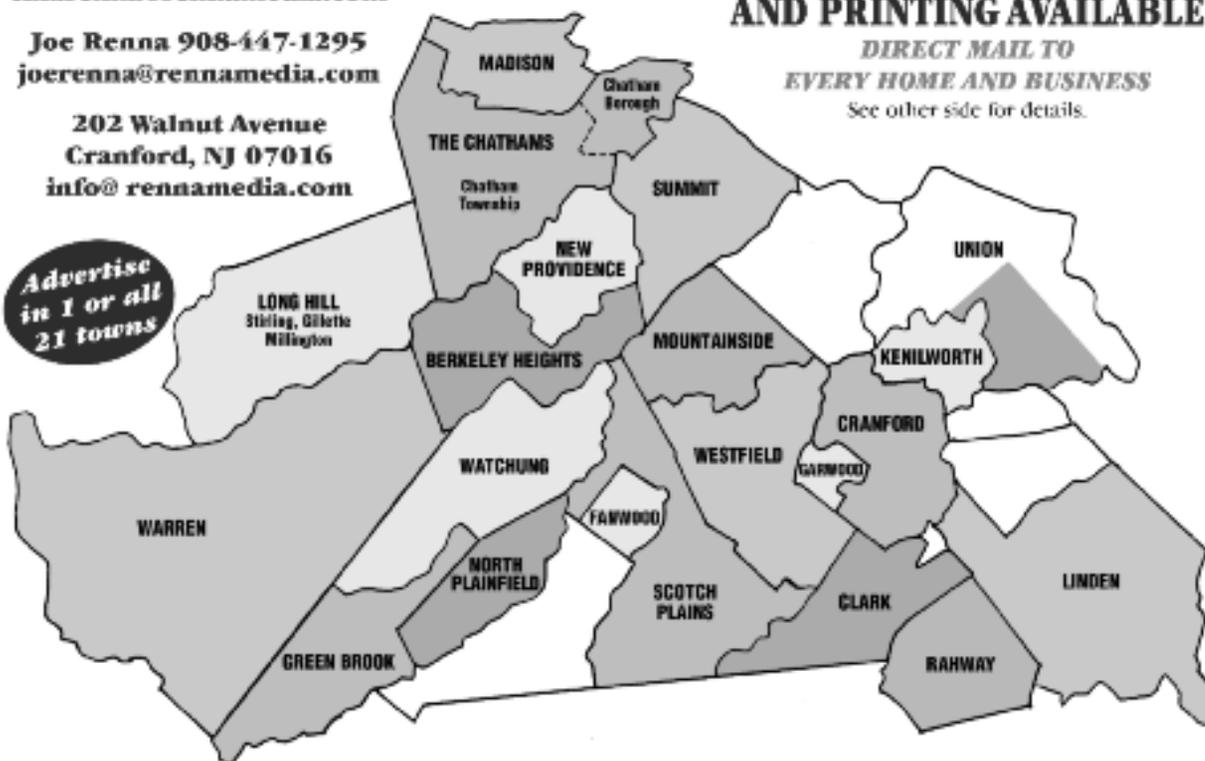
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The Bestseller Book Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Rushmore Room for lively discussion.

The title for Sept 24 is *Furious hours*: murder, fraud, and the last trial of Harper Lee, by Casey N. Cep.

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For more information, check out seedthemovie.com

Author Visit - Donna Baier Stein

Monday, Sep. 23, 7:00 p.m.

Scenes from the Heartland is a timely new collection from Donna Baier Stein consists of nine tales inspired by the lithographs of Thomas Hart Benton that bring to vivid life the early decades of the 20th century. While Benton's iconic lithographs depict the past, the real-life people he portrayed faced issues that are front and center today: corruption, women's rights and racial inequality.

Thomas Hart Benton was one of the most popular modern artists and arguably the best Regionalist painter of the 20th century. He was the first American artist to appear on the cover of Time magazine and his art illustrated the cover of John Steinbeck's *Grapes of Wrath*. Scenes from the Heartland was recently named to NextTribe's list of 29 most amazing new books, TV shows and movies to watch for in 2019.

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