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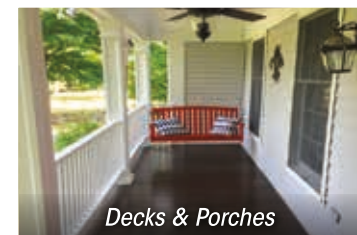
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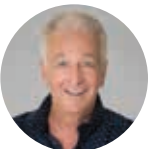
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Musical instrument I play: "My voice"

Musical instrument I want to learn: Piano

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When I grow up I'm going to: Work on computers

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Movie: *Frozen 2*

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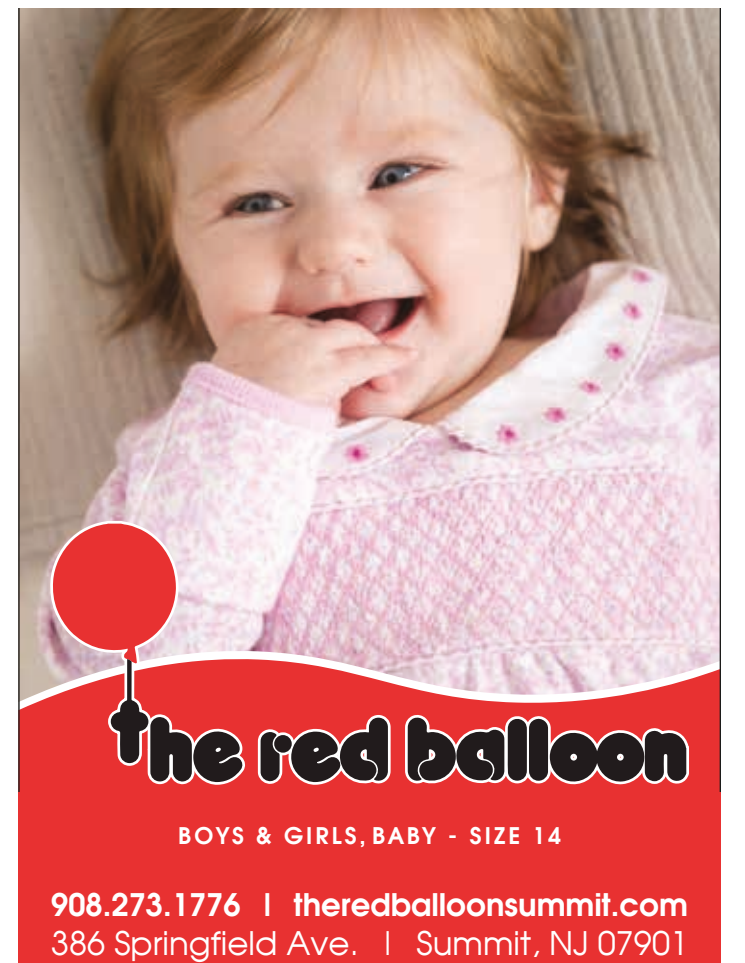
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Pebbles Cheers On

Summit Middle School Cross Country Team

Family member names: Pete, Lorraine, Meghan and Sarah Kelly

Pet's name: Pebbles

Type of animal/breed: English Bulldog

Male or Female: Female

Pet's age: 7 years old

Where/why did you get your pet?

We have always had bulldogs, and we wanted a small female, for the males can get up to 80 pounds.

Is there a story behind it's name?

Pebbles was the runt of the litter because she was so small, so we named her Pebbles.

Anything special or unusual about them?

Bulldogs are not known for being very smart, but Pebbles is. She listens very well, does a lot of tricks and plays many sports. If you want to be active, she will be, but if you want to rest, she will stay by your side.

Anything special or unusual about your pet (talents/quirks)?

She enjoys ice cubes in bed.

Any funny stories?

Pebbles hold the record for the shortest walk ever – to the end of the driveway.

What else should we know about your pet?

She is the unofficial mascot of the Summit Middle School Cross Country team, even though she doesn't like walks.





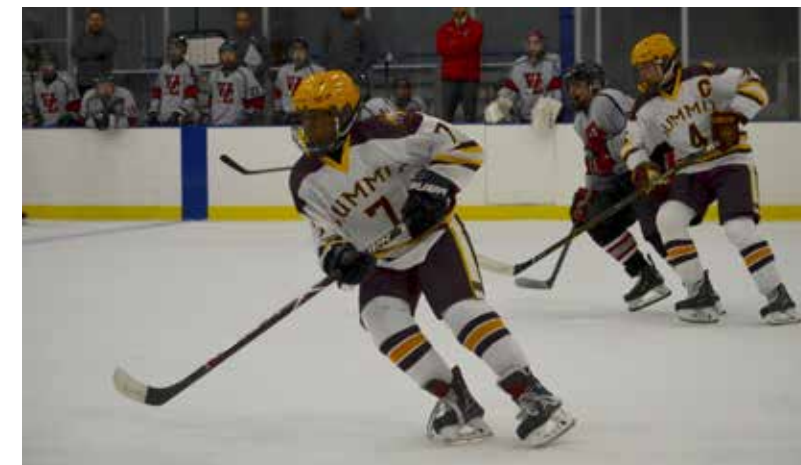
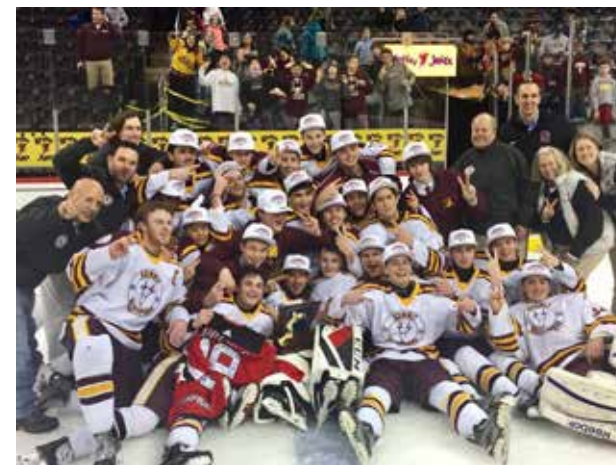
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CELEBRATING 38 YEARS ON ICE!

Beginning October 1, each year Summit Ice Hockey gears up for another season. There are three teams at Summit High School: Boys' Varsity, Boys' JV, and Girls ages 14-18. All teams have a week of tryouts and then are placed on the team. Summit Hockey is going on its 37th year and has recently won two back-to-back State Championships, 2018-19.

"Summit Hockey stresses respect, integrity, sportsmanship, teamwork, and accountability, to build and enhance integral life skills for our hockey players," says Coach Ian Bell from the varsity team. "Teams that tend to have success are teams that are built up from the middle. That means teams that have good goaltending, defense, and centers... This year we have that. Additionally, this year's team has a strong leadership group that begins with our captains and continues with the many seniors and juniors we have." Bell recently took over as head coach this year from Coach Nixon, who coached for Summit 27 years. Coach Bell assistant coached with Nixon for 12 years and played for the Summit Hockey Team from 1994-98.

The team captains this year on the varsity team are seniors: Spencer Myers, Jake Puskar, and Tom Pryymak. "I've been playing with the varsity team since freshman year," says Co-Captain Spencer Myers. "It has impacted my life in so many ways. First, I'm a much more confident kid on and off the ice. Hockey has taught me that when hit hard with adversity, you need to **show up**, like when someone is sick or injured, which happens often through the season, you need to play harder and help the team win the game."



A lot of the Summit players also skate for travel teams, including Captain Jake Puskar, Co-Captain Tom Pryymak, and twin brother Nikita Pryymak all who play for the Mercer Chiefs, a national team here in New Jersey. When asked what happens on the ice when during a travel hockey game he plays against a fellow teammate from Summit who is on the opposite team, Puskar answers, "It's fun to play against a teammate in a travel game because you are friends off the ice but enemies during the game." Parent Jayne Myers adds about balancing travel and high-school hockey. "That's what is special about hockey. All of these kids have been either playing together or against each other since they were 4 years old. They fight hard on the ice, but at the end of even the most heated games, they line up and shake hands. Mutual respect; it's the best."

Captain Lily Neilan, a senior on the girls' hockey team adds, "The players are friends on and off the ice, which is why our chemistry is superior to our competitors. "Summit High School was the first Girls High School Ice Hockey Team in Union County starting in 2008. They participate in the Morris, Union, and Somerset County Girls Ice Hockey League.

Assistant Coach Donna Groskoph says, "I'm proud of the team camaraderie. It's a close group, and the girls have a lot of respect for each other." The girls' team is now ranked number two in New Jersey. Senior captain Emily Sharpe has set a record scoring over 71 goals since freshman year. "Summit Hockey taught me how to be a part of the team and how to have fun. A family outside of my own, this team has meant a lot to me over these four years; I will cherish these memories."

Summit High School ice hockey program is going on its 38th season and is the only high school sport not fully funded by the Board of Education. Summit Ice Hockey has over 70 players forming JV and Varsity boys' teams and one girl's team, with program costs exceeding \$160,000 annually. The budget supports costs for ice time, renting two ice rinks at the Union Ice Arena and Warinanco Ice Skating Center, uniform jerseys, bus transportation, coaches, officials, and security; the students provide their own equipment. "Unfortunately, the Board of Education only provides one-third of our budget," states David Sharpe, president of the Summit Hockey Association. The Summit Hock-



ey Association was started by a group of parents to help raise the needed funds for the high school hockey program.

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TROOP 67

Serves the Summit Community

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By **Terry Dwyer**, Troop 67 Chartered Organization Representative

Summit, NJ: The Scouts of Troop 67 engage in service and leadership activities throughout the year. The program curriculum engages youth in various activities, which present opportunities for them to learn and grow through practical life experiences, service beyond self, merit-badge completion and outdoor life survival-skill development.

Service is one of the key elements of Scouting. Throughout the year, residents may see the Scouts collecting food for St. Teresa's food pantry, cleaning up a park on Earth Day, putting flags on the graves of veterans for Memorial Day, or helping Bonds of Courage collect items for care packages to be sent to active service members deployed overseas.

In January, community members will see Troop 67 Scouts preparing to serve a delicious meal at The Multi-Cultural Community Luncheon at St. John's Lutheran Church. This annual luncheon event is an integral part of the full day long Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Justice, Equality and Service to Others, and it is one of many ways that the troop gives back to the Summit community. Don't worry, the boys won't be cooking the food over an open fire! The food is catered by The Grand Summit Hotel, and the cost is generously underwritten by The Rotary Club of Summit and New Providence and Shaping Summit Together. The public is invited to attend starting at noon on Monday, January 20, 2020, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Ave. in Summit.

Practiced outside all year is another essential element of Scouting – the outdoor trek. Each month the boys plan and execute an adventurous trip of their choosing. Recent trips have included white water rafting, skiing, ice climbing, hiking portions of the Appalachian Trail, learning orienteering from the West Point cadets, and cycling the Gettysburg National Military Park. These weekend-long trips are not only an opportunity to learn practical outdoor skills but also an opportunity to increase self-confidence and acquire a lifetime appreciation of living outdoors. As the Scouts advance in years and skills, they are able to tackle very challenging High Adventure treks during the summer. Examples include a week of scuba diving at the Boy Scout's Sea Base in Key West, FL, or a canoe trek through the lakes and rivers of the Ad-



irondacks. The pinnacle of Scouting is a 10-day, 80-plus-mile hike through mountains of Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

Inspiring and cultivating leadership talent is a profound element of Scouting. The older Scouts lead by guiding, coaching, and instructing the younger Scouts on skills and knowledge needed for treks. This is the essence of being a “boy-led” Troop. In time, all Scouts learn to create and implement a plan — and prepare for contingencies just in case. The Boy Scouts of America organization has local and national training opportunities that make Senior Patrol Leaders of today the adult leaders of tomorrow.



Troop 67 has been sponsored by the St. Teresa of Avila Church in Summit since 1933. The Troop is active year-round and maintains a flexible program to accommodate the boys' many other pursuits and interests. Scouts can advance through the ranks at their own pace, with many attaining Scouting's highest honor — Eagle Scout. Boys ages 11+ and their parents are encouraged to attend an upcoming Open House to meet the Troop and learn more about Scouting. Reach out to Summit67BSA@gmail.com for more information. Interested in opportunities for girls in Scouting? Contact Summit67BSA@gmail.com to learn about efforts underway to create a “girl-led” Troop in Summit!



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cover feature

Heart-Saving Technology Gives Twins A New Lease On Life!

Edwin and Edward at work at the Village Trattoria in Summit.



Editor’s Note: *As part of our partnership with Overlook Medical Center, we completely appreciate the organization’s support of our community-driven publication, and also welcome Atlantic Health System’s interesting and helpful articles that can help our neighbors. In honor of February’s American Heart Month, Summit Living is proud to bring this story of Roman brothers of Summit.*

At age 24, twins Edward and Edwin Roman of Summit, NJ, were diagnosed with a debilitating heart condition that had them both struggling with life. “I was exhausted walking up a flight of steps and could barely walk a block,” says Edwin. Edward,

who led a very active life, noticed his ankles were swollen and that he could no longer ride his bike. The twins credit the medical experts at the Heart Success Program of Morristown Medical Center with their life-changing road back to recovery. Edward and Edwin were suffering from hereditary dilated cardiomyopathy, a genetic condition that causes the heart to become enlarged, reducing its ability to pump blood throughout the body. Because of the progression of the disease, there were few options for treatment.

“They were exceptionally ill. Both had end-stage heart failure,” says cardiologist Marc Goldschmidt, MD, medical director of the Heart Success Program. “They were failing on oral medication, and without advanced therapies, their one-year survival rate was approaching 50 percent.”

According to cardiologist Michael Weinrauch, MD, section chief of Cardiovascular Medicine at Overlook Medical Center, “When standard medication fails, you have to do something more aggressive, like a heart transplant.”

Unfortunately, the average wait time for a suitable heart donor for a transplant can be up to nine months, so doctors rely on technology called a left ventricular assist device (LVAD). The LVAD is surgically implanted below the heart, and it works by taking over the function of the main pumping chamber of the heart by pumping blood continuously from the left ventricle to the aorta.

“Everything is inside the patient except a ‘driveline’ that exits underneath the left ribs,” says surgeon James P. Slater, MD, surgical director of the Heart Success Mechanical Support Program. “The driveline connects to a controller that tells us what the device is doing. The controller, in turn, hooks up to a power source, either from batteries or from an electrical outlet.”

Edward underwent the lifesaving operation in December of 2018, followed by Edwin in February of 2019. According to Linda Suplicki, APN, ventricular assist device coordinator,

“the goal of this technology is to return patients to a quality of life that meets their needs. The goal for both of them is to give them as many years as possible with the LVAD before moving on to a transplant.”

Both twins have returned to work and say they have returned to a normal life.

“This is a huge team sport,” says Dr. Slater. “This required Dr. Weinrauch to recognize the situation and get them over to Heart Success, for Heart Success to do the right thing medically to have them best prepared for surgery, for me to do the surgery, and then back to the VAD team at Heart Success to provide ongoing care and support.”

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To find out more information about Dr. Slater and Atlantic Health System-affiliated providers, visit atlantichealth.org/doctors. For more information on the Heart Success Program, call 973-971-4179 or visit atlantichealth.org/vad.

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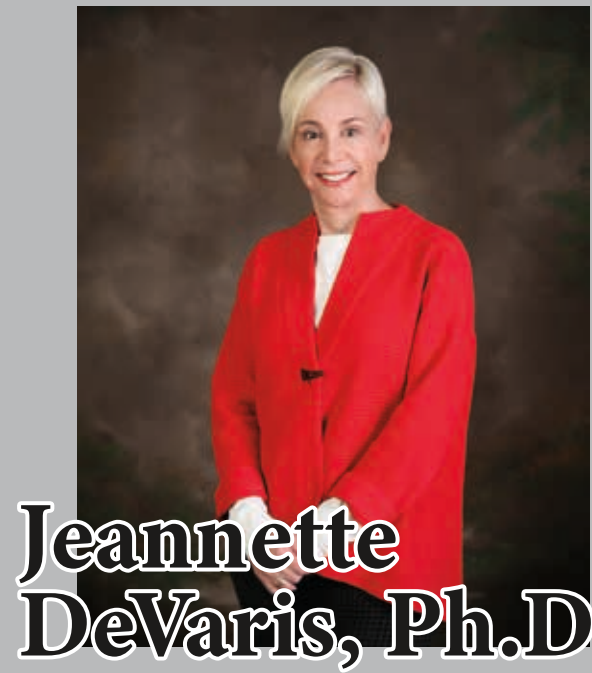


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For over 40 years Literacy New Jersey has been helping adults who struggle with reading, writing, and speaking English. With the help of dedicated volunteers, students improve their literacy skills, enabling them to find better jobs, obtain promotions, help their children in school, and become more involved in their community.

In addition to offering English as a Second Language (ESL) classes to immigrants who want to improve their speaking skills, Literacy New Jersey also offers tutoring to native English speakers who, as adults, still struggle with reading and writing. Adults who dropped out of high school and find themselves at a standstill career-wise, can sign

up to prepare for the high school equivalency (GED) exam. Students taking the exam also receive guidance on resume writing and the job-interview process.

One of Literacy New Jersey's most successful programs is offered at Summit High School. Every Tuesday and Thursday evening, members of the local immigrant population attend ESL classes where they work on building vocabulary, learning grammar, improving pronunciation and practicing conversation. Classes are offered at six levels in the form of small group instruction. Tutors use a combination of textbooks, supplemental materials, and hands-on activities to engage and instruct.

The success of the program is due in large part to the enthusiasm and dedication of Literacy NJ's volunteer tutors, who attend a 15-hour training workshop to help prepare them for working with adults. Once they complete training, tutors may choose to work with a co-tutor, a tutor mentor, or teach a class of their own. Tutors are asked to commit to two hours per week for a total of 50 hours, which is the amount of time it takes adults to make measurable progress. Previous teaching experience/ speaking another language are not required.

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Many of the Arboretum's upcoming winter programs are centered around the season's holidays. Together with Shaping Summit Together, the Arboretum joined many city organizations in celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by hosting an event that embodies his message of justice, equality and service to others. Over the course of the morning, 100 or so children, parents and teens stopped by the Arboretum to create cards out of recycled materials for patients hospitalized on Valentine's Day.

Another annual holiday celebrated at the Arboretum is the Chinese New Year. Families learned a little bit about this festival and the different foods, decorations and traditions associated with it. This year we welcomed the Year of the Rat with a craft, story and tasty snack.

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155 Maple St	11/26/2019	\$725,000	\$725,000	100.0%	167	3	3.1
20 Beekman Ter	11/8/2019	\$895,000	\$905,000	101.1%	112	4	2.2
103 Canoe Brook Pky	11/21/2019	\$994,999	\$940,000	94.5%	184	4	3
11 Hobart Ave	11/27/2019	\$999,999	\$965,000	96.5%	105	3	3
21 Glen Oaks Ave	11/19/2019	\$1,295,000	\$1,325,000	102.3%	9	4	3.1
221 Blackburn Rd	11/15/2019	\$1,399,000	\$1,352,000	96.6%	71	5	4
23 Crescent Ave	11/7/2019	\$1,599,000	\$1,540,000	96.3%	86	6	3.1
8 Manor Hill Rd	11/22/2019	\$1,595,000	\$1,585,000	99.4%	11	6	5.1
43 Druid Hill Rd	11/8/2019	\$1,695,000	\$1,695,000	100.0%	22	5	4.2
248 Oak Ridge Ave	11/22/2019	\$1,999,000	\$1,930,000	96.6%	14	5	4.2
AVERAGE:		\$946,333	\$933,167	98.9%	64		

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