

MHS THEATRE DELIVERS DONATIONS TO PROJECT LINUS

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Morristown High School Theatre Program

Morristown High School Theatre recently delivered four bags of blankets and blanket-making supplies to Project Linus. The supplies—which included yarn, fabric, sewing supplies, and a couple of Michaels gift cards—were donated by theatergoers who attended MHS production of *Fiddler on the Roof*, a critical and box-office smash for the student-run program.

Project Linus is a non-profit organization that provides handmade blankets to children 18 and under in the United States who are “seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need.” Inspired by the character of Motel the tailor in *Fiddler*, MHS Theatre encouraged members of the program, friends, family, and show attendees to donate homemade no-sew blankets and supplies for Project Linus at each of the four performances of *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Sisters Abby and Caroline Higgins made the delivery of the collected donations to the Hunterdon and Warren Counties branch of Project Linus in Bloomsbury, NJ. Abby, a graduating senior, is MHS Theatre’s head of community outreach, while Caroline, a freshman at the high school, joined the outreach team in this, her first year in the MHS Theatre program.

“I have been watching my sister's efforts in community and educational outreach since her sophomore year of high school,” says Caroline. “I have seen her grow this program into the award-nominated one that it is today, and, from watching her, I, too, have grown a passion for helping the community. She has shown us how to go above and beyond expectations and what effort and hard work can do.”

Indeed, (as of this writing) Abby was recently nominated for Montclair State University’s Foxy Award for Educational Impact and Community Outreach for her work on both last fall’s dramatic production of *Little Women* and MHS Theatre’s spring 2025 musical production of *Les Misérables*, just as she was for 2024’s *Mary Poppins* and *Shakespeare in Love*.



(above) Donations for Project Linus were collected from theatergoers during performances of *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Courtesy Photo

Higgins has also twice been nominated for Paper Mill Playhouse’s Rising Star Award for Educational Impact (for *Mary Poppins* and *Les Misérables*).

The delivery coincided with Project Linus’s “Make a Blanket Day” workshop, at which volunteers, including the Higgins sisters, made 213 blankets to donate to children in need. For Abby, who will be attending Elizabethtown College in the fall to pursue a major in occupational therapy, the visit to Project Linus was a rewarding conclusion to her time as MHS Theatre’s Community Outreach.

“Seeing the amount of participation in the blanket-making when we visited filled me with hope and gratitude,” said Abby. “It reminded me of the reason I wanted to be in charge of the Community Outreach branch of MHS Theatre—to utilize the arts to help as many people as I can.”

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C.A.R. PROJECT SUPPORTS EQUINE THERAPY FOR VETS

Submitted by Holly Dunbar

The Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) is the nation's oldest and largest nonpolitical patriotic youth organization. A new C.A.R. state project that will aid veterans has been announced. The goal of "Operation Horse" is to raise \$2,000 during the next year to fund equine-assisted therapy for two N.J. veterans



(above) The Man o' War Project has helped to develop a standardized protocol for delivering equine-assisted therapy to treat PTSD.

Courtesy photos

with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The therapy is offered through the Man o' War Project of Columbia University Irving Medical Center.

The mission of the Man o' War Project is two-fold. Equine-assisted therapy is used to treat veterans with PTSD while medical staff evaluate the program to develop best practices for administering equine-assisted therapy. This research can have far-reaching benefits for treating veterans and all who suffer with PTSD.

C.A.R. membership is open to girls and boys from birth through age 21 who are descended from a person who aided the cause of independence during the American Revolution.

New Jersey has nine C.A.R. groups known as societies. Activities offered on an age-appropriate basis help members learn about American history, government, community service and more. Members also gain valuable leadership experience conducting meetings and serving as delegates at state and national conferences.

Pis-Cat-A-Qua Society C.A.R., hosted by the Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Green Brook, is seeking new members. For more information,

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MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL RESTORATION COMPLETED

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Restoration of the historic Mount Vernon School, also known as the Red Brick Schoolhouse Museum in Chatham Township, has been completed following several years of preservation work supported by more than \$305,000 through the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund.

Morris County Commissioner Director Stephen Shaw recently visited the circa 1860 landmark to present a Morris County Historic Preservation plaque to Chatham Township Mayor Jen Rowland and the Chatham Township Historical Society in recognition of the successful restoration project. The visit followed Morris County's annual Pathways of History weekend on May 2 and 3, when the museum welcomed visitors from across the region.

"Preserving our history is always a priority in Morris County, and this year it carries even greater significance as we celebrate America's 250th anniversary," said Director Shaw. "The Mount Vernon School is a wonderful example of the historic places we are proud to protect for future generations."

Originally constructed around 1860, the building later received a vestibule addition around 1900 and a rear addition in 1958. It served as a local school and Sunday school until 1928 before later housing community organizations and Chatham Township Hall. The building was eventually repurposed as a local history museum.

Since 2019, \$305,450 in Morris County historic preservation grants have supported a National Register nomination, a preservation plan, construction documents and extensive exterior restoration work.

The 2022 and 2023 grants supported repairs to deteriorated brick and mortar, reconstruction of the northwest vestibule corner, restoration of stone window lintels and sills, and installation of interior storm windows to help preserve the building.

"We're so grateful for all the support and all the funding. The Red Brick Schoolhouse is a beloved



(above, l-r) Ray Chang, Morris County Historic Preservation program coordinator; Donald Davidson, CTHS trustee; Karen Blumenfeld, CTHS trustee; Diana Clark, CTHS trustee; Pat Wells, CTHS Vice President; Stephen Shaw, Morris County Commissioner Director; Martha Wells, CTHS president; Mike Kelly, CTHS trustee; Sarah Stanley, CTHS trustee; and Jen Rowland, mayor of Chatham Township.

Photo by County of Morris

site in town -- not only because it holds so much history for us and our residents -- but it is the destination for field trips for our students. This is a field trip that they remember and they continue to come back with their grandparents and parents," said Mayor Rowland.

"Morris County has been with us since the beginning of the process. From the preservation plan and National Register nomination to the construction documents and restoration work, we could not have completed this project without the county's support," said Martha Wells, president

of the Chatham Township Historical Society.

Since 2003, the Board of County Commissioners have approved more than \$56 million in Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund grants to help preserve and restore 136 historic sites across the county.

As part of the county's commemoration of America's 250th anniversary, the Chatham Township Historical Society (CTHS) also featured the RevolutionNJ "Revolutionary Lives" exhibit during Pathways of History weekend.

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MORRIS COUNTY HONORS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2026

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(above, l-r) The Florham Park 2026 Police Unity Tour team: Lt. Mike Neilan, Lt. Frank Pietropinto, Off. Charlie Greenstein (motor unit), Capt. Brian Ford, and Retiree, and long-time F.P. resident, Andy O'Connor (ride marshal). Great job to all, and never forget the fallen! At The Police Unity Tour - "We Ride For Those Who Died"

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National Police Week is observed this year from May 10 through May 16, with Peace Officers Memorial Day commemorated on May 15. The observance dates to 1962, when President John F. Kennedy designated May 15 as a national day of remembrance for law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty and the week in which it falls as "National Police Week."

This week also marked the 30th anniversary of the Police Unity Tour, founded in 1997 in Florham Park by Police Officer Patrick Montuore. What began as an 18-member bicycle ride from New Jersey to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., has grown into a nationwide movement with thousands of participants who honor fallen officers and support their families.

"In July 1975, two Florham Park police officers, Detective Frank Dailey and Patrolman Robert Hauptman, were killed in the line of duty when their plane crashed during a marijuana interdiction operation. It was a tragedy that deeply impacted Morris County," said Sheriff Gannon. "Twenty-two years later, Pat Montuore

began the Police Unity Tour ride to Washington, D.C. I've had the opportunity to participate, and there is tremendous camaraderie throughout the journey. When riders arrive at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, there is a great deal of emotion, and the experience is meaningful for both survivors and fellow law enforcement officers."

"Our police officers are dedicated to protecting our communities from criminals intending to commit crimes and victimize our citizens. We all need to pay them sincere respect and support their efforts, as they literally accept all risks and facedown those subjects with intent to harm. Tragically, some pay the ultimate price for their provided protection," said Prosecutor Carroll. "We want our law enforcement officers and all those currently serving to know we are here to support them, and request that our citizens to say 'thank you'."

Thirty law enforcement officers are among the 43 police officers, firefighters and emergency responders memorialized on the 200 Club of Morris County monument at the Morris County Public Safety Training Academy.

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Frank A. Dailey, Jr.	1975	Florham Park Police Department	Anthony P. Infante, Jr.	2001	Port Authority of NY and NJ PD
Robert Hauptman	1975	Florham Park Police Department	George Danielson, Jr.	2001	Mine Hill Fire Department
Wilson McLaurin	1975	NJ Department of Human Services	Arthur J. Ohlsen, III	2003	Dover Police Department
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First Thursday of the month, 10:00 - 11:00 AM, June 4
Stamp collecting fun & information-all are welcome!

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Master Gardeners Q & A:

This month's topic: "Heirlooms & Herbs"

Saturday, June 13, 10 AM - 1 PM
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"The Devil's Disciple" (1959)

Thursday, June 4, 6:45 PM - 8:45 PM
A rebellious scoundrel and a peace-loving minister are drawn into a Revolutionary battle. With Burt Lancaster & Kirk Douglas.

"The Patriot" (2000)

Thursday, June 11, 6:45 PM - 8:45 PM
A reluctant former soldier is forced into a harsh battle to protect his family from the marauding British Army. With Mel Gibson & Jason Isaacs. Rated R.

"1776" (1972)

Thursday, June 18, 6:45 PM - 8:45 PM
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Morning Book Club

Second Thursday of the month at 10:00 AM, June 11

"The Ministry of Time" by Kaliane Bradley

Evening Book Club

Third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM, June 16

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

Baby Stories & Songs

Summer season: Every other Monday at 10:30 AM, June 30, July 14,

July 28, August 11

Ages 6 months to 2 years.

Children's Storytime

Begins Tuesday June 30th. Tuesdays at 10:00 AM and Saturdays at 11:00 AM.
Listen to stories and make a craft to take home with you! Ages 2-8.

Stay and Make: Pipe Cleaner Bracelets

Monday, June 1 through Sunday, June 7
all ages. Make bracelets with pipe cleaners and pony beads! In the Children's Room while supplies last.

Summer Reading Club Kick Off:

Dinosaurs Arise!

Wednesday, June 24, 1:00 PM

Step into an immersive dinosaur experience with fossils, realistic dinosaur puppets and more! Ages 4-12. Registration required.

Summer Book Clubs

From July 8 - August 13.

Summer Book Clubs 2nd Grade, 3rd-4th Grade, and 5th-6th Grade. For kids entering grades 2-6. Registration required. Each book club title will have one afternoon meeting and one evening meeting. Books provided by Library.

TEEN PROGRAMS:

Registration is required for all teen programs. Open to both middle and high school students.

Teen June Book Club

June 8, 5:00 PM

"Elatsoe" by Darcie Little Badger.

We provide the book

Teen Study Hours

June 3, 4, 5, 8 & 9, 2:30 - 4:30 PM
Prepping for APs & Finals? We are offering an additional study space downstairs in the Meeting Room with snacks and light refreshments to keep you fueled and focused.

Taste Test!

Monday, June 1, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Think you can identify your favorite Oreo flavor or differentiate between pizza, cheddar, or BBQ Pringles? Sign up for one of the time slots offered, and test your mighty taste buds!

Teen Craft Night

Monday, June 15, 6:00 PM

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The New Jersey Festival Orchestra closes its season with One Thousand and One Nights, an evening inspired by the legendary Arabian tales that gave rise to Rimsky-Korsakov's beloved orchestral masterpiece Scheherazade. Presented in collaboration with the Slovak-American Cultural Center (S-ACC), the program blends storytelling, international artistry, and symphonic color in performances on Saturday, May 30 at 7:00 pm at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield and Sunday, May 31 at 2:30 pm at the Sieminski Theater in Basking Ridge.

At the center of the program is Scheherazade, Rimsky-Korsakov's vivid musical interpretation of the timeless stories told by Scheherazade night after night to save her life. Sweeping melodies, shimmering orchestration, and dramatic contrasts immerse audiences in a world of myth and imagination, bringing the spirit of the legendary tales vividly to life.

"It is music that represents the rolling sea, the drama of adventure, and the allure of exotic romance," says NJFO Music Director David Wroe, describing the work as "an irresistible musical combination" that transports listeners into the world of One Thousand and One Nights.

The evening also features internationally


acclaimed Slovak guitarist Karol Samuelčík performing Joaquín Rodrigo's *Fantasia para un gentilhombre*. Presented through NJFO's collaboration with the Slovak-American Cultural Center, Samuelčík brings warmth and virtuosity to Rodrigo's celebrated work inspired by 17th-century Spanish music and dance traditions.

"The Slovak-American Cultural Center is thrilled to partner—again—with the NJFO to introduce world-renowned guitarist Karol Samuelčík to American audiences," writes S-ACC Board Member and longtime NJFO supporter Tanya Pulver. "Performing Joaquín Rodrigo's celebrated *Fantasia para un gentilhombre*, Samuelčík promises to enchant listeners, pairing the concerto's historic elegance with his signature vibrant energy and technical brilliance."

"What I love about the piece is its elegance, colour, and contrast," Samuelčík says. "The guitar creates a dialogue with the orchestra."

Together, these works create an evening shaped by imagination and storytelling, where music becomes the narrator and the orchestra brings centuries-old legends to life.

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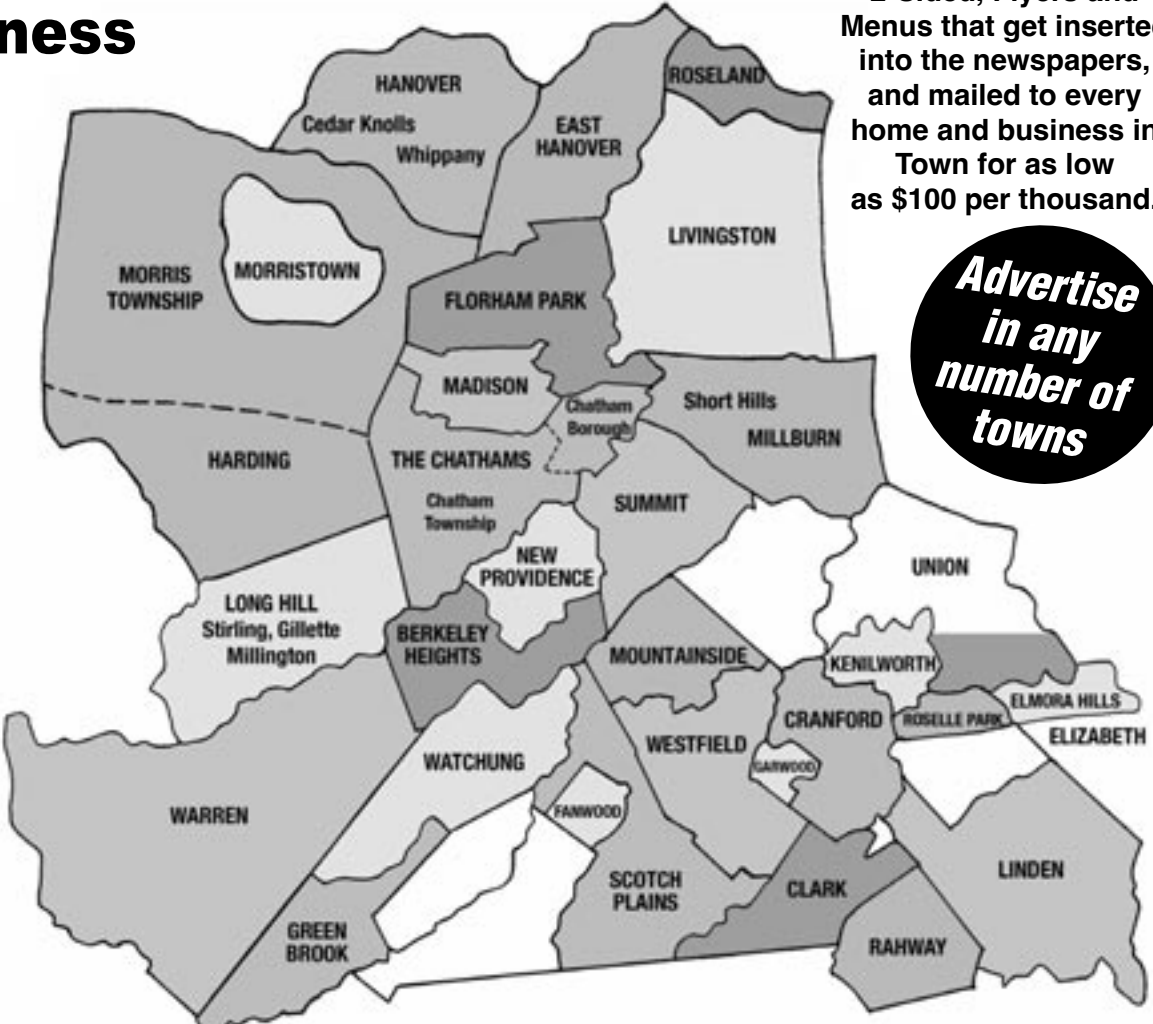
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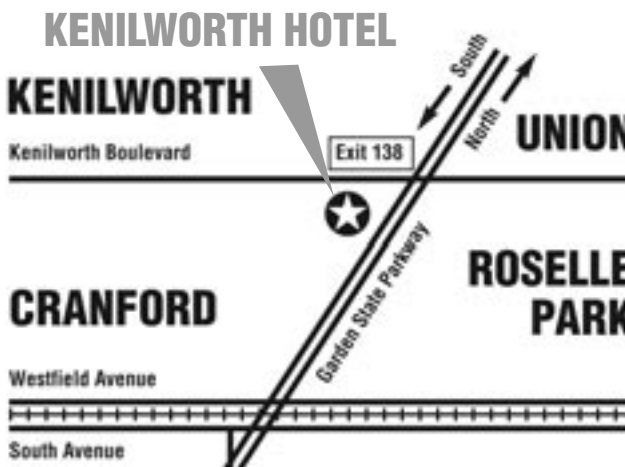
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