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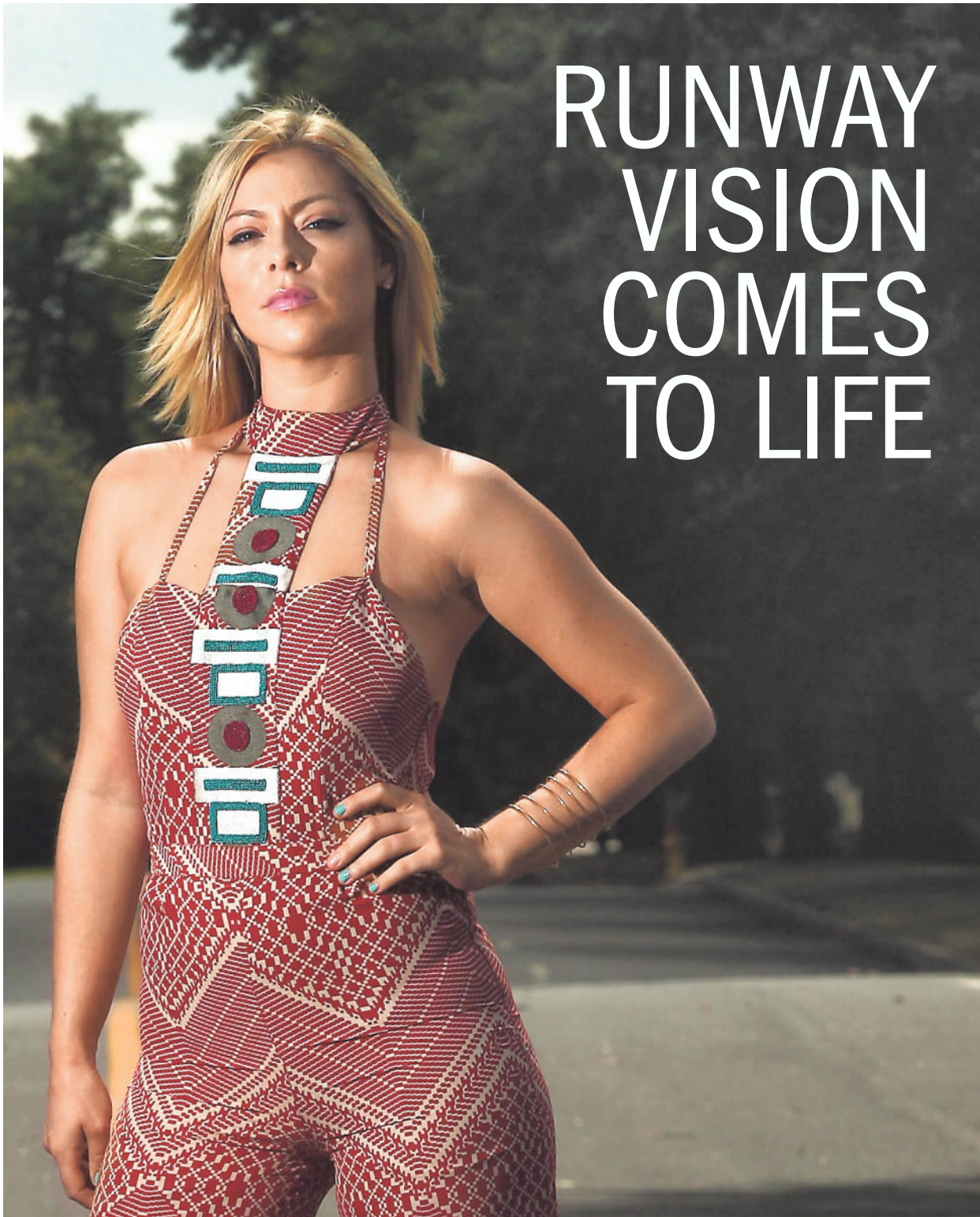
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## PARSIPPANY HILLS DEFEATS WEST MORRIS

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UP TO \$975 IN COUPONS IN TODAY'S PAPER



## RUNWAY VISION COMES TO LIFE

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Fashion designer Meagan Ollari, 26, of Hopatcong wears her Genevia jumpsuit, one of her 30-piece Ollari Spring Summer 2015 Collection, which she showed at New York Fashion Week.

### Hopatcong woman's designs featured at Fashion Week

By Lorraine Ash @LorraineVAsh

At 26, Meagan Ollari of Hopatcong is rocking the world of fashion. Dragonfly Oasis, her 30-piece Spring Summer 2015 Collection of womenswear — inspired by Twiggy and African tribal motifs — was chosen to close the Designers' Review Sept. 6 at New York Fashion Week.

The Ollari collection, aimed at the 18- to 35-year-old contemporary woman, merges practicality and uniqueness. Ollari wants women to see her clothes as different and yet be able to immediately bring to mind where they can wear the pieces.

"I've always loved ethnic prints and motifs and saturated colors and that whole tribal lifestyle," Ollari said. "I've also loved beading and all that intricate handwork and embroidery. My design aesthetic is capturing all those novelty details.

"On the other hand, I also love the very femi-

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Ollari wears her Blossom Maxi beaded strappy bodice, part of the collection she showed at New York Fashion Week.

## Sunday Supper returns to Morristown

Silent auction, tastings and award presentation among events



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Guest Jan Lawlor talks with Hyatt sous chef Dan Voluz about his dish — roast duck with bacon and duck cassoulette — at last year's Sunday Supper. This year's event is set for Sept. 21.

By Michael Izzo @MlizzoDR

MORRISTOWN — It began as an effort to bring local farmers, food innovators, chefs and sustainability leaders together, but the Sunday Supper has grown into an annual event that fills a hotel ballroom with people, music and locally made food and drink.

"This is an annual gathering that allows us to celebrate those taking steps to build a more sustainable future," said Sustainable Morristown President Paul Miller. "These are the individuals, groups and businesses growing the local economy and environment."

The annual fundraising dinner is for Sustainable Morristown, a nonprofit that works with the various entities in town to develop a sustainability strategy to make the community a better place. This year's event

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Ramon Valdez, a divorced single father of two, works full time as a scrub nurse at a hospital and per diem shifts for extra money. He drives a 10-year-old car with 200,000 miles on it that he can't afford to replace.

## Number of households on brink is growing

26 percent of Morris families struggle to make ends meet

By Lorraine Ash @LorraineVAsh

The number of Morris County households struggling to make ends meet increased from 20 to 26 percent in the years since the Great Recession, according to an updated report by the United Way of Northern New Jersey.

The 2014 United Way ALICE Report-New Jersey shows 46,000 of the overall 180,000 households here were either on the financial brink, or in poverty, in 2012, the latest year for which data is available.

"We all know the recession was bad for everybody. Now we tend to think, *It's over. Things should be getting better.*" said Professor Stephanie Hoopes Halpin of Rutgers University-Newark, lead researcher and author for 2014 United Way ALICE Report-New Jersey.

"At the low end, though, things have remained tough," she added. "While the overall cost of living has remained flat, the cost for basics has increased significantly. Housing at the low end has increased by 17 percent. Food has increased by 16 percent."

At the same time, however, wages have stagnated or decreased.

The report shows 53 percent of jobs in New Jersey pay less than \$20 an hour, or \$40,000 full time, though many of those jobs are part time, according to Halpin. She pointed out there are now a lot fewer \$30-an-hour jobs and \$15-an-hour service jobs, which are essential to the economy, than there were before the recession began in 2008.

ALICE, an acronym coined by the United Way, stands for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed. It's a way to describe households that earn enough money to put them above the poverty line but not enough to actually survive.

In Morris County, a household survival budget for a

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