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CAREER TRAINING CENTER OPENS AT COUNTY COLLEGE

County of Morris

More than 100 people gathered on Friday, May 30, 2025, at the County College of Morris (CCM) to celebrate the official opening of the Morris County Career Training Center, a new facility of the Morris County Vocational School District (MCVSD) on the college campus in Randolph.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the completion of a 46,350-square-foot, two-story building that will expand MCVSD's capacity by hundreds of high school students starting with about 150 in the fall 2025 semester. The center will offer share-time programs focused on career and college readiness in fields ranging from medical and dental assisting to artificial intelligence, renewable energy and supply chain management.

The \$26.8 million project was funded through \$18.6 million from the Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act and \$8.2 million in county support. The building is located adjacent to CCM's Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Center and the future Entrepreneurship and Culinary Science Center, which is currently under construction, forming a hub of career and technical education in the county.

Programs offered at the center will provide students with hands-on experience, industry-recognized credentials and the opportunity to earn up to 18 college credits. The share-time model allows students to attend specialized technical training for half the school day as part of their junior and senior year high school programs.

"This building does not feel like a high school. It feels like a high-tech, innovative space, and I know students will love learning here. They will know they are in special space," said MCVSD Acting Superintendent Shari Castelli, who emceed the event.

"This event is not just about the opening of a new building. It's about opening the doors to our students, where they will be able to cultivate their dreams, hopes and aspirations. They will have a safe and inspiring environment where they can explore the many possibilities and opportunities



(above) Students who will benefit from the Morris County Career Training Center gather during the ceremony.



(above) Exterior of the finished building, the Morris County Career Training Center.

that will be available to them to discover their own individual talents," said MCVSD Board of Education President Barbara Dawson.

"The Morris County Vocational School District Career Training Center is the result of a unique and innovative partnership. It's a shining example of what can be achieved when educators, with the support of county and state leaders, come together with a shared mission to empower the next generation of young people, and ultimately strengthen our community," said Paul Licitra, chair of the CCM Board of Trustees.

The project was made possible through collaboration among CCM and its Trustees, MCVSD and its Board of Education members, federal and state legislators, Morris County and the Board of County Commissioners, and the Township of Randolph and Councilmembers. During the event, the contributions of former MCVSD Superintendent Scott Moffitt were also recognized.

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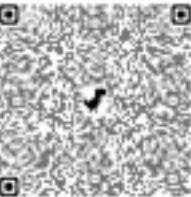
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(Above) Whippany resident Esther Lee with her painting "Golden Mountain".

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CANINE COMPANIONS CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

Mike Saverino was recently matched with his third Canine Companions service dog names Arbor. Mike is overjoyed about how Arbor has picked up right where his retiring service dog Webster left off, making a difference in Mike's daily life.

Arbor II is a two-year-old lab-golden retriever cross specially bred and trained by Canine Companions to serve people with disabilities. Arbor knows over 40 professional commands to assist Mike in his daily life. Arbor opens doors, turns on lights, and picks up dropped items for Mike to name just a few.

Mike enjoys sled hockey, weightlifting, and is heavily involved in the Canine Companions New Jersey Volunteer Chapter.

About Canine Companions: National nonprofit Canine Companions is celebrating 50 years of empowering people with disabilities to live with greater independence — and it all started with a service dog named Abdul. Canine Companions invented the concept of the modern service dog in 1975 and has since placed more than 8,200 expertly trained dogs at no cost to clients, entirely supported by donations. Today, as America's first and largest provider of service dogs, Canine Companions leverages seven locations across the country to serve adults, children and veterans with disabilities as well as professionals working in health care, law enforcement and educational settings in all 50 states. Volunteer, donate and learn more at canine.org.



(above) Mike Saverino & service dog Arbor

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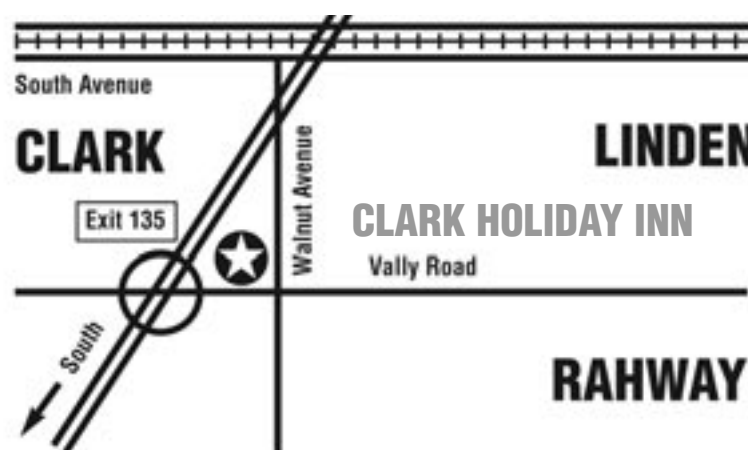
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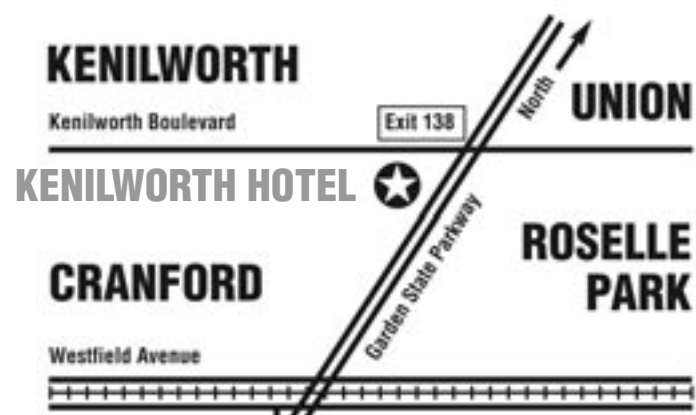
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Garden Storytime (Ages 7 & under)
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Held at Stoney Brook Community Garden
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Pigments of Your Imagination (All ages)
Thursday, August 14, 6:00 p.m.

Held at Hanover Twp. Community Center
Join Conrad for a program full of magic, stories, and fun for all ages. Must pre-register.*



GENTLY USED CHILDREN'S BOOK DRIVE

The Morristown Rotary Club is excited to announce the upcoming launch of its 5th annual gently used children's book drive, a beloved community initiative that provides free books to children, to promote literacy and the enjoyment of reading. This year marks a significant milestone, building on the success of past drives where over 2,000 children's books per year have been distributed at no cost.

The book collection will commence on August 15, 2025, and run until September 21, 2025. Community members are encouraged to donate gently used children's books (no text books please) by dropping them off at the designated depository boxes located in the entrance lobbies of: Peapack Private Bank and Trust 233 South Street, Morristown; Fully Promoted at 16 Pine Street, Morristown

All collected books will be given away for free at the Morristown Rotary Club booth during the annual Morristown Fall Festival on the Green September 28th. This event provides a wonderful opportunity for local children to select books they can keep and enjoy, fostering a love of reading and learning.

"We are incredibly proud to be celebrating our fifth year of this impactful book drive," said

Aaron Oliver, Morristown Rotary President .. "The generosity of our community in donating books has always been overwhelming, and seeing the joy on children's faces as they pick out their very own books at the Fall Festival is truly rewarding. We believe in the power of literacy and are committed to making books accessible to all."

The Morristown Rotary Club invites everyone to participate in this year's drive by donating books and spreading the word. Your contributions help put books into the hands of children and promote literacy throughout our community. The annual book giveaway is a cornerstone of the Rotary's mission to cultivate a lifelong love of reading in young minds and support educational development in the community.

ABOUT THE MORRISTOWN ROTARY CLUB

The Morristown Rotary Club is a local chapter of Rotary International, a global organization dedicated to humanitarian service. Rotary members are community members who volunteer their time and resources to help others in their local communities and throughout the world.. For more information about Morristown Rotary go to morristownrotary.org



(above) Morristown Rotary: Fostering a Love of Reading Through Free Children's Book Giveaway

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The 6th Annual March to Yorktown Day Commemoration & Encampment Festival in Westfield, NJ will be held on Sunday, August 17th from 12:00 noon – 4:00pm.

The event will kick off at 12:00 noon at outside of Westfield’s Town Hall with an opening ceremony and the playing of patriotic music followed by remarks about the importance of Westfield commemorating when the French and American troops marched from Newport, Rhode Island to Yorktown, VA (an almost 700 mile, nine state, land and water journey) to lay siege to the British forces there, securing independence for the United States. The march of the troops took place in the summer of 1781 taking them through several Union County towns including Westfield, Mountainside and Scotch Plains on August 29, 1781. The March route was designated in 2009 as the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail, a unit of the National Trail System, administered by the National Park Service.

At 12:30, the community is invited to watch or join-in the symbolic march re-enactment along East Broad Street to Mountain Ave. Wreaths of remembrance will be placed at the Presbyterian burial grounds where over 70 Revolutionary War Veterans, their families and other patriots are buried. The march will continue into Mindowaskin Park accompanied by the Generals Rochambeau, Washington and Lafayette, the New Jersey Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the New Jersey Fifes and Drums, the Miller-Cory Museum colonial living history group, women camp followers and the New Jersey Militia Heard’s Brigade.

From 1:00 to 4:00, a history themed festival will be set up in Mindowaskin Park. A talk on African American experiences in the Revolutionary War will be given by Dr. Sean Dineen, Adjunct History Professor, Kean University and disabilities advocate. The event’s signature group is The Bruce Springsteen Archives & Center for American Music. They will be on hand to share news about their mission and they will have an exhibit with engaging items. Children’s games and activities along with information will be provided by local history organizations such as the Forgotten Victory Trail Association, Westfield Historical Society, Miller-Cory House Museum, Princeton Battlefield Society, Westfield Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, West Fields Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of the Revolution in New Jersey, Washington Association of New Jersey, North Jersey American Revolution Roundtable, Fortnightly Club, Swan Historical Foundation, Trent House

Museum, Merchants & Drovers Museum, Frazee House Museum, Center for Creativity at the Rialto, Liberty Hall Museum and others.

An encampment with tents, cooking demonstrations, fife and drum music, musket firing and marching drills will occur during the festival.

Food by A Taco Affair of Westfield, will be available for purchase.

This event is made possible by support from Mayor Shelley Brindle, the Westfield Town Council, the Town of Westfield, and in part by a 2025 HEART (History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands) Grant from the Union County Board of County Commissioners, The Westfield Inn, Chez Catherine, the West Fields Chapter SAR, the Westfield Chapter DAR, the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association, New Jersey (W3R-NJ).

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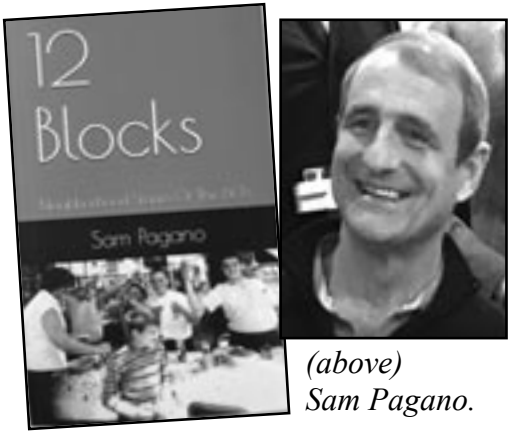
NEIGHBORHOOD STORIES

All about growing up in
East Newark, Harrison, and Kearny

Morris Township resident Sam Pagano authored a memoir of growing up in East Newark, Harrison, and Kearny.

It's the mid 60's in East Newark NJ, and all Sam Pagano and his buddies want to do is get out of their 12 block town. At the same time, they love every second spent running around in their worldwide playground of East Newark, Harrison, and Kearny. Schooldays spent at St. Anthony's. Saturdays at The Warner Theater, Saturday nights at The Arrow Bar and Pizzeria. Youth sports that included lots of roof climbing kick the can, stickball, and cards for comics. Sundays after Mass, the pool room, and pasta. Come join Sam, Frankie, Charlie, Pete, Pepi, Tootsie, Lefty, and the rest of the gang for a stroll back in time.

12 Blocks: Neighborhood Stories
by Sam Pagano is available digitally
or as a paper back book on Amazon.com



(above)
Sam Pagano.

On Sunday, September 21, Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey (GSHNJ) will host its annual “I Run for Girls 5K Run/Walk” at a brand-new location: the scenic Orange Reservoir in West Orange. The event kicks off at 9:00 AM, with check-in beginning at 8:00 AM.

This USATF-sanctioned race is open to runners and walkers of all ages and abilities—including families with strollers and individuals using wheelchairs. Participants will enjoy a vibrant morning of community, fun, and purpose, with proceeds supporting Girl Scout programs that help girls explore new interests, gain real-world skills, and build lasting friendships.

All registrants will receive a custom event T-shirt and medal. Awards will be given to the top three finishers in each USATF age category.

Proceeds from the race help fund Girl Scout programs that spark curiosity, build confidence, and foster leadership in more than 13,000 youth from kindergarten through 12th grade. Girl Scout troops from across the region will also be on hand to help bring energy and spirit to the day.

“Whether you’re racing or strolling, you’re helping create life-changing opportunities for young people,” said Natasha Hemmings, CEO of GSHNJ.

To register, donate, or start a fundraising team, visit www.gshnj.org/irunforgirls.

ABOUT GIRL SCOUTS HEART OF NEW JERSEY

Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey (GSHNJ) believes in the power of every girl. Our leadership program is designed to help girls discover who they are, what they can do, and

connect with a powerful community of girls and mentors to make it happen. With unique opportunities, Girl Scouts explore, learn, succeed, and take action to make a difference in their community. Providing over 13,000 girls from kindergarten through 12th grade access to leadership programs and mentors throughout Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Somerset, Union, southern Warren, and parts of Middlesex counties, GSHNJ offers girls a chance to practice a lifetime of leadership. GSHNJ operates two service centers located in North Branch and Westfield and the Girl Scout Leadership Center in Newark as well as three camp locations: Camp Hoover in Middleville, N.J., Camp DeWitt in Hillsborough, N.J., and The OVAL in Maplewood, N.J. To volunteer, reconnect, donate, or join, please visit www.gshnj.org.

Event Details

- Location: Orange Reservoir, 9 Cherry Lane, West Orange, NJ 07052
- Check-In Opens: 8:00 AM
- Race Starts: 9:00 AM
- Awards: Top three finishers in each USATF age group category
- All registrants receive: T-shirt and medal

Registration Fees Category	Sept. 1 - 20	Race Day
Adult Runners (18+)	\$50	\$60
USATF Members	\$45	\$55
Adult Walkers (18+)	\$45	\$50
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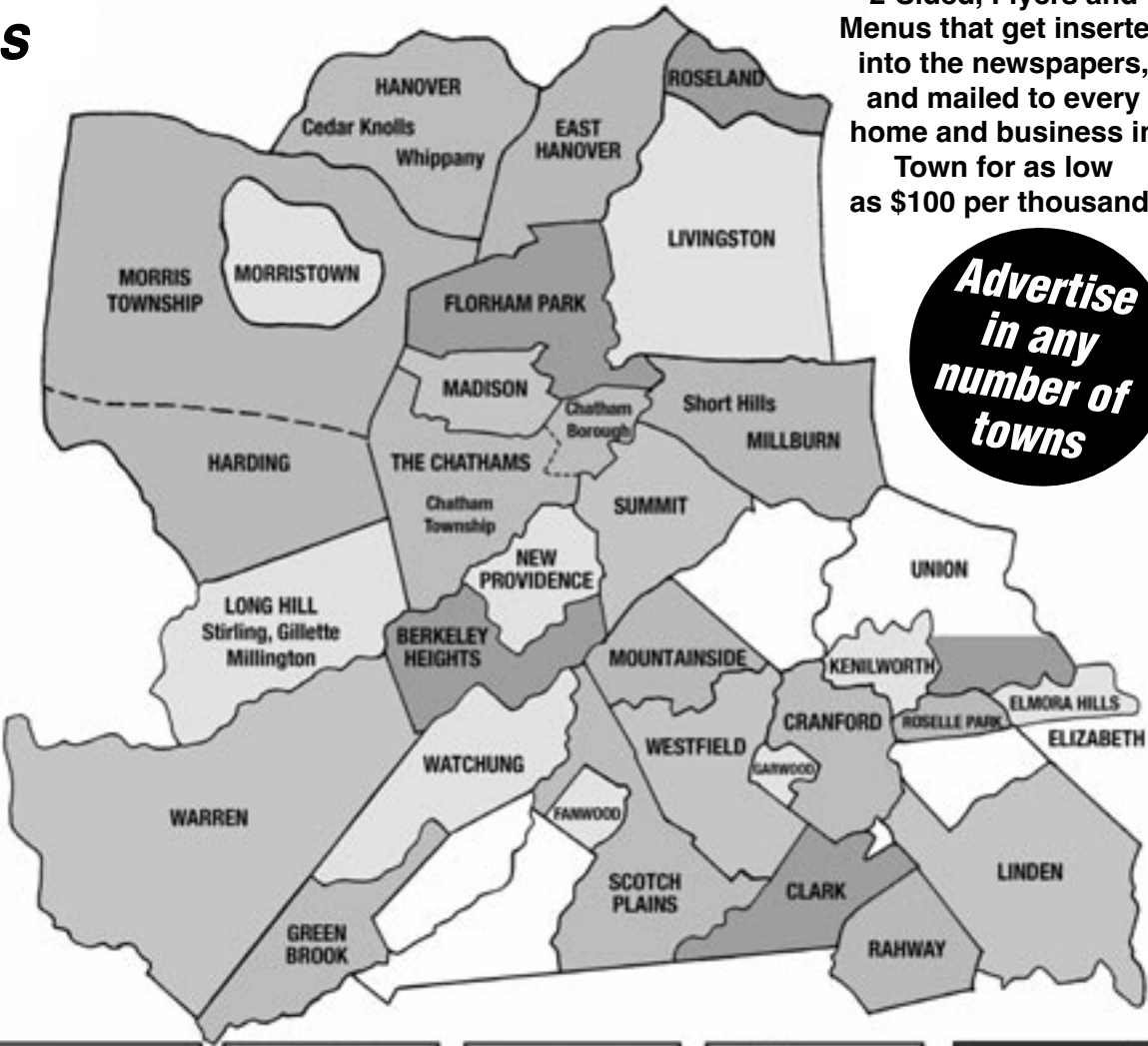
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