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MOUNTAINSIDE STUDENTS HONOR VETERANS

Although it was a misty cold morning, Deerfield students bundled up and gathered on the field near the giant flagpole to honor Mountainside Veterans for their military service on Wednesday, November 11th. At least twenty-five veterans were greeted with carnations and escorted to their seats to enjoy a 30 minute program which included the raising of the American Flag by Mountainside Boy Scouts, as well as performances by the band and chorus members. Three middle school students, Raymond Li (grade 8), Zachary Glenn (grade 7), and Ella Wolfe (grade 6), read essays entitled "What Freedom Means to Me" to the Veterans. The school was honored to have Congressman Leonard Lance attend the ceremony for a second year. The Congressman captured the students attention with his observations of veterans service during several points of history. Colonel Timothy McLaughlin, Commander of the VFW, thanked the students for inviting the veterans to the school and awarded nine students certificates and generous gifts as the top writers in the local VFW Patriot's Pen Essay contest. Community organizations such as the Town Council, Police Department, the Elks, Rotary, and the Emergency Squad, also joined with the school to honor the military service of men and women of Mountainside. Mrs. Richards, said,

"This ceremony was different from most school assemblies because it was an opportunity for our young people to give back to those who have served our country. It's our turn to say thank you."



(above) Students created this intricate wreath in honor of Veterans Day

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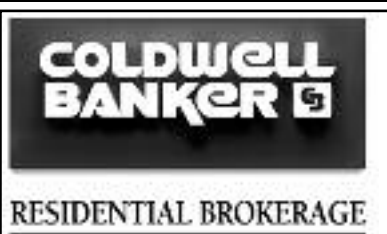
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(above) Veterans with Congressman Leonard Lance and Colonel McLaughlin.

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MARGARET BEAUMAN ENJOYS 100TH B-DAY



(above) Margaret Beauman of Mountainside who turned 100 years old on Oct. 28th. The local community came out to celebrate including Police Officers, Girlscouts, Boyscouts, and many other friends and family. The two girls to Margaret's right are Lilah DiNorscio and Gianna Basile. Margaret is a big fan of the Yankees and Derek Jeeter.

NOMINATED FOR EMS AWARDS



(above) Congratulations to Mountainside Volunteer Rescue Squad for being nominated for Outstanding Volunteer EMS Agency in NJ. Also, congrats to Ryan Bonk, nominated for Outstanding EMT at the 2015 EMS Awards Program in Atlantic City in mid November. Ann Marie Pires, President stands next to sign in Harrah's while holding up their certificate of recognition. Getting nominated is just as important as winning.



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(above l-r), Ann Marie Pires and Saverio Zipeto

Founded in 1938, the Squad has been an independent, non-profit corporation, staffed by volunteers, dedicated to providing emergency medical services (EMS) and safety training to the Mountainside community.

They are 100% supported by your donations and grants from the Boro of Mountainside and charitable foundations. New volunteers are always needed!

If you would like to join the Mountainside Rescue Squad, please download and fill out the

application on the "Contact/Join" page of the website www.ems.22.com.

The crew who met with us were a friendly bunch that know how to get serious when it's time to do their jobs...providing emergency medical services to the community. Many of the up and coming members are 16 years of age and currently taking part in the Watts Foundation Scholarship Program. Best wishes to Eric Pastore, Deputy Captain who was sick in the hospital while we were shooting these pictures.



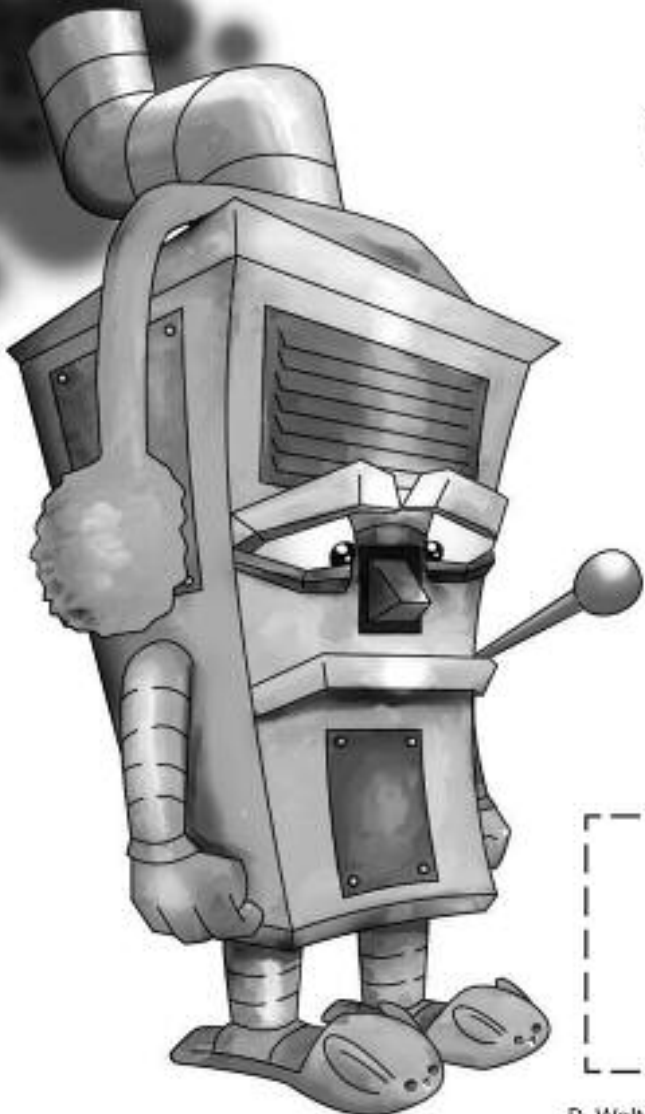
(above) Some of the 16 year old girls in the WATTS Program.



(above) Zack, also in the scholarship program.



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The Scotch Plains Baptist Church was the site for the latest Boy Scouts Chess Tournament sponsored by White Castle. The tournament was open to all registered Boy Scouts, Venturers and Explorers. This was the second annual tournament for the Watchung Mountain District.

Robert Mehorter of Scotch Plains won third place honors. Second place was won by Harrison Hahne-Lum of Springfield and first place went to Kevin Cavicchia of Summit, who won all four of his games.

White Castle purchased 20 sets, boards and clocks for the Boy Scouts and will continue to sponsor tournaments in all seven Boy Scout Districts in New Jersey.

The company covered expenses for running the tournament including trophies for the top three winners and ribbons for participants. They also supplied lunch for all players and spectators. White Castle will continue to support the Boy Scouts and the Chess program. The Program is coordinated by Joe Renna of Renna Media, a Chess Merit Badge Counselor.

Scouts, Venturers and Explorers are invited to play in all districts. The next scheduled tournament will be in Cranford on Saturday, February 27, 2016.



(above) Mountainside Scout Alexander Beke



(left, l-r) Joe Renna of Renna Media and Jasmin Arroyo of White Castle with tournament players and Charlean Mahon, Boy Scouts of America District Executive.


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Jurassic World
December 15.
Twenty-two years after the original Jurassic Park failed, the new park, Jurassic World, is open for business. With advances in genetics, a new breed of dinosaur is engineered. Will our heroes get off the island when everything goes inevitable horribly wrong? Steven Spielberg is the executive producer and the movie is directed by Chris Pratt (PG-13).

The Family Stone
December 22,
A man brings his ice-queen girlfriend home for Christmas to meet his eccentric family. Overwhelmed by the hostile reception, the girlfriend enlists her sister for emotional support, only to trigger more problems. Stars Dermot Mulroney, Clara Danes and Sarah Jessica Parker (PG-13).

Love & Mercy
December 29,
Beach Boys leader Brian Wilson struggles with emerging psychosis as he attempts to craft his avant-garde pop masterpiece. Stars John Cusack, Paul Dano and Elizabeth Banks (PG-13).

Brown Bag Academy
1:15 PM each Monday in December.
Our popular Great Courses series continues with "A History of European Art". "Class" begins at Bring your lunch! Coffee, tea and cookies will be served.

"Annual Holiday Card Making Workshop"
Tuesday, December 1 from 1-4:30 PM.
Register for this program and then drop in to create one-of-a-kind cards to give your family and friends. Children of all ages with parent or caregiver can stop by the library and create fun and festive holiday cards including origami inspired designs, paper stained glass, 3D cards and more! Artists under six must have a parent with them.

"The Song is Over, but the Pun Lingers On"
Saturday, December 5 at 2:00 PM.
Join Skip Ungar and his loyal following as he sings and accompanies himself on the piano. He will sing about 30 songs, but before he does, he will give you a clue as to the song's name by using a pun. For example, "For calling me that, we'll meet in court" is "I'll be suing you"! Throwable objects will be confiscated at the door!

"Candle Decorating"
Tuesday, December 8 at 3:30 - 4:45 PM.
Create a unique gift for someone you love using colored pressed wax. Gift wrapping is included. Grades 2 and above only. Limited seating—call early to register.

"Goodnight, Manger"
Thursday, December 10, at 10:30 AM.
It's bedtime for Baby Jesus, but who knew the Manger could be so loud? Young readers will find delight in Goodnight, Manger a favorite Christmas Bible story-turned-bedtime tale from local author Laura Sassi and best-selling illustrator Jane Chapman. Join Laura as she reads to "Mostly 3 year olds" and signs copies of her book.

"Opera on Film Series"
Friday, December 11 at 1:00 PM.
Friday Operas on Film series, sponsored by the T. Robel Hill Foundation and presented by Mena Clemson. The Giordano opera Fedora starring Placido Domingo and Mirella Freni will be presented.

"Saturday Musical Getaways"
Saturday, December 12 at 2:00 PM.
"Rock Around the Holidays". In a return engagement at the Library, Nina Et cetera performs classic holiday tunes in 21st century fashion. The program includes songs by Johnny Cash, Elvis, Brenda Lee, Ray Charles, Fats Domino, Chuck Berry and many others all done in Nina's inimitable style. This is the Holiday show that you won't want to miss!!

"Guided Meditation for Inner Peace"
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MOUNTAINSIDE'S HETFIELD HOUSE GINGERBREAD OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND

For a fun-filled afternoon for all, make sure to visit the Hetfield House (located on Constitution Plaza near the Mountainside Library) on Saturday, 12/12, (adults) and Sunday, 12/13, (families). A donation of \$5 per person is suggested and proceeds will go toward the restoration of the Levi Cory House.

The spirit of the holidays, present and past, will be celebrated during the Gingerbread Open House at Mountainside's Hetfield House the weekend of December 12-13. On Saturday, Dec. 12, the house will be open for adults only for Wine & Cheese; and on Sunday, December 13, the house will be open for families. Capturing the celebration of the holidays, the Hetfield House will exude the warmth and holiday spirit of those bygone days. The Hetfield House is decorated so beautifully and is a sight to behold!

Adult Wine & Cheese Open House - Saturday, Dec. 12 from 3-5pm

During the adults' open house on Saturday, Dec. 12 (3-5pm), there will be light refreshments including wine, cheese/crackers, baked goods and beverages. The event will kick-off at 3:00pm with a visit from jolly old St. Nick. Afterward, guests will enjoy prizes, music and plenty of holiday cheer. Stop by for a short visit or stay for a while.

Family Gingerbread Open House - Sunday, Dec. 13 from 1-4pm

Families with children are welcome on Sunday, Dec. 13 (1-4pm) to enjoy many interactive events and projects. These include gingerbread ornaments to decorate, mini holiday arrangements to make, guessing contest, mulled apple cider and baked goods to enjoy - all surrounded by appropriate holiday décor and live music by the Our Lady of Lourdes Children's Choir, and the Deerfield Middle School Instrumental Music students. Despite their busy work preparing for the holiday, Mr. & Mrs. Claus promise to visit the children and share holiday cheer. Bring your cameras for pictures.

On both days, the "Village Shop" will be open featuring Holiday décor items, ornaments, crafts and other curiosities – both new and vintage. In the future, the "Village Shop" will be relocated to the neighboring Levi Cory House, after its restoration.

The Deacon Andrew Hetfield House is located at Constitution Plaza (Watchung Ave., off Birch Hill Rd.) adjacent to the Mountainside Library.



(above) Mountainside Historic Committee members and volunteers are busy planning for this year's Gingerbread Open House weekend to be held from 3-5pm on Saturday, Dec. 12 (wine & cheese for adults) and Sunday, Dec. 13 from 1-4pm (for families) at the Deacon Andrew Hetfield House.

The Mountainside Restoration Committee is a 501 (c)(3) charity and a committee of volunteers governed by the Borough of Mountainside whose purpose is to maintain the Deacon Andrew Hetfield House, restore the Levi Cory House and collect and save historic information and items from destruction. For further information, please call (908)789-9420; or, go to: www.mountainsidehistory.org

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The Berkeley Heights Youth Soccer Club (BHYSC) U12 Girls Galaxy soccer team brought home the State Championship Title in the New Jersey Youth Soccer President's Cup Tournament with a 2-1 victory over the Barrington Galaxy on Sunday, Nov. 1st in Lawrenceville.

The Championship game, between the BHYSC Galaxy and Barrington Galaxy, came down to a 0-0 draw at the end of regulation time. Both teams scored a goal apiece in overtime sending the teams to penalty kicks. BHYSC prevailed, with a score of 4 to 1.

The BHYSC Galaxy team is made up of players from Berkeley Heights and Mountainside. Every game in this NJ Youth

Soccer multi-week tournament was extremely competitive. The BHYSC Galaxy girls played each game with drive and determination. With tight competition, the margin of victory in every game was one goal.

The multi-week tournament opened up with a 1-0 shutout victory over Pasco Red Devils on Oct. 4th. Moving on to the quarterfinals, they defeated Lawrence Hammett SA Leopards, 2-1, on Oct. 18th. At the semi finals, they defeated the Rancocas Valley SC RV United Premier, 2-1, on Oct. 31st, advancing to the finals.

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Dozens of Mountainside residents volunteer their time and talents tirelessly toward the preservation of Mountainside history and planning quaint home town events for your enjoyment, but funding is needed to continue and complete the job. Grants have helped immensely in funding the work that has already been done but these are matching grants and in order to apply for more grants, funds are needed to match the grant money dollar for dollar. Thanks to all previous donors who have helped make matching these past grants a possibility.

While much work has been done on the house, there is still a long way to go before the house can open to the public as a Museum for Children’s Interests. Now that the new roof is in place, work can begin on removing the bay window, painting, and restoring the original porches; not to mention the installation of utilities including gas, electric and water. It’s a slow process which continues as funds become available.

In order to achieve these goals, the Committee encourages Mountainsiders and others to “give a gift of history” in three ways:

1 Give a “tribute” donation to the Mountainside Restoration Committee, Inc. in honor of your gift recipient. These funds will go directly toward the Levi Cory House restoration. The Committee will issue a card commemorating your gift for your presentation.



Levi Cory House

a “Put a Plaque” in the Levi Cory House. By purchasing a plaque, individuals, groups and businesses can show their support of historic restoration by “putting a plaque in” the Levi Cory House. Permanent brass plaques will be placed inside the Levi Cory House and will remain there for the life of the house. These plaques will indicate your sponsorship of the architectural features contained within the house such as doors, windows, fireplaces, stairways, or entire rooms. What a wonderful gift to honor someone important in your life.

b Place the Mountainside Restoration Committee on your list for gift giving. This would be a gift that keeps on giving as the funds would be used to preserve the history of Mountainside and its historic buildings for generations.

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(above) Veterans from Mountainside visiting Brighton Gardens to celebrate with the residents and other Veterans who reside in Brighton Gardens. Colonel Tim McLaughlin addressed the crowd.

VETERANS DAY AT CONSTITUTION PLAZA



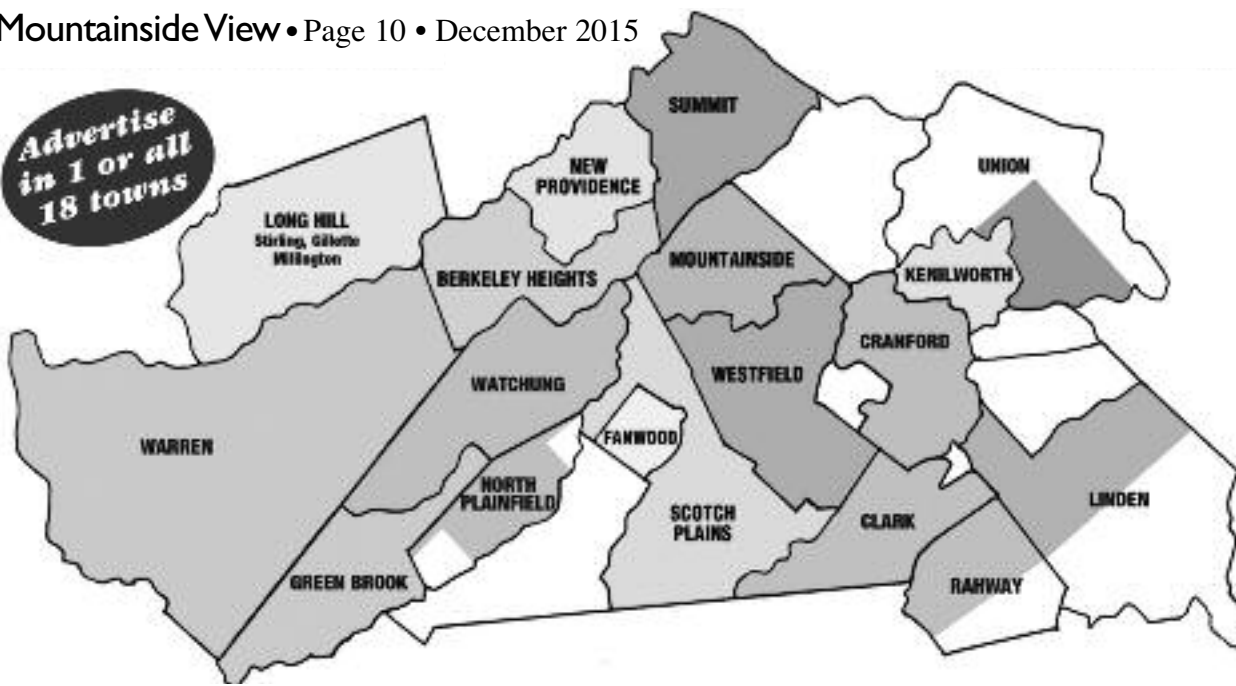
(above) Veterans Day Celebration held at Constitution Plaza in Mountainside. Colonel Tim McLaughlin and Mayor addressed the crowd.

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Submitted by: Joanne Gepp

“Mum!! Look at me! I’m eating with good manners!” remarked my daughter with glee. “Please, show me again how my friends use their cutlery!”

This joyous outburst has been repeated several times since Saturday, when my daughter attended a Girl Scout event. It was Badge Day for the Mountainside Girl Scouts on Saturday, November 14th and the Daisies, Brownies and Juniors all showed up to earn a petal or a badge. This is an annual event where the focus is on the different troop levels mixing, sharing and learning together. After a few hours the girls emerge jubilant –clutching some creation. The troop leaders follow, wide-eyed and twitching, empty coffee mugs clutched in hand.

However, this was not the case for the 3rd and 4th graders this year, for they had been enrolled for a morning of instruction on good table manners, etiquette and hosting protocols. The magnificent Maria Joyce of The Protocol School of New Jersey ran the event with amazing skill and excellence. The troop leaders were there to assist and wait on the tables.

The excitement started when each girl received a beautiful invitation through the mail requesting their presence on Badge Day in formal attire. While the other girls showed up in everyday clothes, our troops stood out in their beautiful party dresses. Ms Joyce met the girls at the doorway with a lovely smile and firm instructions on how they were to enter the room as well-mannered young ladies. Our exuberant, boisterous and enthusiastic girls were instantly transformed into quiet, well-behaved people.

Ms Joyce directed the girls on how to seat themselves correctly at the tables, and the magic continued as she sprinkled nuggets of information, fascinating stories and anecdotes from history, from her life story and from other well-known people. Not only were the girls educated and entertained, but the troop leaders were also spellbound by this gracious, intelligent and personable lady.

The girls learned to introduce themselves politely, how to stand and sit, how to converse politely and make a good first impression. They had been pleasantly surprised to find they would be served a continental breakfast during the morning, and they were sitting at beautifully prepared tables.

The girls were eagerly awaiting their food and there were smiles of pleasure when the troop leaders started to serve the fruit salad. Many girls picked up their forks, ready to stab a tempting piece of fruit to eat. But NO!! These smiles turned to looks of dismay and exclamations of horror as Ms Joyce instructed the girls to hold and use their cutlery in the continental fashion – apart from one girl – my daughter. Although my daughter has spent most of her life in America, she has learned to use a knife and fork from her very English mother! She stared in amusement as her American friends struggled to hold the cutlery correctly, let alone cut up the fruit as directed. I was fascinated too, as I hadn’t realized quite how different our habits were.

Ms Joyce must have observed this scene many times, and I am sure that it never fails to make people realize just how varied tables manners are around the world. Thankfully the girls had an easier time, buttering bite size pieces of muffin and eating them.

Apart from the pleasure of letting someone else run a Girl Scout meeting, and apart from the sheer blissful heaven of seeing our beloved girls sitting still, not interrupting and obeying, there was one outstandingly moment for

me ...

... The girls were all standing by their chairs and Ms Joyce cheerfully told them to sit down on their fannies as she had taught them. WHAT?? Did I really hear that? I very audibly gasped in horror and slapped my hand over my mouth. Then I remembered – fanny has a different meaning in America. Ms Joyce had told the girls to sit down on their bottoms. Perhaps I will leave you to look up the British definition!

I do hope that we can invite Ms Joyce to instruct more of our troops – she did a fantastic job.

Maria Joyce is the founder and Managing Director of The Protocol School of New Jersey and can be reached by telephone (732) 239-3640, by email info@ProtocolSchoolNJ.com or website www.ProtocolSchoolNJ.com



(above) Four of our troop leaders, Terri, Alyssa, Tricia and Tracy with the breakfast food that we served. Alyssa is the troop leader who had the marvelous idea of inviting The Protocol of New Jersey. Well done Alyssa!



(above) A table of Girl Scouts wait with a mixture of anticipation and trepidation to see what the event will be like – they were pleasantly surprised.



(above) These are the troop leaders and volunteer mothers, with their children – and, of course, Maria Joyce of The Protocol School of New Jersey (back row, 5th from the right). A big thank you to everyone who helped!

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