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SCOUTS CELEBRATE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Submitted by D. Michael Hart

On the evening of Saturday, August 2, 2025, The Patriots' Path Council, Scouting America (formerly Boy Scouts of America), honored 6 inductees into the Camping Hall of Fame: Kevin Dowling, Jeffrey Huppert, John Koneski, David Setzer, Bill Sherman, and Bill Stroh.

Frank Caccavale was the Master of Ceremonies, and also inducted his close friend and mentor, Jeffrey Huppert. Jeff was a camper and staff member at Scout Camp Winnebago in the 1950's and 1960's eventually becoming the program director. Jeff wrote the Firewatch program for camp and gave Indian Cliffs its name. Jeff acted as the council historian, collecting and sharing stories for the last 70 years. Unfortunately, Jeff passed away in June. Jeff was a friend and role model to us all. He helped teach so many of us what it means to be an effective and caring Scout Leader. At the heart of all he did was always a passion for getting young people to experience the outdoors.

Dr. D. Michael Inducted John Koneski into the Camping Hall of Fame. John's entire professional career was spent at Colgate, first as a Quality Control Chemist, and then later as a Senior Research Associate Chemist.

He was in scouts as a lad, and when his two boys joined cubs in 1992, he became active as a leader. He has been active in the scouts ever since. for 33 years, at the Troop level, District level and Council level. He still goes on many of the Troop camping trips and outings.

When he retired, John increased his already busy activity level by joining the Flintlocks, and within one year, was elected President. So far, he has been President for 8 years.

The Flintlocks are a group of about 25 highly skilled scouters who come to the camps every week all year round. They build cabins, additions, latrines, they do repairs, and so forth. Almost everything made out of wood in the camps was built by them. Over the years they built 14 pavilions throughout the camps which they paid for themselves. John is always teaching at the University of Scouting, teaching the Cub Scouts Wood Tools programs, and bringing craft kits to the Scout Shop.

Nine members of the Flintlocks have been inducted into the Camping Hall of Fame: 2016- Bob Germinder; 2016- Ray Brandes; 2017- Joe Schott; 2018- George Van Dyke; - 2018 Chris Szymczak; 2019- Russ Jenkins; 2024- Frank Wallace; 2025-John Koneski; 2025- Jeff Huppert.

The Flintlocks BSA, Inc. is a 501c3 consisting of a group of retired scouters who support the Patriot's Path Council (PPC) of Scouting America. They are not associated with firearms. The name comes from an old device which is still useful, implying that they are old scouters who are still useful. The Flintlocks maintain the 3 camps, two scout shops, have built new structures, renovated older structures, and provided volunteer manpower for Council activities. The Flintlocks also run the Council Holiday Toy Drive.

The Patriots' Path Council consists of over 10,000 scouts in 300 units in 5 counties of northern New Jersey. Cub Scouts consist of girl Packs or boy Packs and include children in kindergarten through 5th grade. Scouts



(above) Frank Caccavale presenting a plaque to Jeffrey Huppert's sons Jon and Matt.



(above) Dr. D. Michael Hart inducting John Koneski into the Camping Hall of Fame

Courtesy Photos

consist of girl Troops or boy Troops from 5th grade through age 18. Three additional coed programs serve older children, up to age 21: Sea Scouts who learn about boats and go for sailing trips; Explorers- which focus on specific carers; and Venture Crew which go on high adventure outings. The Scouting program focuses on developing good citizens, character development, learning useful skills and hobbies, exploring careers, and making lifelong friends. The website for the Patriots' Path Council is ppcbsa.org.

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Visit the Miller-Cory House Museum for some Halloween fun! The program is appropriate for children, ages 3 through elementary school. The museum's costumed docents will greet visitors in front of the farmhouse. There are numerous activities planned for the afternoon, including decorate your own Halloween treat, a scavenger hunt, crafts, and storytelling. Members of the Cooking Committee will also demonstrate early American recipes over the open hearth. Be sure to come in costume! Admission is \$5.00 for children; accompanying adults are free. No reservations required.

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(above) Get ready for some Halloween fun at the Miller-Cory House Museum at our Hocus Pocus program on October 26. Come in costume, if you dare!

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At a time when many people are searching for meaningful, screen-free ways to connect, the New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra (NJIO) offers something special: a space where musicians of all ages and levels come together to create music, and where audiences are invited into that same spirit of community.

Founded on the belief that orchestra is for everyone, NJIO welcomes people of all ages and



musical levels into its four non-audition orchestras. By blending generations and skill levels, NJIO creates more than music; it creates moments of human connection, belonging, and joy.

All NJIO concerts are free, open to all ages, and require no tickets or RSVPs. Each performance is also livestreamed and recorded for later viewing on NJIO's YouTube channel, ensuring accessibility. Concert lobbies feature NJIO's Concert Comfort Station, offering sensory and comfort items such as cushions so everyone can enjoy the music.

A SEASON OF "SPIRIT"

This year, NJIO's 32nd concert season carries the theme "Get Into the Spirit!", highlighting the natural spirit, the holiday spirit, the human spirit, and the national spirit. Each program is designed to draw people together around a shared experience of beauty and hope.

• FALL CONCERT:

The Natural Spirit November 2, 2025 at 3pm Crescent Ave Presbyterian Church, Plainfield

Beethoven's "Pastoral" Symphony paints a picture of meadows, flowing streams, and a sudden storm. The concert also features the NJIO 2025 Young Artist Concerto Competition winner (sponsored by NJIO's community partner, Elefante Music), Marcus Chong-Wah Wong, a 9th grade violinist from Edgewater, NJ.



• FAMILY HOLIDAY CONCERT: The Holiday Spirit December 13, 2025 at 2pm Summit Middle School

A joyful celebration of holiday and winter favorites, including interactive moments for kids and an Instrument Petting Zoo sponsored by Elefante Music.

ABOUT NJIO

The New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra (NJIO) brings together musicians of all ages and skill levels through four non-audition orchestras and educational programs. Its mission is to open the world of orchestral music to diverse audiences and to foster human connection through education and performance.

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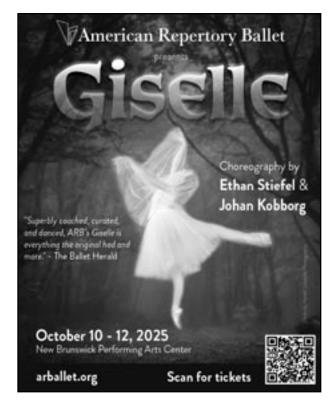
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AMERICAN REPERTORY BALLET PRESENTS THE RETURN OF STIEFEL & KOBBORG'S GISELLE

American Repertory Ballet (ARB) opens its 2025/26 season at the New Brunswick Performing Arts Center (NBPAC) with the highly anticipated return of Ethan Stiefel and Johan Kobborg's acclaimed adaptation of the classic ballet Giselle. Presented Friday, October 10, 2025 through Sunday, October 12, 2025, Giselle tells the story of a young woman who dies of a broken heart—only to confront, and eventually forgive, her beloved from beyond the

Originally choreographed in 2012 for the Royal New Zealand Ballet under Stiefel's artistic leadership, Giselle was initially restaged and partially redesigned specifically for ARB at NBPAC in 2022 by the award-winning team of Howard Jones (Scenic Designer), Natalia Stewart (Costume Designer), and Joseph R. Walls (Lighting Designer). Giselle is celebrated as being "[s]uperbly coached, curated, and danced," says The Ballet Herald's Nadia Vostrikov. "ARB's Giselle is everything the original had and more."

Featuring emotionally powerful technically stunning performances, this moving production will no doubt get audiences in the Halloween spirit via this haunting tale of love, betrayal, and the supernatural.

TICKET AND VENUE INFORMATION

- New Brunswick Performing Art Center New Brunswick, NJ
- Friday, October 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM*
- Saturday, October 11, 2025 at 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM
- Sunday, October 12, 2025 at 2:00 PM** Tickets for Giselle range from \$42 to \$72, not including additional 4% NBPAC Ticket Fee.
- *Post-Show Reception (\$50 add-on to ticket purchase) with ARB Dancers, artistic leadership, and VIPs immediately following the performance. Light bites and beverages will be served.
- **Come to the performance dressed in costume for a festive Halloween season kickoff!

Tall/wide hats, light up accessories, and weapons will not be permitted.

The New Brunswick Performing Arts Center is located at 11 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

The venue can be reached by car or New Jersey Transit and has ample parking in its attached parking deck.

For more information, contact Grant Jacoby, Director of Marketing, at gjacoby@arballet.org, or by calling 609-921-7758 x34.



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First launched in 1982 as the Westfield Craft Market, this event enjoyed a 20-year run, earning a reputation for quality and community spirit. Now, producers Richard & Joanna Rothbard - owners of An American Craftsman Galleries in NYC and Great Barrington, MA return with fresh energy to reintroduce Westfield to a cultural tradition it once embraced.

Sharing the spotlight will be 80 gifted artists and designers including several nationally recognized for their award winning accomplishments; many traveling from across the U.S., from as far as California and Florida. Guests will enjoy work never before seen on the East Coast. The fair could be called a weekend "Off-Broadway production" - with a great cast, many stars, with several booths designed like stage sets.

HALLOWEEN EVE KICKOFF: ALL WEEKEND PASS FOR PARENTS AND KIDS FOR FREE.

The show opens Friday, October 31, with a family-friendly Trick-or-Treat Party. Kids can:

- Collect their treats while meeting the artists
- Create their own art on the famous Art Wall

Join a weekend-long Treasure Hunt. Great prizes made by the artists. And throughout the weekend, visitors can win original art prizes donated by An American Craftsman Gallery.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- Westfield Armory is Just 5 minutes from Exit 135 on the Garden State Parkway
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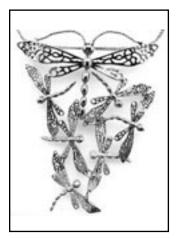
Trick or Treat party Friday Oct. 31 - 3 pm-7 pm Saturday Nov.1. - 10 am-6 pm Sunday Nov. 2 - 10 am-5 pm

An incredible selection of ceramics, independent fashion artists, fine woodworking, jewelry, paintings, mixed media, Illustration, photography, and art glass - from \$25 keepsakes to Michael Alexander's \$10,000 masterpieces.

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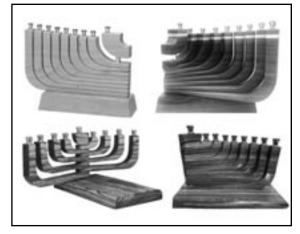
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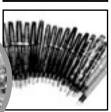
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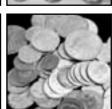
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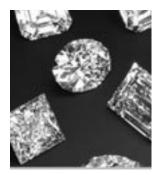
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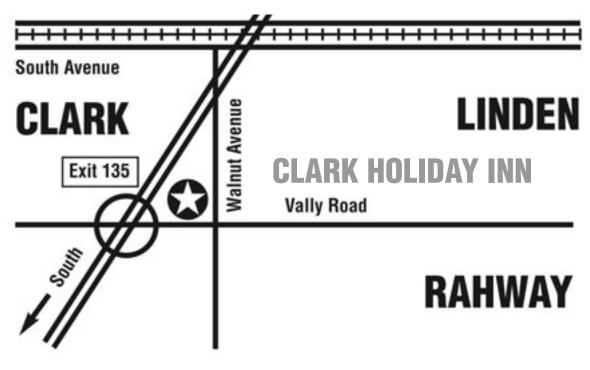
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In 2005, Caring Contact became one of the first agencies to respond to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline while continuing to serve its original warmline. When the Lifeline transitioned into the nationwide 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline in 2022, the volume of calls surged dramatically. In 2024 alone, Caring Contact Listeners answered over 21,000 calls, serving as a lifeline for anyone in need - no matter the reason for their call.

Caring Contact extends heartfelt gratitude to the supporters, volunteers, donors, and staff past and present—whose dedication has made this work possible. Their compassion has touched countless lives and built a legacy of hope that will carry forward into the next 50 years. With this milestone, Caring Contact reaffirms its commitment to continue evolving, listening, and responding - because everyone deserves to be heard, especially in their darkest moments.

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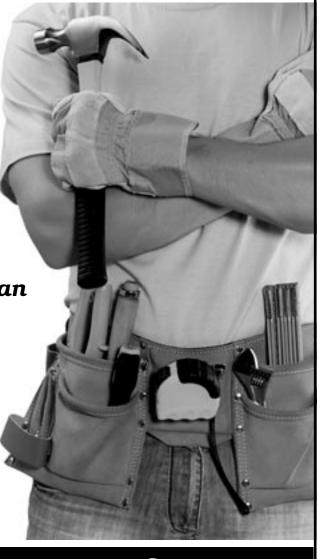
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MORRISTOWN PUP NABS SPOT IN 2025 BARK FOR LIFE CALENDAR

She's got the ears of a supermodel, the zoomies of a champion sprinter, and a bark that says "treat, please." Meet Josie, Morristown's unofficial mayor of South Street — and now, one of the proud winners of the 2025 Bark for Life Calendar Contest!

After a week-long voting frenzy, Josie galloped ahead of the competition to earn a coveted feature in this year's 2025 Bark for Life calendar. And not just a cameo — a full-page glam spread, complete with her story, her signature side-eye, and plenty of reasons why she's the queen of local hearts.

But Josie's calendar win is more than just a photo op. It means she'll be a VIP (Very Important Pup) at the Bark for Life of Central NJ celebration on October 12, 2025 at Bell Works in Holmdel, where she'll be officially honored for her victory — likely with applause, belly rubs, and maybe a few snacks.

WHO IS JOSIE?

Josie is a 4-year-old Australian Cattle Dog (allegedly)— though some suspect she may also be part professional napper and part mayhem enthusiast, depending on the hour. She was rescued as a puppy and now lives her best life ruling the sidewalks and hearts of Morristown.

Known for her expressive ears, her suspiciously dramatic sighs, and a highly curated side-eye, Josie has become a local celebrity both on leash and online.

Her favorite things include: Car rides (windows down, please), Sidewalk café peoplewatching (her favorite being the Lokl!), Chasing squirrels she has no intention of catching, Ignoring her toys to chew sticks instead, and Judging humans from the couch like it's her fulltime job.

In short: she's a rescue with attitude, heart, and a whole lot of fans.

WHAT IS BARK FOR LIFE?

The Bark for Life event is part of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life movement. It



(above) Paws Up for Josie!

honors the caregiving qualities of canine website, and registration is now live for the companions while raising critical funds for cancer research and support services especially here in New Jersey.

Proceeds from calendar sales and fundraising events all go toward supporting programs like free rides to treatment, overnight stays near major cancer centers, and 24/7 access to cancer information and support for patients and families.

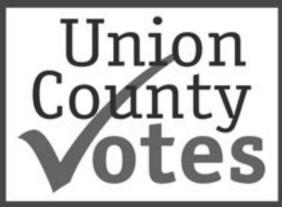
GET INVOLVED!

Missed your chance to vote for Josie? You can still be part of the tail-wagging fun. Donations are open at the Bark for Life of Central NJ

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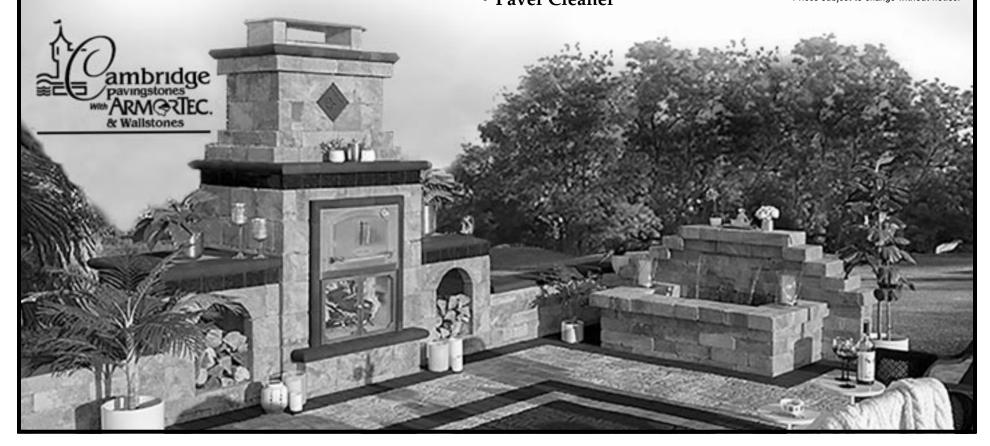
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MOTORIZED SCOOTERS AND BICYCLES ORDINANCE ADOPTED

Town of Westfield

On July 15, the Town Council unanimously adopted an ordinance on second reading to ban the use of motorized scooters and bicycles on all park pathways, trails, and fields. This ordinance was reviewed and recommended by the Recreation Commission in response to a rapidly growing number of concerns being reported by residents and our Police Department. The use of motorized scooters and bikes is becoming an increasingly big public safety concern as they become more prevalent – with ongoing issues including speeding, underage and unlicensed riders, a disregard of traffic laws and, worse, a blatant disregard and disrespect for our police officers when approached.

With this ordinance now in effect, citations will be issued for anyone caught violating it, and if it's a minor, their motorized bike could be confiscated by the police and only returned to a responsible adult. While the ban covers pathways and trails in our parks, the law does not allow us to ban these vehicles from public roadways.

This first step is one that we can take to help raise awareness as we continue to educate parents of teens about the laws and safety issues related to these vehicles, and it follows the recent e-bike seminar hosted by the Westfield Police Department on this important topic. The slideshow is available on the town website: Westfield-Police-E-Bike-Safety-Presentation

OPERAS ON FILM ANNOUNCES SEASON LINEUP

Mountainside Rescue Squad

Operas on Film, now in its 12th season is held at the Mountainside Rescue Squad. The selected films from famous opera houses throughout the world, will be played with subtitles on the second Friday of the month at 1 p.m. hosted by Mena Clemson and Norma Huber, Jr. It is free to attend. Whether you are an opera buff or an opera neophyte, you are invited to join us for the following films:

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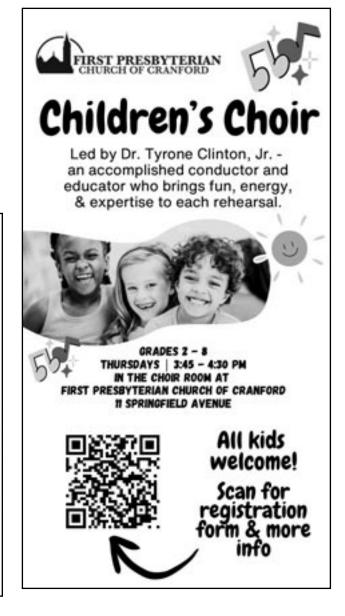
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Threshold Choir is a nonprofit network of about 200 chapters across the country and abroad. And there is one right here in Whippany, NJ, called the Garden State Threshold Choir.

Founded 25 years ago, Threshold Choir singers go, by invitation, to sing at the bedside of those crossing life's challenging thresholds, especially the final threshold between living and dying.

The Garden State Threshold Choir began in 2017 when Whippany resident Judy Hahn retired, looked for a chapter to join, and, finding none nearby, started recruiting to form a new chapter. "It takes time and patience to establish a new chapter," says Hahn. "And it takes time and patience for each singer to be ready to do this work. What we have is an incredibly dedicated and compassionate group of women."

Arriving in a group of two to four singers at a hospital, nursing facility or home, they carry folding stools and sit by the bed. "Even if the hospice patient is nonresponsive, we believe they can hear us and feel the vibrations of our harmonies," says Hahn. "For those close to the end, it is said that we are 'singing them home.'"

Threshold Choir has its own unique repertoire of songs, written mostly by members. The songs are simple and short, sung softly a capella, first in unison, then repeated and layered with harmonies. The lyrics speak of rest, comfort, letting go, or about peacefulness and love.

"People wonder how we can sing to a dying person," noted Cedar Knolls resident Bonnie Adams. "But to us it's an honor to be present in that sacred, intimate space. We see the breathing relax; and when the patient is surrounded by family, the songs give voice to their feelings and help them grieve."

The Garden State chapter is accepting inquiries for membership. A singer has to be able to carry a tune, hold her own part in harmony, blend with other voices, be willing to self-monitor and accept gentle feedback, and, above all, communicate kindness with their voice. Rehearsals are held on Tuesday evenings, alternating between Zoom sessions and in-person at the First Presbyterian Church of Whippany.

Threshold Choir is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that honors all spiritual paths and has no religious affiliation. All of the chapter's services are free of charge.

Much more information about Threshold Choir is available on thresholdchoir.org, and about the Garden State Threshold Choir at thresholdchoir.org/Garden State.

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(above) GSTC members Judy Hahn, Rockie French and Delia Cashin sing at a hospice facility.

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WEST FIELDS CHAPTER OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Submitted by Christopher D. Sands

This summer has been a very busy time for the West Fields Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. In June the chapter presented the SAR Bronze Medals to cadets at the Perth Amboy, and Linden High School Naval JROTC's and Roselle's Abraham Clark High School Marine Corps JROTC. The Army's 250th Birthday was on the 14th of June and there were a few events the members participated in to commemorate it. On 13 June the Association of the United states Amy held a ceremony at the Founding Forward Medal of Honor Grove in Valley Forge. On the 14th the chapter helped Commentate the Battle of Springfield with the Church and Cannon Chapter of the DAR and also held an Army 250th Birthday party at the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield. On the 26th of June the Chapter again celebrated the 250th Army Birthday as part of a combined Color Guard at the AUSA Northern NJ Chapter Gala in Jersey City, while other members conducted Color Guard activities at the Battle of the Short Hills Commemoration in Edison. On June 28th we laid a wreath at the Statue of General von Steuben at the Battle of Monmouth event.

The 4th of July was very busy as members attended the reading of the Declaration of Independence at the grave of Abraham Clark, one of the five signers of the Declaration from new Jersey, in Rahway Cemetery. Then they traveled to Perth Amboy for the towns "Let Freedom Ring" 4th of July event. Perth Amboy was the Capitol of East Jersey in Colonial times. They finished the day at the Kearny VFW for the

Town of Kearny's 4th of July event.

On the 7th of July chapter members attended the rededication of the Pastor James Caldwell and his Wife Hannah's monument in Elizabeth. Caldwell the "Fighting Pastor" and his wife were killed by the British during the Revolutionary War. Then they mustered at the crypt of Colonel Elias Davton who Commanded the 3rd NJ Infantry Regiment. The New Jersey Color Guard uses the 3rd NJ 1776 "Jersey Greys" uniform for its color guard members.

Members also celebrated the Franco-American Alliance of the Revolutionary War by attending two General Lafayette and two General Rochambeau events. The 200th Anniversary of General Lafayette's 1824 tour of America were held in Bordentown on July 11th and 13th July in Morristown. While the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Events were in Philadelphia on 20 July and the March to Yorktown Day this past weekend in Westfield.

Congress at the Mohegan Sun Resort in During the week of 23 July members participated in the

Monmouth County 250th opening celebration top of Battle Hill inside the cemetery. at their county fair. After opening the fair by the presentation of the Colors by the color guard, we the fair. In August members traveled to York, PA including Alexander Hamilton and Lewis Morris chrissands44@aol.com.



above) New Jersey Society President and also the West Fields Chapter President Chris Sands with a Mohegan Warrior.

in Trinity Church Cemetery, NYC. On the 23 and The National Society had its 135th Annual 24 of August members took part in the 249th commemoration of the Battle of Brooklyn. On Connecticut from 12 July through the 18th. the 23rd it was held at the Old Stone House and on the 24th it was conducted at on the green in front of Green-Wood Cemetery front gate and on

The Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is a genealogical society which was helped man a Revolutionary War tent the rest of Chartered by an Act of Congress. It is the largest male lineage organization. If you would like to for the North Atlantic Middle States District learn more about the West Fields Chapter of the Meeting. On 17th of August members took part Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in the grave marking for ten American patriots please contact President Chris Sands at

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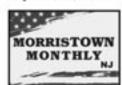
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COLUMBUS DAY CEREMONY - OCT 12

Westfield Italian American Club and Greater Westfield Chapter of UNICO National selected Robert J. Tarte and Rocco Buonomo as co-Grand Marshalls of the Columbus Day Ceremony.

Buonomo was the owner of Buono Pizza in Westfield for many yearsp. He is a long time President of Westfield Italian American Club.

During his tenure the Club has grown and has awarded many scholarships to Westfield students as well as sponsoring blood drives and working with special needs olympics.

Tarte has been a member of the UNICO National for 50 years. UNICO National has 100 chapters and is the largest Italian American service organization in the country.

The ceremony will be held on Sunday, October 12, 2025 in Mindowaskin Park in Westfield at 11 a.m. There will be State, County, and Westfield officials as well as speakers on Italian heritage. There will be Italian music and refrdhments. Admission is free and all are invited. The ceremony will be held rain or shine.



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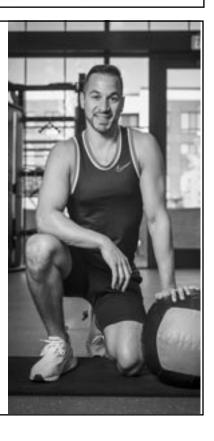
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