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In March the SPFHS Repertory Theatre presented this year's musical production Chicago: High School Edition.

The production of Chicago involved over 100 students, including the crew and live pit orchestra. Mr. Morgan Knight was the director. When asked about the upcoming shows, Mr. Knight replied, "One of the best things about Chicago is the incredible choreography; it combines the best of 1920's dance with the unique style of Bob Fosse. The students have thrown themselves wholeheartedly into meeting the challenges the choreography presents."

Other staff positions were Mrs. Jan Allen (Producer and Music Director), Ms. Courtney Nemec (Assistant Director), Ms. Kara Drake (Choreographer), Mr. Trey Shore (Pit Orchestra Conductor), Mr. Jeff Allen (Set Designer), Mr. Gary Moore (Stage Crew Supervisor), Mr. Thomas Rowe (Lighting Designer), and Mrs. Joanne Sprague (Costume Designer).



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RETIRED SCOUTS HELP MAINTAIN BOY SCOUT CAMPS

The Flintlocks repaired the Dan Beard Tree House at Boy Scout Camp Somers in Stanhope, NJ over the winter. This camp serves the Union County area scouts, as well as Morris, Sussex and Middlesex Counties.

The Flintlocks are retired scouters who volunteer every Thursday at Camp Winnebago in Rockaway, NJ. All it took was some lumber, some screws and some elbow grease. Since the Flintlocks are all volunteers with outstanding

construction skills, it saves the Council from hiring outside contractors to do the repairs. A small group goes up to Camp Somers on Wednesdays to work over there. Most of the men had fathers who helped the Boy Scouts when they were in the scouts as lads, and have sons and grandchildren who were, or are, in the scouts.

For more information please visit the Facebook Page "Flintlocks", or contact Flintlocks Secretary Michael Hart at drmhart@yahoo.com.



(above) The Dan Beard Tree House at Boy Scout Camp Somers received repairs by the Flintlocks over the winter.

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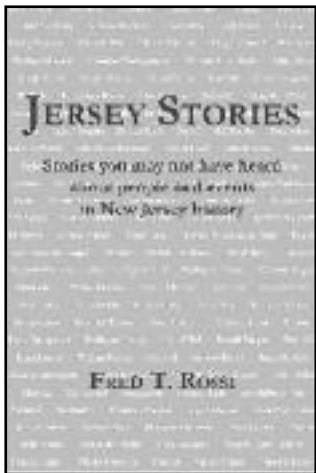
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LOCAL AUTHOR TELLS SOME OF THE LESSER-KNOWN STORIES FROM NEW JERSEY'S HISTORY



What was it like the night the Martians “invaded” New Jersey in 1938? What was it like having Albert Einstein as a neighbor in Princeton? How did a teenage Bruce Springsteen from Freehold get his high school band into a recording studio?

some of the lesser-known stories about interesting people and unusual events from his home state’s history.

“It’s kind of a Jersey-centric history book,” Rossi said, “with stories from New Jersey’s history that people might not be very familiar with.” And those stories are focused on New Jersey, he said. “I don’t delve into Einstein’s entire life in Jersey Stories; I only focus on his years living in Princeton. I also don’t get into James Garfield’s presidency. I only look at the preparations that were made in Elberon, where he came to recuperate after he was shot.”

What inspired young Charles Addams from Westfield to come up with his ghoulish cartoon creations?

Have you ever heard of Mundy Peterson from Perth Amboy, who cast a very historic vote 150 years ago? How about Garret Hobart from Paterson, who was almost President of the United States? What about Col. Robert Johnson from Salem County and the legend of the poisonous tomato?

These are just a few of the stories about New Jersey that you’ll find in the newly-published Jersey Stories: Stories you may not have heard about people and events in New Jersey history. Scotch Plains Author Fred T. Rossi, a writer and journalist for 30 years, has extensively researched

“There’s something for everyone in Jersey Stories,” Rossi said. “History, politics, entertainment, lots of trivia and plenty of interesting characters and events. I think whether you’re a New Jersey resident or an expatriate, you’re sure to find something of interest in Jersey Stories.”

The 183-page Jersey Stories costs \$20 and is available directly from the author. To pay securely with a credit card, send your e-mail address and quantity desired to jerseystoriesNJ@gmail.com. The book is also available at several independent bookstores in New Jersey as well as on gardenstatelegacy.com, and it will soon be available on Amazon. You can also check out Jersey Stories on Facebook.

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GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY MEET A MEMBER OF THE SCOTCH PLAINS RESCUE SQUAD

Submitted by Susan Baldani, a life member of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad

Rebecca (Becky) Lugara initially got involved with the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad through the squad auxiliary. The auxiliary was started 11 years ago by Jennifer Speth, the eldest daughter of long-time squad members Deborah and Robert Speth. It has been instrumental in supporting the rescue squad through fundraising and by taking



(above) Meet Becky Lugara, EMT on the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad and president of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad Auxiliary.

part in community events.

Becky was 50 when she joined. Her then 16-year-old son Dave was already a volunteer on the squad and was studying to be an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT).

“I’d grown up in Scotch Plains and had an allegiance to the town (although I now live in Cranford),” said Becky. “I also wanted to support my son.”

When she began attending squad auxiliary events and met people on the squad (some of whom she’d known since childhood, such as President Daniel Sullivan and Chief Carolyn Sorge), she found them very welcoming.

“I saw the selfless work that they did, and I realized that this would be the perfect time for me to seek out my high school ‘dream’ (of joining the squad.)” Plus, my son was coaching me on, saying ‘Mom, you can do it and we need EMTs!’”

In 2017, at the age of 51, Becky officially passed the state exam and became a certified EMT.

She said there are many things she likes about riding on the ambulance. Her favorite is having the opportunity to help someone in need, at a very vulnerable time, and to also provide moral and emotional support for family members. She also enjoys working together as a team and serving the community as a volunteer.

There have been several calls that stand out in her mind, but the one she remembers most was when she responded to a call in which a woman had fallen down some stairs.

“She was in immense pain, and understandably very upset. But, in addition to that, one of her daughters was very emotionally distraught about her mom’s accident. We worked as a team to as carefully and as painlessly as possible transport the patient to the hospital. While working to get our patient safely to the ambulance, I temporarily took on the role of comforting her daughter the best that I could. On the way to the hospital, the

patient was in less pain, but scared and concerned. I told her she could hold my hand if she wanted to, so she did. We began talking about her family and the length of time she lived in Scotch Plains. She also asked if I would say a prayer with her. While the transportation and the first aid were just as crucial, it felt like an imperative part of her treatment to tend to her emotional needs...in other words, to provide the ‘human touch.’”

Besides her volunteer work, Becky is a certified elementary school teacher, working as an Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) paraprofessional for students with autism and related disorders. She’s also a member of the St. Theresa’s Church choir and Little Flower Organization, and the Westfield Instructional Support Services Association. In addition, she teaches beginner piano lessons on a very part-time basis.

“I think someone should volunteer with our squad (and/or Auxiliary) because it’s an immensely rewarding experience,” said Becky. “Not only do you make great friends, but the squad (especially the officers), support and mentor their EMTs. I volunteer on Wednesday evenings and I’ve learned so much from ‘veteran EMTs’, especially Crew Chief Joan Lozowski, who have ridden on the squad for decades. It’s a perfect way to serve the community, be part of a great organization, grow professionally and emotionally, and help your fellow human beings.”

Today, in addition to being an active member of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, she is also the president of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad Auxiliary, having assumed this role in November of 2018.

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music are encouraged to apply. Students should also have applied for acceptance into a music program at a college or university. Completed applications and recordings of at least two vocal performances must be received by April 30, 2020.

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(above) The Hickory Tree Chorus, a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, is now accepting applications for their annual \$1,000 music scholarship.

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PAUL BOYLE COMPETES IN ANNUAL SCOUT CHESS TOURNAMENT

Scotch Plains Boy Scout Paul Boyle recently competed in the 7th annual Munsee District Boy Scout Chess Tournament. The tournament was held at the Cranford Community Center on Saturday, February 22, 2020.

The First place winner of the tournament was Joshua McDonald from Whitehouse Station. Second place was awarded to Alexander Beke from Berkeley Heights, and third place went to Anderson Lee from Summit. Trophies in the form of traveling chess sets were awarded to first, second, and third place finishers.

Thirty-one contestants participated in the annual tournament that was organized by Joe Renna of Renna Media, and Tournament Director John Moldovan of Garwood. This tournament also met part of the requirements for earning a Chess merit badge.



(above) Paul Boyle, of Scotch Plains

SISTERHOOD OF CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL MAKE PURIM GIFT BAGS

Submitted by Laura Queller

On Wednesday, March 4, volunteers from the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Israel in Scotch Plains prepared gift bags with groggers, treats and traditional hamentashen cookies to be delivered to the entire congregation before the Jewish holiday of Purim.

Congregation Beth Israel's Sisterhood also donated Purim gift bags and additional pounds of hamentashen to residents of AristaCare at Cedar

Oaks, a nursing home in South Plainfield, and to seniors in the Berg-Lieppe Adult Enrichment Program at the JCC of Central NJ.

In addition, Congregation Beth Israel's Sisterhood fulfilled the commandment on Purim to give presents to the poor by making donations on behalf of the synagogue to two non-profits that help feed the hungry: the food pantry at the Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey and Leket Israel, the National Food Bank of Israel.



(above, l-r) Pictured are Purim Outreach Chairs Carrie Jaffe, Linda Weissbrod, Nikki Leske, Debbie Abrams, and Laura Queller.

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RAPTOR TRUST'S DIANE SOUCY'S LEGACY LIVES ON THROUGH "THE LEONARD AND DIANE SOUCY MEMORIAL FUND"

The Raptor Trust announces with deep sorrow the passing of Diane Soucy co-founder of The Raptor Trust, who selflessly dedicated her life to the rehabilitation of wild birds.

Along with her husband, Len Soucy, Diane was there every step of the way: from the inception of The New Jersey Raptor Association in the 1970's, to the incorporation of The Raptor Trust in 1982, to her much deserved 2018 Women in Wildlife Lifetime Legacy Award.

From hands-on rehabilitation, to administrative matters such as bylaws and thank you letters, to the countless personal sacrifices she made over decades, nearly everything about the Raptor Trust was done through Diane.

For over 50 years, Diane devoted her life to the rehabilitation of wild birds. She inspired thousands of people who called or passed through the doors of The Raptor Trust, looking for help with an injured or orphaned wild bird. For years, she and Len were the sole providers of the Raptor Trust, financing all of the aviaries

and supplies completely on their own.

Diane handled more avian patients and was responsible for more successful bird releases than anyone else at The Raptor Trust.

Before there were any standards for wildlife rehabilitation, Diane developed successful songbird diets and recipes which have been shared, replicated, improved upon, and used for decades throughout the larger wildlife rehabilitation community.

Diane wore every hat there was to wear at The Raptor Trust, working as a behind-the-scenes adviser, songbird manager, and emergency resolver. At a time when the phrase "wildlife rehabilitation" didn't even exist, Diane and her husband were working to develop techniques which would later become the best practices in the field.

The Raptor Trust takes in 50% of all birds admitted to New Jersey's various rehab centers—over 150,000 songbirds, wading birds, waterfowl, hummingbirds, raptors, and other

birds have now been cared for here. Ultimately, there would be no Raptor Trust had it not been for Diane's willingness to go along for the ride. She dedicated nearly her entire life to the mission of The Raptor Trust and the well-being of New Jersey's wildlife.

Fittingly, in 2018, Diane was honored with Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey's Women in Wildlife Legacy Award. Her close friends and colleagues recall not only a patient and accomplished rehabilitator, but also a quiet, calm spirit that was instrumental in shepherding The Raptor Trust to where it stands today.

Donations can be made to The Raptor Trust with a note designating "The Leonard and Diane Soucy Memorial Fund." She and Len began The Raptor Trust together, cared for it throughout their lifetimes, and now that legacy will continue in both of their names.

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STUDENT-VETERAN RECEIVES K-9 SERVICE DOG FROM REBUILDING WARRIORS

A special Veterans Day ceremony was held on Kean University's Union campus as senior Jason Pryor, a U.S. Army veteran, introduced the K-9 service dog that he received through an on-campus fundraiser.

Pryor, a senior from Elizabeth majoring in exercise science, did tours in Iraq and Honduras and suffers from PTSD. He received the K-9, named Keen, at the start of the Fall semester as a gift from the Kean Office of Student Government.

"Being with Keen has taught me to be more patient," said Pryor, whose dog accompanies him to class. "Keen is used as a measure to help prevent me from going through the symptoms and effects of spiraling down, by me tending to his needs and having him tend to me."

Kean is ranked first in the nation among large public schools for its programs supporting student-veterans, according to the Military Friendly Schools survey.

Student Government raised nearly \$20,000 to support service dogs through Rebuilding Warriors, a volunteer non-profit organization

whose mission is to provide trained service dogs to veterans. The bulk of the funds raised went toward training Pryor's dog, and the rest was donated to Rebuilding Warriors to help train other K-9 dogs.

At the ceremony held outside Miron Student Center, Vito Zajda, director of Veteran Student Services at Kean and a U.S. Coast Guard veteran, called Pryor a remarkable student.

"He has been a big support and influential person in our program," Zajda said. "He has helped open our eyes about how the University can best support its vets."

Vice President of Rebuilding Warriors Jeff Mullins, also a veteran, said post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is a condition that can't be seen by others. "It's invisible, stays with you your entire life, and it's not easy sometimes," he said. "Our goal is to provide veterans and first responders with a service dog to help them achieve their new normal."

The University's Veterans Day event included a color guard, a performance of the national anthem by the Kean Gospel Choir, and the presentation of other honors.

Juan Leon Torres, a senior from Spotswood also studying exercise science and a U.S. Navy veteran, received the 2019 Kean Veteran's Award for Outstanding Mentor. He develops transition opportunities and initiatives, and mentors a student-veteran each semester.

"Being a veteran and going back to school is super hard because you go from one community to a different lifestyle," Torres said.

Zajda noted that it is important to support veterans at all times. "The importance of Veterans

Day is to recognize that it's 365 days a year, as veterans go through different highs and lows in their lives," he said.

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(above) K-9 Keen, the service dog accompanying student-veteran Jason Pryor (left of center), is part of the Kean University community. The Kean Office of Student Government raised funds to donate the dog.

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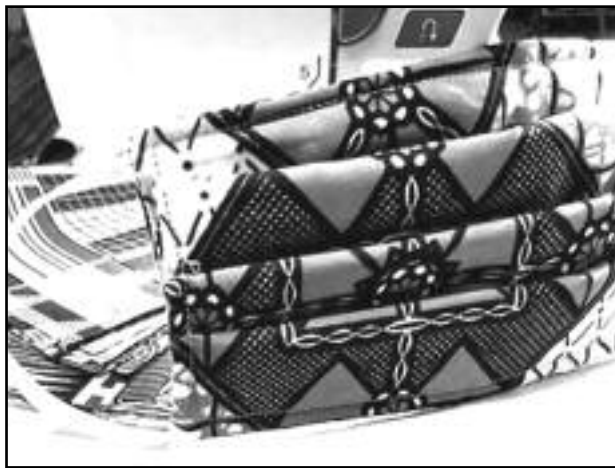
With schools closed indefinitely and an increasing number of work-from-home parents and guardians due to the COVID-19 situation, planning daily activities for your favorite little people will obviously be key for the well-being of all involved!

Once their online schoolwork is complete, try using your own interest in sewing and quilting to keep them occupied. Depending on the age group, they could be happy gluing colorful scraps to cardstock to create collage artwork. Older kids might want to stitch together fabrics in their favorite color (by hand or machine) to make a simple pillow or tote bag.

Whether they've expressed an interest in learning more about the needle arts, or the suggestion is yours, we've gathered a few tips for quilting with children to make the process both fun and successful!

- Keep it simple – begin with quick fabric crafts like bookmarks, sachets, fabric pendants, pouches or a fabric collage that can also become a simple art piece suitable for framing.
- Mending is Trendy! Show them how to creatively mend their clothes and/or add decorative patches and pockets with hand stitching and easy embroidery stitches.
- Take into account the child's personality when planning your quilting session. For younger kids, keep it fun (and safe) by avoiding projects that require precise measuring and cutting. Instead, pull out some precuts from your stash, focusing on the fun of design and the creativity of blending colors and patterns.

- For older kids, or those who are naturally inclined to math and geometry might be open to the more precision-based aspects of quilting, where templates & rulers are used.
- Remember that children's taste levels are more sophisticated than ever; have a variety of fabrics and embellishments available for experimentation. Provide the opportunity to work with batiks and other cool "adult" fabrics that aren't strictly juvenile in design and coloration.
- Let the child work with scraps of one of your own current projects, to create a small "featured block" you can use as the back label for your quilt. The label can include both of your signatures.



(above) Sewers and quilters interested in making their own fabric face masks will also find CE's FREE face mask video tutorial on Instagram @culturedexpressions.

- Remember, creative expression can help to relieve some of the stress of the situation for people of any age – with any luck, you might also create a budding new fiber artist in the process! Have a follow-up project in mind to keep up the momentum and encourage their efforts as they work. The follow-ups can introduce new techniques to gradually increase their quilting skills.
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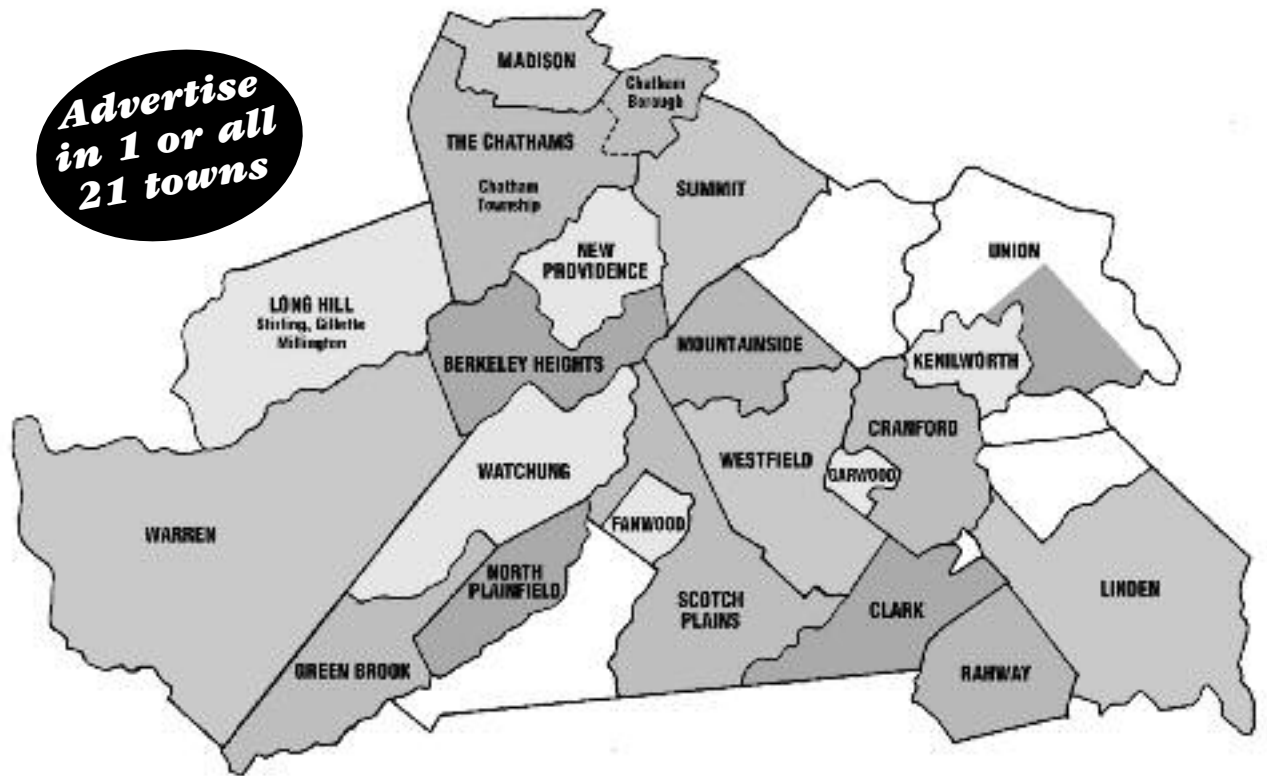
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JULIENNE CHERRY TAKES HELM AT CHILD ADVOCACY GROUP CASA

Submitted by Gretchen M. Boger-O'Bryan

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Union County is pleased to announce the selection of Julienne Cherry as its new Executive Director. The organization recruits, trains, supervises and supports community volunteers to advocate for abused, neglected and abandoned Union County youth removed from home and living in foster care.

“Julienne’s history in the nonprofit arena, as well as her experience, knowledge and connections within the state, make her ideal to lead CASA of Union County. The board is

excited to welcome her to the organization just as it celebrates 15 years of advocacy for our community’s foster youth,” said Dr. Ron Silver, president of the organization’s Board of Trustees.

She joins the Elizabeth-based nonprofit from the Community Food Bank of New Jersey in Hillside, where she was Director of Agency Relations, overseeing more than 1,000 feeding programs in eight New Jersey counties. Among Cherry’s community service efforts in Union County are serving on the board of Moms Helping Moms, a diaper and baby supply bank in Plainfield, and remaining active with the local

chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Eta Omicron Zeta, including serving as its Health Fair Chair. She holds a Bachelor’s degree from Rutgers University and a Master’s degree in Public Administration from Kean University.

“I’m very thankful for the wonderful opportunity to join the CASA family,” said Cherry. “As a resident of Union County, this new position aligns perfectly with the last 20-plus years I’ve devoted to advocating for our community’s underserved and voiceless. I’m looking forward to meeting with key stakeholders and community members to help move our mission forward. Ensuring the best interests of every Union County youth in foster care through no fault of their own will remain my top priority. As the organization reaches its 15th year of advocacy, the goal continues to be providing an advocate for every fragile youth that needs one. To do this, we need the support of our village. From monthly gives, employer matches and event sponsorships to corporate and business partnerships, every dollar of support for our small-but-mighty nonprofit directly impacts how many waiting foster youth we can reach. Simply, writing a check means writing another chapter. Help us Change a Child’s Story.”

Through court-ordered access to foster parents, doctors, caseworkers, therapists and teachers, CASA volunteers ensure the best interests of foster youth remain a priority while parties work toward establishing a safe, stable and permanent home. There are nearly 500 Union County youth in foster care and the organization currently serves just over half those. Its goal is to provide an advocate for every youth that needs one.

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(above) Julienne Cherry has joined Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Union County as its new Executive Director.



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