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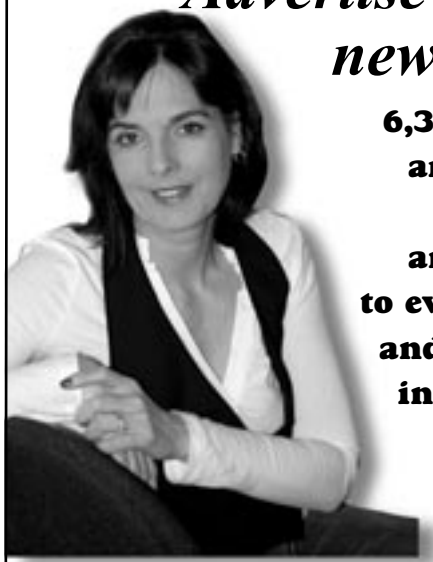
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BOY SCOUTS DONATE TOYS TO NEEDY

Ben Engel of Madison Boy Scout Troop 25 led a toy collection for Toys for Tots. The Toys for Tots Program collects new unwrapped toys and distributes those toys to less fortunate children at Christmas. Ben collected the toys from 26 families from his Boy Scout Troop. He delivered nearly 100

toys to the Madison Police Department Toys for Tots drop off location on behalf of the Troop.

For information about Madison Boy Scout Troop 25 or to attend a Troop 25 meeting, call Scoutmaster Wayne Dieckmann at (973) 769-4059.



(above) Ben and Madison Patrol Officer Stephanie Aquino.

Photo by Boy Scout Troop 25

INDEPENDENT THRIFT SHOP FEBRUARY SALES

The Madison Independent Thrift Shop will be continuing the "House Wares and White Sale" through February with an added attraction: all red items will get a 25% discount.

To recognize Valentine's Day there will be a contest available to all customers during February. The customer who guesses the closest number of chocolate kisses in the Contest Jar will receive a \$25 Thrift Shop Gift Card,

The Thrift Shop invites all residents to stop by for a visit at 39 Kings Road in Madison during the following hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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For their 100th anniversary, Mazda is honoring the human spirit by giving back to those who given their all. They are highlighting 50 selfless individuals who’ve done heroic things for their communities by rewarding each of them with a Mazda MX-5 Miata 100th Anniversary Special Edition vehicle. Jason Erdreich, a middle school shop teacher, was nominated by his wife Cara who said “I nominated you to be a Mazda Hero because you were compassionate and generous at a time when people were afraid.”

When COVID began, Madison Junior School teacher, Jason Erdreich turned his home into a PPE factory, printing, assembling and delivering thousands of shields to our frontline workers, right here in Madison and surrounding communities.

Because of Jason, frontline workers were

adequately equipped with proper PPE to continue to serve the community during this unprecedented time. We can’t thank Jason enough for being a selfless individual, doing heroic things for the community.

To view a Mazda Heroes video about Jason Erdreich visit: youtu.be/xpodi82Xzsl



(above) Jason Erdreich



(above) Jason in his new Mazda MX-5 Miata 100th Anniversary Special Edition vehicle.



(above) Jason modeling some PPE that he made at his home workshop.

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(above) The Pink Pear was one of the businesses recognized by the Madison Area Chamber of Commerce for their festive storefront window decorations.

MADISON BUSINESSES RECOGNIZED FOR FESTIVE WINDOW DISPLAYS

Submitted by Karen Giambra

Keeping with tradition, the Madison Area Chamber of Commerce recognized several businesses who festively decorated their storefront windows for the holidays. Businesses were presented a certificate from the Chamber.

"We appreciate the creativity and spirit that our businesses put into decorating their storefronts," said Peter Daniele, of Rose City Collision & Repair, 291 Main St., and Vice President of the

Chamber. "Their efforts are enjoyed by all who visit the downtown."

The following businesses were recognized: Cramers Carpet One, 73 Main St.; J & M Home & Garden, 201 Main St.; Madison Memorial Home, 159 Main St.; Madison Pet Shop, 26 Main St.; Prima, 44 Main St.; The Pink Pear, 42 Main St.; Tons of Toys, 64 Main St.; and Sugar Rush, 10 Waverly Pl.

MADISON ROTARY DICTIONARY PROJECT GOES VIRTUAL

Submitted by Carmela Moeller

Creative thinking was needed to figure out how the annual Madison Rotary Dictionary Program could be accomplished this year, given the many restrictions presented by COVID 19. Outside Visitors to the Madison schools are very limited. Rotarian Judy DeGennaro, Literacy Program Chair, worked with educators to come up with an alternative plan for distribution. The supply of this special personalized dictionary and gazetteer will be delivered curbside contactless style to the schools and distributed to the students by the school staff.

In the past, Rotarian volunteers would hand

deliver the dictionaries to the 3rd grade classrooms, followed by a highlighting the information contained in the books, an introduction to Rotary, and how Rotary's efforts and projects are seen around Madison. Instead, this year the program will be done virtually with a video on Youtube presented by Judy.

In addition to the 218 Third graders receiving the dictionaries, additional copies will be sent to the Kirby Center, as well as the Adult School as part of their ESL Program. To date 4,752 dictionaries have been distributed to Madison 3rd graders since the onset of the program.

For information about Madison Rotary, please visit the website: madisonrotarynj.org.

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These Share Time Programs are designed to prepare students for career-related employment and post-secondary placement. Students in 10th grade may apply via an online application between January-March at mcvts.org/apply.

Upcoming virtual information sessions offer an overview of the programs at each site: the allied health programs at Pequannock High School on February 10, programs at CCM on February 24 and those on the Denville campus on March 4. Visit mcvts.org/apply, click on Share Time Programs.

Students benefit from studying a specific career area of interest with a hands-on approach to instruction, may earn industry standard certifications, and gain from valuable business and education collaboration.

Share Time Programs include: Allied Health, Auto Body Collision Repair, Auto Service Technology, Carpentry, Culinary Arts & Hospitality, Cosmetology, Cybersecurity and Information Protection, Electrical Trades, Engineering, Design and Advanced

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The application deadline for a tenth-grade student to apply to a Share Time Program is March 26.

Most Share Time CTE programs are located at the Morris County School of Technology in Denville. Additional Share Time CTE programs offered are in partnership with the County College of Morris and Pequannock High School. Each of the Share Time CTE programs has a focused 2-year curriculum in the respective career area. The programs are guided by Advisory Councils which consist of business and industry partners, representatives from post-secondary institutions, students, parents and other important stakeholders.

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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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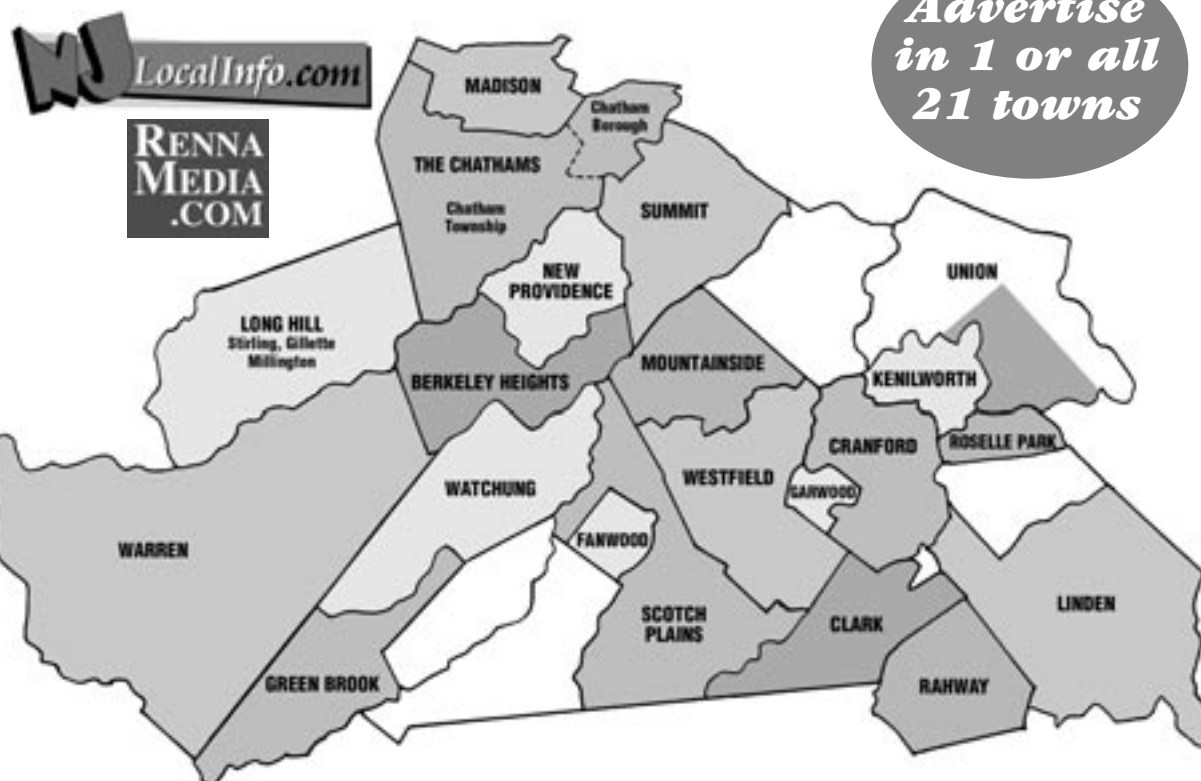
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