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EYE ON THE ELDERLY: HELPING MORRIS SENIORS



Vera Parchment (left), a SeniorBridge home health aide who is specially trained to work with clients with mental illness, talks last week with Irene Hagen, nurse/care manager; Ana Cernadas, nurse/clinical manager, and Denise Bonura, nurse/regional manager.

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Care teams emphasize emotional support

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By the time Christine DeFalco, a care manager for Cornerstone Family Programs, enters the lives of the senior citizens she helps, they sometimes have gone a long while without help or direction.

They're referred to Cornerstone by local hospitals about to release someone who lives alone, doctors' offices that notice a patient's clothes are disheveled, or concerned neighbors.

"I now have a client who hasn't paid her taxes, and they're trying to foreclose her house," DeFalco said. As with 25 percent of DeFalco's clients, this woman is estranged from her adult children.

Once, DeFalco crawled through the window of a client's house when he didn't answer his phone or the door, only to find him in the bathtub, where he'd been for more than 24 hours.

Seniors who live on and off the social grid can become lost in a mix of problems that are fueled by — or result in — mental health issues. The keys to stopping that spiral of despair, experts say, are helping the elderly where they live and intervening before life overwhelms them or their physical and mental maladies begin to interplay.

Another Cornerstone initiative, the Senior Collaboration and Intensive Geriatric Case Management Program, works with the most disconnected seniors of all. Its care managers walk the streets and visit shelters in search of seniors who've fallen between the social cracks.

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Health care aide Vera Parchment at the Morristown office of SeniorBridge, a health care company that works with area senior citizens.

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Christine DeFalco, senior care manager for Cornerstone Family Programs, in front of Morristown's Petrone and Wetmore Towers public housing buildings.

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"To have someone hold your hand or give you a hug is a vital and important part of the aging process."

DAWN THOMAS, FAMILY SUPPORT CARE MANAGEMENT

Fenimore bill for Roxbury: \$750,000

Capping continues as opposition demands alerts

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While the state continues its capping project at Fenimore landfill, Roxbury has spent nearly \$750,000 of its own money dealing with problems at the site, which has plagued the township with toxic hydrogen sulfide fumes since late 2011.

Reports posted this week on the township website detail Fenimore-related expenses from 2012 to 2014 totaling \$747,079.47.

The Fenimore problem, which came to light after the rotten-egg odor of the gas permeated the township, also has cost the state millions of dollars. The state Department of Environmental Protection, which took over the site in June 2013 under an emergency order, declined to total its expenses to date, citing ongoing litigation. The department in July did announce the award of a \$9.6 million capping contract to Conti Enterprises of South Plainfield.

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LANDFILL'S COST

- Among top expenses in the \$747,079 spent by Roxbury on Fenimore Landfill-related issues from 2012 through 2014: \$307,856 for engineering services. \$157,502 (final cost after state reimbursement) for operation of air monitors around the landfill. \$110,837 for design of an access road. \$80,040 for legal expenses. \$61,965 for traffic control after a contractor began trucking in fill to cap the landfill.

Students do survey of lake

Work yields comprehensive guide to Hopatcong's docks

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Thanks to a college student project, the state and the Lake Hopatcong Foundation now have access to a comprehensive guide of all of the docks on the state's largest lake.

In partnership with the state Department of Environmental Protection, two students and a professor from Drew University worked with the Lake Hopatcong Foundation for the first geographic information system survey of the docks of Lake Hopatcong, a state-owned lake.

The results will help the DEP and the Lake Hopatcong Foundation create a better planning and enforcement tool for the lake. Specifically, the results will help the DEP enforce dock regulations and better determine the need to approve permit requests to repair existing docks and build new ones.

"This gives us a current and accurate inventory of docks for the entire lake, and provides a very useful tool in help-

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WHAT'S AHEAD THIS WEEK

STAFF REPORT

'Family Art Night' to be held in Rockaway Township

The Rockaway Township Public Library is hosting "Family Art Night" from 6:30-7:45 p.m. Tuesday for ages five through adult. All talent levels are welcome.

Family Art Night is a freestyle workshop at which participants can create art through different styles and materials. Instructors will also demonstrate projects for those who prefer instructions or want to learn something new.

To register, call 973-627-2344, email to rockawaytwp.library@rtlibrary.org or visit the library at 61 Mount Hope Road in Rockaway.

Discussion on anti-Semitism

The Morristown Jewish Center-Beit

Yisrael will host a free community program spotlighting "Rising Anti-Semitism around the World," 7:30 p.m. Thursday. The Morristown Jewish Center is located at 177 Speedwell Ave. in Morristown.

The keynote speakers will be Mark Weitzman, a globally recognized expert on international relations, anti-Semitism, extremism and digital hate; and Barbara Wind, director of the Holocaust Council of Greater MetroWest. Questions, answers and discussion will follow the presentations.

Preregistration is required by Jan. 19 by emailing ellen.nesson@gmail.com.

Weitzman will provide an update on worldwide anti-Semitism. As director of government affairs of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, Weitzman frequently travels internationally and is also chief representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Center to the United Nations. Journalist

and writer Barbara Wind will offer historical background on anti-Semitism and focus on some of the pathologies that surround the current state of global anti-Semitism.

Home downsizing presentation in Long Valley

The Washington Township Public Library will host "50 Things You Can Throw Away Today" 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, at the library, located at 37 E. Springtown Road in Long Valley.

In this light and fun session, Michael Ivankovich, a home downsizing specialist, will recommend a list of 50 items to throw away to help declutter your home.

For more information or to register, call 908-876-3596 or visit www.wtpl.org.

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