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POST BROTHERS GRAND MARSHALS OF MEMORIAL DAY PARADE Mountainside's Memorial Day Parade Committee, Borough of Mountainside

On Monday, May 26th, Mountainside will sponsor a Memorial Day Ceremony followed by a parade honoring those who have died in our nation's service.

The ceremony will take place at 11:30 a.m. at the Veterans flagpole monument on Constitution Plaza (in front of the library).

Upon conclusion of the ceremony, Veterans, Scouts, Rotary Club, Rescue Squad, Fire Department, Police, and community groups will parade toward Deerfield School. The parade will proceed from Constitution Plaza up to Bridle Path to Wood Valley Road to Central Avenue, ending in Deerfield School parking lot and is expected to end @12:30 p.m.

This year we have the honor of having two Grand Marshals who are brothers. They are Jay R. Post and John N. Post.

Jay R. Post was born on December 19, 1939, in Albany, NY. He was the first of Samuel and Isobel Post's 6 children. One year later, the family moved to Puerto Rico where they remained until 1951. Upon their return to the United States, The Posts settled in Westfield, NJ. Jay graduated from Westfield High School in 1957 and Siena College in 1961. He completed Officers Basic Training at the Army Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, OK. Upon graduation he was deployed to Camp Casey, 7th Infantry Division in Korea defending the Demilitarized Zone. He was honorably discharged in October 1963 with the rank First Lieutenant.

After working several years for Ford Motor Company, Jay enrolled at Columbia University Business School. There he attained his MBA in Finance. He joined Merrill Lynch where he spent the next 40 years as a Portfolio Manager with Merrill Lynch Asset Management and then an additional 7 years with BlackRock. Jay married Arleen Venneri in May, 1965. The following year they returned to Westfield where they raised four children: Jay, Jim, Tricia and Heather. In 1998 Jay and Arleen moved to Mountainside where they currently reside.

Our 2nd Grand Marshal, John N. Post, was born in Albany, NY on November 11, 1940, the 908-812-4434.



(above) John R. Post

(above) John N. Post

second of Samuel and Isobel Post's six children. When he was two months old the family moved to Puerto Rico and lived there until John was ten years old, when they moved to Westfield, N.J. John graduated from Westfield High School in 1958 and from St. Peter's College in 1962. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps PLC program in 1962 and was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. in the USMC on graduation from St. Peters.

He graduated from Georgetown Law School in 1965, was admitted to the NJ and District of Columbia Bars in 1966, and married his late wife, Mary H. Post, on April 16, 1966. John spent three years from September of 1965 to September of 1968 as a Legal Officer in the Marine Corps, trying courts-martial and advising Marine Commands in the U.S. and the Republic of Vietnam, where he served in Danang during the TET Offensive. On his release from active duty, he founded the law firm which has grown to become Post Polak, P.A. He was the firm's Managing Partner until 2008, when he resigned in order to devote his full attention to the firm's clients. John has served as the Borough Attorney for the Borough of Mountainside for 53 years.

The Mountainside Memorial Day Parade Committee is comprised of individuals representing the VFW, Mayor and Borough Council, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Rotary Club, Local Businesses, Fire Department, Police Department, Rescue Squad and others. These groups join together to bring a fitting Memorial Day event to the town of Mountainside as an honor to our own brave citizens who have fought and sacrificed in wars so that we can enjoy the many freedoms that Mountainside enjoy. The Committee hopes that citizens come out in force to show their appreciation for our Veterans as we memorialize our heroes in this way.

For further information about the parade, please contact Kim Moriak 908-812-4434.



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'HEART OF THE HIGHLANDER' WINTER AWARDEES

Berkeley Heights Public Schools

The Winter Sports Team recipients of the Heart of the Highlander award were recently announced at the winter Varsity Awards ceremony. This award was created to recognize a Governor Livingston High School studentathlete from each sports team (each season) who exemplifies great character, leadership, sportsmanship, inclusion, and community service.

THE HEART OF A HIGHLANDER AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR WINTER 2024-2025 ARE:

- Chelsea Kieswetter Girls Basketball
- Dominic Labisi Boys Basketball
- Christian Gioia Wrestling

- Olivia Judicke Girls Fencing
- Michael Cianci Boys Fencing
- Rylee Conover Girls Indoor Track
- Sean Jaqua Boys Indoor Track;
- Teddy Baum Ice Hockey
- Anna Frolov Girls Swimming
 - Alexander Kasper Boys Swimming
 - Leah Brogden Cheerleading

CJ Hendricks, Athletic Director shared, "The Governor Livingston High School Athletic Department is excited to recognize our next class of Heart of the Highlander award recipients for the 2024-2025 winter sports season. This group is an exceptional collective of student athletes that represent GLHS in the highest regard."



(above) The Winter Sports Team recipients of the Heart of the Highlander award.

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TEA PARTY ON THE PORCH & PATIO – MAY 17TH

At Mountainside's Levi Cory House

The Mountainside Restoration Committee will hold a "Tea Party on the Porch & Patio" of the historic Levi Cory House. Held on Saturday, May 17, volunteers will serve tea and snacks to guests on the restored porches and patio of the circa 1818 Levi Cory House. Due to limited space, reservations are required for one of 2 seatings held at 1:00 p.m. & 2:30 p.m. Cost per person is \$10.

To reserve, please call (908)233-3135; or email hetfieldhouse1@yahoo.com, and leave your name, phone number, preferred seating time (1:00 p.m. or 2:30), and number in your party. Payment should be made in advance either on Saturdays (11 a.m. - 3 p.m.) in-person at the Levi Cory House Village Shop, or via the website at mountainsidehistory.org/events.

Thanks to funding from the Watts Mountainside Community Foundation, 2 porches (which were removed over the centuries) were originally part of the 1818 Levi Cory House and have been built back onto the house. Recently, the beautiful patio was added to the rear of the house. The circa 1818 Levi Cory House, which was relocated to Constitution Plaza in 2013, was originally located at the corner of New Providence Road and Mountain Avenue. The house was the location of the first Children's Country Home during the 1890s before expanding to its current location as the Children's Specialized Hospital. The Village Shop located

the tea party.

The Levi Cory House and Deacon Andrew Hetfield House are located at Constitution Plaza (Watchung Ave., off Birch Hill Rd.) adjacent to the Mountainside Library. The Mountainside Restoration Committee is a 501(c)(3) charity and

inside the Levi Cory House will be open during a committee of volunteers whose purpose is to maintain the Deacon Andrew Hetfield House, restore and maintain the Levi Cory House and collect and save historic Mountainside information and items from destruction. For further information, please call 908-233-3135; or, go to: mountainsidehistory.org.



(above) Volunteers prepare for the Mountainside Restoration Committee's "Tea Party on the Porch & Patio" at the historic Levi Cory House on Saturday, May 17. Guests enjoy Tea and snacks on the Porch & Patio at the Levi Corv House. Reservations are required for seatings at 1:00 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.





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2ND ANNUAL 100K DIAPER PROJECT JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SUMMIT

The Junior League of Summit (JLS) is proud to announce that it is again embarking on an ambitious project to collect 100,000 diapers by the end of May. One hundred percent of all diapers collected through the 100K Diaper Project will be donated to Moms Helping Moms, a NJ-based organization dedicated to addressing the critical issue of diaper need in New Jersey communities.

Last year - in its inaugural year - members of the Junior League of Summit worked tirelessly to collect, count and deliver over 100,000 diapers to Moms Helping Moms.

This year the JLS will again be partnering with various community organizations to host a series of diaper drives in our communities. To date, The Library of the Chathams (Chatham), Southern Boulevard School (Chatham), Delbarton (Morristown), Stanley Pre-School (Chatham), Chatham Methodist Preschool (Chatham) and Primrose (Florham Park) have committed to hosting drives.

Individuals who wish to contribute to the 100K DIAPER PROJECT can do so by dropping diapers at The Junior League Shop at 37 DeForest Avenue, Summit, NJ, or by donating diapers through the League's Virtual Drive link which can be found on the Junior League of Summit's Instagram (@jlsummit). The last day to donate to the drive will be May 31, 2025.



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The shortage of diapers not only impacts the health and well-being of children but can also result in missed work or school due to parents' inability to provide the required diapers to their daycares. Diapers are not recognized as a basic need by government programs and cannot be purchased with food stamps, further exacerbating the challenge for families in need.

ABOUT THE JLS

The Junior League of Summit's mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training, focusing on promoting voluntarism, developing women's potential, and improving communities.

The Junior League of Summit is proud of our 95 years of service in Berkeley Heights, Chatham, New Providence, Summit and surrounding communities.

Overall, we are thrilled to say we've returned over \$3 million in grants, scholarships, projects and programs to our local communities. It has been and continues to be a pleasure to provide much needed services. We work hard, learn, tackle challenges, enjoy ourselves and make a difference.

Find out more at summit.jl.org **ABOUT MOMS HELPING MOMS:**

Moms Helping Moms is committed to providing essential baby items to families in need, including diapers, to ensure that every child has a healthy and happy start in life. Learn more at momshelpingmoms.org/.





GLHS FENCING TEAM ENJOYS OUTSTANDING SEASON

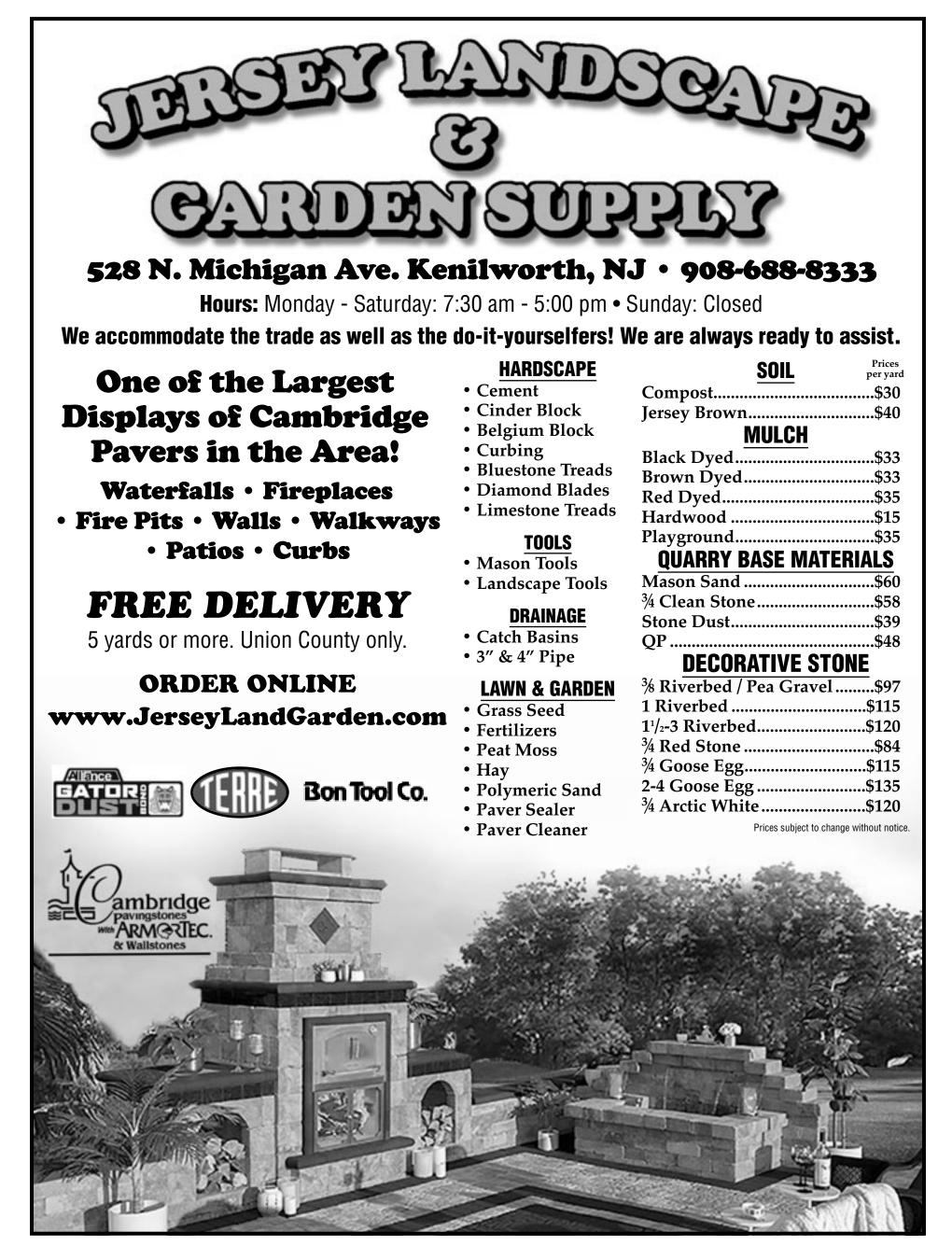
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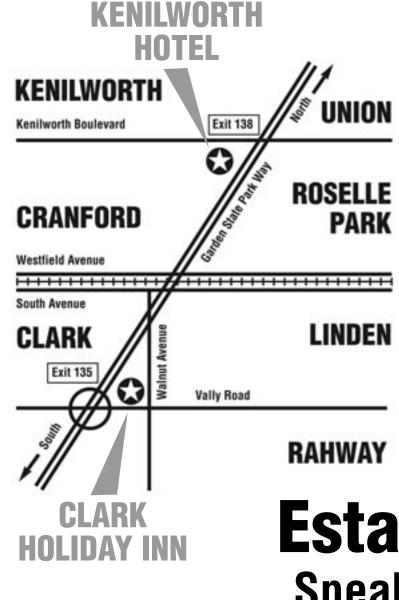
(above) The Governor Livingston High School Fencing Team had an outstanding season including a stellar performance at Districts! The Boys Team delivered a strong performance, finishing second overall in District 5. The Girls Team also impressed, finishing third overall in District 5. They additionally sent several athletes to the Individual State Championships. Well done athletes!





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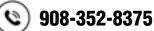


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DR. MARILYN MCGUIRE HART OBITUARY

Dr. Marilyn McGuire Hart passed away on March 26th, 2025, age 99 years old, peacefully in her sleep. She is from the "Greatest Generation". They are characterized by commitment to marriage and family, a strong work ethic; personal responsibility; humility, and faith in God and the future. These characteristics describe Marilyn exactly.

Marilyn was born on February 19, 1926, in Jersey City, NJ to Edward McGuire and Kathryn Comes McGuire. The family moved to Mountainside in 1934, in the depths of the Great Depression. She was Valedictorian of her class at Holy Trinity High School. She married David M. Hart in 1951 and had 3 children. While raising the children and working during the day, she started attending college at night. Over a period of 20 years, she earned her BA at Seton Hall University, a Master's degree at Kean University, and a Ph. D. in Urban Anthropology from Rutgers University. Dr. Hart was employed as a Professor at Kean University for 28 years, and was honored to be named Professor Emeritus in 1995. Marilyn was pleased that her 3 children and 7 grandchildren including spouses have 22 college and graduate degrees between them.

In spite of a busy life, she was always willing to volunteer for charities and civic activities. Marilyn was a positive force in the community throughout her lifetime. She served on the Regional High School Board of Education in 1975 for two terms from 1975 through 1981. After that, she was the first woman elected to the Mountainside Town Council in the history of the town since 1895, and served for 12 years from 1981 to 1994. Marilyn and David were jointly awarded the Mountainside Mable Young Good Neighbor Award in 1999. She served on the Board of Directors for the Children's Specialized Hospital for 12 years. She also volunteered for Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church, Boy

GOLF OUTING TO BENEFIT GLHS ATHLETICS – 7/18

Berkeley Heights public Schools Save the Date for the Governor Livingston High School Athletics Highlander Golf Outing to be held on July 18th in support GL Highlander Athletics. Funds raised will provide essential resources to enhance the experience and opportunities for student-athletes. Golfers and Non-Golfers Welcome! Registration for this exciting event can be found here: glathletics.afrogs.org/#/index





Scouts, Girl Scouts, Mountainside Music Association, and was Chair of the March of Dimes.

This inspiring woman had lived through polio scares, World War II, was very optimistic, a hard worker, was a natural born leader. and believed in education as a way to better yourself. She was firm in her convictions, faith in God, attended church for over 60 years, and focused on the well-being of her family.

Marilyn was predeceased by her husband, David M. Hart, (1927 to 2016) to whom she was married for 64 years, until his passing. She is survived by her three children and their spouses, Dr. D. Michael Hart, (Eileen), of Westfield, NJ, Ellen Richardson, (Brad), of Dover, DE and Alison Brafman, (Ari), of Plainfield, NJ, 7 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.





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- May 1...Noon 7:30pm
- May 2...10 am 4:30pm
- May 3...10 am 4:30 pm

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SPRING PLANT SALE - MAY 1-4

The Mountainside Restoration Committee will hold its annual Spring Plant sale on Thursday through Sunday, May 1-4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The sale will be held outdoors at the Historic Deacon Andrew Hetfield House located on Constitution Plaza adjacent to the Mountainside Library (off Birch Hill Road). The Spring plant sale is an important fundraiser for the Committee.

This year, there will be a selection of colorful geraniums, hanging flower baskets, mixed planters, and other annuals – all for immediate planting or gift-giving; and, just in time for Mothers' Day! The Mountainside Restoration

Committee's garden experts travel to the grower and hand-pick each and every plant to assure they're the best available. Supplies are limited so shop early for the best selection.

The Mountainside Restoration Committee 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, go to: mountainside history.org



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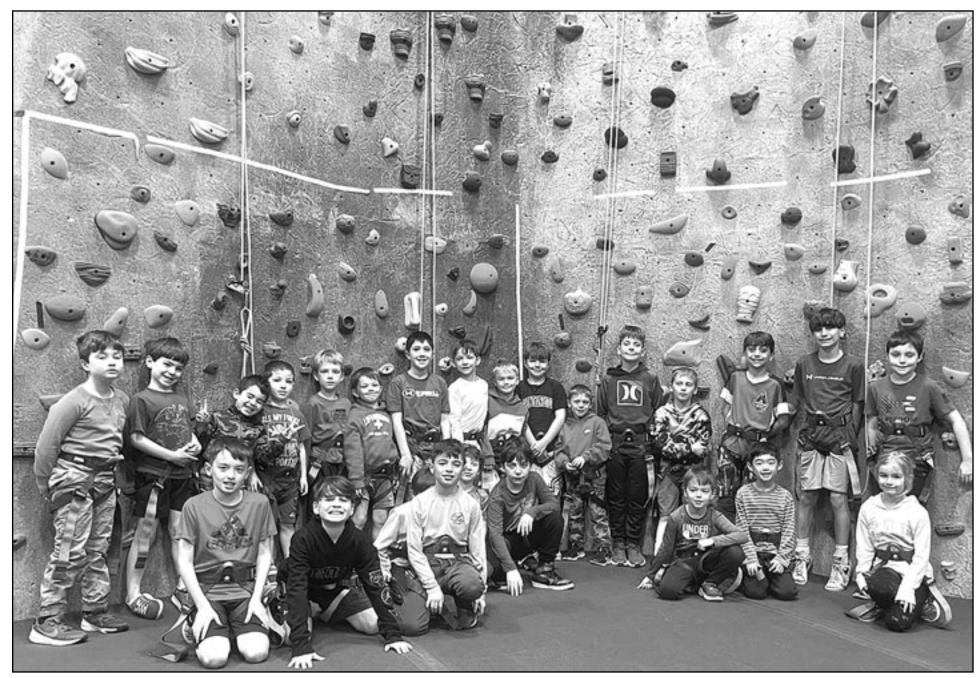
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Questions? Contact Nick Barbera at NickBarbera51@hotmail.com or visit our website at mountainsidecubscouts.com to sign up.

Мау	16 (TBD)	Unofficial Parent's Night Out at the Stagehouse Tavern "All Mountainside Scout Parents" Invited
May	9th	Friday Night Den Meetings & Workshop @ CPC 6pm - 8pm varies on Den Meeting times Pack Activity: Caring for Plants & Mothers Appreciation
May	26	Memorial Day Parade and Boro BBQ (Meet 11:15 am Library)
June	7	Mountainside Fishing Derby – Moxon Pond 10am -12pm Saturday
June	25	Somerset Patriots Game (Scout Night)
July	13	Sunday Evening Watchung Camp Grounds, Lake Surprise Hike/Cracker Barrel/Field Games 6:30pm
July	31	Thursday Mountainside Pool Float Night 6pm
Aug	16	Deserted Village Hike Saturday 10am
July/ Aug		PPC Cub Day Camp at the Watchung Reservation: Week 1: July 7 - July 11 Week 2: July 14 - July 18 Week 3: July 21 - July 25 Week 4: July 28 - August 1 Week 5: August 4 - August 8
Sept	6-7	Watchung Camp-out at Season Kickoff 4pm Overnight

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(above) Mountainside Cub Scouts Rock Climbing outing.

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The West Fields Chapter of the New Jersey Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) recently held its quarterly meeting at the Westfield Recreation Room located in the town hall. After a short business meeting and awards presentation, Steven Santucci gave a lecture on Jockey Hollow encampments.

The Sons of the American Revolution is the largest male lineage organization in the United States and consists of 50 state-level societies with more than 590 local chapters, several international societies including Canada, France, Germany, Spain, and an International Society, and over 37,000 members.

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(right) West Fields member James Sanford is Presented with the SAR 250th Bronze Medal. Courtesy photo

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NEW JERSEY: POWERED BY SMALL BUSINESS

It would not be a stretch to say that the New Jersey economy is built on the backs of the small businesses that call the state their home. Nearly one million SMB enterprises are registered in the state as of 2024, a sector of the economy that now accounts for half of all employment in the state. Things are competitive, to say the least. So, how do you, as a business owner, stand out?

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CONGRATULATIONS!

The Watts Mountainside Community Foundation congratulates the Mountainside Rescue Squad for being awarded the

Prehospital Program of the Year at the 2024 National Conference on EMS

for its initiatives related to quality improvement, education, and patient care.



"This award is not just a celebration of our efforts, but a promise to continue striving for excellence in EMS," said the Mountainside Rescue Squad. "We remain committed to training, innovating, and adapting to meet the ever-evolving needs of our community and the field of emergency medicine."