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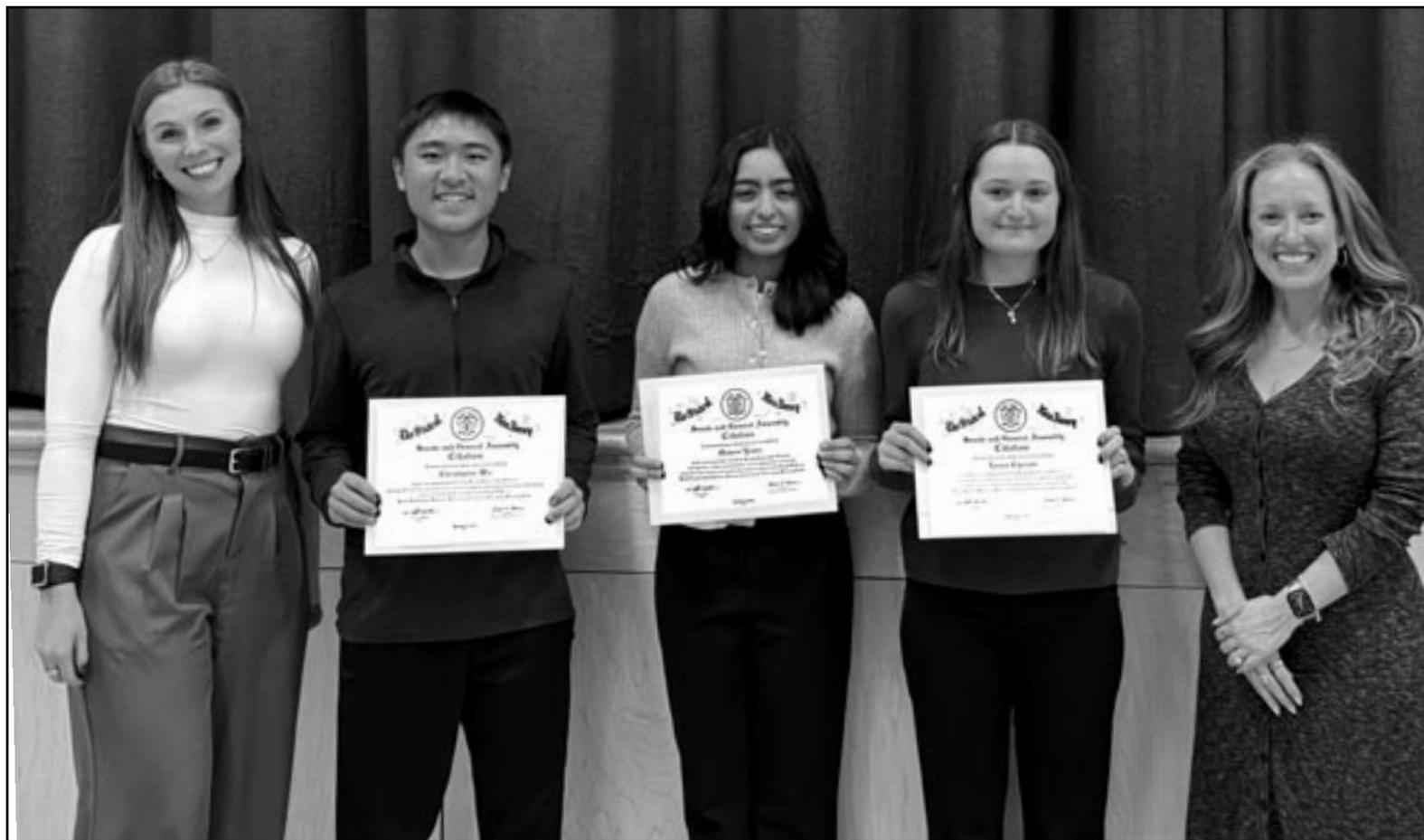
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SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON A SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL SUCCESS



(above, l-r) Ms. Amy Zaniewsky, Madison High School Counselor, Christopher Wu, Maheen Yasin, Emma Cipriani, Corinne Murphy, Thursday Morning Club

Courtesy Photo

The Thursday Morning Club (TMC) held its annual Scholarship Luncheon on Thursday, January 22 at the Madison Community House to raise funds for the 2026 Girls' Career Institute (GCI) and Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Foundation (HOBY) scholarships. Attendance was excellent as was the interaction with the recipients as they participated in a first ever panel discussion. The HOBY winners were Christopher Wu and Maheen Yasin. Emma Cipriani was the GCI recipient.

GCI is an annual program held for three days at Douglass College and sponsored by the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs (NJSFWC) to give high school seniors an opportunity to participate in 'mini' college activities and dorm living. HOBY is an annual three-day leadership seminar of inspiring speakers, skill-building activities, and community service for high school sophomores.

This year Corinne Murphy, the Education Chair for the TMC shared a video that provided attendees with a glimpse

into what happens at these 3 day events. Following the video, each scholarship recipient talked about their HOBY or GCI experience via a panel discussion moderated by Corinne.

After a light lunch, games (Bungo, Mahjongg or Bridge) were played and a lively "Name that Tune" exchange with Piano Pete took place. Mahjongg Cookie Favors were donated by Dough & Behold.

The Thursday Morning Club, organized in 1896, is a non-profit which provides services for Madison area communities. It owns, operates, and maintains the Madison Community House and is a member of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's clubs (NJSFWC) and of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC).

If you would like to serve the community, make new friends, and enjoy programs and activities, consider joining the Thursday morning Club.

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Madison Area Branch AAUW

The Madison Area Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is now accepting applications for its Mature Women's Grant. We are proud of our more than eighty years' heritage of supporting women who wish to further their education. Each year the Branch awards scholarships to local women.

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The applicant must: 1: Be a woman; 2: Be age 25 or over; 3: Use the grant for education-related expenses incurred in pursuit of a degree or certification.; 4: Be a resident of one of the following NJ towns: Chatham, Chatham Township, East Hanover, Florham Park, Harding Township, Madison, Morristown, Morris Township, Morris Plains, or Randolph Township.

The application can be found on the AAUW website: madisonareaauw.org

Grant applications must be received by Monday, April 3, 2026. Please direct any questions to our email account: auwgrant@hotmail.com

AAUW has been transforming women's lives for more than a century. Our Madison area branch continues to support education with grants, programs that expose teen girls to STEM, topical monthly programs, and member special interest

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AN UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT OF MUSIC TO TRANSFORM YOUNG LIVES

On March 21, Pegasus: The Orchestra will perform with the Chatham High School Chamber Choir in a dazzling benefit concert for the TheraYouth Foundation at the Dorothy Center for Performing Arts at Drew University. Led by accomplished conductor and pianist, Karén Hakobyan, the vibrant program includes Haydn's "Fire" Symphony and a rousing version of Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, both composed exclusively for this ensemble. GRAMMY-nominated cellist Sergey Antonov - hailed by The Washington Post as "destined for cello superstardom" - will bring his soaring tone and formidable technique to Saint-Saëns' Cello Concerto No.1. All proceeds support pediatric medical therapy for disadvantaged youth. Normally this ensemble performs in New York City theaters so tickets are a steal at \$41-\$61 and can be purchased at therayouth.org.

TERAYOUTH CELEBRATES THREE YEARS OF TRANSFORMING CHILDREN'S LIVES

In just three years, the TheraYouth Foundation has become a beacon of hope for families across New Jersey struggling to secure essential therapy services for their children.



(above) Dr. Irina Marcoff providing physical therapy to a young patient at the Arlene S. Chasek clinic in Elizabeth NJ.

Physical therapist Dr. Irina Marcoff, DPT, founded TheraYouth to address a troubling reality: too many children with treatable conditions were being left behind. Long waitlists for public Early Intervention and school-based services; a shortage of pediatric providers accepting Medicaid; and the high cost of private therapy (often exceeding \$125 per session); placed critical care out of reach for hundreds of families.

"Early therapy can change the entire trajectory of a child's life," says Dr. Marcoff. "But for many families, access is the greatest barrier."

At its Elizabeth, NJ clinic, TheraYouth provides affordable physical, occupational, and speech therapy to disadvantaged children, more than 90% of whom rely on Medicaid. Since its inception, over 113 patients have "graduated" from therapy by achieving critical

developmental milestones.

The impact of timely intervention is undeniable. One young patient, unable to crawl or walk due to congenitally weak neck muscles, faced the risk of permanent disability due to delays in care. After just four months of physical therapy at TheraYouth, he graduated from treatment, able to walk normally, transforming his future.

Unfortunately, demand continues to outpace resources with more than 400 children on TheraYouth's waitlist for services. The foundation operates entirely through donations, community partnerships, and fundraisers.

On March 21st, TheraYouth will host a benefit concert to raise vital funds for pediatric therapy services. Help transform the lives of New Jersey's most vulnerable children through buying a ticket, or through a donation at www.therayouth.org.

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REPURPOSED GENTLY USED TOY DRIVE SUCCESS

Madison High School juniors, Clara Creteau and Maddy Arnold, organized a gently used toy drive. Having learned about the impact plastic toys have on our society, they were inspired to make a difference. Unlike other seasonal toy drives, they wanted to give old toys that would most likely end up in landfills a second chance. Their mission was to repurpose only gently used toys with the goal of supporting families during the holidays and reducing waste by encouraging recycling.

After reaching out to various schools and organizations around the community, they managed to set up seven collection boxes at CAS, TJS, KRS, Chatham Day School, Madison Montessori, Community House, and Harding Township. Through flyers and social media, the project spread and they closed the drive the week of Thanksgiving with hundreds of gently used toys. As they collected the incoming toys, they cleaned every toy, repaired them, added new batteries and sorted them by condition. They then moved onto the next step: reaching out to organizations, churches, and food pantries to find a location where the donations could reach families that needed them the most.

The toys were redistributed at the First Baptist Church food pantry in Madison where they gave away over 60 toys and helped over 20 families. They also distributed to 50 families at the Grace Church Summit Holiday Bazar where they

donated more than 400 books and toys. The toys that were left over were sent to a minister in Newark who distributed them to families in the area. Later, they donated 60 toys, 7 stuffed animals, and 12 books to the Nourish NJ food

pantry in Morristown. Clara and Maddy loved to see firsthand how toys that many children are ready to give away can give joy to others. With more toys left, they cannot wait to continue this project and hope to expand it next year.



(above, l-r) Clara Creteau and Maddy Arnold

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The New Jersey Festival Orchestra (NJFO) invites patrons and music lovers to “Music for a Matador,” an unforgettable operatic fundraising gala featuring highlights from Bizet’s Carmen. The event will take place Friday, April 10, 2026, from 6:00–10:00 PM at The Gran Centurions in Clark, NJ.

The evening will showcase electrifying

excerpts from Bizet’s iconic opera, narrated by Maestro David Wroe and brought to life by NJFO musicians alongside acclaimed guest artists. Featured performers include Lisa Marie Rogali as Carmen, Dane Suarez as Don José, Sara LeMesh as Micaëla, and SeungHyeon Baek as Escamillo. Guests can expect an immersive operatic experience filled with drama, romance,

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Proceeds from “Music for a Matador” support NJFO’s ongoing education and community outreach programs, including Listening is Healing, which brings live classical music to hospitals, rehabilitation centers, and community settings. Recently, NJFO has expanded this program to Overlook Medical Center in Summit, NJ, offering patients and staff moments of reflection, calm, and inspiration through music. Funds raised at the Gala help sustain these programs and ensure that NJFO’s artistry and educational initiatives remain accessible to communities across New Jersey.

“Music for a Matador” offers a unique blend of operatic performance and gala celebration, providing patrons with an evening that is both culturally enriching and socially impactful. Sponsors and guests play a vital role in sustaining NJFO’s mission to bring world-class music to audiences of all ages and backgrounds.

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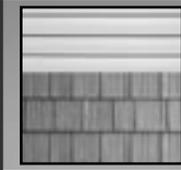
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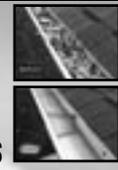
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Michele is the quintessential example of Christian faith, integrity, and Irish pride. She is a strong, hardworking woman and we are happy to acknowledge her in this special way. On hand to support Michele during a presentation ceremony were fellow SOSB members including all previous SOSB Women of the Year recipients. Assemblywoman Aura K. Dunn presented Michele with a proclamation.

The Sisters of St. Brigid is a Morris County based non-profit women's social organization that celebrates Irish history and culture. Along with fun meet ups and outings, we meet 6 times a year at the Knights of Columbus Council 359, 13 South Street, 2nd Floor, Morristown, NJ.

The Sisters of St. Brigid's next meeting is scheduled for April 8th, 2026.

For more information, or to become a member, email: sistersofsaintbrigid@gmail.com.



(above) Michele Shaffer

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(above) Michele Shaffer and prior Woman of the Year honorees.

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Being Alone Does Not Mean Being Lonely Tuesday, March 3, 1:00 PM

There's a difference between being alone by yourself and the emotional feeling of loneliness. Learn how to change attitude and context in order to value "alone" time in a different way.

Online Scam Trends

Wednesday, March 4, 12:00 PM

Learn about the current trends in online scams as well as safe browsing guidelines for general searching and working with healthcare portals.

Golf Lessons

Wednesdays, March 4-25, 12:30 PM

Local golf pro, Lou Ruina returns to provide golf lessons that teach the basics.

Alzheimer's NJ Caregiver Support Group

Thursday, March 5, 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 alznj.org to register and learn about their other programs.

Keeping Aging Feet Healthy

Monday, March 16, 1:00 PM

Dr. Caroline Fruge, Podiatrist, will discuss structural changes to feet as we get older, increased instability, nerve and circulation issues, as well as arthritis and other foot issues that can arise while aging.

Renaissance Art: A Journey through Beauty

Wednesday, March 18, 12:00 PM

Renaissance art began in Italy in the 14th century. Learn about the key artists and famous works of this extraordinary creative period.

Interested in an Outdoor Walking Group?

Monday, March 23, 12:30 PM

A representative of The Chatham Chilliad will discuss the benefits of getting out and being part of an outdoor community walking group.

Upcoming walking events will be shared.

TITAN IS WELCOMED INTO SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Morris County Sheriff's Office

Titan, a five month old Belgian Malinois puppy, joined the Sheriff's Office in December, and is now in training. Titan was surrendered to Mike and Michelle McMahon of Garden State K9 by a client who reported that Titan was too much for the family to manage. Titan was evaluated by Garden State K9 for temperament and workability, and tested for patrol and scent detection work. His evaluation was impressive, and Garden State K9 sought to donate Titan to the Morris County Sheriff's Office to ensure Titan had the proper working environment and the right conditions to thrive.

Titan has been paired with Detective Corporal Marc Adamsky, and began the bonding process and initial training. Training at this age is fun and geared towards building a bold, sociable, and confident puppy. The training will continue until certification is complete in both explosive detection and patrol techniques. Every day the new canine team of Detective Corporal Adamsky and Titan work towards achieving milestones. The drive to succeed is highly based on food and toy reward. Titan will learn obedience, tracking, evidence recovery, on and off leash searches for suspects, the odor of explosives, criminal apprehension and handler protection. It is anticipated that Titan will begin working the road and responding to calls for service when he is approximately two years old.

Certifications to ensure Titan maintains expected performance standards will be completed through evaluations by both the Morris County Sheriff's Office and the United States Police Canine Association. Once certifications and high quality performance have been achieved, Titan is slated to replace Detective Corporal Adamsky's current partner, Canine Tim, who is nearly nine years old. Tim is trained in narcotics detection and patrol techniques and serves alongside Detective Corporal Adamsky with the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team. Canine Tim is a very accomplished canine partner. The Morris County Sheriff's Office operates with seven canine handlers, and twelve

canines trained in multiple disciplines. The Canine Section has responded to 742 calls for service through the month of November. Titan is expected to perform at the same high level of success that Tim has achieved. Everyone at the Sheriff's Office is ready and waiting with excitement and anticipation to see the great things Titan will accomplish.



(above) Detective Corporal Marc Adamsky and Titan

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MORRIS COUNTY LIBRARY MARCH EVENTS

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Celtic Music with Poor Man's Gambit

Tue., 3/3, 7-8 PM

Poor Man's Gambit will perform a selection of songs and tunes from the Irish and wider Celtic repertoire. Seating is first-come, first-seated; no registration.

Escape Room: The Temple Trial

Sat., 3/14, Mon., 3/16, & Tue., 3/17;
various time slots

Escape room fun for groups of 2-10. All ages welcome; children 12 & under must be accompanied by an adult. Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/mcl-temple>

Be Bear Aware

Tue., 3/31, 6-7 PM

an interactive multimedia presentation, touchable artifacts, and a simulation activity help participants better understand and appreciate black bear history, adaptations, life cycle, diet, and needs. Presented by the Morris County Park Commission. No registration required.

MIXED AGES

Chess Club

Wed., 3/11, 5-7 pm

Friendly & non-competitive chess games between players of all ages and ability levels. No registration needed.

Spanish Conversation

Thu., 3/26, 3:30-4:30 PM

Practice your Spanish language proficiency in a casual, small group environment. No registration required. For teens and adults.

ADULTS

Computer Classes

This month's classes: PC Basics, Digital Job Searching, Internet Basics, Excel I, II, and III series, and Intro to Excel Tables. Registration required.

Friday Afternoon Movies at 2 PM

3/6: "Bloody Sunday"

3/13: "Anemone"

No registration required.

Tuesday Book Club

Tue., 3/10, 2-3 PM

March's book: Maisie Dobbs by Jacqueline Winspear. No registration needed.

True Crime Chat (Via Zoom)

Thu., 3/12, 7-8:30 PM

Virtual true crime discussion group.

March topic: TBD. Register

Mystery Book Club

Mon., 3/23, 7-8 PM

March's book: Murder Crossed Her Mind by Stephen Spotswood. No registration required.

Socrates Cafe

Wed., 3/25, 6:30-8:30 PM

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

CHILDREN

Read Across America Scavenger Hunt

Mon., 3/2 — Sat., 3/7

Find all the storybook characters lost in the library and collect a prize! For ages birth - 12.

Preschool Storytime & Music

Tue., March 3, 24 & 31, 10:00-10:30 AM
w/Mr. Laurence: Stories, fingerplays and music with Mr. Laurence. For ages 2-5. No registration needed.

Morris County Surrogate Heather Darling will be a guest reader at our March 3rd session, in celebration of Read Across America week!

Read Across America Writing Workshop

Thu., 3/5, 4-4:50 PM

Join author Robert Skead as he talks about creative storytelling, writing hurdles, how to get ideas and what to do with them. For grades 1-6.

Registration required

LEGO Club

Sat., 3/7, 10 AM - 12 PM

Create and build using LEGO! For ages 4-12.

Registration (required) opens 2/24 at:

tinyurl.com/mcl-lego7

Paws for Reading

Thu., 3/19, 3:30-4:30 PM Read to a very patient therapy dog from Creature Comfort Pet Therapy! For ages 5-12. Registration required.

MADISON LIBRARY

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Knitting Club

Mondays from 1pm-3pm.

Join the knitters every Monday from 1-3pm for group knitting. All are welcome. No registration is required.

Adult Craft Club

Wednesday, March 4th @ 6:00-8:00pm

Join us for a fun evening of crafting and friendship. We will have a guest collage artist join us for this class. Collage art is a unique and relaxing way to make something new out of magazines and recycled materials. Join Kara as she shows some examples of different types of collage, then holds a workshop for free form collage art. Come explore the world of collage and paper art. There's no limits beyond your imagination and what you can create using paper and glue! Materials will be provided, just bring your creativity!

Adult Craft Club

Thursday, March 5th @ 10:30am-12:00pm.

Join us for a fun morning of crafting and friendship. You will be making a mug rug to keep your tea nice and cozy. Everything needed will be provided.

Transportation That Made Cape May America's First Seashore Resort

Wednesday, March 11 @ 7pm

Historic Cold Spring Village in Cape May will be visiting us for a special discussion on NJ transportation. John Ryan will lead a discussion of the development of tourism and the means of transportation that helped make Cape May America's first seashore resort.

How To Attract Your Favorite New Jersey Birds

Wednesday, March 18 @ 7:00pm

Jim Walker from Wild Birds Unlimited will be educating us on how to get NJ birds to visit your home. There will be a focus on the NJ bird, the goldfinch.

Vegetable Garden Planning

For Community and Organic Gardeners

Monday, March 30th @ 6:30pm

Community Gardeners and those interested in organic gardening practices will benefit from this presentation. Brian will address the key issues and choices in planning, planting and caring for your vegetable garden with an emphasis on organic gardening practices.

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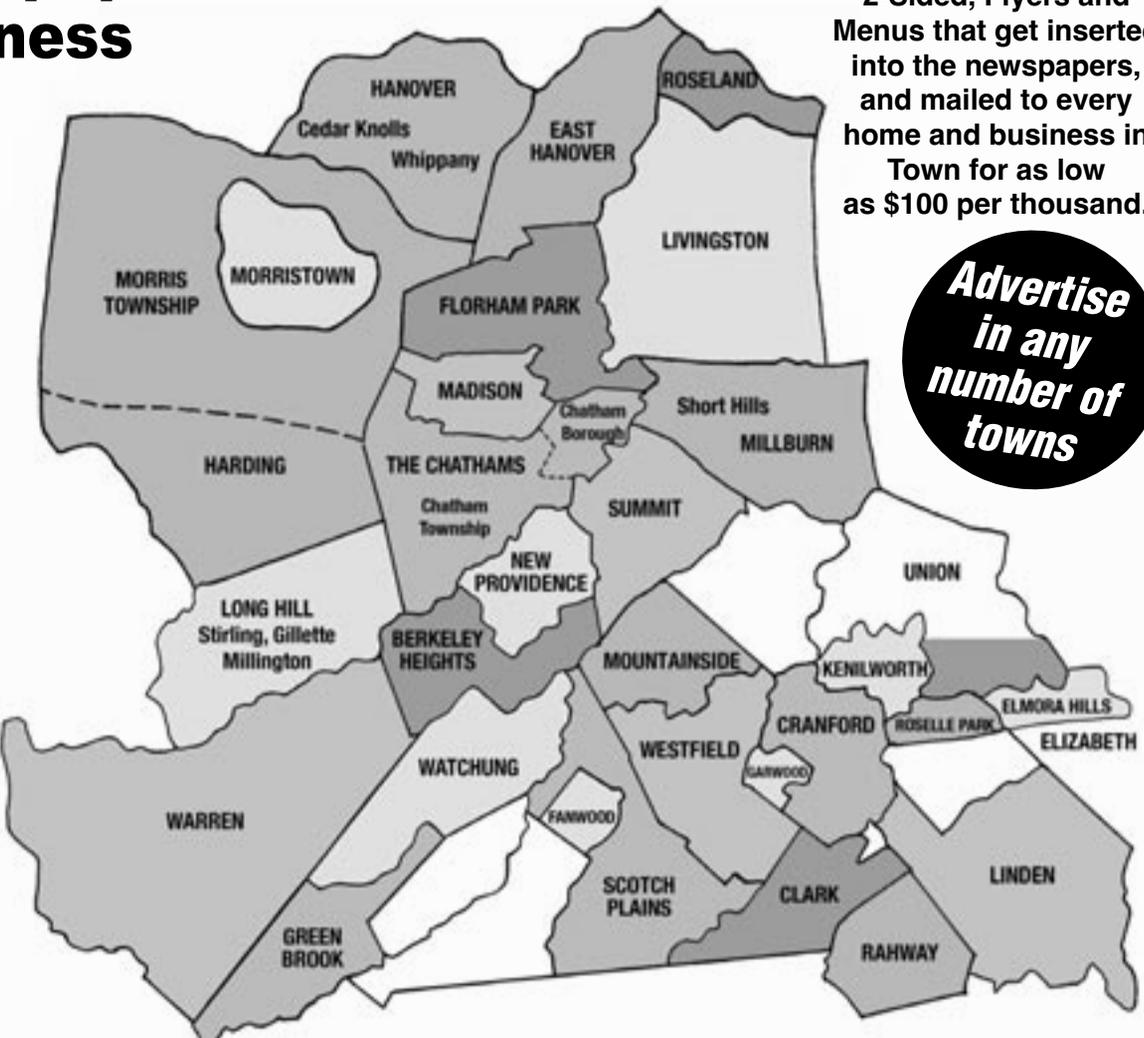
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The Morris County 250th Celebrations Committee, in partnership with the Morris County Tourism Bureau and the Morris County Board of County Commissioners, is proud to announce the release of the “Morris County 250th Anniversary Coloring & Activity Book” -- a creative new way for families, students and residents to explore the county’s Revolutionary War roots.

Designed for learners of all ages, this special-edition publication brings Morris County’s remarkable history to life through interactive illustrations and activities. Each page highlights the landmarks, people and pivotal moments that shaped the region’s essential role in the American Revolution, offering a fun and accessible introduction to local heritage.

“As we prepare for the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution, our goal is to bring history to life in meaningful and creative ways. This coloring and activity book allows children and families to explore Morris County’s Revolutionary past together -- page by page, story by story. We hope it sparks a sense of wonder, encourages visits to our historic sites, and strengthens our shared appreciation for the enduring contributions of this region,” said Sarah Neibart, chair of Morris County’s 250th Celebrations.

Many of the illustrations draw inspiration from the beloved work of renowned Morris County artist Lucille Hobbie (1915-2008), whose detailed lithographs and watercolors beautifully captured the area’s historic character. The cover showcases the official Morris County 250th Anniversary logo -- a silhouette of Gen. George

Washington on horseback—symbolizing leadership, perseverance and the county’s enduring connection to the founding of our nation.

The 15-page coloring and activity book features scenes from key Revolutionary-era locations, including the Ford Mansion, Washington’s Headquarters, The Alliance statue, and historic structures, such as the Black Horse Inn and Rockaway Presbyterian Church. Each activity is crafted to spark curiosity, encourage exploration and deepen appreciation for Morris County’s vital contribution to America’s fight for independence.

“The business community has long recognized the importance of Morris County’s historical assets in shaping our identity and supporting a vibrant local economy. The Chamber is proud to support efforts that celebrate our history, strengthen community engagement and promote Morris County as a destination for families, students, and visitors alike,” said Meghan Hunscher President & CEO, Morris County Chamber of Commerce.

The book is part of the county’s broader initiative marking the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution -- a multi-year effort to celebrate, educate and engage communities across Morris County and the region through events, programs and historical storytelling.

Copies of the Morris County 250th Anniversary Coloring & Activity Book are available through the Morris County 250th Anniversary website: morriscounty250.org

For more information about the 250th Anniversary commemoration and upcoming events, visit morriscounty250.org.



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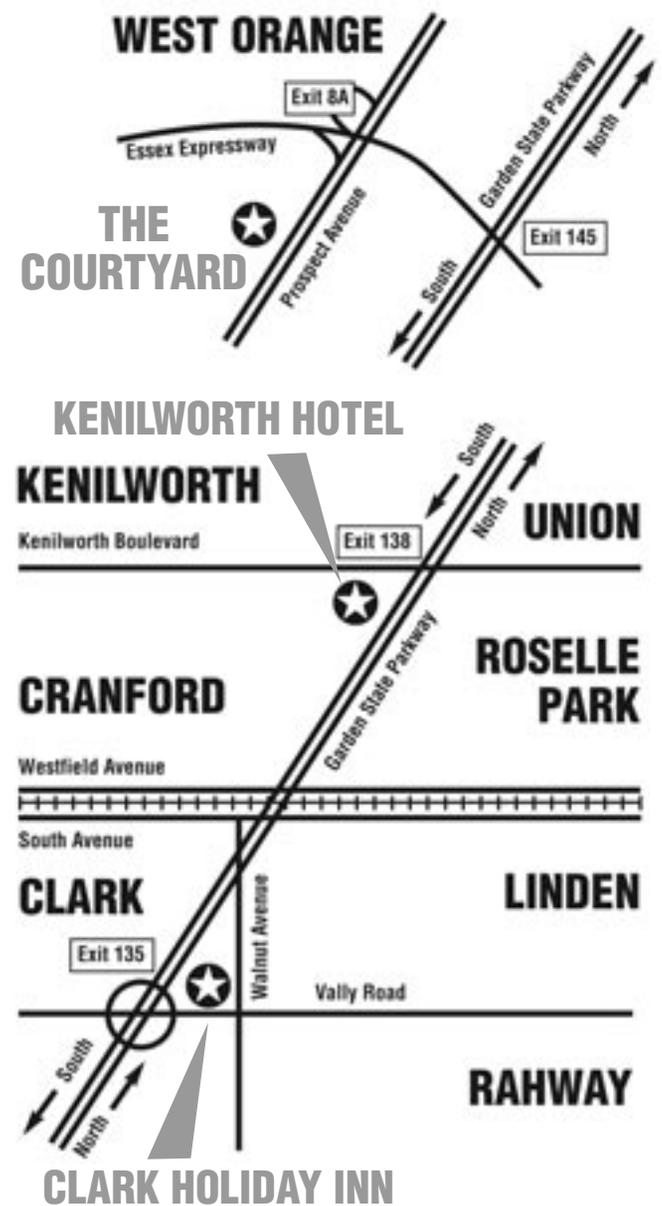
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