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Spring-*ing*

The crocuses and snow blossoms pierce the dreary winter landscape. Daffodils and magnolia trees spring to their glory. The days are getting longer. Robins have arrived. Plant sales spring up. Soon, neighbors will be raking wind-blown leaves, digging up their gardens to plant colorful flowers. Easter eggs will be hunted. Religious services will be observed. But the big tell that spring is here is when the words are shouted at the Little League fields across America, “Play Ball!”

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Troop 17 Eagle Scout Project Improves Woodland Park

Damian Kulesza had to take the last step to get Scouting’s highest rank, the Eagle, which was to do his Eagle project.

After consulting with town officials, he planned improvements for Woodland Park.

We re-painted the tables green, because the paint was getting faded and didn’t look good compared to the great park it was located in. It may seem to be easy, but avoiding the paint was the hardest part.

This was industrial paint, so anything it was painted onto would be green for a pretty long time. The paint made them look amazing, and very reflective.

We did other things than just painting a bunch of tables. While some people were painting, the other people circled around the park countless times fixing small things, and picking up litter.

We also straightened a path of gravel, by packing it back together with shovels. We collected about 4 bags of trash with everyone helping.

Troop 17 is chartered by Corpus Christi Church. Any boy, middle and high school age interested in Scouting, is invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Corpus Christi ECLC. *Scribe, Troop 17. ###*



The Voice of Democracy Speaks

On February 25, 2016, in the Carlstadt Civic Center, presentations were made to the winners of the Voice of Democracy Essay Contest sponsored by the Schmidt-Hoeger VFW Post 3149 and Ladies Auxiliary.

Post Commander Robert Nerbertski opened the program, Reverend Donald M. Pitches, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, gave the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Post Quartermaster Joe Lopomo gave welcoming remarks. Each essay was read.

First Place winner was Stephanie Giraldo, Second Place was Allison M. Carella and Third Place was Adis Hoti.

Mr. Shin, English teacher at Becton, accepted the award for Adis Hoti. Refreshments followed. *Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*

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One early evening on February 29, 2016, there was a female North American Harbor Seal relaxing and enjoying the views at the docks at River Barge Park in Carlstadt. *Provided by Angelo Urato. ###*

Hackensack Riverkeeper Announces 2016 Eco-Program Schedule

Hackensack Riverkeeper is pleased to announce its 2016 Eco-Program schedule. The clean water advocacy group is poised to provide thousands of people with an enjoyable & educational experience

of the river, its watershed and wildlife. Riverkeeper's Eco-Cruises, Guided Paddles, boat rentals, River Cleanups, Bird-Walks and indoor presentations combine environmental education with public service and fun.

The new season begins Earth Day Weekend (April 23-24) with the re-opening of the organization's Paddling Center at Laurel Hill Park in Secaucus and Overpeck Park Kayak Center in Teaneck. The Eco-Program season runs through the end of October.

Hackensack Riverkeeper offers a series of eight distinct Eco-Program opportunities:

- **Eco-Cruises.** Hackensack Riverkeeper's signature environmental education programs. Forty open Eco-Cruises are scheduled from May 1 through October 15.

Three distinct Eco-Cruise itineraries are offered: Meadows Discovery -- explores the wetlands and creeks of the river's estuary; Boating through Bergen -- runs upriver to the center of Hackensack and the museum ship USS Ling; and Excursion Around the Bay --- a maritime history tour to Staten Island and back past the port facilities of Newark and Elizabeth. Open trips are not available for group charters.

- **Charter Eco-Cruises** can be arranged for groups of up to 28 adults for any available date/time May 2 through October 31. Those interested can call 201-968-0808 x102 for more info or to book a trip.

- **Passaic River Eco-Cruises.** Eight spring and summer dates have been chosen for these unique tours, which include both waterfront excursions and trips up the Newark and Elizabeth Shipping Channels off Newark Bay.

For more information, visit www.newarkriverfront.org

or contact Newark Riverfront Revival at 201-241-8311, 973-733-5868.

- **Paddling Center at Laurel Hill Park.** Located on the river at Laurel Hill County Park in Secaucus, NJ, the Center is open weekends Saturday, April 23 through Sunday, October 30 weather permitting.

It offers the use of canoes and kayaks for a donation of \$25 per paddler (2-paddler minimum) for up to four hours for independent exploration. Eleven scheduled Guided Paddles will be conducted by Center staff including nine popular Full (and near-full) Moon paddles. Program donation: \$30 per paddler / \$15 per paddler for those their own boat(s). For private tours call 201-968-0808 x102.


- **Overpeck Park Kayak (and Canoe) Center.** From April 23 through October 30, the Center will be open Wednesday-Friday from noon to sunset; and weekends from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- **River Cleanups.** These active conservation events give people of all ages the opportunity to give back to the environment. River Clean-ups are scheduled at eleven different waterside locations within the Hackensack River Watershed from April 23 through November 6. For more information call 201-968-0808 x105.


- **Bird-Walks.** For more information, call 201-968-0808 x102. Costs: \$150-\$200 depending on location and duration. For up to 12 people.

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Roll of Honors Awards

The first annual Roll of Honors Award ceremony was held at the February 25, 2016 Board of Education meeting at A.S. Faust Intermediate School in East Rutherford. The recipients of the recognition were Grace McGee, a school secretary, retired, and Judy Ackermann, a beloved teacher, deceased. Mr. Joseph Abate, Interim Superintendent, awarded the plaques to Mrs. McGee and Bruce Ackermann, Judy’s husband. Gina Pappas, a teacher at Faust School, honored Mrs. Ackermann, and Louis Ravettine, retired East Rutherford Principal, honored Mrs. McGee. The auditorium was filled with family members, school staff, friends, and past students who attended the ceremony to honor the two women’s dedication to the East Rutherford school system for many years. *Provided by Jessica Gerity. ###*



Heights Lions Den

On February 12, 2016, Hasbrouck Heights Lions Club President Joseph Mastropietro presented The Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library a \$500 check for the ongoing purchase of large print materials. Each year, the Lions make an annual contribution to help supplement the cost of these expensive materials and to further their mission of supporting vision for all. In 2009, the Lions Den was established to help meet this need. Each purchased book is plated and gives special recognition to the Hasbrouck Heights Lions Club for their generous donation. *Photo provided by The Library. ###*



The Carlstadt/East Rutherford Lions Club held their Annual Pancake Breakfast at the East Rutherford Civic Center on March 6, 2016. They were assisted by the Carlstadt and East Rutherford Brownies and Girl Scouts. *Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*

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Mother's Day: Give A Blanket

Once again, the Guild of Reformed Church Women of First Reformed Church, Hasbrouck Heights, invite you to participate in their annual Blanket of Honor Sunday project. These \$10 donations per blanket, in honor of or in memory of any or all the significant women in your life, will be accepted through May 5, 2016, for inclusion in the Mother's Day bulletin, May 8.

The proceeds will be used by Church World Service to provide new blankets to be distributed to families wherever and whenever a disaster occurs, whether natural or man-made.

These blankets are used in a multitude of ways, not just for warmth. They provide a measure of dignity, a refuge, a source of protection, a means of carrying all one's belongings, a message that someone cares for them, wherever they may be in the world.

Please mail your check (\$10 per blanket) and send to First Reformed Church of Hasbrouck Heights, PO Box 66, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. Please include the name(s) of the women you wish to honor or remember. The Guild women appreciate your assistance, as do the recipients, whether locally, nationally or world-wide.

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Earth Day 2016 — Trees for the Earth. Let’s get planting

The movement continues. We are now entering the 46th year of a movement that continues to inspire, challenge ideas, ignite passion, and motivate people to action.

In 1970, the first Earth Day, the movement gave voice to an emerging consciousness, channeling human energy toward environmental issues.

Forty-six years later, they continue to lead with groundbreaking ideas and by the power of example. And so it begins. Today. Right here and right now. Earth Day is more than just a single day — April 22, 2016. It’s bigger than attending a rally and taking a stand.

This Earth Day and beyond, let’s make big stuff happen. Let’s plant 7.8 billion trees for the Earth. Let’s divest from fossil fuels and make cities 100% renewable.

Let’s take the momentum from the Paris Climate Summit and build on it. Let’s start now. And let’s not stop. - See more at: <http://www.earthday.org/earth-day/#sthash.9SvzLO22.dpuf>

Over the next five years, as Earth Day moves closer to its 50th anniversary, they are calling on you to help them achieve one of their most ambitious goals yet — they are planting 7.8 billion trees and they’re starting now.

Trees will be the first of

five major goals they are undertaking in honor of the five-year countdown to their 50th anniversary.

On their own and together, these initiatives will make a significant and measurable impact on the Earth and will serve as the foundation of a cleaner, healthier and more sustainable planet for all.

Why Trees?

Trees help combat climate change. They absorb excess and harmful CO2 from the atmosphere. In fact, in a single year, an acre of mature trees absorbs the same amount of CO2 produced by driving the average car 26,000 miles.

Trees help us breathe clean air. Trees absorb odors and pollutant gases (*nitrogen oxides, ammonia, sulfur dioxide and ozone*) and filter particulates out of the air by trapping them on their leaves and bark.

Trees help communities. Trees help communities achieve long-term economic and environmental sustainability and provide food, energy and income.

Plant a tree. Make a donation. Activate your friends and social networks. We can do this. #trees4earth - See more at: <http://www.earthday.org/earth-day/earth-day-theme/#sthash.qyIRCM2k.dpuf> ###

Stash the Trash April 16

The 8th Annual Stash the Trash Community Clean Up is scheduled for April 16, 2016, at 10 a.m., at the Redneck Ave. ball fields.

In a small town, these community events preserve the integrity of their sense of togetherness. Keeping Moonachie clean is a year round job, and your involvement would be greatly appreciated.

This event is sponsored by the Moonachie Clean Communities, Bergen County Clean Communities and the South Bergen Rotary Club. The event will run from 10 a.m. until noon. Community groups are encouraged to sign up and all materials for clean-up will be provided, as well as a bar-b-que lunch.

If you would like to sign up, email mlyons@moonachie.us. Groups will be able to apply for a mini-grant from the town. If you have any questions, call 201-376-8382. ###

Felician Sisters Celebrate Earth Day 2016

Earth Day will be commemorated with a program of prayer and song at the Felician Sisters’ Peace Site on Friday, April 22, 2016 from 12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

The peace site has been in existence for over 25 years and is located as you enter the Felician Sisters’ property at 260 South Main Street, Lodi.

All are invited to join in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, as we strive for a deeper commitment to a peaceful coexistence with the earth and all its creatures.

Participants will include representatives of the Felician Sisters, Felician College, Immaculate Conception High School and the Felician School for Exceptional Children.

Local officials have also been invited to this event.

For additional information, please contact Sister Mary Virginia at 973-473-7447 ext. 114. ###

HH Garden Club Welcomes Marc Zukovich

The Garden Club welcomes you to join them on Thursday evening, April 21, 2016, to meet their speaker for the meeting, Marc Zukovich.

Marc has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Botany from Drew University and certificates from Harvard Graduate School of Design and the New York Botanical Garden.

Before founding Sterling Horticultural Services in 1988, he was a District Manager for Brickman Industries. Prior to that, he managed a 38-acre private estate in Alpine, NJ.

From 1988 to 2012, Marc managed the grounds of Honeywell Inc.’s World Headquarters, formerly Allied Signal, in Morristown, for over 20 years, and has provided exceptional landscape care to residential properties.

Since 1989, he had been teaching classes in horticulture as an adjunct professor at County College of Morris, where he was recognized with the NISOD national award for teaching excellence. He frequently lectures for adult schools and community groups throughout New Jersey, and offers on-site consultation as “The Garden Coach” to homeowners.

He will speak about “Designing and planting the mixed border” and “Waking your garden up in the spring.” Marc will bring numerous handouts to supplement his talk for the evening.

The Garden Club will be meeting in the Senior Center located at 320 Boulevard. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by a short meeting to discuss the up and coming “Garden of the Season Award” for the Spring. Contact chairperson Audry Gall, about the Garden of the Season program at 201-288-8943, she will be happy to answer any questions you might have about that program.

The “Boulevard in Bloom” Program will also be discussed.

Please join them for an informative meeting and bring a friend. All are welcome, and you need not be a Garden Club member. New members welcome. For further information contact Judy at 201-288-2615. ###

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Nursery grown plants and flowers and hanging pots will be available for pick-up just in time for Mother’s Day at St. John’s Parish Hall, Hasbrouck Heights, on Friday, May 6, 2016. There will not be any plants available on Saturday.

Only pre-orders for the 37th Annual St. John’s Plant Sale are being accepted and due by Monday, May 2, 2016.

Flats which contain one kind/one color are \$11.50.

Pre-order forms are available by calling 201-288-0002 and leave a message, or download order from www.saint-johnthedivine.com

All plants are of the highest quality. As in previous years, all plants are hand picked at the nursery by experienced gardeners. There will be other plants available along with pots of plants when pre-orders are picked up. ###

Container Garden Workshop

Care on The Corner (COTC) will host a Container Garden workshop on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at 333 Franklin Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights.

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201-288-9460 or go to: careon-the-corner.org

Applications should be returned by April 30, 2016. If you have any questions, please call Carol at 201-288-9460. ###

Flower Sale

Boy Scout Troop 181 is holding their Annual Mother’s Day Flower Sale.

10” hanging baskets of New Guinea Impatiens are on sale for only \$16.

Orders are being taken now through April 13. The flowers will be delivered the weekend of April 30 just in time for Mother’s Day!

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For more information about the Boy Scouts, please contact Barry at 201-507-1708. ###



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HH Little League Pancake Breakfast

The HH Little League will hold its 21st Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 17, 2016, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the VFW Hall on Veterans Place.

The menu includes pancakes, sausage, crumb cake, donuts, bagels, juice, milk and coffee. This event usually serves about 1,500 breakfasts.

Admission is -- adult \$5, child \$3 and under 4 free.

The Tricky Tray sports memorabilia auction will follow from noon to 1 p.m. Winners do not have to be present at the time of the drawing to win.

Proceeds will be used towards upgrading the facilities.

Businesses are invited to place their business card size ad on the place mats for \$40. Email: kenlanzoplumbing@gmail.com for more information. ###

37th Annual Plant Sale

Featuring nursery grown plants and flowers, hanging pots -- just in time for Mother's Day.

NOTE: Only Pre-Order Sales Accepted!

Pre-ordered plants are sold by the flats only. Flats are \$11.50. Flats are one color/one kind. There will be other plants available along with pots of plants when pre-orders are picked up.

Download order form from www.saintjohnthedivine.com or call 201-288-0002. Orders due Monday, May 2.

Pre-paid advance orders are available for pick-up on Friday, May 6, 2016, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in Parish Hall.

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Dealers are responsible for supplying their own tables and clean up of their area.

Hasbrouck Heights Little League 21st Annual Pancake Breakfast & Tricky Tray*/Sports Memorabilia Auction



**Sunday
April 17
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
at the VFW**

It's time again for the 21st Annual Hasbrouck Heights Little League Pancake Breakfast and **Tricky Tray*** Sports Memorabilia Auction fund-raiser!

This year's breakfast and Tricky Tray style auction will be held April 17 at the V.F.W. (located at the end of Old Field Avenue) from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are available at the VFW at the door. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children (children under 4 are free).

* More than just Sports Memorabilia

Chamber/Garden Club Boulevard in Bloom

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Beautiful flowering planters have adorned The Boulevard for over 10 years.

The Hasbrouck Heights Chamber of Commerce, in co-operation with the Hasbrouck Heights Garden Club, invites businesses and residents to sponsor a flowering planter by making a \$50 donation.

The planting will be done by the Garden Club at the DPW after the May 15 frost date.

Once the plantings have been completed, the DPW will then move the flower pots to their Boulevard location, and has agreed to water the plants during the season. After the summer, the DPW will collect

EPA Finalizes Passaic River Cleanup

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency finalized a plan to remove 3.5 million cubic yards of toxic sediment from the lower eight miles of the Passaic River in New Jersey, followed by capping that entire stretch of river bottom.

The sediment in the Passaic River is severely contaminated with dioxin, PCBs, heavy metals, pesticides and other contaminants from more than a century of industrial activity.

The lower eight miles of the Passaic is the most heavily contaminated section of the river. Ninety percent of the volume of contaminated sediments in the river are in the lower eight miles.

The 3.5 million cubic yards of contaminated sediment will be removed by dredging the river bottom, bank-to-bank, from Newark Bay to the Belleville/Newark border. The cleanup is estimated to cost \$1.38 billion. *Source: Elias Rodriguez, EPA.* ###

Farmers' Market Continues

The **Hasbrouck Heights Farmers' Market** is scheduled to begin on June 14, 2016 and continue every Tuesday from noon to 6 p.m. until late September, at the corner of The Boulevard and Central (municipal parking lot).

This Farmers' Market is scheduled to host over a dozen vendors this year, and George is back! There may be a food

truck.

Vendors, crafters, local artists, musicians, etc., are welcome. According to Chamber President Ray Vorisek, Hasbrouck Heights businesses and community organizations are invited to set up a free table for one Tuesday afternoon at the 2016 Market. Limited positions are available. Call Ray at 201-288-5464 for more information.

**HH Lions Sponsor
Fireworks Program
June 28, 2016**

The Lions Club 32nd Annual Fireworks are tentatively scheduled for June 28, 2015, at Depken Field (Route 17 & Franklin Avenue). Rain dates: June 29/30.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Under 5 free.

Only blankets will be allowed on the field (no chairs). Water will be allowed, but no food. ###

Rutherford

The Rutherford Farmers Market is held at One Williams Plaza on Park Avenue weekly from June through October, rain or shine, on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. ###

April Birthstone
Diamond

Keep W-R Beautiful T-Shirt Contest

The Annual Keep Wood Ridge Beautiful Design a T-Shirt contest is open to all 7th and 8th Grade Wood-Ridge residents. Entry forms are available at the W-R Junior/Senior High School from the Art Teachers and at Borough Hall. Contest ends April 15, 2016. Submit entries to the W-R High School Office, Attn: Ms. Hemmel. ###

HH Town-wide Garage Sale

A Hasbrouck Heights town-wide garage sale is scheduled for May 21 and May 22, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Participation in this sale does not count towards the "two garage sales" per year ordinance. Sign up dates May 10 and 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Municipal Building. There is a \$10 fee. Space will be made available for apartment dwellers and fund raising organizations. Participants must bring their own table.

A free map indicating all registered participants' addresses will be distributed to the shoppers. This event is sponsored by the Hasbrouck Heights Mayor's Celebration Committee. For more information, call the Borough Clerk at 201-288-0195. ###

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Rummage Sale April 7-9

The Guild of Reformed Church Women will hold their Spring 2016 Rummage Sale at the First Reformed Church, Hasbrouck Heights, on Thursday, April 7 and Friday, April 8, from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, April 9 from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Items for sale include clothing, shoes, toys, books and household items. Donations welcome beginning Monday, April 4, until Thursday, April 7 from 9 to noon at the Church.

Proceeds will go to Church projects and missions. The Guild holds rummage sales every spring and fall. For more information, call Estella at 201-288-0378. ###

American Legion Flea Market April 17

The American Legion Posts 170 of Rochelle Park and 136 of Lodi cordially invite you to their indoor/outdoor flea market on Sunday, April 17, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 33 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park. Tables are \$25 inside and \$20 outside. There is a \$5 discount for Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Rider members.

For more information contact bobsalvini@att.net ###

Postcard & Paper Ephemera Show

The Community Chest of Rutherford announced the 14th annual Postcard and Paper Ephemera Show and Sale will be held on Sunday, May 22, 2016 at Kip Center, 55 Kip Avenue, Rutherford, NJ. For more information, call Virginia at 201-939-8782.

The event benefits Rutherford Boy and Girl Scouts, Rutherford Community Food Pantry, Rutherford Social Services, Meadowlands Museum, Starfish of Rutherford, etc. ###

Wounded Warrior Benefit May 21

Hasbrouck Heights VFW Post 4591 is sponsoring their 3rd Annual Wounded Warrior Benefit with live entertainment on May 21, 2016, from 7 to 11 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$50 and include Italian buffet dinner, beer, wine and soda. There will be live entertainment and a raffle. Tickets are available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at the Post from 4 to 9 p.m. or call 201-288-1112 between 9 and 11 a.m. ###

Sands Casino Trip April 18

Enjoy a lovely excursion to the beautiful Sands Casino and Luxury Shopping Outlet Stores!

It's your choice of how you spend your time...playing the wide variety of casino games, doing some shopping at luxury outlets such as Lenox, Chico's, Coach, Nine West (*and more!*), or a little bit of both!

The bus leaves Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Church April 18, 2016, 9 a.m. sharp; leaving Sands Casino at 4 p.m. The price is \$35 and includes bus transportation, a \$20 free slots play, and a \$5 food voucher.

Payment is due at the time of the reservation. Checks should be made payable to "MSH Rosary Confraternity," placed with the reservation form in an envelope marked "Sands Trip", and dropped off or mailed to the Rectory at 127 Paterson Avenue, Wallington 07057.

Note: Guests must present valid state or federal issued photo id in order to obtain their Sands Players Club Card or any motor coach incentive.

For information, call Ginny at 201-715-2087. ###

Sounds for Hope Concert April 29 to Benefit AHOF

On Friday, April 29, 2016, Bergen Tech HS will perform their 11th annual benefit concert "Sounds For Hope 11" from 6 to 10 p.m. at the BT Auditorium, 504 Route 46 West (*across from Teterboro Airport.*)

Accomplished students and teachers are scheduled to play a 30 song set of rock, R&B and hip-hop songs. The event will benefit the NJ Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum.

Tickets are \$10. Limit 200 tickets. For tickets call 201-343-6000 x7748 or email: gebzur@bergen.org ###

Bands Wanted for a Showcase

The Lodi Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse will be hosting a "Band Showcase."

They are seeking local talent with a music genre aimed at high school age teens that includes top 40 hits.

The concert will be scheduled for a weeknight in June at the Lodi Amphitheater. Contact Lori at the Lodi Recreation Department at 973-859-7425. ###

Night at the Races

St. Mary High School PTO is hosting their Second Annual Night at the Races on Friday, April 8, 2016 from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25. BYOB. Adults only. No tickets will be sold at the door. Light supper included.

The night includes a DVD of previously run races provided by Armchair Races, Inc. Guests have the opportunity to wager on the races for chances to win exciting prizes.

For tickets or any questions please email: Christine at chrisperch@aol.com or Robyn at ragibney@verizon.net ###

Casino Bus Trip

The HH VFW Post 4591 sponsors Casino Bus Trips on the last Wednesday of each month. Bus departs at 10 a.m. The cost is \$35 paid in advance; includes a continental breakfast from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., a casino voucher and a goody bag on your trip home. Games, prizes and a movie make the travel time pass quickly. For details-call Andy at 973-773-1812, Susan at 973-641-6562 or the Post at 201-288-1112. ###

A Taste Of 2016

The Alumnae Association of Immaculate Conception High School in Lodi is sponsoring "A Taste Of...2016" – culinary event where local restaurants and bakeries provide samplings of their signature dishes and delicious desserts, on Thursday, April 21, 2016, starting at 6:30 p.m., in the high school cafeteria. Tickets are now on sale.

Tickets are \$30. Reserved table of 10 is \$250. For more information call Renee Gitto, Director of Institutional Advancement at 973-472-7231. ###

Opera Extras Being Cast

The New Jersey Association of Verismo Opera, is holding open casting calls for supernumerary roles for the company's spring production of Amilcare Ponchielli's "La Gioconda" on Sunday, April 17, 2016, at 3 p.m. Supernumeraries are similar to extras in television and movies.

No experience is necessary! All supernumerary positions are undertaken as volunteer roles. Supernumeraries will perform in period costume in the fully staged production with a live orchestra. For information call 201-224-2809. ###

FOCAS Holds Flea Market

FOCAS April Flea market is, Saturday, April 16, and Sunday, April 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the American Legion, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry.

This market features specialty items that make unique gifts, a selection of household items, jewelry, collectibles, linens, games, toys, pet supplies, cds/videos, and more. Refreshments and baked goods are available.

Flea Market merchandise donations are gratefully accepted. (*Not accepted are TVs, PC monitors, exercise equipment, clothes or magazines.*)

They may be dropped off at the American Legion on Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. and Saturday (all day) of the Flea Market weekend.

For additional information call the FOCAS Help Line at 201-943-4019, email info@focasnews.org, or visit www.focasnews.org ###

Art Association of Rutherford

The Art Association of Rutherford will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. at the Tamblin Civic Center at 30 Woodland Avenue, Rutherford.

They will have a guest demonstration. Come to learn or just watch. All are welcome. Refreshments provided. ###

Spring Indoor Flea Market April 16

The Parish Social Life Board of Saint Margaret of Cortona Church will be hosting their annual Spring Indoor Flea Market. This year they will have Special Mother's Day gifts, mostly crystal, available at the Church tables.

The Flea Market will be April 16, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Saint Margaret's Marnell Hall, Liberty Street and Chamberlain Avenue, Little Ferry. Vendors can request a contract by calling Ellie at 201-641-0883. Tables at 8 ft. by 30 inches and cost \$25. Tables and chairs are supplied.

Breakfast and lunch will be available for purchase. ###

Garummage Sale April 23

The First United Methodist Church, Hasbrouck Heights, will hold its annual Garummage Sale on Saturday, April 23, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (*rain or shine*).

There will be a huge selection of household items, indoor and outdoor toys, jewelry, collectibles, electronics, etc.

The Church is located at the corner of Division and Burton Avenue in Hasbrouck Heights. Event entrance on Division Avenue. For further information call Elsie at 201-288-0324. ###

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Performing Arts Program

Care on the Corner announces the Spring 2016 program for Kids on the Corner, a Performing Arts Program for children in Grades 2 - 6.

This session marks the 32nd production of Kids on the Corner. The goal of Kids on the Corner is to educate and enlighten children in different art forms and cultural experiences. The children are offered opportunities to learn about history, culture, visual arts, theater production, set design, costume design, music and acting.

The Performing Arts group meets on Fridays from 3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m., April 8 - May 13. Under the direction of Cindy Summers and Gerry Mastrolia, participants will tell the story of "Miss Nelson is Missing." All are welcome to come out and see the performance on Friday, May 13, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Cindy Summers is a 2006 graduate of the New Jersey School of Dramatic Arts acting program. She has been working with children for more than ten years and has been teaching for six years. She spent six years working in a preschool for children with special needs and she has taught the Ready, Set, Act!, program at New Jersey School of Dramatic Arts for the last four years. In 2010, she introduced the Young Actors Workshop to help further the effectiveness of the children's program.

Gerry Mastrolia will be assisting Cindy in the Spring 2016 Production of Kids on the Corner. Gerry began performing in theatre at the young age of 9 and has been doing it ever since!

He has been in quite a few stage productions including John Brooke in "Little Women," Horton in "Seussical," Jason in "Rabbit Hole," and Edna Turnblad in "Hairspray." Gerry feels very fortunate to do what he loves to do!

He has worked as a stage manager for a children's theatre production of "Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs" and has recently been working with the GasLamp Players Teen Program as an Assistant Stage Manager for the last 3 productions. To quote Gerry: "Theatre is my life and I love all aspects of it."

The group meets at the Parish Hall of St. John the Divine at 229 Terrace Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ. Call the Care Center at 201-288-9460 to register or download an application form from www.careonthecorner.org. There is a \$25 registration fee. Scholarships are available. ###

Verismo Opera's La Gioconda April 17

Love, seduction, jealousy, vengeance, and death all come together in the New Jersey Association of Verismo Opera's 2016 season presentations of grand, traditional opera at the Bergen Performing Arts Center (bergenPAC).

Verismo Opera begins the season in seventeenth century Venice, Italy with its debut of the plot-filled opera, "La Gioconda," on Sunday, April 17.

Based on "Angelo, Tyrant of Padua" by Victor Hugo, the story, replete with twists and turns, takes place during the rule of the Doges.

The fully staged operas will be performed with the complete cast attired in period costume.

Tickets are now on sale for "La Gioconda" and may be purchased online at www.bergenpac.org or in person at bergenPAC's box office. For ticket information, call 201-227-1030. ###

Mindful Moppets

Care on the Corner announces the Mindful Moppets, a one hour circle of activities for children ages 3 - 5. The session includes songs, listening skills, movement, yoga, stories, and imaginative visualizations to experience inner peace and discovery of innate wisdom and joy.

The program is designed to promote awareness for children in today's stressful world and focus on the present moment. It offers a place where children can pause, reflect and be seen and heard while developing respect and compassion for themselves and others.

The first session of Mindful Moppets will meet on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., April 8 -26, 2016.

Mary Steinberg will direct the Moppets. Ms. Steinberg is a certified teacher with 10 years of experience working with three, four and five year olds.

Some of her accomplishments include developing a remedial reading program, assistant art director for a children's theatre company, a children's program director, and is a certified children's yoga teacher. Ms. Steinberg is a recipient of a Governor's Recognition Award.

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The Box

The First Presbyterian Church of Rutherford will host a special one-night performance of "The Box" on Saturday, May 21, 2016, at 7 p.m. to benefit the Rutherford Community Pantry.

"The Box" is a one-man tragicomic play about a homeless Vietnam Veteran who suffers from PTSD.

"Jack" is a philosopher, a theologian, a humorist, a lover, a fighter and a survivor who lives and sleeps in a box in the secluded woods of St. Augustine, Florida.

Seating is limited. Tickets are \$20 and must be purchased in advance. For tickets call 201-438-3569. For more information visit www.fpcrutherford.org.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Rutherford Community Pantry. Additional cash donations and donations of unexpired food and toiletries are welcome the night of the performance. ###

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Felician Reading Center Offers a Summer Camp

The Felician Reading Center will offer a Summer Camp for children ages 6 to 9 years old.

The program will begin on Monday, July 11, 2016 and end on Friday, July 25, 2016. The program will be held Monday through Friday mornings and will begin at 9 a.m. sharp and end at Noon.

The program will consist of a variety of activities and hands on. The fee will be \$100 per week.

Each child will provide a snack and drink for themselves in order to stay safe because of different allergies.

To register, please call Sister Mary Andrew at 973-473-7447 ext 123. ###

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Gandhi in Word and Art

The First Presbyterian Church of Rutherford announced the next event in its Interfaith Education program - A Celebration of Gandhi in Word and Art. The program will be held during the month of April in cooperation with the Church, the Rutherford Public Library, The EduCare Foundation of New Jersey and The Shanti (Peace) Fund of Long Island, NY.

For the Art portion of the program, The Rutherford Public Library will host an exhibit provided by The Shanti (Peace) Fund beginning April 10 through April 30, 2016 on the life of Mahatma Gandhi and his message of non-violence.

The exhibit will consist of approximately 50 photographs.

For the Word portion of the program, the First Presbyterian Church will hold a program entitled "My Life is My Message" on Sunday, April 17, at 11:30 a.m.

During 20th century, several historical political and social reforms were achieved through heroic adaptation of non-violence in their movements by leaders such as Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr.

All are welcome. Refreshments will be served. For more information visit www.fpcrutherford.org or call 201-438-3569. ###

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**Michael A. Schwarz
Memorial Scholarship**

Engine Company Two of the Carlstadt Fire Department established a scholarship in memory of Michael A. Schwarz, a 20 year old Marine killed in action November 2006 in Iraq. He was a member of the Carlstadt Fire Department and a 2004 graduate of Becton Regional High School.

The scholarship is open to all Carlstadt residents graduating from High School this spring and furthering their education. It will be awarded to students who show dedication and service to their school and community.

Applications are available starting April 1, 2016 at Carlstadt Borough Hall and must be returned by May 15, 2016. For more information or to make a contribution, contact the Carlstadt Fire Department at 201-460-3942. ###

**CFD Auxiliary
Scholarship**

The Carlstadt Fire Department Auxiliary is offering a scholarship to a Carlstadt resident receiving a diploma with this year’s graduating class from an accredited secondary school. Once a year, a grant will be awarded based on the applicant’s personal qualities, character and leadership ability. Applications are available at Carlstadt Borough Hall.

Completed applications are to be forwarded to your school principal or guidance counselor. The school will return the applicaton with your secondary school record.

Applications must be received by May 15, 2016. For more information call Dyan at 201-460-7324. ###

**RCDN Pre-school
Registration**

The Rutherford Cooperative Day Nursery School in Rutherford, NJ is accepting applications for the 2016-2017 school year.

Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 classes are offered in a unique cooperative setting where the parents help to run the school by assisting in the classroom and working on a committee.

The Pre-K 3 program is held on Tuesday and Thursday from 9-11:45 a.m. and the Pre-K 4 program is held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 - 1:30 p.m. Children must be 3 and 4 years of age by the public school cut-off date for Kindergarten of the town in which you reside.

For more information, please visit rcdnschool.com or call 201-438-0899. ###

**2016 Moonachie
Scholarship Fund**

The following scholarships are available for Moonachie High School Seniors. All applications were distributed to the High School guidance Counselors Mid-March.

- The Moonachie Scholarship Fund sent out its requirements and applications for awards to all high school Guidance Counselors mid-March.

Also included in the pack is a separate “Art Scholarship.”

- The Moonachie Municipal Alliance Committee for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse offers a Scholarship Award of \$250.00. Students are required to submit a five-page typed paper.

Applications must be returned to the Guidance Office by Friday, April 22, 2016.

Applications are also available at Borough Hall. Should you have any questions, call the Borough Hall at 201-641-1813 and leave a message for the Scholarship Committee. ###

**Lodi Friends
Announces
Scholarships**

The Friends of The Lodi Memorial Library announce the opening of their Annual Scholarship 2016.

The Scholarship is open to any Lodi resident who is a senior at Lodi High School or any of the surrounding high schools.

All applications must meet the eligibility criteria. Complete the application by April 15, 2016. For an application, 973-365-4044. ###

**Curriculum
Expo at RLC**

Moonachie residents are invited to attend the Robert L. Craig School Curriculum Expo on Thursday, April 21, 2016, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Curriculum Expo showcases projects by Pre-K through 8th Grade in all subject areas. Parents and children can view art exhibits throughout the school and cafeteria.

Complimentary blood pressure checks will be administered by RLC School Nurse. This event is designed to build pride and spark enthusiasm and support for the school by bringing together students, parents, teachers and neighbors. ###

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**Environmental
Scholarship**

Hackensack Riverkeeper, the citizen-steward of the Hackensack River Watershed, is accepting applications for the 2016 Ron Vellekamp Environmental Scholarship.

Applications must be postmarked no later than Earth Day, April 22, 2016. The winner of the \$1,000 unrestricted award will be announced June 1.

Full application criteria are available online at www.hackensackriverkeeper.org ###

**W-R Lions
Scholarships**

Applications for the Wood-Ridge Lions Club annual scholarships (totaling a minimum of \$6,000) are now available. There will be a minimum of 3 awards. The number of awards and the dollar amount will be determined by the selection committee.

One award is given in the name of Lion Vinny Pascale and all Charter Club Members., the second is presented in the names of Lion Jim Love Sr. and Lion Phil Rottini and the third in the name of Lion William J. Nagel. All of these deceased Club members served the Club and their community well.

Any Wood-Ridge or Moonachie resident graduating from an accredited high school may apply for these scholarships. Applications are available at Wood-Ridge High School, The Wood-Ridge Public Library, Assumption Church Friary and at Jan Promotions, 50 Moonachie Road, Moonachie. ###

**Audrey L. Nagel
Scholarship**

Applications are now available for the annual Audrey L. Nagel Scholarship. Parochial School Eighth Graders who are residents of Wood-Ridge or parishioners of Assumption Parish in Wood-Ridge and will be attending a Catholic High School this coming fall are eligible. The \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a student that has shown a commitment to their education, their school and their parish.

Audrey was an inspiration to many people. In addition to the strength and courage with which she faced her illness, Audrey set examples for others in her professional work and through her involvement with her community and parish.

Applications are available at the Assumption Friary, Corpus Christi Grammar School and by e-mail request janpro911@aol.com The deadline for applications is May 20, 2016.

**Carlstadt Police PBA
College Scholarships**

Carlstadt PBA Local 312 is currently accepting applications for its 2016 scholarships. To be eligible, you must be a Carlstadt resident who is graduating High School in 2016 and attending a two or four year college.

Students of Henry P. Becton Regional High School can pick up applications at the Guidance Office. Carlstadt students that attend other high schools can pick up applications at the Carlstadt Police Department desk.

All applications are due back to the Guidance Office, for Becton students, or Carlstadt Police Department, (*Attention: Lt. Beese*), by May 4, 2016. ###

**Lodi Oldtimers
Little League
Scholarships**

The Lodi Oldtimers have announced their annual Scholarship Program and Pam Panagiotou Scholarship Award Program. The scholarships are open to high school seniors who have participated in any of the Lodi Little League baseball or softball programs for a minimum of 3 years.

All applicants must meet the criteria set by the Lodi Oldtimers Little League.

The deadline for applying is April 17, 2016. Winners will be notified by June 1, 2016. Applications can be picked up at the Lodi High School Guidance Office, or the Little League at 72 Church St, Lodi, NJ.

Questions can be directed to the Little League at 973 591-1137. ###

**W-R Knights Offer
Scholarship**

The Knights of Columbus, St. Anthony Council #11585 in Wood-Ridge, will again be awarding a \$500 scholarship to any graduating 8th Grader (*public or parochial school*) who will be attending a Catholic High School next September.

The candidate must be a parishioner of the Church of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady, Wood-Ridge, NJ.

Applications are available in the Church Friary. The deadline for submission of the application is 3 p.m. Friday, April 22, 2016. ###

**Administrative
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**Mothers of
Pre-schoolers**

MOPS invites moms of kids ages 0-6 from any town to join them at “I’ve Got My Eyes on You” on Thursday, April 28, 2016, from 7-9 p.m.

Be encouraged. Connect. Make a friend. Join MOPS! Event hosted by Bible Baptist Church, 31 Passaic Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. Free MOP-PETS childcare provided by RSVP only. Monthly Friday morning get together and outings too. For more info: hasbrouckhtsmops@gmail.com; (862) 239-MOPS; Fb - Hasbrouck Heights NJ MOPS ###

**College and
Scholarship
eBooks**

Searching for college scholarships? If you have a Rutherford Public Library card, you can consult the brand new edition of Scholarships, Fellowships and Loans 2016 which is available as an ebook in the Gale Virtual Reference Library (GVRL) on The Library’s website.

One of the books in Rutherford Library’s online database, it can be viewed from home with a Rutherford Library card. It is also available within The Library by anyone who uses a Library computer. The book provides detailed information on sources of financial aid sponsored by private organizations and companies.

To access the book, log on to rutherfordlibrary.org and click on RPL Databases Quick Links. Choose the blue button with the words “Gale Virtual Reference Library” and type in your Rutherford Library card number. ###

**RLC Pre-K and
Kindergarten
Registration**

Pre-school and Kindergarten registrations are currently being held for children new to the Robert L. Craig School.

Call Mrs. Lacey between 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. at 201-641-5833 ext. 109 for the Pre-school registration process. Children who will be 4 years old on or before October 1, 2016 are eligible for Pre-school. Children who will be 5 years old on or before October 1, 2016 are eligible for Kindergarten. Call Mrs. Tozzini for details at 201-641-5833 ext. 100. ###

**Join Your
EMS Squad**

Lodi Library March Computer Classes

Lodi Memorial Library offers introductory-level computer classes on Tuesday and Saturday, 1:30 – 3 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Call 973-365-4044.

- Tuesday, April 5 – Internet & Email Basics: How to search for websites; navigate between web pages, search within websites and change Internet preferences.
- Saturday, April 9 -- Google drive and more Apps: Learn a suite of “cloud” tools for file management, collaborative work, word processing, spreadsheet, presentations, research and more.
- Tuesday, April 12– Intro to Microsoft Word: Learn to create, save and format a document. Basic computer and keyboard typing skills are required.
- Tuesday, April 19 – Intro to Microsoft Excel: Learn to create and format a spreadsheet, enter numeric and text information and basic number operations.
- Saturday, April 23 -- Mircosoft Word Intermediate: Learn more formatting and editing options.

Tuesday, April 26 -- Microsoft Excel Intermediate -- Worksheet formatting options, sheet tabs, autofill; freeze panes; work with formulas, sort data, print options.

Space is limited. Register by placing \$5 refundable deposit for each class at Lodi Memorial Library. The deposit is forfeited for no-shows. Lodi residents have priority for registration.

All classes are held in the 1st floor Conference Room at Lodi Memorial Library, One Memorial Drive.

One-on-one 30-minute sessions with the instructor are also available, for assistance with setting up Email and other topics on request. Call 973-365-4044 to make an appointment.

For a computer class brochure, call 973-365-4044. ###

Tech Tutor

Looking to maximize free content for your tablet, Kindle, or smart phone?

The Rutherford Public Library is offering appointment-based Tech Tutor services to provide personalized instruction on downloading free e-books, e-magazines, audiobooks, music, and movies to personal devices.

Librarians can also assist with research, setting up e-mail accounts, and basic computer instruction. For an appointment or for more information, please call 201-939-8600 and ask for Reference. ###

Cyber Security Seminar Apr. 26

Kearny Bank will present a Cyber Security Program on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, at 7 p.m., at the Wood-Ridge Senior Center.

Learn how to protect your personal and business information against cyber scams. Focus will be on malware, viruses, check scams, bogus prizes and more.

Guest speaker will be Tim Green, Vice President/Information Security Officer. The program is co-sponsored by The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library. RSVP by Tuesday, April 19 to The Library at 201-438-2455. ###

Computer Classes at HH Library

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights is pleased to announce the availability of computer training classes.

The topics covered include Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Publisher, Learn to Email and Surf the Internet, and Computer Basics.

The classes will be held on a one-on-one basis or in a small group setting. Please call to schedule an appointment. Each session will be one hour. Multiple sessions may be scheduled as needed. If you have other needs, they will be considered. There is no charge for this service. Please call 201-288-6653 to reserve a time slot and indicate your area of interest. ###

Healthy Pasta Alternatives

Looking for new and healthier ways to enjoy the food you love and crave?

Come join MaryAnne Mistretta on April 7, 2016 at 7 p.m. at The Carlstadt Library as she demonstrate, shares and delights all with some great healthy pasta alternatives.

Space is limited. Registration is required. Call Rebecca at 201-438-8866 ex. 204 to register. ###

Children’s Nutrition Program

Join Samantha Pappas, registered dietitian for Inserra Supermarkets, Inc., on April 4, 2016, at 3:00-4:30 p.m. for children ages 6-10. Children will learn all about making the right choices when it comes to snacking. It’s all about being healthy. Registration is requested. Space is limited. Register on line at maria.russo@eastrutherford.bccls.org or call 201-939-3930. ###

Knit, Read and Discuss

The Knit One, Read Two knitting/book discussion group at The Rutherford Public Library will meet on Wednesday, April 6, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., to discuss “The Invention of Wings,” by Sue Monk. The meeting will be held in The Library Auditorium. All those who knit or crochet are warmly invited to bring their needlework and join the discussion. For more information call 201-939-8600. ###

The Luckiest Girl Alive

Lodi Library Book Club meets Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 7 p.m. April’s book will be “The Luckiest Girl Alive” by Jessica Knoll. Light refreshments served. TifAni FaNelli seems to have it all: an upcoming marriage to a handsome, wealthy financier; a job at a competitive, sexy women’s magazine; and a wardrobe filled with designer names. But buried beneath this surface is a secret past that threatens every day to destroy her success and happiness.

Light refreshments served. Book Club meets in the 1st floor Conference Room.

For more information on upcoming books for the year, visit The Library or call 973-365-4044. ###

Ask Your Librarian

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights is pleased to unveil “Ask Your Librarian” service effective immediately. You can now schedule a personal session with your Librarian to answer questions you may have or learn how to use the resources that your local Library provides.

Some examples of the things you may wish to find out about include, free eMagazines, free movies, ebooks, and music, free access to consumer reports online, free business resources such as prospecting databases, how to use Facebook, how to search the Internet, and how to use email.

Registration is requested. To register, please call 201-288-6653. When you call, please indicate your area of interest. Hours are Tuesday, 5 to 6 p.m. and Thursday, 1 to 2 p.m. Hours may be expanded as needed. A session may be any amount of time up to 1 hour. ###

Good manners are always in style

The Charm School

On Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at 7:15 p.m., join your neighbors and friends at The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library to discuss the book “The Charm School” by Nelson DeMille. Copies of the books are available at the Circulation Desk. All are welcome. ###

Chestnut Street

This month The Carlstadt Evening Book Club will be discussing “Chestnut Street” by Maeve Binchy on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served. New members always welcome!

Please call Rebecca at 201-438-8866 ex. 204 for further information. ###

Edible Book Festival April 2

The Friends of The Library of Rutherford will once again host their Edible Book Festival at The Rutherford Public Library on Saturday, April 2, 2016, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Any person, family, or group may enter by designing a cake or confection inspired by a book. The entire community is invited to enjoy refreshments, buy raffle basket tickets, and then buy and cast votes for their favorite creations.

Winners will be announced at the conclusion of the Festival. Entry forms can be found at the main circulation desk at The Rutherford Public Library. All entries must be submitted to the Library by Monday, March 28. For more information, call 201-939-8600.###

Cookbook Club

The Lodi Memorial Library Cookbook Club will meet Saturday, April 9, 2016, at 2 p.m. They will be trying recipes from “Happy Cooking” by Giada De Laurentiis.

Check out a copy of the selected book at The Library, pick a recipe and prepare it for the program. Sample lots of good food and talk about what worked and what didn’t. New members are always welcome.

For more information, call 973-365-4044. ###

Monday Evening Book Group

On Monday, April 11, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., the Monday Evening Reading Group will meet at The Rutherford Public to discuss “The Book of the Unknown Americans,” by Cristina Henriquez. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk. ###

Coming Home

On Tuesday, March 29, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., The Friends of The Library of Rutherford will present a free screening of “Coming Home.”

Lu and Feng are a devoted couple forced to separate when Lu is arrested and sent to a labor camp as a political prisoner during the Cultural Revolution. He finally returns home only to find that his beloved wife no longer remembers him. Starring Li Gong, Daoming Chen and Huiwen Zhang.

The film will be shown in The Library Auditorium. ###

Bridge of Spies

On Tuesday, April 26, 2016, at 6 p.m., The Friends of The Library of Rutherford will present a free screening of the Academy Award nominated “Bridge of Spies.”

James Donovan is a Brooklyn lawyer who finds himself thrust into the center of the Cold War when the CIA sends him on the near-impossible task to negotiate the release of a captured American U-2 pilot. Starring Tom Hanks, Mark Rylance (*Academy Award Winner for Best Supporting Actor*), Amy Ryan, Alan Alda, Austin Stowell. The film will be shown in The Library Auditorium. ###

Friday Matinees

The East Rutherford Memorial Library will be hosting Friday Matinees at 2 p.m. All movies are free of charge, for adults only. Coffee and snacks will be provided. For any additional questions please call 201-939-3930. ###

Movie Tuesdays

Let Carlstadt Library “take” you the movies every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. for a feature film. This month we will be showing ...

- Spotlight: April 12, Running time: 2 hr 9 m
- Brooklyn: April 26, Running time: 1 hr 52 m

Popcorn and beverages will be provided. No registration required for this free event!

Please call Rebecca at 201-438-8866 ex. 204 for more information about this month’s selections. *Movies are subject to change. ###

Free Movies

Lodi Library shows newly released movies every Wednesday starting at 1:30 p.m. For more information on which movies are showing each week, visit <http://lodi.bccls.org/> or come into The Lodi Library or call 973-365-4044. ###

Museum Passes

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library is lending free admission passes to 12 NJ and NYC museums. Museums include the American Museum of Natural History, the Aviation Hall of Fame & Museum of New Jersey, the Museum of Modern Art, the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, Grounds for Sculpture, and Imagine That.

Each pass offers free admission for multiple guests; some passes offer additional discounts at the museum's gift shop. Passes may be borrowed by any Wood-Ridge resident, age 18 and older, with a Library card in good standing. Passes are loaned for three days and may be reserved online through the Library's website at WoodRidgeMemorialLibrary.org. For more information or to reserve a pass by phone, please call the Library at 201-438-2455. ###

East Rutherford Memorial Library announced that museum passes are available for "Imagine That!!" and "Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum." For more information, stop by the front circulation desk. ###

The New York Times Online

Now you can read the New York Times online whether you are in The Library or at home!

The Rutherford Public Library is providing access within The Library to anyone who is logged on to The Library's Wi-Fi.

You must register or log in to the Times for access. Rutherford residents who wish to read the Times at home may do so by visiting www.nytimes.com/redeemaccess, but first will need a code provided by The Library.

Pick up a copy of the code at the Rutherford Public Library or email reference@rutherford.bccls.org with your name and address for the access code.

For more information, please call The Library at 201-939-8600 and ask for Reference. ###

Multicultural Celebration with Ukrainian Dancers

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights continues its focus on its Multicultural Celebration with a spotlight on the Ukraine.

Scheduled in April is a colorful and lively performance by the professional Ukrainian Dancers of the Iskra Ukrainian Dance Ensemble. The artistic director/choreographer is the famous Ukrainian - American dance teacher and dancer Andrij Cybyk. The performance will be held on Saturday, April 16, from 2 to 3 p.m. to take place in the Senior Center located at 320 Boulevard.

Iskra Ukrainian Dance Ensemble and Academy was founded in 1996 as one of the schools of the late Roma Pryma Bohachevsky, renowned teacher and choreographer.

Since 2004, Iskra has been under the artistic direction of Andrij Cybyk. The group can regularly be seen at Ukrainian and other world culture festivals in the tri-state area.

Registration is requested. Admission is free. To register, please call 201-288-6653 or log on to <http://hasbrouckheights.bccls.org> and go to calendar. ###

Park Avenue Toastmasters

Looking to develop speaking and leadership skills? Ace a job interview? Ignite your career?

Toastmasters International is a world leader in communication and leadership development. The Park Avenue Toastmasters will meet at The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library on Monday, April 4 and Monday, April 18, 2016 from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. Questions? Contact Diane of Toastmasters at 201-396-0532. ###

Drive Responsibly

Pet Photo Contest

The Friends of the East Rutherford Memorial Library are sponsoring a pet photo contest. Submit a picture of your pet (*no larger than 8 x 10*) for a chance to win a gift certificate to Petco, not to mention bragging rights.

Entries will be accepted during the month of April. Winner will be notified by May 4, 2016. Entry fee will be \$5 per photo. All proceeds will go to benefit The Library. If you have any questions, please call 201-939-3930 or email at hartigan@eastrutherford.bccls.org ###

DIY Photo Coasters

Come join The East Rutherford Memorial Library for an adult craft on Wednesday, March 30, 2016, at 6:30 pm.

Come in and create your own personalized coasters. You need to bring along four 4x4 printed pictures that you want to use for your coasters. All other supplies will be provided.

Registration is required as space is limited. Participants could register online at east-rutherford.bccls.org or call 201-939-3930. ###

ER Craft Circle

The East Rutherford Memorial Library Craft Circle meets 6:30 to 8 p.m. the 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday of every month. Beginners welcome. For more information, call Chris at 201-939-3930. ###

Spring Craft Event for Teens and Adults

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights will sponsor an action-filled afternoon for teens and adults to create a springtime craft guaranteed to be fun and to call upon your creative talents. It will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2016, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., in The Library conference room.

The Library will provide the materials to make a bird-house centerpiece all decorated in delicious chocolate candies. A sample may be seen at The Library. This craft activity for teens and adults will immediately follow the regularly scheduled "Crafts-to-Share" Club. Register by calling 201-288-0488. ###

The Story of the Broadway Musical

The East Rutherford Memorial Library will present "The Story of the Broadway Musical" by Robert Butts on April 25, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

This program is free and open to the public, registration is required as space is limited. Participants can register online at eastrutherford.bccls.org or call 201-939-3930.

The program is funded by the Horizons Speakers Bureau of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. ###

April is National Poetry Month

April is National Poetry Month and Carlstadt Library is joining in on the celebration!

Join local resident, Kathie Rizzo, on April 27, 2016 at 7 p.m. as she recites some of her original poetry. No registration required. For more information, call Rebecca at 201-438-8866 ex. 204.

The Carlstadt Public Library is located at 420 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt. ###

Book/Bake Sale

East Rutherford Memorial Library to host the newly formed Friends of The Library first ever Book/Bake Sale on Saturday, April 2, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Don't miss out on great deals on books, cds, and dvds, not to mention delicious baked goods. The proceeds of the sale will benefit The Library. ###

Lodi Friends Seek Donations

The Friends of The Lodi Memorial Library is seeking donations of gently used books, DVDs, children's books, music CDs, puzzles and games for The Friends Ongoing Book Sale and Spring Book Sale in May.

Please no magazines, encyclopedias, trade or text books, VHS tapes or damaged materials. Drop off donations at the Circulation Desk. Your donations support Library programming. If there are any questions, visit the Lodi Memorial Library or call 973-365-4044. ###

Historian and Author to Appear at Heights Library

Historian and local author, Catherine Cassidy, will appear at The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights for a discussion and book signing of her latest book, "Images of Modern America Hasbrouck Heights," on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 1 p.m. in The Library conference room.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase. Cost is \$23. All proceeds will benefit the "Friends of The Library Endowment Fund."

Catherine Cassidy has worked for the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education for over 20 years and has a lifelong love of history. This is her third Arcadia Publishing book following Images of America.

To register, please go to <http://hasbrouckheights.bccls.org> and go to calendar or call 201-288-0488. ###

Basic ESL

The Rutherford Public Library has ongoing Basic English as a Second Language classes taught by a certified ESL instructor. The classes are intended for beginner to intermediate level students and will be held on Tuesday and Thursday morning at 10 a.m. Students may register in person at the Reference Desk. For more information, please call 201-939-8600, ext. 7. ###

Conversation Group

English language learners are invited to attend the English Conversation Group at The Rutherford Public Library on Monday, from 10-11:30 a.m. and on Thursday, from 1-2:30 p.m., to practice spoken English in an informal setting. This is a free program and all are welcome. No registration is required. For information, call 201-939-8600, ext. 7. ###

W-R ESL Classes

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library holds English as a Second Language classes for adults at no charge. Classes meet every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday morning at 10:15 a.m. No registration is required. For more information, please call The Library at 201-438-2455. ###

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Heights Library
Children's Programs

April Children's Events at
The Hasbrouck Heights Free
Public Library:

• School's Out Fun

Spring Recess is here!
School is out. So come to the
Hasbrouck Heights Library for
afternoon movies! On Monday,
April 4, Wednesday, April 6
and on Friday, April 8 at 2 p.m.
Snacks will be served. Regis-
tration is required.

• Lego Club

Show off your architectural
talents and come create. Legos
will be provided, but feel free to
bring your own. Next meeting
dates will be Tuesday, April
5 and 19 starting at 3:30 p.m.
for ages 5-12. Registration is
required.

• Chess Club

For students ages 7-12,
come test and improve your
skills at monthly Chess Club
meetings at The Hasbrouck
Heights Public Library.

Members must have some
knowledge of chess as there are
a limited number of instruc-
tors. Next meet up is Thursday,
April 21 at 3:30 p.m. Registra-
tion is required.

• Craft Club for Tweens

For all tweens in Grades
4-6, monthly Monday Night
Craft Club is back, starting
April 18 at 7 p.m. Get crafty.
Registration is required.

• Earth Day Craft and
Story Time

Join in the Earth Day Craft
and Story Time at The Has-
brouck Heights Public Library
on Friday, April 22 at 3:30 p.m.
for children in Grades K-3.
They will be reading some
great books and making a craft
to take home. Registration is
required.

• Little Artist

For students in Grades 2-5,
come learn about an artist or
type of art and recreate a fa-
mous work or make your own
masterpiece at The Hasbrouck
Heights Library. No experi-
ence is necessary. There are
no mistakes in art! Join them
Thursday, April 28 at 3:30 p.m.
Registration is required.

• Book Clubs for Kids

If you haven't already, join
one of the two book clubs for
kids at the Hasbrouck Heights
Public Library—Best Books
for students in Grades 2-3.
They meet on the first Friday of
each month. Critics' Choice for
Grades 4-6 meet on the third
Friday of each month. Registra-
tion is required.

For more details, stop by
the Children's Desk or call 201-
288-0485. ###

Carlstadt Library
Children's Programs

April Children's Events at
The Carlstadt Library:

• **Crafternoon** -- Wednes-
days in April, 3:30 p.m.

Miss Nina presents Craft-
ernoons at The Library! We
create all kinds of amazing
make and take craft projects.
For children ages five and up.

• **Story Time** -- Thursdays
in April, 10:30 a.m.

Come one, come all and
have a ball at Story Time! They
sing, dance, clap, wiggle, jiggle
and sometimes even craft the
morning away in a convivial
(and kid friendly!) atmosphere.
Babies to age five are welcome
to attend with caregivers.

• **Family Matinee** -- Sat-
urday, April 2, 11 a.m.

Join a special showing of a
family film complete with pop-
corn! They've got the hottest
new children's titles, so take a
break and relax at the "movies"
with us!

• **Crafts for Young Adults**
-- Tuesday, April 12, 7 p.m.

We give you the supplies,
you bring the creativity. We've
got some fabulous crafts for
teens and tweens to complete
and take home. This event is
for Grades 5 and up.

• **Lego Club** -- Thursday,
April 14, 3:30 p.m.

Create a Lego masterpiece
with their super huge stash of
Legos. They build together and
create amazing and magical
landscapes of buildings, towns,
airplanes—whatever you can
think of, you can build! This
program is for ages six and up,
please.

• **YAs Cook** --Tuesday,
April 19, 7 p.m.

Miss Nina and her teens
whip up delectable, delicious
dishes to make and taste! Class
starts promptly at 7. This event
is for Grades 5 and up.

• **Checkers for Kids** --
Thursday, April 21, 3:30 p.m.

Ages five and up are wel-
come to play and learn check-
ers! They've got the game of
kings right here at The library,
so pop in for a match. They
have boards, but feel free to
bring your own too.

• **Candy Bingo** -- Thurs-
day, April 28, 3:30 p.m.

Spring has sprung, and you
know what that means—com-
pete with your friends and win
full size candy bars! They're
playing a crazy game of bingo
where you compete for sweet.
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Read to Your Child

Rutherford
Drop-In
Storytime

The Rutherford Public Li-
brary will host a morning and
afternoon drop-in storytime
program on Wednesday, April
6, 13, 20, and 27, 2016 from
10:30 – 11 a.m. and from 2 –
2:30 p.m.

The Wednesday afternoon
session is geared specifically
to children up to the age of 24
months, but all preschool chil-
dren are, of course, welcome.

The story and rhyme por-
tion of the afternoon session
lasts 20 minutes and is followed
by a play/social time for ap-
proximately 15 minutes.

Storytime will also be con-
ducted in the morning at 10:30
a.m. On Thursday, April 7, 14,
21, and 28. All children from
infants to 5-year-olds and their
caregivers are warmly invited
to stop by for stories and fun.
Make some new friends and get
ready for reading! No advance
registration required. ###

W-R Storytime for
Preschool Pals and
Toddler Time

• Preschool Pals will meet
at The Wood-Ridge Memorial
Library on Tuesday, April 5,
12, 19, and 26, 2016, at noon.
Children ages 4 and 5 years
prepare for Kindergarten with
weekly themed stories, songs,
and a craft.

• The Wood-Ridge Memo-
rial Library will host Toddler
Time on Thursday, April 7, 14,
21, and 28 at 10:30 a.m. Chil-
dren ages 3 and under enjoy
weekly themed stories, songs,
rhymes and movement. Reg-
istration is required; space is
limited. Please call The Library
at 201-438-2455 to register. ###

Paws for Reading

Young readers wanted! On
Monday, April 11 and Monday,
April 25, 2016, at 6 p.m., chil-
dren are invited to The Wood-
Ridge Memorial Library to
read to Rodney.

Rodney, a certified therapy
dog, loves to listen to stories!
Children ages 5 and older may
register for a 15-minute session.

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safe, nurturing experience for
emergent readers to practice
their literacy skills. To register,
please call The Library at 201-
438-2455. ###

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and T-shirts at Lodi Library's
4th Annual National Library
Week Event.

This celebration is Thurs-
day, April 14, 2016 at The Lodi
Library from 5 to 7 p.m.

Local businesses and or-
ganizations will join in the
festivities. The Friends of the
Library will also be offering
refreshments, face painting,
arts and crafts, and many other
activities to highlight this occa-
sion. ###

Be A Star Maker

A Hero's Welcome - North
Jersey presents stars from re-
tired American Flags to their
heroes at welcome home events
and deployments as well as
Veterans.

They will be having a star
cutting event on Thursday,
March 31, 2016, from 6 to 8
p.m. at the Hasbrouck Heights
VFW. They have been collect-
ing retired flags and welcome
volunteers to help cut and pack-
age the stars.

Email [rosepagan96@gmail](mailto:rosepagan96@gmail.com)
if you can help. All you need to
bring are a pair of scissors. ###

Knitting Basics

The Wood-Ridge Memo-
rial Library will host a 6-week
Knitting Basics Workshop
for students in Grades 4-6.
The workshop will be held on
Thursday, April 7, 14, 21, 28
and May 5, 12, 2016 from 3-4
p.m.

The workshop location will
be the beautifully restored Bi-
anchi House at 111 First Street,
Wood-Ridge. Students will
learn the knit stitch, the purl
stitch, casting on and binding
off. Materials will be provided.
Registration is required and
space is limited. To register,
please call The Library at 201-
438-2455. ###

W-R Chess Club

On Wednesday, April 6, 13,
20, and 27, 2016, The Wood-
Ridge Memorial Library will
host a free Chess Club for
learners of all ages. Children
meet from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
and adult beginning players
meet from 4:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

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els, the Chess Club is led by a
coach who can teach new chess
players the basics, and help ex-
perienced players sharpen their
skills. ###

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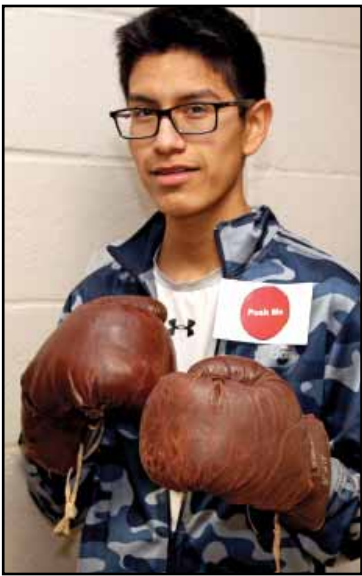
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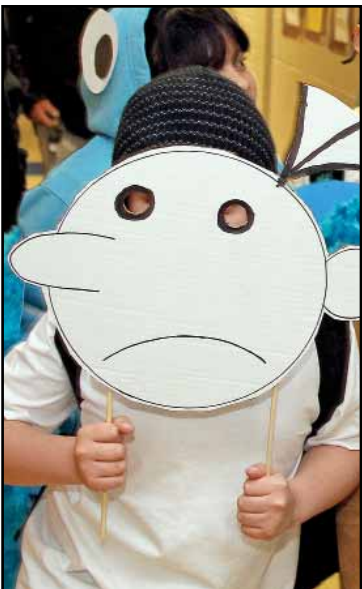
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It was a full range of activities to celebrate Read Across America Day at the R. L. Craig School in Moonachie on February 26, 2016. There were presentations by author/illustrator, Daniel Kirk; a wax museum, and a PJ read party. A trombone band led a parade throughout the school, with students dressed as their favorite characters. A Survivor Island game show concluded a busy fun-filled day. ###



Rutherford's STEM Club Places First

On March 2, 2016, STEM community advisor Bill Helphingstine brought Pierrepont's STEM Club to the the Vex IQ Bank Shot Robotics Competition at South Hackensack Memorial School.

Pierrepont students faced off against twelve other school districts in a variety of team challenges. The Pierrepont team had the distinct accomplishment of winning all divisions and brought home a trophy for the overall win and two individual category plaques.

Challenges included a teamwork challenge whereby two robots work together to complete a task; a robot skills challenge whereby one robot scores points moving a series of balls up a ramp and over to a goal area under driver control; and a programming skills challenge whereby a robot scores as many points as possible autonomously.

Members of the Pierrepont team were visibly enthused by their big win. Students utilized K'nex-like pieces called "VEX IQ" to create various robot iterations. They then proceeded to create a code program for the remote and robot to perform the necessary functions for the competition.

Seventh Grader Elijah Chi noted that, in preparation for the event, students worked diligently every day at lunch eager to build robots. He was astonished at what the VEX IQ robots could eventually do.



1st row, left to right are: Juan Ageitos, Katherine Corcoran, Joey Shymko, Joseph Myers, Prateeh Seth

2nd row, left to right are: Rian Chowdhury, Mahogany Venson, Elijah Chi, Jonathan Ramac, Jay Kakadiya, and Aman Mangukiya

3rd row, left to right are: Brian Landzettel, Shiva Modugu, Alexander Landzettel, Nicholas LaRossa, Jake Schuman, Derek Micek, and Bill Helphingstine

Not pictured: Vishu Mangukiya, Nicholas Myers, Mackenzie Castle. ###

Joey Shymko asserted that the group "tried things that might seem impossible," but the competition "made me believe in the possible and myself."

Advisor Bill Helphingstine shared that winning the competition was one of most "fun wins" he has ever had. The sense of solidarity in the STEM community is apparent when walking into the room during lunchtime practices. Members speak of the Club as "family." Reflecting on her experience, student Joey Shymko declared, "STEM brings everyone together, no matter the gender, height, race or anything else.

It's basically family."

All students agreed that both the Club and the competition were memorable experiences. Student Brian Landzettel summed up a sentiment that many STEM Club members expressed. He "wants to see VEX robotics in the school systems moving forward. It lets kids be creative and have their visions brought to life." *Provided by JoAnn Hughes. ###*



RHS Academic Decathlon Team Qualify for State Finals

Congratulations to Rutherford High School's Academic Decathlon team for its 3rd place finish in the Regional Competition. The team took home 34 individual awards highlighted by a few outstanding team members. Liam Otero had the highest scoring essay, Halenur Komsul took 1st Place overall in her category (*which includes a \$300 scholarship*), and Hallie Schiller won their team's MVP award. The team moved on to the State Competition at the end of February.

Pictured from left to right are team members Danielle Hur, Lydia Shin, Annette Ciecierga, Ryan Fried, Angela Gaudia, Amani Attia, Halenur Komsul, Destiny Orihuela, Liam Otero, Zachary Campbell, and Halcyone Schiller. *Provided by JoAnn Hughes. ###*



VEX IQ Bank Shot Robotics Competition

On Wednesday, March 2, 2016, twelve students from A.S. Faust School in East Rutherford participated in the South Bergen Jointure Commission's VEX IQ Bank Shot Robotics Competition at Memorial School in South Hackensack. Students spent their free time after school building, designing, and troubleshooting their robots, and in the end they were able to compete against local schools. A great time was had by all, and all of the students are excited to compete again next year. *Provided by Jessica Gerity. ###*



Zorat Wins Culinary Competition

Bergen Community College student, Lucretia Zorat (right), of Moonachie, rose as the cream of the crop March 9, 2016, winning a culinary competition at the institution as part of its annual Women's History Month celebration.

Three students showed off their culinary chops for a panel of expert judges including (from left) Christine Nunn, the executive chef and co-owner of the acclaimed Picnic on the Square in Ridgewood; Rama Ginde, of caterer WannaBee Chef; and Dana Cohen, a for-

mer "Hell's Kitchen" contestant. Zorat, a hotel/restaurant management student at the College, prepared four courses in varying cuisines during the competition for the grand prize – a day in Picnic's kitchen alongside Nunn.

Bergen's hotel/restaurant/hospitality and culinary arts programs offer students a blend of in-class lecture and hands-on experience in a professional-grade kitchen at the College's main campus in Paramus. *Provided by Bergen Community College. ###*



The McKenzie School Fourth Graders constructed **replicas of land and water ecosystems**, and learned other domain-specific words for ecosystems, such as biomes. In order to understand the components of each ecosystem, the students first studied the structure: community, population, and habitat. Each ecosystem shows a community, population, and habitat. The projects were completed collaboratively. It was a hands-on, cross curricular extravaganza! McKenzie students wrote informative essays, including main ideas, body paragraphs, transition words, and closing statements. They also used research skills from various sources and paraphrased their findings. All students enjoyed the convenience of typing reports using laptops! *Provided by Cory Scelsa. ###*



On February 3 and 4, 2016, Meliam Gonzalez RN, BSN from Hackensack University Medical Center's "**TraumaRoo Program**" visited McKenzie Elementary School. Pre-K to 1st Grade learned about "Playground Safety" and the proper way to call 911. All students in 2nd and 3rd Grades learned about "Bike Safety," the proper way to call for help, and to also know how seat belts keep us safe. McKenzie School 4th Graders learned about "Pedestrian Safety" by reinforcing walking safely and removing all distractions. *Provided by Cory Scelsa. ###*

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Legion Selects Four Boys to Attend Boys' State

American Legion Post 106 will sponsor four delegates to attend Boys' State this year. The boys, all in the 11th Grade at Hasbrouck Heights High School, are Andrew Ko, Kevin Owens, Frank Quatrone and Brandon Strum.

The 76th Boys' State Session will be held on the campus of Rider University in Lawrenceville from June 19 to June 24, 2016.

The program educates our youth in the duties, rights, and responsibilities of American Citizenship. Participants learn the practical mechanics of government by actually performing the functions of local and state government.

Applications of the principles of democratic government are made in every possible way. *Provided by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

Health Tip Eat Greener

Eat more fruits and vegetables. Try to eat fruits and veggies for snacks as well as at main meals.

Instead of a candy bar, grab an apple. The sugars in fruits are just as full of energy, but are healthier for your body. Many Americans do not get their daily recommended amounts of fruits and vegetables.

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Read Across America was quite the celebration at East Rutherford's McKenzie School the week of February 29 through March 4, 2016.

The students were thrilled with their "Spirit Week" in celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday.

Upon entering school for Dr. Seuss's birthday on Wednesday, March 2, the stu-

dents were greeted by Thing 1, Thing 2, and Dr. Seuss, compliments of Mrs. Machado, Ms. Casciola, and Mrs. Gagis.

Dr. Seuss has been so inspirational to all children across America and right here in our own school! The celebration of reading continued throughout March through the invitation of guest readers. *Provided by Cory Scelza. ###*



East Rutherford's McKenzie School Kindergarten students in Mrs. Narkiewicz's class celebrate **George Washington's Birthday** on February 22, 2016. *Provided by Cory Scelza. ###*



Rutherford's Pierrepont and Union Schools are both proud to announce that a combined total of seven students were selected for the North Jersey Schools Region 1 Choir.

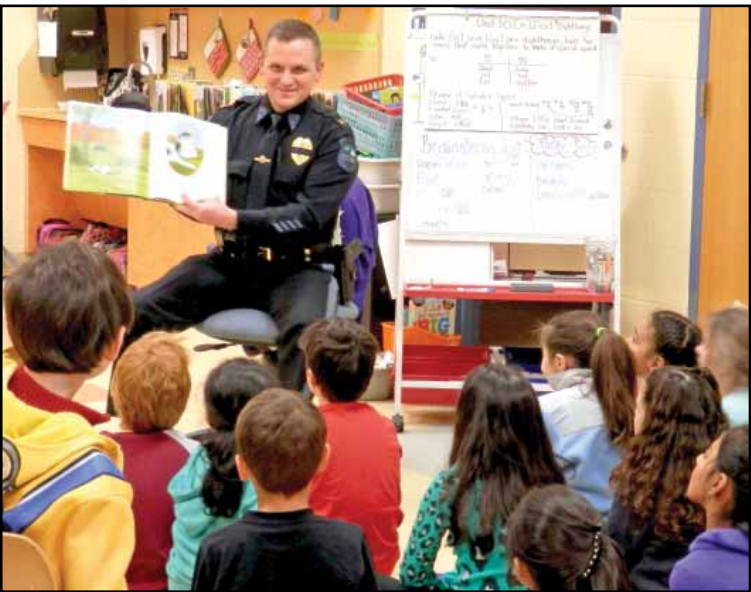
The students performed at North Jersey Schools Music Association's Junior High School Choir on Sunday March 20, 2016, at Kittatinny Regional

High School, Kittatinny, NJ. Photos: Pierrepont School students, from left to right are: Maya Monteleone, Rian Chowdhury, and Tierra Sherlock. Union School students from left to right are: Jake Caceres, Sophia Masullo, Alexandra (Ola) Szmanski, and Gabriella Campos. *Provided by JoAnn Hughes. ###*



Super Reading

March is National Read Across America Month. East Rutherford Superintendent, Mr. Abate, came to read to Miss Anders / Mrs. Barone's Kindergarten class. He read a very funny story and the students greatly enjoyed it. Thank you to Mr. Abate for making learning fun! *Provided by Cory Scelza. ###*



Lincoln School Celebrates Read Across America

Lincoln School in Rutherford celebrated Read Across America Day/Dr. Seuss' Birthday on Wednesday, March 2, 2016. NEA's Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author, Dr. Seuss. This year's theme celebrated his newly discovered book, "What Pet Should I Get?"

Many community leaders and sports figures stopped by Lincoln School to share their favorite children's book, as well as students from Rutherford High School who conducted various reading activities. Mrs. Philp's 3rd Grade class was surprised with mystery reader Bruce Driver, captain of the

1995 Stanley-Cup winning New Jersey Devils, and NJ, the New Jersey Devils mascot! Mrs. Atkachunas' 2nd Grade class listened to Superintendent of Schools Hurley, and Mrs. Smith's 2nd Grade class was delighted to hear Police Chief Russo's reading of a book about a mischievous dog.

In President Obama's proclamation of this year's Read Across America Day, he said, "From a child's first foray into the depths of a story to an adult's escape into a world of words, reading plays an integral role in our lives. . .The moment we persuade a child to pick up a book for the first time we change their lives forever for the better, and on Read Across America Day, we recommit to getting literary works into young people's hands early and often." All our readers this year proved the saying, "You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read with a child." *Provided by JoAnn Hughes. ###*



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Tree-Tastic

On Wednesday, February 24, 2016, Little Ferry students Grades K through 2 and their families came together to experience the wonders of science and have fun learning about trees.

The evening began with a discussion about trees, plants and seeds.

Students participated in five hands-on activity stations that included:

- Make a container from a newspaper, pack in soil and plant a sunflower seed.
- Using the rings of a tree trunk to tell its history from year to year, using the tree rings to tell your life story.
- Designed their own trees using glue. They put paper leaves on a tree.
- With templates, they made colorful leaf prints out-lines.
- They traced their hand print on paper, cut it out and used it as a leaf for a tree.

The program was part of an educational series that is run through a partnership with Ramapo College.

The program is part of the STEM initiative. This program was funded by the Little Ferry businessman Donald Nuckel, Nuckel Family Foundation.

A second science night was held on March 15 for 4th and 5th Graders with the theme “Eggs-ellent with activities relating to eggs. ###



Corpus Christi D.A.R.E.

On March 15, 2016, Corpus Christi 5th Graders held their 27th D.A.R.E. Culmination Program. The Masters of Ceremonies were Christine Costa and David Soltys.

The program began with the Pledge of Allegiance, and “America the Beautiful.”

There was an opening prayer by Rev. Patrick Mulewski, with comments by Miss Elizabeth Pinto, Mayor Jack DeLorenzo and Chief of Police Michael J. Colaneri. Using skits, the Corpus Christi 5th

Graders stated “Seven Ways to Say NO.”

The “Taking a Stand” essay winners were Sophia San-cilio and Tess Cangialose.

The 5th Graders performed a song. Certificates were awarded, followed by the “Pledge to Be Drug Free,” with closing remarks by Sgt. Alan Baker.

The program concluded with “God Bless America.”

The 5th Grade teachers are Mrs. Deppart and Tina Edwards. Musical assistance was by Ms. Ferrera. Refreshments followed. ###



Read Across America

The students of the Felician School for Exceptional Children celebrated National Read Across America Day on March 2, 2016 with a book fair and a reading from the “Cat in The Hat” to the elementary and middle school classes. David Sanachez played the “Cat in the Hat.” *Presented by Mary Anne Protzo. ###*

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ER Memorial Library Patrons Donate to Bergen County Protection and Rescue Foundation

The East Rutherford Memorial Library Director Christine Hartigan and Children’s Librarian Maria Russo delivered a variety of toys, dog and cat supplies donated by local patrons to the Bergen County Protection and Rescue Foundation, a no-kill shelter in Cliffside Park. The donation drive was sponsored by a month long program at The Library entitled: “Pet Food for Fines.” Patrons were given up to \$5 off their Library fines if they donated dog or cat food supplies.

The donated braided dog toys were made by children and families during The Library’s February “Random Act of Kindness” program. The kids and families that came out were shown how to take an old T-shirt and make it into a tug toy for a dog. The program generated 16 toys that were donated to the shelter dogs. *Provided by Maria Russo. ###*



Random Acts of Kindness Program

The East Rutherford Memorial Library’s first Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) program was to make valentines for the seniors of the Southwest Senior Activity Center and it was a huge success. The children and families made over 100 valentines. The Children’s Librarian, Ms. Maria Russo, delivered the valentines to seniors during lunch. The seniors were so appreciative and loved the creative valentines all the children and families made! *Provided by Maria Russo. ###*

Rutherford Relay For Life

The American Cancer Society is recruiting teams from the area to participate in the annual Relay For Life of Rutherford on May 6-7, 2016 at Tryon Field, Rutherford.

The Relay For Life movement unites communities across the globe to celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and take action to finish the fight once and for all.

Last year, more than 900 people participated in the Relay For Life of Rutherford and raised over \$76,000.

Visit relayforlife.org/rutherford to learn more and to sign up. ###

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Rutherford Mayor and Council, Lions Laura O’Connor and the 2015 Holiday Decoration Contest winners gathered after receiving the awards at the February Borough Meeting. *Photo by Glenn Elliot*

Rutherford Lions Holiday Decoration Contest

In 1946, with the end of World War II, the Rutherford Lions Club wanted to encourage residents to again light up their homes for Christmas, so they decided to sponsor a Holiday Decoration Contest.

And they have sponsored one every year since, so this past December was the 70th Anniversary of this contest. One Lion member, Ted Van Winkle, who joined the Club in 1947, has been a judge in this contest for 69 years.

No one has to enter the contest. Every decorated house is eligible. The week before Christmas, Lion judges look at every decorated house in town and choose what they consider to be the best house, window, door, religious theme, and in retail areas, the best decorated business, and the the best decorated overall property in each area.

Then, during Christmas week, the Junior Women’s Club members look at these area winners and choose a 1st and 2nd Place winner for each category and an overall winner.

These winners are presented with a certificate and a gift card at a Mayor and Council meeting early in the new year. The winners for 2015 were:

- Overall: The Podobinsky Family
- House: 1st Place The Reynolds Family; 2nd Place The Scott Family
- Door: 1st Place The Rizzutto Family; 2nd Place The Pak Family
- Window: 1st Place The Natiello Family; 2nd Place The Koenig Family
- Religious: 1st Place The Baumann Family; 2nd Place The Gagliardi Family
- Retail: Sonoma Bistro ###



Knights Annual Corned Beef Dinner a Success

More than 130 people attended the Corned Beef Dinner held by the Knights of Columbus at Assumption Church in Wood-Ridge. The affair, which took place on March 12, 2016, was to honor St. Patrick.

Lucky Larry’s Caterer of Wood-Ridge did an excellent job in preparing the food that was served. The corned beef was perfect, the cabbage with diced carrots was tasty and the boiled potatoes that were seasoned could have been a meal by itself. Of course there was Irish Soda bread, and rye bread, prepared by Mills Bakery and great dessert prepared by the Lyndhurst Pastry Shop and a good amount of beer and wine obtained from **Meadowland Wine & Liquor** in Wood-Ridge.

Dr. Love DJ Service added to the evening by playing many familiar songs. Everyone who attended had an enjoyable evening out.

Past Grand Knight Russell Petrocelli, thanked all who attended, all who supported the affair with their ads or donations and all the Knights for their cooperation in making this year’s dinner one that will be remembered for a long time. *Photo and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

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Wildcats BYBL Champs

From the first day of try-outs, the Faust School Boys Basketball Team from East Rutherford, was on a mission to win the Bergen Youth Basketball League Tournament.

The Wildcats opened their season with a dramatic come from behind victory on the road vs. Teaneck Charter School. Over the next few games, the Wildcats’ suffocating defense led them to wins vs. Alpine, South Hackensack, and Dumont.

On January 5, 2016, Faust suffered their first loss of the season against undefeated Maywood.

The boys bounced back the next day with an impressive win in Little Ferry. Over the next two weeks, Faust ran off wins against a talented Bergen Arts team, Dumont Honiss, and Lyndhurst.

The Wildcats finished the regular season as the #2 seed and a bye into the semi-finals of the BYBL Tournament.

On February 9, the Wildcats were matched up with last year’s tournament champions, Dumont. The Wildcats cruised to a 47-29 win and the opportunity to get redemption for their only loss of the season vs. Maywood in the finals.

Peralta, Mitarotonda, Bethea, and Renta all scored in double figures as the Wildcats prevailed 50-42 to win the BYBL Championship.

Four Wildcats, Nick Mitarotonda, Michael Renta, Brian Peralta, and Bryan Catala, were chosen to play in the BYBL All-Star Game the following night. Mahdy Suleimon won the Free Throw Competition, ending a great week for Faust. The Wildcats finished the season with an overall record of 11-1. *Provided by Jessica Gerity. ###*

Team Bischoff to Participate 5K Walk April 24

On April 24, 2016, members of the Wood-Ridge Education Association will walk in the NJ Sharing Network’s Annual 5K Walk at Bergen Community College to honor their former colleague, John Bischoff, who saved the lives of others through organ donation.

Last year, the team raised \$1,300 for the NJ Sharing Network and was named one of the top teams. The NJ Sharing Network’s mission is to increase the number of lives saved through education, research, donor family support, and public awareness about the life saving benefits of organ and tissue donation and transplantation.

To join the team, go to www.NJSharingNetwork.org. For more information, contact Linda at 201-460-1068. ###



Heights Boys Bowling finished as runner up in the 2016 Boys Bowling State Sectionals held on Saturday, February 13, 2016 at Bowler City in Hackensack. The boys rolled a 2710 and fell just 17 pins shy of 1st Place North Arlington. They competed in the state finals at Carolier Lanes in Edison on Friday, February 19. Pictured from left to right: Justin Rinaldi, Dylan Auriemma, Coach Dave Rispoli, Russel Sullivan, Kyle O’Connor and Frank Quatrone. *Provided by the team. ###*

Road Courtesy is Contagious

Aviators Track Meet April 15

The Hasbrouck Heights Track and Field Team will host 40 high schools in the Aviators' Invitational on Friday, April 15, 2016, starting at 4 p.m. at Depken Field. This is the 98th track invitational on the new field. The public is welcome. Admission is \$5. ###

Lodi 2016 Registration Expanded

The Lodi Little League is expanding its Program registrations for the 2016 season to include the towns of Maywood, Rochelle Park and Garfield (Girl’s Softball ages 8-12).

Eligible candidates may register at 72 Church Street in Lodi, on Monday and Friday between the hours of 6 and 8 p.m. The fee is \$100 (*sibling discounts apply*)...please bring birth certificate(s) and medical information with you.

Additional information is available by calling 973-591-1137. ###

HHMA Memorial Golf Tournament May 25, 2016

The Hasbrouck Heights Men’s Association will be holding their Annual Bizik–Hughes Memorial Golf Outing on Wednesday, May 25, 2016, at Meadows Golf Club, 79 Two Bridges Road, Lincoln Park.

All money raised will be awarded as scholarships to qualified graduating seniors of Hasbrouck Heights.

Cost is \$125 and includes: round of golf, cart, plus cash contest of longest drive, closest to pin, pot of gold and features a \$10,000 hole in one -- plus 50/50 and raffle.

Registration starts at 7:30. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. Best ball format. Hot and cold breakfast buffet starts at 7:30 a.m., with lunch buffet to follow after golf.

For more information, call 201-725-2917. ###

HH Lions Golf Outing May 20

The 52nd Annual Tournament is scheduled for Friday, May 20, 2016, at the Meadows Club Club in Lincoln Park. Fee is \$125 and includes golf, cart, lunch and dinner with beverages, plus prizes.

The event is sponsored by the Hasbrouck Heights Lions Club. All proceeds to benefit various community charities.

For more information call Kevin at 201-665-4442 or Joe at 201-410-7593. ###

120th Gymnastic Exhibition

The Sokol Hall in Little Ferry will host the 120th Annual Gymnastic Exhibition on Sunday, April 10, 2016. The Grand March starts promptly at 2 p.m. Event is open to the public. Admission is \$5 pp, children are free. Refreshments served at the conclusion of the exhibition. For more information, call Blanche at 973-365-1111. ###

W-R Lions Golf Outing May 2

The Wood-Ridge Lions Club will be holding their annual golf outing on Monday, May 2, 2016 at The Farmstead Golf Course. Cost is \$145 per golfer. Registration includes continental breakfast, lunch, greens fees, cart and souvenir gift. For reservations please call Ed Garrett at 201-641-2803 or e-mail at janpro911@aol.com

Proceeds will fund Lions Club projects. ###

Opening Day

Carlstadt Little League Opening Day April 9
Parade starts at 11 a.m.

East Rutherford Little League Opening Day April 9
Parade starts at 9 a.m. at Borough Hall First Pitch 11 a.m.

Hasbrouck Heights Little League Opening Day April 16 at 9 a.m.

Little Ferry/ South Hackensack Little League Opening Day April 10
Ceremony starts at 11 a.m.

Lodi Little League Opening Day April 10
Parade starts at VFW at 9:30 a.m.

Rutherford Little League/Girls Softball Opening Day April 9
Parade starts at 9:30 a.m. at Lincoln Park with a Ceremony at the Little League Field, Monona Avenue

W-R • Moonachie Little League/Softball Opening Day April 9
Parade starts at CVS at 11 a.m.

Pitch, Hit & Run April 16

Bergen County American Legion, with the help of the Rochelle Park Baseball League, will host a free Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run Competition for area youth on April 16, 2016 (*with a rain date of April 17*). Starting at noon (complete registration process) with competition starting at 1 p.m. at Matthews Field in Rochelle Park. And with the help of the Rochelle Park Post 170 American Legion Bears and Lyndhurst Post 139 Legion Baseball team, will host the completion at a field in New Milford and in Lyndhurst (*dates and times to follow*).

Pitch, Hit & Run™ is the official skills competition of Major League Baseball. This grassroots program is designed to provide youngsters with an opportunity to compete, free of charge, in a competition that recognizes individual excellence in core baseball/softball skills.

Boys and girls are divided into four age divisions: 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13/14, and have the chance to advance through four levels of competition, including Team Championships at Major League ballparks and the National Finals at the 2016 MLB All-Star Game.

The individual Pitching, Hitting and Running Championships, along with the All-Around Champion in each age and gender group at the Local Competition will be awarded and advance to the Sectional Level of Competition.

All participants must bring a copy of their birth certificate and have their parent or guardian fill out a registration/waiver form prior to the start of the competition (these must be submitted to Bob Salvini NLT April 5, 2016).

This is open to all boys and girls who live in Bergen County For questions concerning the competition, please contact your Local Coordinator, Bob Salvini at bobsalvini@att.net.

For more information about the program and to download a copy of the registration/waiver form go to: http://bcnjla.org/docs/baseball/MLB_PHR_2016_###

Care Walk May 1

The Cooley’s Anemia Foundation (CAF) (*dedicated to battling the genetic blood disorder thalassemia a.k.a. Cooley’s Anemia*), will hold the 5th Annual Care Walk at Knights of Columbus, Saddle Brook Park, on Sunday, May 1, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., featuring a BBQ, face painting and DJ music following the walk. For details, call Lisa at 201-306-2951. ###

Artful Thinking

By Artie Maglionico • Lodi Historian

Lodi's Micheline "Micky" Satkowski was born Micheline Leroy Monge in Henin Lietard, France on September 29, 1926.

She grew up in the safe surroundings of her parents, Louis and Emilie, along with her two older brothers, Pierre and Claude.

In the spring of 1938, Micheline's father, a successful insurance salesman, was transferred to the city of Bethune which is located just below the Belgium border.

"My father took over for a man who was retiring," said Micky. "He saw it as a chance to prosper in a large city."

No sooner did Micky, (a nickname she was given as a teenager), now an 11 year old, settle into her new environs, when the Germans invaded Austria and were continuing north into Czechoslovakia.

Louis, a Veteran of WW1, was immediately called back into active duty. Suddenly Micky's world of flower gardens and rosy faced dolls was in danger of being shattered by a monster whose thirst for death and destruction was yet to be fully realized. "Hitler then made a promise not to invade other countries." Recalls Micky "with that my father was discharged from the Army."

Less than a year later, Adolf Hitler and his Nazi war machine had marched into Poland. On September 3, 1939 France and England had no recourse but to declare war on Germany. Micky's childhood was giving way to the experience of war.

Louis was called back into the military. "Luckily my father was again discharged in the spring of 1940," recalls Micky "In May of that year the Nazi's invaded Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and finally France."

That June, amid the distant sounds of war, Louis and his loved ones fled to a cousin's home located in the coastal village of Campigneulles Les' Grandes. Micky, now 13 years old, had just been released from the hospital where she was treated for a ruptured appendix. "If that wasn't enough. "Said Micky, "we had to leave our dog Poupette behind."

It was during that time when Micky saw her first German soldier. "We just froze in our tracks," sighed Micky as she relived the encounter.

"They drove by on a motorcycle with a side car as we played in the yard. They stopped, gave us a long expressionless stare, and then drove away."

A few weeks later, sensing

that it was safe to return home, Louis gathered his family and made his way back to Bethune. They approached the house with caution not knowing what or who might be lying in wait.

Once inside they noticed a machine gun, still smoking, on the table the barrel of which was facing the back window. The walls, riddled with bullet holes, gave evidence of the battle that ensued a few hours earlier. "All of the windows were gone." Said Micky "The Germans used them to cross muddy streams."

Suddenly from out of the hallway, wagging her tail in delight, crept the family dog Poupette. Micky ran to the side of her black and white Terrier only to find a litter of lifeless puppies huddled together in the corner of the room.

Unable to fend for themselves the ill-fated pups succumbed to the hostile conditions. Poupette managed to stay alive by eating the fat that was left to congeal in a frying pan. "I saw her teeth marks in the fat." Recalls Micky, "She had managed to beat the odds and her barking, no doubt, kept the looters away."

It became a vow of Micky's mother to keep the dog and to share with her the families lessening food supply. "Families couldn't feed themselves let alone their pets." said Micky. "Life as I once knew it did not exist any longer." Poupette remained with the family for the duration of the war and then some.

In October of 1940, Micky's 21 year old brother Pierre, a high school teacher, was taken prisoner by the Nazi's and was forced to work repairing railroad tracks.

Knowing that his family had no clue as to his whereabouts Pierre wrote his name, address and location on a small piece of paper.

By a stroke of good fortune a fellow countryman noticed the paper fall from Pierre's hand. Later, in the shadow of twilight, the Frenchman retrieved the note and returned it to the Leroy Monge family.

At last Louis and his wife Emilie knew that their son Pierre was alive and well. Until then they were experiencing a living nightmare. "My father went to where my brother was" said Micky. "He made sure that Pierre saw him just to let him know that the family was aware of his location."

Three months later, on Christmas Eve, 1940, Pierre was released from the Nazi work camp and was allowed to

return to the awaiting embrace of his family.

Meanwhile, the war in Europe had intensified and so too the horrors of Nazi occupation. "Our house was at the end of the street," said Micky, "The German soldiers used to park in our drive way and glare at us. How intimidating they were."

By mid-1940, Allied planes began dropping leaflets of hope to the French people below who were being held against their will in the Nazi death grip.

German soldiers perched themselves high in the Church tower overlooking the town square. They served as an ominous reminder that anyone caught reading those flyers would be dealt with harshly. "You could hear the soldiers climbing up the tower during our Mass." Remembers Micky, "This went on from 1940 to 1944 and you didn't know how or when it would end."

Micky and her friends defied the Nazi threat and read those flyers even at the risk of being caught. "It is better to live in the glimmer of hope," said Micky, "than to die slowly in the darkness of despair."

By the fall of 1942, 20 year old Claude, the youngest of Micky's brothers, was ordered by the Germans, as were most young Frenchmen, to work in one of their war factories.

This was a dangerous job since most of these factories were being bombed by American and British war planes.

Rather than risk being killed for the Nazi cause Claude joined the French underground. "I was 15 years old by then" recalls Micky "My family trusted me with the secret of my brother's plight. Had it slipped out my brother Claude would have been executed."

It wasn't until August of 1944 after the Allied forces landed in Normandy that Claude was reunited with his family. Those were anxious times for the Leroy Monge family.

Overhead was the constant threat of bombing raids of the American made Flying Fortress which was able to unleash its deadly cargo from 30,000 feet.

One had to always listen for the sounds of the Allied planes in search of German installations. "If you were frying food," said Micky, "someone had to be outside listening for the planes. We were trapped between British and German aircraft and I saw many pilots on both sides parachuting to safety or to their deaths."

The war as Micheline remembers it was a time of overwhelming anxieties, sacrifice beyond human comprehension and inconceivable risk taking.

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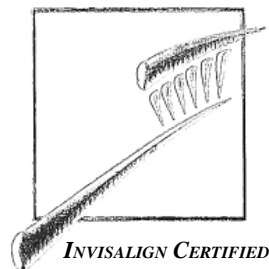
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was food, clothing, and medical supplies and yes...wine...it all went toward the German war effort."

If it didn't grow in France or could not be purchased on the black market you did without it," said Micky "We'd have to barter for goods...a bushel of fruit for a pint of milk." The British broadcasting company (BBC) had a free French station which was highly frowned upon by Nazi brass.

Listening to allied forces sending messages of hope and of faith could easily have ended in disaster. "We listened and we prayed," said Micky, "after the broadcast we had to turn the dial to another station in case a German soldier came in. We didn't want him to suspect anything that could bring us harm."

By June 6, 1944,"D-Day" the bombardments had become more frequent and with deadly intent.

The Nazi's, as well as the French, thought that the Allied Forces were taking the short passage across the English channel from the south east of England to Pas de Calais only a few miles away from Micky's home town of Bethune.

Realizing that the full impact of the invasion was taking place to the south in Normandy, most of the German troops were immediately sent in that direction. Suddenly, according to Micky, the once larger than life German soldiers had turned sheepish in demeanor. "They were afraid of dying just like us," said Micky.

Finally on August 14, 1944 English speaking Canadian troops entered the city of Bethune. From the center of town could be heard the joyous sounds of liberation.

"Until then sniper fire kept us from getting to the center of town," remembers Micky.

"Now the entire town was able to join in the celebration." On the morning of August 15, the Canadian troops were camped out in the center square enjoying a breakfast of fried eggs and tomatoes.

Where once the citizens of Bethune were afraid to go was now sacred landscape upon which all were free to walk.

"I will never experience a joy like that again," admits Micheline. "We brought a soldier home for dinner and in return he gave us a few bars of Life-buoy soap. It was the first time in 4 years that we were able to wash with real soap. All the good stuff went to the German Army. The German citizens suffered just like we did."

Soon, recalls Micky, prisoners of war and members of the French underground, including brother, Claude, who she hadn't seen for two years, were returning home. "For my family," said Micky, "it was joy without a shadow."

In October of 1944, Micky now 18 years old, left for Lille, France where she enrolled in a local college. Forced to return home due to a respiratory illness Micky remained in her mother's care until March of the following year.

Once back in Lille, Micky found employment as an interpreter for the American Red Cross. "I learned how to speak English as a child," said Micky. "I'm glad I did."

It was then that Micheline Leroy Monge met her soul mate...Lodi resident Corporal Henry Satkowski U.S. Airforce.

"We met on May 19, 1945," recalls Micky "he wanted to take me out the same day but I insisted that we be chaperoned."

Henry, smitten by this 18 year old beauty, talked a friend of his into coming along for their first date. What began as a chance meeting between two people who were drawn together by war was now a budding romance.

Blossom though it did 3 months later the American Red Cross bid the whole of France and WWII adieu. Micky and Henry had to go their separate ways...but not for long.

On September 11, 1945 the love sick Corporal, pulled up in front of Micheline's home in an Army truck. Emilie met him at the front door with her arms folded and her foot tapping repeatedly on the top step.

"He assured my mother that nothing happened between us in Lille," recalls Micky. "He was telling the truth of course." From there Henry departed for Germany. The two kept in touch until 1946 when Henry was shipped back to U.S. soil and his home town of Lodi, New Jersey.

"He wanted to get married before he went home" said Micky "but my mother disapproved." Convincing her mother that Henry was a man of honor and integrity, Micheline said goodbye to her family and friends in Bethune, France and on March 1, 1947 made her first footprints on the fertile soil of the United States of America.

Micky remembers it as follows: "Late in February, I went to Paris with my father. We called TWA, but because of a heavy snow storm the airport had been shut down. My father had to return home leaving me alone in Paris for 4 days.

Money, food, and coupons had run out, so she had to find shelter in a warm subway. On Thursday she got to the station and boarded a shuttle bus to the airport only to find that she had been bumped until the following day.

Finally 24 long hours later she arrived at New York's La Guardia airport, called Henry and his brother, Casmir, to pick her up.

They arrived 2 hours later and found her standing next to a beautifully dressed war bride who was on her way to Kansas City.

She had on a coat and bobby socks and Casmir, thinking that I was the one dressed in furs and nylons, congratulated Henry on having such great taste in women.

Henry laughed as he informed his brother that indeed she was the girl in the bobby socks. Boy was Casmir let down. Yes folks, Casmir might have been let down, but Henry was the happiest guy in Lodi.

The couple married on March 19, 1947, and moved to Washington Street in Lodi in 1952.

Henry was employed by the U.S. Post Office until succumbing to cancer in 1990.

Micky worked at Josephine's Dress Shop in Lodi until the late 50s, when she went to work as a bookkeeper for a Maywood banking firm. After a short stint as a substitute teacher, Micky became employed at The Lodi Library as Senior Assistant in the Children's section where she retired in 1988. Micky also worked as an ESL teacher from 1988 to 1998.

Today, the 89 year old French born war bride is an active member of the St. Francis De Sales Church on Union Street in Lodi.

Her brothers, Pierre and Claude, are deceased. Her mother Emilie died in 1982 at the age of 93. Louis, her father died in 1984 at the age of 85. Poupette lived a full and protected life until 1949.

"I HATE WAR AS ANY-ONE DOES" said Micky "But the irony is that had it not been for U.S. involvement in WWII, I'd have never met my husband and would never have moved to America."

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Shawn McClain, vice president of Marketing and Development at the Miss Universe Organization, will speak about "The Business of Miss Universe!" He will discuss the pageant business, the global challenges it faces, and the future of the business model.

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Real Estate Insight

By Mary Ellen Courtney



Real Estate and Reality TV Cont'd.

Reality TV has taken over prime-time viewing hours, and two formats have taken over reality TV: Singing competition and Real Estate.

No two reality TV formats have more shows based on their concepts.

Last month we looked at the "reality" of real estate as it appears in the sparkling world of the rich and glamorous.

This month, we're going to consider the practical side of real estate as portrayed in many of today's TV Home Renovation Shows.

Some of the top real estate shows out there - "This Old House," "Flip that House," "Moving Up," "Property Brothers," etc. – feature nice, normal people, realistic homes and the real restrictions of...The

Budget.

On the surface, they seem pretty legit but are they? I mean, we've all seen home renovation shows where the nice young couple buys a decrepit home with a kitchen so ugly that even 1960 wouldn't take it back.

In 30 or 60 minutes, that ugly house becomes a veritable dream home, with every detail perfect, down to the color-coordinated stand mixer and coffee maker in the new gorgeous kitchen. Reality?

Angie Hicks, founder of AngiesList.com which provides referrals and reviews of contractors says. "We live in a world of home improvement as entertainment. A lot of steps get left out in that entertainment because obviously it would be kind of boring."

Steps that are usually left out include the homeowners' research before they decide what renovations to make, drawing up plans with architects, consulting engineers on structural issues, getting estimates from multiple contractors and then choosing one and getting permits from local building officials, all of which can add months to a project.

But, though real estate on reality TV might not be completely 100% truthful, that doesn't mean it isn't useful.

"This Old House" made its debut in 1979, hosted by Bob Vila who had a degree in journalism and his own building company.

It has seen changes over the years but the format has remained largely the same, focus-

ing on renovating one house the entire season. It is a perennial favorite among Angie's List members, one of whom stated: "Some of the new shows play up the fake drama a little too much. "This Old House" is straight forward and low key."

The fact is there's no better place to reinvent oneself than in the home. "Martha Stewart Living" cultivated that territory 20 years ago. People watch these shows to utilize the ideas that get talked about.

It's what's called "take-away value" and in order to achieve it, the better shows have to incorporate the three "I"s: Ideas, Inspiration and Information.

Their content enables people to actually get off the couch and work themselves or to, at least, make smarter choices when hiring help. They have a better idea of what to ask, what the process entails and how much it ought to cost.

Here are a few things you see on home renovation shows that I would point out as either reality or fantasy...

Home renovation projects include unexpected and often expensive setbacks. Reality. Life is not quite as precisely scripted as you see on TV.

Things happen that you can't foresee and that fact of the matter is that renovations often go over budget. Setting aside a contingency fund is a smart move.

Contractors show up on time and work into the night to get the job done. Fantasy. Your contractor is likely juggling your renovation with several other projects and you may not be his first priority.

The stress of a major home renovation can bring homeowners to tears. Reality. Many are overcome with emotion as they struggle to make decisions, cope with setbacks and live with chaos.

Adding the right furniture and accessories can make your home look like a magazine cover story. Reality. These things don't come with the renovation job but if you're willing to do some shopping and spend some extra time, you can make your home look just as nice.

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By Thomas Marshall

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New Jersey had a high population of Loyalists and they fought against their former neighbors. Neighbor murdered neighbor and settled old scores. Loyalists and Patriots alike took part in the local savagery that took place here. It was a rough time in New Jersey.

By October 1780, General Cornwallis surrendered his army to General Washington at Yorktown, Virginia. In school you are told that for the most part this is the end of the war.

The actual official end would not come until the Treaty of Paris of 1783. That would be two years and 11 months after Yorktown. That would be just enough time for the nation's first international incident.

Take a guess which state was involved? Ok, I didn't make it hard but you're right. New Jersey. It wouldn't be New Jersey if something crazy didn't happen.

Philip White was a Loyalist that lived in New Jersey. He was a co-owner of a ship and this ship was used by the British during the war. There was nothing unusual about that.

He conducted many operations in New Jersey on behalf of the British. By 1782 he was trying to move Loyalist refugees out of Monmouth County. As the story goes, he killed several men in a gun battle. He was captured and according to Loyalists was blindfolded and had his hands cut off and died.

The Patriots claimed he was captured and while being escorted to prison he recognized a man who was the father of someone he killed and fearing reprisal, tried to flee through a swamp and was shot. Whichever story you choose to believe, it's all the same to Philip. He was dead in Monmouth County.

So, here today you may say, so what? One dead man out of thousands that have died of injuries, disease and battle, why does this matter? Well it didn't end there.

Captain Richard Lippincott, from Shrewsbury, New Jersey, was also a Loyalist. He was serving with his Loyalist Volunteers when they attacked a blockhouse guarding Toms River, NJ. Toms River was a launching point for many privateers to attack British vessels.

As it turned out the Patriots were forced to surrender and the men on guard were taken

to New York City and placed on one of the famous prison ships. There is nothing surprising here. This was a common practice during the war, but this is New Jersey, we aren't done yet.

One of the prisoners taken in Toms River that day was Captain Joshua Huddy, a local born Patriot. A story had circulated among the local Loyalists that some man by the name of Edward died while a prisoner of Captain Huddy. The story may not have been true, but the Loyalists believed Huddy was responsible.

The Board of Associated Loyalists of New York authorized Captain Lippincott to take two prisoners back to Sandy Hook, NJ, and exchange them. He was also authorized by this Board to hang Captain Huddy for the death of Captain White.

Lippincott was pleased to oblige because he was a distant relative of Captain White. Lippincott took all three to NJ, exchanged two and hanged Captain Joshua Huddy from a tree on April 12, 1782. Over his hanging corpse a sign read "up goes Huddy for Captain White." He reported back to the Board in New York that he exchanged two and exchanged Huddy for White.

His funeral was attended by over 400 people and complaints of executing prisoners reached the ears of General George Washington. Washington was irate that Huddy was executed and he soon wrote to the Commanding General of British forces in America, Sir Guy Carlton.

Washington demanded that those responsible be turned over for trial in an American court. Sir Guy sidestepped the affair and said he had no control over civilian matters. The Board was under civilian control outside his jurisdiction.

Washington, not believing this nonsense, ordered five British Captains that were taken as Prisoners of War to draw straws. The Captain with the short straw would be hanged. He told Sir Guy if he turned over the responsible parties the Captain would be spared. Straws were drawn. The short one went to 20 year old, Captain Charles Asgill. Sir Guy Carlton needed to buy some time. He ordered a court martial of Captain Lippincott over his actions on April 12. This trial took time. Time Asgill needed, so that letters and communication can cross the Atlantic.

Carlton knew there was a policy in the British Army of

not exchanging prisoners to be hanged. Carlton could not exchange Lippincott for Asgill because Lippincott would face the gallows. The same policy saved Benedict Arnold when he turned traitor in 1780. Major John Andre was hanged as a spy because Arnold could not be exchanged for him, a trade which Washington wanted, but could not be done.

Captain Charles Asgill's mother soon found out her son won the New Jersey Lottery. In a panic she wrote everyone, among them King George the Third, King Louis of France and his Queen Marie Antoinette.

Letters began pouring into Washington's Headquarters. Our nation's first international incident was underway. Washington no doubt wanted to spare Asgill, just like he never wanted to hang John Andre. Andre received a court martial for hiding his uniform while trying to make contact with the traitor, Benedict Arnold.

He was found guilty of being a spy and his sentence was death. Asgill on the other hand committed no crime. Washington just wanted Lippincott to face American justice.

Disgusted with the whole matter Washington took all the letters and sent them to Congress and asked for a ruling.

At this time, the court martial of Lippincott concluded and found him innocent on the grounds that he was carrying out the order of the Board of Loyalists. Sir Guy Carlton who claimed no jurisdiction over the Civilian Board of Loyalists had them disbanded. It would seem Sir Guy had more control than he liked to admit.

The Congress of the United States reviewed the matter and declared that since Captain Charles Asgill surrendered at Yorktown he was under the protection of the Articles of Capitulation agreed upon and signed there and could not be subjected to the gallows.

Congress ordered General Washington to release the prisoner and send him back to England. Washington did so and Asgill went back to England in December 1782.

Asgill remained in the Army. He rose to the rank of General and was also given the title of 2nd Baronet upon the

death of his father. He saw duty in Ireland where he helped put down a rebellion there in 1798. He died on July 23, 1823.

Lippincott survived the war but could not stay in New Jersey. He, like many Loyalists after the war, went to Canada to restart life again. Apparently, Toronto was where he resided until his death in 1826.

Joshua Huddy was buried in a Church yard. Long gone is the crowd of mourners whose cries for vengeance reached all the way to the Court of King Louis and George the Third.

The tree on which he was hanged was still standing as late as 1867. I don't know if it still does. Today in Toms River there is a place called Huddy Park. It's named after the local patriot who gave his life in the cause of liberty. It's a place to relax and enjoy a beautiful day. A spot to reflect on a long ago April when the park's namesake was executed for a crime he didn't commit. An execution that shook the courts of kings. ###

Vietnam Veterans of America Meetings

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 800, 100 Main Street, Little Ferry, NJ, cordially invites you to their general meetings held on the third Monday of each month at 8 p.m. (*excluding August*). They welcome any Veteran and non-Veteran who would like to become a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 800. For more information go to: <http://www.vvachapter800.org/> or email: als69vet@optonline.net ###

Veteran Medals Available

The Bergen County American Legion is working with DMAVA to hold a Veterans Awards Ceremony and Veterans Out-Reach at the Paramus Mall, May 24-26, 2016, with the Medal Ceremony at 11 a.m. on May 24.

If you have not been awarded your NJ Distinguished Service Medal, NJ Vietnam Service Medal, NJ Meritorious Medal, NJ Korean Service Medal or NJ POW/MIA Service Medal (*requirements are contained with the application*) then complete the application (*download here <http://bcnjal.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/application.pdf>*) or email bobsalvini@att.net for a copy.

Please return the application to Victor Ruggiero, BCAL Service Officer, 14 Christina Street, Little Ferry, NJ 07643 or bobsalvini@att.net

If you have any questions email bobsalvini@att.net. Thank you for your service. ###

VFW Post 4591 Meeting Schedule

VFW Post 4591 in Hasbrouck Heights holds their general membership meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Veterans are welcome.

Officers meetings are held on the last Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. For more information call the Post at 201-288-1112 between 9 to 11 a.m. ###

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Happy Spring

Rutherford Blood Drive April 4

The Rutherford Community Blood Bank will hold its spring blood drive on Monday, April 4, 2016, from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Kip Center, 55 Kip Avenue, Rutherford.

This drive is being dedicated to the memory of Fred Fiume, a Rutherfordian who died in July of 2015 at 53 years of age.

Although Fred lived with an extremely challenging illness for most of his adult life, he still chose to give to his neighbors, who formed a broad and diverse community. Fred was a loving husband, the devoted father of four children and a friend to many.

He also was a blood donor, and a Past Exalted Ruler of the Elks and a member of its Special Children's Committee. This good neighbor's commitment to community was made apparent by activities such as his six-year tenure on the Rutherford Board of Education and his time spent as part of the Rutherford High School Music Boosters. Professionally, he served four years of active duty in the United States Army and 14 years as a reservist, including a deployment to Iraq, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Fred worked as a dentist in the military, private practice and various correctional institutions in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York, including facilities on Rikers Island. He also served on the board of the New Jersey Academy of General Dentistry.

Donors will receive an extra "thank you," a \$5 gift card

to Dunkin' Donuts.

Appointments are not required, but can be made by calling 201-251-3703. The Kip Center is located next to the municipal parking deck. Donors should bring ID and eat before coming, and those 16 or 17 years of age must bring the parental consent form. ###

Operation Take Back Drugs

On Saturday, April 30, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Hasbrouck Heights Police Department will be participating with the DEA, as well as the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office in "Operation Take Back New Jersey."

"Operation Take Back New Jersey" is a program to provide the citizens with a safe and legal method to dispose of their unwanted, unused, and expired medications.

Please be advised that if an individual wishes to surrender obvious, non-pharmaceutical, illicit drugs, they may do so at that time. This program is anonymous.

The goal of the program is to allow the citizens of NJ to deliver all of their unused, unwanted, or expired medications to law enforcement officials who can in turn dispose of these controlled substances in a safe and non-hazardous manner, preventing these pills from falling into the hands of juveniles or into the illicit market in our communities. ###

SNAP Evaluation

The East Rutherford Memorial Library will be hosting a SNAP (*Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program*) on Wednesday, April 13 and May 11, 2016 from 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Staff from the Community Food Bank of NJ will prescreen for food stamp eligibility and assist with online applications.

Documents necessary to apply for food stamps: identification (*for everyone in the household*), Social Security numbers (*for everyone in the household*), utility bills (*gas, electric, oil, water, and telephone*), rent receipt/agreement or mortgage statements and/or tax bill, proof of income (*for everyone in the household*), medical expenses (*only if you are 60 and older and/or disabled*) and children's day care expenses.

Registration is required. Call 201-939-3930 or email to Chris Hartigan at hartigan@eastrutherford.bccls.org ###

Free Tai Chi Workshops

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights will sponsor workshops focused on Tai Chi Short Form. These workshops are free and people of all ages are encouraged to attend.

They will be held once a month in the Senior Center at 320 Boulevard from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the third Monday of every month. No registration is required.

Tai Chi has been referred to as "yoga in motion." It is an exercise system that combines slow, graceful movement with calm regular breathing. Tai Chi has many styles and has become very popular as a means of maintaining good health and feelings of relaxation. These workshops will teach you what Tai Chi is, how to perform the basic movements, and how you benefit from it. ###

Health Tip Eat Breakfast

How are you supposed to have energy and a functioning mind if you are not feeding your body?

Eating breakfast is one of the most important steps to losing weight and being healthy.

Skipping breakfast causes hunger pains, binge eating and irritability. Even if all you eat is a piece of toast with peanut butter on it as you run out the door, the fuel you give your body in the morning will help you function better all day long. ###



Filling You In

By Jeffrey E. Mason, D.M.D.

Mouthguards

To avoid injuries to your mouth while you're playing sports, talk to your dentist about getting an athletic mouthguard made just for you.

What is a mouthguard?

A mouthguard is a flexible appliance that is worn during athletic and recreational activities to prevent injuries to your mouth and face, such as split lips, broken teeth, and jaw fractures.

When should I wear a mouthguard?

It is advisable to wear a mouthguard any time there is a strong chance of your head making contact with other participants or hard surfaces. Mouthguards should be worn when participating in activities such as basketball, softball, football, wrestling, soccer, lacrosse, rugby, hockey, martial arts, and skateboarding.

What are the different types of mouthguards?

There are several types of mouthguards, including the following:

- Stock mouthguards: The least expensive option is a ready made stock item, which offers the least protection since little can be done to adjust its fit. This type of mouthguard—which is available over-the-counter—requires the user to close his or her jaw to hold it in place; as a result, it may interfere with speech and breathing. It also may lead to soreness of the jaw muscles. A stock mouthguard is not considered an acceptable device for facial protection.

- Mouth-formed mouthguards: There are two types of mouth-formed mouthguards, both of which are available over-the-counter. The first is a shell-liner mouthguard, which is made from an acrylic material that is poured into an outer shell, where it forms a lining. When placed in an athlete's mouth, the lining material molds to the teeth and is allowed to set.

- Custom-made mouth-

The second type is a thermoplastic, or "boil-and-bite," mouthguard. This type of mouthguard is softened in hot water, placed in the mouth, and shaped around the teeth using a finger or tongue, and sometimes biting pressure. This type of mouthguard can provide some degree of protection, but it can be bulky and have a loose fit.

guards: When it comes to injury prevention, a custom-made mouthguard is your best option.

This type of mouthguard, which is made by your dentist, offers the best protection, fit, and comfort level because it is made from a model of your teeth.

How should I care for my mouthguard?

To keep your mouthguard in good condition, follow these steps:

- After each use, brush your mouthguard with a toothbrush and cool (not hot) water.
 - Keep your mouthguard in a well-ventilated plastic storage box when you're not using it. Your dentist will provide you with a case.
 - Don't leave your mouthguard in direct sunlight or in a hot car; heat can melt the device, altering the way it fits in your mouth—resulting in less protection.
 - Bring your mouthguard with you when you see your dentist for your regular check-ups. Your dentist can give it a thorough cleaning and check its structure and fit.
 - Call your dentist if you have any concerns about your mouthguard.
- For more information about mouthguards, talk to your general dentist.

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Blood Drive April 3

The Bergen County American Legion is conducting a blood drive on Sunday, April 3, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Rochelle Park American Legion Post 170, 33 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park.

Appointments preferred. Sign up at redcrossblood.org and enter code: Bergen County American Legion or call 1-800-Red-Cross. For more information, call Bob Salvini at 201-270-8711. ###

Thyroid Cancer Support Group

Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Association, Inc. will meet on Thursday, April 7, 2016, from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library. All are welcome. No registration required. For more information call Kerri at 860-938-6996. ###

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Messiah in the Passover Demonstration

Dr. Mitch Glaser, President of Chosen People Ministries, will conduct a presentation called “Messiah in the Passover,” a vivid and exciting demonstration showing how Jesus fulfilled the ancient feast of Passover.

This will be held at Bible Baptist Church on Sunday, April 17, 2016 during both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services.

Chosen People Ministries is a mission founded in 1894 by Leopold Cohn, a Hungarian rabbi who came to believe that Jesus is the Messiah promised by the Hebrew Scriptures.

From humble beginnings in Brooklyn, New York, Chosen People Ministries has grown into a worldwide ministry to “the Jew first and to the Gentile.”

“Messiah in the Passover” begins with the traditional Passover Seder table complete with all the articles of this important Jewish celebration.

The speaker will explain the symbolic meanings of the various items of the Passover feast and highlight their relationship to the Last Supper that Messiah celebrated with the disciples, giving special emphasis on the redemptive significance of the crucifixion.

“Messiah in the Passover”

gives the Christian community insight into Jewish traditions so that the Jewish roots of Christianity can be better understood. This program also helps the Jewish and Christian communities understand their common heritage.

Dr. Mitch Glaser is a Jewish believer from New York City who came to faith in Messiah in 1970 after a restless search for spiritual truth. For over 40 years, he and his wife, Zhava, have been active ambassadors of the Gospel in many parts of the world.

Dr. Glaser is a graduate of Northeastern Bible College as well as Talbot School of Theology (*part of Biola University*). Dr. Glaser’s Ph.D. is in Intercultural Studies and his dissertation topic was the History of Missions to the Jews in the 20th Century.

This meeting is open to the public, and Bible Baptist Church would like to invite the Christian as well as the Jewish community to attend.

The Church is located 31 Passaic Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604

For more information please call 201-288-4139 or visit www.Biblebaptist.net

A love offering will be received. ###

Bible Study Beginning April 14; The Gospel of John

It’s clear from the first few paragraphs that the gospel of John broke sharply from the style of the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

The other gospel writers focused on events, following Jesus through the bustling marketplaces and villages.

Unlike them, John assumes readers know the basic facts about Jesus. Instead of focusing on facts, John mulls over the profound meaning of what Jesus had said and done.

The book reads as if it were written under a great shady tree by an author who had lots of time for reflection.

There are no Christmas scenes here: no stables, shepherds or wise men. John tells nothing of Jesus’ birth and youth. Instead, he introduces Jesus as the adult Son of God.

And in the gospel of John, Jesus speaks and preaches more than in any of the other gospels. You will likely recognize more familiar verses and phrases found in this remarkable book such as Jesus’ “I am” sayings.

They invite you to participate in this 6-week study of The Gospel of John: “The Beloved

Disciple.”

They meet on Thursday evening at 7 p.m. beginning on April 14, 2016, in the multi-purpose room at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 92 Burton Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights.

For more information, call the Church office at 201-288-6889 or visit: holytrinityhasbrouckheights.com or www.facebook.com/holytrinityhasbrouckheights/ *Provided by Judy Danilchick. ###*

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

Oh Holy St. Jude, apostle and martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to who God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my urgent petition. In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, Hail Marys and Glorias.

Publication must be promised. St. Jude, pray for us all who invoke your aid, Amen. This novena has never been known to fail. This novena must be said for nine consecutive days. J.M. ###

From the Porch at Holy Trinity

Thanks to everyone who contributed items for the Easter baskets that were distributed by Lutheran Social Ministries to children in New Jersey. More than 50 children had a happier Easter thanks to your generosity.

For their next project, they will be participating in the Hope Chest Program, coordinated by Community Access Unlimited in Elizabeth, NJ.

They provide supportive services to youth who are transitioning from supervised to more independent living. This includes those who are developmentally disabled or those who are aging out of foster care.

Each person in the program is given a basket with essentials to help set up their new home. Items needed are those for kitchen, bath or bedroom and must be new or in “like new” condition.

During the months of April, May and June, they are requesting donations such as dinnerware, silverware, glasses, pots and pans, simple cooking utensils/gadgets, bath or kitchen towels, shower curtains, bath mats, or twin size bedding.

Help them to provide these at-risk youth with items that

will help them on their road to independence and let them know there are many who care.

Your donated items may be left on the porch at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 92 Burton Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights.

If you have questions call the Church at 201-288-6889, visit holytrinityhasbrouckheights.com and/or www.Facebook.com/holytrinityhasbrouckheights/.

Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired, signifies in the final sense a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and not clothed.-- General Dwight D. Eisenhower

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Brent te Velde Organ Recital

Brent te Velde, a fifth generation, prize-winning young organist, will play an organ recital on Sunday, April 3, 2016, at 3 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Rutherford.

The program will include organ works by German, English, and French composers of the 19th and 20th centuries to include Liszt, Howells, Mendelssohn, Reger, Franck.

The concert is free and open to all. A freewill donation will be taken and there will be a reception to meet and greet the artist afterward.

For more information, call the Church office 201-438-3569, or visit the Church website at fpcrutherford.org. ###

Feast of Divine Mercy

On Sunday, April 3, 2016, the Assumption Parish, Wood-Ridge will celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy at 2:30 p.m. Father Paul Keenan, O.F.M. will preside. The celebration in Assumption Church will include exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Praises, Chaplet and Benediction.

Pope Francis has declared this year to be a Year of Mercy, a moment in time when we meditate on the virtue of mercy for ourselves and move toward our circle of family and friends and into the world of the marginalized and the alienated.

Real mercy is shown in our daily life. Living Mercy means forgiveness, God-Like Mercy means unconditional love. *Provided by Desmond Nanetti.* ###

Pre-Cana for Engaged Couples April 24

Assumption Church in Wood-Ridge will be offering a full day pre-cana program on Sunday, April 24, 2016.

Engaged couples that participate will attend the 11 a.m. Mass where their engagement rings will be blessed. At the end of the Mass they will report to the basement of the Church where a light lunch will be served.

Throughout the remainder of the afternoon the couples will have an opportunity to discuss honestly with each other their strengths and weaknesses in family living, communication, finances, Christian sexuality, problem solving, the Sacrament of Matrimony and their role in the Church and society, all under the supervision of married couples.

The pre-cana program ends at approximately 7 p.m. All engaged couples that will be married before the end of this year should consider attending.

If you need more information or wish to sign up, please contact Marie at 201-288-0276. *Provided by Peter Gallo Jr.* ###

Youth Mentors Wanted

Each year in Bergen County, approximately 600 children are removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect or other factors that place them at risk of harm.

These children are placed in foster homes, residential facilities, hospitals, shelters or in the care of other family members.

The Bergen Volunteer Center's Mentoring Youth program is currently recruiting volunteer mentors to work one-on-one with youth between the ages of 5-18 who are facing these difficult challenges.

Mentors serve as positive role models; provide guidance, friendship and support; and advocate on behalf of youth when called upon to do so.

Mentors show children a different perspective, expose them to unexplored opportunities and help them to build trust.

The next 3-week Mentoring Youth training will begin on Wednesday, April 6, 2016. Each session is held from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Bergen Volunteer Center.

For more information call Eva Tobias at 201-489-9454 x-209, or visit www.bergenvolunteers.org ###

Women Needed for Mentoring Moms Program

Mentoring Moms, a program of the Volunteer Center of Bergen County, trains volunteer mentors to work with mothers who are overwhelmed by the responsibilities of children and life and who are also faced with immense personal challenges.

Adult women are needed as mentors for mothers living in Bergen County. There is an especially great need for women who speak other languages to become mentors.

Volunteers are provided with a free multi-session, 10-hour training program and ongoing support from program staff.

During this time, the volunteers take workshops on developing listening skills, communication and problem solving.

Through weekly contact, mentors offer emotional and practical support to the mothers.

Registration is now open for Mentoring Moms Spring training, which begins April 11, 2016 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Volunteer Center of Bergen County, 64 Passaic Street, Hackensack. Call 201-489-9454, ext. 211 for more information. ###

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Moonachie Seniors Going Places

Spring is finally back and so is the urge to again enjoy life. The following is the Moonachie Senior trip schedule for March thorough July, and you are invited to join them.

• The first trip will be on March 30 to the beautiful Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see a comedy play entitled “Spreading it Around.” The cost is \$55 per person and the bus leaves at 9:30 a.m.

• On Tuesday, April 19, the seniors will be going to The Brownstone in Paterson to see a show entitled “Comedy and Music.” Departure time is 10:50 a.m. and the cost is \$49 per person.

• Following that, they will be going to Stony Hill in Hackensack on Wednesday, May 11 to see “Broadway Showstopper.” The cost is \$48 per person and the bus leaves at 10:15 a.m.

• The next trip will be at Li Greci’s Staaten on Staten Island to see “Nashville in New York” starring Bill Haley and The Comets on Wednesday, June 8. The bus leaves at 9:45 a.m. and the cost is \$54 per person.

• On Thursday, July 7, they are going to Mt. Haven in Milford, PA to see the “Joey Vincent Show.” The best one man show you will ever see. Breakfast and dinner, your choice of Bingo or a movie and an open bar starting at 12 p.m. the cost is \$45 per person and the departure time is at 9 a.m.

The busses leave from the Moonachie Senior Center on Moonachie Road behind the First Aid Squad. For more information and meal selections please contact the group leader Audrey Evers at 201-641-4334. *Provided by Charles R. Palas. ###*

Kip Center Casino Trip

The Kip Center hosts a Sands Casino Trip the second Monday of every month, Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. from the Kip Center, 55 Kip Avenue, Rutherford and the cost is \$30.

You will get \$30 back when you arrive. 55 Kip Members first priority, but spaces are generally available for your friends. Reserve early.

New to the Kip Center? Give it a try, there is always something going on! Call 201-460-1600 for more information. ###

Bingo is held every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the **Little Ferry Senior Center**, 95 Main Street, at 12:30 p.m. ###

Friendship Club

The Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. at the Civic Center preceded by refreshments. An informative and interesting meeting is held, covering many local issues. Bingo is played after each meeting. On the third Wednesday, a visiting nurse is available to all Carlstadt residents, not just Club members, to have their blood pressure taken at no cost. Carlstadt seniors are invited to join this Club and enjoy the camaraderie of your neighbors and maybe even meet some new neighbors.

On April 21, 2016, the Carlstadt Public Schools are hosting a senior prom for seniors from 5-7 p.m., with refreshments and music. On April 27, the seniors will host a breakfast at the Civic Center from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Some additional scheduled events are April 23, Stony Hill Inn for “Sounds of Sinatra”; June 2, Mt. Airy Casino.

A tentative trip is scheduled for June 29 to Radio City Music Hall for the Spring Extravaganza, with bus transportation, Orchestra seats, and lunch at Carmine’s in NYC, at a cost of \$105 per person.

They also have an extended trip to Woodloch Pines from May 9 to 13. Call Bruce 201-953-4988 for further information. *Provided by Eleanor Costa. ###*

Vic Hoofers

The Vic Hoofers is a ladies social club open to anyone from the surrounding towns who want to enjoy an evening of refreshments and a special game. Each meeting held on the first Thursday of the month at the Carlstadt Civic Center at 7 p.m.

On April 7, 2016, the game will be “Ain’t It a Shame,” a very fun game, with surprise wrapped gifts given, some of which can be useful or just funny. Each member of the planning committee is reminded to bring three wrapped gifts to the meeting.

Ladies, please join them and see what kind of gift you will receive! Call Ann 201-933-7215. *Provided by Eleanor Costa. ###*

Atlantic City Casino Trips

The East Rutherford Seniors are sponsoring two casino trips in April 2016.

• Monday, April 4 to Resorts Atlantic City. Cost: \$27 with \$25 slot play return (*seating available*).

• Monday, April 25 to Caesar’s Atlantic City. Cost: \$27 with \$30 slot play return.

All bus trips depart CVS lot Paterson Avenue, East Rutherford at 9 a.m. Bus boarding at 8:45 a.m. Early reservations and payment required. Contact Carole 201-655-3149 for details. For those who like to casino hop, new boardwalk tram is available \$2.50/1-way. ###



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Ian Gallagher Entertains the Leisure Club

At their March 9, 2016 meeting, the members of the Leisure Club were entertained by Irish singer, Ian Gallagher. He is an excellent entertainer whose personality and style have the power to make people listen and want more.

Accompanied by nothing more than his rich guitar picking and strumming, Ian allows his unique voice and clever lyrics to tell a story, or frame an image in your mind’s eye.

Many of the songs he sang were well-known Irish songs, songs that members could easily sing-along to. At times when he sang, it was so quiet that you could hear a pin drop.

Ian has been a favorite program for the Leisure Club members for many years. He



is a guitarist, singer, and an all-around entertainer who always knows how to use that personal touch to put a smile on your face. *Story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*



Edith Avella Honored by AARP

The Executive Board of the Garfield AARP Chapter #2479 selected Hasbrouck Heights resident, Edith Avella, to be recognized as their “Leprechaun” for the year 2016.

Edith was honored at the regular meeting held on March 14, 2016 at the Garfield Senior Center. AARP Chapter president Rosemarie Aloia, presented Edith with the cape, crown and sash that goes with her title as well as one dozen roses. *Photo and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

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April 2016 Heights Senior Calendar

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SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Monday, April 4, 11, 18, 25

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Games, cards & coffee

11:00 a.m. Mahjong

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Senior Lounge open to all

Tuesday, April 5, 12, 19, 26

10:00 a.m. Line Dancing \$1.00

2:00 p.m. Adv. Chair Yoga \$1.00

6:00 p.m. Card Game Night

Wednesday, April 20, 27

10:00 a.m. Games, cards & coffee

10:00 a.m. Mahjong

2:00 p.m. Senior Aerobics \$1.00

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Senior Lounge open to all

Thursday, April 7, 14, 21, 28

10:00 a.m. Games, cards & coffee

11:00 a.m. Mahjong

2:00 p.m. Senior Yoga \$1.00

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Senior Lounge open to all

Friday, April 8, 22

12 p.m. Zumba Gold \$1.00

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Games, cards & coffee

Friday, April 1, 15, 29

10:00 a.m. Fun Bingo

Check Center Bulletin Board for any changes

CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 6

10:30 a.m. Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 13

12:30 p.m. Leisure Club Meeting

Program: Speaker from the Meadowlands

TRIP SCHEDULE

- May - Renault Winery, Smithville Village
Cost: \$55 for members; \$60 non-members
- July 21 - Boat Cruise, Delicious Orchards
Cost: \$80 for members; \$85 non-members
- August 3 - Kricher's Catering & Picnic Grove
Contact Dorothy at 201-288-9537

Leisure Club Installation Luncheon

Wednesday, June 8, 2016 from Noon to 4 p.m.

The Venetian in Garfield

\$45 per members, \$50 for non-members.

Bus departs at 9:45 a.m.

Contact Marilyn at 201-288-4762

Lodi Senior Club News

The Lodi Senior Citizens Club meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, for members only. Lodi residents over the age of 55 are welcome. Membership is \$13 per year.

Every Thursday the Club opens 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with non-members welcome. Programs include: Senior Exercise 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Line Dancing 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.; Bingo 12:45 p.m. to 2 p.m.

The Club has a pool table, a shuffle board, cards, art center, a Library, games, Chit-Chat and bocce (*in season*). Refreshments are served. For information, call during open hours at 973-472-6994. For bus, call Kim between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The Lodi Senior Club 2016 events include:

- April 15: Installation Dinner, Venetian
- June 8: Shrimp Box, NJ Luncheon and Cruise
- August 17: Mt. Airy Casino Trip, PA
- October 12: Peddler's Village, PA, Luncheon and Show
- December 9: Christmas Party, Venetian ###

Emergencies: Call 9-11

Sight & Sound in Lancaster, PA

An overnight trip is scheduled for September 27-28, 2016 to Lancaster, PA to see the new Sight & Sound production of "Samson."

The trip is coordinated by the Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club. Included is the show, dinner, overnight in a local motel, with breakfast the next day, a 3-hour tour of the Amish countryside, a visit to Kettle Kitchen, a wonderful shopping experience. Cost of \$207 per person (*taxes and gratuities are included*).

Call Bruce at 201-953-4988 for details. ###

Rumors

The East Rutherford Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to the Hunterdon Playhouse on Wednesday, April 27, 2016. Play is Neil Simon's "Rumors." There is a varied luncheon menu (*6 entree selections and dessert buffet*). Cost \$54.

Bus departs CVS lot Paterson Avenue, East Rutherford at 9:30 a.m. - return bus departs 4 p.m. For reservation and payment info, contact Barbara 201-438-6595. ###

Lodi AARP Spring Events

The Lodi AARP has scheduled its Spring Celebration and new officer Installation Dinner Dance to be held at the Venetian in Garfield on Friday, May 20, 2016 from 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

The meal includes hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, pasta, a choice of entree, dessert, beverages and a one hour open bar. Music will be provided by Tommy Dee. Tickets cost \$45 for Lodi AARP members and \$50 for non-members. For information, call Ann at 201-641-6298 or Kathy at 973-779-8544.

The AARP Chapter 2015 of Lodi meets at noon the third Tuesday of every month at the Lodi Boys and Girls Club. New members are welcome. Dues are \$10 a year. For membership information contact Stan at 973-779-8544. Upcoming meetings schedule:

- April 19, 2016: Regular meeting with speaker from Hackensack University Medical Center
- May 17, 2016: Regular meeting with special Mother's Day Luncheon. ###

ER Seniors

The East Rutherford Seniors will hold their March meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. Meetings are held at the Vreeland Avenue Senior Center at 1 p.m. with coffee and dessert served; followed by Bingo games.

East Rutherford Seniors start their monthly bus trips. Monthly bus trips to Atlantic City continue throughout the year. ###

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On February 27, 2016, 5-year-old Dariel Ramirez became Lodi Fire Department's newest "Honorary Junior Fire-fighter" when Assistant Fire Chief Ron Cannici presented him with a fire helmet bearing his name, a patch and a baseball cap. Additionally, the Department contributed \$250 towards Dariel's medical expenses.

Dariel had two brain tumors, the first which was diagnosed last summer.

According to Chief Mike Varrecchia, members were alerted to his plight during the "Santa" run, and the Department unanimously voted to make Dariel an honorary member.

Dariel died a few days later. Lodi Firefighters served as his pallbearers, with Lodi Fire Chief Mike Varrecchia carrying the junior fire helmet bearing the boy's name. *Photos by Damien Danis. ###*



At about 00:20 hours on February 20, 2016, the Wood-Ridge Fire Department responded to a house fire on Valley Boulevard.

The three Chiefs arrived and found smoke coming from the eaves. Using a thermal imaging cameras, firefighters found the fire in the ceiling of the second floor apartment. The ceiling was opened up and the fire was quickly extinguished with a 1 3/4 hand line.

A 5 inch line from the hydrant was connected to Engine 902. The Ladder was raised to vent the roof. No injuries were reported. It was reported that the cause of the fire was determined to be electrical in nature.

Carlstadt, Hasbrouck Heights, Little Ferry, engines; Lyndhurst RIC, Moonachie Truck, and Moonachie EMS Rescue assisted. *Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



On March 11, 2016, at about 6 p.m., the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department responded to a Terrace Avenue 3rd floor apartment fire. Two hydrants were connected to two pumpers with 5 inch lines. One attack line was used in the building. Assisting departments included Little Ferry, Moonachie, Wallington and Wood-Ridge. *Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



Wood-Ridge Fire Department responded to a motor vehicle accident involving two cars on Passaic Street at about 10 p.m. on February 1, 2016. Two injuries were reported. *Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



Fire Watch Detail

On Tuesday, March 15, 2016, the Wood-Ridge Fire Department and EMS Squad were dispatched to the Fiesta for a "Fire Watch" detail for the Persian "Festival of Fire."

Firefighters were strategically located and carefully monitored each jump, watchful that no one was burned (or clothing caught fire). They assisted those who were unsteady. *Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*





Carlstadt FD Recognition Sunday

On Sunday, February 21, 2016, The First Presbyterian Church, led by Pastor Donald M. Pitches, held their 22nd Annual Fire Department Recognition Sunday Service for the Carlstadt Fire Department and

Auxiliary. Bagpiper Sharon Dunn led the Carlstadt Fire Department into the Church. The service was open to area mutual aid departments. Pastor Pitches' theme was

"Joys and Concerns of God's Family." There was recognition and presentation of symbols of service with Pastor Pitches presenting Carlstadt Fire Chief Tony D'Amico with a sym-

bolic key. (In the 1800s, before whistles and pagers and plectrons, fire chiefs were given the Church key to ring the bells for a fire alarm.) The program provided a brief history of the Department,

and recognized the 2016 Fire Officers and Former Chiefs of the Department. Following the service, brunch in the Community Hall was provided by the Department. *Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



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Chief Sabia Honored

On February 13, 2016, a testimonial dinner was held at the Graycliff to honor Carlstadt Fire Chief Thomas Sabia. Following opening remarks, CFD Chaplain Reverend Donald Pitches gave the Invocation and Chief Tony D'Amico gave the toast. There were remarks by

Mayor Craig Lahullier and Fire Commissioner Richard Bartlett. There were introductions of Mutual Aid Chiefs, family members and honored guests. Following the presentation of gifts, Thomas Sabia gave closing remarks. *Photo by Dennis Kronyak, Sr. ###*



On February 16, 2016, the Carlstadt Mayor and Council recognized the retirement from the Fire Service of Gino Popejoy (35 years) and Steven Sass Sr. (42 years). *Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*

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