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GIRL SCOUTS EXPERIENCE FALL ENCAMPMENT

Submitted by Laura Axler

Camp Hoover in Newton, NJ, once again provided the perfect Fall Encampment experience for Madison-Harding Girl Scouts. On a cool Saturday in late October, 34 Girl Scouts in grades 2–8, as well as 22 leaders and adult members, headed up to the camp for a day of outdoor fun and learning.

The morning began with the 8th grade troops leading a flag-raising ceremony, then troops went off to their morning activity rotations. Next, at the low ropes course, they worked together to complete the various rope challenges and at arts and crafts, troops made dream catchers and dip candles. At lunch, the 8th grade troops led the Girl Scouts in several rounds of camp songs. After lunch, each girl worked on her archery skills then, hiked the beautiful trails to Swartswood Lake for canoeing or row boating.

The day culminated with a fantastic outdoor cooking experience. Each girl chose her own meal to make over the fire or outdoor stove. One group made grilled cheese in individual pan irons, but also helped to make cornbread baked in a Dutch oven over the campfire coals. Other girls made tin foil packets filled with ground beef and vegetables that they cooked on the coals. The third group worked together to follow a recipe for vegetarian chili. They cut peppers and onions, opened cans of beans, and measured spices into large pots that were then heated over camping stoves. For dessert, the girls could choose either banana boats or orange cake. To make the banana boats, they sliced open a banana, filled it with chocolate chips and marshmallows, then wrapped it in tinfoil. Meanwhile for the orange cake, they scooped out some of the insides of half an orange, filled it with vanilla cake mix, and finally wrapped it in tinfoil. Both desserts were then cooked on the coals as a sweet ending to a day of outdoor fun at camp

For more information about the Madison-Harding Girl Scouts, contact gsmadisonharding@gmail.com or visit gsmadisonharding.com.



(above) Many girls learned archery skills at Girl Scout Encampment.



(above, l-r) Fifth grade Juniors from Troop 96773, Gianna Klein and Sophia Scarpin, cooked ground beef and vegetable packets on the coals.



(above, l-r) Sixth grade Cadettes from Troop 96553, Giulia Bambaci and Kathryn Then, enjoyed canoeing on Swartzwood Lake.



(above) Girl Scouts made pan iron grilled cheese over the campfire.



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MAGICAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS STORY PENNED BY MADISON AUTHOR

Mirabel & the Magical Music Shop - By Jennifer Stone

Mirabel lives in a snow globe in a Music Shop in Lincoln Center. With the help of a magician, she and her croissant-loving dog Claude come to life and go on a magical adventure. Guided by her new friend the Opera Cat, Mirabel visits the Opera and learns about instruments and Classical music. Will she make it back before she and her dog turn into snowflakes? This delightful fable introduces children to the wonders of music, friendship and discovering your passion.

The stoty was written by Jennifer Stone and illustrated by Ryan Durney.

The book is available on Amizon.com and barnesandnoble.com.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

(Playwright/ Jennifer Brown Stone Dramaturg) lives in Madison, New Jersey. She is a playwright, author, producer, dramaturg and actor. Among her recent accomplishments is her Off-Broadway show, The Diorama, which she produced and wrote and her children's book Mirabel and the Magical Music shop. She is VP of Marketing for Stoneboies Productions and in that capacity, helped produce the recent documentary about Mr. Rogers Won't You Be My Neighbor? as well as To Dust starring Matthew Broderick (Tribeca Audience Award), Still Happy, and Little Woods (Tribeca Director's Award), Night Comes on (Winner Sundance Next Award) as well as the documentary The Devil We Know. She helped produce A Christmas Story The Musical (Broadway) and with NJPAC Carefree: Dancin' with Fred Ginger and The Hip Hop Nutcracker (also a PBS Special). As an actor she has appeared in numerous regional theater performances including: Parade, Big River, Urinetown, West Side Story, Guys and Dolls, Robber BrideGroom, Five Women Wearing the Same Dress, and Evita. Ms. Stone has a Master's in Theatre from Villanova University. She is founder of Juliet's Confession, a theatrical workshop for women. She is a member of the New Jersey Performing Art Center Women's Association and Summer Shorts at 59E59 theater. Jennifer is involved in many philanthropic organizations in the Tristate area, such as, Bedside Poetry, which helps children in hospitals cope with illnesses by writing poetry, the Theater Development Fund and Paley Center for Media. Jennifer lives in Madison with her husband and two sons Eliot and Lucas.



(above) Jennifer and David Stone with sons Lucas and Eliot and pet dog Watson.

CUB SCOUTS AND SCOUTS BSA STAYING ACTIVE

Wintertime does not stop Cub Scouts, Scouts activities that the Venturers choose for BSA and Venturers from having fun!

Firstly, Cub Scouts are for boys and girls in grades K-5. Even though boys and girls are in the same pack, dens are all-boy or all-girl. Dens are small groups of Cubs who are in the same grade and the Scouts continuously meet with their own dens. For the annual Pinewood Derby, the Cubs met with their entire pack, which are all the dens coming together, and built their own cars!

In addition, Scouts BSA are for boys and girls ages 11-18, however, troops are boy-only or girlonly. Scouts BSA meet weekly to learn new skills as well as go camping throughout the year. Most of our troops will compete in the Klondike Derby on February 5th, where teams of Scouts pull a sled around Camp Somers in Stanhope, NJ. The sleds visit different stations where Scouts are tested on skills, such as, fire building, first aid, wilderness survival, orienteering, etc.

Finally, Venturers are ages 14-20. Venture crews have fun throughout the year with

themselves.

To find the pack or troop nearest you, please contact al.thomas@scouting.org; 973-765-9322, extension, 229.



(above) Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby.

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MADISON ROTARY'S DECEMBER MEETINGS

The Rotary Club of Madison is an enthusiastic and engaged network of ordinary people doing extraordinary things to serve people in our local and global communities. At the Rotary's weekly meetings, the club plans and reports on its service projects as well as guest speakers present on a broad range of topics that are of interest to the community. Rotary meetings are held each Thursday morning in person at the Madison YMCA on Kings Road, but are also accessible by Zoom. The club meetings start at 7:45 a.m. and conclude at 8:30 a.m. For December 2021, the club's meeting line-up includes:

Non-Profit Arts Institutions in the Pandemic December 2

For many arts institutions, the safety-related closures and audience restrictions caused by the pandemic have dramatically challenged their ability to continue in their mission. On December 2nd, the Rotary will hear from the Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown on how it has responded to these challenges. MarySue DePaola, Development Director, and Kadie Dempsey, Community Engagement Director, will discuss the difficulties faced by Mayo and other

arts organizations as well as how Mayo and others improvised to continue to serve their public missions through and after the pandemic.

A Tutorial on Navigating Social Media December 9

Steve Shannon of the Rotary Club will deliver a tutorial on using and navigating social media, with a particular focus on Facebook. The talk will particularly focus on the Rotary's use of Facebook, but the lessons learned will be useful for all who want some pointers on how to interact with social media platforms.

The Culmination of the Rotary Club's 50/50 Raffle

December 16

The Club's previously announced annual 50/50 raffle will culminate with the winner being selected on December 16th. Tickets for the 50/50 are \$100 each and the Club is looking to sell its full allotment of 600 tickets. If all 600 tickets are sold, the first prize in the raffle will be \$20,000, second prize \$5,000, third prize \$3,000, fourth prize \$1,200, and fifth prize \$800. The prize drawing will be held at 1:00 p.m. on December 16th at the Madison YMCA,

but ticket holders do not need to be present to win. All proceeds will go towards the Club's support of community service in Madison and the surrounding area.

Members of the public are encouraged to help support this effort by visiting the Club's website at madisonrotarynj.org for more information on how to secure a ticket. Alternatively, tickets can be purchased by contacting Jen Pinto at madisonnj5050@gmail.com, or any Rotary member. Sales will continue to be sold until December 15th, or until all tickets are sold, whichever comes first.

Members of the public are welcome to join the Rotary for its meetings and presentations. To make its meetings widely accessible, the Club holds meetings both in-person and online, via Zoom. Interested guests should visit the Club's website at madisonrotarynj.org for log-in details and for more information about Madison Rotary.

Please note that Rotary meetings, speakers, or speaker schedules are potentially subject to change. Please visit the Rotary website at madisonrotarynj.org for any updates to the schedule and other meeting details.



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METC SIDEWALK ART SHOW

The Museum of Early Trades & Crafts (METC) has opened its first Sidewalk Art Show at METC's Education Annex at 23 Main Street, Madison, NJ. The show will run through February 2022. This exhibit is free and accessible to the public at any time in the Annex windows.

METC selected 'Hope' as its first sidewalk art show theme, recognizing that the COVID-19 pandemic has touched the lives of every individual across the globe. Although the pandemic continues, we see the resiliency of people shining through, even during the darkest of days, toward better, as well as, safer times and this gives us all hope.

"This art show is the first of its kind METC has put on in the Annex windows," said Shelley Cathcart, Curator of Collections and Exhibits. "After many submissions, METC selected 15 artists who created works that were unique, powerful, and insightful to their experience with the theme, hope. I'm proud of each artist and the works they created. It was a pleasure working with all 15 people and learning about their process as well as the meaning behind their work."

This year's artists are: Marylou DeMarino Kessel, Karen Waller, Wayne Freitag, Spriha Gupta, Patricia Dahlman, Jennifer Ponds, Jennifer Cofone, Leslie Nobler, Daniel Alan Gordon, Kathleen McCullough, Melanie Bump, Mary Dierson Galantich, Rommel Borras, G.R. Lear, and Dani Pietrowski. More information about each artist can be found at metc.org/sidewalk-art-show-2021.

METC will also host a Silent Auction on February 24, 2022. The public can bid on these extraordinary works of art with the proceeds benefiting both the artists and METC. For more information on the silent auction, visit metc.org.

The Museum of Early Trades & Crafts explores American history with a focus on the life and stories of 18th and 19th century craftsmen and artisans. Drawing on its rich collection, METC is connecting the lives of people and their stories, while providing a bridge from the past to the future. Housed in a stunning Richardsonian Romanesque Revival building, donated by D. Willis James to the people of Madison, NJ in 1900, METC offers something for visitors of all ages. Regular METC admission is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for seniors, students, and children 6 and older, but free for members as well as children under 6. Also, family maximum admission is \$15.00. METC is open Tuesday – Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. They are closed on Mondays as well as on major holidays.

For information, please call 973-377-2982, or visit their website at metc.org.



(above) Some pieces from the exhibit at the Museum of Early Trades & Crafts

KENNEDY DANCERS' HOLIDAY SHOWCASE

to see the Kennedy Dancers' Holiday Showcase on December 3, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Madison Community House located at 25 Cook Ave., Madison, NJ.

The Kennedy Dancers Holiday Showcase features performances by the Kennedy Dancers Repertory Company (Professionals) with choreography by Diane Dragone to Handel's 'Water Music' and Dr. Larry King's 'O' Gracious Night.

The Kennedy Dancers are a non-profit Jersey

The Thursday Morning Club invites the public City based professional American dance company, established in 1976 with the mission of bringing high quality dance training and performances to the NY/NJ Metro area.

> A dessert table featuring holiday treats will open at 6:30 p.m. The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. Reservations are \$25 and can be made by calling the Madison Community House at 973-377-0244.

> The Thursday Morning Club is a member of the NJ State Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

THRIFT SHOP DECEMBER SHOPPING

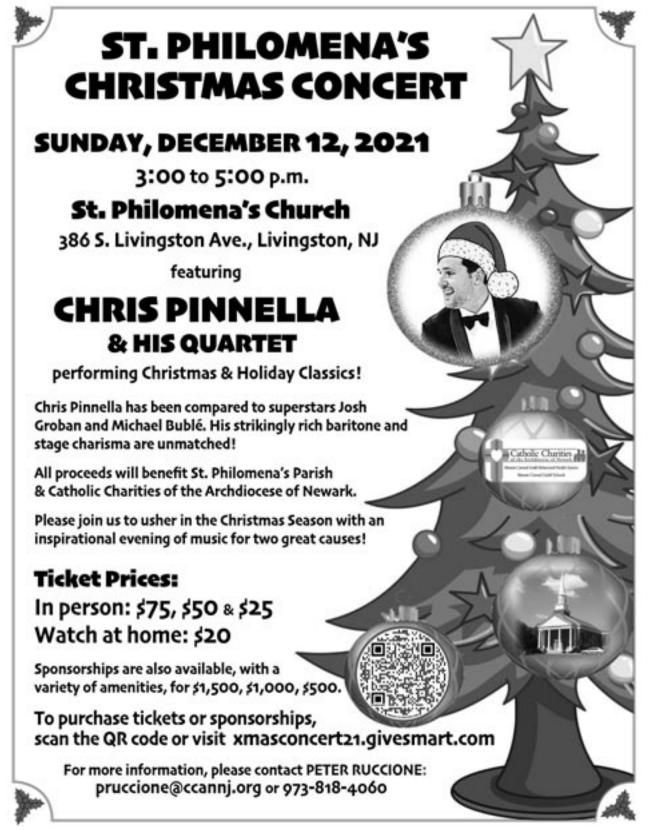
The Madison Independent Thrift Shop will be welcoming shoppers during the month of December with their special sales. Shoes will be on sale at \$2.00 a pair; as well as jewelry and glassware at 50% off the original price.

The Thrift Shop, located at 39 Kings Road, Madison, NJ, is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. and Saturday

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. All proceeds received from sales are distributed to charitable groups in Madison and surrounding communities. If you have any questions or need further information, the owners can be reached at 973-377-2450.



(above) The Kennedy Dancers







MEMORY OF COUNTY RESIDENT HONORED DURING CELEBRATION OF LIFE

NJ Sharing Network

Veronica Horvath (Chatham, NJ) was only eight-years-old when her father, Richard, passed away following a tragic accident while working at a construction site. Her family's grief was beyond measure, but they found some comfort in knowing that they honored Richard's wishes of being an organ donor.

"Although it was more than 20 years ago, I still remember that moment like it was yesterday," said Veronica. "I was sitting next to my mom and she never hesitated when asked about donation. My father's gifts of his kidneys and liver saved the lives of three people. He became a true hero that day and he will always be a hero in my heart."

In 2013, Veronica's powerful connection to donation continued when she began her career at NJ Sharing Network after graduating from Susquehanna University.

"My family's experience with NJ Sharing Network inspired me and I wanted to be a part of its life-saving mission," said Veronica. "I remember continually checking NJ Sharing Network's website for job opportunities, and I will never forget receiving a call for an interview. I knew this is where I belonged."

Veronica has been an important part of NJ Sharing Network's team, serving in a variety of roles, including community outreach, marketing communications and resource development. This experience helped prepare her for her new role as a Hospital Services Manager interacting directly with hospital partners and donor families in a clinical setting to support the

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The Raptor Trust is a 501(C)3 organization that provides free medical care to thousands of Injured and orphaned wild birds each year. Located at 1390 White Bridge Road, Millington, NJ, The Raptor Trust's outdoor aviary trail is open to the public Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no charge and no reservation necessary for general admission at this time, though donations are always appreciated.

The Raptor Trust is also offering private guided tours, virtual programs, and outdoor field trips this fall. You can email education@theraptortrust.org with any booking questions or find more information on our website at TheRaptorTrust.org.

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"In many ways, it feels like my professional and personal experiences have come full-circle," said Veronica. "I now have the honor of speaking with families, and I understand the many emotions that they are feeling while at the bedside of a loved one. It makes me take a pause because I always want to do what is right to support them."

Veronica's first experience in approaching a family to discuss organ and tissue donation proved to be an extraordinary one. She met with the mother, father, sister and sister-in-law of a man in critical condition at a local hospital. The family immediately gasped in disbelief when Veronica entered the room and introduced herself by her first name. At that time, Veronica was unaware that the sister and her wife had discussed naming their first child 'Veronica.'

"I guess we all felt a sense of divine intervention," said Veronica. "We had an immediate connection, and they took it as a sign of a light in the darkness during a difficult time. I felt inspired by their decision to give the gift of life to others."

To learn more, get involved and register as an organ and tissue donor, visit

NJSharingNetwork.org.

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.

ABOUT NJ SHARING NETWORK

Dedicated to saving lives through organ and tissue donation, NJ Sharing Network is the non-profit organization responsible for the recovery and placement of donated organs and tissue for the nearly 4,000 New Jersey residents waiting for a life-saving transplant. With headquarters in New Providence, NJ, the organization, selected by NJBIZ as one of the state's "Best Places to Work" for the fourth consecutive year, is also part of the national recovery system, serving the 110,000 people on the national waiting list.

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(above) Veronica Horvath points to her father's name on NJ Sharing Network's Wall of Remembrance, which honors organ and tissue donors in New Jersey who helps save and enhance countless lives.

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NJ YOUTH SYMPHONY PRESENTS CONCERTS - ST. ELIZABETH UNIVERSITY

The New Jersey Youth Symphony (NJYS) Continues to celebrate its return to the concert stage for the 2021-22 season with three concerts on December 4 and 5 at Dolan Performance Hall, Annunciation Center at Saint Elizabeth University located at 2 Convent Road in Morristown. Presenting works spanning from the Romantic era to present day, the family-friendly concerts will showcase the youth orchestra program's varied ensembles, from strings, flutes, and woodwinds to full orchestra and jazz. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors. Tickets are available at NJYS.org.

Appearing under the batons of Michelle Hatcher, Nevena Bojovic, and Natasha Loomis, respectively, the NJYS Primo Strings, Concertino Strings, Sinfonia, and Flute Ensembles will perform works by Mendelssohn, Tchaikovsky, Valerie Coleman, Soon Hee Newbold, and more on Saturday, December 4 at 1:00 p.m. The NJYS Concertino Winds, Clarinet Ensemble, and CL4tet led by Bryan Rudderow and the NJYS Philharmonia led by Mark Gunderman will

perform works by Brahms, Puccini, Emma Lou Diemer, and more on Saturday, December 4 at 5:00 p.m.

NJYS Jazz, featuring the award-winning Jazz Orchestra led by Dion Tucker, Big Band led by Gregory Williams, and Saxophone Ensemble led by Benjamin Kovacs, will delight audiences with the music of Ellington, Mingus, Miles Davis, and more on Sunday, December 5 at 3:00 p.m.

The New Jersey Youth Symphony (NJYS), founded in 1979, is a tiered orchestral program offering ensemble education for students in grades 3-12 across New Jersey. NJYS has grown from one orchestra of 65 students to over 500 students in 15 different orchestras and ensembles, including the internationally recognized Youth Symphony. NJYS ensembles have performed in venues including the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Carnegie Hall, and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. NJYS has received numerous prestigious awards for its adventurous programming from the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP) and has had six European tours,

including participation in the Summa Cum Laude International Youth Festival and Competition (Vienna), winning First Prizes in July 2014 and 2017.

Now in its 43rd season, NJYS continues to achieve musical excellence through intensive instruction and high-level performance. Under the guidance of a talented team of conductors, coaches, and teaching artists, students are immersed in challenging repertoire, learning the art of ensemble playing, and exploring their potential in a supportive and inclusive environment. NJYS remains committed to programming works by diverse composers and featured 20th century African American and women composers such as Duke Ellington, George Walker, Yvonne Desportes, Emma Lou Diemer, Julia Perry, and Florence Price.

The New Jersey Youth Symphony is a program of the Wharton Institute for the Performing Arts. Wharton is New Jersey's largest non-profit performing arts education organization serving over 1,500 students of all ages and abilities through a range of classes and ensembles. In addition to the New Jersey Youth Symphony, programs include the Paterson Music Project and Performing Arts School. The mission of the Wharton Institute for the Performing Arts is to offer accessible, high quality performing arts education that sparks personal growth and builds inclusive communities.



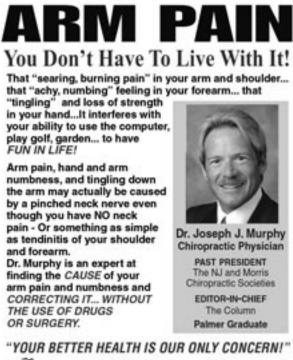












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On Friday, November 19, 2021 at 12:36 p.m., Madison Police Department, Fire Department, and Madison Volunteer Ambulance Corp. (MVAC) were dispatched to a Prospect Street residence for a report of an unconscious 62-year-old female. Upon arrival, Madison Police Patrolman Matthew Mirabella, Madison Firefighters Brian Castano and Lt. Kyle Wickman, and MVAC members Jack Luts and

Jim Wynn found the unconscious patient laying on the first floor of her residence. Madison Public Safety personnel met with family members who witnessed the cardiac arrest and telephoned 9-1-1. Personnel immediately began performing CPR and applied the automated external defibrillator. Atlantic Health Paramedics arrived on scene to join in the lifesaving efforts. After performing lifesaving measures at the residence, the patient began to

Jim Wynn found the unconscious patient laying breathe on her own and was ultimately on the first floor of her residence. Madison transported to Morristown Medical Center Public Safety personnel met with family where she is recovering.

"I am very proud of all of our highly trained Madison first responders who worked together as a team to ultimately save this resident," said Acting Chief of Police John R. Miscia. Echoing the remarks of Miscia, Madison Fire Department Chief Louie DeRosa stated, "A quick response and great teamwork made for a successful save."

FIRST DAY WALK FOR OPEN SPACE

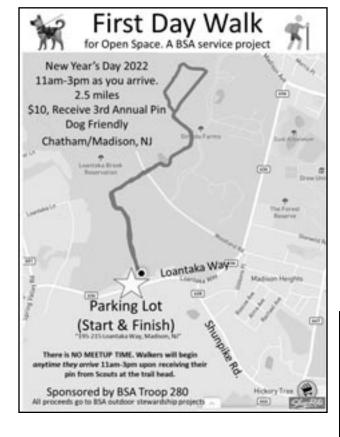
A healthy, happy way to start the year! BSA Troop 280 will hold its third annual First Day Walk for Open Space on New Year's Day, 2022 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Join whenever convenient for you during that time. The 2.5-mile walk starts and finishes at the Loantaka Way parking lot in Chatham ("195-215 Loantaka Way, Madison" on Google Maps), the entrance to Loantaka Brook Reservation. Pets are welcome!

Your \$10 contribution per person will fund BSA outdoor stewardship projects in our immediate area, and each contributor will receive a handsome commemorative pin. In the past

A healthy, happy way to start the year! BSA oop 280 will hold its third annual First Day alk for Open Space on New Year's Day, 2022 sections of three trails, purchase trail-markers for a brand new trail, and more.

To purchase tickets or donate to local open space stewardship, go to: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/first-day-walk-new-years-day-tickets-204064070127. You can also visit our Facebook page: First Day Walk - New Year's Day.

First Day Walk is a service project of BSA Troop 280, a troop of 40 girls in Chatham and surrounding towns.





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FIND ROSIE THE ROSE CITY REINDEER

The Madison Area Chamber of Commerce is inviting children to participate in a month-long search to Find Rosie the Rose City Reindeer this holiday season.

More than 40 chamber-member businesses will participate in this creative and fun activity to help highlight the holidays and all that is wonderful about shopping in Madison this season. This is a free event, open to the public, and for children only. For a list of participating businesses, please visit the chamber website at MadisonNJChamber.org.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Children can pick up a participation card at either Tons of Toys, located at 64 Main Street, or Madison Pharmacy, located at 66 Main Street, or at any one of the participating businesses.

Participants can find Rosie at participating businesses or on their website, where noted, and collect a store stamp, signature, or the write in code found online. When at least 25 different store stamps, signatures, or codes are collected, children should bring their game card to Tons of Toys or Madison Pharmacy where a special prize can be collected. Prizes are donated by Tons of Toys.

Further, when at least 40 store stamps, signatures, or codes are collected, children should bring their game card to Tons of Toys or Madison Pharmacy where they will be entered into a drawing.

To watch the live feed of the Grand Prize drawing, visit the "ILoveMadisonNJ" Facebook page on Monday, December 13th at 4:00 p.m. The Grand Prize Winner will receive a \$100 Madison Chamber Gift Check while the 2nd and 3rd place winners will each receive a \$50 Madison Chamber Gift Check.

"The Find Rosie the Rose City Reindeer program was designed to bring customers into our downtown business district while promoting our 'Shop Local' message," said Chamber Executive Director. "This increasingly popular



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George Washington and Morristown

Tuesday, December 7th @ 7 p.m.

It's a beautiful day! Let's take a walk. Let's take a ride. Let's "visually" explore the Revolutionary War/Morristown, NJ/George Washington connection. (Something you've been meaning to do for as long as you can remember, right? So, LET'S DO IT!) Join us for this Zoom lecture hosted by Joel Farkas.

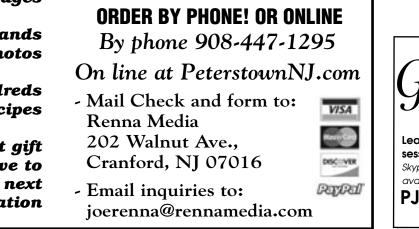
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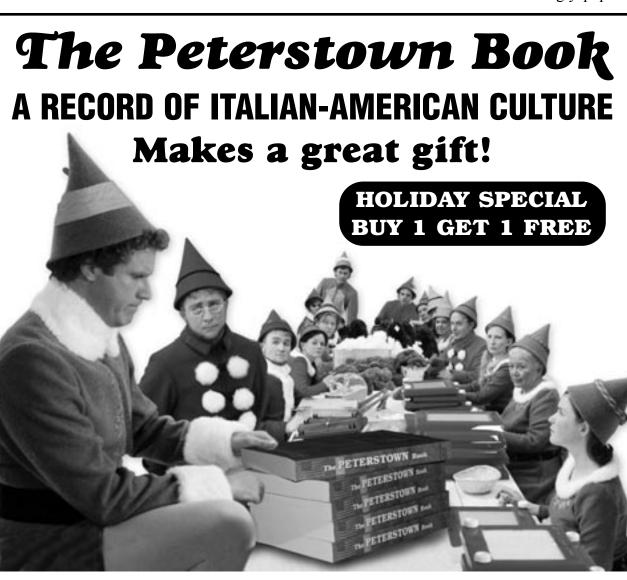
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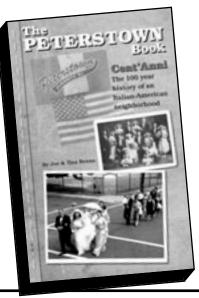
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For those weary of the ceaseless stream of secular seasonal music from department stores to TV, the Pipes of Christmas offers a spiritual and traditional take on the season that connects concertgoers to the holiday in a fresh, meaningful way. The show features tunes such as, Highland Cathedral, Joy to the World, and Amazing Grace, all performed live on pipes and drums, harp and fiddle, and organ and brass and more. Not only does the performance define Christmas cheer, but also it inspires those of Celtic descent to retrace and reconnect to their ancestry.

The concert presents the music of Christmas accompanied by readings taken from the Celtic literature of Scotland, Ireland, and Wales. Featured performers include singer Margaret Kelly from Aberdeen, Scotland, James Robinson from the film "Braveheart," New England fiddle champion Paul Woodiel, champion harpist Rachel Clemente, and the Pipe Major Kevin Ray Blandford Memorial Pipe Band from Redlands, CA among many more.

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The Pipes of Christmas Virtual Concert, produced by The Clan Currie Society / The Learned Kindred of Currie, has been nominated for an award in the prestigious MG ALBA Scots Trad Music Awards (Na Trads) 2021.

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