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PATTATHIL & GONZALEZ EARN EAGLE SCOUT RANK

Mountainside Boy Scout Troop 177 proudly announces our 28th and 29th Eagle Scouts.

David Pattathil earned his Eagle rank after completing 30 merit badges, camping 39 nights, hiking 21 miles, and completing 86 and a half service hours. He served as treasurer, quartermaster, and assistant senior patrol leader for two SPLs. He significantly improved our equipment as the Quartermaster and accountability as Troop Treasurer.

His Eagle project was to improve the outdoor event area at Maskers Barn. The project constructed and installed 20 permanent benches and resurfaced the area in and around the wedding pergola with gravel.

David is a senior at the Union County Magnet High School. Please join us in congratulating David for his achievement and thank his Scout mentors and family for all their support!

Micah Gonzalez earned his Eagle rank after completing 36 merit badges and three palms, camping 83 nights, hiking over 96 miles, and devoting 73 hours to community service. He served two consecutive years as Patrol Leader, one year as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and one year as Scribe and mentored many Cub Scouts throughout his time with the troop. Micah also earned his Arrow in the Order of the Arrow, BSA's honor society. He is a tremendous outdoorsman, passionate about nature, and a leader at all levels of the Troop. He also led the 60+ mile Philmont trek as the Navigator.

For his Eagle project, he built a deer enclosure on New Providence Road to improve and reintroduce native plantings. Please join us in congratulating Micah for this stellar achievement and his family for their support along the way!

If you have an interest in Scouting, please get in touch with Jeff Healy at jeffhealy8@gmail.com.



(above) Mountainside's newest Eagle Scouts David Pattathil & Micah Gonzalez.

Courtesy photos

HOLIDAY EVENTS – DEC. 7TH - TREE LIGHTING

For additional information, please call the Recreation Department at 232-0015.

The Mountainside Christmas Tree will be lit on Saturday, December 7th at the annual tree lighting ceremony, scheduled for 4:30 p.m. The popular landmark is located at the corner of Route 22 East and New Providence Road next to the Rescue Squad building. The Mayor will officially light the tree, and the Scouts will sing carols.

ICE SKATING PLANNED

Complete this festive day with Family Ice Skating Night,

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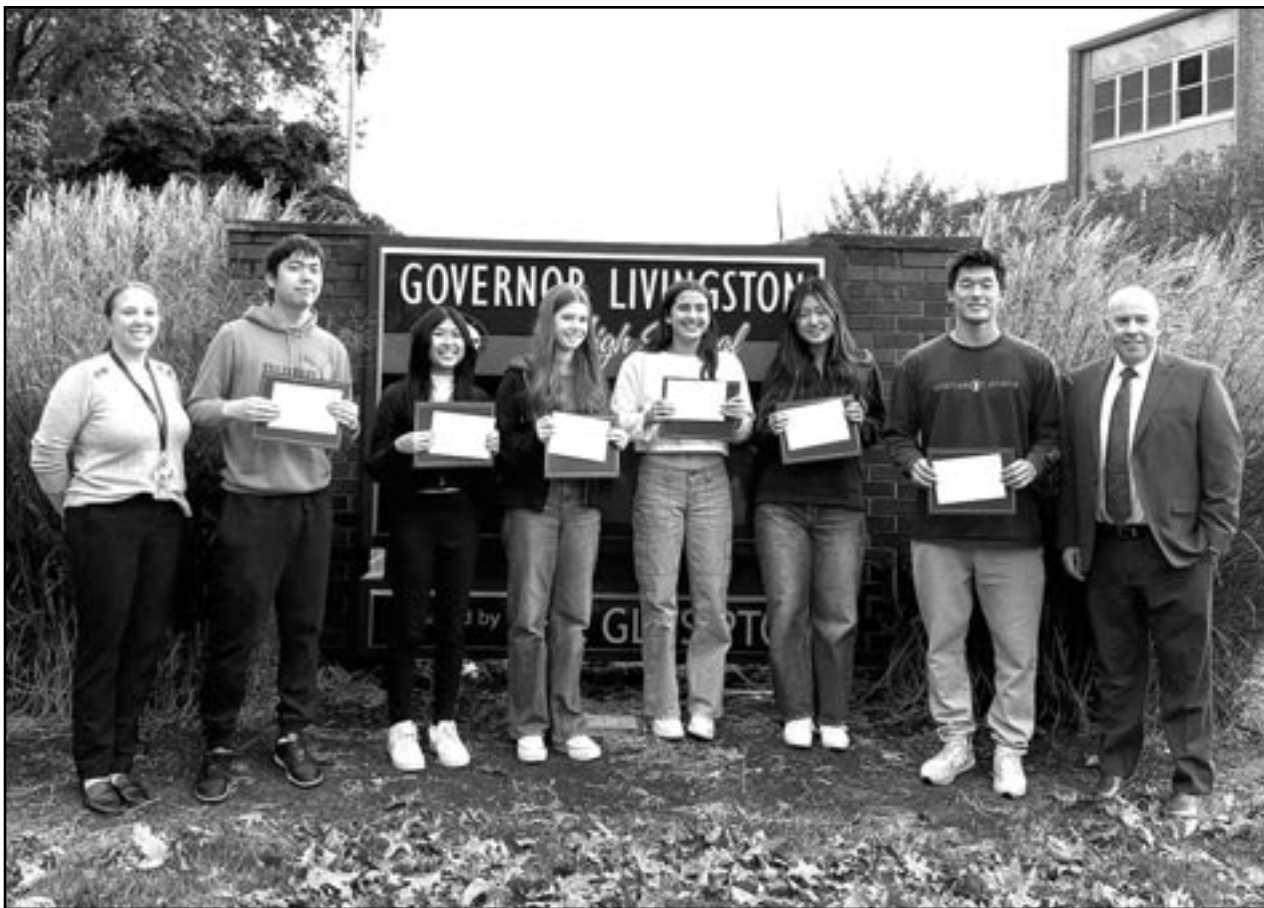


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RESTORATION COMMITTEE HOSTS HOLIDAY EVENTS

Each year, the Mountainside Restoration Committee hosts holiday events celebrating the season and the rich history of Mountainside. This year's events include:

The Levi Cory House Village Shop will be open from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. on the following dates: Saturdays, November 30, December 7, 14, 21, and Sunday, Dec. 8 during the Gingerbread Open House. Stop by for Holiday items and gifts, or just come by to browse. All sales benefit historic preservation in Mountainside.

Cookies & Hot Cocoa Sale on Saturday, December 7th during the Borough Tree Lighting- 4:30-5:15 p.m. Visit the Rescue Squad building for homemade cookies and hot cocoa beginning @ 4:30 p.m. and after the Tree Lighting. Proceeds from this sale will benefit the restoration and maintenance of the Hetfield and Levi Cory Houses.

The Hetfield House Gingerbread Open House for families will be held on Sunday, December 8th. Families are invited to enjoy music, floral and gingerbread crafts, Mr. & Mrs. Claus, guessing contests, refreshments, and immersion in the holiday spirit. Donations of \$5 per person (\$15 per family) are requested at the door.

The Historic Deacon Andrew Hetfield House and Levi Cory House are located on Constitution Plaza adjacent to the Mountainside Library (off Birch Hill Road). Funds raised will benefit the Mountainside Restoration Committee which is a

501(c)3 charity and a committee of volunteers whose purpose is to restore and maintain the Deacon Andrew Hetfield House and the Levi Cory House and collect and save historical

information and items from destruction.

For further information or to donate funds for historic restoration, please call (908)233-3135; or visit mountainsidehistory.org.



(above) Santa & Mrs. Claus will greet visitors during the Dec. 8th Gingerbread Open House. The Mountainside Restoration Committee invites the community to their December events: The Village Shop at the Levi Cory House opens Saturdays, November 30, December 7, 14, 21 and Sunday, Dec. 8; Cookie & Hot Cocoa Sale during the Borough Tree lighting on Dec. 7th; and the Family Gingerbread Open House at the Hetfield House on Dec. 8th. Courtesy photo



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Deforest Ave., Summit, NJ.

Starting on November 30, JLS Thrift Shop invites you to its annual Holiday Boutique — a special event with even more incredible bargains on exceptional, high-quality merchandise. They sell holiday clothing, giftwares, decorations, toys, and jewelry.

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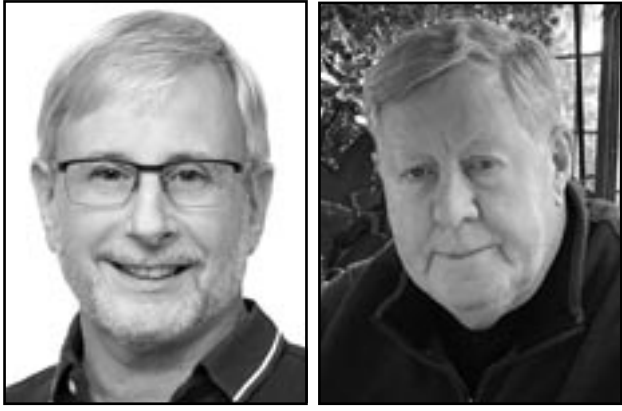
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(above, l-r) Dr. Brachman, James Kossler
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IN DECEMBER, WE WILL HAVE TWO SPEAKERS:

On December 3rd, our speaker will be Ron Brachman, an internationally known expert in Artificial Intelligence. In 2023 he retired from his positions as the Director of the Jacobs Technion-Cornell Institute at Cornell Tech and Professor of Computer Science at Cornell University. He has also held research leadership positions at Yahoo, DARPA, AT&T Labs, and Bell Labs. Ron will discuss the amazing leaps forward in Artificial Intelligence over the past several years, and examine the unexpected, humanlike blunders the

programs continue to make. Briefly, the algorithms, capable of constructing solutions to many complex problems, lack what is generally perceived as 'common sense'. In his talk, Ron Brachman will consider what common sense is about, what AI has tried to do about it, and what's still missing.

On December 10th, James M. Kossler will discuss the FBI versus the Cosa Nostra. Jim spent 23 years as an FBI agent and was the Coordinating Supervisor for the New York office responsible for directing the Organized Crime unit. As an expert witness he testified in numerous mob trials in New York, New Jersey, and Philadelphia. Jim was featured in the Netflix documentary "Fear City: New York vs. the Mafia." Jim will provide a brief history of Cosa Nostra (Mafia) and how they went from controlling unions and industry in New York and New Jersey, to being turned into street gangs.

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Festivities begin each morning at 9:30 a.m. with a delicious Holiday 'Breakfast with Santa' served in the beautifully decorated ballroom with catering by 'What a Dish.' Breakfast includes live music, family photos and stories with Santa.

For those who can't make it for breakfast, 'Stories with Santa' is available at reserved intervals between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on both days. This portion of the event gives families the opportunity to join Santa for photos, cocoa and homemade cookies, stories and sing-alongs. There even might be some gingerbread!

Tickets to Santa at Twin Maples can be purchased at <https://www.fortnightlyclub.org>.

Pricing for Breakfast with Santa is \$45 for adults and \$20 for children. Please bring booster seats for children. Highchairs are not available.

Reserved tickets for Stories with Santa are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children.

The weekend event benefits the preservation of Twin Maples, a property on the New Jersey and National Historic Registers. The house was designed by New York architect Alfred F. Norris in the Colonial Revival style, referencing the White House. The Fortnightly Club purchased the property in 1949. Today, Twin Maples serves as a clubhouse and hosts many community events and fundraisers.

The Fortnightly Club of Summit, a non-profit organization founded in 1893, offers women camaraderie and a full calendar of interesting events and volunteer opportunities. The Club supports the preservation of Twin Maples, education, the arts and humanitarian efforts. For over twenty-years the Club has awarded annual scholarships to deserving young, local women.

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CELEBRATE WITH THE PIPES OF CHRISTMAS



(above) Madelyn Monaghan

The beloved Pipes of Christmas fundraising concert is delighted to be entering their second quarter century with a brand-new production.

The popular holiday event will be returning to the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in NYC on Decemebr 14, and Central Presbyterian Church in Summit, NJ on Decemebr 15.

The Pipes of Christmas brings together musicians, soloists, and performers from across America and the UK to share the magic of the holiday season through the timeless sounds of Celtic music. The show features traditional favorites and newly commissioned works performed on pipes and drums, harp and fiddle, organ, brass, and more, as well as readings taken from the Celtic literature of Scotland, Ireland, and Wales.

Featured performers include guitarist and music director Steve Gibb from Inverness, Scotland, actor James Robinson of “A Merry Scottish Christmas,” “Braveheart,” and “Outlander,” fiddler Caitlin Warbelow from Broadway’s “Come from Away,” and US Harp Champion harpist Rachel Clemente.

Audiences will thrill to the Commonwealth Pipes and Drums under the leadership of Pipe Major Adam Holdaway and the B-Line Brass Quintet led by CJ Waldrop.

In both locations, the company will include the Solid Brass ensemble and the St. Columille United Pipe Band led by Pipe Major Cameron MacDougall.

Also making her Pipes of Christmas debut will be Madelyn Monaghan, an Irish American traditional (sean-nós) singer based in New York City. In September of this year, Madelyn was a leading performer at the Celtic World Forum in Dublin alongside the likes of Máiréad Nesbitt and Clannad’s Moya Brennan and appeared in the Celtic Music Festival in Rockport, MA. Her voice can be heard via TikTok, museums, film scores, and commercials, and her album éist is available on all streaming platforms.

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The Pipes of Christmas is hosted by the Learned Kindred of Currie, a non-profit cultural

and educational organization dedicated to preserving and promoting Scottish and Highland heritage and the arts. As its primary fundraiser, the concert enables the Kindred’s continued efforts to support the global Scottish community through initiatives such as:

- Producing Tartan Day on Ellis Island, perhaps the largest Tartan Day event in the world, which received 80,000 visitors in 2024 alone
- Providing scholarships to deserving students in the US, Canada, and Scotland
- Sponsoring competitions and festivals across the globe
- Commissioning of new musical and cultural works
- A global monuments initiative, which helps erect and preserve new and existing locations such as the Scottish Writers Museum and Bale nam Bàrd (the bard’s home) on the Island of South Uist
- Developing a cultural heritage center in Scotland (currently in preliminary stages)

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

Tickets are now available via Eventbrite. Reserved VIP and general admission seating is available. Access to the global web stream of concert highlights can also be booked in advance. Tickets for Summit are \$60 general admission and \$150 VIP - reserved tickets.

ABOUT “THE PIPES OF CHRISTMAS”

Since its debut, The Pipes of Christmas has played to standing-room-only audiences. Now a cherished holiday event, the concert gives audiences a stirring and reverent celebration of the Christmas season and the Celtic spirit. Audience-goers return year after year to experience the program, many reporting that the Pipes of Christmas has become part of their family’s annual Christmas tradition.

The concert has been lavished with critical acclaim. In his review for Classical New Jersey Magazine, Paul Somers wrote, “The whole evening was constructed to introduce gem after gem and still have a finale which raised the roof. In short, it was like a well-constructed fireworks show on the Glorious Fourth.”

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 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM
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NJIO's three orchestral ensembles will combine to perform music by Corelli, Reinecke, Strauss, and more! The concert concludes with Leroy Anderson's exciting Sleigh Ride, with percussion accompaniment provided by the youngest members of the audience!

The concert is free and open to the public. Donations are gratefully accepted.

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Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 2 pm

Summit High School

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This concert is made possible by funds from: the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts; Frank and Lydia Bergen Foundation; The Lillian Schenck Foundation; The Henry S. and Agnes M. Truzack Foundation; Investors Foundation; Standish Foundation; and many other generous supporters. NJIO is a proud participating organization in the Families First Discovery Pass Program, a program of the NJ Departments of Health and Human Services.

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