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DAR HONORS NATIVE AMERICANS AND VETERANS

Submitted by Holly Dunbar

November is National Native American Heritage Month, a time to celebrate indigenous peoples and their contributions to the nation. Members of the Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) accepted a Heritage Month Proclamation from the mayor of Green Brook and the Township Committee on October 16. The chapter requested the Proclamation as part of a DAR national initiative.

"Green Brook is honored to have a chapter of the DAR within the township," said Green Brook Twp. Mayor Jim Van Arsdale. "We appreciate their good work in the community as well as their passion and desire to educate the public about our past."

"We want to thank Green Brook for recognizing this celebration of Native Americans," said Holly Dunbar, DAR State Chairman of American Indians. "Our area was home to the Lenape long before Europeans arrived. Their legacy lives on in their descendants, their words for places, plants and animals that we use today, the food crops that they developed, and their trails that are now our roads and highways."

November is also a time to remember and honor those who have served in the military. On Veterans Day, November 11, the DAR will honor local veterans in a ceremony at The Chelsea in Warren.

"This is an opportunity to thank our veterans and let them know how much we appreciate their service," said Regent Ashley Salsano. "Their dedication and sacrifice have preserved our nation's freedom. We all owe them a debt of gratitude."

The chapter's recent DAR Day of Service projects included collecting holiday gifts for the veterans at Lyons V.A. Medical Center and gathering donations of pet supplies for the Plainfield Area Humane Society Shelter; an estimated \$750 worth of goods were donated. Members also cleaned historic headstones at Liberty Corner Presbyterian Church in Bernards Twp.



(above) Green Brook Mayor Jim Van Arsdale presents a Proclamation to DAR Chapter Regent Ashley Salsano.

Courtesy photos

DAR is a nonpolitical, nonprofit service organization open to women 18 and over who can prove descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Based in Green Brook, Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter will celebrate the chapter's 128th anniversary in January. New members are welcome, email ESCchapterDAR@gmail.com.



(above) Members clean headstones at Liberty Corner Presbyterian Church as a DAR Day of Service project.



(above) The DAR delivered donations of pet food and supplies to the Plainfield Area Humane Society in October.

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(No t-shirts with Race Day Registration)
8:00am: 5k runners start
8:01 am: 5k Running with strollers.
8:02 am: walkers start
5:00 - 7:00 pm at Green Brook Middle School

GREEN BROOK TURKEY TROT 5K HIGHLIGHTS

USATF certified 5K course

Certification Code: NJ15546JHP

- The course is flat and fast, with only a rise of 10 feet
- The Finish Line is on the Green Brook Middle School Track
- The race is lead by our local officers in a Green Brook Police Car
- **Bring a nonperishable food item for donation to our local FoodBank**
- After race refreshments and DJ from Party People, Promotions!

AWARDS

Top 3 Overall Male and Female

Top 3 in 5 year age group(no repeats)

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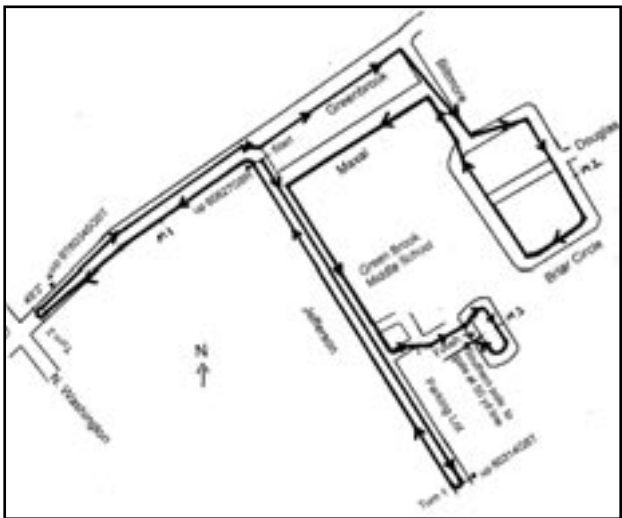
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Mile 1: On Greenbrook Rd., 2 foot after utility pole BT60338GT on the left.

Turnaround 2: On Greenbrook Rd. 49 feet 3 inches west of utility pole BT60345GBT on the north side of road and at center of house #73 on the south side of road.

Mile 2: On east side of Briar Circle at the trailing edge of garage door to #50 on the left

Mile 3: On east side of Green Brook Middle School Track at 1 foot after 21 yard line.

Finish: On west side of Green Brook Middle School Track at southern pole for gate by 50 yard line.

Course Notes: Runners must stay left of the center line in both directions on Greenbrook Rd. between Jefferson and N. Washington Ave. At Jefferson runners move from the north side of Greenbrook Rd. to the south side of the road running to a right turn onto Biltmore.

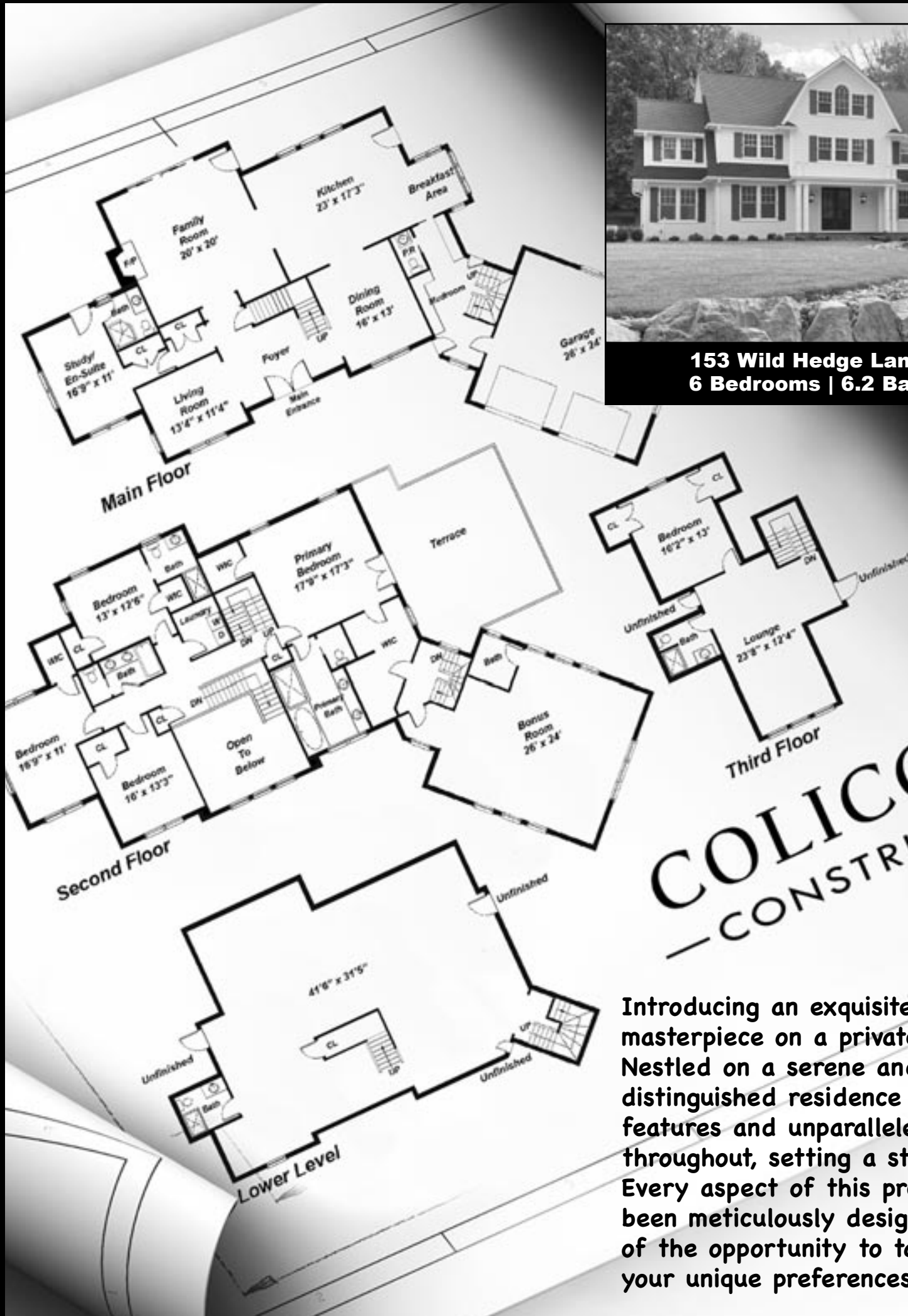


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ARYA REDDY RECEIVES CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL

Congressman Tome Kean, Jr. recently presented a Congressional Award Silver Medal to Arya Reddy, a Green Brook resident and a rising senior at Watchung Hills Regional High School.

Congressman Kean stated "The Congressional Award is the highest honor bestowed upon a youth civilian through Congress. Arya's commitment to community service has been exemplary. In addition to regular volunteering at Children's Specialized Hospital, Arya created a non-profit organization, "OustOI," which spreads awareness and raises funds for the rare disease, Osteogenesis Imperfecta. Congratulations Arya, your future is bright!"



(above) Arya Reddy received a Congressional Award Silver Medal from Congressman Tom Kean, Jr.

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Green Brook Historical Society

The Dr. John Vermeule House, one of Green Brook's historic links to its early settlers was built as a farmstead. Construction began in 1799 and became occupied by the Vermeule family in 1805. Dr. Vermeule practiced medicine and operated a farm on the original 113 acres of his property. The home is based on a blending of English and Dutch architectural traditions with Georgian and Federal style influences.

Vermeule ownership of the property ended in 1824. Various families bought and sold the property over the years, namely, Vail, Cohen, Voorhies and lastly, Mundy. The farmstead continued to function as a dairy farm into the mid-20th century. The township of Green Brook acquired the house and remaining 2.2 acres of the property in 2008. Necessary preservation renovations have been made to some structural elements, but the house is virtually unchanged from its original construction.

The Dr. John Vermeule House Museum located at 223 Rock Avenue, Green Brook will be open for visitors on Saturday, 11/18/23 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. There you will meet several of its volunteer members to give you a glimpse into 19th - 20th century rural living. There are some interesting outbuildings and farm equipment to see, on the 2-acre property.

Mark your calendars and consider participating as a volunteer or enjoy the event as a proud resident!

Our meetings are held at Green Brook Town Hall, 111 Greenbrook Road, on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. We also offer Zoom, for those who can't come in person. Our group has a lot of fun exploring our local history and doing our best to preserve and document its rich heritage. Please consider joining us! For additional information, please contact 732-968-7696. Please leave a brief message with your name and phone number where you can be reached at and you'll receive a call back.



(above) The Dr. John Vermeule House will be open to public on November 18th.

BLUE ENVELOPE PROGRAM

The Green Brook Township Police Department has implemented a Blue Envelope Program, which was first developed in the State of Connecticut. The purpose of the Blue Envelope is to improve the interaction between a driver with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and Police Officers on a traffic stop. The Blue Envelope provides written information and guidance on enhancing effective communication between Police Officers and persons with ASD.

The primary goal of the Blue Envelope Program is to assist drivers with ASD with document organization and to help them understand what to do on a motor vehicle stop. The envelope's instructions warn the driver that the officer might have a radio and flashing lights on their patrol car. The instructions also direct the driver to keep his or her hands on the steering wheel until they receive further orders from the officer. The envelope also details the events that should occur during a stop and how the driver should respond.

In addition, the Blue Envelope provides Police Officers with the means to quickly identify an operator of a motor vehicle who has ASD and helps to guide Police Officers with the interaction. The Police Officer's section of the envelope explains some behaviors that the driver might exhibit, including repetitive body movements and signs of high anxiety. Police Officers are also instructed to allow the driver extra time to respond, to use the most simplistic language possible and to clearly tell the driver when he or she can leave the scene.

The ASD driver can place a copy of their driver's license, vehicle registration, and

insurance cards inside the envelope for quick access. The envelope also contains an emergency contact form for the ASD driver.

The "Blue Envelope Program" will be implemented immediately, and the envelopes will be available at the police department. Drivers who wish to participate, or someone representing them, can pick up an envelope at the Green Brook Township Police Department located at 109 Greenbrook Road, Green Brook, NJ 08812. "The Officers of the Green Brook Police Department are proud to participate in a program that improves communication between the department and those that we serve," said Chief William Coward.

Green Brook Police have launched a "Blue Envelope Program" for drivers with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Green Brook residents are welcomed to drop by the police department at 109 Greenbrook Rd and pick up free Blue Envelopes to assist drivers with ASD during a motor vehicle stop.



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Below is the highlight of some of the programs available at Warrenbrook Senior Center in November.

Diwali

November 6, 11 a.m.

Diwali, the "Festival of Lights", is an ancient Hindu festival and is the biggest and the brightest festival in India. The festival spiritually signifies the victory of light over darkness. Let's learn & watch Indian dances performed by our Warrenbrook seniors, try some Indian snacks like "samosas" (made with potatoes), "mathiyas" (a lentil flour/fried food) and sweets brought by our Warrenbrook seniors.

Craft with Parul

November 8, 11 a.m.

Throughout the year we have done many different crafts and some of us missed some crafts because of our other commitments. We are doing a craft day where we will have all the unused crafts from the different craft activities over the course of the year and participants will select a craft they want to do. Selections will be on a first come first serve basis. All supplies will be provided. Pre-registration is required.

Veterans Day Trivia

November 9, 11 a.m.

We will play World War II Trivia and then play some missing word patriotic song titles, Veterans Day secret quotes, and solve puzzles.

WILLS (LSNWJ)

November 13, 11 a.m.

Colleen M. Cunningham, Esq., the Autonomy Team Leader, for Legal Services of Northwest

Jersey (LSNWJ) will talk about the importance of creating Wills and other documents and also provide information about where and who to access for help in creating these documents.

Breathing techniques for mental wellness

November 13, 1:00 p.m.

Dr Prabha Srinivas will be teaching some practices that can be used to distract the mind and induce calm during an anxiety episode. A few techniques can be practiced on a regular basis to develop an ongoing awareness of trigger situations and to calm and regulate the nervous system consistently.

Blood Pressure Screening

November 15, 10:30 a.m.

A nurse from Atlantic Health will join us and provide free blood pressure screenings. Stop in and check your health. No appointment is necessary.

Music Tribute to the 1950's and 1960's with Lorri Woodward

November 15, 11 a.m.

Join Lorri as she performs a variety of songs from the 1950's and 1960's with a taste of country as well. Bring your dancing shoes!

Armchair Travels to Peru

November 16, 11 a.m.

Peru! Unearth the secrets of ancient civilizations and immerse yourself in the breathtaking landscapes that have captivated adventurers for centuries. We will be watching Peruvian folk dance, and also watch best places to visit in Peru.

RVCC Dance Ensemble

November 17, 11 a.m.

The performance includes dances created by RVCC faculty, students and guest artists, and exposes the communicative aspects of the art form. It features dancers performing a variety of routines set to a wide range of music and sound accompaniment. The program runs approximately 45 minutes. In addition to dance performances, the program will include improvisations and a Q&A session. The audience will also have a chance to inspire movements that will be incorporated into dance routines.

Physical Therapy Screenings

November 17, 1 p.m.

Nicholas Matthes from Trinity Rehabilitation Center of Warren will provide 10-minute Physical Therapy Screenings to registered clients. To sign up and for information please call (908) 753-9440

Craft – Ceramic Bisque Heart Photo Frame

November 20, 11 a.m.

Make a memorable masterpiece of a Ceramic bisque photo frame with easel back. Item can be painted and embellished with the materials provided by the center. Pre-registration is required.

Signature Analysis

November 27, 10:30 a.m.

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Bringing Vegetable to the Table: A Celebration of the Harvest

November 29, 11 a.m.

Jennifer Korneski, Program Coordinator, Healthy Living at Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Somerset County from will be doing a presentation on how to reduce food waste at home and will share tips for preserving food to save money and creative leftover recipe ideas.

Decorating the Senior Center for the Holidays

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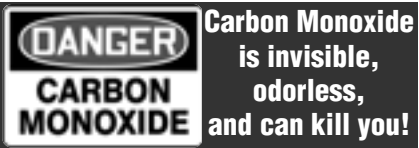
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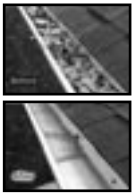
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Submitted by Dr. D. Michael Hart

The “Pool House Gang” were caught red handed vandalizing a building at Boy Scout Camp Wheeler, in Byram Township, NJ. They are seen here in a “line up” against the wall.

They claim that they were doing repairs and renovations to an old decrepit building at the Boy Scout Camp. But they were seen removing valuable lumber, sinks, toilets, shower heads, and construction materials from the building.

Just kidding. This is a group of dedicated volunteers, including many retired professionals, who volunteer every week all year round at the Boy Scout camps for Patriot’s Path Council in northern New Jersey. These guys pictured have come up every Wednesday and Thursday for several months to renovate the Pool House and other buildings. This group includes retired engineers, an electrician, computer experts, small business owners, and corporate executives.

The Pool House building was built in 1971. The roof was still good, but the wooden walls were completely rotted, and the roof was sagging perilously. They needed to prop up the roof and replace the boards one by one.

Eventually the building will have two bathrooms, two common showers and 8 individual changing rooms on each of two sides. There is a full sized swimming pool behind the building, so all of the chlorination, pumping mechanisms and electrical service are also located inside the building.

The “Flintlocks BSA, Inc.” a 501c3 corporation, is a group of retired scouters who volunteer at the camps every week, all year round, to help the council. They do most of the repairs and maintenance for the three Council camps, but also build new structures, such as cabins, waterfront structures, picnic tables and tent platforms. In 2018 they secured funding and built the STEM Lab at Allamuchy. Second, they make the craft kits for birdhouses, bird feeders, stools, handy boxes, racing sailboats, etc., which are sold through the Scout Shops. Third, Flintlocks volunteer to help run the many Council programs. Three quarters of the Flintlocks have received the Silver Beaver Award, the highest National award a volunteer may receive. The Facebook Page is “Flintlocks” For more information please contact Secretary Dr. Michael Hart drmhart@yahoo.com.

(above, l-r) "Line Up": Al Thomas, Randy Johnson, Frank Wallace, Dave Greene, George Van Dyke, Barry Bird, and Tom Mollitor.

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My name is Snehi Vijaywargiya, and I am a rising senior at Watchung Hills Regional High School. I have launched a neuroscience YouTube channel, which aims to make STEM more accessible and straightforward. I hope that through this article, more people will discover my channel and gain educational insights from its content. This article link can be found below.

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