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The Lions EXPO attracts approximately 10,000 people over the four days and has become the premier family fun event in Warren Township and the surrounding communities.

The EXPO will have a pay-one-price wristband every night this year. We will be holding a Giant 50/50 cash raffle with the drawing on Saturday August 28th, resulting in a multi-thousand dollar payout to a single winner. The winner need not be present. Tickets will be available for purchase throughout the Expo dates for \$5 each.

"Hosting the EXPO is more than a tradition, it's our resolve to spread the smiles on people's faces, especially after the difficult period we all have endured for more than a year" said Mark Ramos, the 2021 EXPO chairperson of the Warren Township Lions Club.

The Lions Club, as well as the games, rides and food vendors at the EXPO are committed to observing the state mandated COVID safety guidelines in force during the Expo dates. In addition to multiple washing stations adjacent to the restrooms, special hand sanitation stations will be available throughout the Expo. All patrons are kindly asked to cooperate with the state mandated guidelines.

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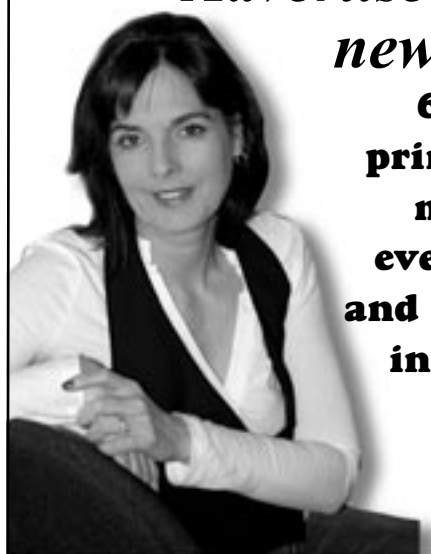
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3 SKILL SETS STUDENTS NEED TO THRIVE THIS FALL

LearningRx (www.LearningRx.com), the largest one-on-one brain training company, is sharing tips to help students ease the transition from summer to school. The tips highlight three key skill sets that students need to thrive in any setting.

This fall will be a return to in-person learning for many students across the country in nearly 18 months. In addition to the standard learning loss that typically occurs when formal education stops during the summer, this past year and a half was compounded because of school closures, disruptions, and new challenges with online learning. These adjustments have left many students - and parents - concerned about a return to the classroom.

But there's good news: almost everyone is in the same boat.

Here are some tips to help your student develop three primary skill sets to help them thrive this academic year:

• SKILL SET #1: SOCIALIZATION

Understandably, students may feel nervous about returning to a social setting, especially after more than a year riddled with isolation, home-based learning, event cancellations, and limited sports and other extracurricular activities. Look for opportunities to tour the school, attend grade-specific orientations and other social engagements. Depending on your student's interests, needs, and age, you may want to enroll them in individual or group therapy, schedule "play dates," sign them up for a fun workshop (e.g., painting, star gazing, pottery), or take them to a free movie night at the park. If needed, encourage them to brainstorm conversation starters or extracurricular activities at the start of school (e.g., theater, student council, intramural volleyball) they can enroll in to make friends organically.

• SKILL SET #2: TIME MANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATION

Summer often means late nights and sleeping in, making the transition to early morning starts particularly stressful. Start by gradually adopting a sleep schedule to best prepare your student for an earlier wake-up.

Like time management, organization often serves as a reflection of learning success. As one might imagine, a well-rested teen with strong note-taking skills, clearly labeled binders, and a detailed homework schedule will likely perform better than a sleep-deprived teen who struggles to stay on top of tasks. Invest in the tools your student needs to keep academics organized like colored markers, binders, notebooks, highlighter pens, a calendar, and a whiteboard. Designate a quiet space in your living quarters - whether it's a desk, fold-up, or dining room table - to establish a learning environment without distraction.

• SKILL SET #3: COGNITIVE SKILLS

Also known as "brain skills," cognitive skills are the underlying tools that enable kids to focus successfully, think, prioritize, plan, understand, visualize, remember, and solve problems. Those skills include auditory processing, visual processing, short and long-term memory, comprehension, logic, reasoning, and attention skills. If one of these skills isn't as strong as the others, it can affect the brain's ability to perform efficiently. Just imagine a bright student whose attention skills make it difficult to focus on the teacher's instruction. They might miss taking critical information while taking notes, a homework assignment, or project details. Imagine if every cognitive skill were strong, including their attention skill, they would thrive in school and perform at their highest potential.

By taking an initial Brain Skills Assessment through LearningRx, the student and parent would see a fuller picture of the student's cognitive skills. Then a tailored program would focus on targeting the skills needed to maximize the student's potential. After strengthening their skills, homework, test-taking, and learning, in general, are faster and easier.

Although a return to school can bring up feelings of inadequacy and anxiety, it's important to remember that almost every student is experiencing something similar. Addressing these three skill sets can help boost your students' confidence, and better prepare them for the return to school. Focus on support, independence, and the excitement of a fresh start—and understand that their apprehension is entirely normal.

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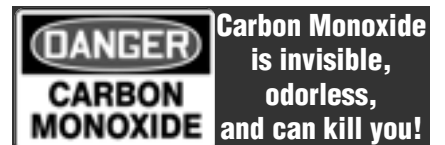
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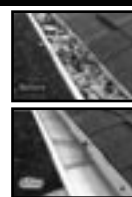
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Submitted by The Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board

Residents of Hunterdon and Somerset counties have access to thousands of free online learning courses through SkillUp Greater Raritan, a new initiative of the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board.

Now, any resident of Hunterdon and Somerset counties can sign up in the Metrix E-Learning System, which gives participants access to a vast catalog of courses reflecting marketable skills businesses in the region say they want their employees to have.

These include Microsoft and Adobe programs, Project Management, Help Desk and workplace behavior and customer service classes.

“Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board system partners already offer a variety of career coaching, job recruitment and workshops aimed at helping job seekers and those in lower-wage positions embark on sustainable employment pathways,” said Paul Grzella, GRWDB director. “We see SkillUp Greater Raritan as a way to introduce more residents to our services, and provide them with a 24/7 resource for personal and professional development.”

To sign up, go to:

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The link also can be found under the Resources tab of thegrwdb.org/ and on the

websites for Hunterdon and Somerset counties.

The initiative provides a free license to users of the SkillSoft program for six months or 180 days. SkillUp Greater Raritan participants have access to a catalog of more than 4,000 courses that includes IT and software lessons, project management, human resources, banking, retail, hospitality and communication skills.

The Metrix E-Learning System was introduced by the Greater Raritan One Stop Career Training Center in the spring of 2019 as a tool to use for participants in special-population youth and Workfirst New Jersey programs. The aim was to help participants in those programs learn new skills and earn certificates or prepare for future certification work.

In the late fall of 2019, the executive board of the GRWDB decided to expand this opportunity to all residents of the two counties it serves; direct participants in the One Stop system also will continue to have access to the training programs. This includes unemployed adults, out-of-school unemployed youth, TANF and SNAP client, those with disabilities and those in reentry programs.

After signing up, the online learning platform offers tools to assess an individual’s knowledge and skills needed for in-demand careers. The

portal provides guidance on which training courses to take to close any identified knowledge or skill gaps, and connects participants to hiring employers through Indeed.com.

Participants receive digital badges or certificates as they complete each training session, which typically includes four to five segments.

Because this is an e-learning portal, registrants can go through their selected courses at their own pace and as their schedules permit. The SkillUp Greater Raritan platform is available on desktop computers as well as digital devices.

SkillUp Greater Raritan can help different populations in different ways. For example, someone who may be currently employed but looking for a better job, or currently working two jobs and would like to move to one, could use the training modules to add to their skill base.

To sign up for SkillUp Greater Raritan, residents of Hunterdon and Somerset counties go to thegrwdb.metrixlearning.com. The link also can be found under the Resources tab of thegrwdb.org/ and on the websites for Hunterdon and Somerset counties.

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WARREN SCHOOLS SAY GOODBYE TO MRS. PATRICIA LEONHARDT

Submitted by Shannon Regan

At the June 21 Warren Township Board of Education meeting, Board President, Mr. Marc Franco, read aloud a Resolution of Appreciation on behalf of the Board of Education and the entire Warren Township Community for Mrs. Patricia Leonhardt, School Business Administrator. Leonhardt and her husband are relocating out of state to be closer to their children.

The Resolution thanked Leonhardt for her nearly ten years of service to the children and community members of Warren Township. Franco described Leonhardt’s dedication to the district through the various projects and committees she has served upon, such as the Study to Examine Enrollment Project (STEEP), the Ad Hoc Committee on the Impact of Future Development, the Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee, and the Ad Hoc Return to School Committee.

Additionally, the Resolution highlighted Leonhardt’s ability to maintain a fiscally responsible budget for the taxpayer, including leading the district through a successful referendum process with zero impact on the local tax levy.

Leonhardt was also recognized for her leadership among her professional peers in the business administrator community. Franco noted Leonhardt’s role as the leader of the county chapter of the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, including a peer nomination for the state organizations’ Distinguished Service Award.

Lastly, Leonhardt was thanked for her steadfast commitment to doing what is right for the Warren Township School District.

Assistant Business Administrator MaryGrace Suitovsky has been appointed as the interim Business Administrator until August 1 at which time recently hired Mr. Christopher Heagele will

begin in the role. Suitovsky and the Business Office team will miss Leonhardt dearly. “Pat’s leadership, work ethic, and commitment to our school district have been inspirational for us all. We are grateful for the time we were able to work with her.”

Leonhardt’s positive impact has certainly reached beyond the scope of the Business Team. The entire Board office will miss Leonhardt’s guidance, support, quick wit, and friendship.

“Mrs. Leonhardt has been a dedicated member of the Warren Township Schools leadership team for nearly ten years,” said Dr. Matthew Mingle, Superintendent. “The students, parents, staff members, and wider Warren Township Community have benefitted from her professionalism and steadfast commitment to managing the district’s finances and overall operations in a number of areas. There is no question that we have all been the beneficiaries of her work.”



(above, l-r) Special Services Secretary Janet Kozik, Payroll Administrator Darlene Nardi, Special Services Secretary Annette Glorius, Assistant Business Administrator MaryGrace Suitovsky, Human Resources & Communications Coordinator Shannon Regan, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Sandra Dodd, Business Administrator Patricia Leonhardt, Director of Special Services Derek Ressa, Administrative Assistant to the Business Administrator Celia DeFelice, Superintendent of Schools Matthew Mingle and Purchasing & Accounts Payable Coordinator Denise Armand celebrate Leonhardt’s retirement.

Photo by Warren Township Schools

INICA KOTASTHANE WILL REPRESENT THE STATE AT GIRLS NATION

Inica Kotasthane, a Warren resident and a rising senior at Watchung Hills Regional High School, was recently selected as one of two delegates from the New Jersey Girls State program to represent the state at Girls Nation. Girls Nation is the national equivalent of Girls State, and two exceptional delegates from each state program are voted on and selected to attend Girls Nation in Washington D.C. for one week. This is the first time that a Watchung Hills Regional High School student has been selected for this honor.

During ALA Girls Nation in Washington, D.C., the girls participate in a mock legislature. They are responsible for submitting bills and resolutions, participating in senate sessions, and electing officials such as president and vice president.

Participants leave ALA Girls Nation with leadership lessons for life and an understanding of the fundamentals of U.S. government, along with the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of citizens. This seven-day experience has laid the foundation of thousands of bright futures in not only public service, but other careers as well. Some notable industries include government, military, law, education, and media.

ALA Girls Nation connects participants with their peers from across the country, allowing the young women a unique opportunity to spend time with others who share common interests and those who have different perspectives from their own. The girls leave Washington, D.C. with a deeper understanding of government, a renewed sense of patriotism, and an appreciation for veterans.

While in D.C., the senators visit Capitol Hill and meet with their state senators and representatives, providing each girl an opportunity to discuss local issues and share bills they have written as part of ALA Girls Nation. The girls also participate in field trips to see the historical Washington monuments, Arlington National Cemetery, and the White House.

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The ALA Girls State and ALA Girls Nation programs are privately funded and presented by members of the American Legion Auxiliary.



(above) Inica Kotasthane is one of two delegates from the New Jersey Girls State program to represent the state at Girls Nation.

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Warren Township Schools Physical Education (PE) teachers pulled out all of the stops this year to ensure that students in Kindergarten through 5th grade had a truly remarkable Field Day experience. The day was full of smiles, music, water play, games, ice pops, and much more. The PE teachers were thrilled to see the students and teachers enjoying themselves during the event.

Mr. John Tsihlas, Woodland School PE teacher noted, "After a year of so many uncertainties, it was great to see a bit of normalcy on what turned out to be a beautiful field day at Woodland School."

Ms. Laura Lamson and Ms. Aubrey Pellerin, Central School PE Teachers agreed with Tsihlas. "Central School's 'Royal Field Day' was a blast! We were excited to finally feel a sense of normalcy and experience our first in-person field day in 2 years. Dressed in their royal best, students and staff competed in royalty-themed activities like the Water Tea Cup Relay, Castle Obstacle Course, and the Steeplechase. Huge

thanks to Central's Parent-Teacher Organization for supplying us with sprinklers, coolers of ice-cold water bottles, and ice pops to beat the heat!"

Mr. Sean Ulichny, first-year Mt. Horeb PE teacher, declared that the 2020-2021 Field Day event has been his most memorable teaching experience thus far. "Field Day was the closest day to normal we have had in a long time. To see the children smiling and having so much fun made my PE year!"

Mr. Doug Clark and Mr. Kurt Reck, the Angelo L. Tomaso School PE Teachers shared the same sentiments as their peers, "It was great to see the students playing and laughing together with all the changes that have taken place over the last year. They said it was the most fun they had in a long time."

The district is looking forward to sharing all of the wonderful student celebrations and graduations.

Photos by Warren Township Schools



(above) Central School's Royalty - Ms. Aubrey Pellerin, Mrs. Laura Lamson, and Mrs. Michele Sauro.



(above, left) ALT student Gavin Castagna is ready for some fun. (above, center) Mt. Horeb student Sofia Cakirdas is loving Field Day 2021. (above, right) Woodland students Shane Rajan, Harrison Malone, and Zachary Wishnia enjoying the DJ.



(above, left) Mt. Horeb student Jack Pereira in action during Field Day 2021. (above, center) ALT students Sophia Morales and Tasneem Amin enjoy a quick water break during Field Day. (above, right) Central students Daniel Mendoza, Bryce Zalepa, Sofia Saheli, Ava Traina, and Juliana Battista cool off with a popsicle.

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WARREN TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Submitted by Shannon Regan

The late American author and educator Stephen Covey said it well, “We develop our character muscles by overcoming challenges and obstacles.” Throughout the week of June 14, each Warren Township School celebrated its students by hosting moving-up ceremonies and graduations. A common theme shared by school administrators during their celebratory speeches was the students’ ability to demonstrate resilience during an unpredictable school year.

School principals Mr. Scott Cook, Mr. Jeffrey Heaney, Ms. Maria Mensinger, Ms. Christine Smith, Mrs. Alison Tugya, and Mr. George Villar know firsthand the tremendous efforts made by the students, their families, and the district teachers and staff throughout the school year. Students were asked to navigate virtual school with minimal social interaction, a hybrid schedule, and then a return to full in-person school. Families became experts in Google Classroom, Google Meets and so much more while often working together with their children’s teachers to provide the best possible learning experience. Teachers were often working beyond their traditional schedules well into the evening and over the weekends while also balancing the needs of their own families.

All Warren Schools (Angelo L. Tomaso, Central, Mt. Horeb, Woodland, and Warren Middle School) invited the students’ families to be present during the Fifth Grade Moving-Up and Kindergarten Graduation ceremonies while also live-streaming each event for those unable to attend in-person.

Heaney was thrilled to offer an in-person graduation experience. “The Woodland Kindergarten and 5th-grade ceremonies were a wonderful celebration of the hard work, dedication, and teamwork of an absolutely amazing group of students, staff, and families. It was beyond magnificent to see everyone have the chance to be together, feel a sense of normalcy, and make wonderful memories.”

Smith attributes the success of the 2020-2021

school year to the school community as a whole. “This was a year that united our school community in a way that we never thought possible. We couldn’t have been so successful without the parents and staff working together to support our children. During the Kindergarten Celebration and 5th grade Moving Up Ceremonies, our staff was proud to recognize the resilience of our students who remained calm, confident, and flexible with all of the changes required during the pandemic while they continued to grow and thrive this past year. Our youngest learners witnessed trust and support as a foundation of their school experience and our 5th graders are undoubtedly prepared to conquer middle school with the maturity gained through collaboration with the adults around them. ALT couldn’t be more proud of these students. Who are we?! ALT!”

Like Smith and Heaney, Central’s Principal Mrs. Tugya is thankful for having had the opportunity to shine a light on her students, their families, and all of the staff at Central school after the unprecedented school year. “I’m grateful that we were able to celebrate our students with their families. Families, staff, and students all demonstrated so much flexibility and resilience this year; it truly was a celebration for all. Our students accomplished so much this year and I am so proud of each of them.”

Cook shared his sentiments about the end-of-year celebrations at Mt. Horeb School. “There is no better way to celebrate the accomplishments of our preschoolers, kindergartners, and 5th graders than to be together in person. Each of our graduates shined. Each ceremony was adorned

with music, student speeches, and truly heartfelt teacher sentiments. A tremendous thank you to our custodians and buildings and grounds crews for making each of these ceremonies possible. Congratulations to our grads!”

Lastly, the Warren Middle School class of 2021 celebrated their graduation from eighth grade surrounded by their family, friends, teachers, administrators, and Board of Education members. Board President, Mr. Marc Franco, congratulated each member of the graduating class while handing the students their diplomas during the ceremony alongside Villar and Mensinger.

“It was a pleasure to look out upon the Warren Middle School graduates on the afternoon of June 16 and see the hopeful faces of our members of the Class of 2021 smiling back. They have endured unexpected challenges and emerged resilient and ready for the future,” added Villar.

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Matthew Mingle, also expressed his congratulations to the class of 2021 in his convocation speech during the ceremony. “From that unheralded last day of in-school facility learning for your seventh-grade year through an uncertain summer, an anxious reopening in September, and various iterations of what school looked and felt like throughout this year, you have risen to each new challenge in ways that make us all proud...You, the students of the Warren Middle School class of 2021, have shown resilience and perseverance in ways that we adults could learn much from.”

The district wishes all students and their families a safe and happy summer and looks forward to September.



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(above) Front row: Riya Ramani, Emma Xu, Malia Lorimor, Samaara Golchha; middle row: Jack Lippman; back row: Joshua Wang, Evan Weiss, Matthew Machado, and Maxwell Silver showing their excitement for the ALT grade 5 moving up ceremony.

Photos by Warren Township Schools



(above) Henry McDonald eagerly awaits the Kindergarten celebration at Woodland School.



(above) Mia Murach stops for a quick picture just before her kindergarten graduation ceremony at Woodland School.



(above) Grade 8 students Theresah Mensah, John Paul Meixedo, and Dylan Mayerchak stand proud in their graduation robes just prior to the ceremony.



(above) ALT staff holding up letters to spell RESILIENCE to describe their students. Pictured are Cheryl Plager, Nancy Andrews, Jessica Bostwick, Tara Lento, Brittney Leonard, Michelle DiPaolo, Liz Bisson, Sue Kline, Beth Figueira, Sherri Strauss and Ahmad Price.



(above) Gavin Velazquez and Ethan Hammond take a quick picture prior to their grade 5 Moving Up Ceremony from Mt. Horeb School.



(above) Skylar Arnold is all smiles on Central School Kindergarten Day!

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"Exploring and discovering our identities is a

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(above) Read to a Therapy Dog (grades K-4) at SCLSNJ's Warren Township Library branch on August 23, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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fundamental part of our teenage years," said Jodi Silverman, youth services supervisor. "Through this process, teenagers develop their self-awareness, acceptance, and empathy that affects not only their personal growth, but the way in which they interact with the world around them."

She continued, "When factoring in the negative developmental aspects of social distancing, such as a reliance on social media for modeling and a lack of direct peer support, it is imperative that we provide them with positive psychosocial resources that promote core values, like self-esteem and body acceptance."

Data from the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) shows that 90 percent of teens ages 13-17 have used social media. According to an article from the "Journal of Youth and Adolescence," there is a correlation between social media use and low self-esteem in adolescents.

"One of SCLSNJ's core services is making personalized connections between customers and Library materials," said Katie Salerno, youth services librarian. "SCLSNJ has made it a point to be an essential part of the body positive movement through our collections that contain a variety of fiction and nonfiction books that celebrate all body types, in all skin tones, with birth marks, stretch marks, freckles, and more. Body positive books will help children and teens see that they should love themselves and their bodies, so that they can have confidence in who they are and how they look."

Embrace the skin you are in and explore a diverse list of body positivity and acceptance titles available in your Library's catalog:

CHILDREN

- "Bodies Are Cool" by Tyler Feder
- "Love Your Body" by Jessica Sanders
- "Under Our Clothes: Our First Talk About Our Bodies" by Jillian Roberts Middle Grade/Tween

- "Starfish" by Lisa Fipps

TEENS

- "Body Positive: A Guide to Loving Your Body" by Emily Lauren Dick
- "Body Talk: 37 Voices Explore Our Radical Anatomy" edited by Kelly Jensen
- "Fat Chance, Charlie Vega" by Crystal Maldonado
- "Here the Whole Time" by Vitor Martins
- "I'll Be the One" by Lyla Lee
- "Love Is a Revolution" by Renée Watson
- "The (Other) F Word: A Celebration of the Fat & Fierce" edited by Angie Manfredi
- "Pumpkin" by Julie Murphy
- "The Self-Love Revolution: Radical Body Positivity for Girls of Color" by Virgie Tovar
- "Smash It!" by Francina Simone

"A movement toward body acceptance is now taking place in children and teen literature," said Laura Frantz, collection development librarian. "Many authors are sharing their own first-hand experiences in fictionalized and true stories. It is vital our communities continue to see and discover books that celebrate inclusivity and positivity."

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(above) Walsh posing in front of the cabinet display. The collection will be available for the public to observe during regular hours of operation until July 31. For artists interested in sharing their works of art, or for more information contact Kathy DeCristofaro at kdecristofaro@sclibnj.org.

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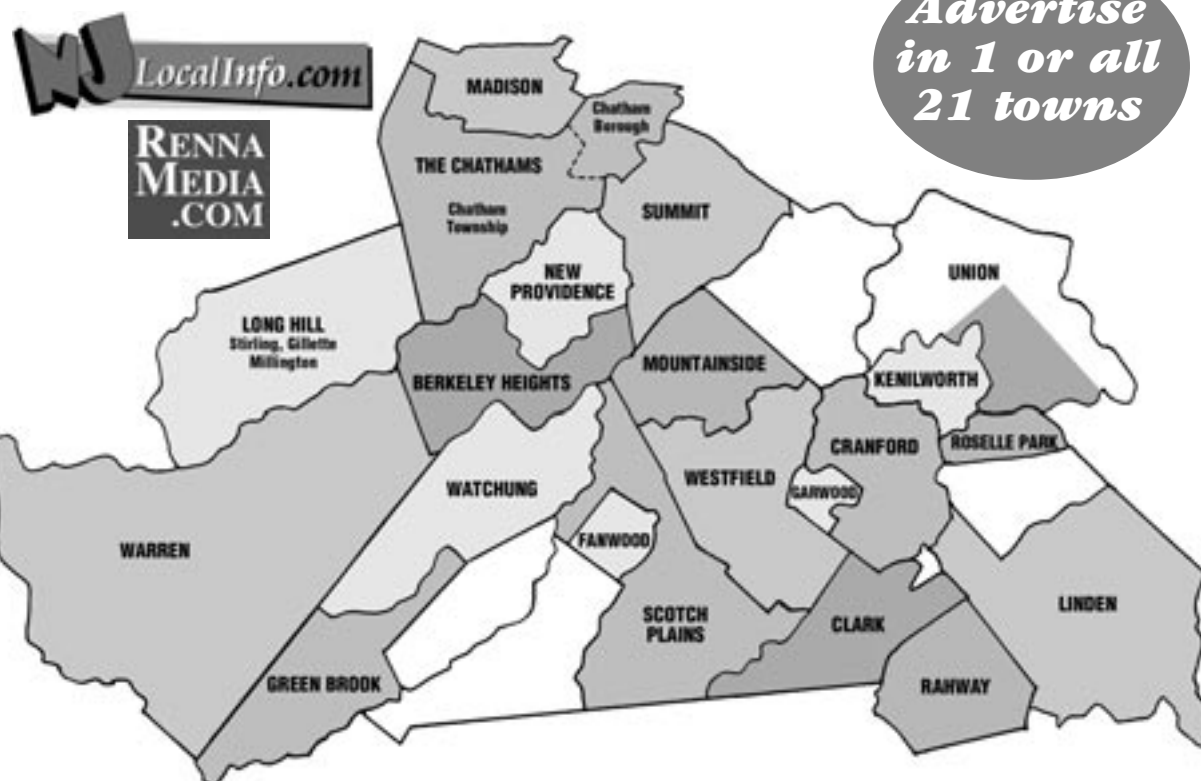
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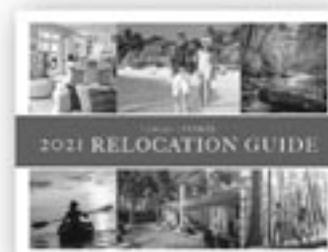
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