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(above) 12th grade scholarship in Memory of Jack and Selma Fein was presented by Michael Fein and Christine Guerriero to Tyrese Taylor.



(above) The Robert E. Jeans, Jr. Memorial Scholarship was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jeans, Sr. to Alessandro Barlaam from David Brearley High School's 12th grade graduate.



(above, l-r) The B. Hirth Memorial Scholarship went to Vincent Firnstein.; Scholarships went to 12th grade graduates: Joseph Cox and Leah Sims.



(above) St. Theresa's School: Angel Gonzalez, Krysta Pumarada, Kyle Pumarada, Demilade D. Dada, and Skylar D. Lacerda

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(above) David Brearley's 8th grade graduates: Colton Balwierzak, Allyson Parkhill, Ryan Scuderi, Nicholas Sims, Zachary Sims, Sophia Short, and Robert Cahill

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23RD ANNUAL DRIVE FOR AUTISM GOLF EVENT

Drive for Autism Foundation

The Drive for Autism Foundation is pleased to announce that its annual golf event, Drive for Autism XXIII will be held at Royce Brook Golf Club in Hillsborough, NJ on Monday September 16, 2024.

The Drive for Autism Golf Outing, which has been held since 2002 has raised and distributed over \$855,000 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), Young Life (greater Summit area), Eden II/Genesis Programs (Staten Island, NY), Spectrum360 - formally The Children's Institute (Verona, NJ), and Seton Foundation/Mother Francheska Elementary School (Staten Island, NY).

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/DriveforAutismXXIII

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 2024

The Drive for Autism XXIII is scheduled for Monday Sept 16, 2024, at Royce Brook Golf Club in Hillsborough, NJ. 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.

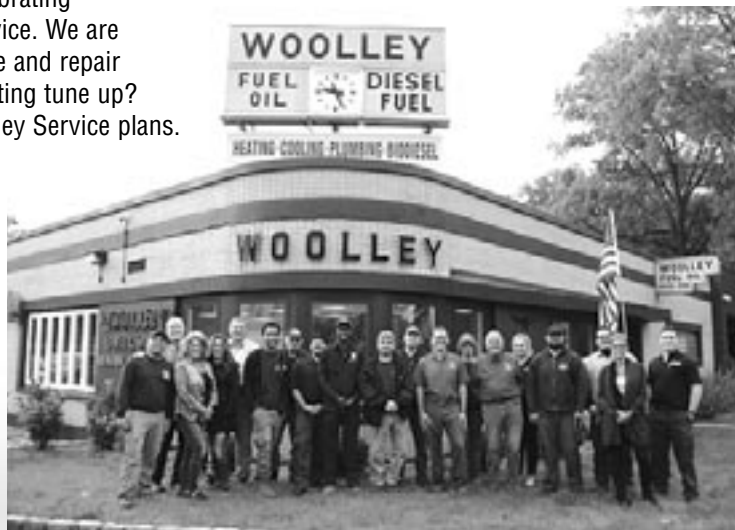
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BUS TRIP TO WIND CREEK CASINO OF BETHLEHEM, PA

The Kenilworth Historical Society will host a bus trip to Wind Creek Bethlehem Casino in Bethlehem, Pa., on Saturday, September 21.

The trip will depart Kenilworth (St. Theresa's School parking lot) at 8:30 a.m. and return to Kenilworth at approximately 5:30 p.m. Cost of \$56 includes comfortable motor coach transportation, an approximate 6-hour visit to the casino and \$25 in free slot play. There will be a 50/50 raffle and complimentary drawing for door prizes on the bus. The casino offers more than 3,000 state-of-the-art slot machines ranging in denomination from 1 cent to \$100, more than 150 table games – and more. The Wind Creek Bethlehem site additionally houses a wide range of distinctive outlet stores and popular restaurants/eateries.

For further information and reservations, please call 908-709-0434. As space is limited, reservations and payment should be made by September 7 to ensure availability. Gift certificates for the trip are also available for purchase.

Proceeds from the bus trip will benefit the Kenilworth Historical Society's historic Oswald J. Nitschke House (c. 1880) by helping defray operating expenses, including the cost of an

elevator that makes the restored "living history" museum and cultural arts center fully accessible to everyone.

The Kenilworth Historical Society (www.kenilworthhistoricalsociety.org) is an independent, volunteer-based, non-profit, tax-exempt, 501 (c) (3) organization dedicated to the research, preservation and interpretation of the Oswald J. Nitschke House, local history and culture.

'A LITTLE TASTE OF KENILWORTH'

Kenilworth Restaurants/Other Culinary Businesses to Be Featured During 'A Little Taste of Kenilworth' Benefit for Historic Nitschke House Museum

"A Little Taste of Kenilworth" will be presented by the Kenilworth Historical Society on Sat., November 2, at 1 p.m., in celebration of Kenilworth's reputation as a favorite place for dining. All local restaurants/eateries and other culinary businesses are invited to participate in the event, which will be held at the Kenilworth Veterans Center (33 S. 21 Street). During the culinary celebration, which also will include entertainment, attendees will be offered "a taste" of the culinary specialties from each participating establishment.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the

Oswald J. Nitschke House "living history" museum and cultural arts center by helping defray operating and building expenses, including the cost of an elevator that makes the site fully accessible.

Restaurants/eateries/other culinary businesses that are interested in participating in the November 2 tasting are encouraged to call the Kenilworth Historical Society at 908-709-0434 by September 1, as space is limited.

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SUPERINTENDENT JEREMY DAVIES PLANS TO MOVE SCHOOL DISTRICT FORWARD

Kenilworth Public Schools

Jeremy Davies has welcomed Kenilworth Public Schools students on the first day of school for the past several years. This September will mark the first time he does so as the district's superintendent.

Davies, the principal at David Brearley Middle-High School for four years, was selected as superintendent in June. He succeeds Kyle Arlington, who went on to lead another district.

Davies said he is excited to continue building community connections and academic momentum across the district.

"I am eager to engage with Harding students, parents, and staff. I look forward to working with the entire Kenilworth community to honor and celebrate all the things that make this town great while advancing the academic reputation of our schools," he said.

As principal, Davies helped develop STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and Esports initiatives, a digital sound engineering lab and dance program. His focus on the arts and STEM helped create a dynamic learning environment and increased student engagement and achievement. Davies also supported college and career readiness by increasing guidance counseling resources and working with students to identify their post-secondary paths.

Kenilworth Board of Education president Dr. Michelle Panichi described Davies as a respected member of the school community and a positive presence for students and their families.

"We expect that Mr. Davies will continue to move our district forward, and with his kindness and support, we welcome him as he begins his work," said Panichi. "We look forward to gathering together for some upcoming welcome and community engagement events."

Before his time at Kenilworth, Davies served as an administrator in supervisory, assistant principal and principal roles in the Mountain Lakes, Westfield, and Hanover Park school districts. He began his career in education as an AmeriCorps volunteer teacher in an underprivileged Florida community.

Davies earned a master's degree in teaching from the University of Notre Dame and a master's degree in educational leadership from the University of Saint Elizabeth. His bachelor's degree is from Villanova University. Davies's father, a West Orange police officer, and grandfather, a school custodian, inspired him to pursue a career that impacts a community. Davies lives in Morris County with his wife and 7-year-old daughter.

The district aims to fill the Brearley principal position vacated by Davies by the start of the 2024-25 academic year.



(above) Former Brearley principal Jeremy Davies looks forward to serving district as superintendent.

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BOBBY JEANS HONORED

Kenilworth VFW Post #2230

Commander Robert E. Jeans, better known as "Bobby", was among nineteen individuals recently recognized by the Union County Human Relations Commission at their annual Unity Achievement Award Presentation and dinner held on May 13, 2024, at the Kean University STEM Center.

Bobby was honored for his outstanding military service to our country, his ceaseless dedication to our veterans and the community. He has been a member of Kenilworth VFW Post #2230 for the past 53 years and the Commander for the past 24 years. Bobby was also District 5 Commander for several years and belongs to countless other veteran and civic organizations.

He serves as the business manager, event manager and commander of the VFW since 1999 and works vigorously every day at the Post, sometimes up to 12 hours a day. He was very honored to receive the award. In his humble acceptance speech he mentioned other organizations that continue to tirelessly serve others. Congratulations to Bobby for a job well done and continues to do!

Courtesy photo



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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS AT YMCA

The Gateway Family YMCA Offers School Age Child Care Programs in Local School Districts. At the Y's Before and After School Programs, kids have a safe place to explore their interests and discover their passions, learn to work and play together and turn classmates into friends. With programs run by caring adult role models who are invested in helping every kid reach their full potential, The Gateway Family YMCA Before and After School Care Programs are a safe place for working families.

"We are committed to the youth in our care, providing staff role models, opportunities for innovative STEAM activities, healthy living, arts and youth sports," stated Melynda A. Disla, President and CEO, The Gateway Family YMCA. "As an organization dedicated to youth development, we understand how important it is that our children have a safe and enriching environment for learning, both in and out of school."

Registration is ongoing for the 2024-2025 school year Before and After School Programs offered in collaboration with the Rahway Public School District, Elizabeth Public School District and Union Township Public School District. School age child care programs are a place where children can remain active, extend their learning and continue to be engaged during their time out of school – a critical time for youth. Programs are held in local elementary and middle schools as

well as at YMCA for children attending on-site Preschool at the YMCA in the Union Township Public School District and the Rahway Public School District. The YMCA also offers Vacation Day programs during school holidays.

"We are pleased to be able to provide these programs to the families in our community, allowing their invaluable social, emotional, physical and academic growth to continue long after the school day ends," stated Melynda A. Disla. "Through a balanced approach to youth development, the curriculum offers activities, mentorship and academic support, nurturing the potential of all participants throughout the year."

The Gateway Family YMCA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, health and community service organization of caring staff and volunteers dedicated to strengthening community through Youth Development, Healthy Living and Social Responsibility. The Gateway Family YMCA impacts the community by providing quality services for all, with financial assistance available to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to reach their full potential. The Y doesn't just strengthen bodies – it strengthens people, families and communities.

For more information about The Gateway Family YMCA's school age child care programs, visit tgfymca.org or contact the Elizabeth Branch 908-355-9622, Five Points Branch 908-688-9622 or Rahway Branch 732-388-0057.



(above) The Gateway Family YMCA's 7th Grade Initiative Begins Registration on August 15th. 7th Grade Students Receive Support Through Membership and Programs.



(above) The Gateway Family YMCA's offer safety, enrichment and fun in after school programs.

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PAUL CAMPANELLI APPOINTED CHIEF OF POLICE

Paul Campanelli has been appointed as Chief of Police for the Kenilworth Police Department by Mayor Linda Karlovich and the Borough Council.

Chief Campanelli is a lifelong resident of the Borough of Kenilworth graduating David Brearley High School in 1993. Upon graduation, Chief Campanelli enlisted in the United States Army where he was a Combat Engineer for several years. In July of 1998 Chief Campanelli was hired as a Kenilworth Police Officer and he

has steadily risen from the ranks of Patrol Officer serving as a Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain prior to his appointment as Chief. Chief Campanelli is deeply invested into the Borough of Kenilworth as a resident, business owner, and parent of two children.

“I am honored to be appointed the new Chief of Police.” said Campanelli. “And I look forward to serving the Borough of Kenilworth as I have done for the last twenty-six years. My door is always open – feel free to stop by and see me.”



(above) Paul Campanelli was sworn in as the new Chief of Police for the Borough of Kenilworth.

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CHIEF FRED SOOS RETIRES

On Friday, June 28, 2024, Chief Fred Soos officially retired from the Kenilworth Police Department. Chief Soos was hired in January 1995 as a Patrolman. Chief Soos earned the rank(s) of Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, and Chief. Chief Soos has provided exemplary service to the Borough of Kenilworth for nearly 30 years. Please join us in congratulating Chief Soos and wish him the very best in his retirement. ▬



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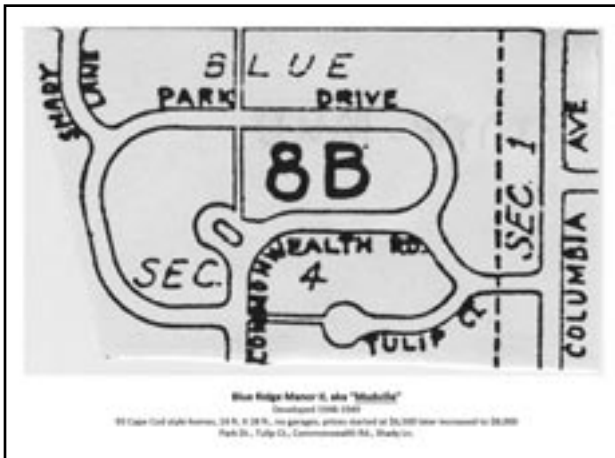
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WHAT, WHERE, WHEN IN OLD KENILWORTH

DISCOVERING KENILWORTH'S "MODEL HOMES," PART 8

After WWII a second Blue Ridge Manor development was constructed in the years 1947-48. The first Blue Ridge development, featured last month, was built 1940-42 and was nicknamed "Boom Town." It consisted of 211 Cape Cod-style homes erected from S. 17th St. to Columbia Ave. The second, now featured, was nicknamed "Mudville." It consisted of 93 homes west of Columbia Ave. on Park Dr., Tulip Ct., Commonwealth Dr., and Shady Ln. and nine more on vacant lots remaining in Blue Ridge Manor #1.

Millions of married veterans returning from WWII rejoined their brides and many singles got married. There was enormous demand for housing. Materials were scarce as masses of supplies were sent to rebuild war-ravaged nations. Houses built in Blue Ridge #2 were small due to scarce lumber, wiring, pipes, roof shingles, and other materials. A garage was virtually out of the question. The houses measured 24 ft. by 28 ft. – less than 700 sq. ft. The exteriors were covered with asbestos shingles, causing future issues. Homes had a front and side entry and metal crank-out casement windows which in due time posed major problems when houses began to settle. Homeowners could not get windows to open. Each house had a compact eat-in kitchen able to handle four, a tightly-designed full bath, a compressed living room, and a "snug" main bedroom. There was a smaller-yet second bedroom. Basements came with a wash tub and a coal furnace but no coal bin – oil burners cost more. There was a trap door – no stairway – to the attic which had a low ridge beam. A higher



(above) Blue Ridge "Mudville" map.

Source: Historic Signs, Inc. (1957)

ridge beam for future expansion cost about \$800 more. Homes initially were priced at \$6,500 but as time passed prices rose to the \$8,000 range.

The sales agent was once again the jovial John Brasser. His office was a shack-like structure on an empty lot at today's 265 Boulevard. The model home still stands at 128 Park Dr., but has been expanded to a longer ranch-style dwelling. The 1940 Blue Ridge Manor #1 model home still stands at 12 Columbia Ave. but has been expanded to a stone-front colonial.

There were development problems leading to the nickname "Mudville." The area was low lying and drainage was poor. Improved roads were lagging behind. Streets became seas of mud with residents forced to park cars blocks away outside of the development. The garbage trucks couldn't get access causing neighbors to pile garbage in their backyards. The sanitary sewer system was not functioning well due to silt build up. Residents signed petitions and attended council meetings demanding action. The town sent in its own road grader to open up roads, but it got stuck in the mud. The town hauled in its own fill dirt to fill in stagnant ponds of water and constructed a drainage ditch along its border with Cranford. Needless to say, this did not please Cranford residents who received the runoff. The Board of Health pressure and the Borough's threat of legal action eventually got the builder to



(above) Model home (expanded), 128 Park Dr.

Source: Historic Signs, Inc. (2018)



(above) An original home at 3 Commonwealth Rd.

Source: Historic Signs, Inc. (1948)

make progress.

Two of the original owners – Elizabeth Dunn (1925-2021) and Viola Yule (1923-2014) –

indicated in 2010 interviews that it was all worth it. Elizabeth noted, "This was a wonderful neighborhood for children. The kids played ball in the street and built forts in the woods." Viola added, "It was a very safe place to raise children, and still is. We have always been happy here."

Part 9 to appear in next month's issue of this newspaper. Find out about Barton Homes.

Research provided by Walter E. Boright, Ed. D., historian, and Historic Signs, Inc.

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Weekly programs:

Bingo For Children

Mondays at 6:30pm – 7:00pm

August 5, 12, 19 & 26

Bingo games for children ages 3 & up

Lap Sit

Tuesday August 6 at 10:30am – 10:50am

Interactive stories and songs for ages 0 – 2

years old

PJ Story Time

Tuesdays at 6:30pm – 7:00pm

August 6, 20 & 27

Children are welcome to attend this story time

program dressed in their pajamas and bring

along a favorite stuffed animal

for ages 3 & up.

Fun Friday Crafts

Friday at 3:30pm – 4:00pm

August 2, 9 & 16

Ages: 4 – 9

Registration is required for each individual craft one week prior to each craft.

AUGUST SPECIAL EVENTS

Registration is required for all special events.

Kenilworth residents may register one week

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register two days prior to each event, space

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Scienctellers Comedy Science Show:

Adventure At The Hidden Temple

Thursday, August 1 at 7:00pm – 8:00pm.

Ages: 4 – adult

This program is recommended for ages 4 –

adult. Join us for this interactive comedy

science show.

Musical Celebration With Charlie O

Monday, August 5 at 11:00am – 12:00pm

All ages are welcome to join us for this

interactive event celebrating summer reading

and an opportunity to receive a free balloon

sculpture created by Eddie Lin from Auesome

Balloons. This event will be presented by DJ

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Learn About The Heart STEM Science Workshop

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Yoga Story Time

Wednesday, August 7, 10:30am – 11:00am

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youngest listeners and their caregiver. This

program will be presented by certified yoga

instructor Gina Folgar for ages: 2 - 5.

Unique Creatures At the Library – Animal Show

Thursday, August 8, 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Participants will be educated and entertained as

they learn about and view up close various

animals. This program is recommended

for ages 4 – adult.

Boogie Woogie Babies

10:30am – 11:00am on Tuesday, August 13

Interactive musical program will be presented

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for ages: 0- 4

Meet The Seeing Eye Puppies at the Library

Tuesday, August 13 at 6:30pm – 7:00pm

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the responsibilities of raising a Seeing Eye

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commands. At the conclusion of this program,

children will be invited to meet and greet

the puppies.

Good Tyme String Band

Wednesday, August 14, 10:30am – 11:00am

All ages are welcome to attend and enjoy foot

tapping knee slapping banjo music

Mad Science Fire & Ice Show

Thursday, August 15 at 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Ages: 4 – adult

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Leaf Stomata Science Workshop

Monday, August 19 at 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Children ages 5 – 10 years old are invited to

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Learn about why plants have leaves, leaf

structure and function, and how plants

photosynthesize. Look at plant cells and

stomata under a microscope. Registration is

required and begins one week prior to this

workshop.

Read To A Dog

Tuesday, August 20, 4:00pm - 5:00pm

For early beginning readers and those who are

learning to read Young, reluctant, or struggling

readers are encouraged to register for this

program and read aloud for 15 minutes with

certified therapy dog, Petey. Children will learn

to associate reading with being with this furry,

non-judgmental listener and begin to view

reading in a positive way. Over time, the child's

reading ability and confidence can improve

because they are practicing their skills.

Registration is required. Readers may register

for a 15-minute visit. Registration begins one

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Thursdays, August 1, 8, 15 & 22 at 2-4pm

Thursday, August 29 at 6:00pm – 7:45pm

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these creative explorations. Feel free to bring a

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"Spin - A - Yarn"

Tuesday, August 27 at 5:00pm – 7:45pm.

Bring your spinning wheel or drop spindle and

create beautiful yarns! If you don't have a

wheel, you are still welcome to join us to learn

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(above, l-r) YOGA STORYTIME presented by certified yoga instructor: Gina Folgar, READ TO A DOG - Aug. 20, UNIQUE CREATURES presented by Larry Apap.

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Do you have a Cub Scout or Boy Scout uniform hanging in your closet that is not used anymore? Please consider donating it to the uniform exchange maintained by Cub Scout Pack 23 and Boy Scout Troop 23 at St. Genevieve's Church. With several new Scouts expected to join in September, now would be a great time to put that old uniform back in use.

Like everything else, the cost of Scout uniform parts has risen greatly in recent years. Through its uniform exchange, the Scouting program at St. Gen's helps to ease that burden for its member families. Scouts are often able to find a shirt, pants, belt, hat, neckerchief or neckerchief slide that has been donated by a former member, or by a current member who has outgrown the uniform.

Donations can be placed at any time in the American flag retirement box next to Webby's Wood Shed, behind the church Rectory..

If you know a child who is anywhere between a Kindergartener and a high school senior, please encourage them to get in on the fun of Scouting. The Scouting program instills character, good citizenship and physical fitness in youth through



outdoor activities such as campouts and hikes, involvement in community activities, and just plain FUN!

Cub Scout Pack 23 provides activities and training for boys and girls in Kindergarten through fifth grades. Boy Scout Troop 23 is for boys who are at least 11 years old or graduated from the fifth grade. New members are welcome at any time, all year round. For more details, please contact Dan Bernier, Scoutmaster, at (908) 451-1948 or webfootroop@gmail.com.

SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ: JAZZ ON AUG 10

The Salem Roadhouse Café presents Radam Schwartz and his Jazz Quartet, Saturday, August 10th, 2024. The doors open at 7:30 p.m., the show starts at 8 p.m. Admission is \$20 and includes show, snacks, non-alcoholic beverages, and dessert. The venue is located in Bailey Hall, below Townley Presbyterian Church, 829 Salem Rd, Union, NJ. The Roadhouse operates as a non-profit that raises funds for carefully chosen local charities.

Radam, a Hammond B3 Organist and Jazz pianist, has built his reputation over the last 30 years playing with such great artists as Arthur and Red Prysock, Eddie Lockjaw Davis, Al Hibler, David Fathead Newman, Russell Malone, Cecil Brooks III and Jimmy Ford. He has been featured on over 40 albums as a sideman and has recorded 9 albums as a leader.

Backing up Radam at this special jazz instrumental show will be Rodrigo Romero (aka RoD) who is a Peruvian woodwind player, composer and educator active in Lima, Miami and New Jersey; Guitarist Ilan Eisenzweig who studied under renowned jazz guitarist Vic Juris and frequently performs at venues throughout New Jersey and New York City; Philadelphia born musician Dave Gibson who is paving his way toward that pantheon of jazz greats. Paying all the dues required to develop his prodigious talent. Gibson has earned an impeccable reputation in the jazz world.

As always, the Salem Roadhouse Café is live, intimate, up front, and personal. All ages are welcome.

ABOUT SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ

It's not "church music." It's music music. Folks who've come to the Salem Roadhouse Café know that it's a clean, safe place for people who enjoy listening to live music — in a world otherwise filled with clubs and bars. The Roadhouse has always offered its stage to local and independent mainstream musicians. Jazz, rock, folk, and other groups have performed. What's the common thread? They're all great musicians playing the kind of music people like to hear. There's no message, just music.

The Roadhouse started in 2008 by members of Townley Presbyterian Church with a grant from the Presbytery of Elizabeth. Hey — that's why we're located where we are, 829 Salem Rd, Union, NJ. The Roadhouse operates as a non-profit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities. That's its social mission.

The Salem Roadhouse Café has raised funds for many carefully chosen charities. They include: The Presbytery of Elizabeth E-port Center, Center For Hope Hospice, Community Food Bank, Monarch Housing, Angel Paws Animal Rescue, National MS Society, Haiti Disaster Relief, Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief, The Union County YWCA Domestic Violence Program, Making It Possible To End Homelessness, Camp Johnsonburg, The Music Institute, and others. Many thousands of dollars have been raised for these deserving charities.

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