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SUZIE TOMASSO CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY

Longtime Elmora Hills resident Suzie Tomasso is someone who celebrates life everyday with an amazing smile and welcoming gestures. Her love for family and friends is only complimented by her joy of cooking and entertaining at home. Granted some of these dinner parties have slowed over the past few years, however she still greets you with a warm welcome!

On August 24th at her daughter's home, a celebration of 80+ people was just amazing. Friends from the neighborhood telling stories about going to her home as a child, enjoying a

homemade blueberry muffin and hearing her pick up the phone chatting in Italian. Cousins telling stories of what is was like visiting grandparents, aunts & uncles filled with food, deserts and plenty of broken English tales. Friends and relatives traveling from Colorado, California, Connecticut, up-state New York and even from Italy.

Surrounded by her family, her daughter Susan and husband Pat Higgins, her son Vinnie and wife Patti Tomasso, plus flanked by six grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren – it was a truly memorable time.



(above) Suzie surround by her immediate family.

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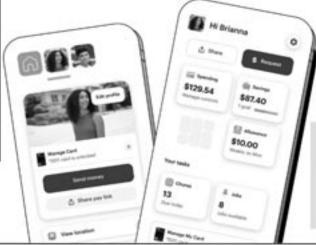
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In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, Child underscore the urgent need for advocates. Focus, the nonprofit organization that runs Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Passaic and Union Counties, proudly recognizes the extraordinary efforts of Advocacy Supervisors Tiffany Mendoza and Wendy Monterrosa. Amid a significant shortage of bilingual volunteers, each has embraced the role of primary advocate on five cases with Spanish-speaking children, biological parents or resource parents, showcasing their commitment to making a difference in the lives of abused and neglected children.

Tiffany and Wendy have stepped up to bridge this gap, in addition to their work supervising a team of volunteer advocates. Their efforts in taking on these additional 10 cases total, navigating complex situations where language barriers could impede access to essential services and support for children and their families,

The need for bilingual Spanish-English CASA volunteers is more pressing than ever. Child Focus is actively seeking community members fluent in both English and Spanish to join CASA of Passaic and Union Counties. Volunteers will undergo comprehensive training to become effective advocates for children removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. This training equips volunteers with the skills needed to navigate court proceedings, build trust with children, and collaborate with caseworkers and attorneys.

For those interested in making a difference, the first step is to attend an information session in Union County: Wed., Oct. 9th or 23rd at 5:30 p.m. at the Colleen Fraser Building at 300 North Avenue East in Westfield; Wed., Oct. 16 at noon in the Elizabeth office at 1143 East Jersey Street, 2nd FLoor.

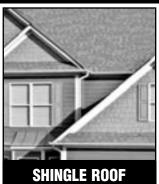














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WEBBY'S FUN FEST IS OPEN TO ALL

Submitted by Dan Bernier

On Friday, October 11, Boy Scout Troop 23 and Cub Scout Pack 23 will host their 2nd annual Webby's Fun Fest at St. Genevieve's Church, 200 Monmouth Road, Elizabeth, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. There will be activities for boys and girls of all ages, from 4 to 17. The event is open to everyone free of charge. There is no preregistration required.

Webby, the Webfoot Duck, has been the mascot of Troop 23 since 1967. He will be providing activities that include a choice of craft projects, cornhole, mini-golf, ring toss, Connect 4, Jenga, lawn dice, checkers, chess, Battleship,

bottle toss, and other games. Weather permitting, there will be a campfire for marshmallow roasting outside. And participants can build an ice cream sundae.

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! If you have a son or daughter, nephew or niece, grandson or granddaughter, or neighbor who is anywhere between a Kindergartener and a high school senior, please suggest they consider getting in on the fun of

Scouting.

Cub Scout Pack 23 and Boy Scout Troop 23 have been serving the youth of St. Genevieve's parish and the surrounding area for over 60 years. These units have earned hundreds of awards on the local and national level, have produced 80 Eagle Scouts, and have leaders who are well-known and widely respected by other Scout leaders across the country.

New members are welcome at any time, all year round. For more details, please contact Dan Bernier, Scoutmaster, at (908) 451-1948 or webfoottroop@gmail.com.







(above) Children and their families can enjoy many activities and board games, including marshmallow roasting and ice cream sundaes, at Webby's Fun Fest at St. Genevieve's Church on Friday, October 11.

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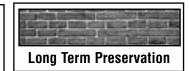
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SENIOR HEALTH & FITNESS DAY - OCTOBER 16TH

The Gateway Family YMCA

The Gateway Family YMCA will host Senior Health & Fitness Day on Wednesday, October 16, 2024. The Y is providing a Community Open House with activities like Swimming, Group Exercise, Water Exercise, Blood Pressure Self-Monitoring, a Community Health Fair, Health Screenings and Information at Y branches in Elizabeth, Rahway, and Union. For details on individual Y branch events, classes, and times, visit tgfymca.org/events

During Senior Health and Fitness Day, community members will join the YMCA and community partners for a Community Health Fair with vaccination information. The Gateway Family YMCA, Shaping Elizabeth and Shaping Union County will be hosting this event, along with the YMCA Open House with access and activities provided free of charge for all.

In addition, throughout the day on October 16th, the community is invited to visit The Gateway Family YMCA's Facebook page for

helpful resources, information and updates and discussions at:

facebook.com/GatewayFamilyYMCA

The Gateway Family YMCA provides chronic disease self-management programs free to the local community in English and Spanish. Interested participants can register for the Blood Pressure Self-Monitoring Program (BPSM), Group Lifestyle Balance Diabetes Program, Diabetes Management Program or LiveSTRONG at the YMCA for cancer survivors at www.tgfymca.org or contact 908-349-9622 or bpsm@tgfymca.org for additional information.

The Gateway Family YMCA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, health and community service organization of caring staff and volunteers

dedicated to strengthening the foundations of community and stands For Youth Development, For Healthy Living and For Social Responsibility. The Gateway Family YMCA impacts the community by providing quality services to people of all ages, races, faith, or incomes

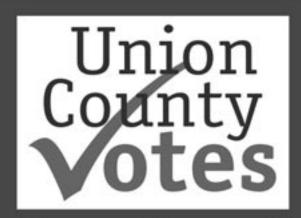
Shaping Eastern Union County is committed to improving the health and well-being of county residents and creating strategies to support improved health, nutrition, and physical activity for all. Shaping Elizabeth, Shaping Rahway and Shaping Union are also sponsoring this event.

For more information about The Gateway Family YMCA visit tgfymca.org or contact the Y at 908-349-9622.









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Yoga at the Library

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Lil' Bookworms

Wednesday, October 2 at 5 p.m.
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Zumba Dance

Friday, October 4 at 11 a.m.
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Adult Chess Club

Fridays, October 4, 11, and 25 at 12:30 p.m.

Join the Adult Chess Club! Regardless of your skill level, beginners are welcome to participate. We hope to see you there!

Coloring for Kids

Saturday, October 5 at 2 p.m. Take a break and unwind by coloring.

Computer Class

Mon., October 7, 21, and 28 at 10:30 a.m. Computer classes at Elmora Branch Library are free to the public and no registration is required.

Mahjong

Mon., October 7, 21, and 28 from 1 - 4 p.m. Everyone who loves Mahjong is welcome to come and play at the library. We'll provide the space for open play. A minimum of 4 players are required to play the game.

Ages: 18 and up

Junior Chess Club (Ages: 7-12)

Mondays, October 7 and 28 at 4 p.m.
Don't miss out on our Chess Club for Kids! We welcome beginners. Join us and let's play some chess!

Adult Scrabble

Tuesday, October 12 at 2 p.m.
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Fridays, October 11 and 25 at 11 a.m. Fun songs to sing, music, and playtime.

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Tuesday, October 15 at 11 a.m.
Join us for an adult seasonal craft at Elmora.
Registration is required.

Bridge for Beginners

Tuesday, October 15 at 1 p.m.

All skill levels are welcome to join the library for Bridge - a challenging trick-taking card game played with a standard 52-card deck by four players in two partnerships sitting opposite each other around a table. Stop by with your own deck of cards!

ESL Classes for Kids

Wednesday, October 16 at 5 p.m.
Join us every third Wednesday of each month, to learn English as a Second Language with fun interactive activities. For ages 5-12

Adult Spanish Book Club

Thursday, October 17 at 2 p.m.
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Saturday, October 19 at 1 p.m.
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Lunch & Learn

Tuesday, October 22 at 11 a.m.

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Drawing for Kids

Tuesday, October 22 at 3 p.m.

Come and join us for a delightful storytime where you will get to learn how to draw various animals!

Pancake Day Storytime

Friday, October 25 at 2 p.m.

Join Ms. Martha for a bilingual story and craft!

Adult Bingo

Tuesday, October 29 at 11 a.m.
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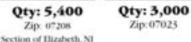


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Elizabeth, New Jersey, was the scene of a historic celebration on September 13, 2024, as the United States Navy officially recognized the city as the birthplace of the U.S. Submarine Force. The event, held at Veterans Memorial Park, was highlighted by the unveiling of a modern 3D art replica of the USS Holland (SS-1), marking a significant milestone in naval history and celebrating Elizabeth's maritime legacy.

The USS Holland, launched on May 17, 1897, is renowned as the U.S. Navy's first modern commissioned submarine. The newly unveiled sculpture pays tribute to John Phillip Holland, the visionary behind this revolutionary vessel. Holland, an Irish immigrant who settled in Elizabeth, transitioned from a schoolteacher to a pioneering boat-builder. His work led to the founding of the John Holland Torpedo Boat Company, which evolved into today's General Dynamics Electric Boat Division (GDEB), which continues to be a leader in submarine construction.

The historical significance of the USS Holland's birthplace is rooted in the Crescent Shipyard of Elizabeth, today the sight of Principal Juan Pablo Duarte of Jose Marti School No. 28. This is the location where the vessel was originally laid down as Holland VI. Established in 1899, GDEB was tasked with building the 54-foot submersible vessel developed by Holland. Within a year, the USS Holland was officially accepted into the U.S. Navy, marking the inception of the U.S. Submarine Force.

The unveiling ceremony was the result of extensive collaboration involving the Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce[GECC], the Elizabeth Renaissance Foundation, the Elizabeth Artistry Commission, and the Elizabeth Tourism Office- goelizabethnj.com, additional partners included were the City of Elizabeth, the Elizabeth Public Works Department, the Elizabeth Development Company, the Elizabeth Board of

Elizabeth, New Jersey, was the scene of a Education, and the United States Navy storic celebration on September 13, 2024, as e United States Navy officially recognized the Jersey Submarine SSN 796.

Jennifer M. Costa, President/CEO of the Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce, emphasized the collaborative effort, stating, "it was an honor and privilege for our chamber to help preserve our maritime legacy by bringing together our schools, businesses and community, creating a lasting legacy of a bright future built on the foundation of our proud past."

The sculpture is estimated at 14 feet in width and 9 feet in height, weighs over 350 pounds. It was crafted by HERRALBERT LLC, a Union County-based welding business led by Adalberto de la Cruz. Originally from the Dominican Republic, de la Cruz discovered his passion for art and welding through his early experiences and established HERRALBERT LLC in Roselle, New Jersey, in 2018.

Students Jaeden Leon and Miklos Martins are both from the Elizabeth Board of Education's Autobody Program- Class of 2025, under the guidance of Mr. Joe Amabile, contributed to fulfilling this project, showcasing the program's commitment to hands-on learning and community involvement.

Moreover, the district's carpenters, led by a dedicated team, created 32 intricately designed and hand-painted artistic cutouts of the American flag and United States Navy personnel. These cutouts were prominently displayed at the ceremony, visually highlighting the patriotic spirit and the contributions of the U.S. Navy.

The ceremony featured a vibrant array of performances that highlighted local talent and spirit. The Elizabeth Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Health & Public Safety Academy Marine Corps JROTC captivated the audience with a precision drill that demonstrated their disciplined training and coordination. The Elizabeth High School Marching Band delivered an energetic performance, with their lively arrangements and



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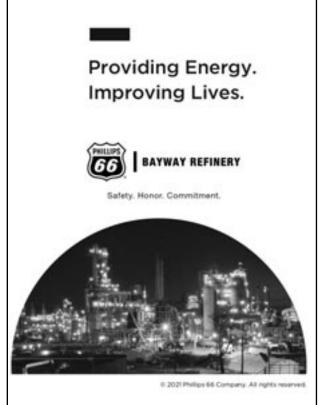
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intricate formations adding a dynamic backdrop to the event. The Color Guard added a ceremonial touch with their expertly executed flag presentations, while the Jazz Band played soulful melodies that resonated with the historical significance of the occasion. The Choir rounded out the festivities with stirring renditions of patriotic songs, evoking a sense of pride and unity.

For more details on Elizabeth's historical attractions, visit goelizabethnj.com.



(above) The sculpture is estimated at 14 feet in width and 9 feet in height, weighs over 350 pounds. It was crajed by HERRALBERT LLC, a Union County-based welding business led by Adalberto de la Cruz. Originally from the Dominican Republic, de la Cruz discovered his passion for art and welding through his early experiences and established HERRALBERT LLC in Roselle, NJ, in 2018.



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