



## RESIDENTS NOT TOO GAGA OVER POTENTIAL WAWA

*By Cheryl Conway*

More than 100 people gathered Thursday night, Feb. 7, to learn about plans for a Wawa to replace Herold's Landscaping in Flanders.

The informational meeting, organized by a group of concerned neighbors, was held at the Mt. Olive Public Library at 7 p.m. Concerned residents filled the room to hear the details of the proposed plan, address issues and review site maps displayed on the wall.

Notices about the meeting were placed in residents' mailboxes and word spread through community Facebook pages such as Mt. Olive Alerts and the Mount Olive NJ Community Forum. Mayor Rob Greenbaum and several council members sat in the front row.

Flanders resident Denise Marrs, an elementary school teacher who has lived in town since 1994, ran the meeting which lasted about 90 minutes along with Heather Carlton, a school administrator, also a Flanders resident for the past 18 years. Other residents involved include life-long resident Theresa McNemar, who is a fourth generation Mt. Olive resident and elementary school reading specialist; and Mary Ann Bury, a retired corporate librarian who has lived in town for 33 years.

As educators, they ran the show as organized as it comes with registration/attendance taken upon arrival, sign-up sheets for volunteers, dittos with information and PowerPoint presentation detailing the facts.

Purpose of the meeting was "to discuss in a unified manner, controlled manner," explains Marrs. "We want what is best for the Mt. Olive residents here."

The plan was to organize and learn about the concerns and issues in order to be prepared for the Feb. 21 Mt. Olive Twp. Planning Board meeting set for 7 p.m. in the Mt. Olive Twp. Municipal building. That is when the planning board will hear an application by Wawa Food Market and Fueling Station to redevelop the existing Herold's Landscaping and Garden Center located at 194 Route 206, Flanders. This meeting is open to the public and residents are highly encouraged to attend to express all of their concerns.

Wawa is proposing to open a 24-hour 5,585 sq. ft. store at the corner of Route 206 and Flanders-Netcong Rd., right where the Herold's Landscaping is situated.

### **Surprise To Many**

News of the Wawa's proposal to purchase Herold's was a surprise to many.

“The information regarding the Wawa proposal had not been shared publicly,” says Marrs. “Therefore, very few, if any, people had knowledge of it. A rumor prompted organizers to contact the town officials via Facebook Messenger on Jan. 5 and begin asking questions. At first, we were told it was a long way off. In fact, Heather was told, “All residents will have an opportunity to participate. I am not aware of anything imminent.” However, when the organizers attended the planning board meeting on Jan. 10, it became clear that the application had been made and would be heard by the planning board on Feb. 21, 2019.”

In business for the past 22 years, Herold’s Landscaping & Garden Center has owned the property on Route 206 since 1997, confirms Amanda Klos, office manager.

“We are currently closed for the winter, but will be opening in spring,” Klos says, but plans are to close the center, she confirms.

“Closing is contingent upon all approvals so we will be open until then,” says Klos. “We are selling because the garden center business is a dying breed. Most homeowners hire a landscape service or buy plants from big box stores. We will continue doing landscape construction as well as focus on our other business, Warren County Trucking.”

Klos says “There is no closing date at this time. Wawa made contact about purchasing property about two years ago. QuickChek was the only other offer we had on property.”

She agrees that traffic is an issue.

“As everyone knows the intersection is bad,” says Klos. “This is an issue no matter what business is here. Both Herold’s and Wawa are investing a large amount of money to fund improvements to the intersection which should help traffic issues greatly.”

### **Facts Highlighted**

The property will feature 50 lighted parking spots; 10 fuel pumping stations under a 21 ft. canopy; area lights on 17-foot poles with 61 total lights ranging from 7 ½ ft. to 18 ½ ft. high, according to a fact sheet handed to residents.

Without any changes planned on Rt. 206, nor on North Rd./Main St. to alleviate traffic, residents are concerned about safety and congestion.

“The current exit onto 206 will remain as a full ingress, right turn only egress,” the memo to the community states.

“The Flanders-Netcong driveway will move 70 ft. north of its current location and offer full ingress and egress,” it noted.

“Flanders-Netcong Rd. will be widened at the 206 intersection to five lanes, three downhill and two uphill to provide a left-turn lane into Wawa.”

Organizers also note that Flanders-Netcong Rd. will be closed for periods of time during construction, raising concerns about the flow of traffic being rerouted throughout the entire area, diverted to roads such as Drakesdale, Flanders-Drakestown and Tinc.

Overall concerns included traffic, safety, environment, water, police and overall design of the proposal. Marrs talked about the possible need to hire individuals to explore these concerns such as a legal representative, professional planner, traffic experts and water/environmental experts.

"We need funds to hire the experts if we deem them necessary," they specify on their agenda.

"Possibly fundraising," will be needed to offset costs.

Some positive aspects of a Wawa opening in Mt. Olive include possible changes to the intersection.

Proposed is a widening of that intersection at the bottom of the hill on Flanders-Netcong Rd., "which is a good idea but we want it done the right way," says Marrs.

Having another convenience store right down the street can be convenient, especially a Wawa with its "brand name."

But the negative aspects seemed to outweigh the positive.

A traffic study was conducted by Wawa on two days in February 2015, with 7,500 daily vehicles reported. Marrs noted that the study was conducted prior to the addition of the Morris Chase

development, two bubbles used for sporting events, Splash Pad at Turkey Brook Park and the Mt Olive High School newly built football stadium.

"Flanders-Netcong Rd. is a connector road," says Marrs. "Our neighborhood streets will be shortcuts for the towns. They cannot be used as shortcuts."

On their memo to the community, organizers note "The traffic patterns of this area will be drastically impacted. Wawa's traffic study was completed in seven hours of two days without consideration to high impact days."

During the last 15 years, 111 reported accidents occurred on Flanders-Netcong Rd., with 48 percent involving drivers under the age of 25, the memo noted.

Of those accidents' 25 percent took place in front of Carlton's house. "Cars in the winter end up in the woods," says Carlton, regarding cars driving down the hill on Flanders-Netcong Rd. "Traffic is a stand-still" at that intersection. "More traffic is not what we need."

Another concern is the lack of sidewalks on Flanders-Netcong Rd., "leaving no safe pedestrian access to the facility."

Carlton says, there are "no sidewalks between the high school and the Wawa; kids do walk down my block. A cup of coffee from Wawa is really important when you're 17."

Other concerns included the historical building, the Old Mill, that sits at the bottom of Flanders-Netcong Rd.; wetlands that need to be protected; removal of two homes on the property; noise pollution; gas deliveries; fresh food delivered 24/7; light pollution; police coverage with 24-hour patrol; increased opportunity for crime; effects on property values and home sales.

"Traffic in front of my house is a negative impact," says Carlton.

"Potential blind spots, potential dark spots," adds Carlton. "It's a change."

### **Always Open**

While Herold's closes at 5 p.m., this Wawa will be open for 24 hours, including holidays and weekends, says Carlton.

Residents questioned how having another convenience store will take away business from other stores by "over servicing the local area," which will impact "struggling service stations," and the

smaller country stores.

"My kids go to Wawa every day," says one woman in the crowd.

Another man commented how there are more gas stations than restaurants in town.

Another woman says she is "Pro Wawa" since that intersection "it needs to be upgraded; Wawa will be paying for that. We need a Wawa with food, don't need gas."

Greenbaum noted how the planning board will still have to receive approval from the NJ State Department of Transportation.

"The Planning Board will consider safety," ensures Greenbaum.

The property is zone commercial and all transactions are being handled by the property owner and applicant, he specifies.

Greenbaum agrees, "it's a bad intersection," for a Wawa, and that all issues need to be addressed by the planning board. Two variances need to be approved that include a height variance for 32 inches, which calculates to two more feet; as well as signage since the application includes a gas station.

"I'm not an engineer," Greenbaum admits, but agrees to concerns regarding turning movements, lights, Highlands Preservation, concerns about run off, all of which are "valid questions" for the planning board. He adds, "Planning board will be very responsible in putting in buffering/trees."

"Turning concerns me," says Greenbaum. "I'm concerned about rear-end accidents."

Since Flanders-Netcong Rd. is a county road, Greenbaum says "I've contacted the county to see if they'd participate," as far as improving that road. "They have an interest but there are limitations."

With all the approvals needed, "It's going to take a process," says Carlton, "then a year or two to build out."

If it does get approved, Greenbaum says discussion will follow in regards to temporary rerouting of traffic and lights. "With the bridge, it was horrible, took way too long."

### **Identifying Issues**

Residents then broke out in groups and placed sticky notes on poster boards displayed around the room.

"In four days I've almost been hit four times turning onto Flanders Netcong Rd," one sticky note revealed. This Wawa is not a safe idea."

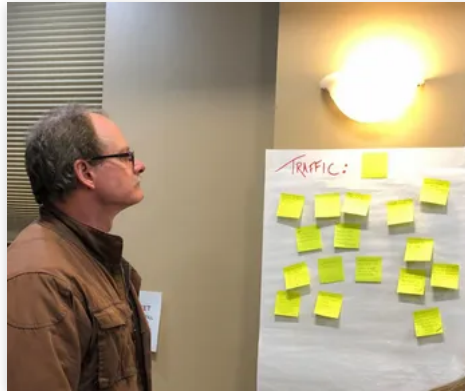
The next move is the "need to strategize," concludes Marrs and be ready to address all concerns at the Feb. 21 Planning Board meeting. "We need to triple this number" of people coming out.

"We need to work together; have to drag as many people to the meeting as possible. "Is anyone a traffic engineer? Water experts? Traffic experts? That's what we need to pull together."

That's what Marrs did back in the early 2000's when she and a group of 200 residents on top of the mountain opposed the proposed 20-hour a day ice rink at the swim club site at the top of Flanders-Netcong Rd. and raised \$20K to fight it.

"The residents on top of the mountain worked together to hire a lawyer, planner and various experts to testify at the zoning board meetings," says Marrs. "We ultimately won after about two and a half years of opposing the applicants."

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## SIXTH GRADERS LISTEN TO LIVE VOICES TO LEARN ABOUT VETERANS

*By Cheryl Conway*

Students at the Mt. Olive Middle School in Budd Lake have been gathering first-hand information from veterans and a local organization- All Veterans Memorial-as part of a county-wide oral history project. Charlie Uhrmann, founder of the AVM located at Turkey Brook Park in Budd Lake, met with about 20 students of the sixth grade gifted and talented class last Thursday, Feb. 7, at 9 a.m., at the MOMS library. Uhrmann answered students' questions, spoke about the elements at the AVM and showed them how the Spiritual Cenotaph was built from the ground up.

The talk was organized by Ann Greszczak, sixth grade G&T history teacher, as part of a county wide program called Living Voices, a comprehensive oral history project undertaken by students across

Morris County and coordinated through The Morris County Historical Society and the New Jersey Consortium for Gifted and Talented Programs.

"This program provides the students an opportunity to meet with and interview people of their choice, then compile the interviews into a presentation," says Greszczak. "As a finale, the students present at Washington Headquarters in Morristown and their presentation is archived as a historical document."

Students will create a display of their project on March 22 and the information they gather will become a part of historical archives, says Greszczak. They will also present their project at MOMS in May.

This is the second year Greszczak is having her students participate in the county project.

"Last year, my students chose to do "The History of Budd Lake," she says. "They discovered much about the history, people, and places of Budd Lake from the voices of those who experienced it in its earliest days."

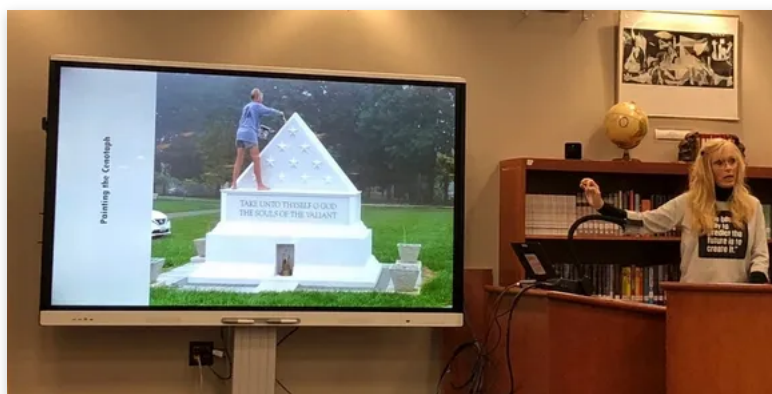
This year, they chose to concentrate on veterans by interviewing local veterans from all the branches of the military as well as information about the all- inclusive AVM located right in town. As part of the project, students must compile their information from real live sources and are prohibited from using the internet, videos or written materials.

Greszczak knew Uhrmann would be an ideal resource to provide names of local veterans and talk to the students about the memorial she created, the AVM, a unique ceremonial ground and site for military ceremonies and vigils, and educational complex honoring those who served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

The students already interviewed two veterans in January with more to come. They were well prepared last Thursday with tape recorders, cell phones for pictures, notebooks and questions during Uhrmann's talk to learn as much as they could about the local veteran's memorial.

A table of seventh grade students also listened in as they sat in the library during her talk.

Some of the questions from students included how the AVM got started; why she built it at Turkey Brook Park; where the money came from to fund the AVM; how was it decided what to include at the AVM; and why dogs were included.



Uhrmann explained that her idea for the AVM developed after 911 in 2001, when the Global War on Terror began with U.S. soldiers in Iraq. She says the U.S. "started losing soldiers, men and women. As

a normal person, I felt compelled" to do something at a local level. "This is the right time to start creating an All Veterans Memorial."

At the same time the town had a historic veteran's monument, the Mount Olive War Memorial, on Route 46, that needed to be relocated.

Lastly, Uhrmann's son was working on an Eagle Scout project involving a veteran's theme, which she noted was stage one of the AVM.

She told the students how Turkey Brook Park had an open area in the front of the property that they could not use for sports because of a tank and water retention. Former Mt. Olive Mayor Richard De La Roche "asked if we'd put the memorial there," says Uhrmann. With his support, she was allocated 1.3 acres by the township with expansion if needed.

As far as funds for the project, Uhrmann says "100 percent of the money would come from private donations, families and companies. No government money" was used to pay for the AVM, she says. "By the people, for the people," was the way in which the AVM was built. Uhrmann says 43 independent corporations gave her substantial money to support the memorial and 1,700 "private families" also donated.

"All private funding, all private designs, all elements hand made," Uhrmann says, with engineers who donated their time and "pouring concrete ourselves; all by private citizens."

While the AVM memorializes the local veterans and soldiers involved in the military, Uhrmann says "we wanted to include anybody in the U.S. who served. So besides local, county and state veterans, Uhrmann explains how "we can't put any boundaries on this. I felt like we open it up and include everybody."

With that idea, she says, "We are one of the number one memorials in the state of New Jersey."

"Only thing we had was an idea," says Uhrmann. The original design takes the shape of the Air Force's Congressional Medal of Honor. If flying above in an airplane and looking down, the AVM "looks like someone gave the earth a giant medal."

She went through the design of each element such as the Presidential Preamble Stage featuring all the U.S. presidents; Liberty Wall with closed-wing eagle statues; North Star Seating designated to family members of fallen soldiers; ceremonial cannon; Warrior Obelisk

with an open-wing eagle representing how "spirits are still with us," and a sculpture of her own hands inside the monument representing that her own hands were used to build it; Remembrance Wall featuring prisoners of war; War Dog Memorial with replicas of five real war dog heroes set in specific landscapes.

Another student asked why she decided to include a memorial for war dogs. Uhrmann explains how the military has been using dogs and other animals since the beginning of the wars and how the Bill Clinton Administration during the Vietnam "deemed dogs as soldiers." Dogs became war dog heroes. "Dogs have saved millions of lives" throughout the course of war, says Uhrmann. "They are loyal and brave just like our soldiers."

Uhrmann was surprised when most of the students raised their hands when she asked who had visited the AVM. They replied that they visited there in the fourth grade when they were studying veterans.

When the questions were done, Uhrmann showed the students a power point presentation featuring all the elements that were created there since it began in 2005.

"They are the exact size, exact painting," Uhrmann says of the dogs. "Artist painted every little detail" and placed them in their own theaters. "We replicated the themes," with exact ground covering as to where the dog was that made them famous.

Uhrmann told the students that her last element will be a Prayer Garden that will be built next to the gazebo in the spring to be used "to pray or be alone."

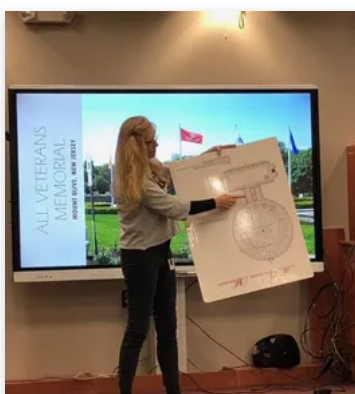
At the end of her power point, she showed the students how building the Spiritual Cenotaph took two years of planning, went through 11 different stages and six weeks to build. Steps included research, securing religious books of authority, entombing the books, blessing the books, preparing the site, framing it, pouring foundation, painting it, drawing its stars, forklifting concrete, incorporating the eternal flame and so on.

Besides providing the students with the information they needed for the project, Uhrmann taught the students the importance of leadership.

"I'm not a designer," Uhrmann says. "I'm just an average person who saw a need." She mentions how she has "had a lot of resistance" in her 15 years working on the project, with a lot of negotiations and working together with a lot of people. Maybe with so many people participating that's when average plans become great plans. It takes a lot of work and it takes courage."

She concludes, "Always make something special in life," says Uhrmann. "Sometimes it's right to follow," she says, but "one of the things I've always learned: People are good people but they are afraid to lead. You are giving them a gift; giving people opportunity to give. Lead and don't be afraid to lead; if you felt it in your heart, that's good."

Uhrmann left the students with a brick to be used as an artifact for their project. Greszczak says she plans to bring her students to visit the AVM in May.









## LOCAL TEEN BUILDS KIOSKS AROUND TOWN FOR EAGLE SCOUT RANK

By Cheryl Conway

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Informational kiosks have been placed throughout the town thanks to the initiative and hard work led by one local teenager.

Chris Solowsky, 17, of Budd Lake recently completed his requirements for Eagle Scout by organizing a project to build and install five kiosks in designated areas throughout the township. His accomplishment will be recognized at a future ceremony, where he will receive his Eagle Court of honor.

As a member of Boys Scout Troop 312 since he was 11, the Mt. Olive High School junior has enjoyed his involvement, especially this last big project he completed this past summer.

"There's nice camaraderie," says Solowsky, about the Boy Scouts. "Everybody there doesn't judge each other."

As a member of the Boy Scouts, to be eligible for the Eagle rank, one must earn 21 merit badges, perform a service project of significant value to the community and complete some other requirements listed in the Scout Handbook.

When Solowsky was deciding on his community project, he learned about the need for informational kiosks through the mayor's Facebook page. Solowsky worked with the Mt. Olive Parks and Trails Committee, which had requested this project and need in the community.

In November 2017, Solowsky then connected with David Alexander with the town's parks and trails committee who "gave us the idea and told us locations and the kiosks needed," he says.

One large kiosk, which stands 12 ft. tall and six feet long, went in on Flanders Rd. in the green-way area between the backside of MOHS and Turkey Brook Park in Budd Lake. It provides a map of the whole trail and what connects to the trail, as well as information about ticks and wildlife in the area, explains Solowsky.

Two smaller kiosks were placed at MOHS; one is at Route 206 across from Matt's Glass in Flanders; and another by Connelly Ave. in Budd Lake. The smaller booths measured 8 ft. x 3 ft., says Solowsky. The kiosks "give anyone information on where to go," says Solowsky, "about wildlife; information about the environment, to help them find their way."

The town puts up the papers on the kiosks with the information.

From start to finish, the project took about seven months to complete or more like 200 to 250 hours, he says. In late March 2018, Solowsky started to gather materials and by June the project was complete, thanks to the help of 19 others: His family, 15 members of his troop and four adults.

The project could have been completed sooner but the main obstacle "was just the weather," says Solowsky, whether it was snowing or raining.

Cost was also a factor, with the total costing \$1,082, says Solowsky, who relied on donations. With Solowsky's father working for a construction company, the teen knew where he could turn for help. He wrote a letter to WJ Casey Trucking & Rigging Co. in Branchburg, where his dad works, asking for financial donations.

WJ Casey provided the funds, and Solowsky then went to Lowes to purchase the materials to construct the wooden kiosks.

Solowsky came up with a planning phase and the building details. His dad, working in construction, was a great hands-on resource to help him with the construction and determine the dimensions.

His hopes are to provide helpful information to anyone passing by.

"Me, myself, have used these trails so much around town," says Solowsky. To get around town, he says, "We'd walk; trails go through everything." There are "definitely situations where we had no idea where we were and had to figure it out by ourselves; had to find our way."

The kiosks provide a map.

"You look at the map before you go in" to the trail, says Solowsky, who has received some positive feedback for his work.

"A few people are telling me it looks real nice, looks better than the old ones," says Solowsky. The old one in the green-way was "rotting out, was crooked and a lot smaller," he says. Part of the project included removing the old kiosk there, he says.

While all of his hard work will benefit the community, Solowsky plans to take the experience with him as he looks ahead.

He appreciated "Being able to have control of what happens," he says, as this project was his "first big thing to run and do and lead the whole process."

Solowsky is unsure as to which school he will attend when he graduates MOHS but would like to major in entertainment or television with a minor in law or justice.

## PHOTO GALLERY

### *What's Happening At Library For Kids?*

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Valentine's Day Drop In Craft: Join in for a special holiday craft, to make a Valentine's Paper Hug for someone special! **Tuesday, Feb. 12, from noon to 6 p.m.** For all ages; parents may need to help small children with glue.

Play-Dough Club: Looking for some fun after dinner? Try the newest evening program for little ones, while having fun creating with Play-Dough. **Tuesday, Feb. 19, 7 p.m.**, ages 3-6.

Leap Into Science: Join in for another special Leap Into Science program, engineered by the Franklin Institute. Learn about balance, **Thursday, Feb. 28, at 1 p.m.**

### *Book Clubs, Free Tax Prep, Movies And More At Library*

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Here's what's happening at Mt. Olive Public Library for February 2019! Just a reminder that the library will be closed this month for the following holiday: Monday, Feb. 18 for Presidents' Day.

#### **Book Clubs Attract Readers**

The MOPL plans to have the Morning Book Club meet on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 11 a.m. to discuss Bryan Stevenson's "Just Mercy: A Story of Love and Redemption."

The Classics Book Club plans to meet on Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss Raymond Chandler's "The Big Sleep."

Both groups will meet in the Conference Room. Books are available at the Circulation desk.

### Free Programs Offered

Mark calendars for the following free programs being offered at the library this month.

By appointment only: Tax preparation appointments are at the library in the Gathering Room on Thursdays starting Feb. 7 through March 11. To make an appointment, call: 973-691-8686 ext. 100, Monday through Thursday 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Movies at the Library: "What They Had," rated R; drama; 1 hr. 41 min., in the Gathering Room on Tuesday, Feb. 19, at: 1 p.m.-3 p.m.; and 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Snacks included!

Stop by the library, visit [www.mopl.org](http://www.mopl.org) or call (973) 691-8686 ext. 106 for further information regarding any events.

VALENTINE'S DAY ISSUE - SUBMIT YOUR LOVE POEMS!

## Violet, My Love

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Violet, My Love  
When I look in your eyes  
I see the colors of a rainbow  
Blue for the warm skies,  
Yellow For the bright sun,  
Green for the pastures  
yet to come...  
Orange for the sweetness  
as the fruit tastes;  
Red for the love  
my heart aches;  
Indigo, because you know without it,  
life wouldn't be complete;  
And last, but not least,  
your name, Violet.

*Written by M. Oliver*

## L.O.V.E

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Love is like eating  
Oreos in the rain  
Veering to be near you,  
Evenings under a full moon

*by anonymous*

## My Favorite Things

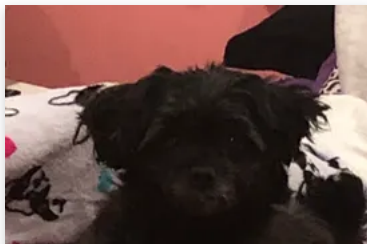
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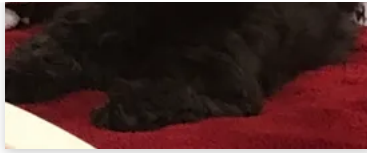
Children snuggled in their beds, freshly washed sheets,  
returning home, winter break;  
Sleeping in on snowy days,  
icicles forming on trees;  
Warm chocolate chip cookies,  
gooey melting on tongue;  
Bubble gum crackling in the fire  
on a Saturday night;  
Smell of coffee grinds  
brewing down a grocery aisle;  
Family movies nights, kettle corn popping,  
no seats left to sit;  
Roses in full bloom  
Staring up on countertop;  
Chocolate truffles...  
Too many to choose.

*By Cheryl C.*

## I Love My Dog

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Your eyes are the sparkle on grass  
 On early morning dew  
 Your hair color, how I feel  
 When I cuddle next to you  
 The greeting you give me  
 Every time I walk in a room  
 Every day with you is a flower in bloom.

*submitted by a dog lover*

## Love is...

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Love is a flower,  
 Which blooms with beauty and joy.  
 Whose sight lightens the souls,  
 Of every girl and boy.  
 Love is the two lovebirds,  
 Who stay together in flight.  
 Who sing and coo at each other,  
 And cuddle close at night.  
 Love is the sun,  
 Who blazes high in the sky.  
 Who shines so bright everyday,  
 On every girl and guy.  
 Love is the clouds,  
 Who comes in all shapes and forms.  
 Who makes all the plants dance in the rain,  
 During every rainstorm.  
 Love is a song,  
 Sung with beauty and grace,  
 Created by a variety of people,  
 Of every culture and race.

By Isabella Zeier

## The Fire of Love

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*A scarlet card bordered by lace  
A drawn dove posed flying with grace  
A blood-red bouquet of vibrant rose flowers  
A song for me that could be ours  
A Pokémon necklace to make me shine  
A cat bracelet that is now mine  
A box of gourmet chocolates ever so sweet  
Shimmering in the light of the fire and in the heat  
A Zelda game that you thought I might like  
A fluffy stuffed fox to remind me of my child life  
All of those wondrous gifts wouldn't matter to me  
As long as you're here and close to thee*

*by Skylar Flare*

### *Health Dept. Offers Free Health Exams For Children*

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**Mt. Olive Twp.** is sponsoring a Free Child Health Exam & Vaccines for resident children of Mt. Olive, Netcong and Mount Arlington who do not have health insurance or have NJ Family Care A. On Wednesday, March 6, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., a licensed pediatrician will perform physical examinations and update vaccinations at the Mt. Olive Twp. Health Dept. in Budd Lake. Ensure a child's health and well-being by participating in this free event. It is a chance to make sure a child is up-to-date on his or her required vaccinations before the next school year. Appointments are required: Call Nurse Helen Giles at 973-691-0900 ext. 7353.

### *Register Now For CCM Summer Sessions*

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**County College of Morris (CCM)** in Randolph offers an affordable and convenient way to earn some extra credits, fast-track a college education to completion and lighten the course load for the next



academic year through its Summer Sessions program.

Registration for Summer Sessions is open starting Feb. 11. By registering now, students are provided with the best selection of courses to fit their busy schedules.

Courses offered cover a range of general education requirements and disciplines such as the arts, humanities, science, business, engineering, health and more. Summer Sessions courses are offered in a variety of formats – traditional in-classroom courses, online or as hybrid courses with instruction provided both in-class and online.

CCM offers four Summer Sessions for 2019:

- Early 5 Week: May 20 – June 24
- Late 5 Week: June 25 – July 29
- 7 Week: June 27 – Aug. 15
- 3 Week: July 30 – Aug. 19

To view available courses, go to <https://titansdirect.ccm.edu/Student/Courses/>.

Individuals not currently enrolled at CCM first need to apply as a “Visiting Student” at [www.ccm.edu/admissions](http://www.ccm.edu/admissions) before registering for Summer Sessions courses.

For more information, visit [www.ccm.edu/admissions](http://www.ccm.edu/admissions) or call the Admissions office at 973-328-5100.



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**5TH ANNUAL LAYUPS 4 LIFE**  
**3 ON 3 CHARITY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

**LAYUPS 4 LIFE LOOKING FOR TEAMS TO REGISTER**

On Saturday, April 27, Layups 4 Life will be hosting its 5th annual 3v3 charity basketball tournament at the Parsippany PAL Youth Center in Parsippany. This tournament has quickly become one of New Jersey’s largest 3v3 charity basketball tournaments as it averages 40 teams per year. Registration for this tournament is open to ages 18+.

Layups 4 Life is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is founded on the principles of making a difference in the fight against cancer. Led by cancer survivor Dan Exter and his wife Dana Levine Exter,

it is L4L's mission to help raise vital funds for cancer research and clinical trials. Since 2014, Layups 4 Life has raised close to \$80,000 through hosting a variety of events in the sports and social spaces. With the funds that they have raised during the last four years, L4L has made contributions in support of leukemia, pediatric and bone marrow research departments supporting one of the leaders in cancer innovation and research, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC). To learn more about Layups 4 Life, visit its website at [www.layups4life.org](http://www.layups4life.org). Questions about this theme night or anything else regarding L4L, email Dan Exter or Dana Levine Exter at [layups4life@gmail.com](mailto:layups4life@gmail.com).

## CCM "PROJECT YELLOWSTONE" LOOKS AT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



**When** colleges host educational events and hands-on opportunities in addition to providing high quality classes, it ensures that students are receiving a well-rounded, diverse education.

At County College of Morris (CCM) in Randolph, the Community and Civil Engagement (CCE) initiative

offers high-impact, interdisciplinary opportunities to help broaden students' knowledge of the world and teach them how to positively impact society.

During the 2019 Spring Semester, CCE will be debuting its newest initiative called "Project Yellowstone." The project focuses on conservation and protected lands, citing examples from Yellowstone National Park and other natural environments. The project consists of multiple events throughout the semester.

On Tuesday, March 5, at 12:30 p.m. in Davidson Room A— A Talk with Mike Coonan, a park ranger from Yellowstone National Park, via Skype is planned. Attendees will learn about the history of the National Park Service and Yellowstone.

On Thursday, April 18, at 12:30 p.m. in Sheffield Hall, Room 100—Dr. Shane Doyle (Crow) will travel from Montana to discuss the story of "Clovis Boy," a young boy who was buried some 12,600 years ago in what is today southern Montana. This sacred land is important to the Crow tribe and led to an international research project.

Want to learn more about the Crow tribe? Join Dr. Doyle Wednesday, April 17, at 2 p.m. in the Media Center, located in the Sherman Masten Learning Resource Center, for an intimate interview on his heritage.

Thursday, May 2, at 6 p.m. in Davidson Room A, located in the Student Community Center, —View the Screening of "Saving the Great Swamp," a documentary on the preserved public land in one's backyard. Members of the film's creative team will be in attendance for an audience Q&A.

During the 2018 Fall Semester, five CCM professors traveled to Yellowstone National Park with the nonprofit organization Yellowstone Forever. As they traveled through the park, the professors learned a great deal about Native American history, the indigenous wildlife, such as antelopes and bison, and the various geysers that erupt regularly. Lessons learned during this trip are being incorporated into "Project Yellowstone" to create greater awareness about conservation and protected lands.

All events are free and open to the public. If interested in attending a "Project Yellowstone" event, RSVP to [yellowstone@ccm.edu](mailto:yellowstone@ccm.edu).

*February is approaching- the festival of romantic love- so send in your poems to be printed for the entire month of February; submissions may include a photo of the poet. All ages are invited to submit.*

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