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RECORD PARTICIPATION AT KORTNEY'S CHALLENGE SIGNALS GROWING AWARENESS OF PEDIATRIC BRAIN CANCER



Kristin Gillette (center, founder of the Kortney Rose Foundation) is pictured with Jena Lilly, Project Director for The Children's Brain Tumor Tissue Consortium at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, her daughter and Dr. Adam Resnick, Brain Tumor Research doctor at CHOP, who came to support the event.

The Kortney Rose Foundation recently announced records for both attendance and funds raised at its 9TH Annual Family Fun Run to support research for pediatric brain cancer, the number one tumor-related cause of death in children under age 19. Kortney's Challenge drew 540 supporters to Monmouth Park raising over \$42,000 that will directly benefit The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's (CHOP) world-class pediatric brain tumor research consortium. The Kortney Rose Foundation presents a check to CHOP annually, with donations-to-date totaling over \$750,000. This year, the portion of the annual donation raised from Kortney's Challenge will be donated in the name of 15 year-old Oceanport resident, Alex Munoz (pictured here with his brothers during the race). Alex has been battling a brain tumor for over a year, and is being treated at CHOP. His participation, along with friends and family who formed "Team Alex," served as additional inspiration to both runners and the organizers.



A group of young participants at the start of the race.



The top three over 12 female finishers included Carolyn Rodgers, Casey Birdsall and Mary Borkoski.



The top three men over 12 were Statler Willard, Alan Wells and Connor Lunny.



The top three female finishers under 12 were Kambell Torchia, Kase Torchia and Krissy Birdsall.



The top three male finishers under 12 were CJ Ruoff, Sean Newport and Patrick Sharpe.




Tabitha Jingalahua, right, a brain tumor survivor, and her sister, Jenna Caporaso, participated in Kortney's Challenge. Before the race Tabitha and her mom, Olga, presented Kristen Gillette with a check for \$2,000 from a fundraiser held at their home to benefit the KRF.


SAVE THE DATE FOR CLEAN OCEAN ACTION'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Clean Ocean Action will soon be celebrating its 30th anniversary (and its amazing accomplishments) with a celebration themed "Denim and Pearls" to be held at Windows on the Water at the Surfriider Beach Club in Sea Bright on Friday, Nov. 14th. Music will be provided by Brian Kirk and the Jirks and Thom White & The Little Rogues. For more information and sponsorship opportunities contact Tory Woods at events@cleanoceanaction.org or call 732-872-0111. Committee members will include (from left): Nancy Pearman, Donna Beriont (DNB Events), Kristin Rankin (Solari Creative), Ellen Korpar, Tory Woods (COA), Bev Beveridge, Ann Rossbach, Nicky Kelly, Mary Ellen Purcell, Ann Donlon and Judy Garofalo.





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OPERATION PROVIDE COMFORT PRESENTED CONCERT TO BENEFIT UNION BEACH



Operation Provide Comfort recently presented a concert to benefit Union Beach themed "Two Towns-One Voice-One Mission" at the Brookdale Community College. The show featured **Jacqui Lee** (of Colts Neck) and fellow "Voice" contestant **Matt Schuler**. Jacqui was the first runner up on last season's The Voice and Matt finished in the top five. Both Matt and Jacqui were on "Team Christina." The event raised funds for Union Beach residents many of whom are still displaced and struggling to recover after Super Storm Sandy close to 2 years after the storm. Jacqui and Matt have been great friends ever since meeting on The Voice. Their smiles light up the stage!



Colts Neck and Union Beach officials came together during the show's intermission: **Tommy Orgo** (Colts Neck councilman), **Jim Schatzle** (Deputy Mayor, Colts Neck), **Russell Macnow** (Mayor of Colts Neck), **Jarrett Engel** (past mayor, during Sandy), U.S. Congressman **Chris Smith**, **Paul Smith** (Mayor of Union Beach), **Cheri Roche** (councilwoman, Union Beach), **Charlie Cocuzza** (councilman, Union Beach), **Jeff Williams** (councilman, Union Beach) and **Louis Andreuzzi** (councilman, Union Beach).



The **RockNRoll Chorus** opened the show, an acapella group from Howell Performing Arts High School.



Event host **Jim Sfayer** on stage before the show. Jim is the Operation Provide Comfort team leader.



Serena DiMaso and Congressman **Chris Smith** with event volunteers.



Representatives from **Operation Provide Comfort** including **Jim Sfayer** (standing, left).



Richard Lee, **Gina Petillo** and **Serena DiMaso**.



Jacqui Lee and her mom **Denise** accepted lovely bouquets after the show. Jacqui's performance was flawless!



Matt Schuler with his sister, **Diamond**, and his mother, **Dawn**.



The younger fans loved **Jacqui**.



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FAIRWAY FARM HOSTED HORIZONS KIDS FOR BACK TO SCHOOL CARNIVAL



Fairway Farm in Middletown, owned by Artie Kontos, was the site for the recent Back to School Carnival for the children who attended the Horizons Student Enrichment Program at the Rumson Country Day School this past summer. The kids enjoyed a great day filled with fun activities in a tranquil setting and the weather could not have been any more beautiful. **Lori Hohenleitner** (center) is the executive director of Horizons and is joined by **Maggie Riker** (left, board member), **Claudia Volpe** (RCDS and Horizons teacher), **Debbie Snyder** (from the Kontos farm) and **Hilary DiPiero** (right, board member).



Horizons kids and face painting ... happy together!



Horizons program coordinator **Steve Koumoulis** (far right) is pictured here with **Horizons kids** in front of the dunk tank, which was enjoyed by all at the carnival.



Yvonne Scudieri, education director at the Count Basie Theatre, was on hand to help the kids with a drum circle.



The Kona Ice Truck as a very popular place to be that day!

SAVE THE DATE FOR AS IT GROWS ... A FARM TO TABLE EVENT

The historic Parker Homestead will be the site of the upcoming As it Grows ... A Farm to Table Event which will benefit two organizations, The Parker Homestead-1665 and Monmouth County Historical Association. This special evening is scheduled for Saturday, September 13 on the grounds of the historic Parker Homestead property, 235 Rumson Road, Little Silver.



As it Grows ... A Farm to Table Event will commemorate the state of New Jersey's 350th Anniversary in 2014, and will also be a celebration of New Jersey's rich agriculture and farming history. Guests will be treated to a delectable menu designed by the David Burke Group, featuring an abundance of locally sourced food from nearby farms. Silent and live auctions will feature unique and exciting auction packages, and live music by Rip Tide and The Bobby Lynch Band will entertain and have guests dancing under the stars. Call Laurie Bratone at 732-462-1466 for tickets or more information. Pictured (from left) are **Laurie Bratone** (Dir. of Dev and Communications Mon Co Hist Assoc) **Claire Knopf** (event co-chair and president of the board of trustees of Mon Co Hist Assoc), **Lynn Spector**, **Liz Thees**, trustee of Mon. Co. Hist. Assoc., **Lorry Talavera**, **Daren Hutchinson**, trustee of Mon. Co. Hist. Assoc., **Beth McLoone**, **Bob Sickles** (event co-chair, president of the board of The Parker Homestead, owner Sickles Market), **Tori Sickles** (Sickles Market), **Keith Wells** (trustee of The Parker Homestead), **Lisa Klem Wilson** (trustee of Mon. Co. Hist. Assoc.), **Sue Henderson** (Sickles Market) and **Dr. Evelyn Murphy** (Director, Mon. Co. Hist. Assoc.).



Claire Knopf, President, Monmouth County Historical Association and **Bob Sickles**, President, The Parker Homestead-1665.

MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES WILL HOLD THIRD ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST TO BENEFIT PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



The Monmouth County Board of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton, will host their third annual Oktoberfest on Friday, October 3 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Funds raised at Oktoberfest will benefit Catholic Charities' programs that provide services dedicated to assisting children and families in Monmouth County. Event Co-Chairs **Valarie DeFelice** (left) and **Kathleen Gilly** stand in front of the Spring Lake Tap House, the venue for this year's Oktoberfest. All Monmouth County residents in need of assistance, regardless of religious affiliation, are eligible for Catholic Charity programs. Tickets are currently available and can be purchased online at www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org/monmouth or by calling (732) 747-9660 ext. 7100. To support Oktoberfest or to learn more about the Monmouth County Board, contact Valarie DeFelice at vald215@yahoo.com or Kathleen Gilly at kathleengilly@gmail.com.

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FUN AND GAMES AT THE FAIR HAVEN FIREMEN'S FAIR



The Fair Haven Firemen's Fair is the main fundraiser of the year for the Fair Haven Fire Department. Although everyone loves the fair, for many it is bitter-sweet, signaling the end of summer. The crowd didn't seem to be thinking about that though on the balmy night that was deemed "family night" and "fire fighters night" and the place was packed with kids of all ages!

Raquel Falotico (3rd from right) and Chris Schrank (center, with red apron) were the fearless leaders of the hard-working kitchen staff.



The 50/50 raffle volunteers!



Emily Guarino (left) and sisters Kindra and Harley Pellettieri on line for the Sizzler ride!



Fair Haven fire chief Dan Kane (right) is pictured with Tom Campbell from the Deborah Heart and Lung Center. Tom was there to give free cardio-vascular screenings to fire fighters from the surrounding towns. He also gave screenings to all first-responders.



Gil Sanchez and Christine Livingston with their kids Kyle and Stella and baby Ryan.



Steven Becker and Wayne Hartmen worked the Wacky Water Race game, pictured here with kids that were eager to play!



Jim Stefanelli ... the voice of the fair!



The snack bar staff was pretty hot and sweaty and didn't want to get too close to the camera ... great job guys!



In the ABC Block and Candy Wheel Game booth I found Ralph and Pat Finaldi, Susan Sorensen and Tom Brownley (in front).



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