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FREE MUSIC IN MADISON!

MUSEUM OF EARLY TRADES & CRAFTS PRESENTS ITS 2022 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The Museum of Early Trades & Crafts (METC) free outdoor Summer Concert Series sponsored by the Madison Downtown Development Commission (DDC) is back starting Friday, June 24.

All are invited to enjoy a free night of music this summer on Fridays from 6 to 8 p.m. Members of the public are asked to bring a chair or blanket to sit and listen to live performances on METC's lawn at the corner of Main Street and Green Village Road.

Attendees may bring a picnic dinner or get take-out from one of many local restaurants, but are asked to pick up their trash when the event is over.

The museum will be open for visits during the concerts.

Well-behaved dogs are always welcome to sit on the lawn but are not allowed inside the museum.

Summer Lineup Announced

The lineup of performances is as follows:

• June 24 – Jumping the Gun

Jumping The Gun plays music from the time when FM radio ruled the airwaves, music was played on vinyl records and cassette tapes and people purchased stereo equipment from Crazy Eddies. Band members are Bob Rocco, guitar and vocals, George Mandala, guitar and vocals, Pete Gavalakis, bass and vocals and Vernon Mott, drums.

They play a mix of songs from The Rolling Stones, Tom Petty and Bruce Springsteen along with The Gin Blossoms, The Black Keys and Darius Rucker.

Fans of classic rock and country from the '70s to today will be on their feet for this performance. Learn more about the band at [Facebook.com/jumpingthegunband](https://www.facebook.com/jumpingthegunband).



Photo by Judi Whiting

The Madison-based Rosewood band performs outside the Museum of Early Trades & Crafts in 2019. The band will return to the museum this summer. From left are band members Leo McClusky, Mary McManus, John McManus and Rich Haddad.

• July 8 – Zaire

Zaire plays classic rock from the '60s to today. Zaire is known for their strong three-part harmonies when covering such artists as the Eagles, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Beatles, Tom Petty, Rolling Stones and more.

With decades of shows under their belts, Zaire continues to delight crowds in New Jersey and the Lehigh Valley area.

• July 22- Best of Broadway

The museum is bringing Broadway to Madison with Sellwood Studios and

gives private lessons, teaches group singing classes and runs performing arts camps.

• Aug. 19 – Peter and the Master Keys

Peter and the Master Keys' music seeks to offer the perfect blend of cool sophistication and rootsy soul. Specializing in American jazz and blues from the 1940s through '60s (with a dash of rock 'n' roll thrown into the mix), they pay homage to an earlier era of live music when real musicians played real instruments with finesse and feeling to connect to the audience.

With three horns, trumpet, tenor sax, baritone sax, and a robust rhythm section of keys, guitar, upright bass and drums, one might even call them a "little" big band.

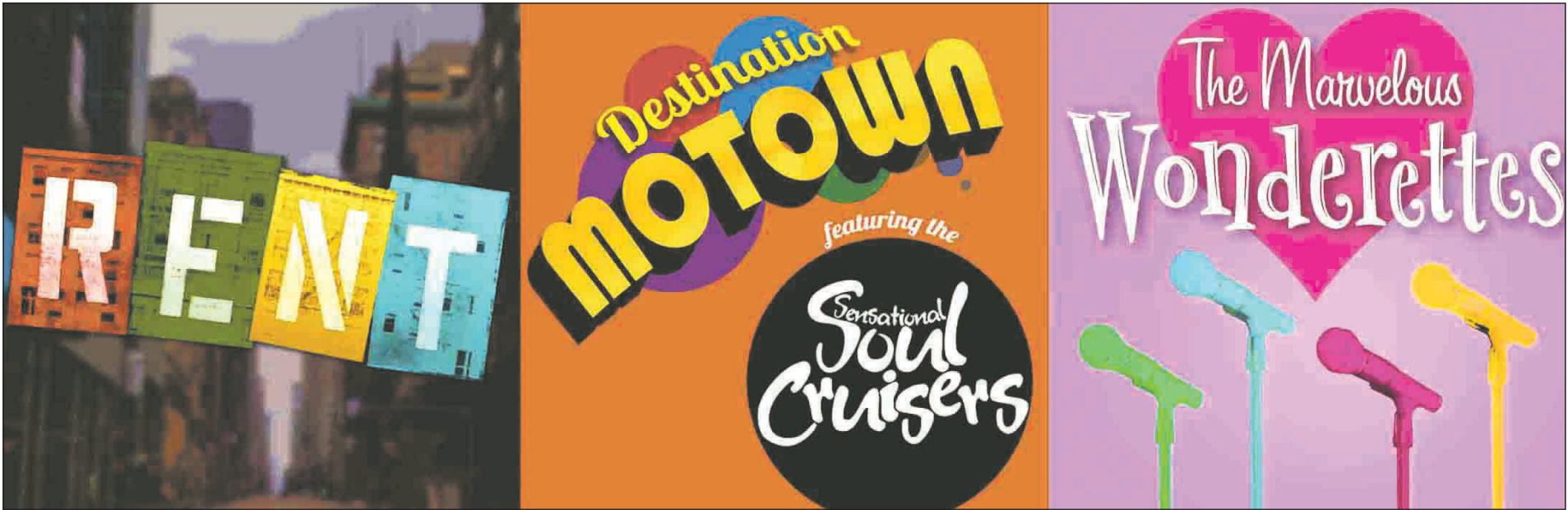
• Sept. 2 – Rosewood

Madison's own classic Pop band Rosewood features Mary McManus on vocals and percussion, John McManus on guitar and vocals, Leo McClusky on lead guitar and vocals, Rich Haddad on bass and vocals and Dave Hartkern on drums and vocals.

Rosewood plays favorite hits from the '60s through today, including artists like Fleetwood Mac, Squeeze, The Pretenders and Elvis Costello interspersed with their own original songs. Rosewood has a synergy that unites an audience, young and old, with a powerful spirit of friendship and family fun, according to the band.

While these events are always free, residents are asked to consider making a donation to METC to help support the museum's mission of inspiring a connection with New Jersey's history, culture, trades and crafts.

For more information visit www.metc.org.



Tickets for Centenary Stage Company's "Rent," "The Marvelous Wonderettes," and a performance by Destination Motown with the Sensational Soul Cruisers, are now on sale.

Centenary Stage Company's 2022 Summer Theatre Season opens on Thursday, July 7

Tickets for Centenary Stage Company's 2022 Summer Season in Hackettstown are now on sale.

This season, Centenary Stage Company will be producing two main stage productions of "Rent" and "The Marvelous Wonderettes," as well as the continuation of its concert series with a performance by Destination Motown featuring the Sensational Soul Cruisers.

Kicking off Centenary Stage Company's 2022 Summerfest main stage shows is "Rent," running from Thursday, July 7, through Sunday, July 17. Based on Puccini's beloved opera "La Bohème," "Rent" follows the ups and downs of a year in the life of a group of impoverished, artistic friends living in Manhattan's East Village. The group's dreams, losses, and love stories weave through the musical's narration to paint a portrait of the gritty bohemian world of New York City in the late 1980s, under the shadow of HIV/AIDS.

Destination Motown featuring the Sensational Soul Cruisers will take to the stage at 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 23. The Sensational Soul Cruisers are an 11-man horn group fronted by four soulful vocalists who pay homage and tribute to songs of the 60s, 70s and 80s old school, R & B, Motown and disco. Tickets are \$35 for orchestra seating and \$30 for balcony seat-

ing. Finishing Centenary Stage Company's 2022 Summer Season will be the main stage production of "The Marvelous Wonderettes," running from Thursday, July 28, through Sunday, Aug. 7. Guests will join Betty Jean, Cindy Lou, Missy, and Suzy at the Springfield High School class of 1958 Super Senior Prom, as these four best friends navigate relationships, growing up, and following their dreams.

Centenary Stage Company remains committed to the health and safety of the community and adheres to all requirements set forth by the State of New Jersey. For more information regarding CSC COVID-19 policies and policy updates, visit centenarystageco.org/faq.

The 2021-22 season of performing arts events at the Centenary Stage Company is made possible through the generous support of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, the NJ State Council on the Arts, the Shubert Foundation, the Blanche and Irving Laurie Foundation, the Sandra Kupperman Foundation, the John and Margaret Post Foundation, and CSC corporate sponsors, including Platinum Season Sponsor The House of the Good Shepherd, Silver Sponsors Hackettstown Medical Center Atlantic Health System, Home Instead Senior Care (Washington),

and Fulton Bank, Visions Federal Credit Union and Centenary Stage Company members and supporters.

The Centenary Stage Company box office is open from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and two hours prior to all performances. The box office is located in

the Lackland Performing Arts Center on the campus of Centenary University at 715 Grand Ave. in Hackettstown.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit centenarystageco.org or call the box office at (908) 979-0900.

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Morris Arts to host Giralda Music & Arts Festival in Madison this Sunday, June 26

Morris Arts, based in Morristown, will host live music and art at Giralda Farms Corporate Park, formerly the Dodge Estate, in Madison Sunday, June 26.

Gates open at 4 p.m.; the pre-show performance is at 4:30PM, and performances by the New Jersey Symphony will begin at 6 p.m.

The rain location will be Mennen Arena in Morris Township.

There will also be children's activities, food trucks, an art show and sale and a picnic contest.

This will mark Morris Arts' 38th Giralda Music & Arts Festival and the return to their normal June time slot.

Under the baton of José Luis Domínguez, the New Jersey Symphony will feature a tribute to Sondheim, Sousa's ode to his time in New Jersey in "The Atlantic City Pageant" and so much more. An inspiring performance by the New Jersey Symphony Youth Orchestra's Henry Lewis Concerto Competition winner rounds out this concert of favorites the whole family will love.

The symphony program includes the Star Spangled Banner, Rossini Overture, The Barber of Seville, Florence Price's "Juba Dance," Symphony No. 1 in E Minor, Suppé Poet and Peasant: Overture, Mozart Allegro from Violin Concerto No. 3 in G Major, and K. 216 Sondheim/J. Tunick A Little Night Music: Suite for Orchestra.

This year's pre-show performance is by Chico Alvarez and the Palomonte Afro-Cuban Big Band.

The 13-piece band will re-visit the musical culture of the golden era of traditional Cuban music and present it in a modern contemporary setting.

Gates open early at 4 p.m. for picnics and activities, including an art show and sale featuring more than 15 artists, the Montclair Art Museum Art Truck, OMG Bubbles and the following food trucks: Señor Tacos, Aroy-D the Thai Elephant and NJ Delicious Vintage Ice Cream.

In-person tickets available at LOKL Café in Morristown or online at <https://tinyurl.com/279krzcs>.

Tickets in advance cost \$20 for adults, meaning anyone older than 12. Children younger than 12 will be \$4, and children younger than four are free.

For group sales of 10 people or more, tickets cost \$15 per adult. Tickets purchased at the gate or otherwise the day of will cost \$25 for adults and \$5 for children ages four to 11. Children younger than four are still free.



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**Sensational
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**From their humble beginnings,
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**NEXTStage Repertory
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Morristown Jazz & Blues Festival to take place on the Morristown Green on Saturday, Sept. 17

The 12th annual Morristown Jazz & Blues Festival will bring guitarists, drummers, bassists, pianists and more to the Green from noon on Saturday, Sept. 17.

"Last year's return following a pandemic hiatus paid tribute to two of our founders, Linda Kiger Smith and Michael Fabrizio," said Mayor Timothy Dougherty. "And this year, we continue to salute them with an exceptional lineup. Because our

move to the third Saturday in September was so popular, we have decided to make the change permanent and look forward to seeing everyone."

This year's begins with James Langton's New York All-Star Big Band featuring Dan Levinson.

For more information, visit <https://www.morristownjazzandblues.com>.



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The New Jersey Festival Orchestra under the baton of maestro David Wroe presents "An American AND Paris," at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 31, at Fellowship Cultural Arts Center, Basking Ridge.

New Jersey Festival Orchestra to present summer celebration concert on Sunday, July 31

The New Jersey Festival Orchestra (NJFO), under the baton of maestro David Wroe, presents "An American AND Paris," a summer celebration as Gershwin's "American in Paris" meets masterworks by Debussy, Saint Saens, Vaughn Williams and more in a program of international favorites, at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 31, at Fellowship Cultural Arts Center, Basking Ridge.

"There is something for everyone in this concert," said Maestro Wroe. "This is sure to be one of the most uplifting concert experiences one can ever hope to have — we hope that you will all come, kickback and relax, and be part of our unique summer celebration."

The concert presents a series of international masterworks and musical imagery. Audiences are invited to take in the symphonic sounds of Paris with George Gershwin's "An American in Paris" as it musically depicts an American's stroll through the French capital,

and to enjoy Saint-Saëns's beloved musical menagerie, "The Carnival of the Animals," a whimsical and humorous trip to the zoo.

The audience will experience more of the French flair for musical imagery with a glorious orchestral reverie, Debussy's "Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun," that paints a vivid tableau of an enchanted faun on a warm, sunny afternoon.

NJFO concertmaster and virtuoso violinist Brennan Sweet's will evoke a skylark's flight as it soars above the rolling green hills and meadows of the English countryside in Vaughn Williams' "The Lark Ascending."

The concert also takes place at 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 30, outdoors at the Hertell Gardens in Westfield.

Tickets for both concerts may be purchased online at www.njfestivalorchestra.org, or by phone at (908) 232-9400.

Wines & Sicily: A liquid Club Med

You think Sicily, you think The Godfather, ripe plum tomatoes, sun drenched vineyards windswept by the sea, men like those on the cover of a romance novel and women who could be Mona Lisa's less famous sisters.

And what better season than early summer to imbibe those exotic wines from their volcanic cradles from this picturesque island. So I did.

Bottle after bottle, evening after evening, one BBQ to another, some eventful, some indifferent and some striking. Let me tell you about the striking.

Passo delle Mule, Lavico and Kados from Duca de Salaparuta Winery are indeed striking, their Nero d'Avola grapes undergoing a ten month hibernation in highly grained oak barrels emit that kind of deep, warm, muscular texture that's so reassuring and comforting right from palate to the finish.

Its creamy fruit disguised by masks of minerality and an alluvial aroma that seduces you as you drink. Palombara, Primitivo di Manduria from Tenuta Rubino Winery is an intense and brilliant ruby red. Elegant nose with fruity and floral notes of red fruits like prunes, mature red cherries, blackberries, red currants and blueberries, with the unmistakable aroma of mature primitivo grapes with naturally sun-dried berries, characteristic of the variety.

Giancola, Malvasia Bianca Salento is a pale yellow wine with gold highlights. On the palate it glides through with agility, without any sudden bursts, leaving behind an enjoyable and courteous memory. Jumping the map from the Med to New Zealand, another summer delight, from Marlborough, its favorable geographical location in the Southern Hemisphere, is known for its fertile land, temperate climate, and increased levels of UV light, allowing for production of bolder and more vibrant flavored Sauvignon Blancs like the Ponga Sauvignon Blanc. Light to the taste buds but refreshing with citrus and orange peel flavors.

Closer home, from Clarksburg, California, the Bogle Vineyards Chardonnay Green apple and pear aromas further peppered by honeycomb and vanilla heighten the first impression. The rich, round entry rolls into a viscous and silky mouthfeel, surrounded by Asian pears and Honeycrisp apples. The finish lingers long and soft, like the wafting aromas of a Thanksgiving Kitchen.

An old favorite, St. Francis Chardonnay, this elegant and refreshing Chardonnay bursts with bright flavors and aromas of fresh picked pear, juicy fuji apple, lemon



Ash Rajan

READ BETWEEN THE WINES

Ash Rajan is a French-certified wine master with the title Maitre Du Vin Du Bordeaux, one of eight in the country. His wine video-clips on YouTube (search Ash Rajan wine) are classic go-tos in wine lexicon. Ash is an accidental Sommelier in that he is a highly credentialed and well known Wall Street strategist and wealth manager. Contact him at Ashrajan5124@gmail.com or (973) 718-1275.

zest and graham cracker. A creamy mouthfeel greets a touch of minerality on the long, crisp finish.

Back to the Med (sea-sick already?), the 1970s saw the birth of meritage wines, a blend of the native grape, the vivacious and opulent Sangiovese, with the 'foreigner' grape, the structured, muscular, tannic and high-alcohol content, Cabernet Sauvignon. The outcome was intended to be a juice, more inspired than a Chianti or a vino da tavola (table wine). And when that was achieved, Super Tuscans were born.

Their freedom from Chianti's restricted wine making regimens and the creative alchemy of sangiovese with transplanted foreign grapes like Cab, Merlot and Syrah produced an exotic, highly textured juice that screams pricey and is a magnet to \$100 plus price points.

Tuscans like Sassicaia, Ornellaia, Vignorello, Tignanello and Solaia, the latter both from Antinori, all have Bordeaux family faces from their multi-grape inputs – Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Petit Verdot. The Merlot-only super tuscans like Masseto and Redigaffi, like their blend sisters command stratospheric prices ranging from \$130 to \$800 for some special vintages.

Gary's Wine & Marketplace in Bernardsville carries most of these venerable Tuscans. My less expensive choices are Crogno, Le Serre Nuove (Ornellaia's second wine) Frescobaldi's Castiglioni, Gaja's Promis and Ruffino's Modus.

So is Guado Al Tasso with its velvety mouthfeel and the clever juggling of Cabernet, Syrah, Merlot and Petit Verdot by its wine maker combined with its die-hard consistency across vintages made it my perennial favorite Tuscan for years. I have to report that the baton has been passed, at least for now, to Luce, a Super Tuscan experiment by two titans of the wine trade—Robert Mondavi and Frescobaldi.

My new crush combines two very similar grape personas to create a third dimension that is usually reserved for contrast-

ing mates like Cab and Merlot or Cab and Sangiovese, the fail-safe recipe of most super-Tuscans. Most oenophiles would cringe at describing Merlot and Sangiovese as similar when they do have their own unique characteristics but fleshy, opulent and voluptuous is where both these divas converge. And that's the shocker.

The outcome, Luce, is entirely different from either one of them. My first reaction to an intimate tasting of Luce verticals was a bud-opener. A layer of satin dust (now there's an oxymoron) accompanies the first tsunami on your tongue and palette and while the nasal profilers are tapping away to discern the minerals and the volcanic ash from the gush of the twin-barreled Merlot-Sangiovese fruit cavalry.

Luce, now, in my mouth, is telling me a story. Its eggplant like dark purple juice with a maroon haze layers your mouth, after the dust has settled, with raisin, tart blackberries and Valrhona chocolate and yet those signals of sweet decadence is countered by notes of unlit cigar and shavings of carbon (subtler than Lafite's lead pencil). You beg for these sensations to linger and the gene in the back of your palate awards your wish with a retro-nasal capture of a long, sustained finish. Bravo! Most oenophiles are skeptical at how two radiant brides (Merlot and Sangiovese) can be in wedlock, this good. Bottle after bottle of Luce and Lucente (the younger sibling)



You think Sicily, you think The Godfather, ripe plum tomatoes, sun drenched vineyards windswept by the sea.

prove them wrong.

After this luscious summer, it will be Autumn and the colors will change again more so here than in the Med. The juice in your wine goblet will as well. From the blush and champagne colored damsels like Rose, Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay, the purples and garnets of Sicily, Sardinia and Greece will become your pour.

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Concert series to kick off at Ross Farm this Saturday

Spring weekends have been busy at the Ross Farm in Basking Ridge as volunteers work the garden and spruce up the property for some big public concerts ahead.

"Historically proud and musically loud" is the playful motto for this year's Ross Farm Music Series and organizers are excited to host six concerts spanning a range of genres at the historic Somerset County property at 135 North Maple Ave.

The series kicks off on Saturday, June 24, with Doc Robinson bringing "back yard BBQ break up music" from Columbus, Ohio.

With loose lineups, tight arrangements and an aptitude for simple, punchy pop hooks, Doc Robinson's popularity continues to expand well beyond their Ohio roots with four records in two years. A special announcement of a second band to join the bill is expected in early June.

Bringing Eilen Jewell to the series has been a goal for several years, and organizers are delighted to make that happen this year on Sunday, July 10. American Songwriter describes Jewell as one of America's most intriguing, creative and idiosyncratic voices. The Boise, Idaho, songwriter leads a skilled quartet blending influences of surf-noir, early blues, classic country, folk and 1960s era rock 'n' roll.

Carrie Welling's bold, sultry voice, reminiscent of Sheryl Crow's grit, Natalie Maines' twang and Stevie Nicks' heart, is upstaged only by the genuine love and connection this performer has with her fans both on and off stage. The Nashville-based international touring musician is set to play at the Ross Farm on Saturday, July 16.

She'll be joined by another Nashville musician, Sam Robbins, who opens the show. Robbins' music evokes classic singer-songwriters like James Taylor and Jackson

Browne, adding a modern, upbeat edge to the storyteller troubadour persona. He has gained recognition from extensive touring and was one of the six 2021 winners of the Kerrville Folk Festival New Folk competition, one of the largest and most prestigious songwriting competitions in the country.

The Young Fables return to the Ross Farm on Saturday, July 30, where they will play a set followed by a screening of their award-winning documentary film, "The Fable of a Song." This modern traditional country duo continue to make their place in country music with the release of their third record, "PAGES." Their documentary chronicles a remarkable series of events that rocked the duo in 2018. The story of the tragedies the band underwent has delivered a notable platform from which they speak to a global audience about depression, loss and resilience. The film has captured multiple awards, including the 2021 Nashville Film Festival audience choice award.

The music series will take a summer break through August, returning on Saturday, Sept. 10, with TEOA, the new version of Ross Farm favorites, The End of America.

TEOA's sound weaves three distinct lead vocals into captivating harmonies over a solid foundation of folk, rock and Americana. Their latest album, "Night is Alive," was self-released last November. This collection of songs was written and recorded virtually during the first year of the pandemic.

No Depression magazine ranked it as Best Alt Country album in a 2021 review.

Amos Perrine writes, "While they describe Night Is Alive as 'Appalachian seriousness with a classic rock background,' it is also layered like a painter's strokes on a canvas. Their three-part harmony could well be the best since Crosby, Stills & Nash."

Another long-time target for the Ross Farm Music Series has been Vanessa Collier, who was recently named Female Contemporary Blues Artist of the Year. This award adds to her impressive resume achieved through the years for this dynamic musician and multi-instrumentalist. He'll be bringing her full band to play at the Ross Farm on Saturday, Sept. 24. Collier weaves funk, soul, rock and blues into every performance. With soulful vocals, searing saxophone and witty songwriting, she is blazing a trail, racking up impressive honors and has singled herself out as an artist of distinction.

Details for all the concerts of the 2022 music series can be found at www.RossFarm.org/events.

Most of the shows offer admission by suggested donation of \$25 for adults and \$5 for students, but tickets must be purchased for Eilen Jewell and Vanessa Collier.

The music series is supported by sponsorships and the Band of Friends, which anyone can join with an upfront donation of \$125. Details on sponsorships and Band of Friends can be found at www.RossFarm.org.

As all concerts are outdoors. Guests are encouraged to bring their own seating. While picnics are welcome, everything carried in must be carried out.

The Ross Farm is supported by the Friends of the Boudinot-Southard-Ross Estate, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and team of enthusiastic volunteers.

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17th annual Sourland Mountain Festival will offer music, critters, beer and more on Saturday, July 23

The 17th Sourland Mountain Festival will be held, rain or shine, from 3 to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 23, at Unionville Vineyards, 9 Rocktown Road, in Ringoes in Hunterdon County.

Celebrating its 17th year, the five and one-half hour festival will host history, critters, wildlife and outdoor activities with a beautiful view – especially at sunset – of farming fields on Sourland Mountain. Attendees will enjoy local music, food, craft beer, wine and spirits, activities, and crafts.

Children of all ages will enjoy meeting some of the local cool critters such as alpacas, bees, turtles, snakes, and more, exploring hands-on activities at booths and learning about the legends and lore of the Sourland Mountains at History Lane.

“This year’s festival will truly be a community celebration of everything the region has to offer,” said Sourland Conservancy member, volunteer and Festival Chair Suzanne Parsons.

New Jersey musical artists featured at this year’s festival will include The Out-

crops, Rainbow Fresh and James Popik and Supernova.

The Outcrops band plays rock & roll, blues, and soul, with original songs featuring lead vocalist and rhythm guitarist Cassidy Rain, whose vocals have been compared to those of Bonnie Raitt and Susan Tedeschi. Bryan Schroeder’s lead guitar playing falls somewhere between Duane Allman and Derek Trucks. The rhythm section is comprised of Jason Casanovas on bass and Max Adler on drums.

Jersey rock band Rainbow Fresh plays classic driving music. Frontman Rich Seiner has a strong voice, a better guitar sound, and a library of classic rock favorites.

James Popik and Supernova are an eight-piece juggernaut playing classic and modern jazz with a jam vibe, what they like to call “festival jazz.” Led by guitarist James Popik, Supernova features a three-piece “psychedelic” horn section, an excellent keyboardist, and an unmatched percussion section.

The VIP Experience provided by The Ry-

land Inn returns this year with light snacks available throughout the day and a full buffet meal during the evening, prepared by Executive Chef Chris Albrecht, using only locally sourced and responsibly grown products. VIP tickets cost \$125 per person and must be purchased in advance for 21 years of age or older at www.SourlandMountainFest.com/vip-experience

Teen and adult volunteers are needed before, during, and after the festival. Volunteers receive free admission, a coveted volunteer T-shirt, and refreshments. Visit www.SourlandMountainFest.com/volunteer.

Advance tickets are \$30 for adults, \$10 for ages 12-18, and free for children under 12. Tickets at the door will be \$40 for adults, \$15 for ages 12-18, and free for children under 12.

Tickets are now on sale via <https://sourlandmountainfest.com/tickets>. There is limited space at the venue. Ticket sales will be limited to the first 1,000 sold. This event will benefit the Sourland Conservancy.



The Outcrops with their original “rock and roll blue and soul” will be one of the musical acts featured at the 2022 Sourland Mountain Festival on Saturday, July 23.

Morris Museum to host Strings Festival on Thursday, July 7

The Telegraph Quartet will play at the Morris Museum at 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 7, as part of the museum’s third annual Lots of Strings Music Festival, at 6 Normandy Heights Road in Morristown.

For their festival performance, the Telegraph Quartet will present their “Divergent Paths” concert program, which includes Maurice Ravel’s String Quartet in F Major and Arnold Schoenberg’s String Quartet No. 1 in D minor, Op. 7.

Formed in 2013, the Telegraph Quartet consists of violinists Eric Chin and Joseph Maile; viola player Pei-Ling Lin; and cellist Jeremiah Shaw.

They play from a standard chamber music repertoire as well as contemporary, non-standard works. The quartet was awarded the 2016 Walter W. Naumburg Chamber Music Award and the Grand Prize at the 2014 Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition.

The group’s members have also served as artists-in-residence at the Interlochen Adult Chamber Music Camp, SoCal Chamber Music Workshop and the

Crowden Music Center Chamber Music Workshop. In November 2020, the Telegraph Quartet launched ChamberFEAST!, a chamber music workshop in Taiwan.

Support for the Lot of Strings Music Festival is provided by Will and Mary Leland. Additional support was provided by Lot of Strings founding donor F. Gary Knapp.

Attendees must bring their own chairs and are welcome to bring refreshments to enjoy the live music atop the Morris Museum’s elevated parking deck.

All tickets are \$50 for an eight-inch by eight-inch block that accommodates up to two patrons.

Patrons are welcome to arrive as early as 6:30 p.m. to enjoy their picnics by the evening sun.

In the event of inclement weather, outdoor performances will be held inside the museum’s Bickford Theatre, where masks are required.

Tickets can be purchased at morrismuseum.org/outdoor-events.



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TEQUILA TASTING IN TEQUILA, MEXICO

In Mexico, tequila is more than just a spirit. It's a culture, a lifestyle, a tradition. And in Jalisco, it's also the name of the town where agave plants were first harvested to create Mexico's national drink. Tequila is the home of Jose Cuervo, the first tequila maker in the world. Some 250 years later, the tradition continues.

While everyone knows champagne derives from the Champagne region in France, few are aware of tequila's origin in the town of Tequila. Which is a shame, given the region's volcanic valleys and fields of blue-green agave plants are as picturesque as a vineyard in Reims. In Tequila, the 18th-century cobblestone streets and rolling hills are just as intoxicating as the local spirit.

Touch Down In Guadalajara

Book a flight to Guadalajara, the capital of Jalisco and the second-largest city in Mexico, to begin your tequila-fueled journey. This cosmopolitan city in western Mexico is home to a vibrant arts and culinary scene, which you should explore prior to heading south towards Tequila.

Check into your room at Casa Habita, a boutique property located in Lafayette, the trendiest neighborhood in an already very-trendy city. Head out on the town for some shopping and sightseeing before taking a dip in the swimming pool, and ordering a drink at the bar. The always-warm temperatures in Guadalajara can become sweltering in the summer months.

For dinner, opt for an evening at Hueso, where only the freshest and ripest ingredients are on the menu, and over 10,000 animal and plant bones line the whitewashed walls. Order the tasting menu — which, hopefully, features the delicious octopus risotto — and accompany your meal with — what else? — tequila.

But hold the limes.

"Chocolate and aged tequila is the perfect combination," says Sonia de la Espinola, one of the first Tequila Masters in the country.

As the director of Jose Cuervo's Beckmann Foundation, which is dedicated to the sustainability and cultural preservation of tequila-making in Mexico, she is certainly the expert. Another tip? Resist the collegiate impulse to drink tequila like a shot, and savor it instead.

The correct process of enjoying tequila is similar to wine-tasting — both beverages have primary, secondary, and tertiary aromas and should be sniffed and swilled before consumed. In fact, tequila has more than twice the identifiable flavor profiles of the most sophisticated red wine.



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TRAVELS WITH KATE

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For more photos from Mexico, please visit NewJerseyHills.com.

Plus, a day spent exploring agave fields in Mexico is way more fun than an afternoon of wine tasting — a truth you will discover the next morning when you head south.

Hop Aboard the Jose Cuervo Express

Find your seat on the Jose Cuervo Express for the two-hour train ride south to the town of Tequila, and enjoy the town's namesake beverage along the way. Watch as the landscape unfolds, and the city streets give way to rolling hills, eventually rising up towards volcanic mountains as sprawling fields of agave come into view.

Bars serving tequila and musicians performing live music are stationed in every section of the train, and the vibe and energy (and signature cocktail) changes as you move from one car to the next. Be sure to use an ATM in Guadalajara to withdraw pesos before boarding the train, as you will want to purchase one of the many hand-woven hats sold by vendors on the train platform as you arrive. The sun will be beating down, and you will be in need of shade.

When in Tequila, it's cooler, literally and figuratively, to do as the locals do. Straw hats to protect against the sun, denim to combat the red dirt, and cowboy boots to navigate the brush are crucial when you venture out into the agave fields.

You've now officially arrived in the land of Jose Cuervo, and the agave fields should, of course, be the very first stop. Learn about the ancient process of harvesting tequila via an expert jimador courtesy of Mundo Cuervo. A jimadors is a field worker who harvests the agave for tequila and mezcal using a coa, a sharp knife with a wooden handle that resembles a machete.

Agave plants produce mezcal and tequila, and tequila is a type of mezcal. All tequila is mezcal, not all mezcal is tequila. It can take seven years for an agave plant to mature, and the artful care devoted to each step of the process — from the ground to your cocktail glass — has been carried on for centuries.



Photos by Katherine Parker-Magyar

A view of the city of Tequila is a vision in blue as seen from the Sky Bar at Hotel Solar de las Animas.



Guests of the at Hotel Solar de las Animas have the opportunity to recline poolside in chic serenity.



The Hotel Solar de las Animas in Tequila, Mexico, is the perfect watering hole for tequila lovers.



The gorgeous Hotel Solar de las Animas is located in Tequila, Mexico.

The Oldest Distillery In Latin America

Tequila is an ancestral drink in Mexico — Mayahuel was the Aztec goddess of agave — and the practice of harvesting mezcal is pre-Hispanic. But while Mexicans once used the agave fermentation as a spirit, the Spanish introduced the distillation process.



The gorgeous open-air interior of Hotel Solar de las Animas fends off Jalisco's mid-day heat.

in 1795, and La Rojeña Distillery is the oldest active distillery in Latin America.

Today, there are 22 distilleries in Tequila alone, but none compare to the original. At La Rojeña, sample the Blanco (white, unaged), Reposada (middle, aged for one year) and Anejo (dark, aged up to two years) varieties of tequila. The homegrown spirit is still viewed as a cure-all for all matters of ailments.

"If you have a disease, you eat agave or drink tequila, and you forget everything," says de la Spinola.

One area of life where the agave plant is doing irrefutable good? The local community. The Beckmann Foundation just unveiled its first-ever agave house, constructed for a long-time jimador at Jose Cuervo. The house was built on bricks of agave, and visitors can sign up to assist for an afternoon or a full-day in this rewarding process. It is the Agave Project's plan to build more and more of these over the years to benefit the local community and give back to the town and the people of Tequila.



The author learns the tricks of the trade from a Jimodar at Jose Cuervo's agave fields.

The Magical Town Of Tequila

There's more to Tequila than just tequila. A UNESCO World Heritage site, Tequila is also one of the 'Pueblo Magico', or Magical Towns, in Mexico. Tequila was one of the first destinations in the country to earn that designation, which is awarded to communities that have maintained their cultural traditions and original architecture throughout the years.

Tequila's 18th-century charms are evident in the cobblestone streets and bustling town square, where ancient meets modern with street vendors selling Huichol art, the traditional arts and crafts of the people of Jalisco. Shop at the Casa Rosa for onyx statues — the stone is prevalent throughout the region, and calaveras, the painted skulls that celebrate the Day of the Dead.

Go on a guided tour of the Juan Beckmann Gallardo Cultural Center to learn more about the history of the region, and explore galleries dedicated to modern artists from across the region, and Mexico at large.

Finally, stay at the Hotel Solar de Las Animas, an oasis so stylish and luxurious you may never want to leave — especially when there are two pools, and a rooftop bar tempting you to stay.

Thankfully, there's enough action and activity out on the town square to lure you away. Pueblo Magico, indeed.

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Continuing Our Aeronautical Adventures

Editor's note: This is the 19th in a series of articles about a road trip from New Jersey to St. Louis, Mo., and back.

In Dayton, Ohio, we learned more about the awe-inspiring Wright Brothers at the Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center and Aviation Trail Visitor Center, run by the National Park Service.

There was an excellent film on key events in Wilbur and Orville's lives which led to their development of the airplane, plus exhibits which gave more insights into the lives of the brothers and their aviation journey.

Across the street is The Wright Cycle Company building which they occupied from 1895-1897.

In the bicycle shop, now a museum, was a display of historic bicycles including one with a very large front wheel with the seat and handlebars perched high above it.

One needed a ladder to get up to the seat.

These mostly self-taught and methodical men were true geniuses. They only had high school educations, but their sense of curiosity and access to their pastor-father's library enabled them to study a wide variety of subjects.

With an interest in printing, Orville built his own press. Soon he obtained a proper one, and the brothers began publishing a newspaper for the West Side of Dayton from 1890-1895.

Their friend Paul Laurence Dunbar, the only African American in the Dayton High School and a friend of Orville's, became a regular contributor. More about him in a bit.

When "safety bicycles," ones with both wheels the same size, became the rage, the Wrights opened a repair shop and eventually designed their own model cycle.

They named it the Van Cleve in honor of a great-great grandmother who was the first white woman to settle in Dayton.

Since they had been repairing bicycles, they knew what parts worked better, and were able to build a superior bike for the times.

Imagine the thrill of young people back in the 1890s having wheels enabling them to explore far and wide, to the worry and consternation of their parents.

In 1896, Orville became very sick with typhoid fever. At that time Wilbur began studying gliding and the mechanics of bird flight.



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ROAD TRIP OF DISCOVERY

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He would read information to Orville as he recovered. The boys became obsessed with flight, and the rest is history.

The third person honored at the Interpretive Center is Paul Laurence Dunbar, the son of parents enslaved in Kentucky before the Civil War.

He was a gifted writer in the 1890s, whose poems were about the African American experience in our country.

A teacher recognized his talents and encouraged him to pursue writing. The Wright Brothers published a collection of his poems.

This was a time when the literary world was mostly the domain of whites. He was quite prolific during his short life, writing plays, novels, lyrics to songs, short stories and poems, many in dialect.

He became a nationally acclaimed poet and was able to support himself through his writing.

His most famous poem is titled, "Sympathy." The first line begins, "I know what the caged bird feels, alas!" He describes how the bird longs to enjoy the outside — the spring grass, the river, buds opening. The next verse begins, "I know why the caged bird beats its wing till its blood is red on the cruel bars." In throbbing pain he can only fly back to his perch.

The last verse begins, "I know why the caged bird sings," It is not for joy, but a plea for freedom.

Maya Angelou used this phrase for the title of her autobiography, published in 1969.

Sadly, Dunbar died of tuberculosis in 1906 at the age of 33.

Another serendipitous stop where we enjoyed learning American History.

The next day we continued our aeronautical adventures with a visit to "the world's largest and oldest military aviation museum."

I'll write about that next time.



Above: This is the Wright Cycle Company building which Wilbur and Orville Wright occupied from 1895-1897, in Dayton, Ohio. **Below:** When "safety bicycles," ones with both wheels the same size, became the rage, the Wrights opened a repair shop at the Wright Cycle Shop, in Dayton, Ohio.



'Murder, Gurl, What A Drag' to be staged in Dover

A stage production entitled "Murder? Gurl, What A Drag" will premiere at the Dover Little Theatre at 69 Elliott St. in Dover.

The new drag murder mystery is directed by Larry Pelham. This original play is written by up-and-coming playwright, Maxwell C. Blackrier. Performances begin Friday, July 8 and run through Saturday, July 16. Tickets to this production can be purchased at www.doverlittletheater.com.

"Murder? Gurl, What a Drag!" is a night of 15 inch pump heels, wigs galore and of course...murder! When a somewhat normal night at the fabulous Madam Beatrice's Café is interrupted by the death of one of their performers, the queens of the café develop a plan to search for the perpetrator involved. Be prepared for a night full of laughter, heavy contour, and mystery.

This production is intended for mature audiences due to language and subject matter.

"Dover Little Theatre always tries to assist artists with showcasing their craft," the theatre management states in a press release.

"From a screening of a documentary about mental acceptance, to staged read-

ings to help an author to visualize what is on paper. It is our mission to always be welcoming to all. In a constantly changing society, the need for support and acceptance could not be more of an urgency. We chose to premiere this production in July not only because it is close to pride month, but to send a message that pride is a year round obligation. We hope all enjoy the show as much as we have in bringing this original script to life."

The cast includes a few Dover Little Theatre veterans including George Fear (Hector) from Mount Arlington, Ted Nykun Jr. (Hank) from Great Meadows, and Peter James (Various Roles/Stage Manager) from New York, NY. Many new performers join them on stage such as Mimi Shashimi (Heidi) from Franklin, Cookie Doe (Ivy) from Newton, Joe Jones (Kitten) from Newark, Ian Hagen (Toby) from Montville, and Alexandra Pascucci (Madam Beatrice) and Melissa Pascucci (Ashley) from East Hanover.

Since his teens, Maxwell C. Blackriver, the playwright, has been acting in film and on stage. He attended several acting courses in the UK (Royal Academy Of Dramatic



The cast of the Dover Little Theatre's production of "Murder, Gurl, What a Drag" rehearses for its July performances.

Art, Bristol Old Vic) and in the states (Drew University) and has been fortunate to be a part of many exciting experiences working in this field for over 10 years. His personal project, "The Laugh" was nominated for best director and best short film at the LA

Short award.

Tickets for "Murder? Gurl, What a Drag!" can be found on the website at www.DoverLittleTheatre.com. Tickets are \$21 per person. Seating is general admission and on a first come, first serve basis.

Wildlife Refuge hosts Wild Fest this Sunday, June 26

Reservations are now open for the Woodlands Wildlife Refuge Wild Fest 2022 Food Truck and Music Festival benefit from noon to 6 pm. on Sunday, June 26, at the Clinton Elks Lodge at 211 Sidney Road in Pittstown.

Woodlands Wildlife Refuge presents a brand new event for this summer. The Wild Fest Food Truck and Music Festival will feature an array of food trucks and five live bands. Wild Fest will be a day full of fun, food, live music, fundraising games, door prizes, and activities for the entire family.

Participating food trucks will include

Cas' Pierogi & Kielbasa Food Truck, Cuban X-Press, Eat My Balls Food Truck, Ice Cream Creations, Savory Leaf Cafe vegan, Summer Daze Catering, and Thai Food Adict.

Featured live bands will be Raccoon Ridge Ramblers, The Strazzacasters, Tommy Strazza, Joe Stuby & Rocking Horse, The Joe Cirotti Trio, and The Black Cross Band.

Woodlands suggests everyone register early for special incentives and visit the event website at www.wild-fest.org to see all sponsorship levels and benefits, and for full

event information. The community's generous support makes a difference and is tax-deductible as allowed by law. Woodlands is a 501(c)(3) charity and receives no state or federal funding and relies on individual donations.

General admission is \$10 per person, with kids 12 and under free.

RSVP by mail, online, or by calling (908) 730-8300, ext. 8. Advanced reservations require an email address for electronic tickets.

For more information, visit www.wild-fest.org.

Hanover Wind Symphony to perform free concerts in Whippany, Morris Township

Hanover Wind Symphony will present "Summer Winds! ...and Percussion" free concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 29, at Memorial Junior School, 61 Highland Ave. in Whippany, and at 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 5 at Ginty Field, 50 Woodland Ave. in Morris Township.

"This year's summer band concert repertoire consists of predominantly great Broadway, jazz, and American marches, plus traditional band music that directors like John Philip Sousa proudly programmed," said Kurt Zimmermann of Rockaway, the symphony's associate music director and the

conductor for both of these concerts.

Among the pieces being performed at the "Summer Winds! ...and Percussion" concerts are "Bennet's Triumphal March" by Melvin H. Ribble; "Broadway One-Step" by Karl King, arranged by John P. Paynter; "The Florentiner March" by Julius Fucik; "Rolling Thunder" by Henry Fillmore; "American Patrol" by F. W. Meacham; "The Thunderer" by John Philip Sousa; "Morning Noon and Night in Vienna" by Franz von Suppe; Selections from "The Music Man" by Meredith Wilson arranged by Alfred Reed; "Stars and Stripes Forever" by John Philip

Sousa; "Shenandoah" arranged by Frank Ticheli; Selections from "West Side Story" by Leonard Bernstein; "Armed Forces Salute" arranged by Bob Lowden; "Variations on a Korean Folk Song" by John Barnes Chance; and Glen Miller "In Concert."

"The music being performed in these concerts is a wonderful mix of traditional band music, Broadway and Big Band swing," said the symphony's Music Director Matthew Paterno of Parsippany. "Come join us for a toe-tapping good time."

For information, visit <https://hanoverwinds.org>.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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Music will fill the air at the 39th New Jersey Lottery Festival of Ballooning July 29-31

While the hot air balloons will always be the stars, music will fill the air more than ever at the 39th annual New Jersey Lottery Festival of Ballooning from Friday, July 29, through Sunday, July 31, at Solberg Airport in Readington Township.

The New Jersey Lottery's "Lottery Land" entertainment complex will once again be a destination and meet-up spot for entertainment at this year's festival.

New this year: eight top-flight tribute bands will perform throughout the weekend on the Lottery's CASH POP Summer Stage, a second performance venue providing attendees with even more music to enjoy.

"We're excited to offer more of the music you love to an even wider audience," said Festival Executive Producer Howard Freeman. "Lottery Land has become an exciting destination at the Festival.

Having these top tribute and cover bands – longtime staples of the Jersey music and bar scene – will be a great addition to our live concert series and musical lineup."

The Garden State, notably the Jersey Shore, has long been synonymous with cover bands and now the largest summertime hot air balloon and music festival in North America will be showcasing Jersey's best bands as well as bands from around the country.

Bands will include the Vegas McGraw tribute to Tim McGraw and Dance Candy tribute to Earth, Wind & Fire on open-



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ing day, Friday, July 29. Mini Kiss tribute to KISS, All Revved Up tribute to Meat Loaf, and Simply Spice tribute to the Spice Girls perform on Saturday, July 30. And the Vynage Skynyrd tribute to Lynyrd Skynyrd, The B-Street Band Bruce Springsteen & The E-Street Band tribute, and Sugar Mountain celebrating the genius of Neil Young perform on Sunday, July 31.

With up to 100 colorful hot air balloons filling the sky, multiple concert venues,

family entertainment, fireworks and food all in one place, the festival makes the perfect staycation for those looking to enjoy affordable outdoor family entertainment close to home.

The festival's 2022 headlining concert series on the Main Stage features Rock & Roll Hall of Famer Todd Rundgren, Kansas, Collective Soul, and Laurie Berkner.

For tickets and more information, visit www.balloonfestival.com.

Harmonium Choral Society to perform this Monday, June 27

The Harmonium Choral Society will bring its uplifting and inspiring choral program across the Atlantic Ocean to the Balkans when they go on tour at the end of June, and the good news is, you will not have to travel to Croatia to hear it.

First the society will finish its 2021-2022 season with a Bon Voyage concert at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 27, at Grace Church in Madison.

The concert features many women composers, spirituals, motets, and Eriks Esenvalds' "Only in Sleep," as well as folk music from America, Zimbabwe, and Croatia.

Composers range from Anton Bruckner to Alice Parker.

Freewill donations will be accepted at the door, with an outdoor reception weather permitting.

Covid policy for Harmonium Choral Society events requires guests to show proof of vaccination and wear a mask during the event.

All Harmonium singers are vaccinated and will remain masked during performances.

For more information on the society and this performance, visit <http://www.harmonium.org>.

Friends of Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge will present 'Behold the Dragonfly' on Sunday, July 10

Friends of Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) will present the July Second Sunday Program, "Behold the Dragonfly," from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 10, in person in the Pavilion at the Helen C. Fenske Visitor Center, 32 Pleasant Plains Road, Harding Township, and virtually on Zoom.

Dragonflies are not flying dragons, nor are they pesky insects who will bite humans. They are known as Mosquito Hawks, and they devour insect pests, eating hundreds of mosquitoes, biting flies, and gnats every day. Their enormous compound eyes help them locate and catch prey.

They begin life in an aquatic larval stage

and are an important food source for fish and other aquatic animals. Their presence indicates a healthy water supply. They have been on earth for millions of years.

All are invited to join Friends volunteers Corinne Errico and Paul Lauber to learn more facts, pick up some identification tips, and ask all your dragonfly questions.

Registration for both in-person and Zoom is required online at ttsu.me/dragon. Information is available on the Friends website at www.friendsofgreatswamp.org under Events.

Zoom logon information will be sent to everyone who registers at noon on Sunday, July 10.



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• MUSIC & DANCE •

Thursday Nights Out on Main Street Flemington with the Summer Swing Orchestra begins at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 30, and the last Thursday of each month all summer long on Main Street between Bloomfield and Capner Street. Summer Swing Orchestra specializes in swing-era favorites, and covers more 1,000 songs in a wide range of genres and styles from the 1930's classics to modern hits. Guests will enjoy music, food and beer. For more information, visit www.loveflemington.com.

Clinton's Come Together Friday Night Music Festivals returns from 7 to 9 p.m. on Main Street in Clinton through Labor Day weekend. For more information, visit <http://www.clintonguild.com>.

Eric Mintel Jazz Quartet will perform at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 29 at the North County Branch Library at 65 Halstead St. in Clinton. Guests will enjoy an evening of jazz music to include originals, classics, and more. It's recommended to bring a lawn chair or blanket. Register at www.hclibrary.us or call (908) 730-6135 for more information.

Collective Soul will perform at 8 p.m. on Friday, July 29, at the 39th annual New Jersey Lottery Festival of Ballooning at Solberg Airport in Readington Township. Born during the rise of grunge and alternative rock, Collective Soul broke into mainstream popularity thanks to extensive radio play of their rock anthem "Shine." Tickets are on sale at www.balloonfestival.com and include Blue Sky Club VIP packages, reserved concert seats, Concert Chalets, as well as general admission lawn seating.

Todd Rundgren will perform at 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 30, at the New Jersey Lottery Festival of Ballooning at Solberg Airport in Readington Township. The multi-faceted singer-songwriter-producer with such classics as "Hello It's Me," "I Saw The Light," "Can We Still Be Friends," "Bang The Drum" will rock the festival's Main Stage following that evening's mass hot air balloon ascension and take place in conjunction with a nighttime hot air balloon glow. Tickets are on sale now at www.balloonfestival.com and include VIP packages, reserved seats, and general admission lawn seating.

Kansas will perform at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 31 on the Main Stage at Solberg Airport in Readington Township as part of The New Jersey Lottery Festival of Ballooning. The skies will be filled with gigantic, colorful balloons and great live music over the weekend of July 29-30-31. With a legendary career spanning nearly five decades, Kansas has established itself as one of America's iconic classic rock bands. For tickets, visit www.etix.com.

Whitehouse Wind Symphony will present a free concert at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 25, inside the air-conditioned sanctuary of Whitehouse United Methodist Church at 73 Old Highway 28, Whitehouse. For information about venue accessibility, email whitehousewindsymphony@gmail.com, or call the band's ADA coordinator, Margaret Smith, at (908) 534-6662.

Hunterdon Symphony will perform from 7 to 9 p.m. at Hunterdon County's Parks & Recreation's 46th annual free "Music Under the Stars" concert series at Deer Path Park, 120 West Woodschurch Road

in Readington Township. Refreshments by Rita's Ice will be available for purchase. For weather and schedule changes, visit <https://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/depts/parks/parks.htm>, or call (908) 782-7275.

Rio Bossa will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 25, at the Flemington DIY Summer Jazz series at 26 Stangl Road in Flemington. Tickets are \$15 each and DIY members can get a discount. For tickets and more info, visit flemingtondiy.org/jazz.

Billy Joel Tribute Show with the Captain Jack Band will perform from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, July 14, at Hunterdon County Parks & Recreation "Music Under The Stars" concert series at Deer Path Park, 120 West Woodschurch Road in Readington Township. The show is for all ages, free, no preregistration required. Refreshments by Rita's Ice will be available for purchase. For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/h9ebzafd>.

The Simon Moullier Quartet will appear at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 16, at the Flemington DIY Summer Jazz series at 26 Stangl Road in Flemington. Tickets are \$15 each and DIY members can get a discount. For tickets and more info, visit flemingtondiy.org/jazz.

Hunterdon Harmonizers will perform from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursay, July 21, at Hunterdon County's Parks & Recreation's 46th annual "Music Under the Stars" concert series at Deer Path Park, 120 West Woodschurch Road in Readington Township. Refreshments by Rita's Ice will be available for purchase. For weather and schedule changes, visit <https://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/depts/parks/parks.htm>,

or call (908) 782-7275.

Best Of The Eagles will appear from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, July 28, at Hunterdon County's Parks & Recreation's 46th annual "Music Under the Stars" concert series at Deer Path Park, 120 West Woodschurch Road in Readington Township. Refreshments by Rita's Ice will be available for purchase. For weather and schedule changes, visit <https://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/depts/parks/parks.htm>, or call (908) 782-7275.

Zachary Hann Quartet will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 30, at the Flemington DIY Summer Jazz series at 26 Stangl Road in Flemington. Tickets are \$15 each and DIY members can get a discount. For tickets and more info, visit flemingtondiy.org/jazz.

Lynyrd Skynyrd Tribute Band Southern Steel will play from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 4, at Hunterdon County's Parks & Recreation's 46th annual "Music Under the Stars" concert series at Deer Path Park, 120 West Woodschurch Road in Readington Township. Refreshments by Rita's Ice will be available for purchase. For weather and schedule, visit <https://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/depts/parks/parks.htm>, or call (908) 782-7275.

Na'Bodach returns at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13, with another of their celebrations of Celtic music at the North County Library at 65 Halstead St. in Clinton, using a mix of instruments including the bodhran, fifes, whistles, violin, fiddle, and vocals, true to tradition and culture. Bring a blanket or chair and register at www.hclibrary.us.

• ARTS •

"A Cache of Kinetic Art: Timeless Movements" will run through Sunday, Aug. 28, at the Morris Museum, 6 Normandy Heights Road, Morristown.

Paintings by Jim Rodgers are on display through June 30 at Studio 7, 5 Morristown Road, Bernardsville, in a show called "Sojourning Through The Seasons." For more information, call (908) 963-0365.

"Shifting Ground" is the 24th exhibit at Morris Arts' Gallery, at 14 Maple Ave., Morristown. It runs through Monday, Aug. 22. Visiting is free but by appointment only. To register and schedule and appointment visit www.morrisarts.org

to register and schedule an appointment. The exhibit catalogue, posted online, contains details and sale prices for the works. The Gallery at 14 Maple is a barrier-free facility. Individuals needing special accommodation should contact Jenna Castano at (973) 285-5115, ext. 12 or jcastano@morrisarts.org.

Morristown National Historical Park is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2023 with a fine art photography exhibit by artist-in-residence and nationally recognized New York artist, musician, and author Xiomaro (pronounced See-oh-ma-ro) showcasing the park's key features: the Ford

Mansion, Jockey Hollow, and the Cross Estate Mansion/New Jersey Bridge area. Now through Sunday, July 31, the centerpiece exhibit of "Rediscovering Morristown National Historical Park" will be on view at the Jockey Hollow Visitor Center and the Washington's Headquarters Museum. For more information and a free souvenir print visit www.xiomaro.com, contact Morristown National Historical Park at (862) 400-5972, or visit <https://www.nps.gov/morr/index.htm>.

Plein Air Watercolor Painting will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 25, at The Hunterdon Art Museum will host Plein Air Water-

color Painting on the Terrace from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 7 Lower Center St. in Clinton. Illustrator and instructor Lena Shiffman will host the workshop for adults and teens 16 and older. During this four-hour program, participants will explore composition, color, and watercolor painting techniques while taking inspiration from the scenic landscape surrounding the museum. A large tented area will provide cover for this rain or shine program. Tuition is \$110 for members, \$125 for non-members. Proof of vaccination will not be required. For a list of materials to bring, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yckhz9kp>. To register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/4rraksm2>.

• OUTDOORS •

Scherman Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary's New Jersey Audubon trails at 11 Hardscrabble Road, Bernardsville, are open for trekking seven days a week. Visitors can hike into the bookstore from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. For more information, visit <https://njaudubon.org>.

Outdoor Single Friends is a social club for single, active men and women age 50 and older. During the cooler months of October through April, OSF's monthly meetings are held indoors at Camp Jefferson, in Jefferson Township. During the warmer weather, the monthly meetings are held at different state parks. For more information, call Pat at (973) 770-1910.

Morristown Tours are available for 4-12 people. Participants wishing to dine outside or only with their own group can be accommodated with advanced notice. The Classic Savor and Stroll tour is about 2-1/2 hours, and ticket prices are \$65 for adults and \$30 for children ages 6-12. The Savor, Sip and Shop tour is for those 21 and older and tickets are \$80 a person. Tour lasts approximately 4-4 1/2 hours. For more information on dates and rates, visit www.savorandstrollculinarytours.com/book-now.

Wall Garden Restoration at the former Pitney Estate at 1 Cold Hill Road, Mendham, will take place from 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesdays. This 90-year-old garden is being restored to its original state. It is one of the few remaining walled gardens in New Jersey. No experience is necessary except a love of the outdoors. This will be light gardening with tools and refreshments provided. Gardeners should bring their own

gloves. For more information contact Bill Moran at (973) 219-8989.

Weekly Walks hosted by The Friends of Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Fridays; meeting at the Helen Fenske Visitor Center. 32 Pleasant Plains Road, Harding Township. People may join Friends volunteers Paul Lauber, Murali Krishna and Walter Willwerth. While getting exercise and fresh air, participants can watch for birds (a Red-Tailed Hawk, Great Blue Heron, a Barred Owl and Bald Eagles have been spotted, walk their dog (be sure to bring a leash and a doggie bag), pick up litter with Friends-supplied equipment. Participants can walk at their own pace and as far as they want. The planned walk is two-and-a-half to three miles. Participants should bring binoculars and friends. Call the Visitor Center (973) 425-9510 for weather cancellations. More information about the Friends of Great Swamp NWR can be found at www.friendsofgreatswamp.org

Field Station Dinosaurs runs Tuesdays through Sundays starting Saturday, June 25, at 3 Overpeck Park Driveway, Leonia. More than 30 life-sized moving dinosaurs can be seen along a natural trail, with live shows, games and activities and, of course, the chance to interact with a 15-foot T-Rex, a baby Hadrosaurus and their dinosaur wranglers. For tickets and more information, visit JerseyDinos.com.

Woodlands Wildlife Refuge Wild Fest 2022 Food Truck and Music Festival will take place from noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, June 26, at the Clinton Elks Lodge at 211 Sidney Road in Pittstown, Hunterdon County. The festival will

feature food trucks and five live bands for a day full of fun, food, live music, fundraising games, door prizes, and activities for the family. Participating trucks will include Cas' Pierogi & Kielbasa Food Truck, Cubano X-Press, Eat My Balls Food Truck, Ice Cream Creations, Savory Leaf Cafe vegan, Summer Daze Catering, and Thai Food Adict. Featured bands will be Raccoon Ridge Ramblers, The Strazzacasters, Tommy Strazza, Joe Stuby & Rocking Horse, The Joe Cirotti Trio, and The Black Cross Band. General admission is \$10 per person, with kids 12 and under free. RSVP by mail, online, or by calling (908) 730-8300, ext. 8. Advanced reservations require an email address for electronic tickets. For more information, visit www.wild-fest.org.

Holi Festival, a spring festival celebrated across South Asia that celebrates the victory of good over evil, will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 26, at Ralston Playground, 326 Mendham Road West (Route 24), Mendham Township. Sponsored by the Diversity Committee of Mendham Borough and Mendham Township. There will be food, music, vendors and mehndi artists. Tickets are \$20 per person, which provides access to music and play. To purchase tickets, visit www.eventbrite.com/e/holi-festival-tickets-331555751177.

Flemington Pride Dance Party, sponsored by The Flemington Community Partnership, will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, June 24 on the Lawn at Stangl, adjacent to Flemington DIY at 26 Stangl Road. The party will feature a DJ, dance music, food, cocktails, sangria, beer, and performances by "Flemington Fresh Talent,"

featuring Toby Chernesky and Haley Eder, lip-sync performances from Cole Vitelli and Molly Magee, and students and graduates of Hunterdon Central High School. Showcase performances will take place from 5:30 to 7 p.m. For more information, visit LoveFlemington.com.

Essex Horse Trials will take place on Friday, July 1, and Saturday, July 2, with a new format at two locations. On July 1, dressage and show jumping will be held at Hamilton Farm, home of the United States Equestrian Team (USET) Foundation Headquarters in Gladstone. The next day, the cross-country phase returns to the familiar surroundings of historic Moorland Farm in Far Hills. The two-day fest includes family-friendly activities, a car show and fun demonstrations. General admission is \$10 per car. Tailgating spots will be available for the best viewing of the cross-country course at Moorland Farm. Packages range in cost from \$50 to \$300 depending on location. For more info on tailgate packages and ringside sponsorships, call (908) 581-0514 or email lizzy@essexhorsetrials.org. Proceeds from the Essex Horse Trials benefit the Greater Newark LifeCamp in nearby Pottersville, which provides an enriching day camp experience for about 300 Newark-area youths per day for six weeks during July and August. For more information, visit www.EssexHorseTrials.org.

Washington Township Community Night Out will take place from 6 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19, at Rock Spring Park, East Springtown Road, Long Valley. Rain date is Wednesday, July 20.

• KIDS •

Little Farm Friends will take place at 1 p.m. Friday, June 24, at Fosterfields Living Historical Farm, 73 Kahdena Road, Morristown. For ages 3 and up with an adult. The program celebrates "Super Seeds!" vegetables. Tickets are \$10 per child. For more information, call (973) 326-7645.

Laurie Berkner, best-selling children's recording artist, will headline this year's children's concert at the 39th annual New Jersey Lottery Festival of Ballooning at 1:30 p.m. on

Opening Day, Friday, July 29, at Solberg Airport. The Princeton native recognized as the "queen of kids' music" by People magazine has continued to provide a fun way for families to enjoy their festival experience. With an average of more than 16 million monthly streams and millions of CDs and DVDs sold, Berkner's songs have become beloved classics for children worldwide. Ticket packages will include a limited number of VIP meet-and-greet opportunities. Tickets are on sale at www.balloonfestival.com.

Mondays Mornings At The Readington Museum, a hands-on summer program for children ages 8 to 12 returns from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on four consecutive Mondays – July 11, 18, 25, and Aug. 1, to the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead, 114 Dreahook Road, Readington Township. Children will make history-inspired crafts, play historic games, or learn an English country dance. All activities will be held outside or if inclement weather, inside the Wade-Wycoff Barn at Bouman-Stickney. The cost of each

program is \$5. per child per day. Pre-registration and payment before each session are required. Register online at <http://www.ReadingtonMuseums.org> or contact the Readington Museums at (908) 236-2327 or readington-museums@gmail.com. Checks made payable to Readington Township can be mailed to Readington Museums, PO Box, 216, Stanton, NJ 08885. For more information about this event of Readington Museums in general, visit www.readingtontwpnj.gov/departments/museums.

• MUSEUMS •

Hackettstown Historical Society Museum is open for group visits from 2 to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays and Sundays. Masks are required. To arrange a visit, call (908) 852-8797. The museum is located at 106 Church St. in Hackettstown, next to the Hackettstown Free Public Library. For more information on the Historical Society and its events, call the museum at (908) 852-8797, email info@hackettstownhistory.com or visit <http://hackettstownhistory.com>.

Museum of Early Trades and Crafts at 9 Main St., Madison, is open for walk-in visitors from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Saturday and Sunday remain by reservation only until further notice. The weekend hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Reservations for groups of 10 and fewer visitors

can be made for Saturdays and Sundays, and must be made 24 hours in advance. To make a reservation, call (973) 377-2982, ext. 13, or email operations@metc.org to book an appointment. A reservation is confirmed only after a museum staff member has confirmed a visit by a group. Fees are \$5 for adults, and \$3 for students, children, and senior citizens 62 and older, with a maximum family fee of \$15. Admission is free for museum members, children younger than 6, and active duty military personnel and their families. Masks are required to be worn by all visitors ages 2 and up. For more information, visit <https://www.metc.org>.

Macculloch Hall Historical Museum gardens are now open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily for free visits. The hall itself is open to the public 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays

and Sundays for the summer. The museum is located at 45 Macculloch Ave., Morristown. For more information, visit <https://maccullochhall.org>.

Morris Museum, 6 Normandy Heights Road, Morristown hosts New York City-based artist and costume maker Erik Bergrin’s fiber sculpture installation now through Sunday, July 10. A student of Buddhist philosophy, Bergrin explores the transience of the human body and the eternity of the mind in this new collection of work, the museum said. The exhibition takes its name from the eight dissolutions, a Tibetan Buddhist meditation practice that visualizes mortality in the recurring cycle of death and rebirth on the path to enlightenment. The costumes are entirely handsewn, made from fabrics created by Bergrin using traditional

techniques such as weaving and felting, as well as grown from unusual materials such as seaweed, fermented tea, and crystallizations. Some include integrated drums and rattles, the museum said. A video monitor documents a performance with costumes making musical sounds with movement. The exhibition is curated by Morris Museum’s Ronald T. Labaco, Director of Exhibitions and Collections/Chief Curator, and Michelle Graves, Curatorial Assistant. For information, visit <https://morrismuseum.org>.

The Washington Township Historical Society and Museum, 6 Fairview Ave., Long Valley, is now open 1 – 4 on Sundays or by appointment. To arrange a group tour or special visit, leave a message at (908) 876-9696 or info@wthsnj.org. For information, visit Facebook or www.wthsnj.org.

• BENEFITS •

The Ken Daneyko Golf Classic to benefit The Center for Great Expectations, will take place on Tuesday, July 19, at Fiddlers Elbow Country Club, 811 Rattlesnake Bridge Road, Bedminster. For information, visit www.cge-nj.org/events/the-ken-daneyko-golf-classic.

Clinton Cardboard Boat Race with home-made cardboard boats will be run at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 9, at the Halstead Street Bridge in Clinton. The benefit is sponsored by the Clinton Sunrise Rotary Club. For de-

tails, visit <https://tinyurl.com/3pn38y7d> or call (908) 279-0112.

32nd Great Clinton Rubber Ducky Race to benefit the American Cancer Society (ACS) and Crossroads4Hope will take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 10, at the South Branch waterfall of the Raritan River in Clinton. Race is sponsored by the Clinton Sunrise Rotary Club. Ducks will leave the starting gate at 2 p.m. rain or shine. One thousand ducks or more are in training for

the big day, and they need sponsors. This fundraiser benefits the ACS programs of research, education, advocacy and patient/family services in the Northwest NJ Region; and the gold standard programs of support, education and hope for cancer patients and their families at the Crossroads4Hope. Prizes for first through eighth duck to go over the falls, and the last duck, will be awarded a special prize. For details oon the Ducky Race or to register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/3pn38y7d> or call (908) 279-0112.

Dine To Donate for Rockaway Library will take place at the Brick 46 Restaurant and Bar at 68 Route 46 East, Rockaway, from Sunday, July 17, through Saturday, July 23. Twenty percent of all proceeds – dine in or take out – will be donated to Friends of the Rockaway Township Library. For specials and menu info for Dine To Donate for Rockaway Library, call (973) 625-4900 or visit www.brick46.com.

• FILM & THEATER •

“Enchanted April” runs through Sunday, June 26, at the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey Main Stage, F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theatre, 36 Madison Ave., Madison. Based on Elizabeth Von Arnim’s novel of the same name, the producers call it “the perfect show” to launch STNJ’s re-opening as the company emerges from the pandemic shutdown. Written in the wake of the 1918

Spanish Flu pandemic, “Enchanted April” is an uplifting, funny, and moving tale about emerging from despair and daring to hope and dream again. Patrons can purchase tickets by calling the box office at (973) 408-5600 or by visiting ShakespeareNJ.org.

Disney’s “Encanto” (2021-PG) will be screened at dusk, about 8 p.m. on Thursday,

Aug. 13, during Hunterdon County’s Parks & Recreation’s 46th annual “Music Under the Stars” concert and movie series at Deer Path Park, 120 West Woodschurch Road in Readington Township. Refreshments by Rita’s Ice will be available for purchase. For weather and schedule changes, visit <https://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/depts/parks/parks.htm>, or call (908) 782-7275. Guests should bring

chairs or blankets for their comfort, but this is not a drive-in movie.

• POETRY •

I Can Dance

I’m an iconoclast, not a colonoscopist or even a nervous strategist, and I can’t dance like that, shoulders aligned, stiff as a palace guard, tango-twists stepping on each other’s toe’s

don’t ask me to tie a fly or tell which cabernet builds body as it airs but play a tune that’s got the beat and I can’t help but move my feet

MICHAEL CHAUNCEY STANLEY
New York City

Editor’s note: The writer is a former long-time resident of Far Hills. The poem is from his book of poetry “Out On A Limb,” Poems from 2012-2020.

—Weekly SUDOKU—
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• POTPOURRI •

Flemington Independence Day Fireworks will go off about dusk on Sunday, July 3, at dusk at the Reading Fleming Intermediate School at 50 Court Street in Flemington. Streets to be closed from 6 to 10 p.m. include Allen Street from Court Street to Youngs Drive, Capner Street from the borough line to Abbott Court, and Court Street from Allen Street. The rain date is July 5.

Lebanon Borough 75th Annual 4th of July Parade will step off at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 4, with the main parade, kid's parade, and the annual picnic at Holjes-Sheppard Memorial Park. Lebanon's July 4th Celebration is one of the county's strongest local traditions, having begun in 1947. Lebanon's roads will close at 8:30 a.m. The Children's Parade for little ones 10 and under should register at 8:30 at Sutton Place across from the Lebanon Fire Department. The Main Parade steps off at 10 a.m., following its traditional route west on Main Street, turning onto Myrtle Avenue, then again onto Brunswick Avenue, and ending at Holjes-Sheppard Memorial Park. The Annual Picnic begins at Holjes-Sheppard Memorial Park immediately after the parade. Festivities include the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner," the flag raising ceremony, presentation of awards, refreshments, games and friendly competition for folks of all ages. For more information, visit <https://lebanonboro4thofjulyparade.com>.

Randolph Freedom Festival will take place from Thursday, June 30, through

Saturday, July 2, at the County College of Morris. The parade will start at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 2, rides, food, games, music, beer garden and vendors from 6 to 11 p.m., and fireworks at 9:45 p.m. on July 2. For information, visit www.randolphkiwanis.org.

Fourth of July Hike to Revolutionary War Powder Mill will take place at 11 a.m. on July 4 at Acorn Hall, 68 Morris Ave, Morristown. Celebrate our nation's birth with a hike along Patriots' Path to the archaeological site of Jacob Ford Jr.'s Powder Mill. A visit to the archaeological site of the oldest remaining Revolutionary-Era powder mill site located along the Whippany River will offer insight into how a small wooden structure with a dirt/rock-lined floor was crucial in our fight for independence. A vital resource during the Revolutionary War, recent research has shown evidence that the mill was used for the critical remanufacture of damaged gun powder. The remanufactured powder was then disbursed to troops in the field and to Gen. Henry Knox's cantonment near Pluckemin. Visitors will walk about one-quarter of a mile to the mill and return. The hour-long event is free.

Public Ice Skating is available at Mennen Ice Arena, 161 E. Hanover Ave., Morris Township. Register in person or online. The adult open hockey schedule is 12:15 to 2:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays. For information or to register, visit www.morrisparks.net/mennen2/public-skating. For summer hours call (973) 326-7651.

Food Truck Fridays, 4 to 8 p.m., every Fri-

day, at Bayberry Elementary School blacktop, 113 Bayberry Lane, Watchung. Upcoming vendors include Cousins Maine Lobster, Shake Shack, Chank's Pizza Cones, Taxi Cab Burgers, Angry Archie's, House of Cupcakes and Doughnut Evolution. All proceeds benefit Watchung schools. To learn more, visit watchungpto.com.

Shadowfax Bridge Club, 679 Bartley Road, Chester Township, is again open for face-to-face bridge sessions. Beginners are welcome and private lessons are available. Games for players with less than 500 masterpoints are run every Tuesday and Saturday. Tuesday games are preceded by a free intermediate-level practice hand and lesson at 9:30 a.m. Open games are held on Wednesday and Friday, while both games are run on Saturday. Card Fees are \$10 per player for all regular games. Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination required. For more information, visit <https://shadowfax-bridgeclub.com/> or call (908) 879-3895.

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Schaefer Farms Cruise Night with cool cars, bikes and trucks runs from 5-9 p.m. on Thursdays at Schaefer Farm, 1051 County Road 523, Readington Township. The whole family is invited to come and hang out on the farm and grab a bite to eat at the Farm To Fork Food Truck. Visit with farm animals. For more information, call (908) 782-2705.

Flemington Thursday Nights Out are back on the last Thursday of each month, all summer long. Taking place on Main Street between Bloomfield and Capner Street, this event is all about historic Main Street. The Summer Swing Orchestra, specializing in swing-era favorites, have expanded their repertoire in response to audience requests. There will be music, food and beer. For more information, visit www.LoveFlemington.com or call (908) 809-5464.

• FARMERS MARKETS & YARD SALES •

Ethos Farm Market runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, at 177 W. Mill Road, Long Valley. For more information, visit <https://www.ethosprimarycare.com/doctors-farm-market>.

Stangl Factory Farmers Market runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., year-round, featuring the freshest local, seasonal foods, organic produce, grass-fed meats, pastured eggs, handmade cheeses, freshly baked bread, prepared foods like soups and salads made with local, organic ingredients, and more. The market artisans and talented local crafters have unique offerings. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.stanglfactory.com/farmers-market-2.

Madison Farmers Market takes place

from 1 to 6 p.m. every Thursday through Nov. 17, at Dodge Field, between Central and Greenwood Avenues, Madison. The 2022 version of the market will feature new food and craft vendors on top of familiar favorites from prior years, as well as space for local nonprofit groups and organizations.

Hunterdon Land Trust Farmers' Market runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sundays through Nov. 20 at Dvoor Farm, 111 Mine St., Flemington. Shoppers will find organic fruits and vegetables, all-natural meats, fresh-baked breads, cave-ripened cheeses, honey, pies, plants, locally roasted coffee, milk, eggs and more. About 20 farmers and vendors will participate in this producers-only market this season. Morning Yoga and music is back. For more information, visit www.hunterdonlandtrust.org.

Watchung Farmers Market takes place from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays from June through October at the police station parking lot, 840 Somerset St., Watchung. For information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/dkkfrpsm>.

Clinton Community Farmers Market runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sundays from May through October at the North County Branch Library at 65 Halstead St. in Clinton. The market features local, naturally raised lamb, poultry, pork and beef, prepared meals, locally grown fresh produce, home baked artisan breads, prepared salads using local fresh ingredients, homemade old-fashioned cookies, local crafters, special events, live music and more. Email clintoncommunityfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Bedminster Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays now through Oct. 29, and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays Nov. 5 through Dec. 10. The market is located in River Road Park off Route 202-206 in Bedminster.

Bernardsville Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturdays through Dec. 17 except Oct. 15 and Nov. 26. The market is located at the Bernardsville train station parking lot on Route 202.

Morristown Farmers Market runs from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Sunday, Nov. 20 in the Morristown Parking Authority Lot 10J at Spring and Morris Streets (behind the Morristown Post Office) Bring your reusable bags. For information, email farmersmarket@morristown-nj.org