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Flash forward a year from now... a decade from now... what will your child have in common with today's most remarkable innovators, such as the Google co-founders and the creator of Amazon.com? The foundation of a Montessori education!

The Westmont Montessori School, now celebrating its 51st anniversary, is a unique learning environment, alive with an atmosphere that embraces and nurtures children, along with a strong community of parents, students, faculty, staff and board members dedicated to one common goal: providing life-long academic, social, and emotional skills to support each child in the ever-changing world.

Catering to children ages 1½ to 6 years old, Westmont has grown from a tiny seed in a rented church basement in 1964 to a beautiful campus in the heart of Morris County. Westmont, a Middle States Association on Elementary Schools and an American Montessori Society accredited school, boasts a faculty with a collective 100-plus

years working at the school.

Enter the school and you will quickly experience what thousands of families have felt over the course of more than five decades: a community brimming with happy, curious, engaged students who are leaders and peers, individuals and collaborators... innovators in the making.

Our commitment to early childhood education remains steadfast and it is our privilege to continue providing a setting that fosters independence, self-esteem, integrity, personal responsibility and love of learning.

Discover Westmont for your child! Schedule a visit, join us for a Tuesday morning Drop-in Open House, or attend one of our Community Education Events, including "How to Raise a Successful Child in the 21st Century," at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 17.

The Westmont Montessori School is located at 577 Rt. 24 in Mendham. For more information, visit www.westmontmontessori.org, email avanderbilt@westmontmontessori.org, or call (908) 879-6355.

HURLEY INSURANCE AND MEEKER SHARKEY ASSOCIATES MERGE AGENCIES AND PHILOSOPHY

The James F. Hurley Insurance Agency and Meeker Sharkey Associates recently merged to form an even more responsive agency – Meeker Sharkey & Hurley.

We recently presented our new logo, which has been redesigned to convey what our agency is about: a commitment to premier customer service.

Both agencies are deeply rooted, family-owned businesses with long histories and a shared philosophy of putting the needs of their clients first.

Our mutual tradition of comprehensive client service from a larger team of talented professionals makes this an ideal match for our agency – and more importantly – for our customers.

Meeker Sharkey's roots date to 1864, while the Hurley Agency has been serving clients in the Far Hills/Bedminster area and beyond since 1953.

Tom Sharkey Jr., who succeeded his father, is now president of the combined organization, and Craig Sutherland,

who succeeded his father-in-law, the late James F. Hurley, is chief operating officer. And recently, Karen D'Elia has returned as Vice President to lead our personal lines group after a corporate career that included management positions with Chubb Personal Lines and PURE Insurance Group.

In addition to serving the area's businesses and residents, the agencies have always been – and Meeker Sharkey & Hurley continues to be – active in our communities, both representing and supporting a vast array of nonprofits and charitable organizations.

Further, with our focus on serving local municipalities, we remain firmly rooted where we work and live.

The company will continue to operate from both of its current locations: 316 Main St (Rt. 202) under the yellow awnings in Bedminster (908-234-1200), and 21 Commerce Drive in Cranford (908-272-3330).

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Long Hill Auto Service Center opened its doors in 1986. While many aspects of the business of repairing and maintaining automobiles has drastically changed over the years, a few things have stayed the same.

"The first thing we try to do is to make it easy for people to get their repairs done. We know that it's not an easy thing to do to drop off your car and be without it," says owner Bob Arlotta. "Our main priority is to make it easy for people to get their repairs done. We try to make it as pain-free as it can be."

Whether it's picking up or dropping off a vehicle at an owner's home, or giving customers a lift to their destination, Arlotta says the shop's success owes much to its longtime commitment to its customers. The shop stays open 12 hours per day, six days a week, in an effort to give customers as much scheduling flexibility as possible.

And great customer service is just the starting point. In the past, the auto repair industry focused mainly on mechanics who were well-versed in mechanical issues, such as brakes and tires. But as automobiles became increasingly reliant on electronics, computers and technology, Long Hill Auto has made a commitment to staying up-to-date on the latest technology and information, with mandatory monthly training sessions for all its employees.

The shop's focus on its surrounding community has also helped to establish its reputation as a friendly and reliable business.

Long Hill Auto sponsors and participates in many community events and activities, including acting as a food collection site for the Shrine of St. Joseph Food Drive and a variety of other Long Hill Chamber of Commerce events and programs. The business is very involved in Millington Downtown Day, donating its facility, electricity, water and parking lot space for the popular annual community gathering.

In the past, the business has also hosted local Girl Scouts working towards earning their Car Care Badges. Shop employees taught the girls how to change a tire, fix a flat, jump start a dead car battery and more.

A free air pump and free car vacuum are available in front of the shop for anyone who needs them. In addition, smart car drivers running low on a charge can pull up and plug in at no cost.

"We try to please everybody as much as we can. I think that goes a long way," Arlotta said.

Long Hill Auto Service Center is located at 1905 Long Hill Road, in Millington. Reach them at longhillauto@aol.com or (908) 647-7984 or visit longhillauto.com.

STIRLING HOTEL PROVIDES TREASURED 'GATHERING PLACE' FOR LOCALS

The Stirling Hotel offers customers something that is not easy to find these days.

"I think that this place kind of fills the void of all those chain restaurants. It's an old-fashioned family-style tavern, which really don't exist that much anymore in America," says Dori Baldassarre, who owns the Long Hill institution with her husband, Tom.

Dori said Tom always comments "We are the caretakers of the Stirling Hotel."

It's an institution that should live on and on, she said. The couple bought the Stirling Hotel in 1983 from the Achille family, who had owned it for 40 years.

The atmosphere, friendliness and family feeling that the Stirling Hotel provides is what draws people back time and again, Baldassarre said.

"We brought it back to what it was: a gathering place for people," she said. "People come here in good times and bad times. There's always going to be a familiar face,

a smile, a hug."

The outdoor dining and beer garden don't hurt either, she said. Patrons can dine outside, pretty much year-round, in the beer garden, which is outfitted with heaters.

The Stirling Hotel and its employees are very active in the community. Not only does the business host its annual car show benefitting the Long Hill Community Center, but it also holds a community supper benefitting a local charity every third Wednesday of each month. In November, proceeds from the meal will be donated to Christmas Is For Children of Basking Ridge, which provides gifts to families who cannot afford to purchase them.

The Stirling Hotel also participates in the Stirling Street Fair and supports numerous local sports teams, school organizations and local fundraisers.

"The Stirling Hotel is your home away from home to enjoy craft beer and comfort food," Baldassarre said.

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SOO BAHK DO KARATE & WELLNESS HELPS TO MAKE LONG HILL STRONGER

Soo Bahk Do Karate & Wellness, owned by 7th Degree Blackbelt and Certified Master Instructor Linda Morey, has served the local community since 1982 as a traditional martial arts studio for ages 3 and up. Master Morey holds the distinction of being the highest ranking female practitioner of this style in the world.

The martial arts academy offered its very first classes in the Long Hill Community Center and later moved to the building where the Gillette post office is located. Then, in 1996, Soo Bahk Do built a new state-of-the-art facility at its current location on Valley Road.

The academy is a very active member of the Long Hill Chamber of Commerce, with one of its certified instructors, Michelle Cavett, serving as Vice President of the Chamber. Soo Bahk Do sponsors several community programs and events, including Millington Downtown Day, Stirling Street Fair, Long Hill Easter Egg Hunt, and F.O.R.C.E. (Focusing Our Resources for Children's Enrichment), a non-profit education foundation in Long Hill Township.

Soo Bahk Do Karate & Wellness students often participate in and host demonstrations at a variety of other community events, including the Long Hill Halloween Parade, Mom's Club Fair, Long Hill Library's Toast to Ten, and Long Hill Shade Tree Commission Challenge Grant Program.

The studio has been a certified member of the United States Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan Federation since 1989. Soo Bahk Do is a traditional Korean martial art that is based on the principle of developing every aspect of the self in order to create a mature person who totally integrates his/her intellect, body, emotions, and spirit. This integration helps to create a person who is free from inner conflict and who can deal with the outside world in a mature, intelligent, forthright, and virtuous manner.

Throughout the years, Soo Bahk Do Karate & Wellness has dedicated itself to developing key concepts of the art, thereby improving basic desirable human attributes such as courage, concentration and confidence.



Students of Soo Bahk Do Karate & Wellness pose by their new tree, which was provided through their participation in the Long Hill Township Challenge Grant Program. The previous tree was destroyed during Hurricane Sandy, and the students were very happy to get a new one through the program.

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SAVOR SOME HISTORY AT THE MEYERSVILLE INN

Not only does the Meyersville Inn serve up great food, but it also gives some customers a real taste of history.

The Meyersville Inn, located at 632 Meyersville Road in the Gillette section of Long Hill Township, is filled with business history, as well as a haunted history, says Jeanne Artigliere, whose family has owned the business since 2009.

Some guests are lucky enough to catch a glimpse of original owner Elias Williams or one of his predecessors walking around the building or on the property, she said.

"This building has a lot of history and, if these walls could talk, I think they would have a lot to say," Artigliere said.

And that rich history just adds to the local institution's old-school charm, she said.

Artigliere shared the story of the Inn's origins: In the 1850s, Elias Williams opened a store at the northwest corner of Meyersville Road and New Vernon Road. Farmers were his typical customers, purchasing their staples for the year on credit. Once their crops were sold, the farmers would return to pay their bills.

The second owner was Charles Henry

Ortman who, in the early 1900s, also ran a store quite similar to Williams'. In 1919, the property was sold again to William Clark, who opened up a tavern until the 1940s. Other past owners included Harry and Emma Bradson from 1959 to 1969, and Jerry and John Carbone in the early to mid 70s. The present-day Meyersville Inn is an active member of the Long Hill Chamber of Commerce, The Bernards Chamber of Commerce, and is always open to helping local people fundraise for their charities and causes, Artigliere said.

In October, the Inn featured a Month Of Pink specials, with a percentage of the sales donated to breast cancer research. Other fundraisers include The Raptor Trust, the Brooke Healey Foundation, and Halos for Angels.

The Meyersville Inn recently added an amazing New Orleans mural in one of its dining rooms and repainted its exterior, as well as expanding its menu to include Italian specialties, pizza, burgers and more in addition to the same great Cajun menu that locals grew up on.

Artigliere invites you to come and sit by the fireplace in the bar for a real taste of history.

A TRUE HIDDEN GEM: GREAT SWAMP GREENHOUSES

In the heart of the Great Swamp National Wildlife refuge lies a hidden gem of a garden center, Great Swamp Greenhouses, located at 553 New Vernon Road in the Gillette section of Long Hill Township.

Owner Michael Beneduce started operating the 10-acre nursery/garden center in 1978 when he was just 21 years old. Now, the business is run by two of his three children, and the third operates a vineyard and winery at a 50-acre farm that the family owns in Pittstown.

Great Swamp Greenhouses offers a unique opportunity to browse among plants right where they are grown, eliminating the stress of shipping and the extra costs associated with a middle man.

There is an acre of covered greenhouse where customers can purchase houseplants, annuals, vegetables and poinsettias, and several acres outside of nursery stock, perennials, mums and Christmas trees during the Christmas season.

Over the years, Great Swamp Greenhouses has employed many locals, from teenagers to mature adults with plant

knowledge and have contributed to many local activities.

The business is open and operational year-round, with seeds and plugs planted in January, growing until the busy selling season of May through July.

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August to October sees pumpkins, chrysanthemums and other assorted fall plants. Nursery stock is available year-round.

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Martin's Villa

14 Fairmount Avenue - The Old Borough Hall was completed in March of 1907. The council met at their new home for the first time in April. The main topic of discussion was the passing of ordinances to continue to install sidewalks, coincidentally on Fairmount Avenue.

The Train Station - June 20, 2014 marks the Centennial of our Train Station. As Chatham changed from a farming community to a rapidly growing suburban town it was time to upgrade the station and improve the tracks. Viner J. Hedden, a noteworthy contractor, built the station modeling it after the station he had previously completed in Short Hills. The trains ran every day during construction.

44 Fairmount Avenue - The Old Homestead was a popular boarding house run by Mrs. Harvey Kelley. In 1908, The New "Old Homestead" was opened. The whole town was invited to the infernal opening in August. The completion of the handsome home was hailed as a beautiful addition to an already long list of elegant Chatham residences.

54 Fairmount Avenue - After many delays in construction, the new school was opened in January of 1911. The building was built of dark red brick with Indiana limestone trim. All the systems installed were the latest technology and the most modern available. The school was a design suited for the 20th century. The cost of the school was less than \$10,000 and taxes didn't go up.

83 Fairmount Avenue - Completed in 1893 and costing just under \$6,000, this home is a variant of the Shingle Style design. The home is asymmetrical with a broad, horizontal feeling topped with an expansive gambrel roof with dormers.

86 Fairmount Avenue - This Folk Victorian style of architecture is a generic, vernacular Victorian Era style very popular in rural areas. By the 1870's, homes of great stature were being built all over Chatham by the well-to-do. But the middle class also had the urge to live in fashionable homes so they designed their homes themselves or used plan books.

91 Fairmount Avenue - Easily the most recognizable house in the boro, this home was built in the Italianate style of architecture in 1876. This impressive style showcased modernity and wealth. The home was erected by two Chatham men - architect George W. Bower and builder Israel Lum. Interestingly, this house has been painted yellow except for a short time in the twenties and thirties.

93 Fairmount Avenue - This Gothic Revival home was built in 1876. In America, this style is commonly referred to as Carpenter's Gothic. The newly invented scroll saw allowed carpenters to recreate the great stone structures of Europe out of wood. Mrs. Heald, the owner of this home, and her son, the owner of 91 Fairmount, used the same architect and builder to erect their homes.

118 Fairmount Avenue - Built circa 1896, this home is a wonderful example of a Queen Anne style which came in vogue in the 1880's. While the style was frowned upon by many architects, home owners embraced the style as a symbol of wealth and success making it one of the most popular styles of architecture during the reign of Queen Victoria (1837-1902). By 1890, an American adaptation of the original Queen Anne included a front porch with classic columns and a Palladian window, both on display here.

116 Fairmount Avenue - Harry, son of successful local manufacturer George S. Page, built this house circa 1895. The elder Page and his sons manufactured Vapo Cresolene in a factory on Hillside Avenue. A remedy for the croup, this product was distributed worldwide.

132 Fairmount Avenue - Made of granite and cement, this home is aptly named "Greystone". This house was built in 1905 for George B. Spoor and his family. When it went up for sale in 1918, an ad boasted, "500 feet elevation...magnificent views" as well as "excellent commutation to N.Y." The asking price - \$30,000.

140 Fairmount Avenue - Completed in 1900, this home was built for the Pollard family. In 1906, it was featured in American Homes and Gardens. It was billed as "an inexpensive house adapted to suburban needs". It is a picturesque house built of brick and shingles. A top-of-the-line 20th century home, its final cost was \$8,000.

146 Fairmount Avenue - The circa 1890 home is a wonderful example of Shingle Style architecture. This style was a clear expression of American individualism. Because of the complexity of Shingle Style designs, the cost of construction was often beyond that of the average homeowner. As a result, it remained a high-fashion style. Frederick Lum, the borough's first mayor bought this house in 1894 and soon added the enclosed sun porch and the porte cochere. Today, very few examples of a porte cochere or "coach gateway" exist.

151 Fairmount Avenue - This 1930 home, is a perfect example of Colonial Revival. Classic detailing and simplicity are its hallmarks. A symmetrical facade; evenly spaced, double hung windows; an accented doorway with leaded glass sidelights; front columned portico with pediment; and gabled roof with dormer windows all come together beautifully to produce a commanding presence.

147 Fairmount Avenue - Mr. Harrower who originally resided at 146 Fairmount Avenue decided to build a grand home across the avenue because he wanted better views. This late 19th century home combines Romanesque and Queen Anne styles, which were intended to contain a multiplicity of patterns and textures shown here by the rough stones contrasted by the shingles above.

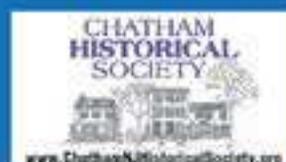
170 Fairmount Avenue - This Eclectic Italian Renaissance home was built in 1910 for Dr. Edward H. Hamill, Medical Director of the Prudential Insurance Company. The builder was Viner J. Hedden, the same man who four years later erected the train station. He was known throughout the Northeast for erecting some of the most costly buildings.

201 Fairmount Avenue - In 1908, Alice Lum, the widow of Frederick, Chatham's first mayor, built this Neoclassical home after the death of her husband. Identifying features of this classic style include a symmetrical design with well-balanced windows and center door and a facade dominated by a full-height porch with roof supported by classic columns with Ionic capitals.

212 Fairmount Avenue - This stately circa 1920 home is a fine example of a Colonial Revival. The symmetrical design is enhanced by rectangular blocks of warm brick, while the centered front door with fan light and sidelights and a decorative crown supported by slender columns, welcomes you to this magnificent home.

228 Fairmount Avenue - Set on the highest point of Fairmount Avenue in the borough, this circa 1911 stucco Prairie Foursquare is said to be built on the foundation of Martin's Villa. William Martin was a millionaire and built his summer mansion here in 1874. The style of architecture was a very ornate mix of Second Empire design and Italianate. The size of the mansion was the most notable aspect of the design along with a square tower. The tower was no doubt used to enjoy the spectacular views. Martin died in 1891 and the Villa was lost to fire in 1904.

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Dedicated to the whole child, the Chatham Learning Center has evolved into a full-service establishment focused on meeting the diverse needs of today's students.

Whether a student is struggling with basic math concepts or AP Physics, the associates of the Chatham Learning Center are well versed in a variety of teaching techniques and strategies intended to reach even the most reluctant learners.

Recently, The Chatham Learning Center added an array of additional services.

We are fortunate to have the opportunity to offer homework club for those students who require light supervision while completing homework.

The Center can help families schedule the mandatory testing that many private schools require as part of the admission process. Counseling and educational consultations are also available.

Enjoying a long-time presence in the Chatham community, the Chatham Learning Center is dedicated to encouraging, motivating and inspiring students to become successful and lifelong learners.

Given the opportunity to work with an experienced and skilled teacher, any student can thrive. As The Chatham Learning Center moves into the future, we continue to hold true to this ideal.

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150 YEARS OF TRADITION AT CHIMNEY ROCK INN

For more than 150 years, the Chimney Rock Inn has offered warm hospitality with great food and great people.

The original "Rock," located at 800 North Thompson Avenue, Bound Brook, dates to 1863 when the Chimney Rock Hotel was established. It began as a bed and breakfast serving liquor, oysters and cigars to patrons.

By 1873, Chimney Rock had become a restaurant, store, butcher shop and ice dealer using the old barn to store and cut the ice. Thirteen years later, German immigrant William Haelig purchased the inn and the adjacent property, the Chimney Rock Gorge, to form the Bound Brook Crushed Stone Company, which would provide the stone to make all of the roads in the area. Haelig built a dancehall in the rear of the inn and upstairs was used for Sunday School.

In 1954, the original Chimney Rock Hotel was torn down, and The Chimney Rock Inn was built on the lot next to it. Just a year later, the famous Chimney Rock Pizza debuted. The restaurant uses the same, delicious, thin-crust pizza recipe today.

In 1974, floods plagued the surrounding area and washed through the Chimney

Rock Inn after a fallen tree broke through the door. A massive restoration followed to bring the Inn back into shape.

In all, there have been five owners since the Inn first opened, with Alan Frank purchasing the property in 1995. In 2000, the Chimney Rock Inn was expanded and updated to prepare for the next century. Frank expanded the Inn to two locations in 2004 after the purchase of Sestri's in Gillette, formerly Linda's Fireside.

Despite all the changes through the years, some things have remained the same, with high quality fresh food and great hospitality topping the list. Some employees have been with the company for almost 20 years and gathering at the Inn has become a tradition for generations of local families and workers who have dined at The Rock for decades. The Rock has supported and sponsored numerous local charities, organizations and sports teams.

Visit the Chimney Rock Inn at 800 North Thompson Avenue, Bound Brook, (732-469-4600), or at 342 Valley Road, Gillette (908-580-1100). Visit www.chimneyrockinn.com for more information.

EFINGER SPORTING GOODS LOOKS BACK AND FORWARD

Although Efinger Sporting Goods has transformed quite a bit over the past 100-plus years, a few things have stayed the same.

"We are still dedicated to the principles upon which this business was founded: service, competitive pricing and personal contact," said Manager Patrick Hoey.

He shared a bit of the store's rich history: In 1909, George A. Efinger opened a combination newsstand, billiard parlor and bowling alley on Main Street in Bound Brook. Across the street from the train station, this location provided travelers a gathering place while waiting to board their trains.

In 1927, George's son, young George, became head of the organization. His love of team sports developed into Efinger's becoming a seller of sports equipments and uniforms to schools, organizations and colleges. Efinger became the state's leading team outfitter. George's younger brother, Frank, joined the business, becoming a great motivator in the wholesale division. During the late 1930s and 40s, Efinger became the distribution point for most of the top-selling sporting good brands throughout the tri-state market.

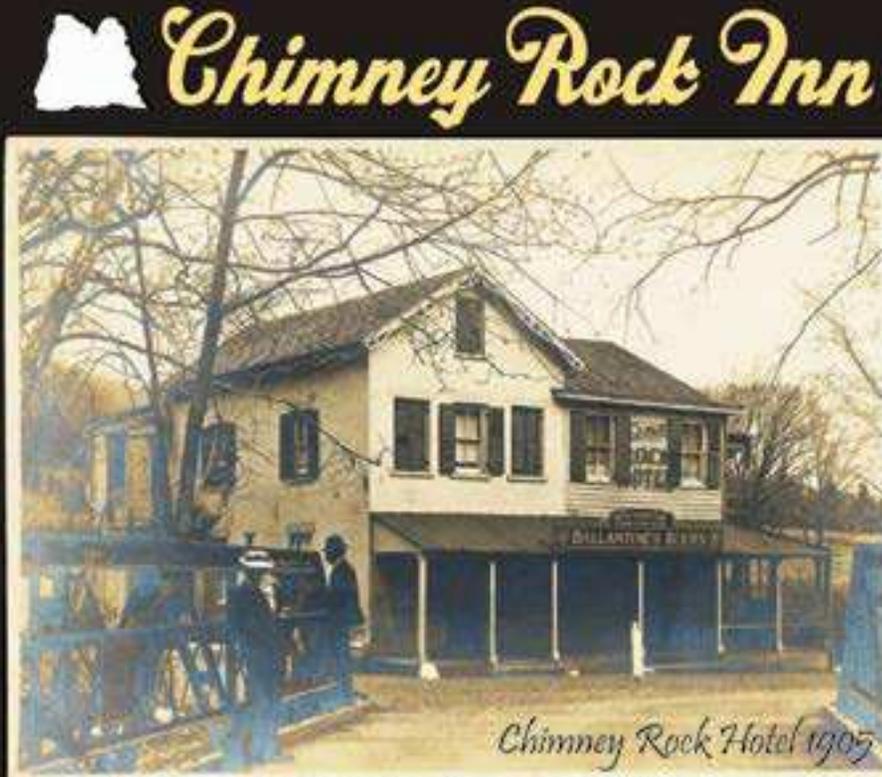
In 1974, Efinger's moved to a Union Avenue facility. By then, Frank's sister, Marie Efinger Hoey, was already deeply involved in the family business. Her son, Jim, was corporate vice president and her other son, Tom, was corporate CEO and headed the team, school and college supply business.

In 1999, Jim Hoey sold his half of Efingers to long-time friend Murray Greenberg, whose expert knowledge in manufacturing and distribution of sporting goods, along with Tom Hoey's expertise, gave Efinger a stronghold on service and satisfaction.

In September 2005, Efinger built a new facility on their existing property in Bound Brook. The current Efinger Sporting Goods is a 50,000-sq.-ft. state-of-the-art shopping experience. A 1,000-gallon fish tank was introduced as well as a bike department.

In September 2010, Murray Greenberg sold his half of Efinger to son Evan. Evan manages the day-to-day operations. Together with Tom and Murray, Evan hopes to expand Efinger's legacy for generations to come.

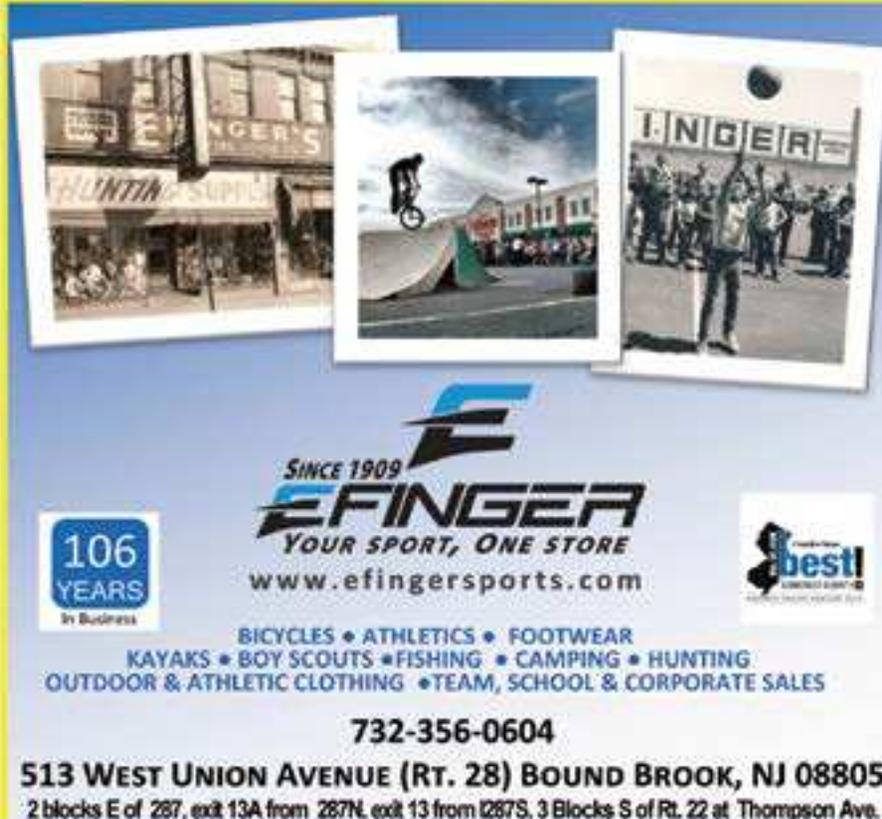
We will strive to continue to be New Jersey's oldest and largest sporting goods store for at least another century, Hoey said.



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RUTGERS PREP RECALLS ITS RICH HISTORY

Founded in 1766, Rutgers Preparatory School is New Jersey's first independent school.

Rutgers Prep – then called Queen's College Grammar School – was founded under the same charter as Rutgers University – then Queen's College – and until the 1950s, both schools operated on the New Brunswick campus.

When Rutgers University became the state university, Rutgers Prep re-established itself as an independent school and relocated to its scenic 37-acre Somerset campus, bordering the Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park.

Some of the first Japanese students to come to America in the 1860s studied at Rutgers Prep, before attending Rutgers University. In 1869, the first-ever college football game was played between Rutgers and Princeton, and ten graduates of Rutgers Prep were members of the team.

Between 1890 and 1920, Rutgers Prep was among the first schools in the nation to institute laboratory sciences, extracurricular activities, student publications, and community service. It was during this time that American poet Joyce Kilmer (Class of 1904) attended the school.



The Elm Farm building, a 12,000-square-foot Dutch colonial farmhouse, was part of the purchase of the Wells Estate and Rutgers Preparatory School's relocation to Somerset. It originally housed the Lower School program, which moved to campus in 1957.

Today, Rutgers Prep partners with Rutgers University to include high school students in original scientific research. The school boasts more than 60 student organizations and students perform more than 14,000 hours of community service each year.

As the school approaches its 250th an-

niversary in 2016, it takes pride in a tradition of outstanding scholarship and college preparation characterized by active participation and enthusiastic engagement with real world ideas and challenges.

Rutgers Prep educates students from ages three through grade 12, with its total enrollment numbering 650. The Class

of 2015 matriculated at many of the most selective colleges and universities in the country.

The school is accredited by the New Jersey Association of Independent Schools (NJ AIS), and is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), The College Board, The Network of Complementary Schools, and the National and New Jersey Associations for College Admissions Counseling.

Rutgers Prep is the first school in New Jersey to join the Council of International Schools, and the first secondary school in the world to become a Non Governmental Organization affiliated with the United Nations' Department of Public Information.

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NEW JERSEY'S FIRST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

Approaching it's 60th Anniversary, Flemington Department Store remains a family owned landmark.

When the Resnick family converted a small chicken coop into a dry goods store in 1956, there was little indication that the modest business would grow to become one of the largest family owned and operated department stores in the country. The reasons for this success are abundant, from the quality and variety of offered products and services to the commitment to the people and communities served. Flemington Department Store has attained its current form as a result of hard work and smart business decisions.

An Ever Evolving Business Plan

What began as a dry goods store selling a limited assortment of clothing and area rugs to a small, local community has grown into a multi-faceted business with a product line encompassing a large selection of clothing, footwear, flooring, furniture and bedding. Within each product category is a vast array of product offerings.

As an example of tremendous growth, the original store's size limited the product selection to blue jeans and little else. Today's clothing department features millions of dollars of name brand clothing, shoes, boots and outerwear offered at discounted prices. Long known as THE place to go for the best selection and pricing on outdoor workwear from companies like Carhartt and Dickies, Flemington Department Store is also an area leader for jeans, outerwear and other casual clothes. Their racks and shelves are filled with great selections from Lee, Levi, Wrangler, Miss Me, Lucky Jeans, Guess Jeans, Buffalo, Under Armour, Life is Good, Element, Prana, Billabong, Schott, The North Face, Woolrich, Columbia and more. The clothing department also has a uniform department that sells to Fortune 100 companies, Police & Fire Departments as well as state agencies.

The flooring department is extraordinary as well. It has grown to become one of the largest independent single store flooring operations in the country offering carpet, hardwood, laminate, vinyl, area rugs and remnants with customers that include the general public and residential home builders such as Toll Brothers, K. Hovnanian and Pulte Homes. Floor coverings from the top manufacturers like Karastan, Mohawk, Shaw, Bruce and many more are offered.

Beyond having the area's largest selection of quality area rugs and remnants, the services available also include the installation of specialized flooring products for schools, medical facilities and commercial buildings. As if that's not enough, an additional feature of Flemington Department Store's flooring department is the "event carpet" division that provides "red carpet" for many of the country's special events. Recently, the store provided the white and gold carpet for the Pope's 2015 visit to Philadelphia.

Mirroring the growth of the clothing and flooring departments, the furniture department has evolved from the original concept of only selling a few pieces of furniture on a consignment basis to becoming one of the best kept secrets in New Jersey. With over 2 acres of showroom space under one roof, the furniture division at Flemington Department Store showcases a huge inventory from over forty manufacturer's of quality furniture. With names like Vaughan-Bassett, Lane, Flexsteel, Southern Motion, Durham and more, the offerings are diverse enough for every home and every budget. Additionally, the Sleep Better Center carries a full array of bedding from Sealy and Stearns & Foster. With available zero percent financing and free delivery within a 100 mile radius of the store, there should be no hesitation to visit Flemington Department Store for any furniture and bedding need.



Current owners Theodore and Martin Resnick in front of their parent's original dry goods store, which opened in Quakertown in 1956.

A need to free up space on the main sales floor led to the creation, in August, of the "Furniture Clearance Center" which opened in the building adjacent to the main store. The clearance center is filled with an ever-changing selection of indoor and outdoor furniture priced no less than 60% off manufacturer's suggested selling price.

More than just a building

What makes Flemington Department Store such a successful business goes beyond the products and services offered: It is the people that helped the company grow coupled with the ownership's commitment to their local community.

The workforce has grown from just a few family members in 1956 to hundreds of "extended family members" today. This family atmosphere is of primary importance to the store's past, present and future. The "people-factor" sets this store apart from others because of many factors:

- Family ownership since the beginning with current owners Theodore and Martin Resnick on the selling floor and always accessible to their customers.
- Very little turnover of staff, both on the sales floor and in the office.
- A sales staff that is well-trained, knowledgeable and refreshingly pleasant to deal with.
- A "low pressure" sales philosophy supported by the fact that the sales staff does not work on commission.

The Hunterdon County community has also benefitted from the success of Flemington Department Store over the years. The store supports many charities and organizations such as the Boy Scouts of America, American Red Cross, local sport and recreation programs, high school booster clubs and religious organizations of all faiths. Giving back to the community has been a Resnick family tradition since the first customer bought a pair of blue jeans in that converted chicken coop almost 60 years ago.

Flemington Department Store is located at 151 Route 31 in Flemington, NJ 08822. The store's phone number is (908) 782-7662.

Email: info@flemingtondepartmentstore.com

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As seen today, the Flemington Department Store complex covers multiple acres along Rt. 31 in Flemington. (The newly opened Furniture Clearance Center is located in the smaller building at left.)

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