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ADAM DUGGAN EARNS RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

Green Brook BSA Troop 129

Adam Duggan earned the rank of Eagle Scout on May 1, 2023, from Green Brook BSA Troop 129 and formally Dunellen BSA Troop 29. Adam is an extraordinary person who "strives to advance my knowledge through scouting in general meetings and participating in as many events as possible to improve myself and then pass on my knowledge to the younger scouts."

Adam started in Cub Scouts as a Tiger (1st Grade) and continued his path to Eagle Scout just before graduating from Dunellen High School in June. One of Adam's earliest memories was being encouraged by an older scout while kayaking and listening to this boy's own journey toward Eagle which pushed Adam to want this for himself. Adam led by example and had leadership roles of Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and Troop Guide excelling as a teacher to the younger scouts.

When it was time for Adam to decide on an Eagle Scout Project he wanted to give back to his hometown of Dunellen, he decided he would install flags on all the town fire hydrants, which was around 140 flags. These flags will allow the fire department and residents to determine the hydrants' locations during snowstorms, this also included a large amount of map work. While this project was challenging enough, Adam had to deal with Covid restrictions, a new Troop that he had moved to, and then the Dunellen Fire Department burned down. Adam persevered through it all and accomplished his goal.

Adam is quite the overachiever, all the while completing his scouting work, he also maintained his studies at school being on the honor roll, lettering in Track in Field, earning his 2nd-degree black belt in Taekwondo, and is also a Taekwondo instructor. He earned Outstanding Achievement in Spanish Language, Thespian Society, and Community Service Award. Adam excelled in the Arts, including Concert Band, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Drama Club, and Chess Club, all while being involved in his religion at St John the Evangelist Church.

Adam is preparing to head off to Rider University this fall to pursue his studies in Education and History with plans of being a middle or high school history teacher.



(above) Adam Duggan with his proud parents.

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(above) Adam's Eagle Scout Project was to install flags on all Dunellen fire hydrants, which was around 140 flags. These flags allow the fire department and residents to determine the hydrants' locations during snowstorms.



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GAVIN COSTELLO JOINS THE GREEN BROOK FIRE DEPARTMENT



Follow the Green Brook Fire Department on Facebook

The Green Brook Fire Department welcomes their newest graduate Gavin Costello from Morris County Fire Academy. Gavin recently completed the 200 hour Fire Fighter 1 program, the first level of training for new Firefighters.

New Firefighters are introduced to the basics of nationally recognized firefighting techniques. Training includes classroom theory as well as skill oriented "hands-on" drill sessions. All students receive instruction in Fire Fighter Health & Safety, Personal Protective Equipment, Radio Communications, and other operational levels of training.

If you are interested in volunteering with the Green Brook Volunteer Fire Department, call 732-968-0121,

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(left) Assistant Fire Chief Rick Connolly and FF Gavin Costello

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(Cheer is open to grades K-3rd

and attends the 8:45am slot). **FUN FACTS:**

• Opening day will be on:

Saturday, September 9th, 2023. • The season ends on:

- Saturday, November 11th, 2023.
- The season is 10 weeks long and practices and games are 1 day a week on Saturdays.

• Each Football Flag session is divided into 2 timeslots: (1st) **K-4th** @ 8:45am -10:15am - Flag/Cheer (2nd) 5th-12th @ 10:30am-12pm - Flag only

- All sessions are held on the Green Brook Middle School Turf Field (132 Jefferson Ave, Green Brook, NJ)
- There is NO TRAVEL associated with WH NFL Flag football & cheer.
- All NFL jerseys, flags, footballs, and cheer uniforms/pom-poms are provided.
- ICE CREAM DAY & SUBWAY DAY
- Registration is \$175 per player (Registration closes Sept 2nd).
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GIRL SCOUT PROJECT BENEFITS PETS IN NEED

collected donations for the Somerset regional animal shelter At the library and delivered them to the shelter. They braided old dish towels and

Girl scout troop 65825 from Mt Horeb school made dog toys, and collected old socks, and stuffed them with cat nip and a bell and made cat toys. They toured the facility and are proud of their accomplishment!



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DAR WELCOMES NEW CITIZENS

Members of Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) were on hand to greet Somerset County's newest citizens at the annual naturalization ceremony recently held in Somerville.

"It is always a thrill to share the excitement and joy of new citizens and their families," said Chapter Regent Ashley Salsano. "Many of us find it an emotional experience. It reminds us to not take for granted the freedoms that we enjoy thanks to many generations of Americans who came before us."

The DAR has a long history of supporting



(above) DAR Chapter Chairman of Americanism Cate Carley (l.) welcomes a new citizen following the ceremony.



(above) Regent Ashley Salsano (l.) congratulates a family celebrating their American citizenship.



immigrants on the path to citizenship. DAR attended naturalization ceremonies in Elizabeth chapters assist people preparing for the American History and U.S. Government exams and they attend naturalization ceremonies to welcome and celebrate with new citizens.

Also attending the ceremony from the DAR chapter were Marti Kalko, Ruth Ryno, Cate and Grace Carley, Erin Fountain and prospective member Beth Kavanaugh, along with several other New Jersey DAR members. The DAR congratulated the newly sworn-in citizens and presented each with a gift bag containing an American flag, copy of the U.S. Constitution, a flag pin, the Flag Code and other patriotic materials.

Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter has

and New Brunswick. During the years that Ellis Island was in operation, the chapter supported an occupational therapy program for detained immigrants by donating sewing machines and fabric. Now in its 127th year, the chapter continues to welcome those seeking citizenship.

DAR is a nonprofit nonpolitical service organization open to women 18 and older who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter is based in Green Brook and serves areas in Somerset, Middlesex and Union counties. New members are welcome. Contact ESCchapterDAR@gmail.com or learn more at www.DAR.org.



(above) DAR Chapter members attending the ceremony were (l. to r.) Regent Ashley Salsano, Grace Carley, Registrar Ruth Ryno, Cate Carley, Vice Regent Marti Kalko and Erin Fountain.



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DRIVE FOR AUTISM ANNUAL GOLF EVENT SEPT. 18TH

The Drive for Autism Foundation is pleased to announce that its annual golf event, Drive for Autism XXII will be held at Royce Brook Golf Club in Hillsborough, NJ on September 18, 2023.

The Drive for Autism Golf Outing which has been held since 2002 has raised and distributed over \$851,000 to local school programs. Previous beneficiaries of grants were Morris Union Jointure Commission (New Providence, NJ), Salt Brook School (New Providence, NJ), AW Roberts School (New Providence, NJ), Union County Educational Services Foundation/Crossroads School (Westfield, NJ), Educational Partnership for Instructing Children, Paramus, NJ, Eden II/Genesis Programs (Staten Island, NY), Spectrum360 formally The Children's Institute (Verona, NJ), ECLC (Chatham, NJ) and Seton Foundation for Learning (Staten Island, N.Y).

Grant recipients use money to fund health and fitness programs, social skills programs, educational curriculum and teacher training, a van for community trips and transportation to job training centers, laptop computers, computer touch screens, iPads, video projectors and educational toys and games

The golf event is the main fundraising function for the foundation. Single golfers and foursomes are welcome as well as, product donations and corporate sponsorships. To register online please go to birdease.com/DriveforAutismXXII **ABOUT DRIVE FOR AUTISM FOUNDATION:**

Based in New Providence, New Jersey, The Drive for Autism Foundation (EIN#20-1760417), is a 501(3)(c) tax exempt public charity that was created in the Spring of 2002 for the sole purpose of raising and distributing funds for educational facilities specializing in students with autism.

DRIVE FOR AUTISM GOLF OUTING 2023

The Drive for Autism XXII is scheduled for Monday Sept 18, 2023 at Royce Brook Golf Club in Hillsborough, New Jersey. The event consists of a morning round of golf followed by a barbeque. Special events include golf contests, raffles and a silent auction of sports memorabilia, game tickets and golf trips.

To register or for additional information please visit www.birdease.com/DriveForAutismXXII,

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4-H FAIR CELEBRATES MILESTONE AUGUST 9-11

This year's Somerset County 4-H Fair will celebrate 75 years of Free Family Fun. For many families, a visit to the fair is a multi-generational summer tradition. The first county 4-H Fair was held in 1948 at the fairgrounds in Far Hills. In 1962, the fair moved to its current location at North Branch Park in Bridgewater.

The fair is the highlight of the year for 4-H club members who showcase their skills through a variety of exhibits, demonstrations and competitions. You can reconnect with the



(above) The 4-H Fair offers 1 5 acres of Free Family Fun.

county's agricultural past with farm animals, or glimpse the future with 4-H projects in robotics and rocketry.

Be sure to bring your appetite. A large food tent features many items to tempt your tastebuds. Food sales benefit local nonprofit organizations and help to make the fair possible.

The Somerset County 4-H Fair is August 9-11, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., at North Branch Park on Milltown Road in Bridgewater. Admission and parking are free. Visit 4HisTops.org.



(above) Animals shows from pets to livestock are popular events.

MUSIC FESTIVAL – AUGUST 19 Watchung Hills Elks Lodge 885



children, and the local community.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased on-line, where you can also find more details on the performers: elkslodge885.org

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August 19th, from 12-8 p.m., join the Watchung Hills Elks Lodge for our 1st annual Music Festival. The fundraiser will provide charitable services to veterans, special

On Saturday, Band," "Forget the Whale," and "Cyclone Static." Your ticket price covers non-stop access to fresh grilled hotdogs, hamburgers and all the fixings and refreshments. A cash bar will also be available.

> This is an all-day event; keep your wristbands on in case you need to step out and want to return later in the day. Bring your favorite chairs and/or blankets and enjoy music, food and drink under the shady canopies of our trees. Our outdoor event space is the best in town. Parking is available at the lodge, directly across the street, and also in the municipal parking lot across the street, just 50 yards away.

> Watchung Hills Elks Lodge 885 is located at 1 Elks Trail, Warren, NJ. The restrooms, parkinglot, and pavilion are all wheelchair accessible.



CHANGES IN POLICE DEPARTMENT

During a recent Township meeting, several police department changes were recognized. Mayor Jim Van Arsdale read a proclamation honoring Police Captain Hans Case, in appreciation of his 33 years in law enforcement. Captain Case retired effective August 1st. Sworn in effective August 1, 2023 were Daniel Lanzafama as Captain of Police, Greg Victor as Lieutenant, Gary Maurer as Sergeant, and Peter Lemma as a police officer.



(above, l-r) Greg Victor was sworn in as Lieutenant, and Gary Maurer was sworn in as Sergeant, effective August 1, 2023



(above) Mayor Jim Van Arsdale reads a proclamation honoring Police Captain Hans Case, in appreciation of his 33 years in law enforcement. Captain Case retired effective August 1, 2023.



(above) Peter Lemma is sworn in as a police officer.



(above) Daniel Lanzafama was sworn in as Captain of Police, effective August 1, 2023



RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE AUG. 18-19

Meyersville Presbyterian Church will hold its Summer Rummage and Bake Sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, August 18, and Saturday, August 19, at the Church on the Circle in Meyersville located at 223 Hickory Tavern Road, Gillette, NJ.

A huge variety of gently loved treasures will be offered for sale, including holiday, decorative items, collectibles and vintage, housewares, linens, books, toys, and more! Come and discover that "something" you just can't live without!

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