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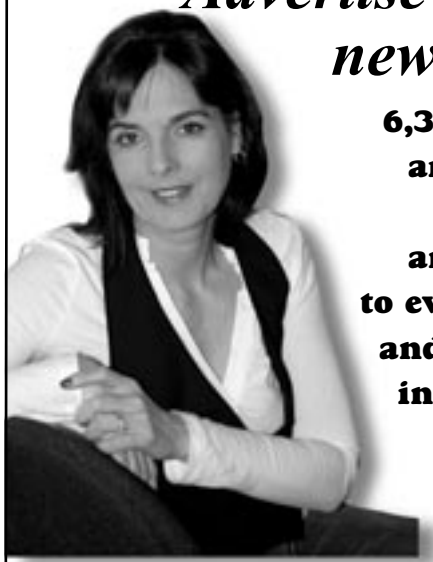
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MADISON TROOP 7 CONGRATULATES NEWEST EAGLE SCOUT THOMAS DAILEY

Thomas Dailey of Scouts BSA Troop 7 was awarded the Boy Scouts of America's highest rank, Eagle Scout, on Monday, November 30. Dailey's Eagle Court of Honor was held at St. Vincent Martyr Church in Madison and was live streamed so that Troop members, family, and friends could attend the event.

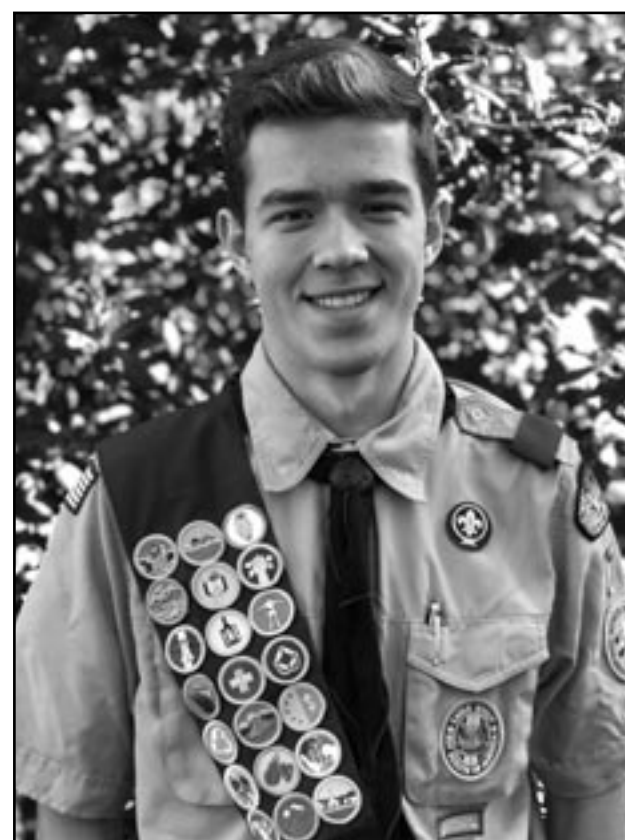
Dailey began his scouting adventure in the 1st grade in Cub Scout Pack 7 at St. Vincent Martyr parish. During his years as a scout, Dailey has hiked, biked, backpacked, and paddled over a thousand miles on trails and rivers in eight states, and he has visited national landmarks with Troop 7 in Washington, D.C., Arlington, New York, Boston, Plymouth, Gettysburg, and Acadia National Park. In 2016, Dailey was inducted into the Order of the Arrow, scouting's honor society, and he also completed National Youth Leadership Training later that same year. Working with his family, parish, and diocese, Dailey earned the Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei religious emblems, and he received the Ad Altare Dei award from Bishop Serratelli in 2017.

Dailey has held many leadership positions in Troop 7, including two terms as patrol leader and one term as the troop's Senior Patrol Leader, and he has dedicated hundreds of hours of service to the Madison community as an individual scout and alongside his troop. For his Eagle Project, Dailey assisted the Library of Congress's Veterans History Project in building its collection of personal narrative accounts from American veterans. "The project involved collecting letters and photos and recording interviews with veterans, and then submitting those records to the Library of Congress for preservation," Dailey explained. "I'm grateful to the eight veterans who shared their experiences, the Gold Star family that contributed many original letters and photos, and to all the volunteers who helped to assemble, record, and catalog the materials."

Dailey is a senior at Madison High School where he is in a share time program with the County College of Morris for Cybersecurity and

Information Protection. He is also a three-season athlete, running and swimming for MHS's varsity Cross Country, Track and Field, and Swim Teams, and he was a Harvard Model Congress delegate for MHS in 2018, 2019, and 2020. This past summer, Dailey completed an internship in cybersecurity at Nokia/Bell Labs, and he hopes to attend a U.S. Service Academy after graduation.

Thomas Dailey is the 68th Troop 7 scout to earn the rank of Eagle since the troop was re-chartered in 1959. Troop 7 is chartered by St. Vincent Martyr Catholic Church in Madison. Information about Troop 7 is available online at troopwebhost.org/Troop7Madison, and young men ages 11-18 are welcome to observe a meeting or join at any time.



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FRIENDS OF THE MADISON LIBRARY BOARD TAKE A “WORKING WALK”

Submitted by Kathy Trombacco

On a crisp Fall Sunday the Friends of the Madison Public Library Board (Friends) got together to walk - and conduct some discussion

of pressing Board issues.

“It was a wonderful way to have an impromptu meeting! Getting together and seeing one another in person rather than via

Zoom helped to invigorate us for the challenges we have ahead of us,” said Pam Hogan, Chair of the Friends.

Each fall the Friends ask their neighbors from Madison to support their town library. The Friends have routed funds and donations raised by the virtual minicourse learning programs to the library in support of a more extensive collection of books, museum passes, program offerings and streaming services. “Though we have had some success with virtual minicourse revenue, COVID-19 has set us back in accomplishing our library support goals”, said Hogan.

“To overcome this setback, a special appeal, which we call our 2020 Challenge, has been made to major Friends donors of past years. Our goal for these major gifts is \$20,000 and thus far generous individuals and families have contributed over \$15,000. While we are very grateful to these major donors, we need the whole community to pitch in to achieve the total goal of \$40,000 and allow us to continue at our past level of financial support to the library,” emphasized Hogan.

In November, the Friends reached out for support in a letter mailed to over 5,000 houses in Madison. Contributions large and small will allow us to maintain our legacy commitment to the Library. Please consider a donation to the Friends this year. The Friends is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit staffed by community volunteers.



(above, l-r) Pictured here are Friends of the Madison Library Connie Rostiac, Scott Spelker, Sharon Silver, Pam Hogan, Kathy Trombacco, Sylvia Luber and Rose Mary Dinnhaupt.

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Dr. Somma has been in practice in Union and Middlesex counties for over 20 years, with an emphasis on excellence and compassion for his patients. He has served as the physician for the Elizabeth Fire Department, the Board of Health of Hillside and has served the Board of Education for Woodbridge NJ. He was granted the Humanitarian of the Year Award by Trinitas Health Foundation in May 2014, for his dedication to the community and his outstanding service to the goals of the Foundation.

Dr. Somma has special interests in various fields of Internal Medicine, including diabetes, obesity, cardiovascular diseases and arthritis/rheumatology. He has represented to major pharmaceutical companies, such as Schering-Plough and Pfizer, in a consulting and educational role for his peers. Dr. Somma has been a clinical educator for Seton Hall's Physician Assistant Program as an Associate Professor of Medicine for their Internal Medicine program.

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MADISON POLICE CHIEF VINCENT "VINNY" D. CHIRICO PASSES

On Sunday, December 6, 2020, retired Madison Police Chief Vincent D. Chirico died peacefully with his wife Joanne and daughter Betty by his side after a valiant eight-month battle with a COVID-19 related illness.

The Borough of Madison released the following message:

It is with extreme regret that we announce the passing of retired Madison Police Chief Vincent "Vinny" D. Chirico after a courageous battle against COVID-19. Chief Chirico was appointed to the Madison Police Department on November 10, 1969, and served as chief from 2004 to 2009,

where he retired after 39 years of relentless service. Vinny was also a former member of the Madison Fire Department, where he formerly served as President of the Madison Hose Company. In addition to being dedicated to our community, he was mostly a dedicated husband and father to his daughter Betty-Lou. Vinny fought the impossible fight having been battling COVID-19 since early April. His true spirit showed on how he refused to quit. Our condolences are sent to the entire Chirico family during this difficult time.

MADISON ROTARY CLUB HELPS BUILD A BRIGHTER FUTURE

The Madison Rotary Club awarded a \$1,000 grant to Preschool Advantage, a non-profit organization that seeks to improve local communities by funding quality preschool for children of families in need. The grant will help a child who lives in Madison attend one of three Preschool Advantage partner schools: Rainbow Montessori School, Madison Montessori School, or The F.M. Kirby Children's Center.

According to Carol Martorana, Chairperson, Grants and Sponsorships Committee or the Madison Rotary, "Madison Rotary members actively engage to in our community...to empower youth and to partner with other local organizations to enrich the Madison community for all. We are proud to have been supporting Preschool Advantage since 2007 and improving the lives of young children within our community."

"We are incredibly thankful to the Madison Rotary Club which has been a strong proponent

of our work for many years," said Nancy Bangiola, the Executive Director of Preschool Advantage. "A quality preschool education sets the stage for a child to succeed in future learning experiences and grow up, healthier, and more economically stable than those who don't have this opportunity. Preschool Advantage is committed to closing the gap between children from lower income families and more affluent families." She added, "To ensure the success of our community in the future we must invest in today's children now."

Preschool Advantage was founded in 1995 to fund tuition for children to attend a quality preschool, children who might not otherwise have such an opportunity. Research shows that by the age of three, children from lower income families are already developmentally behind their peers and benefit greatly from a preschool education which sets them up to succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

Preschool Advantage has provided families with financial assistance for high quality preschool education for 25 years. We have paid over 1,500 tuitions throughout the organization's history funding many of these children for two years of preschool. In September 2020, we supported 78 children who attended one of the 28 partner preschools across Morris and Somerset counties. Information about Preschool Advantage can be found at preschooladvantage.org or by calling 973-532-2501

The Madison Rotary Club, a group of 90 community-oriented volunteers, is part of a 1.2 million member worldwide service organization. The Club supports some 30 local education, arts, youth and humanitarian groups annually by awarding grants and sponsorships that, "build a better future." They meet Thursdays at 8 a.m. on Zoom. The weekly meeting link is available on their website. To learn more about Rotary visit madisonrotarynj.org.

MADISON MAIN STREET FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY GRANT PROGRAM

Submitted by Lisa Ellis, Director of Business Development

The Madison Main Street Foundation announced the distribution of nearly \$192,000 in funds to Madison businesses as part of its Small Business Recovery Grant Program facilitated in partnership with the Downtown Development Commission (DDC). Foundation trustees and representatives from the DDC and Madison Area Chamber of Commerce reviewed applications and decided fifty-four businesses would be awarded grants. Two payments, one in mid-June and the other in August, were sent to the recipients.

Madison resident Bob Nissen championed the original concept for the grant program. Bob also helped drive the grant fundraising. He noted, "Our residents demonstrated another reason why Madison was ranked the number 1 community in the state by New Jersey Monthly - generosity. Donations to the recovery fund supported important Madison small businesses in need and helped them to reopen and thrive once again." The original goal was to raise \$200,000 in total to support the grant program.

Grants amounts ranged from \$2,772 to \$4,372. The information included in the grant applications, financial need, and to what degree various statewide Executive Orders may have forced business closure or modified operations for a business guided the decisions on individual award amounts.

The grants were funded by community donations and by the Madison Main Street Foundation. "We were overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from the community during this uncertain time—including those from other business owners who were less impacted by the shutdown. Individual donations combined with a \$50,000 gift from the Madison Main Street Foundation allowed us to help our Madison businesses in ways very few communities have been able to do," said Suzanne Whitehorn, chair of the Madison Downtown Development Commission.

"This program was just one small way that we hope to be able to support our business community during this once-in-a-century crisis," said Carla Brady, President of the

Madison Main Street Foundation and DDC Commissioner. In partnership with the Madison Downtown Development Commission, the Madison Main Street Foundation works to promote, improve, and support the Madison Commercial District. Over the years, this support has included the purchase of bike racks, water fountains, benches, signage, and planters, as well as funding the new Madison branding initiative, and this year the \$50,000 contribution to the grant program.

The pandemic has seriously affected the Madison Main Street Foundation's ability to fundraise due to the cancellation of Bottle Hill Day, Taste of Madison, etc. thus challenging the future charitable support necessary for the commercial district.

If you would like to help support the Madison Main Street Foundation's work, please consider donating today. As a registered 501(c) (3), all donations are tax-deductible. Contributions should be made payable to Madison Main Street Foundation and mailed to Madison Main Street Foundation, PO Box 364, Madison, NJ 07940.

SUBURBAN CHIROPRACTOR CELEBRATES 36 YEARS OF SERVICE

The Suburban Chiropractic Center, located at 301 Main Street in Chatham, New Jersey will celebrate their 36th anniversary on January 7, 2021. Dr. Joseph J. Murphy began the center in 1985 to offer the community a natural alternative to the traditional allopathic medical facilities in the Chatham area. They owe their success to the loyal patients who have continued with them, referred their friends and family, and to their efforts to provide the highest level of service possible.

Dr. Joseph J. Murphy, Director of the Center explains, "We are elated to be celebrating 36 years. We are blessed to be entering our 37th year of service to this fine community." He continues, "We have tried to give back to the community in every way and it shows through the happiness and health of our patients and their continued support." His office manager, who is celebrating her 26th year in the practice, Mrs. Lynn Egan adds, "It gives me a great sense of satisfaction that the community has rewarded us for our dedication by their continued praise and support." Massage Therapist and CA, Janis Piccirillo, CMT has also been a longtime member of the team with 22-years of service; and Trevor DeFrank, CA is the newest member joining in 2019.

The Suburban Chiropractic Center has been the recipient of numerous awards over their 36-year history including Business of the Year and letters of praise from previous Mayors of Chatham, former State Senator Leanna Brown, Senator Walter Cavanaugh, Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen, Assemblyman Walter D. Gaetano, and Governors Christie, Corzine, Whitman, and Florio.

Dr. Joseph J. Murphy, Director of the Center, is past president of the NJ Board of Chiropractic Examiners where he was appointed by Governor

Christie Whitman in the year 2000. He's a former president of the New Jersey Chiropractic Society, the Morris County Chiropractic Society, and the Chatham Chamber of Commerce. He was recently re-appointed to the Chatham Mayor's Wellness Committee where he has served since 2011, and has previously served on the Chatham Borough Historical Commission.

Dr. Murphy, Office Manager Lynn, Massage Therapist/Chiropractic Assistant Janis and Chiropractic Assistant Trevor will be holding an open house to celebrate their anniversary in the upcoming months. You can find out much more about the Suburban Chiropractic Center by visiting their website at drmurphy.com.



(above) Dr. Joseph J. Murphy

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BOY SCOUT TROOP 25 FALL COURT OF HONOR

Submitted by Suzanne Graham

Madison Troop 25 Boy Scouts have been busy earning requirement while having fun! On November 16, 2020, many scouts were recognized for their achievements at the Court of Honor. Courts of Honor are official gatherings for Scouts where the troop and troop members are recognized for what's been accomplished with awards. Ten Scouts in Troop 25 will be ranking up. Nineteen Merit Badges such as Citizenship in the World, Cooking, Wilderness Survival, and Environmental Science have been earned by Scouts who are being honored at this Court of Honor. Additionally, eight Scouts will be honored with a medal for accomplishing an historic 10-mile hike at Jockey Hollow. Troop 25 Boy Scouts are fortunate that many merit badges are taught within the Troop. This motivated Troop currently has 12 Scouts in various stages of planning or execution of Eagle projects.

On multiple occasions this past Summer and Fall, Troop 25 Boy Scouts have enjoyed getting together in backyards, hiking, and other activities to complete requirements and have outdoor adventures. Many new skills were learned while fulfilling requirements and earning Merit Badges. Despite the many new restrictions this year due to Covid, Troop 25 Boy Scouts have safely participated in multiple hikes ranging from 3 to 15 miles, an Orienteering Event which was a scavenger hunt race with a map and compass, and meetings to earn requirements.



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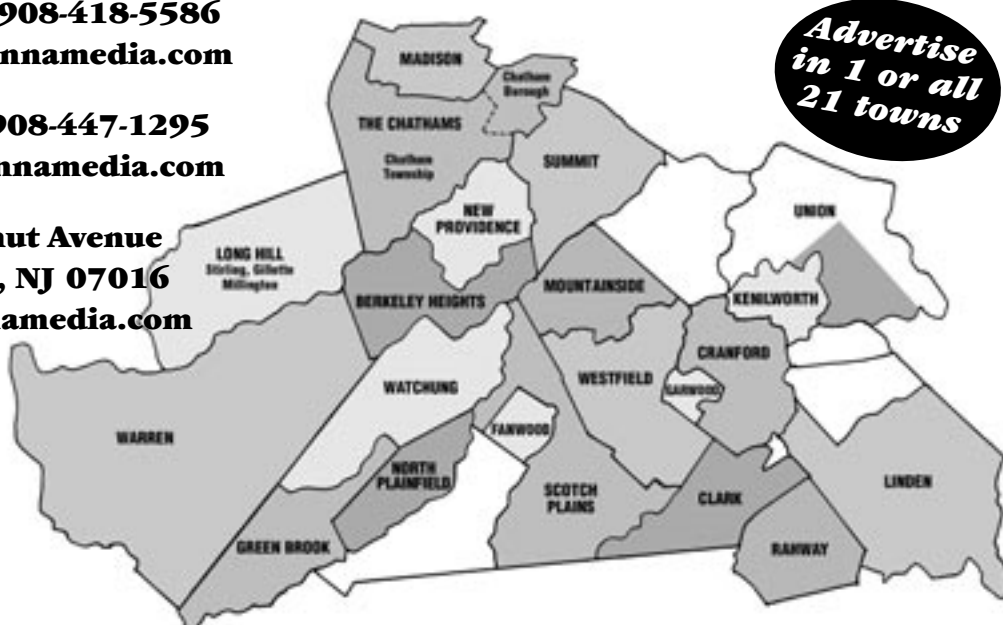
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VIRTUAL WINTER 2021 MINICOURSES AT MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The nonprofit Friends of the Madison Public Library will conduct two virtual minicourses for the Winter 2021 semester, 'Exhibitions Interrupted' by Dr. Barbara Tomlinson, Professor Emerita, Kean University and 'Great Thinkers in the History of Western Political Thought' by Dr. Ian Drake, Associate Professor of Political Science and Law at Montclair University. These online Zoom minicourses will be held for five-weeks beginning January 26, 2021. Registration will start January 5. The cost is \$95 per individual or couple residing at the same residence. The cost of a second minicourse by the same student is \$65. Students may either register by mail or online on our website, minicoursesmadisonlibrary.org. Checks made payable to Friends of the Madison Public Library may be mailed to: Minicourses at Madison Library, P.O. Box 1341, Madison, N.J. 07940.

Exhibitions Interrupted by Dr. Barbara Tomlinson; Tuesdays, 1:30-3:00 p.m.; January

26, February 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2021.

2020 saw museums around the world mounting spectacular exhibitions only to have them shut down. These sessions offer an opportunity to visit some of those exhibitions.

The Obama Portraits, National Portrait Gallery; The Ghent Altarpiece, Ghent Museum; Snow Scenes: Bruegel to Monet; Sofonisba Anguissola and Lavinia Fontana, the Prado; Titian Poesie, London National Gallery; Rembrandt/Velazquez, The Rijksmuseum and The Man in the Red Coat, Armand Hammer Foundation.

Great Thinkers in the History of Western Political Thought: Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau and Marx by Dr. Ian Drake; Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; January 27, February 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2021.

This five-part series will review the ideas, lives and times of major thinkers in the history of Western political philosophy. From the ancient Greeks to our own day, political

theorists have proposed dramatically different ideas about how and why we should govern ourselves or be governed by others. This series will review these controversial ideas and how the biographies of their chief proponents affected their proposals.

Sylvia Lubet, Coordinator, said that "additional online minicourses will be offered during the Spring 2021 Semester in March and April. Registration for Spring will begin February 16 with the first day of class on March 3."

"In-person minicourses will not be held until further notice due to the Covid-19 pandemic," added Rose Mary Dinnhaupt, Registrar. All proceeds will go to the Madison Public Library.

These virtual non-credit courses are intended for the general public with no prerequisites or examinations.

For information, email minicoursesmadisonlibrary@gmail.com or leave a voice message at 929-450-7040.

AMERICAN LEGION HOLIDAY DONATIONS

Submitted by Maryann Doherty

At a November meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #43, Family Promise in Morristown was selected by the Community Service Committee to receive a donation to be used for its work with a homeless family during the holidays. At the same time it was decided to send Toys for Tots a donation from the Children and Youth Fund to bring joy to a needy child.

Because the Veterans Administration Hospital at Lyons is in lockdown and outsiders are not allowed to visit, the Unit approved sending donations on a regular basis to the recreation department at the hospital to provide for pizza or ice cream parties on the various wards during the pandemic.

The Unit wishes to thank everyone for their support and generosity during the very difficult year we have been going through and look forward to a bright and happy 2021.

FRIENDS OF THE MADISON LIBRARY BOARD MEET OUTDOORS TO FINALIZE "CHALLENGE"

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Each year at this time the Friends ask their neighbors from Madison to support the town library. The Friends have routed funds and donations raised by the virtual minicourse learning programs to the library in support of a more extensive collection of books, museum passes, program offerings and streaming services. "Though we have had some success with virtual minicourse revenue, COVID-19 has set us back in accomplishing our library support goals", said Pam Hogan, Chair.

"To overcome this setback, a special appeal, which we call our 2020 Challenge, has been made to major Friends donors of past years. Our goal for these major gifts is \$20,000 and thus far

generous individuals and families have contributed over \$15,000. While we are very grateful to these major donors, we need the whole community to pitch in to achieve the total goal of \$40,000 and allow us to continue at our past level of financial support to the library", emphasized Hogan.

Recently the Friends reached out for your support in a letter mailed to over 5,000 households in Madison. Contributions large and small will allow us to maintain our legacy commitment to the Library. Please consider a donation to the Friends this year. The Friends is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit staffed by community volunteers.



(above) The Friends of the Madison Public Library are asking the community for their support.

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