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GROW YOUR EAGLE SCOUT KATELYN CANNON NAMED SCOUT OF THE YEAR

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Submitted by Scouts BSA Troop 19

The annual Department of New Jersey Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Convention was again held at the Wildwood Convention Center in Wildwood this June, where Eagle Scout Katelyn Cannon of Scouts BSA Troop 19, chartered at St. Rose of Lima Church, Short Hills, was honored as the New Jersey Veterans of Foreign Wars "Scout of the Year."

Cannon, a resident of Millburn and a recent Millburn High School graduate was selected by the VFW's Scout of the Year as New Jersey's single standout Scout who exemplifies leadership, patriotism, and love of country. State-wide applicants for this distinguished award are both Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts who have earned either the Gold Award or achieved the rank of Eagle Scout respectively.

"The challenge (for the selection committee) is that there are so many worthy applicants from all the districts, but I found this year's choice to be easier than most. It's because this person, this Scout, this Eagle Scout, was just head and shoulders above her peers.", said VFW Scouting Chairman, Jim D'Arcy.

"She was in the Inaugural Class of Female Eagle Scouts of 2021, now that is going through a glass ceiling." added D'Arcy to a round of applause.

Cannon was requested to address the statewide delegation at the convention where she requested the assembly of dominantly male veterans to close their eyes, as she walked them through a visualization as to what their childhood as Scouts may have entailed.

"Allow me to take you back to your teenage years. Think about the outdoor place that you loved. It may have been a summer camp, or on the riverbed fishing, or even hiking the Appalachian Trail or possibly camping in the Pinelands. Think about those adventures, what did you learn? You were taught to be independent and confident, you learned critical life skills, became leaders, and made lifelong memories and friends along the way. Just think, for over 110 years, these opportunities to learn leadership, experience adventure, and master life-long skills were only open to young men. Now open your eyes. I am proud to stand before you as living proof that your daughters and granddaughters now too can have the same wonderful experience in Scouting and possibly become Eagle Scouts."

Cannon's Scouting accomplishments include being a founding member of Scouts BSA Troop 19, a former Senior Patrol Leader and current Junior Assistant Scoutmaster who has earned 83 merit badges to date, has received the Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII religious awards, as well as a



(above, l-r) VFW Scouting Chairman, Jim D'Arcy, VFW Scout of year - Eagle Scout Katelyn Cannon, and NJ Department of VFW Commander Jay Boxwell. Photo by Scouts BSA Troop 19, St. Rose of Lima, Short Hills NJ

citizenship medal from American Legion. Furthermore, she was selected to attend 2022 New Jersey Girls State, a leadership and citizenship program sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. In addition, she was recently selected as the Sons of American Revolution Eagle Scout Essay contest winner for the State of New Jersey and was national runner-up.

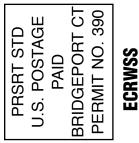
"Scouting and my Eagle project was such an incredible learning experience. Being involved in the program, because of the positive change, has defined my path forward in life.", said Cannon.

"It was and is a tremendous honor for our Post that Katie was selected as the Scout of the Year. We are very inspired by Katie and all that she has done for herself, the Scouting community, our state and great country. It was especially great that our Post was able to sponsor such a well-qualified person to represent our district and state. We here at Post 6259 offer our thanks and congratulations on her terrific achievement.", shared Berkeley Heights VFW Post 6259 Commander Al Campora.

Katelyn Cannon will be embarking on a new journey this fall, studying Public Relations & Strategic Communications at Purdue University.







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UNITING COMMUNITIES THROUGH ACTS OF KINDNESS AND POSITIVITY

Junior League of Summit (JLS), a leading women's organization dedicated to making a positive impact in our communities, is thrilled to announce the celebration of the inaugural "Find the Good Day" on September 14th, 2023. This special day of unity and compassion aims to spread kindness, uplift others, and inspire positive change across Summit, Chatham, New Providence, Berkeley Heights and the surrounding area.

"Find the Good Day" is an opportunity for individuals, families, and organizations to come together as changemakers and create a ripple effect of positivity throughout our community. It is a day to reflect on the goodness within ourselves and find inspiration in the acts of kindness we've witnessed and participated in throughout the year.

JLS invites everyone to join in the festivities and make a difference on this significant day. Whether it's through acts of service, volunteer initiatives, or simply spreading positivity through kind gestures, every contribution has the power to create lasting change.

"As we approach 'Find the Good Day,' we are reminded of the profound impact we can have when we unite with hope and optimism," said Samantha Sheridan, Find the Good Day Chair. "Together, we can create a brighter, kinder world, one act of goodness at a time."

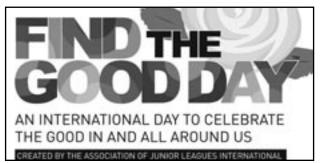
In the spirit of celebration, JLS encourages

participants to take photos and share them on social media. Tag Junior League of Summit and use the hashtags #FindTheGoodDay to be featured on our platforms. Let's highlight the dedication, passion, and hard work that goes into spreading kindness and positivity.

Find the Good Day serves as a reminder that acts of goodness can happen every day, and together, we can make a lasting impact on the lives of many. Join us on September 14, 2023 and let's ignite a chain of positivity that echoes far beyond this special day.

We invite everyone to stop by The Junior League of Summit Thrift Shop located at 37 DeForest Avenue in Summit, on Sunday, September 10, 2023 between 10am – 12pm (right across from the Farmer's Market) to learn more and pick-up free stickers and coloring pages!

For more information about JLS and "Find the Good Day," please visit https://summit.jl.org/. If you'd like to become a member and help us prepare for this day, please email communicationsvp@jlsummit.org.







ROCKTOBERFEST ADDS LOW SENSORY ZONE AND EXPANDS KIDS' ACTIVITIES

Submitted by Micole Cohen Richter

The Millburn Education Foundation, in collaboration with Caring Kids, is proud to announce the latest addition to Rocktoberfest: the Rose Garden Low Sensory Zone. Serving as the event's fourth stage and activity center, this oasis within Millburn's Taylor Park offers a sanctuary for those seeking respite from the bustling crowds and high-energy stages. It promises a soothing and intimate experience in a stunning natural setting.

The Rose Garden Low Sensory Zone provides a haven for visitors with its low-sensory, acoustic music, engaging crafts, and calming fidget toys. Open to the public from 11 am to 3 pm, this area aims to create an inclusive environment where individuals of all ages and backgrounds can enjoy Rocktoberfest without the sensory overload typically associated with large events.

"We envision the Low Sensory Zone as a way to participate in Rocktoberfest's festivities without experiencing loud noise and the large crowd that can be overwhelming for various groups of people," says Rocktoberfest co-chair Joanna Parker-Lentz, "which is why we consulted on the development of the zone with Millburn community organization Caring Kids. "We know that there are plenty of people who will benefit from this addition to the event," adds co-chair Micole Cohen Richter, "everyone from kids with special needs to seniors to anyone who prefers a quieter performance."

At the heart of Rocktoberfest, right by the front entrance of the Bauer Center, you'll discover the One River School of Art & Design's annual art contest as well as numerous art activities. Open to aspiring artists aged 3 through high school seniors, this contest invites participants to upload their original artwork for a chance to win a FREE month of class! Sign up via this link.

Within the ever-popular Kids Zone, attendees



can enjoy perennial favorites like the trackless train, Mega Obstacle Course, Sesame Street Play Park, balloon animals, water gun trailer, and much more. New for 2023, the thrilling Tilt-a-Whirl promises to add an extra dimension of excitement.



In addition to these exciting offerings, Rocktoberfest boasts live music on four stages, a bustling fitness zone with classes running from 9 am to 2 pm, a diverse selection of food vendors, an artisan village, and a vibrant beer garden offering a wide array of beverages, including beer, wine, and the famous Stella Artois frites truck. Families can also partake in entertaining games for all ages.

Rocktoberfest 2023 is made possible through the support of generous sponsors, dedicated volunteers, and the enthusiastic participation of the Millburn community. We are grateful to this year's presenting sponsor, Stella Artois, Nirvana sponsors Coldwell Banker Realty and the Millburn Deli, Lady Gaga Sponsor Luxe Life Group, and our many other sponsors. The event serves as a testament to the power of music to bring people together and create lasting memories.

For more information about Rocktoberfest 2023 and to stay updated on event details, please visit Rocktoberfest's official website.





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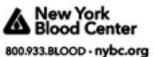




(hildhood (ancer Awareness Month BLOOD DRIVE Saturday, September 23nd 8:30am – 2:30pm Hosted by Chatham Emergency Squad

St. Patrick Church Parish Gymnasium 85 Washington Ave, Chatham

To schedule an appointment visit or scan: <u>www.nybc.org/njdrive</u> Sponsor Code: 61961



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MORRIS COUNTY 9/11 CEREMONY

The Morris County Board of County Commissioners will observe the 22nd Anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on our nation with a Remembrance Service and Candlelight Vigil starting at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 10, 2023.

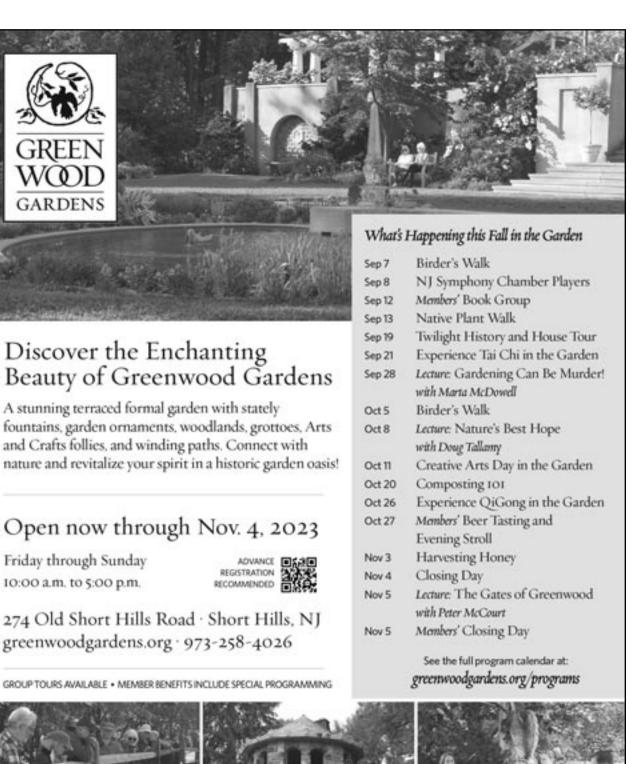
The Remembrance Service will be held at the Morris County September 11th Memorial on West Hanover Avenue in Parsippany-Troy Hills.

Our September 11th Memorial honors all who were killed that terrible day in New York, Pennsylvania and at the Pentagon, but also includes a special emphasis on the 64 individuals from Morris County who lost their lives. We invite you to lead a procession with

firefighters, law enforcement officers, first responders and other dignitaries that will kick off our annual ceremony.

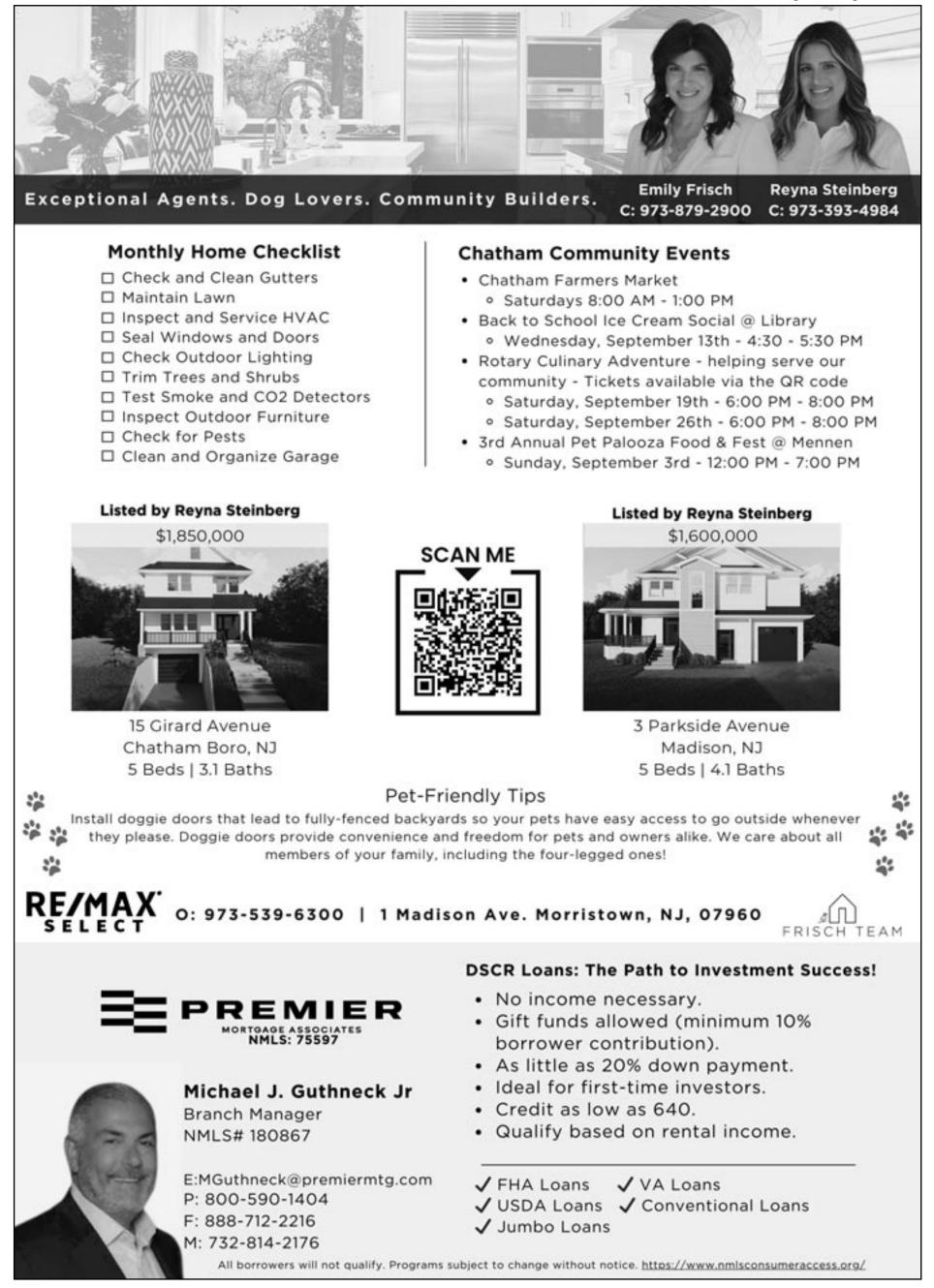
This year our keynote speaker will be Nick De Gregorio, a New Jersey native and U.S. Marine Corps veteran who served in both Iraq and Afghanistan. He was inspired to enlist after high school because of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 and deployed four times into combat during his nine years of service.

The Morris County Board of County Commissioners hopes you will be able to attend this event Sunday, September 10, 2023 as we remember the victims of the treacherous attacks on our nation 22 years ago.





Voted "Prettiest Garden in New Jersey" by NJ Family magazine's Best of the Garden State 2022.



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(above) Donatella Casirola Boccieri Painting

You've got money, friends, and a beautiful family. Why do you often feel so angry and sad? You deserve to feel better. Psychotherapy can help. Dr. Adam Brown author, professor, trauma expert www.adambrownphd.com

TWO LOCAL ARTISTS IN SHOW - RECEPTION SEPT. 10

its Fall Art Show with an opening reception, Sunday, September 10, 2023, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Chatham Twp Municipal Building, located at 58 Meyersville Road. The reception is free and open to the public; refreshments will be served.

Member artists will adorn the walls of the strolling gallery with their works. Pleine Aire Art by six artists will be the focus in the Lundt-Glover Gallery. The French term, Pleine Aire Art means "out of doors" and refers to the practice of painting entire finished pictures out of doors.

Donatella Casirola Bocchieri of Chatham Twp,



(above) Betsy Mirabelli Painting

The Art League of the Chathams will feature Born and raised in Italy, she completed most of her artistic studies there. After an approach to architectural drawing under Giorgio Diegoli, she studied dry media and oils in the atelier of Ezio Carboni, where she was exposed to the Lombard Luminism tradition. In NJ she took classes in plein air painting with Edward Sprafkin and then continued her studies at the Cambridge Studio School, Cambridge, Mass., with Brett Gamache, for five years. She is now back painting in her beloved NJ. Donatella is a member of the Morris County Art Association, as well as the NJ Plein Air Painters (NJPAP) and the Art League of the Chathams.

Betsy Mirabelli of Chatham Borough NJ, Paints landscapes in watercolor. She studied watercolor with Elizabeth O'Reilly at Parsons and the New School in New York City, where she was first introduced to plein air painting. She later took classes at the Visual Arts Center of NJ in Summit with Nancy Korde, Anne Kullaf, and Fernando Catague. She has gone on plein air watercolor workshops with Kullaf to Aspen, Colo., and to Siena, Italy. Betsy is a member of the NJ Plein Air Painters (NJPAP), as well as the Art League of the Chathams (ALC).

The Art League of the Chathams is open to new members-both artists and supporters. It offers a \$1,000 Rosemary Howlett scholarship for the Chatham HS senior who plans to study art as a career. For more information visit artleagueofthechathams.org.





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SENIOR CENTER SEPTEMBER EVENTS



Chatham Borough Environmental Commission

Join us at the Railway Station parking lot on September 23rd, 2023, for entertainment, education, and information - native plants, green garden and home care, electric vehicles, home solar, recycling, composting, upcycled goods, clean energy programs, live music, and giveaways. Alongside the usual farm stands and food trucks at the Farmer's Market.

Meet the Borough's chosen provider, Ciel Power, for information on the Chatham Home Energy Insight Program.

Check out the new garbage cans before making your selection for 2024.

Sustainability Fair & EV Expo 2023



Senior Center of the Chathams

The following are some of the events the Senior Center of the Chathams have scheduled for September. All require registration by calling the Senior Center at 973-635-4565.

Beginner Mah Jongg Lessons

Fridays, starting September 8, 1:00 PM. This is a free class but a 2023 Mah Jongg card must be purchased (\$15). Cards may be preordered at the Center or purchased on-line. at

nationalmahjonggleague.org/store. Playwriting, Acting, Directing & Design Class -Part II.

Five Tuesdays starting September 12, 10:00AM-Noon

This is the second part of the free performing arts program made possible by a grant from The

Grotta Foundation for Older Adults. This segment focuses on developing and performing short scenes.

The Importance of Estate Planning

Wednesday, September 13, 12:30 PM Bob Murray, The Murray Firm LLC, will discuss the importance of wills, power of attorney, healthcare directives, living wills, and trusts. Light lunch served; limited seating.

The Beach Boys Story

Friday, September 15, 1:00 PM Learn about one of the most influential bands of the Rock Era from Vincent Bruno, 60s Rock Historian.

Live Author Reading of "12 Blocks: Neighborhood Stories of the 60s"

Wednesday, September 20, 1:00 PM Author Sam Pagano's book is about his childhood experiences growing up in East Newark. His stories have been published in The Star Ledger, The Daily Record, and

Reminisce Magazine. Fall Prevention Day

Friday, September 22, 11:00 AM Learn how to prevent falls and modify the home to reduce the risks of falling. Attendees may also participate in balance and gait testing. Light lunch provided; limited seating.

The Infinite Variety of Shakespeare's Women

Friday, September 29, 1:00 PM Ellen Barry, Actress and past Producing Director, The New Jersey Shakespeare Festival. The presentation covers 8 characters from Shakespeare's ingenues, to his leading ladies, comic bawds, and finally, to Margaret from Richard III. Program is 20% lecture and 80% performance.





IS IT REALLY POSSIBLE FOR A KID **TO LEARN HOW TO RUN FASTER?**

Retired San Francisco 49ers QB Joe NFL players that has ever played football...when his son started playing football it would have made sense for him to help his son learn how to play Ouarterback.

But that's not how it went. Joe Montana had to hire a quarterback coach to help his son be a better football player. Here's possibly the greatest NFL QB of all time, needing to hire someone else to help his son. It was not that Joe Montana was not equipped for the job...it was that his son needed a second voice to help him get to the next level.

Many parents who have much less knowledge, experience, and skills than Joe Montana are in the same boat in regards to helping their kids get stronger, faster, and more confident.

Most parents we've come across want their kids to eat healthier, be more active, and have a stronger mindset. But many have told us they need help.

telling their kids to eat more vegetables, get outside instead of watching TV, practice their sport more, get to bed earlier...they find that sometimes the message falls on deaf ears...and some backup would be helpful toward their vision of helping their kid be the best they can be.

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Montana, is arguably one of the greatest over 20 years experience with training day. athletes himself...and certainly knows a LOT more about getting stronger and faster their kids to do even one good pushthan the average parent...But has all 3 of his up...now they catch them in their room children(9,8 and 6) enrolled in Grit year practicing on their own. round....because he knows the power of that second voice.

program, parents tell how it's turbocharging calm under pressure and seeking out their parenting. Here are some real-life challenges instead of avoiding them. examples that have been reported...

kids to eat vegetables...now their kids are watching TV...but rather finding the right asking for more.

Before, parents struggled with getting successful. their kids to get enough sleep....now their kids are getting to bed earlier on their own. of great coaches waiting to be second

their kids to watch less TV or play video you're teaching as parents will be games...now they are limiting these reinforced. But most importantly, the activities because they've learned they results you're after for your kids will don't really help them become better actually become a reality. The Grit Athlete athletes.

Even with the constant reminders of their kids have more confidence...now their Berkeley kids are doing things out of their comfort www.gritathletes.com to fill out an zone more often which is helping them application for your child. believe in themselves which further improves self-esteem.

> their kid get faster ... now they are faster get strong, fast, and confident so they can because they've learned that speed is a have a bigger and better future. They have skill, and a few simple tweaks can make a open registration for their fall program kid faster immediately.

> Before, parents could not get their kids December 2nd. to make their beds...now their kid makes their bed each morning on their own for their fall session ... or see below for because they learned that making their bed more details...

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Before, parents struggled with getting

Before, parents wanted their kids to have more determination and grit when And after they come through our training new things...now they are staying

Many times it's not about telling your Before, parents struggled with getting kid to eat more vegetables or stop environment for them to be more

Right in your backyard, there's a team Before, parents struggled with getting voices for your kids...so that all the things fall Sports Performance session runs Before, parents struggled with helping September 5th until December 2nd in Heights NJ, visit

Grit Athlete Performance is a Sports Performance Training Company located in Before, parents had no clue how to help Berkeley Heights that helps kids ages 6-18 that starts on September 5th and runs til

Visit www.gritathletes.com to register

Do you want **GRIT ATHLETE PERFORMANCE** to help your child get faster, stronger, and more confident?

The Fall Program begins September 5th.

Scan the QR code to see if there is any availability left.

The program ends December 2nd.



Scan QR Code for cost, timeslots, and dates.

Attention Parents of Kids Ages 6-18 **UPDATE: THE GRIT ATHLETE PERFORMANCE FALL PROGRAM HAS OPENED REGISTRATION!** Scan below to submit an application.

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Here's what parents can expect to happen:

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- They will run faster and jump higher so they can show up to their next season and people will start asking
- what the heck have they been doing.
- They'll become more coordinated and improve agility which means they'll pick up new skills their coaches teach them faster.
- Your children will start to eat better because we'll be educating them daily on what's good and what they should avoid ...don't be surprised if they start asking you to buy more vegetables.
- **Confidence will skyrocket.** When kids get stronger, faster and more fit...their confidence will rise...so will their self-esteem which means their performance in every aspect of life will get better.
- **Their mindset will improve.** We're going equip your child with very specific mindset skills that'll help them learn how to transform how they think about mistakes and failures.

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- "My son is more disciplined and confident in himself"

- Jen O'Brien, Grit Athlete Parent

- Steve Hughes, Grit Athlete Parent • "I have watched my children become more confident and vocal."

- Christine Stramandinoli, Grit Athlete Parent

• "His confidence has shot up in the last few months...and has carried forward to the way he approaches other activities like sports and schoolwork. My son is now making his bed daily and exercising every day."

Catherine Solfaro, Grit Athlete Parent We saw a noticeable difference in his throwing - he could throw it further and faster! The training definitely paid off!"

- Dara, GRIT Athlete Parent

GET MORE INFORMATION (STARTED SEPTEMBER 5TH)







Warning: Our Fall season begins September 5th and we tend to sell our early. Please respond promptly so we can give you the best chance to grab a spot. Scan the QR Code and enter your information to find out more about the Fall Program.

22ND ANNUAL GOLF EVENT – SEPT. 18TH

DRIVE FOR AUTISM FOUNDATION

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

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, call 908-451-8033

or email driveforautism@comcast.net.

WOOFSTOCK SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

HOME FOR GOOD DOG RESCUE

Join us for our epic Home for Good Dog Rescue summer music festival event -WOOFSTOCK! Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 9th, and Sunday, September 10th, 2023. You don't want to miss this annual bash at Brook Valley Farm, 336 Loantaka Way, Chatham, NJ.

This is Home for Good's largest adoption day of the year and is a blast for the whole family. This event is pet-friendly, so be sure to bring your beloved pup to join the fun! All Home for Good Dog alum are invited to reunite with their siblings and former foster families.

Live music will be rockin' on both days from the popular band The Cliffs. Endless entertainment includes food trucks, craft vendors, beer and wine, prize raffles, children's activities, and of course Dog Adoptions!

Gates open 11 a.m. Activities commence at 12 noon and conclude at 5 p.m.

Pre-registered tickets are \$30 for adults & \$12 for children (12 and under). Pre-registration will close on Thursday, Sept. 7th at 6 p.m. Tickets at door: \$35/adult.

To become a sponsor for Woofstock 2023, please email development@hfgdr.org, or go to this link: https://bit.ly/38VjhQU

To become a food or craft vendor at Woofstock 2023, please email volunteer@hfgdr.org

ABOUT HOME FOR GOOD DOG RESCUE

Home for Good Dog Rescue (HFGDR) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization headquartered in Berkeley Heights, NJ. We rescue dogs from high-kill shelters in the South, transport them to our rescue, and give them a second chance at life. As a uniquely 100-percent foster-based rescue, we place each dog into a loving foster home until adoption, and since our inception, we have rescued over 10,000 dogs and given them loving homes for good. For more information visit homeforgooddogs.org.



The Chathams + Madison **Town-Wide Yard Sale** Saturday, Sept. 30, 9am-2pm Rain date Oct.1 AKSAL Madison & the

Chathams are going green by inviting residents to host yard sales on the same day.

A benefit for the Great Swamp Watershed Association With a \$10 tax-deductible donation, your sale will be listed on an official map and circulated far and wide.



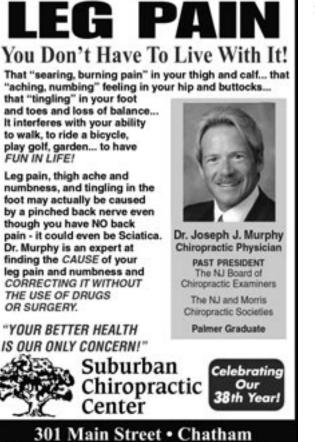


READING PROGRAM CELEBRATION

Library of the Chathams

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our Summer Reading Program! This year's theme was All Together Now. We celebrated friendship, kindness, and unity all summer long; through crafts, games, and activities our patrons showcased the beauty of a community coming together. When our picnic day was full of rain it didn't stop the community from coming together one last time to celebrate their summer reading accomplishments with a dance party, airbrush tattoos, balloon art, and snacks. We would like to thank the families for helping us show the youth how wonderful and rewarding reading can be. As for our youth, we are so proud of you and can't wait to help you grow your love of reading over the next year!

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BOOK SALE SEPTEMBER 30TH

The Nonprofit AAUW Madison Area Branch is hosting a one-day book sale on September 30, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the FM Kirby Children's Center, 54 East St., Madison. Over 2,000 gently used books will be for sale at bargain prices. All proceeds benefit education programs for women and girls such as the branch's Mature Women Grant awards and the AAUW NJ Teck Trek STEM camp for middle school girls. In the past two years nine grants have been awarded to local women continuing their education and financial support has been provided to send Morris County middle school girls to the STEM camp.

Book donation drop off will be at the Madison YMCA (lobby) from September 11 - 14th. Visit madisonareaaauw.org for donation criteria.

AAUW has been transforming women's lives for more than a century. Our Madison area branch continues to support education with grants, programs that expose teen girls to STEM, topical monthly programs, and member special interest groups such as a book club, a mahjong game, book sales and more. Join us to find purpose, community, and friendship. Learn more at madisonareaaauw.org or by emailing aauwmadisonnj@gmail.com.



(above) Book lovers pursuing the wide selection of gently used books at the AAUW Madison Area Branch's one day book sale earlier this year. The next one day sale is September 30, 2023 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Kirby Center, 54 East Street, Madison. All proceeds benefit education programs for women and girls.

NEW PROVIDENCE BOOK FESTIVAL – SEPT. 23

On Saturday, September 23, 2023, New Jersey authors will sign books and talk to visitors at the New Providence Book Festival. Located on the grounds of the historic Salt Box Museum, the festival will include a series of presentations by authors.

At 10 a.m., during the children's story hour, Nadja Springer, Sue Steinhardt, and Selene Castrovilla will read from their children's books, The Big Adventures of a Little Tree, This is Tap: Savion Glover Finds His Funk, and ImperfectPhil is a Friend.

At 11 a.m., historical mystery novelist Mally Becker will make her presentation, "Bringing the Past to Life One Spy, Mystery and Murder at a Time."

At 12:00 Noon, novelist Elissa Matthews will speak on "Three Kinds of Historical Fiction – Which One Calls to You?"

At 1 p.m., Susen Edwards will speak on "Writing Your Own Memoir"

At 2 p.m, J.R. Bale will talk about "Turning the Voices in My Head into Novels"

All these authors will be available for book signing. Other authors signing their books include Linda Barth, Michelle Cameron, Michael Stephen Daigle, Steven Farkas, Sarajane Giere, Tom Kranz, Nev March, Linda Raedisch, Eileen Harrison Sanchez, Kal Uddin, and others.

"We wanted to expand this event which



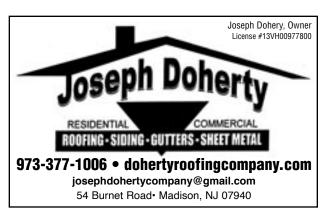


connects authors with readers in a very personal way," explains J.R. Bale, author and one of the organizers of the event. "With over 17 authors of writing in various genres, it will be a stimulating event for even the most casual book lover."

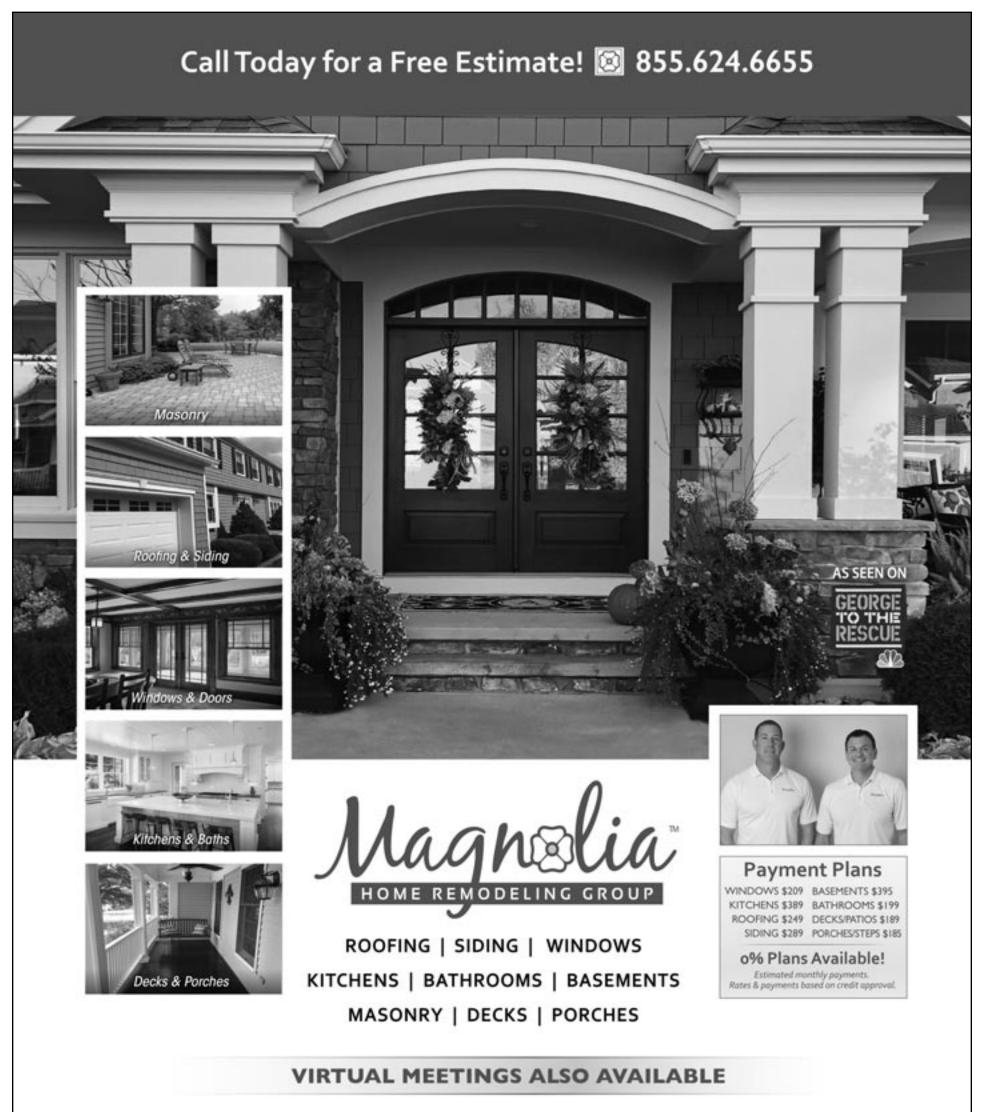
Anyone purchasing a book at the festival will be entitled to receive a free raffle ticket for drawings for a gift basket, which will include a Barnes & Noble gift card.

The festival will be held on the grounds of the Salt Box Museum at 1350 Springfield Avenue from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. The rain date is September 30, 2023. The Salt Box Museum, the site of the festival, is operated by the New Providence Historical Society and will be open for tours, free of charge. Refreshments will be available on the grounds.

More information is available at newprovidencebookfestival.com



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RONSTADT REVIEW AT SIEMINSKI THEATER

celebration of one of music's most versatile performers - Linda Ronstadt! Ronstadt Revue featuring Gesenia presents a premier celebration on October 29 at the Sieminski Theater in Basking Ridge, NJ. Showtime 7:30 pm. Tickets are available at www.sieminskitheater.org or 866-307-8532

RONSTADT REVUE is a 7-piece ensemble of world-class, professional musicians out of South Jersey/Philadelphia that covers the entire career of Linda Ronstadt (all genres including Spanish-language material). The group is led by the remarkable vocalist, Gesenia, who doesn't just channel Ronstadt's vibrant sound, she embodies her very spirit. Gesenia spent an entire year searching for just the right musicians to fully showcase Ronstadt's music, from country rock to mariachi to big band to pop-rock. And the result of her efforts is Ronstadt Revue - the world's finest Linda Ronstadt tribute show.

Each member of the band is a seasoned, talented musician fully dedicated to recreating the sounds and vibe of a Linda Ronstadt live performance from back in the day. But of course,

Don't miss your chance to see this amazing no Ronstadt tribute band can work without "that voice." And if you close your eyes, Gesenia will have you believing that Linda really is with us on the stage. This group is so authentic that it has racked up high praise from three of Linda Ronstadt's former band members: Dan Dugmore, John Beland, and Herb Steiner! Who has coproduced Ronstadt Revue's recently released (2022) album. Mr. Beland has appeared with the band in concert at selected shows across the country.

"Every time they play, I'm catapulted back to 1970 on the stage with Linda. This is a fabulous collection of musicians and Gesenia makes the hair on my arms stand up and tingle when she sings. The Ronstadt Revue is authentic. There are tribute bands and then there is this. Don't miss it!" – John Beland

The Sieminski Theater is in Basking Ridge, NJ in the heart of Somerset County. This venue is a beautiful intimate 256-seat state-of-the-art theater and is the ideal destination for experiencing quality entertainment. Tickets for all shows are available at www.sieminskitheater.org. or call 866-307-8532. or (908) 580-3892



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On Tuesday, September 5th, Mark Di Ionno Pulitzer Prize finalist writer of the Star-Ledger will speak about his several humanitarian relief trips to Ukraine, his travels there, and the people he met in Ukraine and in Poland. Di Ionno has also written on New Jersey's Revolutionary War trails and history.'

On September 12th, John Staunton will speak about his 38 years with the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad, as an EMT and as trustee.



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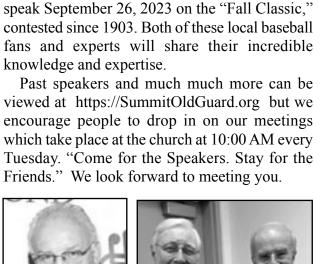
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(above) Mark Di Ionno, (above) John Staunton, Gerry Cooney, John Cronin and John Nolan





Staunton will also explain the role of EMS services, how 9-1-1 works, and the 61-year

September 19th, Gerry Cooney will step into

the ring. A member of the New Jersey Hall of

Fame, many will recall his match with Larry

Holmes in 1982. A boxer from 1977 to 1990

Gerry's record was 28 - 3, with 24 wins by a

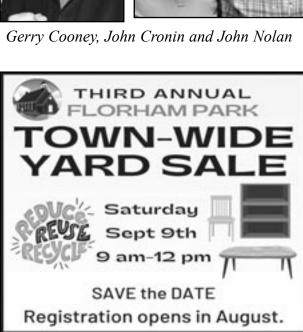
knockout In 2019 he wrote "Gentleman Gerry:

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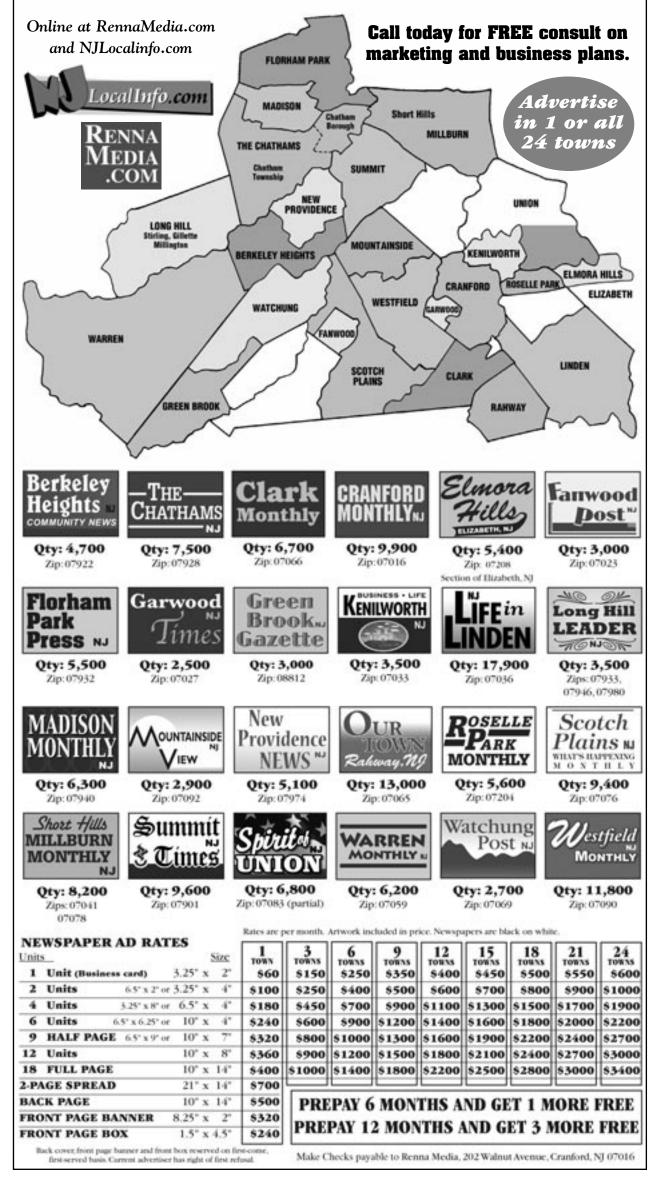
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