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The newly renovated space — with a drive-thru and 24/7 access ATM — hosted the special event. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of a \$1,000 donation to the Gateway Family YMCA. The Atlantic Federal Credit Union was grateful for the opportunity to support the organization's efforts towards promoting health and wellness in the community.

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(above, l-r) Atlantic Federal Credit Union Director Patti Murray, Atlantic Federal Credit Union Director Philip Rosen, Union Township Chamber of Commerce Executive Director/CEO and Gateway Family YMCA Board of Directors President James Masterson, Gateway Family YMCA Vice President of Operations Rodger D. Koerber, and Atlantic Federal Credit Union Chief Executive Officer Anthony A. Mero.

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(above) The happy group of Flintlock volunteers donating toys to the Toys for Tots program.

Flintlocks BSA, Inc.

The Flintlocks enthusiastically support the Boy Scouts of America Patriot's Path Council Toys for Tots campaign every year. All of them have sons who were in the scouts, and many have grandchildren now participating. President John Koneski was the first one to donate toys this year. Further, while Dr. Michael Hart says that he likes to buy toys which he thinks he would enjoy playing with himself, Bob Pysher's wife, however, likes to purchase a spread of different age group toys, including dolls for the girls, to ensure that all children in the various age groups get toys. Because of this, it is not a surprise that Frank is attracted to the Trouble game (just kidding). Also, since Chuck is shy, he hid behind a basketball.

The Flintlock volunteers who donated toys to the program are former scouts who also donate approximately 5,000 volunteer hours per year to the Boy Scout Council, which includes helping to do maintenance and build new structures throughout all of the scout camps. They meet at the Flintlocks building at Camp Winnebago, located at 102 Timberbrook Road, Rockaway, NJ, the first building on the right, every Thursday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Guests are always welcome.



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ANNUAL NATIVITY BLESSING

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On December 8th the Knight's of Columbus Council #4504 held their Annual Nativity Blessing in front of Town Hall. Mayor and the Township Committee, Deacon Kurt from Holy Spirit, Knights Council, Columbiette members and St. Michael Church members gathered for the blessing, followed by caroling lead by Treasurer Chuck Cababe.



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AARP Presents Downsizing and Decluttering: You Can't Take it With You

Tues., 1/11 at 12:00 pm

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Our Mysterious Brains Explained

Wed., 1/12 at 7:00 pm

Take a journey into your brain. Find out why you get bad "vibes" from some people, why young children do not get sarcasm, and why teenagers are so difficult to understand. Discover why some parts of our body are so sensitive to touch, why you can really "love" chocolate, why some foods bring back memories, and why drinking alcohol makes you

run to the bathroom. All questions are welcome! Taught by Barbara Bogner, associate professor of Anatomy & Physiology who taught at Middlesex County College for 27 years.

Meditation

Thurs., 1/13 at 11:30 am

Join Bindu Bhatt for a virtual meditation session. No experience necessary. Bindu has practiced meditation for over 30 years and would like to share her insight with you.

AARP presents Six Pillars of Brain Health

Tues., 1/18 at 12:00 pm

It's never too late to focus on your brain health! This session is a good overview for anyone interested in learning more about brain health and provides information on the latest research on healthy brain lifestyle suggestions with resources to learn more.

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At the Y, you'll find more than just a place to work out. With opportunities to connect with new people, develop new skills and explore new interests, you'll discover new passions and gain a greater sense of purpose. The Gateway Family YMCA is inviting the community to "Find Your Passion, Find Your Purpose" this Winter, with an Open House January 13-15 and a Membership Special through January 15, 2022.

"People need a place to go where they can feel supported and receive help in trying times. A place where adults can find life balance; children can reach their full potential; seniors can be active and find camaraderie; and families can connect and strengthen relationships," stated Krystal R. Canady, CEO, The Gateway Family YMCA. "At our Y, the supportive community will inspire you to find your inner strength so you can expand your health in spirit, mind and body."

To help more people benefit from the Y, The Gateway Family YMCA is hosting a membership special through January 15, providing No Joiner Fee for all new members who join using the code JOIN at tgfymca.org/join-the-Y or in person at the Y. Flexible membership opportunities are available, including short-term memberships and virtual memberships providing flexibility for all to belong to the Y community. In addition, The Gateway Family YMCA will be opening their doors to the community January 13-15 for a YMCA Open House. For more information, visit tgfymca.org/events.

By becoming involved with The Gateway Family YMCA, individuals and families have the opportunity to improve their health and well-being and connect with the community, all while participating in their favorite program or activities at the Y, or virtually from home. "To be our best selves, we need to take care of our wholes selves, and our goal is to provide that



seamless opportunity to make healthy living easy for all," stated Melynda A. Mileski, EVP, Chief Operating Officer. "Here, neighbors from all backgrounds and walks of life can discover common ground, broaden their perspectives and support one another. At the Y, there are no strangers, only friends you haven't met yet."

As a leading nonprofit committed to strengthening community by connecting all people to their potential, purpose and each other, the Y focuses on empowering young people, improving health and well-being and inspiring action in and across communities. By bringing together people from different backgrounds, perspectives and generations, the Y ensures that all have access to the opportunities, relationships and resources necessary to learn, grow and thrive. The Gateway Family YMCA is a non-profit charitable organization serving Eastern Union County and Northern Middlesex County for over 121 years. Through the Y's Annual Support Campaign, Membership For All Financial Assistance is available to those who qualify.

The Gateway Family YMCA offers a variety of programs to help achieve greater health and well-being, nurture youth and inspire individuals to give back to better their community. Winter 2022 program registration is available online at www.tgfymca.org for programs including swimming lessons, youth sports, active older adult fitness, dance, gymnastics, virtual WISE adult services and chronic disease self-management programs. Through the 7th Grade Initiative, youth are supported with a complimentary membership, leadership opportunities and special events.

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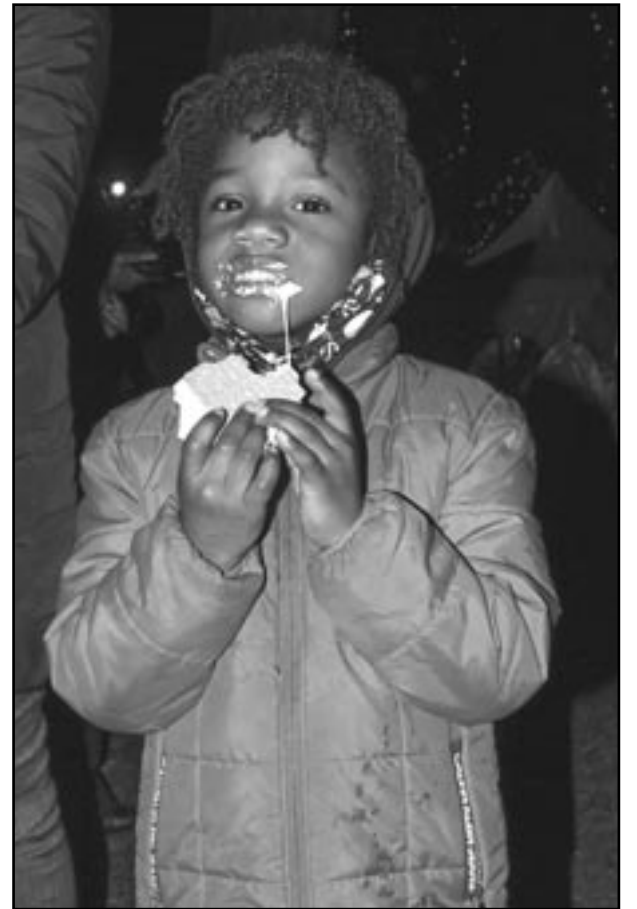


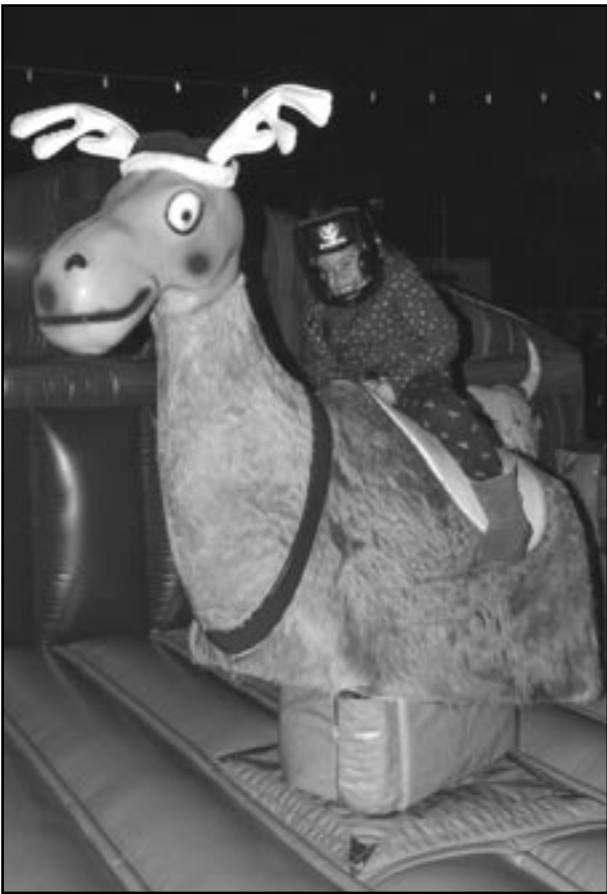
WINTER WONDERLAND WEEKEND

The Township of Union municipal grounds were turned into a spectacular winter wonderland and holiday village over the Dec. 4-5 weekend.

Some of the events featured were a live nativity, over 30 vendors, ice skating and curling, a mechanical reindeer, musical performances, horse drawn carriage rides, make your own smores at a fire pit, crafts at the ginger bread house, and photos with Santa after he lit the Christmas tree.

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MICHAEL NAYA PRESERVES THE HISTORIES OF WWII VETERANS

Submitted by Margaret McCorry

Michael Naya hopes to be a history professor one day. While the Kean University freshman pursues that professional dream, he is doing the work of a historian, recording the military experiences of World War II veterans from around the country.

Since the age of 14, Naya has interviewed more than 100 World War II veterans to capture their oral histories of the war and one day preserve them in a book. Now 18, the history major from Kenilworth is a founding member of the Young Historians Program through the group D-Day Squadron.

"I want you all to remember the thousands and millions of people who served in World War II. These were the quiet heroes," Naya said. "Every Memorial Day, we honor those who died, and their stories are often widely known, but we very rarely remember those who came back from the war and built our communities."

Naya said getting a book about the Titanic in first grade ignited his interest in history. Then, when he was 14, he watched a video about two World War II veterans reuniting after 70 years.

"I looked over at my mom and said, 'Mom, I want to interview these veterans,'" he said.

His mother connected him with a family friend, John Rembish, who served in World War II, and Naya's passion for interviewing veterans from the Greatest Generation flourished. By reaching out to veteran-related associations, he has talked with veterans across the country.

One of them is 95-year-old Chuck Brown of SeaTac, Washington, who saw combat with the 12th Armored Division in Alsace, France, and helped liberate concentration camps during his three years in the army. He calls Naya a "close friend."

"I think the world of him. He is 18 years old and in his first year of college. I am 95 years old, but we talk on equal terms. For me, it is a wonderful experience. I can't get enough of the guy. There is no age difference when we speak," he said.

Brown, who was drafted at 18, shared with Naya his recollections of the fear, the "terrible cold" and the lack of sleep that dominated his time in the war.

"The only reason that a guy like myself served was for the 12 guys in the squad. You weren't serving for some Hollywood reason," he said. "You were scared to death, and the only thing that meant anything to you were the guys next to you. You would do anything for them."

Through the D-Day Squadron, a group of owners and operators of Douglas DC-3 vintage aircraft and World War II veteran airplanes, Naya is developing the Young Historians Program.

"They want to educate young children, teenagers and young adults on World War II through peer outreach, and I find that to be a great idea," Naya said. "It's our job as the next generation to carry on the torch of preserving that memory."

Lyndse Costabile, director of corporate relations, communications and marketing at the D-Day Squadron, said Naya brings experience,

innate talent and a passion for history to the Young Historians Program.

"He's very persistent and passionate. That persistence is what sparked our interest in him. He is very charismatic, just a genuine, good-hearted person with a great soul, and those are the types of people we like to surround ourselves with and involve in our efforts," she said.

Naya hopes more Kean students will get involved in the project, something that Adjunct Professor John Lestrangle, who has Naya in his World of History class, endorses.

"I absolutely wish that more students were involved in projects like this. Oral histories like what Michael is conducting are very important primary sources, and there are so many historic events that we can record this way," he said.

With plans to become a high school history teacher and, ultimately, a college history

professor, Naya said he chose Kean because of its outstanding reputation for educating teachers. While he hasn't yet set foot on campus this semester as he learns remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic, Naya said he is having a great experience. "I absolutely love it," he said.

Right now, Naya is focused on finding and interviewing survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor, which launched the U.S. into the war.

"There are still so many men and women out there in our own communities who've never told their stories. They never wanted to talk about it. They came home. They put their duffel bags away. They folded up their uniforms, and they put the war behind them," he said. "I'm glad that I'm able to keep in touch with these eyewitnesses. How many people my age get to say they spoke to a World War II vet? I think it's a privilege and an honor I get to do work like this."



(above) Kean University freshman Michael Naya of Kenilworth poses with veterans of World War II and the Korean War. Naya has interviewed more than 100 World War II veterans about their military experiences.

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(above) Camp Commander, Peter Lindsey, swears in Fredrick Dillman and Robert Caruso during the SUVCW Gen. Phil Kearny #20's November 13th meeting.

Submitted by Christopher D. Sands

The General Phil Kearny Camp #20 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) held its quarterly meeting on November 13th, 2021 at the Abraham Clark House, located at 101 West 9th Avenue, Roselle, NJ. Three new members were sworn in and a presentation on FreeMasons in the Civil War was given. Since the new school year has started, the camp has begun planning how it will cover the awarding of the SUVCW ROTC/JROTC to the approximately thirty schools in the area. The camp covers all of North Jersey above the Raritan River to the New York Border.

The SUVCW is a fraternal organization dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of veteran heroes who fought and worked to save the Union in the American Civil War. The organization meets four times a year and the meetings in 2022 will be on March 5th, May 7th, September 10th, and November 5th, all starting at 1 p.m. For more information, visit suvchw.org.

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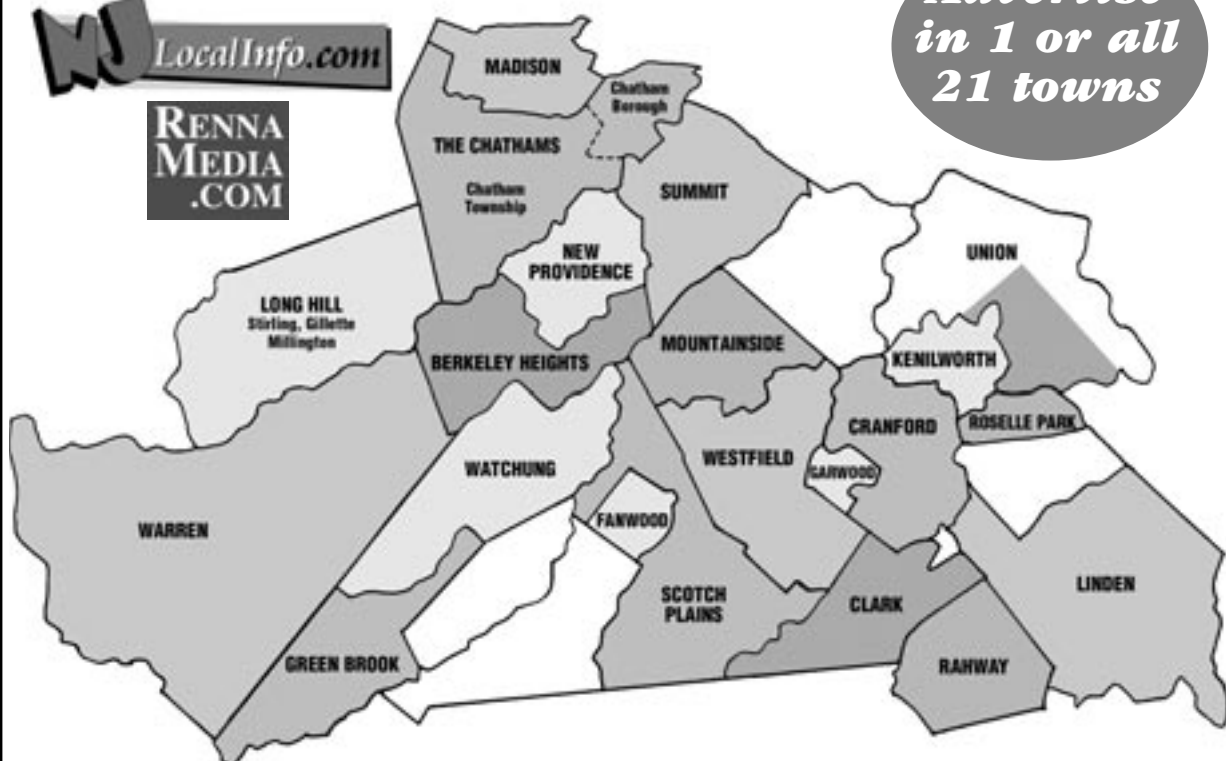
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KENILWORTH CHESS CLUB IS BACK ON BOARD

The Kenilworth Chess Club resumed meeting on November 11, 2021, after twenty months of being closed due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

Club President Jack McCorkell of Cranford held a "Welcome Back Tournament" to celebrate. The casual unrated tournament excited members, and even some new arrivals, who were itching to play "over the board" again. The three-week tournament ended in a tie for first place between Hanna Malko of Clark and Joe Renna of Cranford.

The club was formed in 1972 amid the chess craze in America spearheaded by Bobby Fischer's march to the world championship. For 45 years the club was a force to be reckoned with as its member roster included many Master level players, including state champions.

The club has a reputation for being friendly and accommodating. It welcomes non-members with no obligation or cost. It's a place where beginners can learn in a casual setting without being intimidated. Strong players are generous with their time in analyzing and giving instruction.

The club's website, kenilworthchessclub.org, is well read and features an award-winning blog by Michael Goeller and other instructional features.

Players are welcome to just pop into the Kenilworth Chess Club with no formalities every Thursday evening at 8 p.m. at the Kenilworth Community Center located next to Kenilworth Borough Hall on the Boulevard and the corner of 24th Street.



(above, l-r) Brandon Verno of Kenilworth, John Moldovan of Garwood, Hannah Malko of Clark, Jack McCorkell of Cranford, Mark Shoengold and Louis Leiggi of Colonia analyze a critical position during the post mortem of Welcome Back Tournament game between Verno and Leiggi held at the Kenilworth Chess Club.

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