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Adult Services Presents



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Advocates for Change

On Monday Nov. 14th The Manville Library and The Advocate for Change hosted a special performance from The Immaculate Conception School of Somerville, NJ. The Band Director, Elizabeth Cananvan and her music students, performed and talked about the different types instruments in a band.



Manville Library

By Nicole Reynolds, OTS



Gerry, Steve, and Vicky enjoyed a relaxing day at the library. Vicky enjoyed starting the day with some yoga and then spent the afternoon reading about disability rights with Mary. Vicky finished off the day playing some Connect 4 with the OT students! Steve perused the music section and returned some CDs from last week before checking out new music for the upcoming week. Gerry enjoyed creating a Spotify account and making her own personalized playlist. Some of her top artists are Pink Floyd, Queen, and Fleetwood Mac!







Gerry, Steve, Vicky, and Charles enjoyed another Friday at the library! Gerry enjoyed playing connect 4 and reading books. Vicky had fun starting the day off with some yoga and reading with Mary. Charles had a nice time exploring the library and looking at pictures of classic cars. Steve spent his time looking for new music and enjoying word searches. The whole group came together at the end of the day to play some fun word games with Mary!





























Adventures in Reding

By Mary Scibelli

Classes at both Camplain Road and Jill Court had fun with different reading activities. One of the stories we took turn reading was called "Old Horses." The group was asked if anyone has been on a horse. Mary S raised her hand and talked about the time she went horse riding. She said, "I was nice to the horse and the horse was nice to me." We held up our hands like he were holding the reigns to make the horse go fast or slow. We also talked about the horse's mane and asked if there was another animal that has a mane. Kamala said lion! We also took turns reading a poem titled "Rain Sizes." We talked about the different sounds rain can make when it is raining hard or only raining soft. Scott S. held his hands like he was holding an invisible umbrella like it was raining outside. We also learned that some people like the sound of rain and like watching it through the window.



Jill Court Computer Class

Thanksgiving activities are popular this month! Donna learned how to use the trackball to move the cursor on the screen and press the button to select an object. She used these skills to select the colors and paint her on-screen turkey picture. She used precise movements to make sure she clicked every part of the picture including the really small parts like the feet. Jill used the mouse to drag and drop items into their matching color groups. The pumpkin goes in the orange group. Steve and Kathy F worked on a reading activity where they read the thanksgiving words that appeared on screen and used the trackball to select the picture that matched the word. Kathy F also typed cranberries and potato. I hope everyone had a nice thanksgiving!











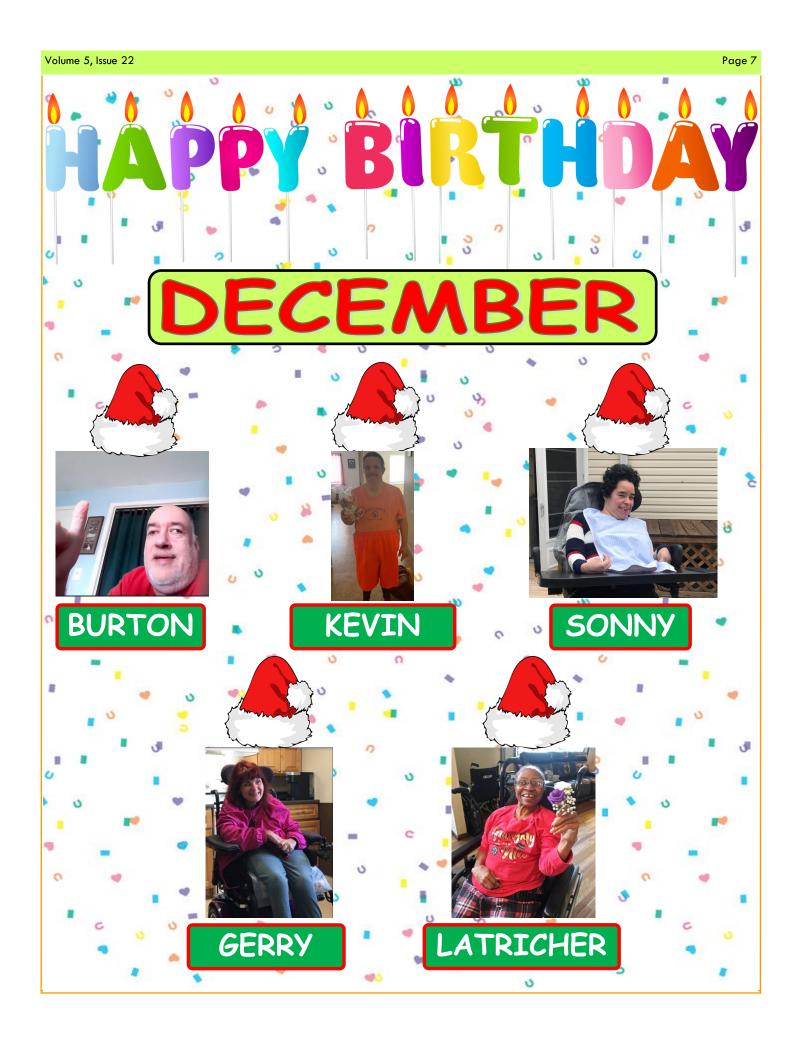


The Arc's 50th Anniversary

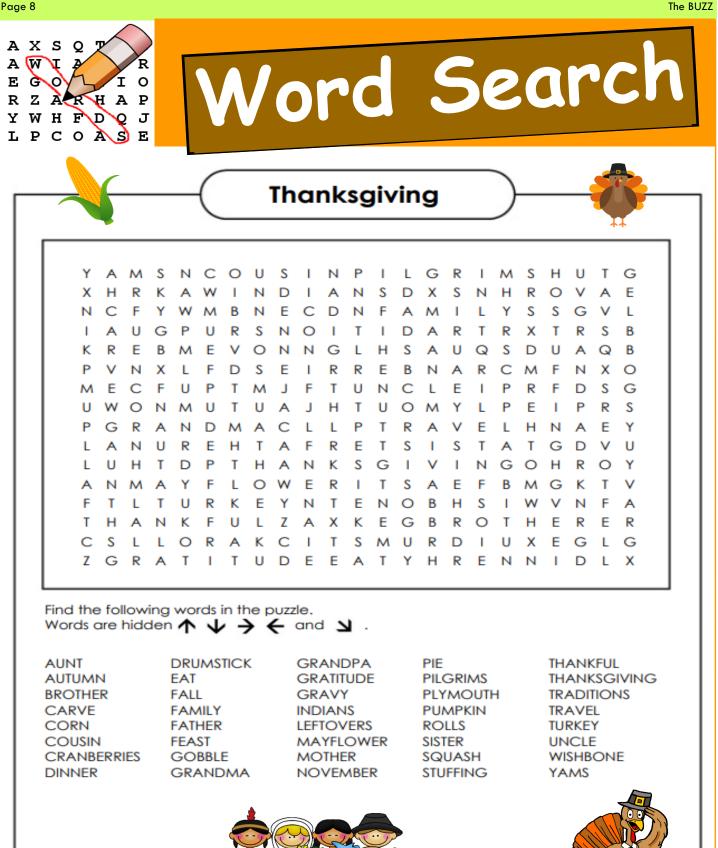
Did you know?!?!? The Arc of Somerset County is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2022!! In honor of this very special year, the newsletter will feature a few historic pictures with each issue throughout the year. Enjoy the step back into time as we look forward to this outstanding year of celebration!













2022 Monster Mashup

On Thursday, October 27th the Mashup Committee hosted the annual Halloween Monster Mashup at the Manville VFW Hall. Our service population including students from The Achievement Center at RVCC gathered for some ghoulishly fun music, dancing, dressing in some amazing costumes, taking home keepsake photographs, and winning prizes for best costumes. Attendees were treated to hot pizza, tasty chips, cold beverages, and delicious cake!

Best Individual Costume: 1. Elliot Z (Jester) -AGH, 2. Marcia J (Punky Funky) -UAA, 3. Scott S. (Clown) -FGH

Best Group Home Costumes: 1. OSGH, 2. UAA, 3. IVGH

Scariest Costume: 1. Evelyn R. (Witch) - AGH, 2. Alex Harrison (Toucolord Wizard) - TAC, 3. Rafael (Darth Vader) - TAC

Most Original (Creative/Inventive) Costume: 1. Tracy -UAA, 2. Christian (Buddy Holly) TAC, 3. John Randy - (Scarecrow) - OSGH

Best Staff Costume: 1. Ashley P - Finance, 2. Dr. Corvino - Admin, 3. Sandee M - Admin

Mashup Ultimate Winner: Pratik (Washing Machine) - TAC

A huge thank you to our dedicated volunteers: Lauren Frary, Mary Tilson, Mary Atchey, Ed Perez, Ashley Pierce, Nick Waclawski, Savannah Kirksey, Chris Corvino, Kristen Harney (T-Rex), Neil (Sparkee the Somerset Patriots mascot) and a fabulous cookie donation from Raven Morrow.

Also, I'd like to acknowledge our vendors who helped make this evening possible by graciously contributing to our event: Joe & Stella from Mitzen Photography, Anthony & team from Manville Pizza, Maryann from Herr's Chips, and our anonymous donors who generously donated gift cards & prizes.

This event was well received, and attendance was at all all-time high. The Mashup Committee is poised to host another event in the fall of 2023. Be there or be scared!

Mashup Committee: Bob Hulit (The Achievement Center); Sharon McClellan & Felicia Demel (Clinical Services Dept.); Chris Gunning & Laura Ziegler (Quality Dept.); Suman Paul (Family Support Dept.) and Roy Lawrence & Jason Scheib (Maintenance Dept.)



What's the Buzz?

Halloween at Jill Court & Camplain Road

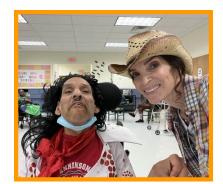


















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Thanksgiving Crafts







DRIVE SAFER FALL DRIVING TIP

TIP #28: BEWARE OF WET LEAVES

Leaves can collect on the road causing slippery conditions when wet. They also become a hazard when temperatures begin to drop, frozen leaves can imitate ice on a road.

www.DriveSafer.com







There are so many things to be thankful for at The Arc of Somerset County as we embark on this holiday season!



We have outstanding community partners such as the Warren Township Lion's Club who again this year provided turkeys and accompaniments for our group homes, dayhabs, PACT and JDCCF families for Thanksgiving dinners.

We have amazing volunteers who have been working in our day care, visiting our groups homes, and cleaning up every leaf they can find to keep our residence and camp spaces beautiful and safe.



We have many fun activities and some even lure our favorite people back for visits!

We are grateful for our consumers, families, boards and especially our staff who work so hard to provide services each day.

As always, we have a long list to thank and be thankful for - and that includes YOU.

We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and a safe and peaceful holiday season!

With gratitude, Sandee and Chris

