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GIRL SCOUT TROOP 5631 CARING FOR THEIR COMMUNITY

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(above, l-r) Girl Scouts Anna Kartamyshev, Gabriella Gorka, Charlotte Burrow, Sofie Kilgannon, and Henry Wielandy. Not pictured and worked on project: Aidan Drew, Madeleine Drew, Marybeth Forrester; Leaders Raia Wielandy, Ksenia Kartamyshev, and Susan Driscoll.

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This year Madison Girl Scout Troop 5631 has been busy volunteering their time to help local organizations that support children and families. Most members started their Girl Scout experience when they were in kindergarten, and this group of extra-ordinary high school juniors from Madison High School are now GS Ambassadors, the highest level available within the Girl Scout Organization.

Each is unique in their own way, but they share a common goal of caring for their community in ways big and small. This winter they have partnered with the Thursday Morning Club to assist CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Morris and Sussex counties. CASA's mission is to be a strong voice for the best interests of vulnerable children who have been removed from their homes or are under court supervision due to abuse, neglect, or abandonment. CASA recruits, trains, and supervises community volunteers to be advocates, mentors, and champions for each child on his or her journey to a safe, permanent, and nurturing home. The members of Troop 5631 spent several meetings handmaking pillows and blankets for the children who benefit from CASA. The scout's overall sentiment when working on this project was that it warmed their hearts to help children in need, and they hope that their gifts might bring a feeling of comfort and security to the recipients as they snuggle with the homemade blankets and pillows.

This spring the troop is planning to volunteer with another local organization that supports foster care children called Roots & Wings. The Mission of Roots & Wings is to provide safe housing, emotional support, life skills, and educational opportunities for youth aging out of foster care, empowering them to rise toward their greatest potential. Troop 5631 will help build awareness for the organization and organize a food & panty drive to collect items for Roots and Wings clients.

The mission of Girl Scouting is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. As this group prepares for their final year of high school, each one looks to the future. They take with them the lifetime experience of scouting and are sure to continue to make positive contributions to their communities.



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HALOS FOR ANGELS

Submitted by Barbara Tamburro

Madison Elks member, Charles Germershausen, recently presented a check in the amount of \$2,000 to local Morris County charity, Halos For Angels, Inc. The donation will support their mission "Helping community families in need due to a sudden tragedy." Since 2009, Halos For Angels has supported over 300 families in need. For more information on how to volunteer or donate, visit their website at halosforangels.org.



(above, l-r) Volunteers Cecilia Bocchino, Elizabeth Gizzo, Samantha Minniti, Director of HFA-Karen Casolaro and Elks representative - Charles Germershausen.

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MADISON HS ALUMNUS NOMINATED FOR COLLEGE TELEVISION AWARDS



(above) Madison High School Alumnus Christian Rodriguez has been Nominated by Television Academy for 42nd College Television Awards

(right) Image from Kaghati nominated in the Animation Series category Courtesy photo High School in Madison, NJ, has been nominated for the Television Academy Foundation's 42nd College Television Awards—a national competition.

The Foundation's annual College Television Awards recognizes and rewards excellence in student-produced programs from colleges across the country. Winners in the competition will be announced by television stars at the red carpet awards ceremony April 1 at the Television Academy in North Hollywood, California.

Rodriguez, who attended the Savannah College of Art and Design, has been nominated, along with five classmates, in the Animation Series category for a story titled Kaghati. Rodriguez served as a writer on the project, which was selected from over 132 submissions from colleges and universities nationwide by Television Academy members.

Kaghati is an animated piece that tells the story



Christian Rodriguez, an alumnus of Madison of Alya who visits her grandfather's house on Muna Island, Southeast Sulawesi, Indonesia, for the first time. When she searches for a port to charge her remote-controlled toy plane, she stumbles upon a unique and peculiar room full of kites. Her grandfather, Ridwan, then teaches her how to properly hold a kite's spool. He opens the garage door to let the wind in causing all the kites in the room to flutter and magically swirl around Alya before they soar out into the sunset.

"When the other members of Kaghati and I were looking for a story to create as an animated short, we had many ideas that we put on the table," said Rodriguez. "I think Kaghati resonated a lot with me and the rest of the team because it involved a diverse and fun story about the relationship between a grandpa and granddaughter. I liked the idea of being able to show a glimpse of a culture and world that many others here in the United States may have never seen.

"It is an amazing honor to be nominated for a College Television Award," continued Rodriguez. "When creating Kaghati, the team and I were purely doing it as a fun summer animation project. It is now amazing that so many people are seeing our short and loving it as much as we do. It would mean the world to the team and I if we won because we started this project entirely on our own with what we learned from a few classes."





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ROTARY CLUB APRIL SPEAKERS

Madison Rotary Club

On April 20th, State Senator Anthony Bucco will present a resolution commending Madison Rotary for its 100 years of community service and report on current legislative activity in Trenton. Mr. Bucco is a lifelong resident of Morris County and has served in the New Jersey Senate since 2019. He previously served in the General Assembly from 2010 to 2019, including as the Republican conference leader for his final two years.

On April 27th, Dr. Steve Fine, founder and president of the Melanoma Education Foundation, will speak to the Madison Rotary about the detection and prevention of melanoma, a form of skin cancer that is easily treatable if detected early. Shortly after his son, Dan, died of melanoma in 1998 at the age of 26, he founded the non-profit Melanoma Education Foundation and, since 2000, has devoted full time to the Foundation.

ALL WELCOME

The Rotary Club of Madison meets each Thursday morning at the Madison YMCA, 111 Kings Road, Madison, from 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. No fee for first-time guests. Morning meetings are also accessible by Zoom.

Please visit the Rotary website at madisonrotarynj.org for information on accessing the meetings via Zoom, and for any updates to the schedule and other meeting details. Please note that Rotary meetings, speakers, or speaker schedules are potentially subject to change. All are welcome to attend.

Madison Rotary members actively engage to eradicate food insecurity in our community, to empower youth and to partner with other local organizations to enrich the Madison community for all. The Rotary Club of Madison is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year.

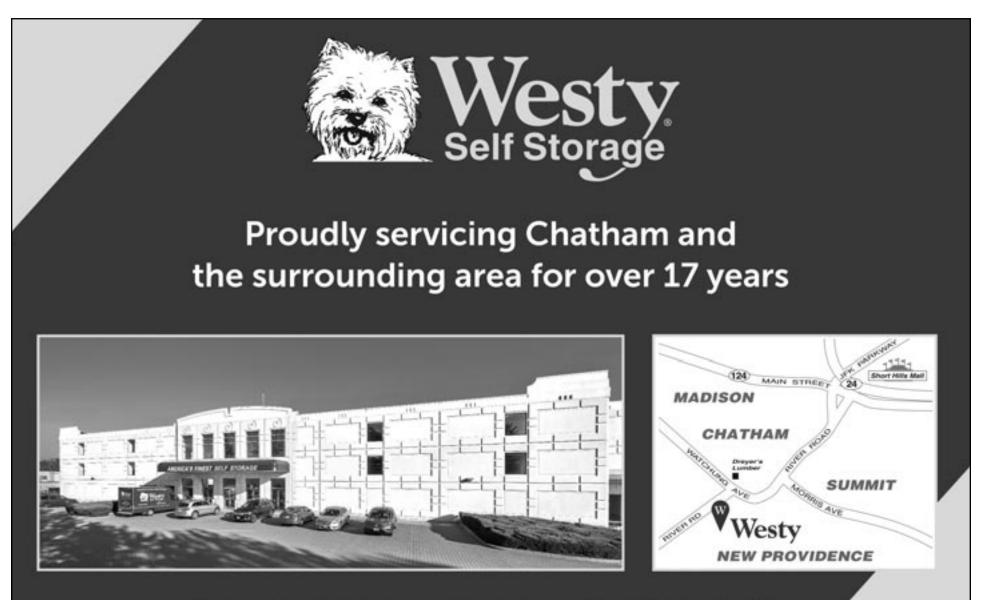
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The Thrift Shop, located at 39 Kings Road, is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m.-

The Madison Independent Thrift Shop invites 3:00 p.m. It is a non-profit group operated by volunteers, with all proceeds received from sales distributed annually to charitable groups in Madison and surrounding communities.

The shop is looking for volunteers to help staff the store. Anyone wanting further information is encouraged to drop by the shop or call 973-377-2450 during business hours.



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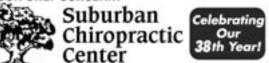
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CHATHAM-MADISON SPRING YARD SALE

The next Chatham-Madison Town-Wide Yard Sale will be held rain or shine on Saturday, April 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Chatham Borough, Chatham Township and Madison. Once again, this popular community event features a fundraiser for the Great Swamp Watershed Association (GSWA).

Residents may list their sales on a digital map with a \$10 tax-deductible donation to GSWA by visiting: greatswamp.org/event/yard-sale-april-2022/

The GSWA and the three towns will publicize the map extensively through their media outlets. Previous yard sales have attracted hundreds of shoppers from PA, NY and all over NJ. The spring 2021 event featured 110 household sales with hundreds of items changing hands, raising \$1,100 for the GSWA.

This event is open and free for all residents of the three towns. You don't need a permit or other official registration. You don't need to join the digital map to take part (although it is a good way to attract buyers, particularly if you list the available items). You don't need to pay to advertise your sale anywhere else, the marketing is extensive, but can if you want to. Put signs in your neighborhood to help buyers find your event on the morning of the sale.

Homeowners can arrange pickups of sale leftovers by contacting the following nonprofits: Vietnam Veterans of America (vva.org), Lupus Foundation of American (Lupuspickup.org), GreenDrop (gogreendrop.com), Market Street Mission - clothing only (marketstreet.org), and Habitat Humanity's for ReStore (morrisrestore.org/donate) does some pickups; it accepts antiques, furniture, flooring, brand new plumbing, painting supplies, doors and more.

For questions regarding the yard sale, please contact MEC@rosenet.org.

ANNUAL SPRING FISH AND CHIPS TAKEOUT EVENT – APRIL 27

The Kiwanis Club of the Chathams and the benefit of community organizations and Madison meet at the Florham Park Diner on the first and third Tuesdays of each month beginning around 10:30 a.m.

On Thursday, April 27, 2023, the Club will be sponsoring their Annual Spring Fish and Chips Takeout Dinners. This event is a fundraiser for

scholarships. The event will be held at

Chatham High School – 255 Lafayette Ave. from 5 - 7 p.m. It is catered by Thistle Catering of Randolph, NJ.

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BOROUGH OF MADISON EARTH MONTH EVENTS

EV Expo

April 19. 2:00 – 5:00 P.M.

The EV Expo is coming back to Madison. On Wednesday, April 19, the eye-catching cars parked outside Sunday Motor Co. Café in Madison won't be gas guzzlers.

This "Drive Electric Earth Day" event sponsored by the Environmental Commissions of Madison, Chatham Borough, Chatham Township, and in partnership with Sunday Motor Co. Café, will hold the event from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. in their parking lot and on Kings Road between Green Village Road and Madison Avenue. Area car dealers will bring their latest EV models for attendees to see.

Several brands of E-bicycles will also be on display as well as EGO cordless outdoor equipment.

Madison will showcase their two plug-in electric vehicles, both Chevy Bolts, which are used by Parking Enforcement and the Building Department.

Sunday Motor Co. Café is located at 27 Kings Road, Madison. Admission to the Expo is free.

Green Home Energy Forum April 20. 7:00 – 8:30 P.M.

Madison's Green Home Energy Forum, which takes place on Thursday April 20 from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. at the Madison Community Arts Center (10 Kings Road), will help residents incorporate energy efficiency and sustainable strategies at home. Local experts will talk about everything from solar panels and heat pumps to weatherproofing and indoor air quality. Residents will be on hand to share their experiences with home energy audits and green home renovations. The forum, organized by Madison's new Climate Action Committee and Madison Environmental Commission, is designed so residents can plan energy updates to save money while improving home health and comfort.

"Over 60% percent of Madison's carbon footprint comes from our buildings so updating our homes is critical our goals," says Kirsten Wallenstein, event organizer and a member of the Madison Environmental Commission.

Admission for this event is free, but registration is required.

Madison Green & Clean

April 29. 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. The Downtown Development Commission (DDC) is launching a total refresh of the event formerly known as May Day, and the event will now be called Madison Green & Clean. The event will still incorporate a townwide beautification day on Saturday, April 29, from 9:00 to 3:00 pm but will now include a new focus on Eco-Friendly Initiatives.

In the weeks leading up to the event, the Madison Area Chamber of Commerce will encourage downtown businesses to decorate their shop windows in an eco-friendly, green theme. The Madison Public Library, working with the Chamber, will sponsor a StoryWalk Project featuring the book "The Curious Garden". Pages from the book will be showcased in shop windows, creating a scavenger hunt for families to follow throughout town.

The April 29 event will kick off with the annual Borough Arbor Day Celebration at 9:00 am at the Hartley Dodge Memorial Building. The day will feature the traditional Townwide Spring Cleanup. Residents, businesses, organizations, and civic groups will volunteer to clean streets and parks, pick up trash, and spread mulch truckloads. While the cleanup is happening, eco presentations and screenings will take place at the Madison Community Arts Center (10 Kings Road). In the area around the Hartley Dodge Memorial Building, local environmental groups and various vendors will provide information and sell their products. In addition, live music will be provided throughout the day.

Please consider supporting this great Madison Community Event by volunteering, donating, or sponsoring!

Town-Wide Yard Sale

April 29. 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

One person's trash is another person's treasure. The spring town-wide yard sale will take place on Saturday, April 29 from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Register to have your address and a list of your items for sale to appear on a digital, printable map. Registration costs \$10, and is a tax-deductible donation to benefit the Great Swamp Watershed Association



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War, he has appeared in numerous

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Vikings: Myth, History, and Archaeology Tuesday, April 10th @ 7pm

This presentation introduces the Vikings and their world, the places they explored, the ships they built, and the sites they left behind. Come join us on a voyage of adventure.

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