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the community celebration of the Lunar New Year

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on Sunday, February 18th. We came together to acknowledge, appreciate, and enjoy the food, music and dance of the New Year festivities. The high school was packed with revelers, and this

Millburn Township Public Schools Thank you to the Millburn Short-Hills Chinese Association and the Millburn Institute of Talent for

event was an example of our One Millburn initiative to highlight the many ethnicities, cultures and customs that make up our community. Many thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make this joyous event possible and best wishes to all for a healthy and Happy New Year!

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PINWHEELS OF POSSIBILITIES EVENT - MARCH 22

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CASA of Essex County

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Essex County is thrilled to announce the launch of its "Pinwheels of Possibilities" celebration with a kick-off cocktail party. This special event will take place on March 22nd at the Loop in Montclair, marking the beginning of a month-long campaign in April for Child Abuse Awareness Month. The campaign aims to raise awareness and funds to continue supporting the youth of Essex County in foster care.

"Pinwheels of Possibilities" serves as a beacon of hope and support for the vulnerable children in Essex County, representing the bright future that every child deserves. The event will bring together community leaders, advocates, and supporters for an evening of solidarity, reflection, and action. Guests will enjoy a curated selection of hors d'oeuvres by Skopós Caterers, a dessert spread by The Dessert Ladies and engaging presentations about the impactful work of CASA Essex as well as musical performances by Dawn Patrick, Abraham Burton Trio and the Condrad Herwig Quartet.

Event Details: Date: March 22nd, 7:00 p.m., Location: Loop, 80 Maple Ave., Montclair, NJ.

Purchase Tickets:

casaessex.org/pinwheelsofpossibilities

- or contact: Stephanie Phelan at sphelan@casaessex.org.

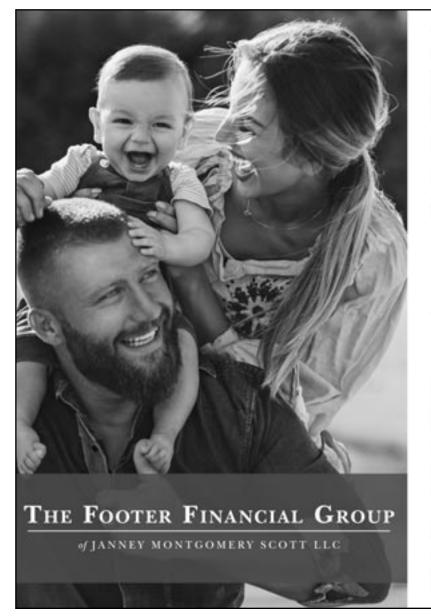
Throughout the month of April, CASA of

Essex will lead a series of initiatives to shine a light on the critical issue of child abuse and the vital role that advocacy provided by CASA volunteers plays in the lives of foster children. These efforts include community workshops, educational outreach, and fundraising drives, all designed to mobilize support for children who need it most.

"The 'Pinwheels of Possibilities' event is more than just a celebration; it's a call to action," said Marla Higginbotham, Executive Director of CASA of Essex. "Child Abuse Awareness Month is a crucial time for us to come together as a community to reaffirm our commitment to protect and advocate for the most vulnerable among us. With the support of our community, we can provide a strong voice and a brighter future for every child in foster care."

All proceeds from the event and the monthlong campaign will directly support CASA of Essex's ongoing efforts to train and support volunteer advocates who work tirelessly to ensure that children in foster care have the care, support, and opportunities they need to thrive.

CASA of Essex County is a non-profit organization dedicated to advocating for the best interests of children in foster care. Through the efforts of trained volunteer advocates, CASA works to ensure that every child in the foster care system has a safe, permanent, and nurturing home. For more information, please visit casaessex.org. Together, we can help change a child's story.



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This is not your ordinary circus! It is a breathtaking display of talent, energy, and sheer magic that will leave children of all ages astounded. Just imagine a world where juggling balls defy gravity, hula hoops spin with otherworldly grace, and unicycles glide through the air with such effortless ease. Picture daring acrobatics that take place high above the stage, as bodies twist and soar with a grace that seems almost mystical. All of this, intertwined with ribbons of comedy and audience interaction, will have you laughing, cheering, and on the edge of your seat throughout the entire show. These extraordinary performers Michael DuBois and Viktoria Grimmy possess a combined heritage of circus talent spanning five generations. Together, they have crafted a one-of-a-kind family show that showcases their immense talent and undeniable chemistry.

Michael, with his magnetic stage presence and impressive resume, includes appearances on The Tonight Show, Jay Leno Show, and The Late has taken her on tour with Britney Spears to the Show with David Letterman. His talents have taken him around the world, entertaining audiences on cruise lines and halftime shows. Before teaming up with his wife, Viktoria, he wowed audiences with his one-man circus act, "Solo Circus."

Viktoria brings unparalleled grace and skill to the stage, born into a multi-generational Circus family that toured with the Soviet Circus, Ringling Brothers, and the Barnum and Bailey Circus. She has achieved international acclaim as an aerialist, earning notable awards. Her talent

bright lights of Broadway in the hit musical "Pippin.", and to the movies with "Burlesque" and "The Greatest Show on Earth" with Michael.

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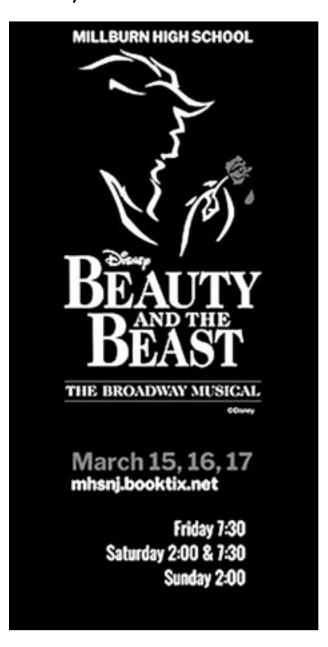
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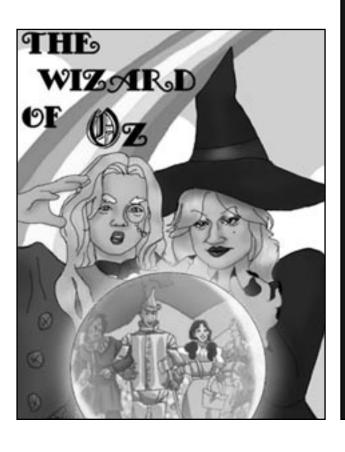


THE WIZARD OF OZ MARCH 22-23

The Millburn Middle School Spring Musical, The Wizard of Oz, will be held on Friday, March 22nd and Saturday, March 23rd at 7pm and a Sunday matinee will be presented at 1 p.m. on March 24th.

The show is open to the public.

Tickets are \$15 and will be on sale online at mms.booktix.com.



MHS SPRING MUSICAL - BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Step into the enchanted world of Broadway's classic, Disney's Beauty and the Beast, an international sensation that has been produced in 37 countries worldwide. Based on the Academy Award-winning animated feature, the stage version includes all of the wonderful songs written by Alan Menken and the late Howard Ashman, along with new songs by Mr. Menken and Tim Rice. The original Broadway production ran for over thirteen years and was nominated for nine Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

The classic story tells of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell

of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed into his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity.

This is one of the only opportunities to see this "tale as old as time," as the show will be going back into the Disney vault in January of 2025!

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By Evelyn Queen-Baron, MSW, Owner Home Instead Millburn, NJ

Home Instead of Millburn is proud to be the recipient of several training grants, awarded by the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, to improve employee skills and offer advanced instruction. This program trains employees to become Certified Home Health Aides, with advanced training to become Certified Dementia Practitioners - a nationally recognized certification, given by The National Council of Certified Dementia To date Home Instead has Practitioners. trained more than 150 Certified Home Health and 100 Certified Aides, Dementia Practitioners, throughout the state to provide service to clients impacted by Alzheimer's and other dementias.

"Currently, New Jersey has a tremendous void in the number of Certified Home Health Aides (CHHA), trained to care for individuals suffering from Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Funding from this grant program has transformed our company's ability to support employees to better care for clients," said Tara Shannon, Director of Nursing for Home Instead. "Ultimately, the Certified Dementia Practitioner, CDP, certification gives Certified Home Health Aides the skills necessary to manage this devastating and incurable disease, as well as give families the peace of mind to be able to keep their loved ones at home."

Home Instead's comprehensive employee training program lasts approximately 6 months and consists of classroom, on-line, and one-on-one instruction from a team of clinical professionals. Home Instead is an industry leader in dementia training.

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Mr. and Mrs. Barreau wrote to Mr. Drechsel:

"Our daughter is a player for West Orange and she is new to bowling and to the team. She has been lacking confidence in the game and was having trouble finding her footing. When we came to watch her play last week, she looked very excited for the first time in a while. I asked her how things were going and she told me that it was the best day of bowling thus far. She said that the team that she was playing was full of really kind players and coaches who were cheering her on and encouraging her throughout the game. Your positive attitude, friendly encouragement, and genuine congratulations for not only one other's successes, but that of the opposing team's as

well, truly created a fantastic atmosphere on the lanes. There were high fives after clutch shots, words of encouragement after missed spares, and celebrations of each other's success. These gestures went a long way in fostering a sense of community and sportsmanship that is often missing in competitive settings. It was refreshing to see such camaraderie and respect between competitors, making the entire experience even more enjoyable for everyone involved.

I came over to say something to the coaches so that they were aware of the positive impact that they had. They were all genuinely kind and unassuming. We wanted to take a moment to let everyone at the school know what a great group of coaches and players you have. You never know what a kind word can do for another person. It is evident that the example that the coaches, staff and parents have set is making a great impression on your players. I have seen other schools playing this season, but none have shown the kindness and grace of Millburn High School Bowling Team."

This is truly teamwork in action. Congratulations to Coaches Brian Chapman and Dr. Regina Conlon and all of our bowlers!

FAMILY COURSE ON COPING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

The Union County Chapter of The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI Union County) is offering its free annual 9-week course targeted towards families coping with mental illness. The course will start on Thursday, March 7, 2024 and meet weekly from 7:00pm – 9:30pm over a consecutive 9-week period. All necessary materials are furnished at no cost. This course is offered specifically to the parents, siblings, spouses, teenage and adult children, and significant others of individuals with severe and persistent mental illness. The program is not appropriate for individuals who, themselves, suffer from one of the major mental disorders.

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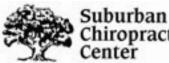
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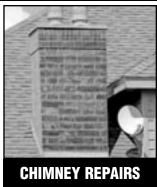
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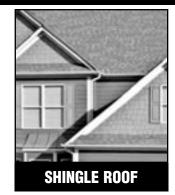
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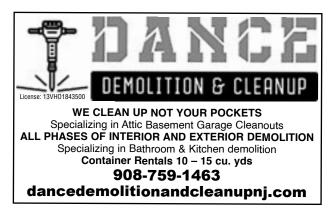


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THE OLD GUARD MARCH SPEAKERS PROGRAM

The Summit Area Old Guard is a social, educational, and recreational organization that serves men of retirement age. We meet most Tuesdays at the New Providence Presbyterian Church located at 1307 Springfield Ave. Our dues are minimal, and members manage all aspects of the operation. Our motto is "Come for the Programs. Stay for the Friends." The organization was founded in 1930.

March speakers include Gregory J. Kaczorowski, PhD., Jessica Arkel, Dr. Dennis Liotta, and Dr. Lenny McDonald. Please join us. Our programs are free to the public, and we welcome you!

Our speaker on Tuesday, March 5th will be Dr. Greg Kaczorowski (ex-Merck) discussing the importance of ion channels vis-a-vis our health. Ion channels are a large family of membrane proteins that are present in all cells of the body. These proteins span the plasma lipid bilayer membrane and contain an internal pore structure which can be opened/closed by various stimuli to allow the gated passage of ions (e.g., sodium, potassium, calcium, or chloride ions) into or out of a cell. Nature has used this rather simple mechanism to modulate all major biological activities, both somatic responses like voluntary muscle movement and autonomic actions like cardiac and respiratory activities. Because of their fundamental importance in systems biology, Greg will discuss how ion channels can be modulated for therapeutic benefit or be targeted to kill an organism.

Our speaker on March 12th will be Jessica Arkel, the development officer at Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation. She will discuss the history of Children's Specialized Hospital in New Jersey from its early days in 1891 in Westfield to becoming a preeminent provider of pediatric rehabilitation with 15 facilities across New Jersey serving more than 35,000 children annually who are living with a

variety of complex pediatric medical conditions—from chronic illnesses and complex physical disabilities like brain and spinal cord injuries—to a full scope of developmental, behavioral, and mental health concerns.

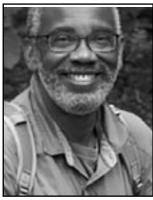
Our speaker on March 19th will be Prof. Dennis Liotta. Prof, Liotta has led a group of synthetic/medicinal chemists at Emory University for over four decades. He will provide an overview of his research in the antiviral arena, featuring stories of three highly successful antivirals he developed in collaboration with his academic colleagues and biotech partners. Dr. Liotta has contributed to 18 FDA-approved therapies, with perhaps his biggest impact coming in the HIV/AIDS field. He will also highlight recent drug discovery endeavors in various therapeutic areas, including oncology and neurological diseases.

Finally, on March 26th, our speaker will be Dr. Lenny McDonald discussing the importance of

experimentation and creativity in photography and sharing his journey from science (ex-Wyeth/Pfizer) to his present avocation. Macro and close-up photography are his favorite styles, and he will discuss the impact of exploiting minute details. He will also show some of his non-macro abstract work. Lastly, he will briefly share his perspective on AI in photography and how it fits into his workflow. Lenny has exhibited his work in various venues across New Jersey, including Reeves-Reed Arboretum, Mayo Performing Arts Center, and the Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie Mansion. You can review some of his work on his Instagram page at instagram.com/lennysfineartphotos/.

Past speakers and much, much more can be viewed at SummitOldGuard.org, but we encourage people to drop in on our meetings which take place at the church at 10:00 AM most Tuesdays. "Come for the Speakers. Stay for the Friends." We look forward to meeting you.









(above, l-r) Prof. Liotta, Dr. McDonald,. Ms. Arkel, Dr. Kaczorowski





MILBURN LIBRARY'S MARCH EVENTS

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PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES:

NEW JERSEY MAKERS DAY Saturday March 16, 1-4pm

Auditorium and Room B
NJ Makers Day is a celebration of maker
culture across New Jersey. This all-ages event
connects individuals with libraries, schools,
businesses, and independent makerspaces that
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manufacturing, and STEM-based learning. Join
us for hands-on projects for everyone!

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS: IN PERSON: SOLAR ECLIPSE WITH PAUL CIRILLO

Wed Feb 21, 10:30-11:15am
Auditorium

On April 8th, there will be a total eclipse of the Sun visible in the United States on a line from Maine to Texas. This is a truly rare and spectacular astronomical event and should not be missed! Learn about the history of eclipses, how and why they happen, where the best viewing locations are and how to prepare for observing this amazing celestial display of nature!

IN PERSON: BACH IN THE SUBWAYS PERFORMANCE

Friday March 22 1-2pm, Sunday March 24 3-4pm, & Tuesday March 26 1-2pm Auditorium

"Bach-in-the-Subways" is a grassroots movement to spread the joy of classical music and celebrate Bach's birthday with free, open-to-everyone concerts between March 21st and March 31st of each year. As part of this project, pianist, teacher and writer Birgit Matzerath will perform Bach's Toccatas for the keyboard and selections from the Well-Tempered Clavier in three concerts at the Millburn Public Library.

VIRTUAL: MARY CASSATT - AMERICAN IMPRESSIONIST WITH SYLVIA LAUDIEN MEO FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Thursday March 28, 7-8:30pm Online

Mary Cassatt is amongst the most important and innovative American Impressionist painters who lived as an expat in Paris, working closely with Edgar Degas and other leading artists of the time, exploring new modern techniques in printing techniques and the use of pastel. While her work is extremely beautiful and relatable in its depiction of women and children, her approach was quite progressive and even feminist in many ways. Registration required.

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS: IN PERSON: MUSIC & MOVEMENT WITH MISS BEE

Fridays March 1 & 15, 11-11:30am, Auditorium, Ages up to 5 with a caregiver Little ones will experience the magic of music and movement through traditional and original songs, puppets, parachutes, bubbles, rhythm sticks, egg shakers and other fun instruments and props. Registration required.

IN PERSON: CRAFTERNOON

Wednesday March 20, 4-5pm
In Person, Auditorium For ages 4-12
What does crafts + afternoon equal? Why, crafternoon of course! Kids are invited to make a fun seasonal craft. Drop in.

IN PERSON: ARABIQA DANCE & MUSIC PERFORMANCE WITH KARIM NAGI

Thursday March 21, 5-6pm Auditorium

Karim Nagi is a lifelong advocate of the Arab performing arts, and for the embracing of diversity in the American school system. His music and dance provide an uplifting new narrative, representing the ebullient and welcoming nature of Arab & Muslim people.

Registration required.

PROGRAMS FOR TWEENS & TEENS (AGES 12+):

HYBRID: LEARNING DIFFERENCES IN HIGH SCHOOL: HOW TO COPE

Monday March 11, 7-8pm
Williamsburg Room & Online
Learn more about how IEP/504 plans become obsolete after high school: how to secure accommodations for standardized testing with the SAT and ACT, and how to ensure your student receives the support they need in college. Bring a copy of your student's testing and IEP/504 for reference during the discussion. Registration required.

(above) We had a great time with Chef Jesse making Shrimp and Grits! Missed the fun? Check out what is coming up next at the Library: millburnlibrary.org/events

CONOUERING THE COLLEGE APPLICATION

Monday March 18, 7-8pm In Person, Room B

Designed for 10th and 11th grade students and their families, "Conquering the College Application" will provide valuable insight into the college search and application process. Guided by a college counselor with seventeen years of experience, participants will learn about the current trends in college admissions and the various factors colleges and universities take into consideration.

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The Wonder Band is made up of three extremely talented performers who are well known to the Metro NY/NJ area music scene. Ed Alstrom, leader, is the organist for Yankee Stadium, as well as keyboard player for many famous performers such as Bette Midler, Chuck Berry, Leonard Bernstein, Herbie Hancock and others. The list goes on and on.

Accompanying Ed will be guitarist Al Orlo. Al has recorded with the legendary Ben E. King and was his musical director for 25 years. Al also held the #1 chair at Broadway shows, such as Kinky Boots, Carol King Musical, Hairspray abd Smokey Joe's Café, to name a few.

Bobby Deitch on drums rounds out the trio. Bobby has performed on several recordings such as Richard Sorce's Latin album "A Place I've Never Been" and Richie Hart's "33 1/3" album.

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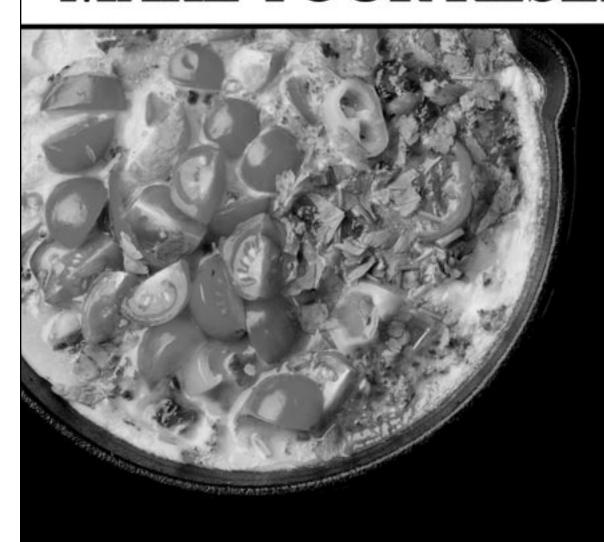


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