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PLAYHOUSE PUTS ON SHOW



Facility 'out in the country' opens in new interim venue

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NEW BRUNSWICK — It was like “Mickey and Judy put on a show,” said David Saint, George Street Playhouse artistic director. • After moving this summer from their now-demolished home in the core of the Hub City to the former N.J. Agriculture Museum on College Farm Road, Saint and his colleagues had mere weeks to get their new facility “out in the country” ready for opening night Oct. 13. • “Ironically, our first show here is ‘I Love You. You’re Perfect. Now Change.’,” Saint said. “I love George Street. I’ve been here 21 years. It’s been perfect for me and now we are changing. And in a couple years, we are changing again. Everyone has been energized by this because it just feels right. It’s a lot of work but fun. You never think of Mickey and Judy having to deal with fire code inspectors and all of that. I don’t think they ever would

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Mitchell Jarvis, Lindsay Nicole Chambers, George Merrick and Karen Burthwright star in “I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change” at George Street Playhouse’s new facility. COURTESY OF T. CHARLES ERICKSON

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The Alpine Male Chorus of Valtidone (Italy) will appear on Oct. 28, at Dunellen High School. ALPINE MAL CHORUS OF VALTIDONE

Dunellen to observe Founders Day event

Factory printed many magazines until 1968

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For much of the 20th Century, the borough of Dunellen was known as the home of Art Color Printing Co., which printed such magazines as True Detective Mysteries and Modern Screen.

At its peak, the factory was turning out as many as 10 million copies of those and other publications each month.

Though the factory closed in 1968, the borough’s current political and business leaders are seeking to perpetuate Dunellen’s twin legacies of creativity and industry.

To that end, the Dunellen Arts and Culture Commission (DACC) was created to initiate and encourage arts events in the borough. DACC also seeks to promote Dunellen as a destination for artists and art enthusiasts to spur business growth.

The combination of respecting the past, pointing to the future, and supporting the arts is coming together on Saturday, Oct. 28, as Dunellen celebrates its Founders Day.

To mark its 130th anniversary, Dunellen (which was officially made a borough by the State Legislature on October 28, 1887) is shining a particular spotlight on its citizens’ Italian heritage.

During the afternoon, a wine appreciation class will be conducted at Dunellen Public Library by Massimiliano MaruCchi, a wine master from Castello di Luzzano, located in the region around Milan.

In the evening, Dunellen High School will host an exhibit showcasing the work of Italian photographers, as well as photos from the archives of the Dunellen Historical Society.

The day concludes with a performance by the visiting Alpine Male Chorus of Valtidone (Italy). The choir is making its only U.S. appearance outside of New York City, and will be joined by members of the high school’s madrigal singing group.

Making it happen

The appearance of the male choir was made possible by Jason F. Cilento, a Dunellen councilman and the liaison between the borough council and DACC.

One of Cilento’s cousins, Elaine Januszewski, lives in Italy and is a volunteer with the chorus. Cilento learned of the group’s upcoming New York City appearances and contacted

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Underage drinking quelled at Far Hills race

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FAR HILLS - Italo Minutello has been watching the Far Hills Race Meeting in some form for the last seven decades.

In the 1940s, Minutello lived in Peapack-Gladstone and worked as a barber in neighboring Far Hills. He would watch the races from afar during work. Back then, he remembers the race being much more humble.

People would still have a drink and mingle, but the crowds then were not as raucous and liquor-friendly as their modern day counterparts, he said at Saturday’s event.

“It’s gotten tremendously big,” he said of the race, which draws tens of thousands each year. “It’s good in the

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way that it has brought a lot more people in and generated a lot more revenue for the hospital, of course, but it’s also attracted some people that behave rather poorly.

“Most people are good and know how to handle it,” Minutello said of the drinking. “But then there are the younger people who don’t know how to handle it.”

He believes, however, that the recent initiatives created by the race’s organizers are a positive step forward in curb-

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Menacing Dennis, left, and Snuggling clear the final jump during The Gladstone. Snuggling was disqualified for interference, so Menacing Dennis was named the winner of the \$50,000 first race at the 97th running of the Far Hills Race Meeting at Moorland Farms on Saturday in Far Hills.

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