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Pies can be ordered until November 18 and will be available for pick up at

St. Genevieve's Church, 200 Monmouth Road, Elizabeth

on the evenings of November 26 and November 27.

Orders can be placed:

After Saturday and Sunday Masses, November 9 to 17,

in the back of St. Genevieve's Church;

In the church hall any Wednesday evening, 7:00 to 8:30 pm.;

By using the order form found at the doors of the church; or

By emailing webfoottroop@gmail.com and payment by Zelle or Venmo.

Cub Scout Pack 23 and Boy Scout Troop 23 have served 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.

For more details, please contact Dan Bernier, Cubmaster, at (908) 451-1948 or webfoottroop@gmail.com.





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## **CALDWELL MEMORIAL OBELISK**

Joanne Rajoppi, President, Union County Historical Society

The Hannah and James Caldwell Memorial Obelisk recently underwent a complete restoration and cleaning at the Siloam-Hope First Presbyterian Church (formerly known as the First Presbyterian Church of Elizabethtown) in Elizabeth thanks to the Union County Historical Society (UCHS).

UCHS President Joanne Rajoppi said, "The 179-year-old obelisk honoring Revolutionary War pastor and patriot James Caldwell and his wife Hannah, was in terrible condition: encrusted dirt from years of neglect with loose mortar and unreadable engravings. As we approach the 250th anniversary of our country,



Courtesy photo

what better time to reflect, remember and honor the contributions of our patriots, especially the Caldwells, who sacrificed their lives for independence."

The Siloam-Hope First Presbyterian Church cemetery is one of the oldest in the state, dating to the late 1680s. More than 40 officers of the Continental Army are buried there, many of whom attended the church while Reverend Caldwell served as its pastor. Caldwell also served as General George Washington's Deputy Commissary of supplies during the war. The British placed a bounty on his head and he was murdered in 1781. His wife Hannah and mother of their nine children had been murdered the previous year by a British soldier in the aftermath of the Battle of Connecticut Farms.

There are also more than 313 enslaved and free African Americans buried in the historic cemetery,often in unmarked graves: some are children and some are likely war veterans. The 313+ AncestorsSpeak Project acknowledges and commemorates their lives and burials. A monument with their names was recently erected in the cemetery.

The restoration of the Caldwell memorial was partially funded by a Union County Heart Grant,

donations by the Union Township Historical Society, the NJ Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, (NJSAR), the West Fields Chapter of SAR, American Legion Post 248, the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield and many individual contributors.

Ms. Rajoppi said that the restoration included a workshop on how to clean gravestones.

Volunteers, including local area Boy Scouts, the Crane's Ford Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and UCHS members attended the four hour event.

The restoration work was completed by Richard Grubb & Associates, a full-service cultural resource management firm and one of the largest, independent archaeological and historic preservation consulting companies in the eastern United States. Their corporate headquarters are in Cranbury, New Jersey.





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### **FISHING FLEA MARKET**

The Rahway Fall Fishing Flea Market will be held on Saturday, November 23, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. Thomas Church Hall, 1405 St. Georges Ave., Rahway, NJ. A wide variety of salt and fresh water fishing tackle will be on display for anglers looking for great buys. New, used, antique, custom fishing and boating items will be available to all. Door prizes will be given away throughout the day which include rods, reels, tackle and much more. Food and refreshments are sponsored by St. Thomas Holy Name Society. Admission price is \$5 per adult, children 12 and under are free. For show or vendor information visit fishingfleamarkets.com or call Jerry at 718-702-5838.





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### **SCOUTING FOR FOOD**

conducting a massive campaign to collect food for the homeless and needy. On Saturday, November 23, Cub Scout Pack 23 and Boy Scout Troop 23, sponsored by St. Genevieve's Church, will be collecting food throughout the Elmora area. Please be as generous as possible. All food collected will be given to food pantries and assistance agencies for distribution locally.

Because of the size of this project, the Scouts must limit themselves to the area bounded by Westfield Avenue, Stiles Street, Morris Avenue, the Lehigh Valley Railroad, and Galloping Hill Road. Please leave your donations in a bag or box marked "Boy Scouts" on your front porch or steps, visible from the road, by 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 23.

If you live outside of the collection area, but wish to donate, you can bring your contributions,

The Boy Scouts of America is again including frozen turkeys or turkey breasts, to the church parking lot at 822 Livingston Road between 9:30 and noon on that Saturday. Ouestions can be directed to Dan Bernier. Scoutmaster, (908)451-1948

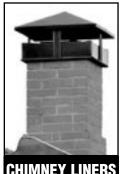


(Scouts sorting & packing food) Boy Scout Troop 23 and Cub Scout Pack 23 will be Scouting for Food for the homeless and needy on Saturday, November 23.



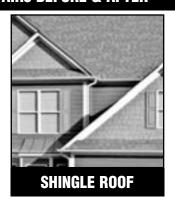






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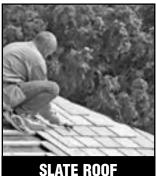






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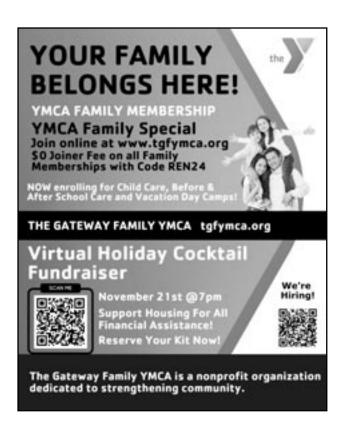
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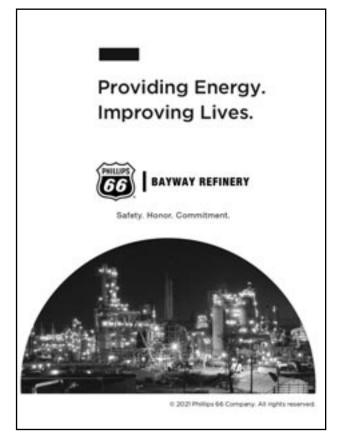
### SHAKE IT UP WITH A HOLIDAY COCKTAIL PARTY

#### The Gateway Family YMCA

The Gateway Family YMCA announced reservations are available now for their Virtual Holiday Cocktail Fundraiser for Housing For All Financial Assistance that will be held on Thursday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Holiday Cocktail Creation Kit reservations are available for purchase through November 12th at tgfymca.org/events or EventBrite and in Y branches in Elizabeth, Rahway and Union. Each Creation Kit includes a specially selected fullsize bottle of spirit & mini liquor, shaking tin + jigger and citrus for cocktails and mocktails, available for \$100 including a fun and educational virtual class. Kits can be picked up at The Gateway Family YMCA branches on November 20th 4:00-7:00 p.m., or November 21st 1:00-5:00 p.m., but must be reserved in advance. All participants must be age 21+ and provide photo identification.





The Virtual event, held on November 21st will Housing For All Financial Assistance. be hosted by Christine Zubris, Owner, Versi Vino Wine Bar & Kitchen in Maple Shade, NJ. A recording will be available for participants unable to attend live. The virtual event is intended to provide educational and fun facts about select cocktails and mocktails. The Columbia Bank Foundation is the Grand Sponsor for the Virtual Holiday Cocktail Fundraiser. Additional sponsors include Statewide Sanitation Services, Elberon Development Group and the Northfield Bank Foundation.

"This fundraiser supports individuals, families and veterans in our community, providing necessary emergency assistance and Housing For All," stated Melynda A. Disla, President/CEO, The Gateway Family YMCA. "YMCA financial assistance provides the opportunity for everyone to be safe, secure and nourished. Our community partners, members and friends can join us for a fun and educational evening for a great cause."

The unique event combines individual or small-group social gatherings from home with speakers, socialization, engaging content and educational information online. Virtual Holiday Cocktail Fundraiser Sponsorships are available to local businesses and community organizations at tgfymca.org/sponsorships in further support of

The Gateway Family YMCA has served the community since 1900, and provided over \$339,000 in financial assistance in 2023, ensuring that Y membership, housing, child care, WISE community services and senior socialization is available to all. As a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening community in Eastern Union County and Northern Middlesex County, The Gateway Family YMCA served over 18,000 individuals, families, children and veterans last 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. The Y doesn't just strengthen bodies - it strengthens people, families and communities.

For more information about The Gateway Family YMCA, visit tgfymca.org or contact the Elizabeth Branch 908-355-9622, Five Points Branch 908-688-9622, Rahway Branch 732-388-0057 or the Wellness Center and WISE Center Branch at 908-349-9622.

### SHOP LOCAL FARMERS' MARKETS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The New Jersey Council of Farmers and Communities (NJCFC) is excited to highlight the abundant offerings of local farmers' markets, where residents can access the freshest produce the Garden State has to offer.

jerseyfarmersmarket.com, By visiting consumers can easily locate farmers' markets in their area and explore a wide array of locallygrown fruits and vegetables, along with delicious recipes that enhance the farm-to-table experience. Look for the unmistakable Jersey Fresh sign, it insures the purchase of authentic New Jersey produce.

New Jersey boasts over 715,000 acres of dedicated farmland and is renowned for its diverse specialty crops, producing an impressive 1.2 billion pounds of tomatoes, 74 million pounds of blueberries, and 400 million pounds of sweet corn annually. With its unique climate and fertile soil, New Jersey's farmers are devoted to sustainable practices that not only elevate the flavor and quality of their crops but also support environmental stewardship. Specialty crops from New Jersey play a crucial role in both local consumption and national markets, significantly bolstering the state's economy.

The NJCFC supports numerous farmers' markets across the state, fostering community engagement and promoting sustainable living. "New Jersey's agricultural industry is thriving, and our specialty crops are among the best in the nation," said Joseph Mikulewicz, President of NJCFC. "By choosing local produce, consumers invest in their health while supporting our





dedicated farmers and strengthening their communities."

Buying local produce provides numerous advantages: it minimizes carbon footprints thanks to shorter transportation distances, stimulates local economies, and guarantees access to fresher, nutrient-rich food. Research shows that locally grown fruits and vegetables often have higher nutrient levels compared to those transported over long distances.

Farmers' markets, along with local restaurants and grocery stores throughout New Jersey, proudly feature locally sourced produce that encourages healthier eating habits while nurturing a sense of community connection. The state remains committed to upholding its leadership in specialty crop production through initiatives centered on education, sustainability, and making fresh food accessible to all residents.

For more information on New Jersey's specialty crops and the benefits of purchasing local produce, please visit jerseyfarmersmarket.com.







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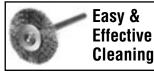
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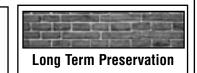
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American organization that strives to incorporate the unique Italian heritage and culture into the lives of their members and surrounding communities, participated in

14, 2024.

Attendees met at Sacco's Meat Market, 806 Third Avenue, located in the Peterstown section of the city. A procession walked to the for lunch.

The Elizabeth Chapter of UNICO, an Italian- celebrating Columbus Day on Monday, October Christopher Columbus statue, located in O'Brien Field on the corner of Third Avenue and South 7th Street. After the wreath laying ceremony, attendees were invited back to Saccos





## **FULFILL WISH LISTS OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE CHILD FOCUS**

Focus, the nonprofit child advocacy organization that runs Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Passaic and Union Counties, is thrilled to announce the launch of its annual Holiday Wish List Drive. This initiative aims to bring joy and personalized gifts to more than 400 children removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect, honoring their unique interests and wishes this holiday season. The holidays can be especially difficult for those involved in the child welfare system, and this drive seeks to ensure each child feels seen, valued, and celebrated.

Child Focus invites community members, organizations, and businesses to support the drive by purchasing items directly from its Amazon Wish List, donating gift cards to popular retailers such as Target, Amazon, Walmart, Macy's, Old Navy, and Sephora, or contacting Child Focus directly to learn what specific items are needed this year. All gifts must be new, unwrapped, and delivered to the Child Focus offices in Wayne or Elizabeth by Monday, December 9.

"The holiday wish list drive is always a bright spot in our programming, as our community comes together to make wishes come true for these children who have experienced so much turmoil in their young lives," stated Child Focus Executive Director, Erica Fischer-Kaslander. "It

As the holiday season approaches, Child is an important reminder that a small act of kindness can have an incredible impact in a young person's life. We are grateful for our community partners who have stepped up year after year, including those who have been willing to scour the internet and pound the pavement to locate some of those special gifts, injecting some much-needed holiday magic into the lives of these deserving children."

> Child Focus thanks the community partners who continually step up to make wishes come true for hundreds of children in foster care.

> For more information on the Holiday Wish List Drive, including a link to the Amazon Wish List, or to learn how you can become a CASA volunteer, please visit childfocusnj.org or call (973) 832-4002.

#### ABOUT CHILD FOCUS:

Child Focus prioritizes the needs and wellbeing of infants, children and teens impacted by, or at risk of, abuse or neglect by amplifying their voices and working toward lasting, permanent solutions that address their unique situations and provide support needed to thrive. This critical work is accomplished through three distinct but complementary programs: CASA of Passaic and Union Counties, NJ Safe Babies Court Team, and the Open Door Store. For more information about Child Focus, log on to www.childfocusnj.org.

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#### The library will be closed

November 5, 11, 28, & 29. And will have an early closure on November 27 at 4 pm.

#### **Adult Chess Club**

Friday, November 1, 8, 15, & 22 at 12:30 pm

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

#### **Junior Chess Club**

(ages: 7-12)

Friday, November 1, 8, 15, & 22 at 4 pm Don't miss out on our Chess Club for Kids!

We welcome beginners.

Join us and let's play some chess!

#### **Dinovember Storytime**

Saturday, November 2 at 2 pm
Join Ms. Martha for a fun storytime and craft activity to learn all about dinosaurs!

#### **Computer Class**

Monday, November 4, 18, & 25 at 10:30 am Computer classes at Elmora Library are free to the public and no registration is required.

#### Mahjong

Monday, November 4, 18, & 25 from 12 pm - 2 pm

Everyone who loves Mahjong is welcome to come & play at the library. Bring friends or come alone & find new partners.

We'll provide the space for open play.

A minimum of 4 players are required to play the game. Ages: 18 & up

#### **Just Add Color**

Monday, November 4, 18, & 25 at 2 pm Drop in for some relaxing coloring fun! Come discover the calming effects as well as meeting some good company!

#### Tai Chi & Qi Gong

Monday, November 4, 18, & 25 at 4 pm and Wednesday, November 6, 13, 20, & 27 at 9 am

Join Pete on Monday & Wednesday for Tai Chi, a gentle Chinese martial art that combines slow, flowing movements with deep breathing. Experience the refreshing benefits of mindfulness!

#### **Roaming Dino Hunt**

Thursday, November 7, 14, & 21 (All Day) Elmora Library needs your help! Dinosaurs are taking over the library. Can you find them hidden in the children's area?

#### **Zumba Gold**

Thursday, November 7, 14, & 21 and Monday, November 18 & 25 at 9 am Add fitness to your daily routine through the joy of dance!

#### **Toddlers World**

Friday, November 8 & 22 at 11 am An hour of fun songs and playtime.

#### Stitch & Chat

Tuesday, November 12 at 10 am and Wednesday, November 13 at 5 pm

Come to Elmora to mend your clothing. Bring the article you need help with and assistance will be provided.

#### The Book Clubbing Club

Tuesday, November 12 at 11 am
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#### **Adult Scrabble**

Thursday, November 14 - 2 pm - 3:30 pm Word lovers! Exercise your B-R-A-I-N (7 points) by playing Scrabble with other like-minded adults.

#### **Bubbles aRe Us**

Saturday, November 16 at 1 pm Located on 640 3rd Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ Join Ms. Martha for songs, stories, and crafts with LOADS of fun! This storytime will feature stories in English and Spanish for the whole family. FREE PIZZA!!!

#### **Lunch & Learn**

Tuesday, November 19 at 11 am Discover the insights into Diabetes at an engaging seminar. Secure your seat by registering, as seating is limited.

#### **Thanksgiving Storytime**

Wednesday, November 20 at 5 pm Join Ms. Martha for a bilingual Turkey story and balloon craft!

#### **Adult Spanish Book Club**

Thursday, November 21 at 2 pm Come and join Martha as she hosts a monthly book discussion for Spanish-speaking adults!

#### **Turkey Zentangle**

Saturday, November 23 at 2 pm Gobble your way up to Elmora Library for a therapeutic program. All are welcome.

#### **Adult Bingo**

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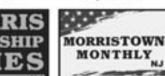
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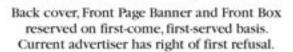
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NE Unit	WSPAPER AD RATES s (wide x High) <u>Size</u>	1 TOWN	3 TOWNS	6 TOWNS	9 TOWNS	12 TOWNS	15 TOWNS	18 TOWNS	21 TOWNS	24 TOWNS
1	Unit (Business card) 3.25"x2"0	100	260	360	460	560	600	660	700	800
2	Units 6.5" x 2" or 3.25"x4"	150	360	560	600	700	800	900	1000	1100
4	Units 3.25" x 8" or 6.5" x 4"	240	560	900	1000	1300	1600	1700	1800	1900
6	Units 6.5" x 6.25" or 10" x4"	320	760	1200	1400	1600	1800	2000	2200	2400
9	HALF PAGE6.5" x 9" or10"x7"	360	860	1300	1600	1900	2200	2400	2600	2800
12	Units 6.5"x14"	400	960	1400	1800	2100	2400	2700	3000	3300
18	FULL PAGE 10"x14"	500	1200	1800	2200	2500	2800	3000	3300	3600
2-PAGE SPREAD 21"x14"		800								
BACK PAGE 10"x14"		600	PREPAY 6 MONTHS AND GET 1 MOR							

ORE FREE PREPAY 12 MONTHS AND GET 3 MORE FREE

Rates are per month. Artwork included in price. Newspapers are black on white.



1.5"x4.5"

FRONT PAGE BANNER 8.25"x2"

FRONT PAGE BOX





## **BIG NEWS: RENNA MEDIA IS LAUCHING** SIX MORE NEWSPAPERS IN DECEMBER

Renna Media will be launching six new newspapers in December 2024. The new towns joining Renna Media's family of newspapers are Livingston, Roseland, Hanover, East Hanover, Morristown, and Morris Township. The newspapers are Every Door Direct Mailing (EDDM) to every home and business in town.

The new monthly publications will add over 40,000 new postal patrons for a new total of over 200,000 newspapers mailed to 30 towns in Union, Somerset and Morris Counties.

The publications are "hyperlocal" in nature in that they contain information focused on each individual town and are direct mailed within those towns. The newspaper's goal is to have a positive influence on the economic development and overall well-being of the town. Our publications exist to share community service news and the good things that are happening in the community.

The concept of being hyper-local is to give local businesses a venue to promote services. Reaching local customers gives you the highest return for your advertising dollars. The black and white newspapers are designed to keep the cost of an advertisement to a minimum. Ads in one town start at \$100. Regional businesses can take advantage of discounted rates for advertising in multiple towns.

Renna Media also prints full-color flyers and tri-fold menus that get mailed along with the newspapers. A cost effective alternative to mailing postcards.

Renna Media is a Cranford, NJ based business

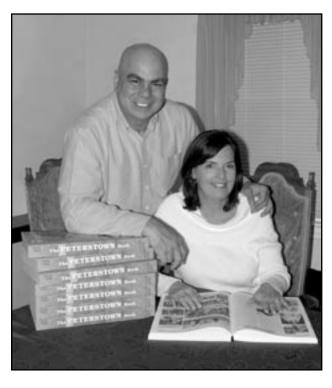
owned and operated by husband-and-wife team of Joe and Tina Renna. They are celebrating 40 years in business.

For more information about Renna Media publications, please visit RennaMedia.com.

Press releases with community service news can be emailed to editor@rennamedia.com.

Businesses interested in advertising can call Joe Renna at 908-447-1295,

or email joerenna@rennamedia.com.



(above, l-r) Joe and Tina Renna, owners of Renna Media, LLC, are celebrating 40 years in business.

## **FUNDRAISER GALA FEATURES ONLINE AUCTION**

Hearts for Emma a 501©3 in Cranford, NJ is having a gala fundraising evening featuring cocktails, dinner, live music, sensational raffles, & a silent auction featuring original artwork on November 23, 2024, at Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth, New Jersey.

Hearts for Emma was founded by Cranford residents Nancie & Emma Rothman after Emma received a lifesaving heart transplant at the age of 12. Hearts for Emma provides assistance to families with children in crisis due to cardiac illness and creates and distributes educational materials in support or organ and tissue donation.

Co-founder Nancie Rothman states, "When Emma received her heart transplant, we were and continue to be so grateful to have the support of our family and community to help us through what was the most difficult time in our lives. Hearts for Emma was founded to help us live every day with purpose and to give back. Our gala fundraiser will be a wonderful evening and a way to support a great cause. We invite anyone interested in attending, donating, and purchasing raffle tickets as well as bidding online for the below painting & other exciting items to do so."

For further information, visit: heartsforemma.org

(above) Joe Renna holds an original 36" x 24" oil painting of the 18th Hole at Galloping Hill he created for Hearts for Emma 2024 Auction.

#### SOME OF THE ITEMS BEING AUCTIONED

As of this printing 11/1/24

- 10 days in Steamboat Colorado (September 19th-29th, 2025,
- Oura Ring
- Shackamaxon Round of Golf, pickle ball lesson, Hold Now gift certificate
- Pet Art -unique rendering of your pet
- Bonnie-Leigh Jones painting: Beach Scene
- Original oil painting of the 18th Hole at Galloping Hill



- Purchase Tickets to the Gala
- · Bid on an Auction Item
- Enter Our Raffle
- Purchase Merchandise
- Make a Donation

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Rates effective November 1, 2024. Subject to change. See RennaMedia.com for most up to date pricing.

## per thousand

Minimum of 10,000 Inserted in Renna Media Newspapers. 8.5" x 11" / full color 2 sided 60lb gloss coated stock

Printing only = \$60 per kInserting only = \$60 per kTri-folding add \$15 per k

**Large Size Printing / Inserting:** \$160 per thousand 11" x 17" / full color / 2 sided 60lb gloss coated stock

Printing only = \$100 per kInserting only = \$60 per k1/2, 1/4, Tri-Folding included with or without coupons tab.

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