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SCOUT REVITALIZES AMERICAN LEGION'S VETERANS MEMORIAL

Submitted by Daniel Cannon

Life Scout Sara Abraham-Winkler leads a community effort to honor local veterans and preserve history ahead of the nation's semiquincentennial.

In a heartfelt tribute to Millburn's veterans and community heritage, Life Scout Sara Abraham-Winkler of Scouting America Troop 19 has completed an extraordinary Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project revitalizing the Veterans Memorial at the American Legion Post 140 – Guy R. Bosworth. The effort restored one of Millburn's most sacred community spaces, honoring generations of local service members who secured our liberty.

Sara, a member of Troop 19 chartered at St. Rose of Lima Church in Short Hills, joined Scouting in 2020 and quickly distinguished herself as a leader and tireless volunteer. Her Scouting experiences have deepened her appreciation for service and sacrifice, particularly after marching in the New York City Veterans Day Parade at the invitation of the Alumni Association of the USS Intrepid. Standing alongside veterans in that parade reinforced for her that freedom is not free, inspiring her to dedicate her Eagle project to honoring those who served our nation and community.

Over the course of several days, Sara led a few dozen volunteers who collectively contributed more than 200 hours of dedicated work to restore the memorial grounds. Together they restored the historic World War I cannon, cleaned and repainted the grenade launcher, repainted the flagpole and raised new American and POW flags, carefully removed algae and lichen from engraved memorial bricks honoring Millburn's veterans, cleaned the concrete benches and the Veterans Memorial Path post, planted grass seed and refreshed the landscaping, and installed new river rock along the perimeter to enhance drainage and beautify the site. Every element of the project was completed with care, reverence, and gratitude for the sacrifices made by those memorialized there.

This effort was completed in partnership with Millburn 250, the township's celebration of the 250th anniversary of American independence.

Millburn 250 committee member and Sons of the American Legion Squadron 140 Commander Daniel Cannon praised her effort, noting, "As we celebrate Millburn 250 and the 250th anniversary of our nation's independence, Sara's work stands as a tribute to the generations who secured our freedom and a gift to those who will inherit it. Her leadership and dedication reflect the very spirit of service and patriotism that built this country over the last 250 years. Millburn is proud of her."

In reflecting on the project, Sara shared, "I am super grateful for all the volunteers, generous donors, and corporate sponsors, especially Rossi Paint Store in Millburn, Chatham Stone, and the Budweiser Corporation. I am also thankful for the American Legion, Millburn Township, and Millburn 250 for extending their confidence in me to tackle this project. Overall, I am super super proud of all the work we accomplished."

If your son or daughter is interested in Scouting, visit stroseshorthills.org for links to Troop 19 (girls) and Troop 17 (boys). To learn more about Millburn 250 activities, visit Millburn250.org or find them on Facebook and Instagram.



(above) A proud, Eagle Scout candidate, Sara Abraham-Winkler takes a final photo celebrating her completed Eagle Scout leadership service project.

Photos by Daniel Cannon



(above) Commander Burt Brown, of American Legion Post 140 - Millburn, extends his gratitude, on behalf of the veterans and Millburn community, to Eagle Scout candidate Sara Abraham-Winkler.

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PIPES OF CHRISTMAS RETURNS DECEMBER 14

The sound of pipes and drums will once again ring out this holiday season as the 27th Annual Pipes of Christmas returns with performances in Boston, New York City, and Summit, NJ.

Presented by the Learned Kindred of Currie, the beloved concert celebrates Scotland and Ireland’s rich musical and spiritual heritage through a vibrant program of traditional carols, hymns, and readings that tell the story of Christmas through a distinctly Celtic lens.

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

• Boston, MA – December 5-6,
Church of the Covenant at 7PM and Noon

• New York, NY – December 13,
Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church at 2PM

• Summit, NJ – Central Presbyterian Church at 2 and 7PM

INFO AND TICKETS AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE:
WWW.PIPESOFCHRISTMAS.COM.

• Global Webcast of Concert Highlights to Follow

For those unable to attend in person, concert highlights will once again be shared with audiences around the world through the Pipes of Christmas Global Webcast, premiering on December 19 for subscribers.

The broadcast brings the magic of the live performances to homes across six continents, allowing friends and families everywhere to share in the music, message, and joy of the season.



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NEW JERSEY FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA

Return of the 3 Holiday Tenors

SAT, Dec 6 at 7:00 pm
The Presbyterian Church, Westfield

SUN, Dec 7 at 3:00 pm
Drew University, Madison

Renowned tenor fare, holiday classics, and winter-time favorites guaranteed to make the season merry.

BROADWAY THROUGH THE AGES

WED, Dec 31 at 5:00 **THURS, Jan 1 at 2:30**
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New Jersey Festival Orchestra ushers in the holiday season with two major December performances that showcase the full breadth of the orchestra’s artistic range.

Under the direction of Maestro David Wroe, NJFO welcomes audiences to celebrate the magic of the season with Return of the 3 Holiday Tenors on December 6 and 7, followed by the orchestra’s signature New Year’s celebration, Broadway Through the Ages, on December 31 and January 1.

Return of the 3 Holiday Tenors features award-winning vocalists John Kun Park, Luke Norvell, and Michael DeShield, each bringing a distinct artistic profile to this beloved NJFO tradition. Park, praised for his “radiant lyricism,” has appeared with major opera houses across the country. Norvell, known for his “effortless charm and ringing tenor,” continues to shine as a rising star on both concert and operatic stages. DeShield, celebrated for his powerful presence and versatility, is a frequent soloist with ensembles throughout the Northeast.

The trio joins NJFO for a sparkling program of holiday favorites, classical tenor showpieces, and uplifting choral moments. They are joined by the Holy Trinity Choir of Westfield and Central Avenue Choir of Madison, adding festive warmth and community spirit to this seasonal celebration. Performances take place Saturday, December 6 at The Presbyterian Church in

Westfield and Sunday, December 7 at Drew University in Madison.

The festivities continue with Broadway Through the Ages, NJFO’s dazzling New Year’s tradition performed in Westfield and Basking Ridge. This year’s concert brings together a powerhouse lineup of guest artists: Tess Marshall, acclaimed for her magnetic stage presence and vocal brilliance; Lisa Marie Rogali, a versatile performer equally at home in opera and musical theater; and Peter Kendall Clark, praised for his “commanding baritone and dramatic flair.” This year’s program also features stars from the Dance Theater of Harlem, adding movement, elegance, and theatrical artistry to this musical celebration. Together with NJFO, the ensemble leads audiences on a spirited journey through iconic Broadway classics.

RETURN OF THE 3 HOLIDAY TENORS
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The Presbyterian Church, Westfield
Sun Dec 7, 3 PM
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December 7, 2025, 3:00 PM - Celebrate the magic of the season as Opera at Florham presents its beloved Annual Holiday Spectacular at St. Margaret of Scotland Church, 6 Sussex Avenue, Morristown, NJ.

After an incredible turnout at our recent Due Soprani e Un Tenore concert, you’ve GOT to get your tickets for the December 7th Holiday Spectacular! This concert will be held at St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Morristown, which offers FREE PARKING and plenty of room in the beautiful sanctuary—so gather your friends and family for an afternoon of festive music and joy.

Whether you’re a lifelong Opera lover or discovering Opera at Florham for the first time, this delightful performance captures the spirit of the holidays through music that transcends generations. From beloved Arias to familiar seasonal melodies, the Holiday Spectacular is a joyful celebration of artistry and community -

perfect for audiences of all ages.

Opera at Florham’s Holiday Spectacular is more than a concert—it’s a heartwarming experience that has become a highlight of the holiday season across New Jersey. Each year, this festive performance transforms St. Margaret of Scotland Church into a winter wonderland of music, where world-class voices and live accompaniment inspire wonder and joy.

Expect to be swept away by the power of the human voice, the beauty of timeless melodies, and the spirit of togetherness that defines this special time of year. Whether you come to be uplifted, share the magic with family and friends, or simply savor the music of the season, the Holiday Spectacular is a gift you’ll remember long after the final note.

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Jane Austen at 250: Her Novels and Their Afterlives: Join Patricia Ard, Austen scholar and professor of literature, for a discussion of why Austen’s six brilliant novels have earned her lasting fame and a worldwide readership across centuries. Hybrid: attend in-person (no registration required) or via Zoom (registration required at https://tinyurl.com/mcl-austen3).

Austen-themed Friday Afternoon Movies @ 2:00 p.m.:

12/5: “Pride & Prejudice” (2005)

12/19: “Emma” (2020)

No registration required.

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Austen-themed art, books, artifacts, and other items will be on display during library open hours throughout December.

ALL AGES

Escape Room: The Mad Hatter’s Hurried Hunt

Sat., Dec. 6, Mon., Dec. 8, & Tue., Dec. 9, various times

Help the Mad Hatter find the lost key to his treasured Time-Locked Tea Caddy! Participants 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration required & more info at https://tinyurl.com/mcl-madhatter .

Spanish Conversation for Adults & Teens

Thu., Dec. 18, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Practice your Spanish language proficiency in a casual, small group environment. A basic level skill is recommended, but any skill level is welcome. No registration required.

ADULTS

Tuesday Book Club

Tue., 12/9, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

This month's book is North Woods by Daniel Mason. No registration needed.

Medieval Book Club

Wed., Dec. 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

We're reading Revelations of Divine Love by Julian of Norwich. No registration needed.

Socrates Cafe

Wed., Dec. 17, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

A discussion group using the dialogue of the Socratic Method. No registration required.

TEENS

Celebrate Taylor Swift's Birthday!

Fri., Dec. 12, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Celebrate Taylor's birthday (Dec. 13) one day early! Come to dance, sing-along, make friendship bracelets and other crafts, take pictures, and have fun with other Swifties! For ages 18 and under. Children under 12 must be with an adult at all times. Registration (required) at https://tinyurl.com/mcl-swifties.

CHILDREN

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Move & Groove with Miss Jolie

Tue., Dec. 2, 10:00-10:45 a.m.

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A Dickens Tale

Thu., Dec. 11, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

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Recently, Cadet 2d Lt Priyanka Nair, of the Lone Eagle Composite Squadron, was presented with her Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Billy Mitchell Award by Capt. Adam Fitting, Commander, at the Morristown Armory, Morristown, NJ. She is the daughter of Mr. Nair and Mrs. Leju of Glen Ridge, NJ.

She served as a flight commander at TN Wing encampment and has given presentations on the importance of character and the Spittin' Kitten's Squadron history. She was named the honorable graduate at the NJ Ground Search & Rescue(GSAR) Summer School and qualified for GTM 3, 2, and UDF. She is a sophomore at Newark Academy on the Varsity basketball team. Outside of school, she enjoys playing and teaching violin.

The Billy Mitchell award, the second cadet milestone achievement, is earned after the successful completion of the first eight

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The Lone Eagle Composite Squadron meets on

Wednesday nights, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the Morristown National Guard Armory, NJ. Youth can start the cadet program at age twelve, and adults can join as senior members starting at age 18. For more information about the Lone Eagle Composite Squadron, contact Adam Fitting, Commander, at: adam.fitting@njwg.cap.gov. Also, see: loneeagle.org.

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Contact Brenda Dodds 908 273-5549

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANNIVERSARY SEASON:

- **CAFÉ CHOIR CONCERTS**
- **Holiday Cabaret: Celebrating 40 Years of Community Through the Arts**
- **December 12, 2025**

Wharton Black Box Theater, Berkeley Heights

A festive fundraiser and performance featuring PAS students and faculty, honoring four decades of transformative arts education.

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These special events join a rich season of concerts and programs from Wharton Arts' affiliated programs - the New Jersey Youth Symphony, New Jersey Youth Chorus, and Paterson Music Project - with signature performances including Galaxies of Joy: The Planets in Concert (December 13, 2025, UCPAC).

For tickets, sponsorships, and more information about Wharton Arts' 40th Anniversary season, visit WhartonArts.org.

Wharton Arts' mission is to offer accessible, high quality performing arts education that sparks personal growth and builds inclusive communities.

Wharton Arts is located in Berkeley Heights, New Providence, and Paterson, NJ and reaches students from 12 counties. All of Wharton Arts' extraordinary teaching artists, faculty members, and conductors hold degrees in their teaching specialty and have been vetted and trained to enable our students to achieve their personal best.



(above) The 2025–26 Wharton Arts season, themed *Arise!*, invites audiences and students alike to celebrate artistry, representation, inspiration, self-expression, and empathy. Signature performances, community gatherings, and milestone events will honor the school's history while looking ahead to the next 40 years of impact.

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9 Fun Facts about Hanukkah

Monday, December 1, 11:00 AM

Learn all about Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, which begins on December 14.

Alzheimer's NJ Caregiver Support Group

Thursday, December 4, 10:30 AM

This group provides families and caregivers with the emotional support and education they need to better understand Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia. A trained facilitator guides the group. Visit www.alznj.org to register and learn about their additional programs, or call the Center at 973-635-4565 to sign up for this group

End of Year Household Financial Tips

Monday, December 8, 11:00 AM

The close of the year is always a good time to review annual expenses and maximize savings. Learn a variety of useful household financial tips that can help you get the most from tax benefits, deplete flex spending accounts, cancel subscriptions no longer used, etc.

Holiday Blues

Wednesday, December 3, 12:00 PM

For some, the holidays are a joyous season to be celebrated with family and friends. For others, it can be a time of isolation and sadness. If you, or someone you know, is struggling with holiday blues you are definitely not alone. Join us to discuss this and learn ways to cope during these difficult times. Call the Center to sign up (973-635-4565). This program will also be available on-line.

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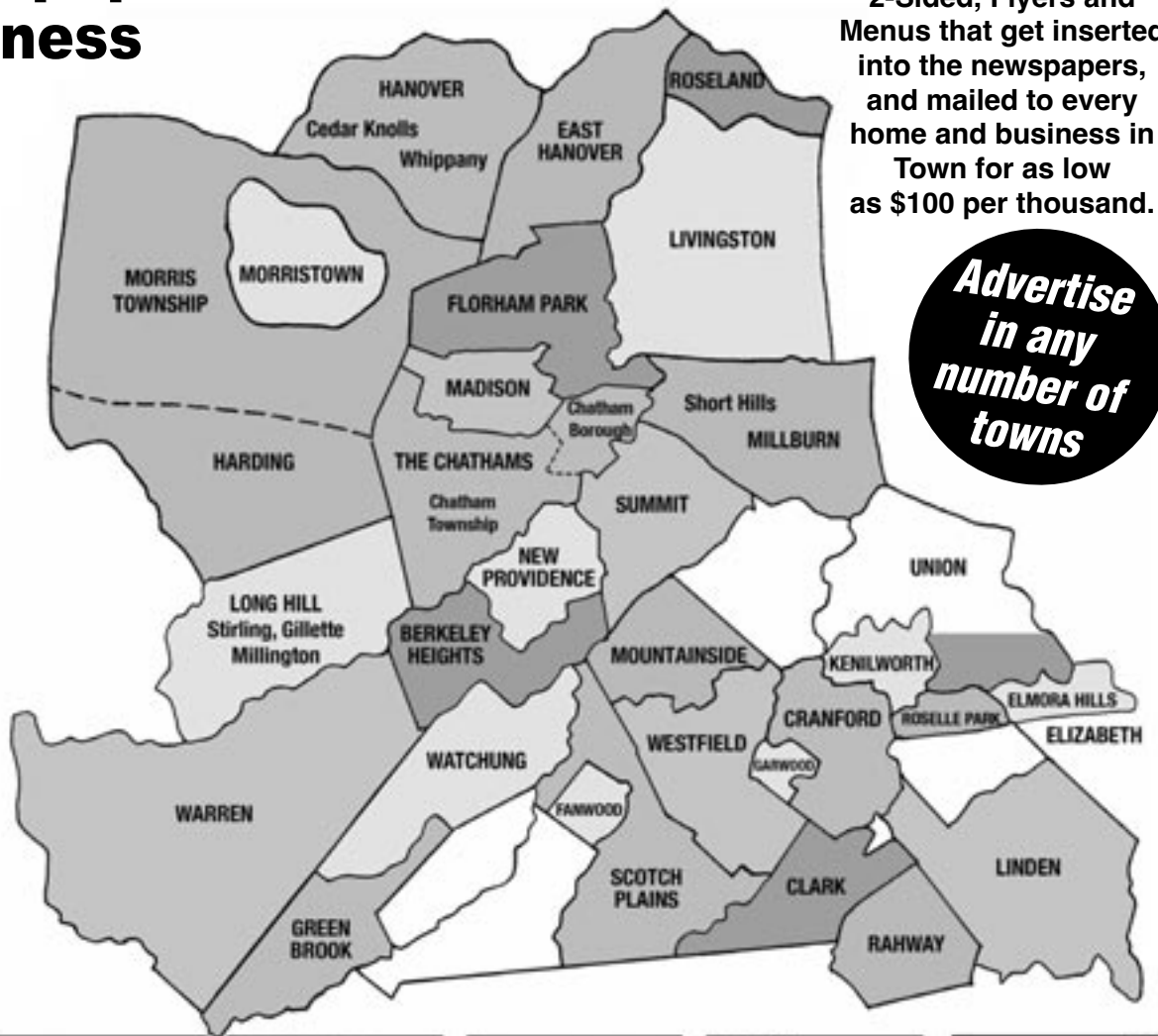
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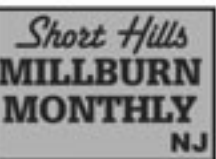
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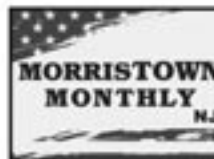
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The impressive display features more than 100 Department 56 model houses, cars and figurines with a working ski lift, ice skating rink and more, set amidst the backdrop of a snow-filled winter wonderland and a model train running through the center of town. Children of all ages are invited to see the exhibit for themselves and find hidden treasures among the exhibition during the numerous open houses held at the Squad building.

CES President, Nicole DiMaggio said "We're delighted to present the Snow Village again this year. We were concerned that planned renovations to the building would interfere with its presentation but that wasn't the case and we couldn't be happier." This annual tradition has helped spread holiday cheer to Chatham residents of all ages. The private collection remains on loan from Mark Spinner who retired from CES in 2018 after 40 years of service and relocated out of state. "Much like the arrival of Santa himself,

the Chatham Emergency Squad Snow Village has become a fixture of our community, signaling the arrival of the holiday season throughout Chatham", said CES Captain, Bryan McGookin, who has helped maintain, store, set up and host the Snow Village since Spinner's departure.

The Winter Wonderland/Snow Village will be open from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm every Saturday in December and from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm each Sunday in December. In addition, open houses will be held from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm on December 5th, 8th, 16rd and 24th. The full schedule is available on the Chatham Emergency Squad website (chathamemergencysquad.org). CES is happy to consider special times and group tours if staffing is available. These can be arranged by submitting a request through the website.

The Chatham Emergency Squad is an all-volunteer organization funded almost exclusively by donations. CES never charges for its services. Last year they responded to nearly 1350 emergency calls and provide free training in CPR to teachers, coaches, emergency personnel and Chatham residents.

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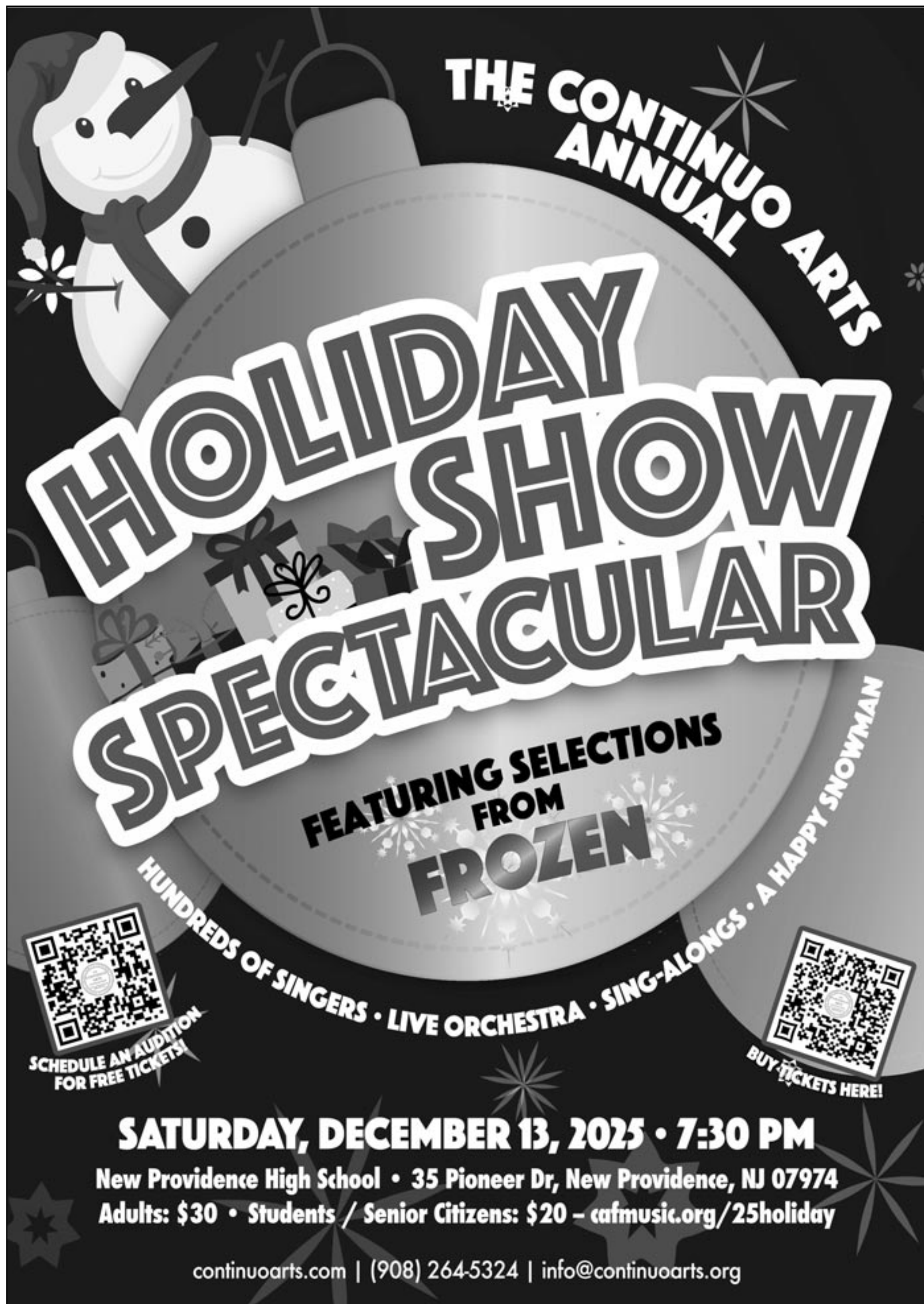
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