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This event will feature quality exhibitors, a special crafter's section, lots of great food, kiddie rides, a kids' area, live music and performances, local merchants & civic organizations, and a large classic car show. The car show starts on the west end of the event at 14th Street.

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Whether on stage or under our music tents, you will enjoy the sounds of some very talented cover bands, soloists, dancers, demonstrations from the local karate & dance studios, and more. It's also a chance to kick back and take a break in the music section, filled with tables and chairs for your use. This year we have 2 great bands: Cold Sweat from 10am-1pm and Theatre Rock from 2pm-4pm.

KIDS ZONE

Plus lots of fun stuff in the kids' zone all day, where children will enjoy a section filled with kiddie bounce rides, slides, interactive blow-ups, face painting, sand art & kids' games, and temporary tattoos, just to name a few.

FOOD TRUCKS

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CAR SHOW

This year's event will again feature a car show of Custom...Classic...Street Rod...Muscle Cars in front of Harding School (Enter from Boulevard & North 14th St./use 426 Boulevard in your GPS). Set up starts after 10 am. Registration - Day of Show. Cars must be registered by 1:00 PM to be judged. Trophies for Winners!

Car Show email rprflocal3@gmail.com

SENIOR ARTS, CRAFTS AND PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW/SALE AND COUNTRY-WESTERN SENIOR PICNIC

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“WHEELIE” FUN BICYCLE PARADE MAY 16

Participants in the “Wheelie” Fun Bicycle Parade on May 16, hosted by the Kenilworth Historical Society and the AmRev 250 Committee, will have a fun morning riding through Kenilworth with their bicycles, tricycles, wagons or any wheeled vehicle decorated in patriotic style. The riders can dress up as a patriotic figure or just come dressed in red, white, and blue.

The bicyclists will line up and register at Harding School parking lot on 18th Street, Kenilworth, NJ, starting at 10:30 a.m. The parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. and they will then follow the parade route; 18th Street, Washington Avenue, Cross Street to Monroe Avenue finishing at David Brearley Middle/High School parking lot. In addition to the featured program, the attendees will enjoy some post-parade fun including ice cream for all registered participants. Prizes will be awarded for the most original and most patriotic decorated bikes.

The Kenilworth Historical Society is an independent, volunteer-based, non-profit, tax-exempt, 501(c) (3) organization dedicated to the research, preservation and interpretation of the Oswald J. Nitschke House (c. 1880), local history and culture.

The May 16 “Wheelie” Fun Bicycle Parade is among many community events being planned by the Kenilworth Historical Society as well as the Kenilworth AmRev250 Committee, which comprises a cross section of residents organized

by the Borough of Kenilworth in partnership with the Kenilworth Historical Society, to commemorate America’s 250th anniversary year.

Upcoming AmRev250 events include the May 2 “Remember the Ladies of the Revolution” Afternoon Tea presented by the Kenilworth Historical Society, a Historical Walking Tour led by historian Walter Boright (tentative date May 30), a June 6 Juneteenth Celebration and program featuring “a Visit with Madam C.J. Walker” at the Oswald J. Nitschke House, a Grand Fireworks Display (tentative date June 28), a Sept. 25 Cornhole Tournament, an Oct. 23 “Sock Hop/Doo-Wop” -- and many more. For information, please call 908-709-0434.



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MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE - MAY 25TH

The public is invited to attend a Memorial Day ceremony honoring all veterans at 11 a.m. at the Kenilworth Veterans' Center, 33 S. 21st Street, Kenilworth, NJ. Refreshments will be served afterwards. There is no registration required for this event. For more information, please call the Kenilworth Veterans Center at 908- 276-9769.

FLAG PLANTING EVENT MAY 23RD

The public is invited to join Veterans from VFW Post 2230 and Scout troops for an annual tradition of walking through Graceland Memorial Park Cemetery in Kenilworth, NJ to find headstones of veterans and plant a flag at the grave to commemorate Memorial Day. This very touching event begins with a breakfast served at the Kenilworth VFW Hall at 8 a.m. on Saturday May 23rd. Light refreshments are served at the VFW afterwards for all workers at noon, after returning to the Post. No preregistration is required, but we will have a signup sheet at breakfast and at the Cemetery. The VFW organizes the event along with the American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, and the Kenilworth Veterans Center.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

ARTS, CRAFTS AND PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

Local seniors (age 60 or older) will have an opportunity to show and/or sell their artwork, crafts and photographs at an indoor Show that will take place at the Kenilworth Senior Center (526 Boulevard) on Sunday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., during the Kenilworth Street Fair.

Interested participants should register by May 8. Registration forms are available at the Kenilworth Senior Center, Kenilworth Public Library and on the Borough website kenilworthborough.com For further information, please call Shirley Boyden Maxwell, senior program director, at 908-276-1716.

COUNTRY-WESTERN SENIOR PICNIC

On May 28, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Kenilworth Senior Center will present a Country-Western Senior Picnic with live music at DiMario Park for seniors (age 60 or older). Advance reservations (by May 6) are requested. To register, interested participants should complete a reservation form, available at the Kenilworth Senior Center, Kenilworth Public Library and on the Borough website kenilworthborough.com (under Departments/Senior Services), or call the Senior Center at 908-276-1716 and leave their name, address and phone number.

EXERCISE CLASSES

A complete listing of senior classes (line dancing, fitness/exercise, Zumba Gold, strength/balance, chair yoga, crafts, etc.), Lunch 'n Learn sessions and other programs offered by the Kenilworth Senior Center is posted at the center's front and back entrances and on the Borough website (under Departments/Senior Services). Admission to classes/programs is free for Kenilworth seniors (age 60 and older).

MOBILE MEALS EXPANDS TO KENILWORTH

Mobile Meals of Westfield, a local nonprofit dedicated to supporting elderly and infirm individuals, is proud to announce its expansion into Kenilworth, NJ. The organization will provide nutritious, homemade meals along with regular friendly visits to seniors who want to live safely and independently in their own homes.

Since its inception in 1968, Mobile Meals of Westfield has served seven towns including Clark, Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains, and Westfield. Now for the first time, residents of Kenilworth will also be able to receive homemade meals delivered to their doorsteps.

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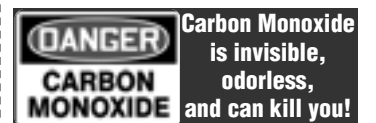


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MOLLY PITCHER VISITS ST. THERESA SCHOOL

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Mrs. Keating's 2nd grade and Mrs. Forfa's 3rd grade students at St. Theresa School recently had a surprise visit from Revolutionary War heroine, Molly Pitcher. The life-sized doll was created by members of the Kenilworth Historical Society,

Susan Pinto and Karen DeMaio. The presentation was created to honor the legacy and legend of Molly Pitcher, a major figure in the Battle of Monmouth, and to raise awareness of the roles women played during the Revolutionary War.



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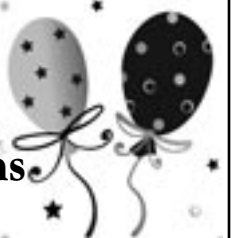
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THE FOLLOWING MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT IS BOOKED FOR THE FEAST:

Thursday, June 4:
Paper Statues and Deadlinez (Valencia School of Music), 8pm-10pm
Friday, June 5:
Valentied, 730p-830p, Serenphoria, 9p-10p
Saturday, June 6:
Diamonds in Jupiter, 7pm to 10pm
Sunday, June 7:
Simply the Best, 4pm-7pm
Additional entertainment will be announced on the Church of the Assumption website as acts are confirmed.

Pay-One-Price Unlimited Ride wristbands are available for opening day, Thursday, June 4. Wristbands will be sold at the Feast for \$35. Visit the Church of the Assumption website at <http://www.assumptionrp.com/> for more information and sponsorship opportunities. If you would like to volunteer at the Feast of St. Anthony, scan here:



(above) Those interesting volunteering can use the QR code for more information.



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KENILWORTH'S UPSALA COLLEGE - REMNANTS AND MEMORIES – PART 4

This final Upsala College article reveals physical bits and pieces of Upsala College that remain. They are either in full view or not so readily detected. Yet they physically exist.

The first revelation deals with Crescendo Hall, an off-campus dormitory owned by the college. It once stood at 125 N. 20th St. Ownership of the structure changed hands numbers of times after the college moved to East Orange in 1924.

In a 2006 interview, Ruth Shallcross Powers (1928-2015) verified that sometime in the 1930s the building was owned by her grandfather, Joseph Shallcross, Sr. She stated, “For a while in the 1930s I lived there with my parents John and Ethel Ruth Shallcross and two of my sisters, Irma and Doris. My sister Jean had not yet been born. My grandfather owned the building and converted it into apartments. He later tore the building down and recycled just about everything. Lumber from the demolished building was used to build our home on 609 Springfield Ave. We started out living in the basement until the upper part was built. Her sister, Irma Shallcross George added, “The dorm was painted red when we lived there. Our house on Springfield Rd. was finished about 1941.”

A two-story house on at 115 N. 20th St. is another revelation of Upsala days. Early on it was owned by William and Augusta Gustafson. He was an Upsala janitor and she the house mother

(aka the lady principal) at Crescendo Hall dormitory next door. The Gustafsons rented a small room in their attic to male Upsala students. It had no heat, no running water, and no electricity. Built about 1910 by John Hiller, Jr., a future mayor, it still stands today.

Michael Wojcio (1912-2010) moved to Kenilworth when two months old. He stated in 2009 that his father purchased the Gustafson home in 1924, the year the college moved to East Orange. In 2022, the resident there invited me into the Gustafson/Wojcio home to view the attic room. The attic was bare rafters and wooden plank flooring. There was no evidence of insulation. Off in one corner was a small room. It had a tiny closet and a single window. It was like stepping back in time. An early photo of the exterior of the house reveals a backyard privy.

The cost of renting rooms in homes was addressed by Upsala Prof. Alvin Calman who taught at Upsala from 1922 to 1965 and authored Upsala College – the Early Years. It was published posthumously in 1983. He wrote that Ole Knudson was charging \$2.15 for room and board. For boarding only, the rate was 75 cents a week. Olah (“Ole”) and his wife, Olivia, lived on N. 17th St.

When campus buildings were razed in the 1930s the 1899 cornerstone of Old Main – the primary campus building – was rescued by local

contractor Sam Vitale (1893-1986). In 1936, when the public library was erected, he donated it to be used as its cornerstone. The obverse side was carved with the year 1936 and is visible from outside of the building. For decades the 1899 date could be observed on stairwell landing area inside the library. It was a talking point for visitors. Regrettably, when the library was renovated in the early 1980s, it was covered over with sheetrock. This historic artifact has remained hidden from public view ever since. A benefactor offered to fund the reopening of a small section of the wall so that this major part of Kenilworth history could be viewed once again but the offer was not accepted.

Research provided by Walter E. Boright, Ed. D., historian, and Historic Signs, Inc. Sources include: the Swenson Immigration Center Augustana College in Illinois, the Kenilworth Historical Society, the Cranford Chronicle, Borough tax records, first-hand interviews, and personal knowledge. The assistance of Kenilworth-born Arthur J. Vitale, a retired civil engineer, and his sister, Shirley Vitale Edwards, a local history enthusiast, helped make this series of articles possible. Their assistance is immensely appreciated. Persons with inquiries about this or other Kenilworth history topics, may contact Dr. Boright at drbori@aol.com or 908-256-5200.



(above) Ruth Shallcross Powers lived in Crescendo Hall.
Photo: Family, c. 1990



(above) Male students boarded in attic at 115 N. 20th St.
Photo: Historic Signs, Inc., 2019



(above) Upsala 1899 cornerstone re-engraved 1936 for Library.
Photo: Historic Signs, Inc., 2011



(above) Lumber taken from Crescendo Hall used to build home at 609 Springfield Rd.



(above) 609 Springfield Rd. built from Upsala lumber.
Photo: Historic Signs, 2019



(above, l-r) “X” marks the spot where 1899 side of cornerstone is hidden. L. Ruiz, director; S. Scheuerer, pres.; S. Maxwell. Hist. Soc. Pres.
Photo: Historic Signs, Inc., 2019

JOSEPH JOHN MURRAY OBITUARY

Joseph John Murray longtime resident of Kenilworth passed away on Monday April 6, 2026 at his dear sister's home in Springfield surrounded by his loving family in his 85th year.

Joseph was born in Elizabeth before moving to Kenilworth in 1971. He graduated from Saint Mary's High School in Elizabeth and Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ.

Joseph proudly and honorably served America by service in the United States Marine Corps from 1959 to 1963, proudly attaining the rank of Corporal. He then worked for 27 years as a Probation Officer for Union County before retirement. He enjoyed Monmouth Park Racetrack and fine dining with family and friends.

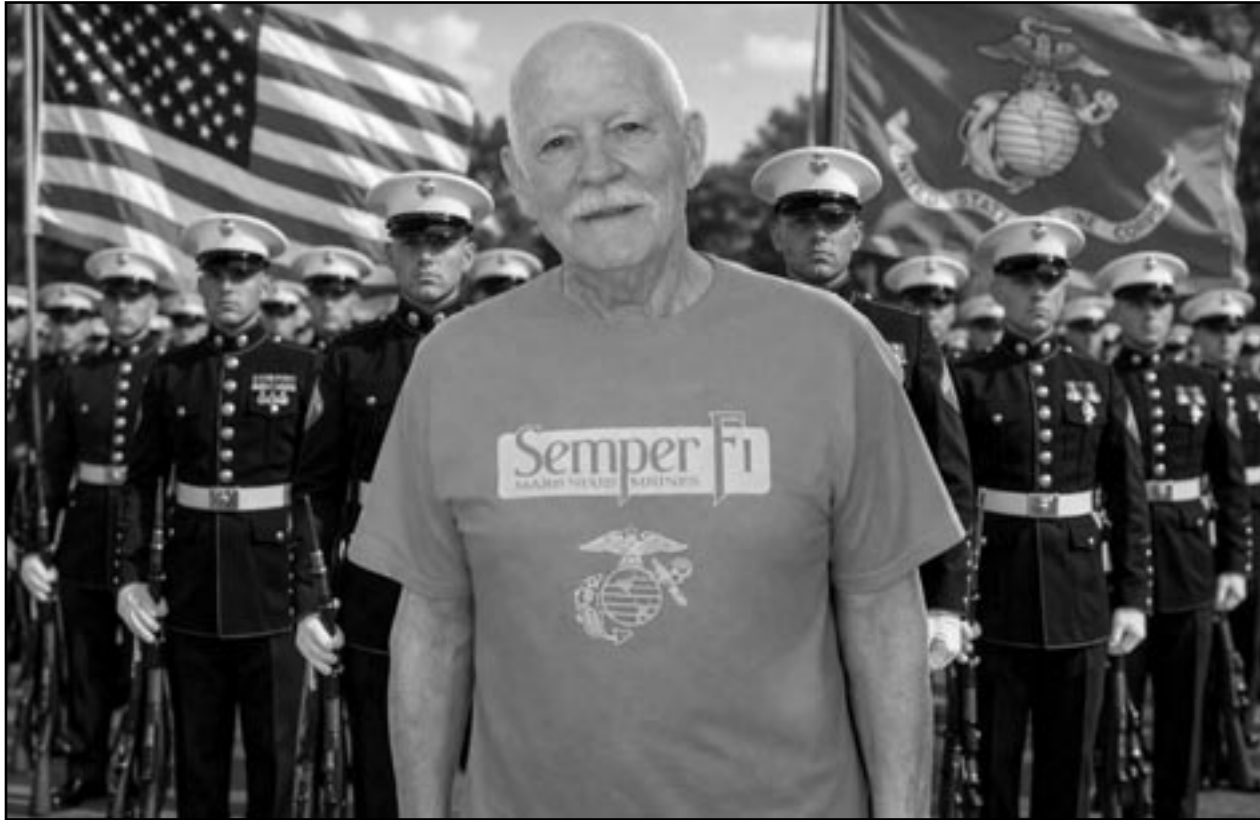
He was a member of the former Zen's Athletic Club in Elizabeth, NJ.

Predeceased by his beloved parents Joseph and Jennie Murray and his siblings William, James and Walter Murray.

Left to honor and cherish his memory is his devoted sister Anne Marie "Annie" Murray Sisbarro, 2 brothers Thomas and Edward Murray, inlaws, many nieces and nephews, grand-nieces and grand nephews, dear cousins and many friends.

A Funeral Mass was held on April 9, 2026 at St Theresa's Church in Kenilworth, NJ, under the direction of Opacity Funeral Home, with full U.S.M.C military honors.

Please leave a message of condolences to Joseph's family on the online guestbook: opacityfuneralhome.com/obituary/joseph-murray.



(above) Joseph John Murray

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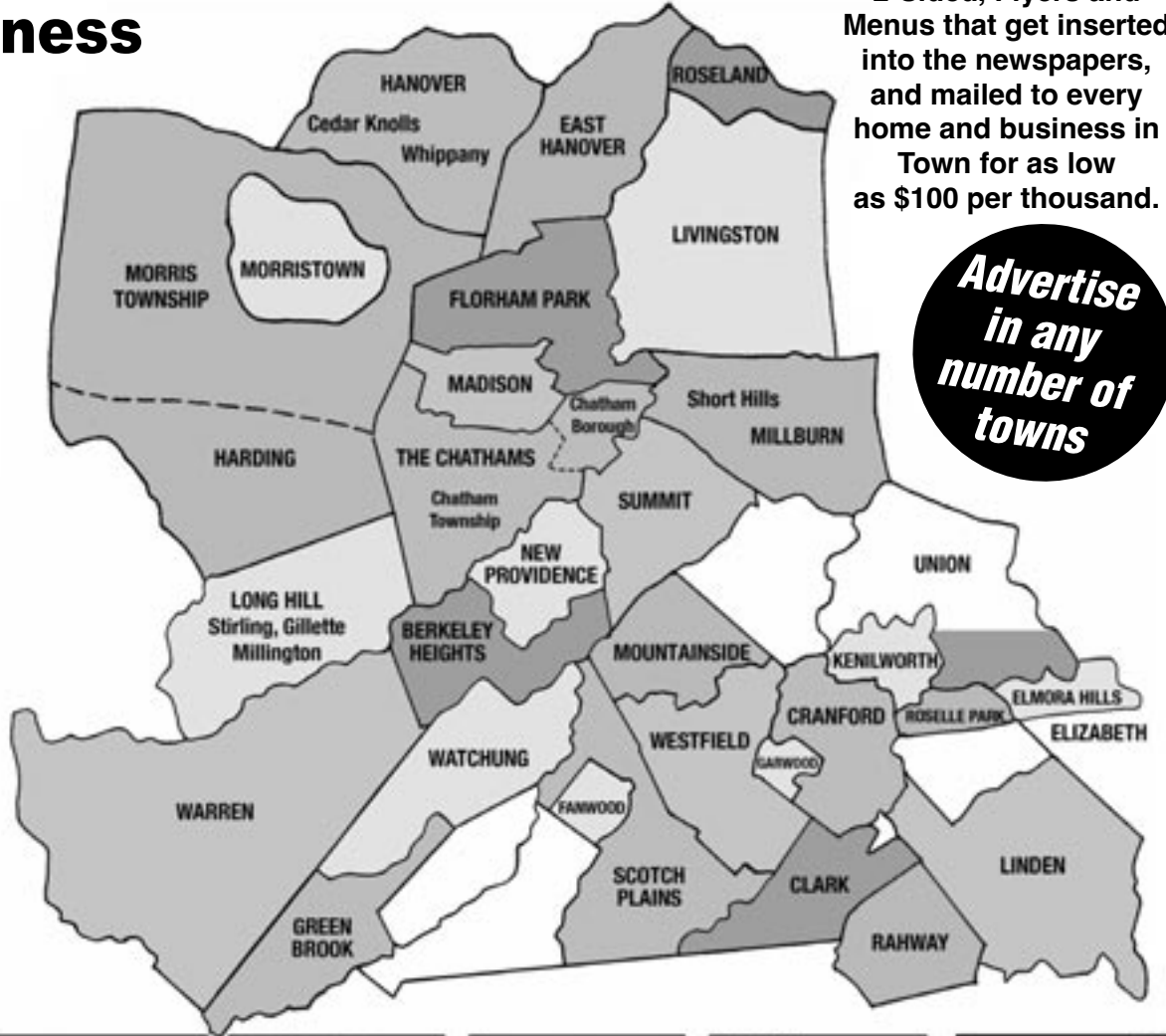
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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Weekly programs:

Bingo For Children

Mondays at 6:30pm – 7:00pm
May 4, 11, 18

Bingo games for children ages 3 & up

Lap Sit

Tuesdays at 10:30am – 10:50am
May 5, 12, 26

Interactive stories and songs for ages 0 – 2 years old

Family Fun Night

Tuesdays at 6:30pm – 7:00pm
May 12 & 26

Children & their families can come together to do puzzles, play board games and do crafts together.

Toddler Time

Wednesday at 10:30am – 10:50am
May 6 & 20

Interactive stories and activities for ages 2 – 3

Story Circle: Saturday

May 9 at 10:30am

Interactive stories and songs for ages 0 - 4.

Fun Friday Crafts

Fridays at 3:30pm – 4:00pm
May 1 & 15

Ages: 4 – 9

Registration is required for each individual craft one week prior to each craft.

SPECIAL EVENTS

May the 4th Celebration

3:30 - 4:30pm on Monday, May 4

Join us for a Star Wars Day Celebration!

Registration required. Ages 4 & up

Cinco de Mayo Story Time & Craft

6:30 - 7pm on Tuesday, May 5

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a story time and craft. Ages: 3 & up

Registration is recommended.

Lego At The Library

3:30pm – 4:00pm

on Thursdays, May 7, 14 & 28

Build with Lego bricks and design your own creations. Ages: 4-12

Tween Craft

3 - 4pm on Friday, May 8

Ages 10-16. Registration is required and will open for Kenilworth residents on May 1. Out of town residents may begin to register on May 6, space permitting.

Read To A Dog

4:00pm – 5:00pm on Tuesday, May 12

For early beginning readers and those who are learning to read. Young, reluctant, or struggling readers are encouraged to register for this program and read aloud for 15 minutes with a certified therapy dog, Savor. Children will learn to associate reading with a furry, non-judgmental listener and begin to view reading in a positive way. Over time, the child's reading ability and confidence can improve because they are practicing their skills.

Registration is required and begins May 5 for Kenilworth residents.

Yoga Story Time

10:30am – 11:00am on Wednesday, May 13

Join us for stories and yoga poses for the youngest listeners and their caregiver.

This program will be presented by certified yoga instructor Heather Valente for ages: 2 - 5.

Boogie Woogie Babies

10:30am – 11:00am on Tuesday, May 19

Interactive musical program will be presented by Tiffany Taylor for ages: 0 - 4

Baby-Sitter's Club Book Club

3:30-4:30 pm on Wednesday, May 20

Join us for a discussion about Baby-Sitter's Club Graphic Novel #3, Mary Anne Saves The Day. Registration is recommended.

Ages: 7 & up

Celebrate AANHPI Month

3:30pm - 4pm on Thursday, May 21

Celebrate AANHPI Month with a special story time & craft. Registration is recommended.

Ages 4 & up.

Good Tyme String Band

11-11:30am on Wednesday, May 27

All ages are welcome to attend and enjoy foot tapping knee slapping banjo music.



(above) "Spin-a-Yarn" with us the last Tuesday of each month. This is a free program for adults. Thank you Andrea Alexander Art (Facebook & Instagram @andreaalexanderart), for teaching us how to create art batts and art yarn!

Courtesy Photo

Invention, Innovation & Industry

6:30pm - 7:30pm on Tuesday, May 19

Union County Invention, Innovation and Industry will give you an inside look at the background of the people, places and things related to this interesting topic. The presentation includes a discussion on products like Golf Tee's and Laser Beams and many things in between.

ADULT PROGRAMS

"Weave with us"

Monday, May 4, 2026 - 5-7:30pm.

Join us and enjoy the company of fellow weavers. Bring your portable loom! Beginners welcome. This event is open house style.

"Paper Pals"

Tuesday, May 5 & 19 at 2pm

and Monday, May 11 at 6:00 – 7:30pm for our card making group. You don't need any paper crafting experience to join the fun.

"Yarnies"

Thursdays, May 7, 14 & 21 at 2-4pm and May 28 from 6-8pm.

You don't need any crafting experience to enjoy these creative explorations. Feel free to bring a project to work on. Watch demonstrations of knitting, crocheting and weaving.

English Conversations For All

Monday, May 18 at 5:00pm – 7:00pm

If you want to learn English or practice speaking the language, please join us for a free two-hour session on the last Monday of each month. This program is geared towards adults.

"Spin - A - Yarn"

Monday, May 26 at 5:00pm – 7:30pm.

Bring your spinning wheel or drop spindle and create beautiful yarns! If you don't have a wheel, you are still welcome to join us to learn about spinning.

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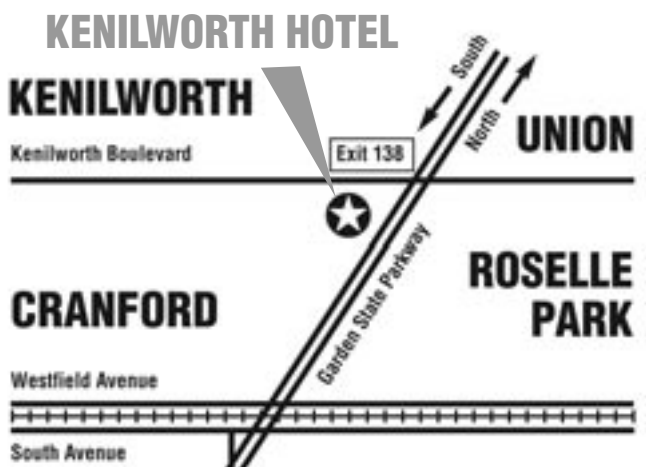
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