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NEW EXHIBITION: 100 YEARS AND MORE OF VOTES FOR WOMEN

Kenilworth Historical Society

In March, the Kenilworth Historical Society commemorated Women's History Month with a new exhibition - "100 Years and More of Votes for Women" - at the Oswald J. Nitschke House "living history" museum and cultural arts center. Through enlightening displays of historic photos, posters, artifacts and other materials, the two-room exhibition tells the story of women's decades-long struggle to achieve suffrage (the right to vote), which culminated with the August 26, 1920 adoption of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Special recognition is given throughout the exhibition to women of different ethnicities, cultures and walks of life who, from as early as the 1800s, organized, lectured, petitioned, lobbied, picketed and paraded in support of women's suffrage and, in a number of cases, went to jail for doing so. Among the many women highlighted are Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth, Mary Church Terrell, Alice Stokes Paul, Ida B. Wells-Barnett and Carrie Chapman Catt.

The exhibition is made possible by a \$1,000 grant from the Investors Foundation of Investors Bank. "We are grateful for the foundation's generous support, which has allowed us to commemorate and promote, with a major exhibition, such a significant historical achievement as the 19th Amendment," says Shirley Boyden Maxwell, Kenilworth Historical Society. In addition to funding exhibit costs, the grant also is helping the organization pay certain building/operating expenses.

To make the "100 Years and More of Votes for Women" exhibition accessible to the general public during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Kenilworth Historical Society is making a videotaped narrated presentation of it available virtually via Facebook and the organization's website (kenilworthhistoricalsociety.org). The virtual presentation of the exhibition is made possible by a 2021 HEART (History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands) Grant from the Union County Board of County Commissioners.

The Kenilworth Historical Society is an independent, volunteer-based, non-profit, tax-exempt, 501(c) (3) organization dedicated to the research, preservation and interpretation of the Oswald J. Nitschke House (c. 1880), local history and culture. As a member of the Investors Bank Care2Share Affinity Program, the Kenilworth Historical Society encourages eight individuals and/or businesses with Investors Bank personal or business checking accounts to enroll in its program, free of charge, so that the organization will be eligible to receive quarterly donations from the bank. Care2Share program information is available on the bank's website (myinvestorsbank.com).

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Stephen Bohmert, Vice President and Retail District Manager, Investors Bank/Summit Branch (at left), and Juan Rengifo, Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager, Investors Bank/ Cranford Branch, are shown here at the Nitschke House with Shirley Boyden Maxwell, president of the Kenilworth Historical Society,



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3 LOCAL CHORUSES PRESENT FREE ONLINE SHOW

Summer is coming! And what better way to celebrate than with a virtual concert full of songs about sunshine and summer and the hope they bring.

Here Comes the Sun: Three Great Choruses, One Online Show will premiere Sunday, May 23, at 5:00 p.m. on YouTube. It's a first-of-a kind collaboration between three of the area's best-loved choruses. The Maplewood Glee Club is a community chorus that's been delighting local audiences with its harmonies and humor since 1946. The Morris Music Men is Morris County's premiere barbershop harmony chorus. The award-winning Hickory Tree Chorus shares the joy of barbershop through songs from the Beatles to Broadway.

This family-friendly show features a range of uplifting songs including Happy Together, Kokomo, Heat Wave, and Circle of Life, plus music by Beyoncé, Whitney Houston, Chance the Rapper, and more! The show will also feature guest appearances by two dynamic teen ensembles from West Morris Mendham High School

Here's the best news about Here Comes the Sun: it's free! Just register ahead of time at threechoruses.com and you'll receive a free show link 24 hours before the premiere.

The choruses are also spreading sunshine by raising money for Newark Working Kitchens, a non-profit organization that enables many local Newark restaurants to keep their doors open, their stoves on, and their employees paid during the Covid-19 crisis by cooking and delivering hundreds of meals a day to low-income seniors and families and people without homes. Donations can be made during the show or through the show's website.

To learn more about Here Comes the Sun, visit threechoruses.com or contact Josh Adler at JJadler@ymail.com or 917 697-2893.

To learn more about the three great choruses, check out: maplewoodgleeclub.com; morrismusicmen.org; and hickorytreechorus.org.





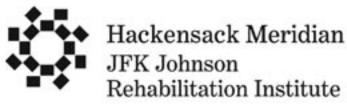


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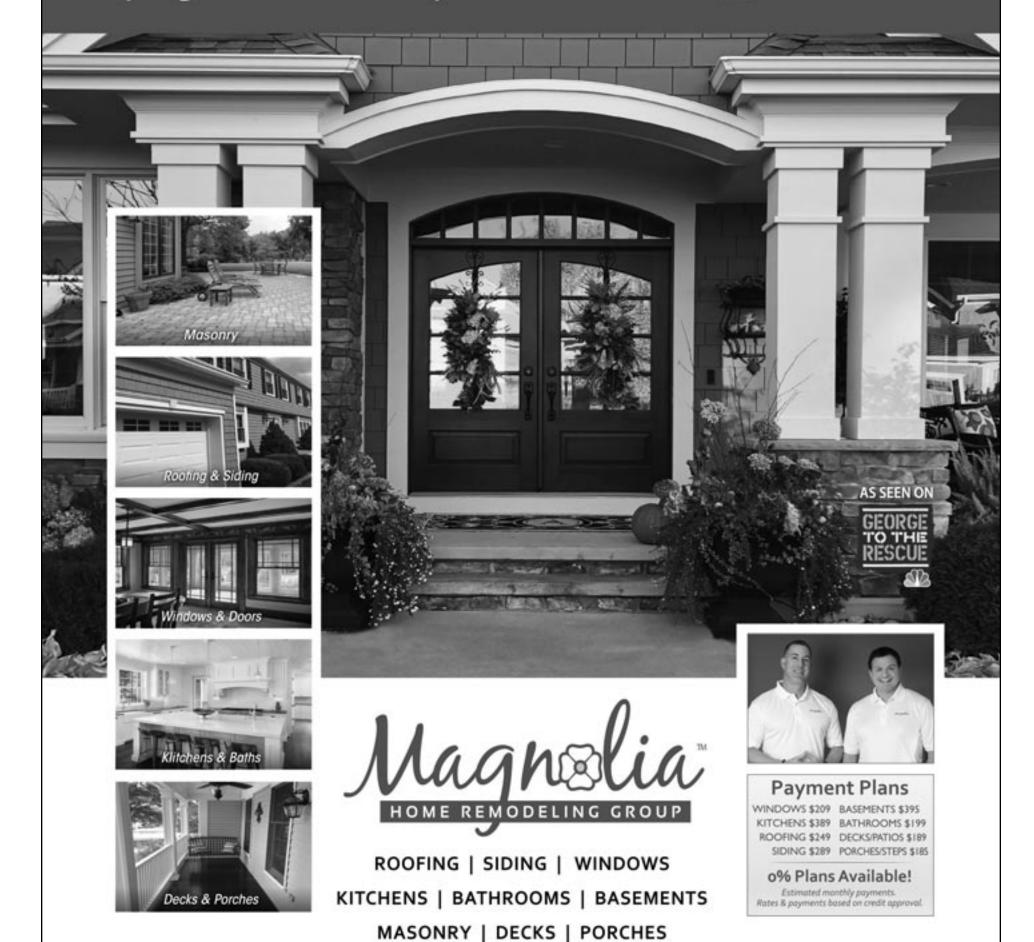
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A USPHS COMMISSIONED CORPS VETERANS CALL FOR HELP

Submitted by Michael T. Naya, Jr.

Arthur Vitale, now seventy-six years old, is one of the few residents living in the borough of Kenilworth who served in the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps as a Lieutenant (j.g.) during the Vietnam War. Arthur



(above) Pictured is Arthur Vitale during his time with the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps in 1969.

is the son of the late Arthur "Red" Vitale and 8, 1969. He remained a reservist in the USPHS Helen Tremmel Vitale. Arthur is among the thousands of veterans who were stripped of proper veterans' medical benefits despite the USPHS Commissioned Corps being an official branch of the eight uniformed services. The United States Public Health Service has been in existence since the late 1700s. It has seen its fair share of use in the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, Afghanistan, Iraq, and over the years here in the United States.

In a February 14, 2021 interview Arthur shared, "I joined the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps in June 1967. It was the peak of the Vietnam War and so after giving it quite a bit of thought I decided to join the Public Health Service. My first duty date was July 1, 1967.

"There was no basic training, simply orientation. I was sent to South Dakota where I spent two days before being oriented with being an officer. From there I was oriented and sent to the Indian Health Service in Wisconsin and went to work. I worked as a field engineer for a year and a half before being sent to Minnesota. From there I was sent to the area office in South Dakota and there I worked on Indian Reservations for federally funded Native American housing projects in a seven-state area."

Arthur served until June 30, 1969. Upon request that he stayed longer he stayed until July

Commissioned Corps until 1973. Arthur, like so many other veterans, was stripped of his benefits during the George W. Bush, Jr. administration. Arthur is seeking any veterans living within the borough of Kenilworth in order to garner support for proper VA Medical Benefits.

"Being a USPHS Commissioned Corps veteran is a privilege and honor I am very proud to say. However, obstacles such as the VA offering me the Covid-19 vaccine have proven difficult. I feel that if we can garner enough support the plight of all veterans affected by VA policies may be able to change. This is why I am hoping to speak to other local residents willing to join me in the fight of securing proper benefits for veterans of the USPHS Commissioned Corps," Arthur stated.

As the age of our Vietnam and Vietnam-era veterans increases we should be mindful of all that they did for us. Arthur, like so many other USPHS Commissioned Corps veterans could have been sent to the jungles of Vietnam. Despite that he maintained his role as an officer, held his chin high, boots shined, and was ready to serve his country in any obstacle that should arise. I feel we all should support Arthur in getting proper benefits for veterans affected by VA policies. If any readers should know of any local veterans, please contact the author at, mnayajr@aol.com or Arthur at elativa@aol.com.



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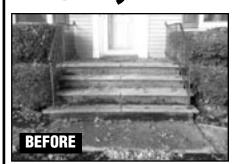
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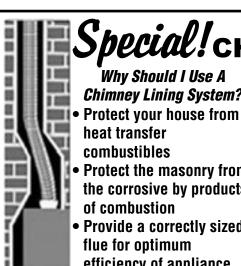
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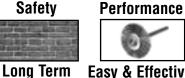




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The public is invited to join Veterans from VFW Post 2230 and Scout troops for an annual tradition of walking through Graceland Memorial Park Cemetery in Kenilworth, NJ to find headstones of veterans and plant a flag at the grave to commemorate Memorial Day. This very touching event begins with a breakfast served at the Kenilworth VFW Hall at 9 a.m. on Saturday May 29th. Light refreshments are served at the VFW afterwards for all workers. No preregistration is required. The VFW organizes the event along with the American Legion, Sons of the VFW and the Ladies Auxiliary.

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ST. THERESA STUDENTS NAMED WINNERS IN EXPLORAVISION COMPETITION

Submitted by Doreen Sacco

Toshiba and the National Science Teaching Association (NSTA) established the ExploraVision program in 1992. Since its inception, it has become one of the largest and most widely known science awards for kindergarten through twelfth grade. The sponsored by competition is Toshiba Corporation, the Toshiba America Group Companies, and the Toshiba America Foundation. The program is administered by the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA). The competition encourages students to think critically about current technology and imagine what it might be like twenty years into the future. Students are required to critique both the



(above) St. Theresa's School 6th-grade students Kassandra Pombo and Sophia Salgueiro have been selected as one of the 24 Regional Winning projects for the Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision competition for 2020-2021.



positives and negatives of technological advancement and state breakthroughs that are needed to make the updated technology possible. Students work in teams with their teachers and mentors to develop their ideas and prototypes.

At St. Theresa's School in Kenilworth, NJ science teacher, Crystal R. Kacerek, MSES, MA, implemented the Toshiba/NSTA Exploravision competition. Mrs. Kacerek has her Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Stockton University with a certification in Gerontology and Wildlife and Forestry Conservation. She has both a Masters of Science in Environmental Studies in Writing and Communication from Green Mountain College/Prescott College and a Masters of Arts in Education from Kean University. Mrs. Kacerek has been working with students in grades fifth through eighth grade to develop innovative concepts to submit to Toshiba/NSTA Exploravision competition. Interested students have been working since Fall 2020 to focus their creativity on expanding upon a current technology to advance it into the future.

Projects are judged by six regional areas of the United States and Canada. There are approximately 50 NSTA district judges and approximately 12 Ph.D. scientists from NASA, NIH, NSF, FDA, and Toshiba. Students' projects include descriptions of the present technology, history, future technology, breakthroughs, design process, consequences, bibliography, web pages, and eventually prototypes. In addition to the academic requirements, the projects are also judged on creativity, scientific accuracy, communication, and feasibility of vision,

Exploravision competition have been the advancement of gaming system consoles, microchips in humans, nuclear power plants, alternative energy, and hydroponic gardening. St. Theresa's School is pleased to announce that out of thousands of students, 6th-grade students Kassandra Pombo and Sophia Salgueiro have been selected as one of the 24 Regional Winning projects for the Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision competition for 2020-2021. There will be a virtual student award ceremony with Toshiba and NSTA representatives. They are invited to attend the Virtual Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision Awards Celebration in June.

Kassandra and Sophia focused their technology on alternative energy. With the ongoing global warming problem and the usage of nonrenewable resources such as fossil fuels, the need and demand for creating a sustainable energy source are of vital importance. Electric cars and solar cars are costly, therefore making them unattainable for the majority of people. Algaelectricity is a sustainable bio-based coating composed of algae that converts solar energy into electricity. This concept would harness the electric current to charge batteries and power cars.

While we are ecstatic for Kassandra and Sophia, their hard work is not complete yet. They will be working on developing functional websites to display their technology, a video presentation of their project, and creating a prototype of the proposed future technology. The students will submit their work in April for another round of review; afterward (fingers Some of the submissions to the Toshiba/NSTA crossed), they will move on to the finals.

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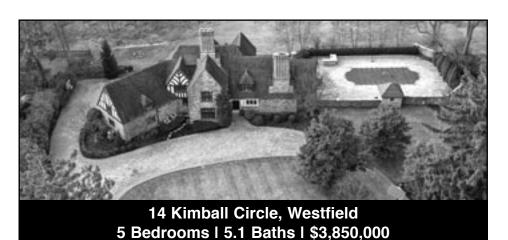
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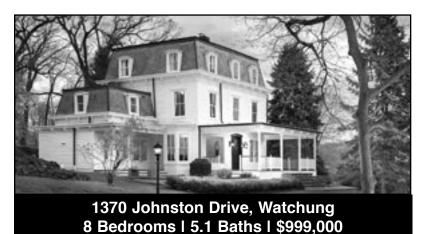
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WHAT, WHERE, AND WHEN IN OLD KENILWORTH: PROHIBITION DAYS – THE NEW YEAR'S EVE RAID – PART 2 OF 3

The Prohibition Amendment to the US Constitution effective in 1920 and the Volstead Act enforcing it, continued to be defied across America and in Kenilworth. One of the biggest hauls of apparatus and liquor occurred here on the afternoon of New Year's Eve, 1928.

For some time, the Kenilworth police department under Chief Alfred Vardalis, had been keeping a watchful eye on the Kayden Chemical Co. located at the west end of Monroe Ave. on the old American Can Co. complex. The factory manufactured paints, but local officials were wary that more than paint was being made there. The site is now home to the Flexi Van Corp.

Earlier on New Year's Eve day, Chief Vardalis notified federal agents that it was time to raid the plant. In short order, Vardalis, accompanied by local officers George Conklin and Andrew Ruscansky, and a number of federal agents, swarmed the facility.

They discovered a treasure trove of expensive and modern distilling equipment and liquor-making products. There was a large cache of finished liquor ready to be shipped out that evening – just in time for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day celebrations.

The seizure included 5,000 gallons of distilled whiskey. Also uncovered was 200 gallons of molasses needed for the liquor-making process.

Equipment-wise they came upon two stills. It was reported that the stills were "the largest yet taken by the Federal people." It was estimated that the illegal operation had the capacity to



(above, l-r) George Conklin, future chief, Took part in raid; Future Lt. Andrew Ruscansky, aided raid. Photo: Family



(above) The raided Kayden Chemical Co. was located on the site of today's Flexi Van Corp.

produce several thousands of gallons of liquor a day.

Kenilworth police and federal agents also found a number of vats that could hold many thousands of gallons of finished product. They also came upon a boiler plant that could handle large quantities of mash. Further exploration of the plant uncovered thousands of five-gallon containers and cartons waiting to be filled.

The estimated value of all items seized was \$100,000 – a staggering sum in 1928. The plant equipment was disassembled and the parts, liquor, and other products taken away by the federal agents.

It was determined that the whiskey operation had only recently started and that nothing had yet been shipped out. Two people were arrested. One

was a man from Newark and the other the superintendent of the factory. Both claimed no knowledge of the illicit activity. An investigation continued, however, to find the actual owners of the clandestine operation.

Read about the "Big farmhouse raid" and more in Part 3 of "Prohibition Days." The article will appear in the June issue of Kenilworth Business Life.

Research provided by Walter E. Boright, Ed. D., historian, and Historic Signs, Inc. Unless otherwise noted, local data credited to the Cranford Citizen and Chronicle newspaper archives, 1920s-1930s. Persons with inquiries about this or other aspects of Kenilworth history may contact Dr. Boright at drbori@aol.com or 908-256-5200.



(above) Federal agents found a massive vat and still during a different raid.

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"A Country Hoedown"

Wednesday, May 19 at 3:30 p.m. will be presented by Richard Stillman. for children ages 4-12 years old and their families. Enjoy banjo playing, square dancing, clog dancing, cowboy rope tricks, and more in this exciting Western program filled with fun and participation. The link to participate in this live virtual event is listed below. Everyone is welcome to join us for the Zoom event.

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The Zoom link will also be available on the library's Facebook page, facebook.com/Kenilworth.public.library

beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 19. It is recommended that participants sign on to the Zoom link 10 minutes prior to the event.

Registration is on a first come, first served basis.

This event has been made possible by funds from the Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

For more information about this program, please call The Kenilworth Public Library at 908-276-2451 or visit 548 Boulevard.

Country Western Craft

Monday, May 10 at 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Rain Date: Wednesday, May 12 at 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.).

Children ages 4 - 8 years old may register to participate in a country western craft. The craft will be held in the Kenilworth Public Library's parking lot.

The craft will be held in 2 sessions. Children may be registered for session 1 at 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. or session 2 at 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Please request the session you prefer when calling to register for this in person program. To register for the craft please call the library at 908-276-2451. Registration for this craft begins on May 3 for Kenilworth residents. Out of town residents may begin to register on Thursday, May 6. Space is limited, so please register early.



(above) "A Country Hoedown" will be presented by Richard Stillman on Wednesday, May 19 at 3:30 p.m. for children ages 4-12 years old and their families.



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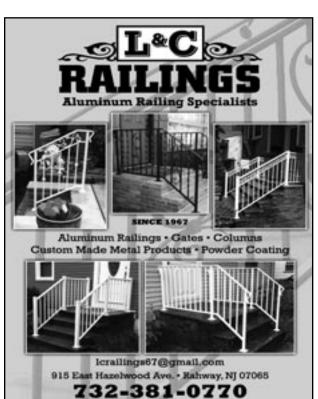
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the next step in her life's journey.

"I am definitely a bit terrified, but I am excited about the variety of opportunities that lie ahead," said Emma

This is a remarkable time for Emma as she celebrated the 10th anniversary of her life-saving heart transplant (April 1). She is humble and always thankful for her donor who gave her the gift of life and made her achievements possible.

"Everything after my heart transplant was working towards moments like this," said Emma. "It motivates me to appreciate the day to day – being able to travel, go away to school, and have life experiences without my health dictating what I can and cannot do is a blessing. I owe all of this to my organ donor's act of extraordinary humanity."

In March 2011, Emma was 12-years-old when she suddenly began to feel extremely fatigued and could not make it through an entire day at school. Her parents brought her to Newark Beth Israel Medical Center (NBIMC) for what was supposed to be a quick, routine blood test. However, Emma went into cardiac arrest, was put on life-support under an induced coma and was rushed to the pediatric cardiac intensive care unit at New York-Presbyterian/Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital.

Emma, who showed no prior symptoms, was somehow battling end-stage heart failure brought on by hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. On April 1, 2011, Emma, underwent a successful emergency heart transplant, which saved her life. Just 15 days later, Emma was discharged, taking with her new knowledge about what a heart transplant is and how she could best care for her new heart at home.

"The last thing I remember was feeling uncomfortable while the nurses were attempting to draw blood at the hospital thinking I might have had mono or a virus," said Emma. "I woke up six days later and learned that I had a heart transplant. Prior to that, I had never heard of organ and tissue donation or transplantation."

In 2013, Emma and her family, guided by their

firsthand experience, established Hearts for Emma, a 501 (c)3 organization that provides assistance to families of children with heart disease, and supports educational initiatives related to heart transplantation and promotes awareness of organ and tissue donation. As part of a joint outreach effort, Hearts for Emma established a Partner Fund within the NJ Sharing Network Foundation that has raised more than \$50,000 since its inception. The Hearts for Emma Partner Fund has helped educate more than 100,000 students in New Jersey about organ and tissue donation and transplantation through the production and distribution of education materials and related programs, and provides scholarships to high school seniors who are advocates of or personally impacted by the mission.

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In New Jersey, there are nearly 4,000 residents currently waiting for a life-saving transplant, and one person in New Jersey dies every three days waiting for a transplant. Just one organ and tissue donor can save 8 lives and enhance the lives of over 75 people. Transplantable organs include heart, kidneys, liver, lungs, pancreas and intestine. Transplantable tissue includes corneas, heart valves, skin grafts, and bone grafts, ligament and tendons.

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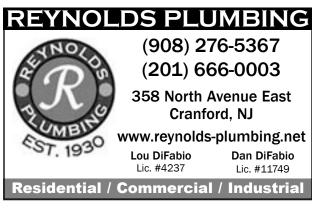
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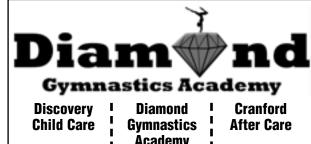
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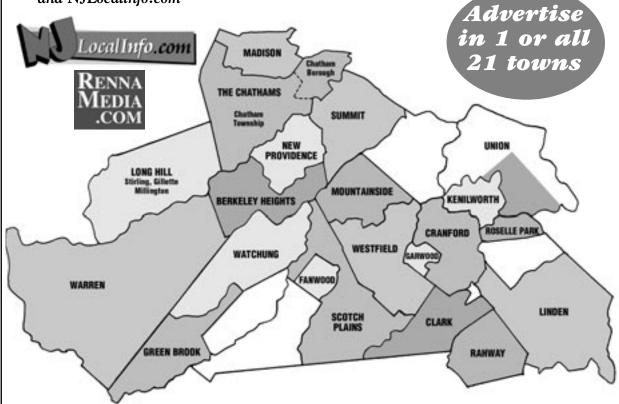
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