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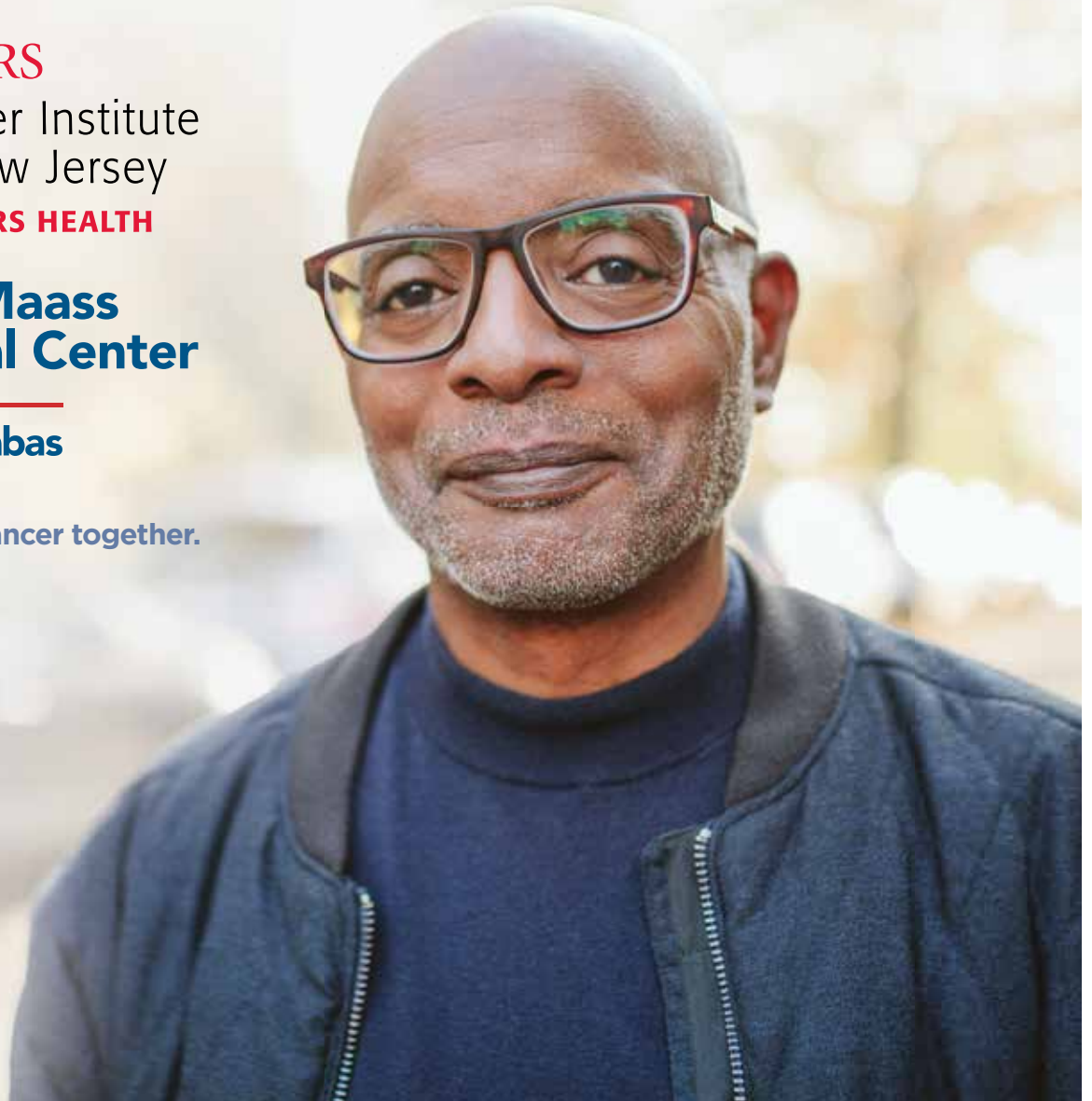


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Letter to Residents

Who Knew?

Do you love a good mystery? Isn't it exciting to follow the clues to find the answer? I especially love when an author drops a casual phrase or sentence that I didn't notice until the dénouement, when all the pieces finally fit together.

Life is a great mystery.

As a child, did you imagine that your life would turn out as it did? Can you look back at some of the scenes of you growing up and realize that being an adult is following the dreams and decisions of your childhood?

On the cover of this month's issue is the Crumrine family. Matt and Krista were classmates in middle school when they lived down the shore. Now, they are Nutleyites, parents, and leaders in the community.

I'm sure when they were doing math homework or eating lunch in the cafeteria as preteens that they never imagined they would be checking the math homework of their own children or cooking together in their kitchen.

Who knew?

Life has a way of adding years and fulfillment to our lives.

Like 'who knew' that Wayne Umbach and Greg Latino would be coaching baseball for over 40 years? These legendary coaches have enriched the lives of many players and set a standard for all coaches.

And 'who knew' that Nutley Boy Scout Troop 147 would be celebrating their 100-year anniversary? Although their official anniversary date was February 28, 2021, they had to delay their celebration because of Covid restrictions. (And the pandemic is another 'who knew' that we would love to put behind us!)

'Who knew' that the cars we drove in the 50s would be something we could smile at today? (And make us glad that today's cars are a bit more fuel-efficient?) Barry Lenson has a great story about these classic vehicles.

Let's turn the pages and see what other 'who knew' articles we have.

I hope they make you smile and marvel at how time writes the best mysteries.



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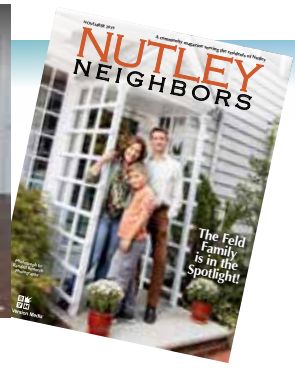
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85 Columbia Ave.	\$529,000	\$550,000	21
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107 Kingsland St.	\$385,787	\$410,000	16
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128 Columbia Ave.	\$549,000	\$605,000	15
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117 North Rd.

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Matt, Krista, Gregory, and Nicholas Crumrine

Feature Story

From Childhood Classmates to Community Leaders

By Joyce Corey Photograph by Randall Kenneth Photography

As young classmates attending school at the Jersey Shore, Matt and Krista probably never envisioned that one day they would get married, buy a house, and move to Nutley (where you can't even see the ocean!) to raise a family together.

That's what makes life so interesting.

But like every good story, there are details along the way that led the preteen versions of Matt and Krista to adulthood and the places they hold within our community.

"Matt and I were classmates in middle school, attended different high schools, and later reconnected through a mutual friend," Krista said. "I went to Loyola College (now University) in Maryland where I graduated with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. After graduation, I was offered



my first teaching position at Spring Garden School as a permanent substitute. Later, I took a job in Union City teaching kindergarten, and I am still teaching there. I then attended New Jersey City University and was certified as an ESL teacher. In 2015, I earned a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership from the College of New Jersey."

"I attended Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida, and earned a bachelor's degree in air traffic management," Matt said. "I've been an air traffic controller at Newark Airport for 15 years and have my pilot's license. I also currently serve on the control

Gregory and Nicholas doing one of their favorite summer activities: Lava Golf

tower's local safety council."

While Matt and Krista pursued their respective degrees at schools 900 miles apart, they also made time for themselves as a couple. They were married in 2008, two years after graduating from college.

"We were married at St. Rose Church in Belmar where I went to high school," Krista said.

"Choosing to live in Nutley was difficult at first, as we were both raised at the Jersey Shore, but our careers brought us to this beautiful town. We are so fortunate to be part of this wonderful community."

"We live in the Yantacaw section of Nutley," Krista said. "We moved to Nutley after graduating from college and getting jobs in Essex County. I was teaching at Spring Garden School, and we had family in town that we wanted to be close to. At first, we lived in a condo on River Road, but once our older son was born, we wanted more space. We definitely wanted to stay in this family-oriented small community to raise our children, so we moved to our current home."

"We love our quiet street near the park," Matt said. "Our neighbors are kind and friendly and always look out for one another. Our boys can walk safely home from school, and we can walk to the park in minutes. There are also many children of all ages in our neighborhood so our boys can bike or walk to see their friends."

The couple has two sons, Gregory (11) and Nicholas (8).

"Gregory will be entering sixth grade at Yantacaw School in September," Krista said. "He loves to play and follow sports, particularly soccer, baseball, and basketball. He especially loves college basketball. Recently, he was rooting for Villanova in the NCAA tournament. Currently, he plays for Nutley United, NES, and Nutley East Little League. He loves math, board games, and Harry Potter. This June, Gregory completed Cub Scouts and earned his Arrow of Light."

"Nicholas will be in third grade at Yantacaw School this



Left: Matt, Nutley United Soccer Club Vice President, coaches both of his sons' teams. Right: Krista, Yantacaw PTO Co-President, with her sons at the 5th annual Yantacaw PTO Fun Run



fall," Matt said. "He loves to play sports and especially enjoys soccer, baseball, basketball, boxing, and tennis. He plays for Nutley United, Nutley East Little League, and Nutley Generals. He is also a Cub Scout and just earned his Wolf Cub Scout rank; now he is a Bear Scout."

"Both of our boys have been participating in Scouting for Food over the last six years since Gregory became a Cub Scout," Krista adds. "They have learned valuable lessons while helping the community through this incredible initiative."

Gregory and Nicholas aren't the only family members who are active in the community.

"Matt coaches both of our sons' Nutley United soccer teams, and is currently serving as the Nutley United Vice President," Krista said. "He has also coached for Nutley East Little League, recreation soccer, and T-ball. He does, of course, volunteer when we need him at scouting or the Yantacaw Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). We both enjoy volunteering in our community, and the spirit of volunteerism that is all around Nutley."

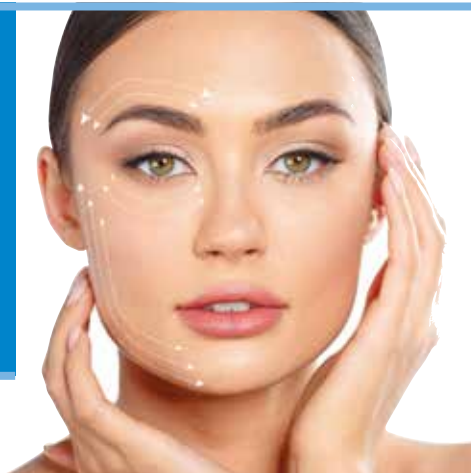
"I am going into my third year as Co-President of the Yantacaw PTO," Krista said. "I love being an active member and helping to support our school with enrichment programs for students and fundraising to

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5 Things the Crumrine Family Loves About Nutley

1. Community spirit and volunteerism
2. Amazing parks
3. Yantacaw School
4. Restaurants
5. Youth sports programs



supplement the school's needs. I have been a Cub Scout leader for Nutley's Pack 141 for six years. During this time, my den has enjoyed hiking, camping, building, science, community service, the Pinewood Derby, and more! They have just all earned their Arrow of Light. Six years ago, they were the first group of Lion Scouts that Pack 141 ever had."

Krista was recently the recipient of the Nutley Jaycees 2022 Distinguished Service award and was named Outstanding Young Woman for her work in the community.

The preteen versions of Matt and Krista could never

have predicted that any of this would happen. Although they still visit the Jersey Shore as much as possible, they are happy that their careers and family led them to a community they love.

Foreseeing the future when you have the right place to call home is easier now for Matt, Krista, Gregory, and Nicholas Crumrine. ■

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Nutley Yard Curiosities

By David Wilson

Yards can be a source of pride, outreach, and enjoyment for ourselves. The message to passersby can include holiday greetings, position statements, natural beauty, family milestone announcements, and political affiliations. During my walks I see many other yard items that catch my eye including milk jugs, antiques, little libraries, planters, bird baths, pink flamingoes, sculptures, fruit trees, faux wells, grape arbors, and garden gnomes.

A few yards have benches or a table with chairs that beckon the homeowners to sit and relax while greeting the folks and animals of the neighborhood. This pictorial highlights the unusual curiosities that have a story behind their inclusion in a publicly viewed place of honor. They are historical, decorative, functional, or just plain fun. Whether you drive or walk around Nutley, slow down, take in these many curiosities and chat with your neighbors. ■

Do you have a photo of a Nutley yard curiosity? Send it to us and we can share it in a future issue.



Oh, The Cars We Drove ...

In the 1950s, some Nutleyites had a love affair with quirky cars

By Barry Lenson, Art Historian, Nutley Historical Society

History books tell us that between 1950 and 1960, American automobiles got bigger and bigger, added tailfins and chrome and two-tone paint, and became more and more flamboyant.

But not everyone wanted huge flashy cars in the 1950s. At Yantacaw School, some of my classmates' families drove cars that were way outside the norm.

■ **A BMW Isetta** The Isetta was one of the strangest vehicles ever produced. It looked like a little upside-down bathtub. It had only one door, the entire front of the car, which would swing open, taking the steering wheel with it. Safety had not yet been invented. A Yantacaw family bought one and would drive it to school where it would attract a crowd when it let the kids out.

■ **The Clamurro Family's Lloyd** In the mid-1950s several car companies we don't even think about today decided to enter the American market. Their cars didn't continue to be on sale here for long.

Nonetheless, the Clamurro family purchased a strange car, a Lloyd sedan, and would drive their kids, Billy, Gary, and Anita, to school in it. That Lloyd, which seemed to come



620 horsepower metallic coral 1958 Plymouth Sport Suburban owned by Eric Schroeck of Nutley (above)
A 1957 Ford Thunderbird owned by Frank Bakka who grew up in Nutley (left)
From the 1963 Nutley High yearbook (bottom)



out of nowhere, showed that automotive non-conformists could have their day on the streets of Nutley.

■ **Miss Harth's Austin** Several British carmakers, including MG and Triumph, would bolt four-door sedan bodies onto the same chassis that were used for their much smaller sports cars. One was an Austin sedan that was owned by Miss Harth, a Yantacaw teacher. The springs on this car were so puny that when she clambered into it, the whole car would lean to the left.

■ The Peters Family's Studebakers & Oldsmobile F-85

The parents of my Yantacaw pals, Phil, Vicky, and Bruno Peters, drove Studebakers in the 1950s but in the early 1960s, Mr. Peters arrived in an Oldsmobile F-85 sedan. The F-85 had a floor shift. Its transmission was located at the back of the car and instead of a solid driveshaft, it used a ropelike cable to carry power to the rear wheels.

■ The Goldberger Family's International Harvester Travelall

I have saved what is probably the most unusual car for last. It was the International Harvester Travelall, which was years, if not decades, ahead of its time because it was a bona fide, four-wheel-drive SUV that was sold in the 1950s.

My Yantacaw friend, Paul Goldberger, would get a ride to school in it. Later, Paul became the architecture critic of the New York Times and won a Pulitzer Prize. Was there some connection between that and the unusual, forward-looking car that his family owned? Could be. At least, I would like to think so.

■ **Wouldn't I Really Rather Drive a Buick?** Not all cars in Nutley were as unusual as the ones I describe above. I remember one night in 1957 when my parents' friends Bob and Edith Worth pulled into our driveway in a gorgeous new Buick Roadmaster convertible and took us for a drive around town after dark. Now that was living. ■

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Nadia Khan, Author of *Zoey Wonders Why*

By Joyce Corey

A book can tell a clever story, or it could speak to the heart.

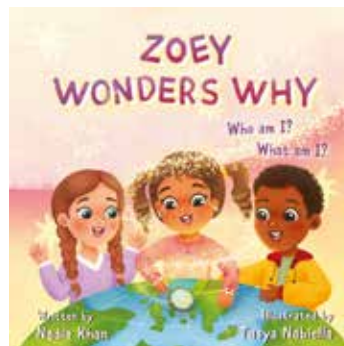
Zoey Wonders Why, written by Nutley resident Nadia Khan, does both.

"I chose to write this book because my children and I didn't see many books at the library or bookstores that discussed cultural diversity awareness," Nadia said. "There were books concerning the many different cultures in communities but nothing to encourage a child to embrace and learn about their own culture. Many children belong to more than one culture like my kids, and they too need books that make them feel included or part of a bigger community. I wrote this book for all the children who didn't get to immerse themselves in their cultures."

The story is centered on Zoey, a curious five-year-old who is full of spunk and character. She speaks her mind but sometimes a little too much. Like all children, she wants to fit in but must decide whether she should hide her true self or shine bright like the stars.

Readers are invited to join Zoey's adventures into a diverse world filled with many beautiful traditions and customs as she conquers her fears and learns to love herself for all that she is.

Nadia's own heart is in this book as she personally



understands how Zoey and children like her feel.

"As a child, I was told to adapt to the culture of where I was," she said. "I have learned children are most accepting of others when they know who they truly are. Little Zoey teaches children to be the best they can be and love everything about themselves and enjoy the cultural diversity of others. Who cares what others think? It's what's in your heart that matters."

Zoey Wonders Why is a recipient of the prestigious Mom's Choice Award, which is globally recognized for establishing the benchmark of excellence in family-friendly media, products, and services.

Nadia is already working on another story which promises to touch on a significant issue for children.

"My next book will discuss the need of children to interact with grandparents and learn things about their lives from them," she said. "Children hold less bias and love to listen to someone like grandparents about their wonderful stories. It's also therapeutic for the grandparents that they have someone speaking to them and may thereby lessen the chances of depression, and in some cases, dementia."

Nadia Khan's love of reading and writing has always been a part of who she is. Now, as an author, she is able to impact others with her words.

"I would love if this book helps parents," she said. "I also want readers to be proud of themselves. Everyone should know they are special just the way they are. Enjoy more books to come with Zoey!" ■

Zoey Wonders Why is available on Amazon. Visit Nadia Khan's website www.zoeywonderswhy.com for updates or to schedule a book reading event with her.

A Nutley Tradition Continues

By Michael Stefanelli

Community Event

A Nutley tradition, the 113th annual Nutley Invitational Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at Hendricks Field Golf Course followed by a banquet and awards ceremony at Nanina's in the Park.

The tournament is the longest running charitable golf event in the America, having been established in 1909. Last year, more than \$20 thousand was raised; all proceeds benefit Nutley charities.

The tournament committee is excited to host this year's event at the beautiful, newly renovated Hendricks Field Golf Course in Belleville. The event begins with registration and luncheon at

11:30am with a 1pm shotgun tee-off start. Cocktails and dinner to follow at the elegant Nanina's in the Park at 6pm.

As has been the tradition, last year's champion, Jerry Del Tufo, is the tournament committee's chairperson. "I am honored to chair this historic Nutley event," Del Tufo commented. "It is all about the charities, the Nutley tradition, and the golf competition. I can't think of a better way to enjoy an afternoon and evening while supporting deserving Nutley charities." ■

For information about the tournament, contact nutleyinvitationaltournament@gmail.com or danvitiello@gmail.com.

High Fives to Longtime Coaches Wayne Umbach and Greg Latino!

By Joyce Corey

You already know that there is no "I" in team, but the best teams do have 'coach' in them. And in the case of Nutley East Little League, they have two coaches that have achieved legendary status in town.

Have you met Wayne Umbach and Greg "Tiny" Latino? If you have ever played ball in town, watched a baseball game from the bleachers, or drove an aspiring young player to a practice, you know these coaches and the amazing work they do.

Umbach and Latino have been coaching boys and girls, ages 9-12, for over 40 years.

"I started as a player with the National Little League," Umbach said. "When I aged out at 12, I stayed around to help my father who was coaching in the Farm League while my brother was playing."

Umbach officially became a coach in 1983 when he turned 18, and that led to an important discovery.

"I love coaching," Umbach said. "Playing ball is a lot of fun but I enjoy seeing the kids move to the next level. I love going to the high school games and seeing kids that started in Little League on the field."

Umbach describes his coaching strategy as "old school" as he focuses on the skills as well as the social aspects of playing on a team.

"It's not about winning or losing," he said. "It's about learning life lessons and making friends. I keep things light and fun and remind the kids that it's not your last game or last time at bat. There will be other opportunities."

Greg Latino started coaching when long-time coach Sal Melillo asked if he would fill the position until they could find a replacement. That was 46 years ago.



The All-Star team that had come up just short of winning the sectional tournament in 2012. Greg Latino is standing in the middle, and Wayne Umbach is kneeling on the right (top). Wayne Umbach and Greg Latino



"I learned alongside Sal for many years and never thought of leaving," Latino said. "I'm going to coach until they throw me out!"

As he coaches for the team sponsored by White Oak

Family Pharmacy, Latino keeps one thing firmly in mind.

"Once you're White Oak, you're always family," he said. "I like to teach the kids how to win and how to lose the right way. It's not about the mechanics of playing ball, it's how to be a good person. One day, they are going to grow up and get jobs and what they are learning now, about being a good team player, is going to be important then too."

Umbach and Latino share a very important coaching strategy they learned over the years.

"Every kid is different, but we treat all of them equally," Latino said. "Every kid on the team is important."

Umbach adds, "We both give a lot of encouragement and have a lot of patience. Coaching is about the kids and that's our priority." ■



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Nutley Scout Troop 147 Centennial Anniversary Celebration

By Michael E. Groome

Nutley Scout Troop 147, sponsored by the Franklin Reformed Church, completed 100 years of registration on February 28, 2021. The troop has held both online and outdoor meetings for the last two years and only recently starting meeting inside the Community House at the church.

The troop, originally chartered in June 1917, lasted for two years before disbanding, probably because of World War I as some of the leaders went off to military service. The troop, with nine scouts, had met in the church basement for those two years as the Community House was not built yet.

When the Community House was completed, their meetings resumed there on February 28, 1923, and the troop has had continuous registration even since.

The troop has had 133 Eagle Scouts with the first two being Arwid Michaelson and Frank W. Scamell in 1929. Their most recent Eagle Scout is Ethan Wanko, who achieved the rank on April 26 of this year.

Over the years, several troop members were awarded medals.

Assistant Scoutmaster Dave Dey and Scouts Keith Greengrove and Walter Glomb Jr. received the Honor Medal for Lifesaving from the National BSA Court of Honor when they helped rescue two scouts and Scoutmaster Al Welenofsky in a water mishap. On a personal canoe adventure, Welenofsky and an older scout friend, Steve Ralston, each received a Local Council Certificate of Merit for rescuing a swimmer on Lake Erie in Canada. Scout Ralston received a second Local Council Certificate of Merit for successfully performing the Heimlich maneuver, a skill he learned in Troop 147, on a victim who was choking on a piece of candy.

The troop has been teaching first aid and lifesaving skills over its 100-year history as they continue to live by their motto: "Be Prepared."

Troop 147 scouts have enjoyed year-round camping, hiking, summer camp, special summer hiking tours in the east United States, a two-week trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, and a two-week canoe trip in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area in Minnesota. In addition, Troop 147 Scouts have attended National Scout Jamborees over the years. For their 50th Anniversary in 1971, the troop hiked the 184.5-mile Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Trail from Washington, D.C. to the Cumberland Gap in Maryland which took two weeks that summer.



Top row from left: Assistant Scoutmaster Scott Ballou, Willem Wuebben, Anthony Rodier, Joseph Buset, Archer St. Amant, Ryan Lui, Joseph O'Halloran, Committee Chairman Eric Buset Middle row from left: Nicholas Buset, Jacob Vazquez, Ripley Ballou, Aayush Patel, David Crecco, Nolan Brown, Jeffery Quinn, Clark St. Amant Front row from left: Ryan Estrella, Julian Galvan, Cole Wood, Russell Ballou, Sean Peters, Daniel Kielblock, Griffin Modrzejewski, Daniel Ogonowski

Troop 147 recently participated in the Council Klondike Derby with two teams where the older scouts placed third in their division. The Klondike Derby is a winter event based on the Klondike Gold Rush of Alaska and the Yukon. Since the event started in 1949, Troop 147 has won the event more than 33 times, collecting over 90 trophies for first through fifth place finishes.

The troop has had only 15 scoutmasters in their 100-year history. The current Scoutmaster is Mike DeCarlo, aided by the Troop Committee Chairman Eric Buset, Scott Ballou, and other assistants.

Meetings are held on Tuesday nights from 7:30 to 9pm at the Community House of Franklin Reformed Church. ■



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AUGUST EVENTS CALENDAR

Aug 4, Thurs.

Challenge Island STEM Workshop

@Nutley Public Library, 93 Booth Dr. For grades 1-5. Explore the ocean in new ways with STEM projects led by Challenge Island instructors! Registration is required. One workshop per patron.

Time: 3-4pm For more information and to register call 973-667-0405 ext. 2623 or visit www.youthservices.nutleypubliclibrary.org

Aug. 4, Thurs.

Predators and Prey Environmental Workshop

@Nutley Public Library, 93 Booth Dr. For ages 6-9. Join an Essex County Environmental Center Naturalist to hear a story, make a craft, and learn about the amazing wonders of nature! Registration required. One workshop per patron.

Time: 10:30-11:30am For more information and to register call 973-667-0405 ext. 2623 or visit www.youthservices.nutleypubliclibrary.org

Aug. 6, Sat.

Saturday Morning Outdoor Yoga

@Essex County Environmental Center, 621-B Eagle Rock Ave.,

Roseland For ages 16 and older. All skill levels welcome. Experience the joy of practicing yoga in the great outdoors on the Environmental Center's deck. You will be guided through a sequence of movements designed to stretch and strengthen the body. Yoga postures will be linked to the breath in a continual flow, with attention paid to physical alignment. Dress comfortably and bring your own mat. Advance registration and pre-payment required.

Time: 10-11am **Cost:** \$15 per class, \$10 for those 65 or older For more information and to register call 973-228-8776

Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, Sun.

Nutley Farmers Market

@Municipal Parking Lot 9, 537 Franklin Ave. Now in its 13th season, the outdoor Nutley Farmers Market features delicious local foods and goods, live music, special events, and a weekly walking group. **Time:** 9am-2pm For more information visit www.nutleynj.org/farmersmarket

Aug. 10, Wed.

Sand Art Workshop

@Nutley Public Library, 93 Booth Dr. For all ages. Make colorful sand

art to take home! Registration is required. **Time:** 10am-12pm For more information and to register call 973-667-0405 ext. 2623 or visit www.youthservices.nutleypubliclibrary.org

Aug. 17, Wed.

Finding Bigfoot

@Essex County Environmental Center, 621-B Eagle Rock Ave., *Roseland* For families with young children ages 5 and up. Let's have some forest fun and uncover the mysteries of Bigfoot! Maybe he has been hiding in our environmental center habitat all along. Let's check the trail camera, examine fresh tracks and signs, look for sleeping nests, scratching posts, and see what we can uncover on this genuine scientific field study. Advance registration required.

Time: 5:30-7pm **Cost:** \$30 per family (up to two adults and two children); or \$10 per child, \$12 per adult For more information and to register call 973-228-8776

Aug. 18, Thurs.

End of Summer Show: ScienceTellers

@Nutley Public Library, 93 Booth Dr. For all ages. A special event for

Nutley residents registered for the Summer Reading Program. Experience an interactive, pirate-tastic tale with a refreshing splash of science! Big prize winners will be announced after the show. **Time:** 2-3pm For more information call 973-667-0405 or visit www.nutleypubliclibrary.org/calendar

Aug. 22, Mon.

Dungeons & Dragons Club

@Nutley Public Library, 93 Booth Dr. For grades 6-8. Discover the awesome world of D&D at our monthly meet-up! All skill levels welcome. **Time:** 6:30-7:30pm For more information and to sign-up call 973-667-0405 ext. 2623 or email nutleylibrarycya@department@gmail.com

Aug. 31, Wed.

Forest Mushrooms 101

@Essex County Environmental Center, 621-B Eagle Rock Ave., *Roseland* For families with young children ages 6 and up. Fascinated by fungi? Explore the local forest for gilled, pored, ridged, and toothed mushrooms with naturalist David Alexander. Learn their anatomy and create whimsical, yet realistic, air-dry clay replicas of what you find. **Time:** 5:30-7pm **Cost:** \$30 per family (up to two adults and two children); or \$10 per child, \$12 per adult For more information call 973-228-8776

Library Corner

Game On at the Nutley Public Library!

By Ryan Meier, Librarian,
Reference and CYA Departments

Here at the Nutley Public Library, one of the ever-growing fields we have invested in, and are continuously developing our collection of, is gaming. Located in the Children's and Young Adult departments, patrons can find an expansive collection of video games from multiple generations of gaming systems from older consoles such as Nintendo Wii to the most current like PlayStation 5 and Nintendo Switch. All of the titles range from ratings of E to T and can be borrowed by Nutley patrons or any patrons registered at a library that is part of the BCCLS cooperative library system.

Beyond the scope of video games, the library also has plenty of board games such as Apples to Apples and Candy Land, for children to play with in the Children's Room; they are located outside the Story Time Room. Games better suited for teens,

such as Uno and Exploding Kittens, are also available at the CYA desk to be used in the library.

After the revival and growing popularity of tabletop role-playing games in recent years, the Nutley Public Library has also started, and is constantly adding to, a collection of Dungeons & Dragons campaign guidebooks, as well as player and Dungeon Master handbooks. These materials can be found in the CYA department and can be borrowed by patrons. Alongside the tabletop RPG section, we also have a growing collection of game guides, art books, and books on game development and its history.

This summer and fall, the library proudly offers the upcoming gaming programs.

Family Game Night Monday, August 1 at 7pm Play games and win prizes! For all ages. No registration required.

Fall Video Game Club Dates will be posted on our Teen Services page. Drop in after school and play video games on the Nintendo Switch and experience virtual reality gaming on the Oculus Quest. For high school students. No registration required.

For registration, programming information and times, please visit www.youthservices.nutleypubliclibrary.org and the Nutley Public Library's Facebook page.




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