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SOFIA DERSONO ATTENDS ANNIVERSARY OF PEARL HARBOR

North Jersey Young Marines

Sofia Dersono from Linden, New Jersey, was chosen as one of two special public affairs correspondents who traveled with 36 Young Marine units to Hawaii in December to participate in the remembrance ceremonies for the 83rd anniversary of Pearl Harbor. Sofia, a freshman at David Brearly High School, located in Kenilworth, NJ, is a YM/SSgt, and has been a member of the North Jersey Young Marines in Colonia for five years. In addition to serving as public affairs correspondent, Sofia represented her unit during her time in Hawaii.

The Young Marines is a national youth organization for boys and girls from age eight through high school graduation.

“Sofia has shown herself to be an excellent communicator and was chosen among Young Marines nationwide for this position,” said Abra Hogarth, Director of Strategic Communications for the Young Marines. “She was a tremendous support to me as she assisted headquarters staff with documenting events, taking video and photos, and submitting posts for social media.”

Among the events Sofia reported on were the Young Marines participation in:

- Community service beach clean-up on Marine Corps Base Hawaii - Kaneohe Bay
- Wreath laying ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific “The Punchbowl”, in memory of all the brave men and women who are interred at the site
- Klipper Ceremony, Marine Corps Base Hawaii
- Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade, Honolulu

Asked about her week serving in these communications efforts, Sofia said, “My trip to Pearl Harbor means so much to me, and it is an experience I will never forget. I am so honored to document the Young Marines’ efforts this week and to honor and recognize the lives lost and those who served at Pearl Harbor during World War II.”

Sofia’s future plans include attending college under the ROTC program,



(above) Hundreds of Young Marines from across the country lead the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Parade in Honolulu.

Courtesy photos

serving in the military, and becoming an attorney.

A significant honor for all the Young Marine units in 2024 was to lead the Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade, on Saturday, December 7, in Honolulu. Young Marines performed a color guard and carried the banners of the 12 capital ships that were attacked. They also assisted with many of the floats in the parade.

This year’s events gave each and every Young Marine important memories to cherish as they actively participated in the remembrance events, met and listened to veterans tell their stories, and memorialized veterans who are no longer with us.

Young Marines units raised funds at the local level to supplement the costs of traveling to Hawaii. These youth members used their creativity, and applied the program’s core values - leadership, teamwork, and self-discipline - to implement unique and effective fundraising efforts to attend this educational and patriotic event.

YOUNG MARINES HISTORY

Since the Young Marines’ humble beginnings in 1959 with one unit and a handful of boys, the organization has grown to over 200 units with over 5,000 youth and 1,950 adult volunteers in 40 states, the District of Columbia, Japan (Okinawa), and affiliates in a host of other countries.

For more information, visit the website at YoungMarines.org.



(above) Young Marines from 35 units across the country participated in the wreath laying ceremony at the National Memorial of the Pacific in Honolulu (“Punchbowl”) in memory of those interred there. Two Pearl Harbor attack survivors are seated in the front row.

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CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF NIGHT SKY GAZING

Amateur Astronomers, Inc (AAI) of Cranford, NJ celebrated their 75th Anniversary on Sunday, November 17, 2024, at The Westwood Caterers of Garwood, NJ. In attendance were 53 past and current members who range from teenagers to seniors.

AAI has always interested anyone who loves looking and learning about the night sky. Housed in the William Miller Sperry Observatory on the Union College campus in Cranford, the observatory is open to the public every Friday night with their twin domes looking at the heavens. One of the domes houses a 24-inch reflector and the other dome houses a 10 refractor, which was constructed by club members. Public lectures start at 8:30 p.m. on Fridays, they are on current topics in Astronomy.

Youth lectures are presented by the club at 7:00 p.m. to preregistered scout groups to help them earn their patches in science. If you are interested in preregistering a scout group, please contact info@asterism.org.

The club also celebrates celestial events such as eclipses by opening the Observatory and having numerous telescopes outside the building. For more information about AAI email, membership@asterism.org or visit asterism.org.

ASTRONOMY DAY - MAY 17, 2025

Amateur Astronomers, Inc. along with the North Jersey Astronomical Group, two amateur astronomy clubs located in New Jersey, are once again holding their annual Astronomy Day on

Saturday, May 17, 2025. The event will be held in 2 locations: Trailside Nature & Science Center in Mountainside in the afternoon and at William Miller Sperry Observatory on the campus of Union College in Cranford in the evening. The theme is "Solar Max, Unlocking the Secrets of the Sun." This is a family friendly event that focuses on learning about our Sun and its impact on us, and also about astronomy and related sciences in a fun and easy to understand atmosphere. This event appeals to both children and adults. The event is free and open to the public and does not require preregistration. So, mark your calendars for Saturday, May 17, 2025, and come out to learn more about the Sun and our universe!



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DAY TO RECHARGE: TIGER PRIDE DAY

Linden Public Schools

Classrooms and offices across Linden Public Schools recently traded their usual hustle and bustle for something different—an intentional focus on wellness, connection, and community.

The district's first-ever Tiger Pride Wellness Day, held on January 8th, invited students, teachers, and even administrative staff to step back, breathe, and embrace the idea that taking care of yourself is the key to giving your best to others.

The day kicked off in roaring fashion at each school with high-energy, pep-rally-style assemblies designed to ignite Tiger pride and set the tone for the day ahead. Packed gyms and auditoriums came alive with music, cheers, and motivational messages, as students and staff celebrated the Linden community. The excitement was palpable, with chants of "Our Tigers ROAR!" echoing through the halls, creating a unifying sense of belonging.

Superintendent Atiya Y. Perkins spent the day connecting with students and staff, visiting schools across the district to engage firsthand in the activities and conversations that defined Tiger Pride Wellness Day.

At School No. 4, for example, Superintendent Perkins took school spirit to a whole new level, zipping through hallways and classrooms on a motorized scooter decked out in full Tiger Pride flair. Outfitted as a tiger, she turned heads and sparked laughter, stopping by classrooms and the gymnasium to rev up the energy with students and staff. High-fives, chants of "Our Tigers ROAR!" and bursts of laughter followed her every move, embodying the joy and connection that the day was all about.

In the central office, Perkins brought the spirit of wellness to administrative staff, ringing a bell as she visited each department to share messages of encouragement and hand out healthy treats. Accompanied by Assistant Superintendent Dave Walker, who pushed a food cart filled with snacks, Perkins reminded staff that wellness is just as important for them as it is for the students.

Ryan M. Devaney, Supervisor of Student

Services, played a vital role in the success of Tiger Pride Wellness Day, emphasizing the collaborative efforts that brought the initiative to life.

"Our Student Services Department partnered with students, staff, and building administrators to design activities that were both meaningful and impactful," Devaney said. "The collaboration we saw was truly inspiring."

Devaney highlighted the district's dedication to mental health and well-being, calling it a cornerstone of their mission. "Mental health matters," he said. "Tiger Pride Wellness Day showcased how our collective efforts can change lives and create a thriving school community."

After the rousing start, students and staff transitioned into a variety of classroom activities focused on wellness. Instead of the usual hum of lessons and lectures, classrooms buzzed with restorative circles, lively Kahoot competitions, and heartfelt conversations about what it means to feel good—mind, body, and spirit.

Early childhood students sang I Am Special

and discussed what it means to be a good friend. Older students reflected on their "happy places," with one child sharing, "A happy place for me is out of the country. I haven't been there, but I imagine it, and it makes me smile."

At other schools, spirited Kahoot competitions showcased teamwork and camaraderie, with students cheering for their peers regardless of the outcome.

The response to Tiger Pride Wellness Day was overwhelmingly positive, with students, teachers, and administrative staff already looking forward to the next opportunity to pause and reflect.

From the opening pep rallies to restorative circles and motorized tiger scooters, Tiger Pride Wellness Day left a lasting mark on Linden Public Schools. It's a bold step toward a future where every member of the community—students, staff, and administrators alike—feels empowered to bring their best selves to the table. As Perkins aptly put it, "When we feel good, we do good. And that's when the magic happens."



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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT ON MAURICE JENKINS

Television Academy Foundation

Linden High School alumnus Maurice Jenkins has been nominated for the Television Academy Foundation's 44th College Television Awards. The Foundation's annual awards show recognizes and rewards excellence in student-produced



(above) Maurice Jenkins has been nominated for the Television Academy Foundation's 44th College Television Awards.

Courtesy photo

programs from colleges across the country. Winners in the competition will be announced by television stars at the red carpet awards ceremony on April 5, 2025, at the Television Academy in North Hollywood, California. Designed to emulate the Emmy® Awards, student entries are judged by Television Academy members. Criteria for the College Television Awards reflect industry standards of excellence, imagination, and innovation.

Jenkins is nominated, along with classmates at Montclair State University, in the News category for his work as a director, producer and writer on Arizona Stories: Border, Water and Politics. Jenkins traveled to Arizona to work on the project as part of an "On the Road: Reporting from the Field" class for Montclair News Lab. The program aired in May 2024 on Montclair Township's Local Access Channel 34 and covered a wide range of topics in Arizona including immigration, homelessness, drought and the environmental impact of millions of visitors to the Grand Canyon.

Jenkins is a recent graduate of Montclair who majored in sports communication. Originally from Newark, New Jersey, Jenkins attended Linden High School in Linden, New Jersey. He is currently employed as a road production assistant for World Wrestling Entertainment.

"Going into my senior year, I was eager to step outside my comfort zone and leave it all on the

floor my final year," said Jenkins. "Toward the end of the fall semester, I saw the flyer for the class, an opportunity to dip my toe in journalism in a state I knew little about. I knew it was a big opportunity to gain familiarity in an area of media I had little experience in.

"Now looking back on it, I couldn't imagine not being a part of this team," continued Jenkins, "and when I do reflect on everything I've accomplished so far, this entire experience is still at the top of the list. Winning [a College Television Award] would reassure me that all the hard work is finally paying off. I still have to pinch myself sometimes to realize how fortunate I am for everything that's transpired."

About the Television Academy Foundation

Established in 1959 as the charitable arm of the Television Academy, the Television Academy Foundation is dedicated to preserving the legacy of television while educating and inspiring those who will shape its future. Through renowned educational and outreach programs, such as The Interviews: An Oral History of Television Project, College Television Awards and Summit, Student Internship Program, and the Media Educators Conference, the Foundation seeks to widen the circle of voices our industry represents and to create more opportunity for television to reflect all of society.

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Like a kaleidoscope, arrangements for wind bands have changed in tone and tenor through the years, and the renowned Hanover Wind Symphony will spotlight these changes in a special free concert, called "Kaleidoscope," on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m., at Memorial Junior School, 61 Highland Ave., in Whippany.

"This concert presents a wonderfully eclectic and changing view of wind band repertoire," Matthew Paterno of Parsippany, HWS music director and conductor, points out. "From classic to contemporary, we explore the changing colors and styles of this most versatile ensemble."

Guest conductors for the concert will be Thomas Sansone and Ayden Khan.

Among the pieces to be performed at this memorable concert, part of the HWS's 40th anniversary year, are the following:

- "Cosmopolitan America," by Helen May Butler; arranged by Clarence Barber
- "Canzona," by Peter Mennin
- "Winds of Change," by Randall Standridge; guest conductor Ayden Khan
- "City Trees," by Michael Markowski; guest conductor Thomas Sansone
- "Nessun Dorma," by Giacomo Puccini, from the opera "Turandot"; arranged by Merlin Patterson; in memory of Harry Elfers
- "Burst!" by Dayla Spencer

The guest conductor for "Winds of Change," Ayden Khan, is currently the director of bands at Soehl Middle School in Linden. He was previously director of bands at Neptune High School since 2017. He received his master's in percussion performance, as well as his bachelor's in music education, from Montclair State University. He regularly performs in New Jersey, New York City, and Philadelphia. Additionally, Khan has taught master classes and coached percussion ensembles and drum lines in several different schools in New Jersey. He was the first recipient of the merit-based Centanni Percussion Scholarship for showing

excellence in artistic performance, advanced methods, and demonstrating high academic achievement. Among his numerous accomplishments, the guest conductor was honored with the opportunity to perform as the principal timpanist at Carnegie Hall, and on tour in Spain and Argentina with the Grammy Award-winning New York youth symphony.

Thomas Sansone, guest conductor for "City Trees," is an instrumental music teacher in the Montville Township public school district. He holds a bachelor's degree in music education from Rutgers University, and a master's in curriculum and instruction from Liberty University. This is his third season playing bass trombone with the Hanover Wind Symphony. He has a strong commitment to music education and performance.

The Hanover Wind Symphony is a unique extension of the great American tradition of adult music performance. One of only a handful of outstanding community-based adult wind bands in New Jersey, the Hanover Wind Symphony delights audiences of all ages by giving a contemporary twist to traditional favorites. The large orchestra, made up exclusively of woodwind, brass and percussion instruments, embraces as its mission "bringing music to people and people to music."

For 40 years, the Hanover Wind Symphony has played to enthusiastic audiences. HWS members are volunteers who share a love for music and a passion for enriching the cultural fabric of the community with the thrill of live wind band performances. By day, HWS members are accountants, engineers, teachers and executives. They come together to connect musically with others, share the enjoyment of music with live audiences, and help mentor the next generation of wind musicians.

For further information about the Hanover Wind Symphony, including dates of upcoming concerts, visit hanoverwinds.org.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - FEBRUARY 22, 2025

Come one, come all to the VFW#1397 Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, February 22, 2025 for the VFW Post #1397, which will be held at the American Legion Post 102, located at 112 West Elizabeth Ave in Linden from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Donations: Adults \$7.00 / Seniors & Children \$6.00/ Ages 5 & Under Free. Take outs are available.

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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, 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+ Ancestors Speak 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.

ABOUT THE UNION COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY

The UCHS was incorporated by an Act of the 93rd Legislature of the State of New Jersey on April 1, 1869. The objective of this Society is the collection and preservation of all matter of historical relics, books, records, documents, and manuscripts, to stimulate and encourage historical research and the study of history pertaining to the territory originally embraced by Elizabethtown and the present Union County.

The Society exists through the help and generosity of its members. Membership is comprised of citizens who have a common interest in preserving the past. There is no paid staff. The Executive Board and Members perform all Society functions.



(above) The recent restoration and cleaning of the James and Hannah Caldwell Memorial Obelisk at Siloam-Hope First Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth was commissioned by the Union County Historical Society.

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will be held every Wednesday at 10 am and Chair Yoga every Friday at 10 am. Due to renovation work, the third-floor meetings rooms will not be available .

LIBRARY COLLECTING WINTER ITEMS THRU FEB. 15

The Kiwanis Club of Linden along with the Friends of Linden Library are spearheading a collection thru February 15, 2025. We will be collecting coats, gloves/mittens, hats and socks for the benefit of St. Joseph Social Services and The Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless. A collection bin is at the

Linden Free Public Library
31 East Henry Street, Linden.

FREE K-3 MATH PROGRAM ACCEPTING STUDENTS

Introducing OneInMath Linden: A free volunteer math program that has profoundly shifted the trajectory of grade K-3 students' math performance in Linden.

Shaan Barai, a junior at the Pingry School in Basking Ridge, founded the Linden chapter of the OneInMath program at the Linden Public Library. Shaan started the program in April 2024 and has since worked with dedicated volunteers to provide personalized math tutoring to 30 K-3 students in Linden, with another 20 students on the waitlist.

The spring and fall 2024 programs have been very successful so far, with many students making unprecedented progress in understanding math. One student, a preschooler, progressed significantly from having to write down all of his numbers to mentally adding and subtracting single-digit numbers. His mom commented, "[My son] brags about how well he did and how he won a math race. Hardly getting problems wrong, his [previous] obstacle was writing out his

numbers. This was just being covered in his PreK classroom but [he] excelled in [it] through the OneInMath program."

Given OneInMath's impact on the Linden Community, Shaan is excited to run the program again in the spring (January 11–May 3) and is actively recruiting high school volunteers. If you're available on Saturdays at 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. and would like to help make an incredible impact in the Linden community, please fill out the Volunteer Registration Form found here: oneinmath.com/register-volunteer/

Additionally, for parents interested in signing up their child to receive individualized tutoring from high school students passionate about math, signups for the OneInMath Linden Public Library spring semester, please fill out the form found here: oneinmath.com/register-student/

Join the OneInMath Linden community to empower your children by fostering their love for math!

For more information contact information Shaan Barai, lindenlead@oneinmath.com.

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SCHOOL'S MULTILINGUAL LEARNERS DEPT. WINTER COAT DRIVE

Linden Public Schools

The Multilingual Learners Department of Linden Public Schools hosted its first-ever Winter Coat Drive, distributing over 130 coats to families in need across the community. The event, which took place on Friday, December 20, 2024, at the Multilingual Learners Welcome Center, was a heartwarming success, thanks to the generosity of local donors and the efforts of community partners.

The initiative, first proposed by Welcome Center Secretary Winnie Lormejuste during a departmental meeting, was designed to provide warm clothing for families during the cold winter months. Director Danie Orelieen officially launched the drive on November 22, 2024, calling it "a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and make a meaningful impact."

To spread the word and encourage donations, Welcome Center secretaries Vanessa Granados and Winnie Lormejuste visited all 11 schools within the district, sharing information about the drive and urging community members to contribute gently used coats, scarves, and gloves in both children's and adult sizes.

The Winter Coat Drive was further supported by an outpouring of generosity from local

businesses and community organizations. Roxy Suggs, Supervisor of Registration, knew she had to get involved and reached out to various organizations for support, such as Community Offshore Wind. They generously donated 100 brand-new coats. These ranged from children's sizes starting at 4Y to adult sizes, ensuring that every family could find something suitable.

Additionally, Pheobie Thomas, Director of Special Programs and Grants for the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission, made a significant contribution of 200 coats. These were specifically earmarked for homeless and displaced families, further extending the reach of the drive's impact.

The Winter Coat Giveaway event drew an outpouring of support, with families coming to receive their winter gear. The event, which ran from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Welcome Center on Edgewood Road, was attended by over 130 individuals who walked away with essential clothing to keep them warm through the colder months.

Several local dignitaries were also on hand to show their support. Linden Mayor Derek Armstead and Board of Education President Dr. Marlene Berghammer both stopped by to express their appreciation for the initiative. They praised

the dedication and hard work of the Multilingual Learners Department and its staff in supporting Linden's diverse families. Also in attendance were Elementary and Secondary ESL/Bilingual/World Language Supervisors Tania Miguelez and Stephanie Ross and their Secretary Florencia Skorput-Lazur, Ryan M. Devaney, Supervisor of Student Services, and LPS Chinese Teachers, Lin Lin Hu and Mei Wang.

"We are so proud of the work the Multilingual Learners Department has done in making this coat drive a reality," said Board President, Dr. Berghammer. "It's a testament to the spirit of generosity and unity that defines our community."

At the initial coat drive meeting in November, Director Orelieen reflected by saying, "This initiative shows the power of community and collaboration. Together, we can ensure that no family faces the winter season unprepared."

The Multilingual Learners Department, which serves a diverse student population, has long been committed to fostering an inclusive and supportive environment for both students and their families. Through programs like the Winter Coat Drive, the department continues to address the unique needs of all Linden's residents, ensuring that every family has access to essential resources.

The department extends its heartfelt gratitude to the community members, donors, and volunteers who helped make the event possible, and looks forward to continuing its mission of service and support throughout the year.

About the Multilingual Learners Department
The Multilingual Learners Department under the leadership of Director Danie Orelieen is dedicated to creating an inclusive and supportive learning environment for all students and families in the Linden Public Schools. By offering innovative programs and community-driven initiatives, the department works to meet the diverse needs of all learners and their families in the district.



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"Angels in America Part One: Millennium Approaches" is the first part of Tony Kushner's Pulitzer Prize-winning epic that explores the complex themes of politics, sexuality, and faith against the backdrop of the AIDS crisis in the 1980s. The play is known for its profound narrative, compelling characters, and its unflinching examination of societal issues.

The CDC Theatre in Cranford is honored to host this powerful work. As one of New Jersey's longest producing community theatres, CDC Theatre has a rich history of bringing high-quality productions to the stage. The upcoming performance of "Angels in America Part One: Millennium Approaches" is set to continue this tradition, offering audiences an unforgettable experience. Directed by Michael Kidney is the cast: Corey Chichizola as Prior Walter, Brian Petty as Louis Ironson, Sean Lynch-Littlejohn as Joe Pitt, Molly Reinhardt as Harper Pitt, Lisa Barnett as Hannah Pitt, Aaron Hancock as Belize, Richard Colonna as Roy Cohn and Even T. Charpentier as The Angel.

The staging of "Angels in America Part One: Millennium Approaches" at CDC Theatre is not just an exciting theatrical event; it is a cultural milestone. The play's themes are as relevant today as they were when it first premiered in 1991, making this production a poignant reminder of the ongoing struggles and triumphs within our society.

We invite you to join us for this extraordinary

production. Tickets are available at cdctheatre.org. Don't miss the chance to witness Tony Kushner's masterpiece come to life on the stage of CDC Theatre in 2025. This is an event you won't want to miss.

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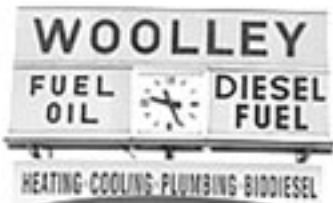


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Frank was casting from a kayak and using a Sixgill spinning rod with a Shimano spinning reel loaded with 30-pound test Snakehead Outlawz braided line when the fish hit. A Snakehead Outlawz Dragon Destroyer was the lure used for catching this new record bowfin.

ABOUT THE NJ STATE RECORD FISH PROGRAM

Despite its small size and high population density, New Jersey offers a wide range of fishing opportunities, including the chance to catch "trophy-size" fish. Such fish are recognized in the Skillful Angler Program and the State Record Fish Program.

The objective of the Record Fish Program is to increase the awareness of fishing opportunities for species that are regularly sought after and routinely found in the freshwaters or off the coast of New Jersey. Separate lists are maintained for freshwater and marine species, and in 2014 a new Spearfishing category was created for saltwater species.

Presently there are 90 species (31 freshwater

and 59 saltwater, including 17 in the Spearfishing category) eligible for entry in the Record Fish Program. In May 2007, the program was revised to include Retired Categories (Saltwater) of fish no longer accepted for entry in the program, as well as Retired Historical Records which were believed to be "unbeatable" at the time.

For More information visit:
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(above) Frank Hubert caught the new state record Bowfin in Mantua Creek on December 17, 2024. The fish weighed 12 pounds, 10 ounces, replacing Pierce Dopkin's 11-pound, 8.5-ounce record from 2017, which was caught in the same creek. Courtesy photo

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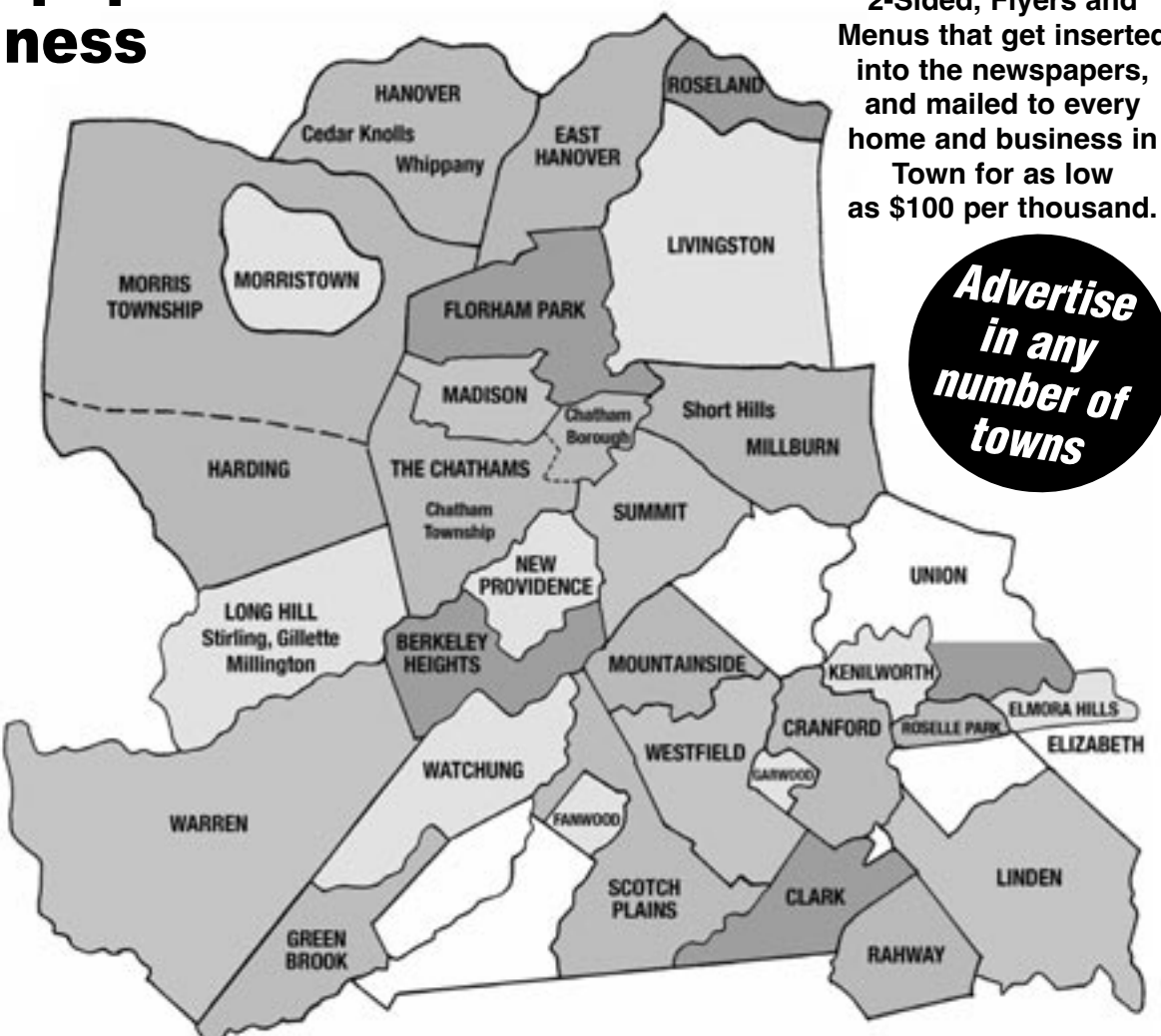
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