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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 Manufacturing CCM's Advanced 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, industryrecognized 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.

Courtesy Photo

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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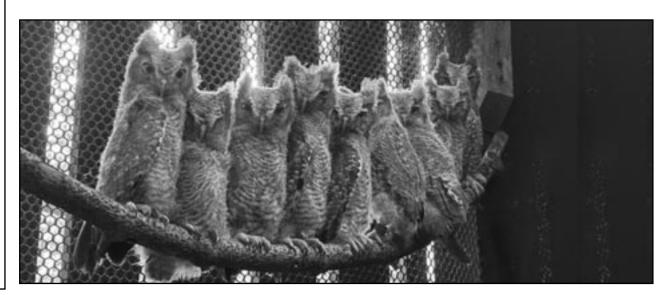
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Whether you're reliving the golden age of rock with tributes to Mellencamp, Lynyrd Skynyrd, and Led Zeppelin, swooning to the timeless croon of Sinatra, swaying to soulful harmonies from The Duprees and The Classics, or laughing out loud with the offbeat charm of Rodney Norman, this series is designed to stir memories, spark new favorites, and keep every guest entertained from curtain rise to final bow. With appearances from The BStreet Band, Jersey Four, Motor City Revue, and A Brother's Revival, Drew University's Concert Hall has become a destination for music lovers and comedy fans alike.

Nestled in the scenic campus of Drew University, the Concert Hall boasts seating for 433 and features rich acoustics in an intimate setting, ensuring every performance feels personal and immersive.

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- Sept. 20 Gypsy: A True Stevie Nicks Experience, Feat. Sabrina Staats
- Sept. 26 Southern Steel: A Tribute to Lynyrd Skynyrd
- Sept. 27 Rodney Norman Live: Comedian and Viral Star
- Sept. 28 Lights Out: The Jersey Beach Boys
- Oct. 5 Afternoon of Doo Wop: The Chimes, Emil Stucchio & The Classics, and The Fireflies
- Oct. 11 Michael Martocci and Brandon Tomasello, Sinatra, A Man & His Music
- Oct. 18 Jersey Four: A Tribute to Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons, Feat. Gerry Polci
- Oct. 25 Four Sticks: A Led Zeppelin Experience
- Nov. 1 The BStreet Band: The Original Tribute to The Boss
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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 Courtesy Photo

### **LABOR DAY 5K RUN & WALK - AUGUST 30**

Day 5K Run/Walk? Like last year, the 5K will be held at 8:45 AM on Saturday, August 30th at the Warren Municipal Complex.

Get ready for a fun-filled morning of movement and community synergy. Whether you're aiming for a new personal best or want to enjoy a relaxing walk, this event has something for everyone!

Take in the fresh air, soak up Warren's natural beauty, and enjoy the energy of fellow runners and walkers as we kick off Labor Day weekend in a spirited way. There will be medals for

Who's ready for the 2nd annual Warren Labor winners in every age category! Early check-in will be at the Lions Club Pavilion on August 27th, 28th, and 30th, between 5 PM to 7 PM. We are looking for volunteers to help out with checkin, race set-up, water stations, and race clean-up. If you are interested, please register through the race website! This year's 5K proudly supports the Mayors Wellness Program, promoting a healthier and more active community.

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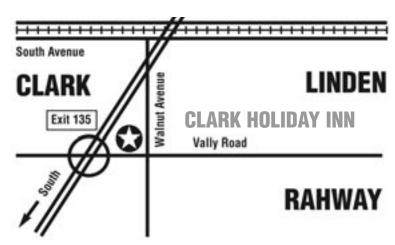
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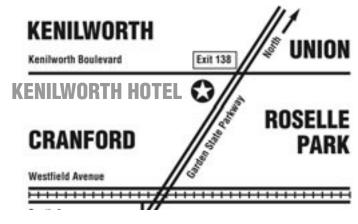
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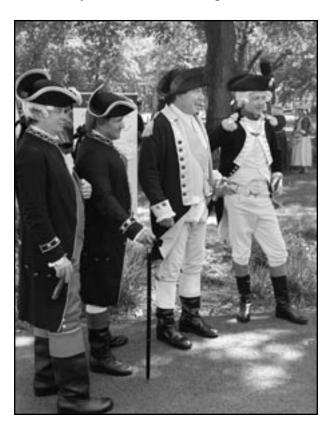
### THE BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN ARCHIVES & CENTER FOR AMERICAN MUSIC TO BE SIGNATURE GROUP AT 6TH ANNUAL MARCH TO YORKTOWN DAY

As the country enters a year of celebrations leading up to 2026 and America 250, the Semiquincentennial of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route New Jersey (W3R-NJ) announces an event that is a prelude to Westfield Celebrates America 250.

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

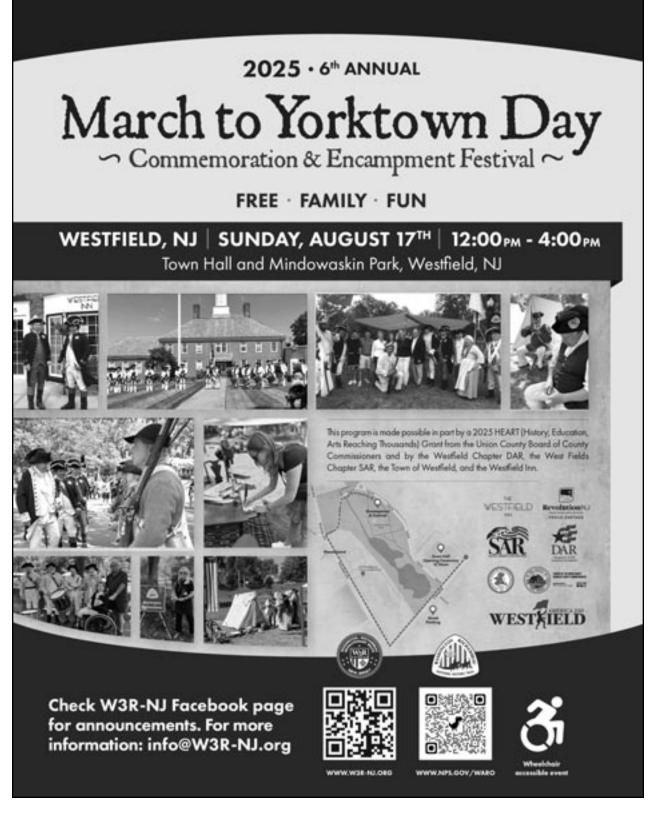
Museum, Merchants & Drovers Museum, Frazee House Museum, Center for Creativity at the Rialto, Liberty Hall Museum and others.

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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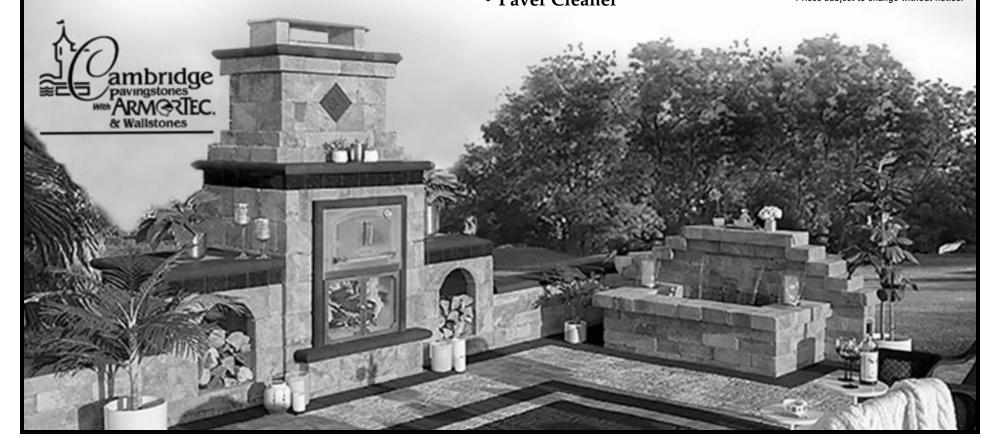
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### **Musical Workshop (Ages 3-8)**

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### Magician Steve Woyce presents "Color Our World"

August 2 at 11am

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### National Night Out at the Library

August 5 at 6pm

Join us for National Night Out at the Library! Come inside to relax in the air conditioning and enjoy a craft and movie!

### Page Turners Kids' Book Club (Ages 8-12) August 6 at 4pm

Calling all super readers! Come join the last meeting of our summer book club where we'll discuss Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren Wolk, do an activity, and share a snack. Please read the book before the meeting. Stop by the library to pick up your copy of the book and join us!

### Learn to Draw Nintendo Characters August 9 at 11am

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(above) LHT Library spent a day at Stirling Lake studying Vincent Van Gogh

### Center for Aquatic Sciences presents "An Ocean of Color" (Ages K-5)

August 11 at 4pm

Join the Center for Aquatic Sciences as we explore the vibrant hues found in our oceans, and how they reveal the health of our marine ecosystems and the incredible species that call them home.

### TEEN PROGRAMS:

Teen Book Club (Ages 13-19)

August 4 at 3:00pm

We'll all bring our own books to read in companionable silence the first half of the meeting. Then spend the second half crafting, snacking, discussing our latest reads, and deciding what we want next month.!

### Fun Friday Programs (ages 11-19) Every Friday at 2:30/3:00pm

Each Friday we have a different activity to encourage teens and tweens. Come try your hand at cupcake decorating on 8/1, enjoy some Taylor Swift music and friendship bracelet making on 8/8, go wild with an interactive showing of Moana on 8/15, make a rainbow macramé craft on 8/22, then unleash your creativity with button making on 8/29.

### **ADULT PROGRAMS:**

### **Silent Book Club at the Stirling Fountain**

Every Thursday at 2pm

What could be a more perfect summer book club? Bring your friends and family to enjoy some ice cream and a good book at the Stirling Fountain!

### National Mahjong Day Celebration August 1 at 1:00pm

Celebrate the wonderful game of mahjong with us! Join our experienced Friday Mahjong Group to learn more about the game and meet other mahjong players. Pizza will be provided!

Stay Young at Heart: Cooking Demonstration

### August 5 at 11:00am

Join the Registered Dietitian Nutritionists from the Nourish and Thrive Nutrition Center for a cooking demonstration to learn how to manage high blood pressure and high cholesterol by increasing fiber from whole plant-based foods. Learn ways to boost flavor while consuming low sodium and low saturated fat meals and snacks for optimal heart health.

### NEW Library Chef Virtual Cooking Classes August 6, 12, and 13

Enjoy three live, virtual cooking classes a month led by expert chefs and professional nutritionists. This month's recipes include Homemade Spreads & Condiments (8/6), 5 Ways to Make Chicken Salad (8/12), and Coconut Caramel Breakfast Bars (8/13). Classes are recorded and available anytime.

#### **Art Talks**

### August 6 and 12 on Zoom

On 8/6, learn about the unique Cloisters

Museum and Garden – part of the Metropolitan

Museum of Art, but located in Fort Tryon Park,

apart from the main building. Then come back

next week to learn about the life and work of

Michelangelo on 8/12.

### Saving Seeds from your Garden with Rutgers Master Gardeners

August 27 at 7pm on Zoom

The Rutgers Master Gardeners return to teach us about saving flower and vegetable seeds from plants already growing in our gardens!



### **OPERATION SISTERHOOD CELEBRATES WOMEN VETERANS**

YWCA Northern New Jersey's (YWCANNJ) Operation Sisterhood proudly hosted its annual Women Veterans Appreciation Day dinner and ceremony on Thursday, June 12, at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Florham Campus in Madison. The event brought together veterans, community leaders, and advocates from across the state to celebrate the courage, service, and leadership of New Jersey's women veterans.

This year's gathering honored 12 outstanding women veterans and community leaders, all selected through a public nomination process for their dedication to service and their alignment with YWCANNJ's mission of empowerment and equity. Special remarks were shared by Assemblywoman Aura Dunn (R-25) and State Senator Kristin Corrado (R-40) who recognized the honorees and paid tribute to the contributions of women in uniform.

A highlight of the evening was the State Medal Ceremony conducted in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (NJDMAVA). Twelve women veterans including two YWCANNJ honorees - were presented with official state medals in recognition of their distinguished military service.

that it has received a \$100,000 grant from Impact100 Garden State to support Operation Sisterhood. This transformative funding will allow the organization to expand vital services for women veterans, including mental health support, career readiness programs, and opportunities to strengthen community connections.

"We are beyond excited to receive this generous support from Impact100 Garden State," said Helen Archontou, CEO of YWCA Northern New Jersey. "With this funding, we can deepen the impact of Operation Sisterhood and continue ensuring that women veterans receive the respect, recognition, and resources they deserve - not just during commemorative events, but every day."

Launched as a program of YWCANNJ in 2024, Operation Sisterhood is dedicated to supporting women veterans as they transition to civilian life. The initiative offers a platform of support and wraparound services designed to meet the specific needs of women who have served.

"Women veterans often feel invisible, despite their sacrifices," said Lucy Del Gaudio, Equity

Following the event, YWCANNJ announced Initiatives Specialist for YWCA Northern New Jersey – Operation Sisterhood and a U.S. Army veteran. "This event is about visibility, connection, and giving these extraordinary women the recognition they've earned and so often go without."

> Observed each year on June 12, Women Veterans Appreciation Day commemorates the anniversary of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948. While not yet a federal holiday, it is recognized in New Jersey thanks to legislation signed by the late Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver.

> With over 2 million women veterans in the US today – accounting for 10% of the total veteran population, and projected to reach 18% by 2040 - Operation Sisterhood continues to advocate for more inclusive and equitable veteran support services.

> YWCANNJ would like to thank the community partners and sponsors whose support made this event possible: Horizon Blue Cross, Bergen New Bridge Medical Center, New Jersey SOS Veterans Stakeholders Group, New Jersey State of Veteran Chambers, Office of Veteran Services at Fairleigh Dickinson, and Catholic Charities.

> For more information including the list of honorees and their biographies, visit: https://tinyurl.com/WomenVeteransDay.

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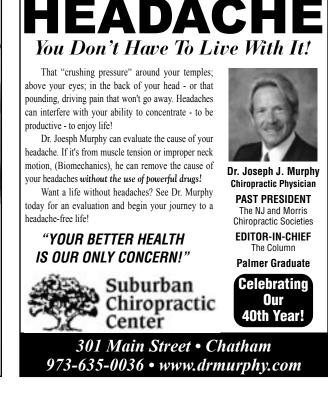
For over a century, YWCA Northern New Jersey has improved the lives of thousands of women, girls, and families and is on the forefront of the fight against gender and racial discrimination. We work to build more just and inclusive communities through programs for women and girls, anti-racism training, and policy advocacy. We operate healingSPACE, Bergen County's only Sexual Violence Resource Center (hotline number: 201-487-2227) and provide year-round child care, and senior wellness programs. YWCA Northern New Jersey serves Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, and Passaic counties. To learn more, visit ywcannj.org and follow @ywcannj on social media.



(above) Women Veterans Appreciation Day

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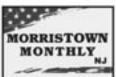
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This USATF-sanctioned race is open to runners and walkers of all ages and abilities including families with strollers and individuals using wheelchairs. Participants will enjoy a vibrant morning of community, fun, and purpose, with proceeds supporting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

All registrants will receive a custom event Tshirt 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 • All registrants receive: T-shirt and medal GSHNJ.

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

#### **ABOUT GIRL SCOUTS HEART OF NEW JERSEY**

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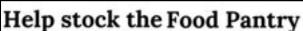
#### **Event Details**

- 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

Registration Fees	Sept.	Race	
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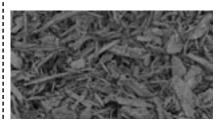
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