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A note from Farmer Shaun... "We have had an amazing season and I can't thank you enough for being there with us throughout it all. It is such a pleasure to grow produce for such a wonderful community. I have been growing for 15 years now, and the skills and friendships I have made along the way is what makes this farm such an amazing place. Each year we learn new skills and make new friends who continue to be a part of this community of growers. I am so proud of all our interns and farmers who made this season such a success. We should all give our high school interns a big high five as they really came together to make this season happen. Many of our interns are in their first year and I can't wait to have them back next season. The respect we all have for this farm is something to cherish, and I look forward to seeing you all again next season."

Come visit our team at the Grow It Green Winter Market, starting December 7th. We will be selling our produce once a month, so you can still get a taste of our local harvest. For more info visit: growitgreenmorristown.org



(avove) Volunteers from Morristown High School. (below) Farmers and interns













COUNTDOWN TO JULY 4TH, 2026

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America250 - In New Jersey & Nationwide

Next year, on July 4, 2026, the United States of America will commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This historic milestone is an opportunity to pause and reflect on our country's past, to honor the contributions of all Americans, and to also look ahead towards the future that we want to create and leave behind for the next generation of Americans.

On the federal level, America250.org is a nonpartisan initiative working to engage every American in commemorating the 250th anniversary of our country. This multi-year effort, from now

through July 4, 2026, is an opportunity to pause and reflect on our nation's past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and look ahead toward the future we want to create for the next generation and beyond.

In New Jersey, RevolutionNJ.org has been set up and is a partnership between the New Jersey Historical Commission (NJHC), a division of the New Jersey Department of State, and the nonprofit Crossroads of the American Revolution Association to plan the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution in New Jersey.

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NEW JERSEY DAR SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

High school seniors in New Jersey who are service and patriotism. U.S. citizens, are in need of financial assistance to continue their education, and plan to attend a college or university in the U.S., may apply for one or both scholarships offered by the New Jersey State Society of the Daughters of the Snyder-Continental American Revolution (DAR).

The Vail Scholarship provides a one-time award of \$2,000 to a student who plans to major in political science, history, government or economics.

The New Jersey State DAR Scholarship offers a one-time award of \$1,000 to a student who reflects the DAR objectives of community

The deadline to submit applications is December 31, 2025. Scholarships will be awarded in April 2026.

For application forms, contact Elizabeth Chapter DAR ESCchapterDAR@gmail.com.

DAR is a nonprofit, nonpolitical, service organization open to women 18 and older who are descended from a man or woman who aided the cause of American independence. The mission of the DAR is to promote education, historic preservation, and patriotism.

Learn more at www.DAR.org.

CAFE FOR THOSE WITH MEMORY LOSS

Christ Church, Summit, NJ

Too often, those living with memory loss can suffer from social stigma and isolation. A Memory Cafe is a social gathering for those living with cognitive loss, together with their care-partners. It's a welcoming community where all feel safe, accepted, and understood.

"The Gathering Place" is a monthly Memory Cafe hosted by volunteers at Christ Church in Summit. They meet the first Wednesday of every month, from 12 - 2 p.m.

Guests socialize over a light, nutritious lunch

and share friendship, information, and often a few laughs. It is non-sectarian and all are welcome. From guests: "It was enjoyable, uplifting, and worthwhile," and "I wish my mother had something like this to participate in while she was able."

A suggested donation is \$5 per person. RSVP is requested for menu-planning. Contact Brenda Dodds 908 273-5549 or brenda@ccsnj.org. Christ Church is located at 561 Springfield Avenue, Summit, NJ.

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KATHLEEN BARTLETT TO LEAD MACCULLOCH HALL HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Macculloch Hall Historical Museum

The Board of Trustees of Macculloch Hall Historical Museum (MHHM) is pleased to announce the appointment of Kathleen Bartlett as its Executive Director, effective November 1, 2025.

A close neighbor of the Museum, Bartlett has long been part of Macculloch Hall—as a supporter, volunteer, and most recently, Trustee. As a Morristown resident, she brings a deep appreciation for the region's history and its role in shaping the American story, along with a steadfast commitment to inspire learning, civic engagement, and stewardship of local heritage.

Bartlett joins MHHM with extensive experience in marketing, communications, and educational outreach for local non-profit organizations. Most recently, she served as Associate Director of Marketing Communications at Gill St. Bernard's School, where she developed campaigns that elevated the school's visibility and strengthened its relationships with the wider community. She holds a Master of Fine Arts in Writing and has taught English literature at Montclair State University and Fairleigh Dickinson University.

"Macculloch Hall has undergone an extraordinary transformation over the last decade—from achieving national accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums to expanding its reach globally through Bloomberg Connects," Bartlett said. "As we celebrate the Museum's 75th anniversary and look ahead to the nation's 250th, I am honored to work alongside the Board and MHHM's dedicated staff to broaden awareness of this remarkable institution and to share history in ways that meaningfully connect the past and present."

"Katie's deep roots in Morristown and her dedication to the Museum's mission make her an ideal leader for this next chapter," said Jock Clark, President of the Board of Trustees. "Her passion for education and community connection will ensure that Macculloch Hall continues to



(above) Kathleen Bartlet, Executive Director, Macculloch Hall Historical Museum

of Morristown's cultural life."

Founded in 1950, the Museum preserves and interprets the 1810 Federal-style home and gardens of George and Louisa Macculloch, who helped define Morristown's role in early American civic life. It holds the nation's largest single collection of works by American political cartoonist Thomas Nast as well as an extensive fine and decorative arts collection.

An avid gardener, Bartlett joins a line of directors who view MHHM's historic gardens as both sanctuary and classroom. Under her leadership, the Museum will continue to expand its impact and build upon its legacy of preservation, education, and public service.

ABOUT MACCULLOCH HALL HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Macculloch Hall Historical Museum invites visitors to experience American history in the

thrive as both a historic treasure and a vital part rooms and gardens where it unfolded. The 1810 Federal-style home of George and Louisa Macculloch stands at the crossroads of Morristown's—and the nation's—continuing story. Accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, MHHM houses the nation's largest collection of political cartoons by Thomas Nast and an extensive fine and decorative arts portfolio. Through exhibitions, lectures, and hands-on programs, the Museum encourages visitors to see how history is not static but continually rewritten through new voices and changing perspectives.

> The Museum is open Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on weekdays by appointment. Please call (973) 538-2404 or email info@maccullochhall.org to schedule a visit. The gardens are open daily, free of charge, 8:00 a.m. to dusk. Learn more maccullochhall.org.

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ENROLLING IN MEDICARE AND UPDATING YOUR PLAN

By George Sosa, President, The Sosa Insurance Group

Turning 65 marks eligibility for Medicare, a federal health insurance program designed for seniors and certain individuals with disabilities. While the system can be complex, resources are available to help beneficiaries navigate enrollment, updates, and plan changes to ensure their coverage continues to meet their needs.

Original Medicare consists of Part A (hospital insurance) and Part B (medical insurance). Part A covers hospital stays, skilled nursing facilities, home health, and hospice care. Part B focuses on outpatient care, doctor visits, preventive screenings, and therapies. While comprehensive, Original Medicare leaves gaps in coverage, which can be supplemented through Medigap policies. These help with deductibles, co-pays, and sometimes foreign travel coverage, offering flexibility and predictability.

Medicare Advantage (Part C), offered by private insurers, combines Parts A and B and often includes additional benefits like vision, dental, hearing, fitness programs, and lower premiums. These plans have out-of-pocket maximums, but often require use of in-network providers.

Prescription drug coverage (Part D) is also offered through private plans. Each plan has a formulary outlining covered medications, costsharing structures, and potential coverage gaps, though assistance programs like "Extra Help" exist for those with limited income. New Jersey also provides state assistance through PAAD and Senior Gold to help seniors manage prescription

drug costs.

For higher-income beneficiaries, Medicare applies IRMAA (Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount), which adds extra costs to Part B and D premiums based on IRS tax information.

Enrollment timing is crucial. While some may delay enrollment due to employer coverage, late enrollment penalties apply if coverage lapses without creditable insurance.

Every year, Medicare beneficiaries have an opportunity to review and adjust their coverage. The Annual Enrollment Period (October 15 – December 7) allows switching between Original Medicare and Advantage plans, adding or changing drug plans, or returning to Original Medicare. Any changes take effect January 1. Additionally, the Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment (January 1 – March 31) allows those in Advantage plans to switch or return to Original Medicare.

When evaluating options, beneficiaries should consider cost, provider networks, additional benefits, drug coverage, and changes in their health or medications.

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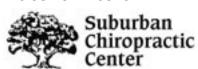


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LOCAL ARTISTS SHINE AT COUNTY ART SHOW

Morris County

The Morris County Office of Aging, Disabilities and Community Programming joined Norwescap recently as it hosted the 2025 Annual Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Art Show Awards Ceremony and Reception at the Morris County Library.

Two dozen artists and their supporters recently gathered for the luncheon and awards ceremony, which spotlighted the artistic talents of Morris County residents over the age of 55 or people who have a disability. The 18th annual show featured 30 creative works across five art categories: acrylic painting, watercolor painting, photography, mixed media and drawing. The artwork had been on display at the Morris County Library's gallery space.

The Morris County Commissioners annually approve approximately \$5,000 through grants in aid to fund the art program. The show is presented by Norwescap and staff through the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) in partnership with the county's office on Aging. Winners received gift cards.

In addition to supporting seniors, Norwescap's services include early childhood programs, employment services, nutrition and food security initiatives, housing and community development, and volunteer and civic engagement programs. For more information visit: norwescap.org

Morris County congratulates all the participants and thanks the dedicated team from Norwescap who helps make the program happen each year. The 2025 Morris County Seniors & Persons with Disabilities Art Show & Awards Ceremony Winners are:

The Morris County Division on Aging, Disabilities and Community Programming offers resources including senior centers, caregiver support and care management, transportation assistance, nutrition programs, food pantries and meal services, disability services, veterans services, and more. The office is located at 340 West Hanover Avenue in Morris Township and is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For assistance and information on local services, please contact 973-285-6848

or 1-800-564-4656.



(above) Artist Sorky Lampe with her first-place mixed media work, "Boardwalk."

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FREE ZOOM SERIES 'OBJECTS OF SURVIVAL: **MATERIAL CULTURE AND HOLOCAUST MEMORY'**

Dr. Angela West, adjunct professor in Drew University's Holocaust Studies Department, will present a free two-part Zoom series, titled "Objects of Survival: Material Culture and Holocaust Memory," on Thursdays, Dec. 4 and 11, at 1 p.m. via Zoom.

The series, sponsored by National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), West Morris Section and coordinated by the Our Jewish World program, will offer a singular look at how Holocaust captives remained emotionally strong and survived during this most unimaginable of times through "material objects"--items they created, preserved, or stole from World War II Germany.

Our Jewish World is coordinated by Melanie Levitan and Ilene Dorf Manahan, both of Morristown.

Dr. West will focus on a variety of objects that have since served as powerful tools for uncovering and interpreting Holocaust history. Some of the donated historical items have connections to Morris County community members and their experiences.

"The tactile and deep human connection to objects and artifacts tells of individuals' lives and communal experiences during World War II and offers powerful insights into the history of the Holocaust," Dr. West explains. "In the ghettos, concentration camps, and places of hiding, both women and men crafted and saved meaningful items that preserved memories, expressed identity, and sustained their spiritual life under impossible conditions."

In the first session, on Dec. 4, Dr. West will review the kind of stories that objects represent about resilience, survival and resistance, and the role such items--that is, the "material culture" created, saved or hidden in ghettos, camps or secret places--now play in helping future generations remember the past. Through the use of such deeply personal artifacts as a prisoner's uniform, handmade art from Bergen-Belsen, and a saved trapped door, Dr. West will make it clear how physical objects can preserve memory and offer new ways of connecting to individuals' stories during times of extremity.

In the second session, on Dec. 11, the speaker will turn to the end of World War II and the liberation of the concentration camps, which marked a turning point, but not an end for Holocaust survivors. In the years that followed, many remained in displaced persons (DP) camps, navigating the challenges of uncertainty while beginning to rebuild their lives. Dr. West will share survivors' testimonies from this complex



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postwar period through the lens of material culture and will include objects that accompanied individuals on their journeys--items that continued to be material witnesses to resilience, identity, and renewal in their postwar lives and offer powerful insights into how people chose to carry memory and reclaim agency in the aftermath of the Holocaust.

Dr. West emphasizes, "Understanding this 'material culture' is particularly helpful to know, especially as the survivor generation continues to shrink and soon the tactile 'things' will be all that remain."

Besides teaching at Drew University, the speaker is also a consulting historian, museum curator, and currently the manager of the Holocaust Remembrance Center at Temple Sinai in Summit. Her recent exhibit documents the stories of child survivors of the Holocaust who now reside in New Jersey. Dr. West is dedicated to advancing public understanding of the Holocaust, far-right extremism, and its implications for contemporary society.

NCJW confronts today's most urgent social and economic challenges facing women, children and families. Powered by the Jewish imperative to ensure dignity for all, we impact policy, advocate for justice, and support the community. Together our voices make a meaningful difference in the world.

Preregistration is required for this series. Register by e-mailing iadpr@aol.com.



CHRISTOPHER GARDNER HONORED FOR HIS SERVICE

Eight local veterans were honored by the county's ongoing support for veterans and their Morris County Board of County Commissioners at their annual Veterans Day Observance Ceremony held on Wednesday, November 5th, 2025, where they also celebrated the 250th anniversary of the United States Marine Corps and paid tribute to a Civil War Medal of Honor recipient. Among the honorees was Morristown resident Christopher Gardner who served with the U.S. Army from 2008 to 2012 during Operation Bosma, Kinnelon; Vincent J. DeCaro, Randolph Enduring Freedom.

He is the recipient of the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, NATO Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two campaign stars, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and the Overseas Service Ribbon.

He earned his bachelor's degree in transportation and logistics from Ohio State University, MBA in supply chain management from Michigan State University and Master of Science in applied analytics from Pepperdine University.

Mr. Gardner is the Senior Manager of Global Transportation for Verizon. He gives back to his community as Senior Vice Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3401.

The event was held in the county Administration and Records Building in Morristown, where Commissioner Director Tayfun Selen welcomed guests and shared the families. Joining the County Commissioners were state Sen. Anthony Bucco and Assemblywoman Aura K. Dunn (Morris-25); Willy Tolba, representing U.S. Rep. Mikie Sherrill and J.D. Bryden, representing U.S. Rep. Tom Kean Jr., along with mayors and councilmembers from towns throughout Morris County.

Among the honored veterans were: Jack B.



(above) Christopher Gardner, Senior Vice Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3401

Township; Christopher Gardner, Morristown; Charles E. Johnson, Dover; Robert Litrio, Hanover Township; Ronald Pierantozzi, Pequannock Township; Aniceto Rivera, Boonton Township; and Samuel Y. Yuen, Randolph Township.

More information about the ceremony, and full biographies of the honorees, may be found at: morriscountynj.gov/Residents/Community-Information/For-Veterans/Veterans-Day-2025.





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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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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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1st Thursday every month, Dec 4, 10 - 11 AM for stamp collecting fun & information!

Knitting & Needlework Group (In-Person) Second and fourth Fridays of each month

from 1 - 3 PM, Dec 12 (Dec 26 canceled)
Bring your latest project- knitting, crochet,
needlepoint. Everyone is welcome.

Surreal Sixities (Zoom)

Tuesday, Dec 2, 7-8 PM

Zoom art history program will discuss the

surrealistic art created during a period of social and political upheaval.

Make 'Em Laugh: Danny Kaye An Evening with John Kenrick (Hybrid)

Tuesday, Dec 2, 7-8 PM

Join us for an riotously fun evening with popular local entertainment historian.

Zoom and in person.

Foreign Film Lovers Club (ZOOM)

Wednesday, Dec 3, 7PM

"I, Daniel Blake" Directed by Ken Loach.

Memoir Writing Workshop: For Veterans And Their Families

Thursdays from 7 - 8:30 PM, with sessions held on: December 4th, 11th and 18th
January 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th
February 5th

free, 8-week workshop series is to help you build the skills needed to tell your story. Open to veterans and their families aged 55+, a major goal for participants is to delve deeper into the creative process and hone their craft while bringing their personal stories to the page.

Saxophone Quartet Holiday Concert Friday, Dec 5, 7-8 PM

From Mozart to Glenn Miller to Journey. Light refreshments will be served.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art's Christmas Tree: A Holiday Tradition

Monday, Dec 8, 7-8 PM

This lecture explores the history behind one of New York City's most beautiful and beloved Christmas traditions.

Downton Abbey Support Group returns!Wednesday, Dec 10, 6:30 PM

Join us ONE MORE TIME for a screening of "Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale".

Ruth Asawa: Sculptor, Educator, Arts Activist Monday, Dec 15, 7 PM (ZOOM)

Lecture about the MoMA's current blockbuster exhibit on American artist Ruth Asawa.

Foreign Cinema Series (IN PERSON & HYBRID DISCUSSION)

Wednesday, Dec 17, 6:30 PM

Join us to celebrate Jane Austen's 250th! Discussion will start around 8:10 PM.

MONTHLY BOOK CLUBS:

The Seekers Book Club

First Wednesday of every month at 7 PM discuss all things related to spirituality, selfhelp, motivation, and inspiration.

Dec 3 "Stillness Speaks" Eckhart Tolle

Book Lovers Circle

first Thursday of every month - Dec 4 at 7 PM on Zoom

Hear about new & popular books, receive a reading list and share your own favorites. Silent Book Club

first Sunday of the month - Dec 7, 2-3 PM
A gathering on the for book enthusiasts seeking a quiet communal reading experience.

Morning Book Club

Second Thursday at 10 AM, Dec 11 "James" by Percival Everett

Evening Book Club

Third Tuesday at 7 PM, Dec 16 "James" by Percival Everett

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS: BOOK CLUBS

Registration is required.

2nd - 3rd Grade Book Club

third Thursday of every month at 7 PM. "Leave It to Plum!" by Matt Phelan. Dec 18

4th - 6th Grade Book Club

"The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl" by Stacey McAnulty. Dec 11

Author Reading: "Glow" by Brynn Stanley Saturday, Dec 6, 11 AM -12 PM

Join us for a visit from local author and singersongwriter Brynn Stanley! Brynn will read her new book, "Glow,"

Author Reading: "Mirabel and the Magical Music Shop" by Jennifer Stone

Saturday, Dec 13, 11 AM

Join us for a visit from local author Jennifer Stone! She will read her book, "Mirabel and the Magical Music Shop," which tells the story of a girl who lives in a snow globe in a Music Shop in Lincoln Center. With the help of a magician, she and her croissant-loving dog Claude come to life and go on a magical adventure. After the reading, attendees can draw their own magical snow globes!

Stay and Make: Snowman Card

Friday, Dec 19, 2-4 PM

Come make a craft in the Children's Room! Use cardstock and sequins to make a festive snowman card. For kids ages 4-11.

TEEN PROGRAMS:

Teen Fall Book Club

Monday, Dec 8, 5-6 PM

We provide the book. "The Golden Compass" by Philip Pullman, for teens in grades 7 - 12.

Crochet Camp

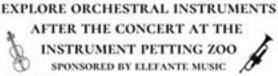
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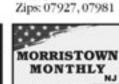




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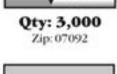
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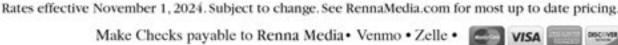
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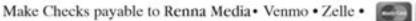
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After an incredible turnout at our recent Due Soprani e Un Tenore concert, you've GOT to get your tickets for the December 7th Holiday Spectacular! This concert will be held at St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Morristown, which offers FREE PARKING 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.

Why You Can't Miss It

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.

Tickets are \$30 for general admission, with student discounts available. For tickets and more information, please visit operaatflorham.org. Purchase in advance on line or at the door.

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- Sunday, February 15, 2026
 - Valentine Serenade
- Sunday, April 12, 2026
- Revenge, Romance & Revelry:Scenes from Die Fledermaus
- Sunday, May 17, 2026
 - 36th International Vocal Competition

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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.

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- New York, NY December 13,
 Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church at 2PM
- Summit, NJ Central Presbyterian Church at 2 and 7PM

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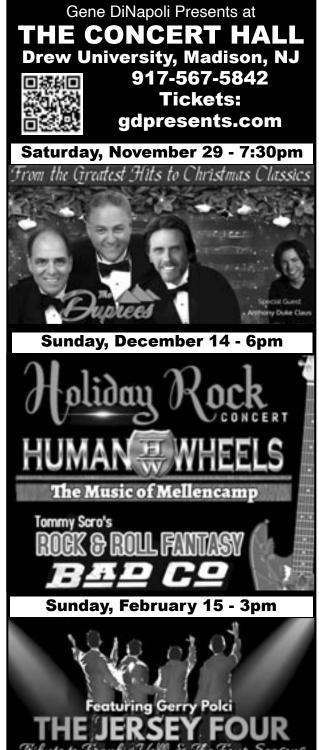
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For those unable to attend in person, concert highlights will once again be shared with audiences around the world through the Pipes of Christmas Global Webcast, premiering on December 19 for subscribers.

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