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'Twas Grand

The Annual St. Patrick's Parade was held in Rutherford on Sunday, March 1, 2020. The Parade followed a freshly painted green line down Park Avenue. Many spectators were festooned with Irish regalia. The hour-long, family-oriented parade featured 600-700 marchers from about 70 groups. Pipers included Jersey City Firefighters Emerald Society Band, St. Columille United Gaelic Pipe Band, Law Enforcement and Firefighters Emerald Society of NJ Chapter 1, Morris County Police Pipers. The event was sponsored by the Rutherford Irish American Association.

See page 13 for more parade photos.

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Happy Easter!

It's Time for the **Spring** **OpenHouse** at Bergen Community College



Thursday, April 2

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Exploring Mixed
Art Medium with
NewARTS Kids

Care on the Corner announces the Spring Session of NewARTS Kids, ART-Ventures in Mixed Media.

NewARTS is an art program designed for children ages 6-11. Each lesson is created to motivate young artists by focusing on the basics.

Children will have fun exploring the mixed art medium each week that will stimulate their imagination and creative expression using acrylics, colored pencils, oil pastels, pen and ink and watercolors.

Spring Session 2020

- April 23: "In the Garden with Monet" – Acrylics on Canvas
- April 30: "Under the Sea" - Watercolor / Oil Pastels
- May 14: "At the Zoo" - Pen & Ink / Tempera
- Thursdays, 4 to 5 p.m. 6 - 8 Year Olds
- Thursdays, 5 to 6 p.m. 9 - 11 Year Olds

We are excited to have Debra M. Cook as our teacher! Debra has been teaching ART to children since 1996. Making art, exploring new ideas, and being creative – Debra makes it all fun! She imparts this joy to her students as she introduces new concepts and project ideas. She helps each student develop the artist within. Together they work on developing an understanding of the elements of art and explore how they can be expressed using a variety of art media. Debra encourages the children to have a positive attitude and to try their best. It is her hope that they will continue to develop this positive, "can do" approach in all areas of their lives as they learn and grow, not only as artists, but as the wonderful people they were meant to be.

The group will meet in the Parish Hall of St. John the Divine, the corner of Terrace and Jefferson Avenues, Hasbrouck Heights 07604. Call the Care Center at 201-288-9460 to register. Tuition is \$60 and includes all materials. Please feel free to inquire about available scholarships. ###

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Strawberry Festival June 26

On Friday, June 26, 2020, 55 Kip Center, Rutherford, will hold the Annual Tricky Tray. It is not too early to start thinking about the raffle baskets. We will be happy to accept any new/used gifts. If you would like to help with this event by soliciting prizes and donations, we would be happy to hear from you. All donations can be dropped off at the office anytime during business hours.

Parking: Everyone who drives to 55 Kip Center should display the new parking pass for 2020! Remember to be aware of the times that you are allowed to park. Be sure you are parked in the allotted spaces. You will receive tickets for violations. ###

Having an Affair?

If your organization is having an event that is open to the public, we can help you tell “everybody” about it. Simply provide the following event details: name, date, times, cost, brief explanation of program features, etc., along with contact information. Send these details at least 45 days prior to the event to: fritz@hasbrouck-heights.com or drop them off at: **The Gazette Newspaper**, 345 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. ###



Blues Singer Entertains at W-R Historical Society

Yonne Hassett, stage name Y-Von, presented a program on the history of Blues and Soul Music in America. The program was sponsored by the Wood-Ridge Historical Society and was presented at the Arnault/Bianchi House on March 8, 2020.

Y-Von discussed the history of that music which started in America’s south. She discussed the songs of each decade starting with the music which was popular prior to the Civil War.

Slaves from Africa brought with them to America their musical and cultural traditions. This lay the foundations for early Blues music.

Along with her narrative

on the history of Blues music, she sang many songs and was assisted by Bill Moraites on the guitar. Some of the songs sung were, “St. Louis Blues,” “Sweet Home Chicago,” “Summertime,” “Hit the Road Jack,” “At Last,” and “In the Midnight Hour.”

Because of Y-Von's many hours of listening to recordings of that type of music, and her great voice, she fell in love with this of style music. She began her career at the age of sixteen singing the Blues. Y-Von has traveled throughout the United States which gave her the opportunity to perform with many artists of the big band era.

Photo and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###



HH Leisure Club Entertained with Singing and Dancing

Randy Accardi’s singing, dancing and twirling of his dancing cane, dazzled the members of the Hasbrouck Heights Leisure Club at the March 11, 2020, meeting. Randy has worked in musical theater nationwide over the past 25 years. He is an accomplished performer, director and choreographer. His performance included many songs that were familiar to all the members.

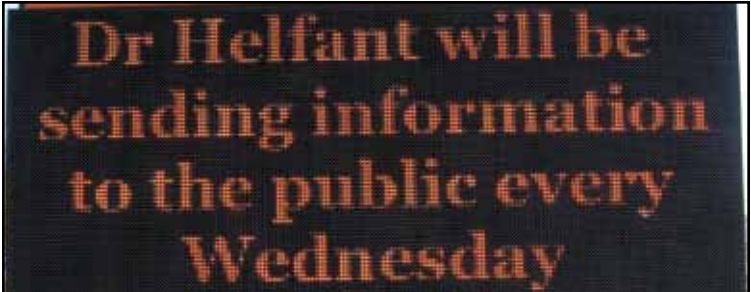
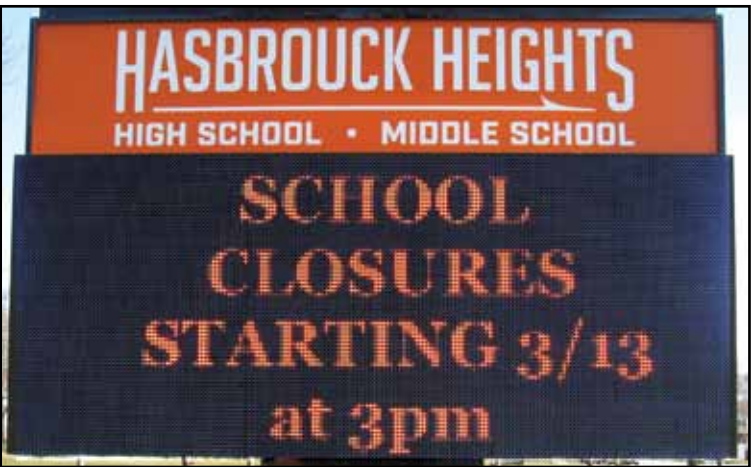
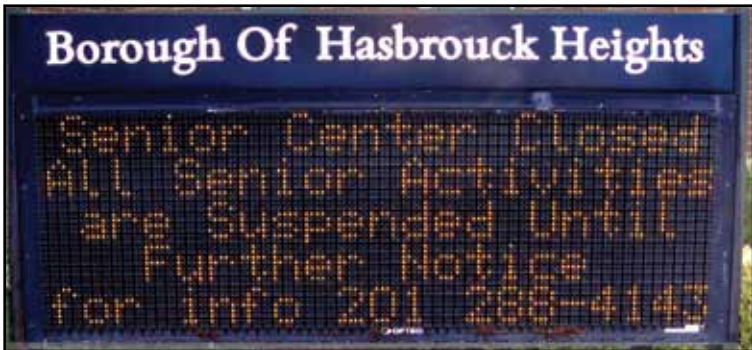
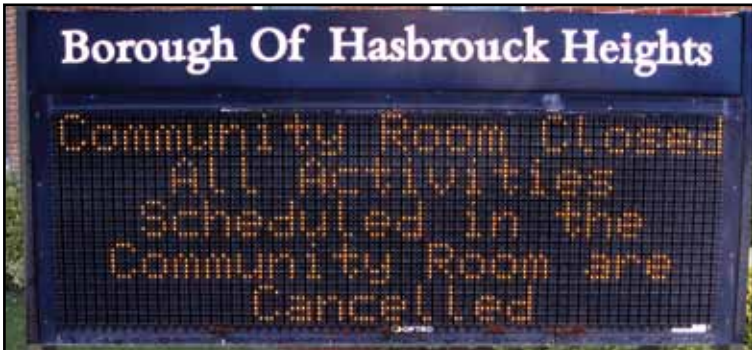
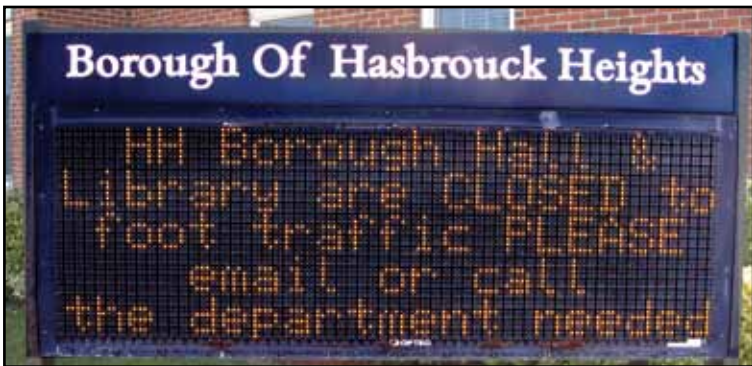
Nurse Shehriren Bakhtyar, Hackensack Meridian Health Educator, was on hand at the meeting to discuss the Coronavirus and COVID-19. She discussed how we can protect ourselves and others from viruses and help stop the spread

of germs. In essence, wash your hands frequently, avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth, avoid close contact with people who are sick, stay home when you’re sick and cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.

At the meeting we were informed that all Senior Citizen Centers run by the Bergen County Division of Senior Services were being closed until further notice. Leisure Club President June Raymond stated that with all that is going on, it may become necessary to cancel any future meeting of the Club. For information, call 201-288-4143. *Photo by Marie Gallo. Story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

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Signs of the times



April Fools' Day

April Fools' Day (*sometimes called All Fools' Day*) is celebrated every year on April 1 by playing practical jokes and spreading hoaxes.

The jokes and their victims are called April Fools. People playing April Fool jokes expose their prank by shouting April Fool.

Some newspapers, magazines, and other published media report fake stories, which are usually explained the next day or below the news section in small letters.

As well as people playing pranks on one another on April Fools' Day, elaborate practical jokes have appeared on radio and TV stations, newspapers, web sites, and have been performed by large corporations.

To give you a sense of how seriously some people take April Fools' Day, here are three of the greatest April Fools' Day hoaxes of all time:

- **Swiss Spaghetti Trees** — In 1957, the British Broadcasting Company (BBC) news program Panorama announced that Swiss farmers were harvesting a record spaghetti crop thanks to the elimination of the spaghetti weevil.

News footage showed Swiss peasants pulling spa-

ghetti from trees. Thousands of viewers were fooled. The BBC reported receiving many calls inquiring how to grow spaghetti trees!

- **"Taco" Liberty Bell** — In 1996, Taco Bell announced that it had bought the Liberty Bell to help ease the national deficit. When the company claimed it would be renaming it the Taco Liberty Bell, thousands of citizens were fooled and called to complain.

The company revealed it was a practical joke a few hours later, but not before reporters asked White House press secretary Mike McCurry about the sale. Creating a joke of his own, he responded that the Lincoln Memorial had also been sold and would now be known as the Ford Lincoln Mercury Memorial!

- **"Left-Handed" Whopper** — In 1998, Burger King ran an advertisement in USA Today announcing its new "Left-Handed Whopper," which was specifically designed for left-handed Americans by rotating all condiments exactly 180 degrees. Burger King revealed the hoax the next day but claimed that thousands of customers had requested the new sandwich at their restaurants!

Although popular since the 19th century, the day is not a public holiday in any country. *Source: Wikipedia and wonderopolis.org ###*

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Administrative Professionals Week April 19-25, 2020

During World War II, there was an increased need for skilled administrative personnel, particularly in the United States.

The National Secretaries Association was formed to recognize the contributions of secretaries and other administrative personnel to the economy, to support their personal development and to help attract people to administrative careers in the field.

The association's name was changed to Professional Secretaries International in 1981 and, finally, the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) in 1998.

These changes reflected the evolving nature, qualifications and responsibilities of the members of the organization.

IAAP now has an international orientation and continues to provide education and training and set standards of excellence recognized by

the business community on a global perspective.

The organization's vision is "to inspire and equip all administrative professionals to attain excellence."

The first National Secretaries Week was organized in 1952, in conjunction with the United States Department of Commerce and various office supply and equipment manufacturers.

The Wednesday of that week became known as National Secretaries Day (*April 22*). As the organization gained international recognition, the events became known as Professional Secretaries Week and Professional Secretaries Day.

In 2000, IAAP announced that names of the week and the day were changed to Administrative Professionals Week and Administrative Professionals Day, to keep pace with changing job titles and expanding responsibilities of the modern administrative workforce.

The most common ways of recognizing your Administrative Professional(s) today are: Flowers, Gift Cards, Lunch, Candy, Gift Baskets, etc.

Many work environments across the world observe this event. Administrative Professionals Day is an observance, but it is not a public holiday in the United States. ###

Rutherford Free Rabies Clinic

CANCELED: On Saturday, April 4, 2020, The Rutherford Health Department will be conducting its Annual Free Rabies Clinic, at from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Mortimer Avenue Firehouse at the corner of Mortimer and West Pierrepont Avenues.

Registration forms can be picked up in advance of the clinic at 184 Park Avenue between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Proof of prior vaccination will be required. ###

Rutherford Blood Screening

The Rutherford Health Department will sponsor a Multi-Phasic Blood Screening program for Rutherford residents, 18 or older, to be held at the Health Center, 184 Park Avenue. The blood screening is scheduled for the morning of Friday, April 17, 2020. Appointments are required and can be made by calling the Public Health Nurses at 201-460-3020 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday - Friday. There will be a nominal fee of \$22 which will cover the cost of the laboratory analysis.###

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2020 Easter Egg Hunts

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East Rutherford

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Little Ferry**

The Easter Bunny visit is scheduled for Saturday, April 4, at Borough Hall, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., has been **CANCELED**. This event was sponsored by the Recreation Committee.

Evangel

Christian Church

Easter Sunday, April 12, at noon, the Easter Egg Hunt will take place. Following the Egg Hunt picture taking will take place. Bring your camera.

Lodi

On Saturday, April 4, Lodi Recreation will have its annual Spring Celebration. This year's event will be held at Washington School, from 10 a.m. to noon, for Kindergarten to 3rd Grade. Lodi residents. The celebration includes two Bounce Houses, Photo Booth, Face Painter to make the day special for Lodi's young residents. The Easter Bunny will also attend for some special photos. Please bring your camera. All children will receive an Easter giveaway and must be accompanied by an adult.

Moonachie

The Borough of Moonachie Annual Egg Hunt will be held 10 a.m., Saturday, April 4 at Robert L. Craig School Gymnasium, rain or shine. Refreshments will be served and the Easter Bunny will be there. Bring your camera. The event is open to all children.

Wood-Ridge

The Transformation Life Church will host a Free Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m., at the Catherine Doyle Elementary School. Games, Prizes, Food and more. Actual Egg Hunt will begin at 11 a.m. by age group. Register online at <http://tlcassembly.org/>

Wood-Ridge

The Knights of Columbus St. Anthony Council 11585 will hold their Annual Easter Egg Hunt after the "Blessing of the Baskets," at noon on Saturday, April 11, on the Assumption Church grounds for Pre-K through 3rd Grade. Tickets available at the rectory. In case of rain, the event will be held indoors. Refreshments to follow. ###

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Carlstadt Mixed Chorus 89th Music Festival

The Carlstadt Mixed Chorus will host their 89th Music Festival at the Carlstadt Turn Hall, 500 Broad Street, Carlstadt, at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 3, 2020.

The program will feature the Chorus, Guest Soloists accompanied by a Chamber Orchestra; Johanna Teubner-Prussack, Music Director. Dance music by “Bud-Linda.” The kitchen and bar will be open. Donation is \$25. For reservations, call 201-387-2073 or 201-257-8601. ###

A Night of World Class Opera April 25

On April 25, 2020, at 7:30 p.m., Corpus Christi R.C. Church, 215 Kipp Avenue. Hasbrouck Heights, will host a spectacular evening featuring Theresa Carlomagno, Soprano, and Nelson Ebo, Tenor. Visit our website, www.corpuschristihh.org, for their bios. Tickets are \$30 pp in advance and may be purchased at the Parish Center, 218 Washington Place, during regular business hours. Cash and checks accepted. For information, contact the Center at 201-288-4844. ###

HH Town-wide Garage Sale

A Hasbrouck Heights town-wide garage sale is scheduled for May 16 and 17, 2020, 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 are May 4 and 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Administration 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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VFW Auxiliary Spring Auction April 24

The Petersilge-Velock V.F.W. Auxiliary to Post 809 will sponsor a Spring Auction (Tricky Tray) on Friday, April 24, 2020, at the Post Home, 100 Main Street, Little Ferry.

The event is open to the public. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Donation is \$10. Proceeds will be used to take care of the needs of our Veteran men and women who reside at Veterans homes and assisting for all Veterans and their families. Call Irma at 201-489-2390 or Adele at 201-641-2298. ###

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 6 and 20, 2020, from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. ###

Mothers of Pre-schoolers

We are a diverse group of moms who know we are better together. Moms of kids ages 0-6 from any town are welcome to come check out our group. Next event is Thursday, April 23, 2020, from 7 to 9 p.m. RSVP by 4/21 so we have enough yummy snacks for you. Event hosted by Bible Baptist Church, 31 Passaic Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. Free MOPS Kids 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 Mothers of Preschoolers MOPS. ###

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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 6, 2020, for inclusion in the Mother’s Day bulletin, May 10.

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. For further informationn call 201-288-1122. ###

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Heights Shred-It April 4

Hasbrouck Heights Recycling Program will hold a paper shredding event on Saturday, April 4, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Central Avenue parking lot. Rain or shine. This event is co-sponsored by the Bergen County Utilities Authority.

The Satellite Recycling drop-off will also be available. This disposal site collects the following items for recycling: bottles, cans, plastic bottles, newspapers, cardboard, magazines, junk mail, and E-waste such as computer equipment and TVs. For more information, call 201-288-1072. ###

Art Association of Rutherford

The Art Association of Rutherford will be having its meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2020, at the Tambllyn Civic Center, 30 Woodland Avenue, Rutherford, NJ.

We will be having a watercolor demo from one of our favorites, noted artist, Christine Calandra. She will teach a variety of techniques to improve your painting skills. All are welcome! We ask a \$3 non-mandatory donation from non-members to defray costs.

Hope to see you there! Contact Lissanne at lissanneart@gmail.com for more information. ###

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Wallington Little League Pasta Dinner

On Saturday, May 30, 2020, the Wallington Little League will be holding a Family Pasta Night Dinner and Annual Tricky Tray event. All of the monies that are raised will be given back to the boys and girls, ages 4 through 12, in special baseball and softball outings, programs, and clinics.

We are asking our neighbors to donate an item or service to our organization to be raffled off during the evening of our biggest fundraising event of the year. Your company will be recognized in our program for everyone to see. Any help you can give to us would be greatly appreciated.

Gifts can be mailed to: Wallington Little League, c/o Adele Mulvaney, 2 Elizabeth Place, Wallington, NJ 07057.

If an item needs to be picked up, call Adele at 973-773-0951 or Joe at 973-632-3845. ###

Lions Pancake Breakfast Mar. 29

The Rutherford Lions Club is holding their Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 29, 2020, at 55 Kip Center, Rutherford, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The cost for this pancake and sausage breakfast is \$6. Proceeds from this event go to the Rutherford Lions Sight Fund to help Lions sight projects and local charities.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.RutherfordLionsClub.com or call Glenn at 201-390-6734. Tickets can also be purchased at the door. Takeouts will be available. The Rutherford Lions Club has been serving the community for 98 years. ###

Beefsteak Dinner May 21

POSTPONED: On Thursday, May 21, 2020, Wallington FD Park Row Hose Co. #3, invites you to attend a Beefsteak Dinner at the Fiesta, Route 17 South, Wood-Ridge, from 6:30 to 11 p.m., to honor Mark W. Tomko for his years of dedicated service as Mayor and Fire Commissioner. \$55 donation, includes beer, wine and soda.

For tickets and contributions contact Doug at 201-755-6906/Patryk 973-570-3153 or email WFDCO3@Gmail.com.

Make all checks payable to Park Row Co. #3. ###

13th Annual Mickey's Kids Gala April 3

The 13th Annual Mickey's Kids Gala will be held on April 3, 2020 at Il Villaggio in Carlstadt, NJ. It begins at 7 p.m. and ends around 11 p.m.

\$125 per seat. Seats are going fast!!! Full buffet dinner, wine, beer and soda!!!

Raffles, 50/50s and our famous kids show as well as a surprise special guest!!!

For more information, or to reserve a seat or make a donation, contact Mickey's Kids Foundation, 50 Central Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604.

Mickey's Kids is a public 501c3 foundation, all profits go to support placing Service, Therapy and Hospital Facilities dogs in the NY Metropolitan Area!! ###

Hasbrouck Heights Garden Club

On April 15, 2020, the Garden Club and The Hasbrouck Heights Public Library will be sponsoring a joint program.

Our speaker for the evening will be Anthony Bracco: Owner and operator of Bracco Farms. Bracco Farms is committed to providing the customer with the highest quality produce and herbs grown in a complete natural and sustainable environment. They use only organic and heirloom seeds from reliable sources.

Mr. Bracco's lecture will include:

- Raising awareness as to where our food comes from!
- Sharing methods with the public!
- Demonstrate how small farm growing methods can be adapted to a backyard garden!

The program will be held in The Library Meeting Room at 320 Boulevard on the second floor. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting! There is ample parking and the building is barrier free!

Registration is required. Call The Library at 201-288-0484 or go to www.hasbrouck-heightslibrary.com

We hope you will join us for this informative program and bring a friend! For further information, contact Judy at 201-288-2615. ###

April Flower
Sweet Pea

Hasbrouck Heights Little League Pancake Breakfast

Help the Hasbrouck Heights Little League kick off the 2020 season with our Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 29, 2020, at the HH VFW, Post 4591. A breakfast of pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea and juice will be served from 8 a.m. - noon. The cost is \$5 per ticket and you can pay at the door. All HH Little League players are free including up to 4 family members. Interested in sponsoring our event? You can visit our website at www.Hhlittleleague.com or email us at hhlboard@hhlittleleague.com. ###

Breakfast Buffet and Photos with Easter Bunny

POSTPONED: Wallington FD Park Row Hose Co. #3, presents,as Breakfast Buffet and pictures with the Easter Bunny, (no date yet), 2020, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Wallington Civic Center, 24 Union Boulevard.

Ticket donation, adult \$10, children \$5 (ages 4-12.) Tickets available at the door or from any member of Engine Co. #3. ###

Bunco Night March 27

On Friday, March 27, 2020, the Women's Club of Maywood will host Bunco Night at The Maywood Senior Center, 145 Magnolia Avenue, Maywood. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., game begins at 8 p.m. Tickets \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members. For information call Pat at 201-370-6682. ###

Use Turn Signals

W-R Lions Pancake Breakfast

On Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020, the Wood-Ridge Lions Club will be holding their Annual Pancake Breakfast at the W-R High School cafeteria. This is the longest continuous fundraising activity in the Borough.

Come on out, meet your neighbors and kick off the start of spring! You will enjoy a breakfast of orange juice, hot buttered pancakes with syrup and fruit toppings, sausage, coffee and tea. While waiting for your breakfast to be served, you can enjoy a nice piece of crumb cake.

Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased in advance from any Club member. They will also be available at the door. Children under five are free.

All of the proceeds will be used to help the blind, sight impaired and others in need. We thank you for your continued support! For additional information, call Jack 201-641-2803 or email janpro911@aol.com ###

Breakfast Sunday April 5

Elmwood Park/Paterson Elks Lodge #60, at 192 Market Street, Elmwood Park, will host a Breakfast, Sunday, April 5, 2020, from 8 to 11:30 a.m. \$7 pp, \$4 children 6-10, free for children under 6.

Breakfast includes: juice, eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, hash browns, toast, hot and cold cereal, muffins and bagels, hot chocolate, coffee or tea. Open to the public. Reservations preferred. Call Dennis at 201-791-6149. ###

Beefsteak Tricky-Tray Fundraiser

Join the Boys and Girls Clubs of Lodi and Hackensack for a night out, to benefit the children who need us most!

At 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2020, we will host our Annual Beefsteak Tricky-Tray Fundraiser at The Elan Catering and Events at 111 Route 46 West, Lodi.

The event features an extensive Tricky-Tray prize raffle and 50/50, with an all you can eat meal that includes Beer and Wine! **Tickets are \$50 each and Must be purchased in advance!**

Pre-sale raffle ticket packets, sponsorship, and placemat ads are also available. The menu includes: Salad, Pasta, French Fries, Beefsteak, Beer, Wine, Dessert, Soda, Coffee and Tea. For information, contact Melissa McKinney melissa.mckinney@bgcoflodi.org or 973-473-7410 ext. 104. Proceeds benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Lodi and Hackensack Youth Programs and The Felician School for Exceptional Children's 21 and Over Program. ###

Wallington Fashion Show/ Tricky Tray May 4

RESCHEDULED: On Monday, May 4, 2020, at 6 p.m., Wallington High School Home and School Organization, will host a Fashion Show/Dinner/ Tricky Tray at the Fiesta, at 255 Route 17 South, Wood-Ridge. Admission is \$55 pp. For ticket information, call TJ Calabrese at 201-893-6748 wallington.hso@gmail.com, Joe Brunacki 973-632-3845. No one under 10 permitted. ###

ATTENTION

Due to the Coronavirus,
some activities may have been
postponed or canceled.
Check with your event contact.

Fish & Chips
March 28

The East Rutherford Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will host a Fish & Chips Dinner (*chicken available*) on March 28, 2020, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the East Rutherford Civic Center. Catered by Argyle Restaurant, Kearny. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$7 for children. Take out available. For tickets, call Rose at 201-935-5237 or Wendy at 201-394-9850. Tickets sold at the door. ###

Reduce
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Kip Center
Casino Night
April 3

On April 3, 2020, from 7 to 11 p.m., at The Fiesta, Wood-Ridge, join 55 Kip Center at our Vegas-style Casino! Roll the dice at a craps table, play roulette, try your hand at poker or take a spin on our Special Prize Wheel! Admission \$80 pp and includes hot and cold buffet, four hour open bar, \$200 Kip Kash Play Money (purchase after March 15 and get \$100 Kip Kash) and live DJ. For more information, call Cathy at 201-460-1600. ###

Hire A Vet

Afternoon
Tea May 3

Saint Margaret of Cor-tona's Parish Social Life Com-mittee is sponsoring an After-noon Tea, from 1 to 4 p.m., on Sunday, May 3, 2020. \$25 gift card Tricky Tray prizes. Cost is \$15. Tickets will be sold at the door. For information, call Ellie at 201-641-0883. ###

Roast Beef
Dinner May 1

The Ladies Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Carlstadt will be sponsoring a Roast Beef Dinner on Friday, May 1, 2020 in the Commu-nity Hall next to the Church on Third Street in Carlstadt from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. We will be serving Roast Beef, mashed po-tatoes, green beans, coleslaw, rolls, hot and cold beverages and desserts. Cost will be \$12 for adults and \$7 for children. 50/50 tickets will be sold prior to the dinner as well as at the door. Dinner tickets may be purchased by calling Christy at 201-935-0268. For further info contact mhu164@aol.com. ###

Fish Fry
April 10

American Legion Post 310, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, is hosting the Annual Good Friday Fish Fry, Friday, April 10, 2020, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Menu includes fried flounder, potato salad and coleslaw salad, dinner rolls, coffee and des-ert. Cost \$12 pp. Proceeds to benefit Veterans and Children's programs. For more informa-tion, call 201-807-0470. Dine-in only, No take out. ###

Brunch at
Fiesta April 5

Carlstadt Mixed Chorus invites you to a Sunday Brunch at the Fiesta, Rt. 17 South, Wood-Ridge, on April 5, 2020, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Music by Werner Goebel. Donation \$45. For reservations call 973-777-6677. ###

Buffet
Breakfast
April 5

On Sunday, April 5, 2020, 8 to 10:30 a.m., the Men's Coun-try Buffet will take place in the Community Hall, 3rd Street, Carlstadt. Adults \$10, children under 12 free. For information, call 201-438-5526. ###

Edible Book
Festival
April 4

The Friends of The Library of Rutherford's Edible Book Festival will be held Saturday, April 4, 2020, 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 and bring it to The Rutherford Public Library the day of the event. Enter to win in various categories. You can register by pick-ing up an entry form at The Library or printing one out on the website, www.rutherford-library.org. All are welcome to join Saturday, April 4, to see the creations and vote on the People's Choice (at \$1 per vote). The event will include refresh-ments and a raffle (anyone 18 and over may participate!). All are welcome to this wonderful event! For information, call Linda Rynd at 201-456-1897. ###

PBA Beefsteak
March 28

The Wood-Ridge PBA Local 313 will host their An-nual Beefsteak Dinner and Tricky Tray at the Assumption Church basement located at Main Avenue and 2nd Street. Entertainment is the "Shake Rattle and Roll Dueling Pia-nos." Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$65 pp and include dinner, beer, wine and soda. Tickets are available from any W-R Police Officer. ###

Meals with
a Mission
Comedy Night

Meals with a Mission will host a Comedy Night on Sat-urday, March 28, 2020, at the Garfield Senior Center, 480 Midland Avenue. The event is sponsored by BCB of Lodi. Featured are Kevin Lee, Ted Daniels and Troy Moore. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. Admission is \$40 pp. Bring your own food and drink. For tickets, contact Alisa at 201-280-7176 ###

Lodi KC Pancake
Breakfast Apr. 12

The St. Michael's Council of the Knights of Columbus are having their monthly buffet-style Family Breakfast on Sun-day, April 12, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, at 39 Washington Street, Lodi. Menu includes: all-you-can-eat fresh scrambled eggs, pancakes, French toast (*to order*), sausage, hash browns, fresh rolls, orange juice, fresh hot coffee, and tea. Adults: \$7; children over 6: \$4; children 6 and under: free. Profits to ben-efit local charities. ###

April Birthstone
Diamond

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On May 17, 2020, Church of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady, at 143 First Street, would like to invite all the men and women in law enforcement to attend a special Mass at 9:30 a.m. An invitation is extended to the members of the Wood-Ridge Fire Department.

This Mass will be to recognize the sacrifice and dedication of all those who serve in law enforcement both in Wood-Ridge and throughout other police departments. Recognition will also be given to all firefighters who serve the Borough of Wood-Ridge. A special prayer will be offered for all police officers, firefighters and their families.

We will reserve pews for all officers and firefighters who attend and ask that they come in uniform and invite family

members as well. No RSVP is necessary.

Questions may be directed to Councilman Ezio Altamura, who serves as liaison to the WRPD, at ealtamura@njwv.org. ###

J.S. Bach Festival


The First Presbyterian Church of Rutherford invites you to a free, family-friendly music event on Saturday, March 28, 2020, at 3 p.m., featuring works for: choir, organ, cello, flute, piano, voice and much more! World Premiere by choral composer, Sarah Rimkus, to be sung by First Presbyterian Choir. All proceeds will be donated to Rutherford Food Pantry. Bring a donation of nonperishable, unexpired food items or a monetary donation for the Rutherford Food Pantry. ###

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The Jesus Story was introduced by **Bible Baptist Church** in 1989 as a drama outreach that for many became an Easter tradition. For 25 years of God’s blessing it has been our privilege presenting The Jesus Story.
During Passion Week in 2019, Bible Baptist introduced His Hands. It was a well-received by the nearly 600 who attended. Many asked that His Hands continue. After prayerful consideration, we will be offering the 2nd presentation of His Hands in the Spring.
His Hands is a drama about the Passion Week of Jesus’ life, His crucifixion, and His

resurrection. His Hands will be performed by members of Bible Baptist Church.
The cast has been selected and practices are underway. Although its content still holds a powerful message, His Hands is scaled down from the Jesus Story.
This event is free and on a first come basis. For groups of 9 or more you may call and reserve seats. Auditorium doors open 30 minutes before performance time.
Dates and times are: Saturday, April 4, 6 p.m.; Friday, April 10, 8 p.m.; Saturday, April 11, 2 and 6 p.m.
Bible Baptist Church, 31 Passaic Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights 201-288-4139. www.biblebaptist.net ###

Mass of Anointing April 25

Most Sacred Heart Share and Care cordially invites all parishioners, families, friends and visitors to celebrate a Mass of Anointing at Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 127 Paterson Avenue, Wallington, at 10:30 a.m., on Saturday, April 25, 2020. Come experience the beautiful serenity, peace and comfort for mind, body and soul offered at this Mass of Anointing.
Light refreshments will be served in the Great Hall immediately after the service. The Church and Great Hall are handicapped accessible.
For additional information, call MaryJane at 201-939-8576. ###

Passover Seder

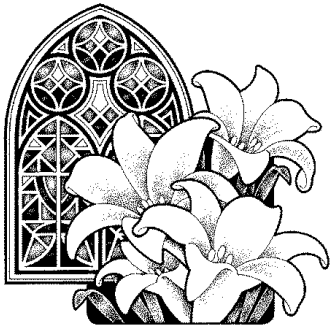
Enjoy the holiday of freedom at an inspirational Seder, complete with a gourmet Passover dinner, the original hand-made Shmurah Matzah, and four cups of exquisite Kosher wine. Journey with them through the Haggadah, with traditional songs, stories and spiritual insights. The Seder is English friendly, so everyone can feel welcome.
First Seder Night is Wednesday, April 8, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. The Second Seder Night is Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 8:15 p.m. Seder will be held at Congregation Beth El, 185 Montross Avenue, Rutherford.
Cost is \$36. Sponsor is \$150. No one will be turned down for lack of funds.
Limited seating available. RSVP by email: Bina@jewishrutherford.org or call 201-438-4931. ###

About Passover

Passover 2020 will begin in the evening of Wednesday, April 8 and ends in the evening of Thursday, April 16.
The eight-day festival of Passover is celebrated in the early spring, from the 15th through the 22nd of the Hebrew month of Nissan. Passover (Pesach) commemorates the emancipation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. Pesach is observed by avoiding leaven, and highlighted by the Seder meals that include four cups of wine, eating matzah and bitter herbs, and retelling the story of the Exodus.
In Hebrew it is known as Pesach (*which means “to pass over”*), because God passed over the Jewish homes when killing the Egyptian firstborn on the very first Passover eve.

The Passover Story in a Nutshell

After many decades of slavery to the Egyptian pharaohs, during which time the Israelites were subjected to backbreaking labor and unbearable horrors, God saw the people’s distress and sent Moses to Pharaoh with a message: “Send forth My people, so that they may serve Me.” But despite numerous warnings, Pharaoh refused to heed God’s command. God then sent upon Egypt ten devastating plagues, afflicting them and destroying everything from their livestock to their crops.
At the stroke of midnight of 15 Nissan in the year 2448 from creation (1313 BCE), God visited the last of the ten plagues on the Egyptians, killing all their firstborn. While doing so, God spared the children of Israel, “passing over” their homes—hence the name of the holiday. Pharaoh’s resistance was broken, and he virtually chased his former slaves out of the land. The Israelites left in such a hurry, in fact, that the bread they baked as provisions for the way did not have time to rise. Six hundred thousand adult males, plus many more women and children, left Egypt on that day and began the trek to Mount Sinai and their birth as God’s chosen people.
For more information go to: <https://www.chabad.org/holidays/passover> ###
Easter is linked to the Jewish Passover not only for much of its symbolism but also for its position in the calendar.
The Last Supper shared by Jesus and his disciples before his crucifixion is generally thought of as a Passover meal, based on the chronology in the Gospels.



Easter Services

Saint Francis de Sales Church
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Holy Week Schedule 2020
Saturday, April 4
5 pm English Mass (*inside procession only*) • 7 pm Misa en Español (*procesión dentro de la iglesia*)
Sunday, April 5 – Palm Sunday
7:30 am English Mass (*inside procession*) • 9 am Portuguese Mass (*procissão começa na grotto as 8:45*)
10:30 am English Mass in Lennon Hall (*procession starts at the grotto at 10:15*)
12:30 pm Misa en Español (*procesión comienza en la gruta a las 12:15*)
Monday, April 6
8 pm Chrism Mass/Misa Crismal (*Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart-Newark*)
Thursday, April 9 – Holy Thursday
7:30 am Morning Prayer • 7:30 pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper (trilingual)
[Adoration in Repository until 12 am – Adoración en el Repositorio hasta las 12 am]
12 am Night Prayer and Reposition
Friday, April 9 – Good Friday
7:30 am Morning Prayer • 3 pm Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion
5:30 pm Commemoración de la Pasión del Señor • 8 pm Comemoração da Paixão do Senhor
Saturday, April 10 – Holy Saturday
8 am Morning Prayer • 11 am Confessions
12 pm Blessing of the Easter Food (*Convent*) • 8:30 pm Easter Vigil (*Trilingual*)
Sunday, April 12 – Easter Sunday
7:30 am English Mass • 9:00 am Portuguese Mass
10:30 am English Mass • 12:30 pm Misa en Español (*Lennon Hall*)

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Palm Sunday, April 4/5
Saturday, 5 pm • Sunday 8 am, 10 am, Noon & 6 pm
Holy Thursday April 9
Solemn Liturgy of the Lord’s Supper 7:30 pm/Chapel
Adoration, 9:30 pm - Midnight/Church
Good Friday, April 10
Solemn Celebration of the Lord’s Passion, 3 pm/Chapel
Living Stations of the Cross, 7:30 pm/Chapel
Holy Saturday, April 11
Blessing of the Food, Noon/Church
Easter Vigil, 8:30 pm/Chapel • No 5 pm Mass
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10 am – Free Breakfast Served (*Fellowship Hall*)
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Scholarships

Lodi Oldtimers Little League 2020 Scholarship Programs

The Lodi Oldtimers have announced the opening of their annual Scholarship Program for 2020 and the annual 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.

• Three five-hundred dollar scholarships will be awarded. The Oldtimers will award one scholarship to a male and one to a female.

The annual Pam Panagiotou Scholarship Award Program will award one scholarship and is open to both males and females. All applicants must meet the criteria set by the Lodi Oldtimers Little League:

1. Applicants must complete a scholarship application in full.
2. A 500 or more word essay must accompany the appli-

cation stating what their Little League experience has meant to them and what their most memorable event was.

3. The most recent high school transcript, including the fall of 2019 semester must be attached.

4. Applicants must supply a copy of their college acceptance letter.

5. Proof of residency must be included.

Applications can be mailed to: Lodi Oldtimers Little League, PO Box 201, Lodi, NJ 07644-0201 or dropped off at the League Office.

The deadline for applying is April 10, 2020. Winners will be notified by June 12, 2020. Applications can be picked up at the high school Guidance Office, the Little League at 72 Church St., Lodi, NJ. Questions can be directed to the Little League at 973-591-1137. *Robert C. Simpson. ###*

Wood-Ridge Lions 2020 Scholarships

Applications for the Wood-Ridge Lions Club Annual Scholarships (*totaling a minimum of \$6,500*) are available. There will be a minimum of 4 awards presented.

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 Lions Jim Love Sr., and Phil Rottini, of Wood-Ridge, the third in the name of Lion William J. Nagel, of Moonachie. All of these deceased Club members served the Club and their communities with honor and distinction.

The 4th award will be presented in the name of Jack Nagel. He has been an active member of the Club for almost 40 years. He was recently honored at the annual Beefsteak Dinner when this newly named scholarship was announced.

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 INC., 50 Moonachie Road, Moonachie. Deadline for applications is May 18. ###

Michael A. Schwarz Memorial Scholarship

Engine Company Two of the Carlstadt Fire Department has established a Scholarship in memory of Michael A. Schwarz, a 20-year-old Marine killed in action November 2006 in Iraq. Michael 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. The scholarship will be awarded to students who show dedication and service to their school and community.

Applications will be available starting April 1, 2020, at the Carlstadt Borough Hall, 500 Madison Street, Carlstadt. the Borough Hall is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Scholarship applications must be completed and returned no later than May 5, 2020.

The members of Engine Two wish to thank everyone who donated to this scholarship fund. with your generous support the memory of Michael and his devotion to serve his country and community will live fo years to come. For more information about the scholarship, or to make a contribution, contact the Carlstadt Fire Department at 201-460-3942. ###

Audrey 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.

Mrs. Nagel passed away in June of 2009 following a 9½ year battle with breast cancer. She graduated from Assumption School in 1962. She attended Saint Mary’s High School in Rutherford and graduated from Montclair State University in 1970.

This scholarship is separate from any other scholarships being offered and a separate application must be submitted. 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 18, 2020. ###

W-R Knights Announce Scholarship

The Wood-Ridge Knights of Columbus will once again be awarding the \$1,000 Anthony Giuseffi Sr. Scholarship to any graduating Eighth 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 in Wood-Ridge. Applications are available in the Church Friary. The deadline for submission of the application is May 14, 2020, at 3:30 p.m. *PG ###*

An old saying about March goes, "In like a lion, out like a lamb." This, of course, refers to the weather. Because of the variable elements of this month, it is often described as a battle between old man winter and the young warrior of spring. Inevitably, the young defeats the failing, but still powerful, old man. Youth will have its day. ###

Don't Tailgate!

HHMA Golf May 20

The HHMA will have their Annual Bizik-Hughes Memorial Golf Outing on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, at the Meadows Golf Club, at 79 Two Bridges Road, Lincoln Park, NJ 07035.

The Golf Outing will be a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Breakfast and registration will take place at 7:30 a.m. The format will be Best Ball, 50/50 raffle and prizes. All money raised will be awarded as scholarships to qualified graduating seniors of Hasbrouck Heights.

Cost is \$125 pp and includes the following:

- Hot and cold breakfast buffet, eggs, sausage, bacon, potatoes, bagels, fruit, donuts, muffins, coffee, tea and juice.
- Lunch buffet, salad, penne vodka, sausage, peppers, onions and potatoes, eggplant rollatini, chicken marsala, vegetables, rice, dessert and coffee.
- Cash Contests - Longest Drive, Closest to Pin, Pot of Gold, \$10,000 Hole in One.

If interested in golfing, sponsorship or donation, email Steven Palladino at: spalladino326@gmail.com Or call 201-725-2917. ###

YMCA Golf Outing June 8

On Monday, June 8, 2020, the Meadowlands YMCA will hold its Annual Golf Outing at The Glen Ridge Country Club, 555 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge.

The scramble round of golf will feature some unique attractions for foursomes at each hole, such as whiskey tastings, live DJ, casino games, a hole-in-one challenge to win a car from Bellavia Chevrolet, and many more.

All funds raised during the event will support the Meadowlands YMCA to send children to summer camp this year through the “Y For All financial assistance program.”

The price is \$450 per person and \$1,800 per foursome. Sponsorships are available for the golf outing, such as presenting sponsor, individual holes, dinner, lunch, and others.

For information call, 201-955-5300. To register or secure a sponsorship online go to: MeadowlandsYMCA.org/golf ###

Aviators Track Meet April 9

The Hasbrouck Heights Track and Field Team will host 40 high schools in the Invitational on Thursday, April 9, 2020, starting at 4 p.m., at Depken Field. This is the 14th track invitational on the new field. The public is welcome. Admission is \$5. No rain date. ###

W R Lions Golf Outing May 4

On May 4, 2020, Wood-Ridge Lions Club presents the 10th Annual Phil Rottini Golf Outing at the Meadows Golf Club, 79 Two Bridges Road, Lincoln Park. Cost is \$140 per person. Singles and foursomes are welcome. There will be prizes, raffles and giveaways. Sponsorships are available: Tee signs \$75, Breakfast \$250 and lunch \$750. For more information, call 201-641-2803 or 551-486-6197. ###

HH Little League Opening Day Parade

Opening Day for the 2020 Season is scheduled for Saturday, April 4 (*weather permitting*). Players will march from Borough Hall down Central Avenue to Burton Avenue to Washington Place to Ravine Avenue and into the Little League Complex on Oldfield Avenue for the Opening Day Ceremony. The parade steps off at 8:45 a.m. Be sure to come out and cheer on the players and coaches! ###

Care Walk May 17

The Cooley's Anemia Foundation (CAF) (*dedicated to battling the genetic blood disorder Thalassemia Major, a.k.a. Cooley's Anemia*), will hold the 10th Annual Care Walk at Hasbrouck Heights Woodland Park on Sunday, May 17, 2020, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with food, face painting, balloon artist, blood drive, photo booth and more! \$20 registration fee.

This event is organized by Joe and Lisa Vigliotti, parents of 7 year old AJ, battling Beta Thalessemia.

For details, call Lisa at 201-306-2951 or go to: <https://tomuir.com/TeamAJ2020>. ###

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VFW Post 3149 Honors Students

On February 27, 2020, VFW Post 3149, presented The Voice of Democracy Awards to three Becton Regional High School Students. The ceremony took place in the Civic Center on Fourth Street, Carlstadt. The Recipitents were:

- First Place: Jenny Marcinowski.
- Second Place: Christina Tripodi.
- Third Place: Alessandro Benameur.

All are from Carlstadt. Presentation of the awards were made by Robert Nerbetski, Post Commander, Joseph Lopomo, and Frank Schmidt. Joseph Lopomo served as Master of Ceremonies. Accepting the award for Alessandro Benameur was his mother, Mrs. Benameur. *Provided by Robert Nerbetski, Post Commander.###*



Lodi AARP Parties With Life Members

The Pat Longo Orchestra entertained the members of the Lodi AARP Chapter #2015 at their meeting held on February 18, 2020. As part of the meeting the Club honored six members with a Life Membership.

Two of the new Life members, Grace Gucciardi Manganello and Peter Gallo Jr., grew up as Lodi neighbors during the first eleven years of their lives. Their families were great friends. In the 1940s the Gallo Family moved away and Grace and Peter had no contact with each other until they joined the Lodi AARP.

At that February meeting the members were treated to a luncheon catered by Giresi's Caterers, Inc. The meal included chicken, eggplant rollatini, ziti, sausage and salad. They also enjoyed a delicious cake. *Photo by Marie Gallo. Story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*



WRPD Walk Outs

Lt. Jerry Onnembo's last working day after 28 years of service. The Wood-Ridge PBA Local 313, along with Chief John Korin, coordinated a Walk Out for him on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 that started at 3:30 p.m. There was also a Walk Out for Lt. Scott Drotos on February 29, 2020 at Wood-Ridge Police Headquarters. This was his last day of work after 31 years of service. *Provided by the Wood-Ridge Police Department. ###*



Chinese New Year Luncheon

The Annual Chinese New Year Luncheon, sponsored by The Friends of The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights, was held on February 16, 2020.

The actual date of Chinese New Year was January 25, to February 8, about 15 days in total.

The New Year is also known as the Lunar New Year or Spring Festival and is China's most important festival and holiday time. According to Chinese zodiac, 2020 is the Year of the Rat.

Over eighty faithful friends attended the luncheon held at the Asian Grill Restaurant in East Rutherford. They were treated to a great lunch of traditional Chinese food.

The meal was a sampling of many items. Each guest was given his or her own individualized plate for their food. For appetizers there were Golden Pouch Wonton, Scallion Pancake, Shrimp Dumplings and Spring Rolls. The entrees were

Chicken and Broccoli in Garlic Sauce, General Tso Chicken, Orange Beef, Mixed Vegetable held in a Crispy Potato Basket surrounded by Veggie Rolls, Sweet and Sour Pork, Young Chow Rice and Lo Mein. White and brown rice were also included. The dessert was ice cream and fortune cookies. The guests were also served tea and soda.

Chef Ming F. Cheung and his staff at the Asian Grill Restaurant made this delicious affair a memorable experience for all. There was plenty to eat and even take home. The affair gave The Library the opportunity to use their new portable sound system which was a donation made by The Friends of The Library. The officers and members of the "Friends" as well as The Library staff should again be complimented for planning such a great luncheon. *Photo by Marie Gallo, Story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*



2020 Youth of the Year

A Lodi teen received the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lodi & Hackensack's highest honor as the 2020 Youth of the Year.

Selected among other exceptional teens from both the Lodi and Hackensack area, Alex Marcano was announced as the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lodi & Hackensack's Youth of the Year, at the Club's Annual Awards Banquet held on February 25, 2020 at Elan Catering and Events in Lodi.

Youth of the Year is Boys & Girls Clubs of America's premier recognition program, celebrating the extraordinary achievements of Club members in three priority outcome areas of leadership: Character and Service; Academic Excellence; and Healthy Lifestyles. Alex truly exemplifies what it means to be Youth of the Year.

As Youth of the Year, Alex receives a \$1,000 scholarship from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lodi & Hackensack, and will compete at the state level, where he will receive an additional \$1,500 scholarship from the Boys & Girls Clubs in New Jersey. Based on where Alex places in the state competition, he has the opportunity to advance to the regional competition, which is then followed by the national competition. The National Youth of the Year will earn \$50,000 in college scholarships! ###



K of C Honors John Calabrese

John Calabrese of Hasbrouck Heights received the honors of the Third Degree of the Knights of Columbus.

Presenting his Third Degree Certificate to John Calabrese at a recent meeting of the Msgr. Fitzpatrick Council 7041, Knights of Columbus in Hasbrouck Heights is (l to r) Grand Knight Dennis Nuzzo, District Deputy Anthony B. Bernice, John Calabrese and Deacon Vincent DeFedele of Corpus Christi Parish. The Knights of Columbus is a global Catholic fraternal service organization. Membership is composed of practicing Catholic men. *Provided by Anthony Bernice. ###*

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The Aviation Hall of Fame will host an Open Cockpit Weekend on April 4 and 5, 2020.

Visitors will again have the opportunities to sit in the cockpit of a TWA Convair 880 jet aircraft, a very rare Lockheed Bushmaster plane, a M*A*S*H Bell 47 helicopter made famous during the Korean War, and a F-111 USAF Fighter/Bomber.

See inside the restored cockpit of the Martin 202 passenger plane, including a new instrument panel with new pilot and co-pilot seats to sit in. You can also visit inside the HH52A, US Coast Guard rescue helicopter.

Also on display are the Bell AH-1 Cobra helicopter and the OV-1A Mohawk observation/attack aircraft.

Popular with young people is our official Airport Rescue and Firefighter Truck!

For young astronauts we have our working display of the International Space Station (ISS) along with uniforms and items used by the many Astronauts like Buzz Aldrin, Scott and Mark Kelly, just to name a few. And take a picture with our newest exhibit, an Apollo Astronaut.

Admission includes access to many interactive and static displays. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$9 for seniors and children 12 years of age. Children 3 years old and under are free.

The Museum is located at 400 Fred Wehran Drive, adjacent to the Teterboro Control Tower.

For more information go to www.njahof.org or call 201-288-6344. The Museum is open six days a week from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Closed on Monday.)

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17th Annual Rutherford Multicultural Festival

The Rutherford Multicultural Festival returns again for the 17th year this Spring to celebrate the rich diversity of our community with free entertainment and fun for the whole family.

This year's festival will take place on Saturday, May 16, 2020, from noon to 6 p.m. (rain date: May 17). The event features cultural entertainment at the Lincoln Park band shell all day.

Dancers, singers and performers from around the world will perform and be interactive for children and the audience to participate in.

Enjoy a tasty lunch at one of the international food vendors. Guests aged 21 and over can savor a cold brew in the outdoor beer and wine garden next to the stage.

Other activities at the festival include children's face painting and arts and crafts, while vendor booths will offer beautiful jewelry, handmade artwork, and unique clothing.

The event is the annual celebration of the Rutherford Civil Rights Commission (RCRC). An official branch of the Borough of Rutherford, the RCRC works to ensure that all town citizens are provided equal rights and treated with respect.

The RCRC's mission is to eliminate discrimination, increase public awareness of civil rights through advocacy and education and offer conflict resolution services and mediation for civil rights matters. The only civil rights organization in Bergen County, the RCRC was founded in 1964 and has been a valuable resource to town residents ever since.

Many of Rutherford's own community organizations contribute and participate in the festival!

For more information go to www.RutherfordTogether.com or join them on Facebook at facebook.com/RutherfordCRC.

Provided by Steve Way. ###

Bergen County Caregivers Conference April 4

Bergen County Executive, James J. Tedesco III, and the Board of Chosen Freeholders present: The Department of Human Services Division of Senior Services/ADRC Caregivers Conference in partnership with Division of Senior Services - Advisory Council Education Committee, Felician University - Institute for Gerontology, and Caregiver Coalition of Bergen County. Do you provide care for a loved one or neighbor? Find out about services, support, and other helpful information. Saturday, April 4, 2020, 10 - 2 p.m. Bergen County Administration Building, One Bergen County Plaza, 5th Floor, Hackensack, New Jersey. For more information, call Senior Services at 201-336-7417. ###



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9th Annual Shamrock 5K Run

The 9th Annual 5K Michael Cassidy Shamrock ‘N’ Run/Walk was held on Saturday, March 7, 2020 starting at Monona Avenue, Memorial Park in Rutherford.

The program began with Irish Dancers from DeNogla-Ardmore Academy Irish Dancers. Bagpiper Patrick Sweeney from St. Columille United Gaelic Pipe Band played “Amazing Grace.”

Lyndhurst HS Choral Group sang “Danny Boy,” followed by “The National Anthem.” 523 registered with 429 crossing the finish line. About 40 volunteers assisted.

The race began at 10 a.m. and ran through scenic Rutherford neighborhoods. The event was sanctioned and course certified by USATF-NJ.

John Gaffney, 30, Nutley, NJ was top male finisher at

clock time 15:47.0

Julie Alexander, 36, Rutherford, was top female finishers at clock time 21:24.7.

Timing and scoring by Elite Racing Systems. Race results are posted at eliteracingsystems.com Proceeds to benefit National Brain Tumor Society. Including this year, about \$135,000 was raised. For details go to www.shamrock-nrun5K.org ###

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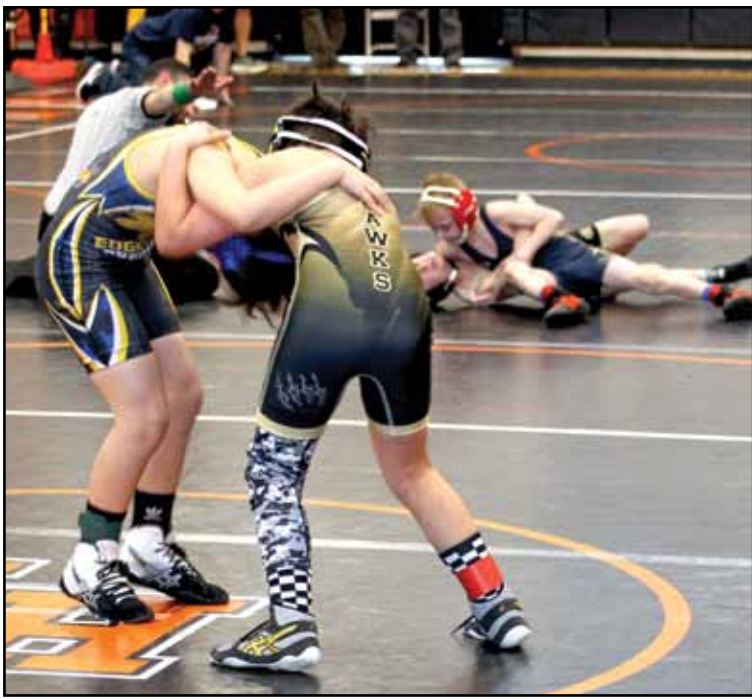
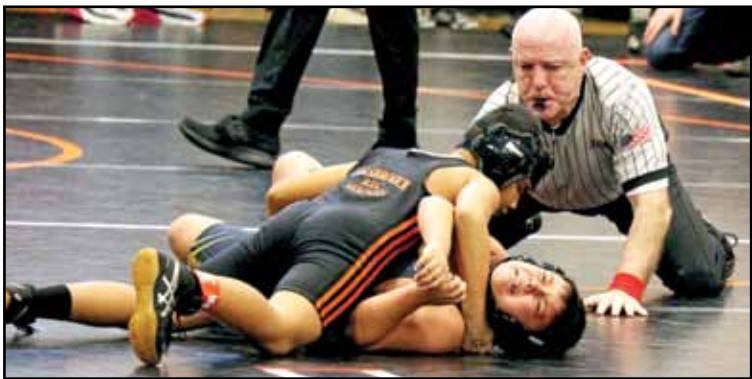
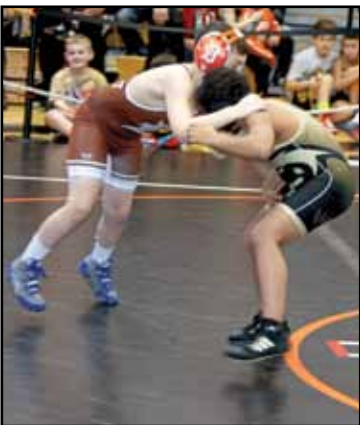
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TCJWL District Wrestling



The TCJWL Andy Feintuch Memorial Wrestling Tournament was held on Sunday, February 23, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Hasbrouck Heights High School in the new gym.

Ten towns participated in this qualifying District Tournament with about 600 wrestlers from Cliffside Park, Dumont, Edgewater, Hackensack, Hasbrouck Heights, Jersey City, New Milford, River Dell, Teaneck and Wood-Ridge.

This invitational tournament was hosted by the Hasbrouck Heights Recreation Department. The Recreation Director is Robert Brady.

The top two winners of each weight class advanced to the District 5 Regional Tournament held March 1, 2020 in Hackensack.

The team competes in the Twin-County Junior Wrestling League (TCJWL), as well as several tournaments located

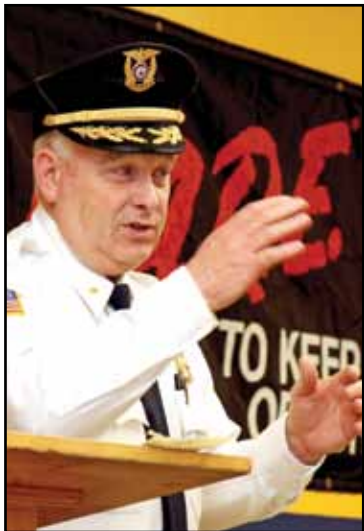
throughout the state of New Jersey.

The Hasbrouck Heights Recreation Wrestling Program was established in the 1970s for children 6 years old (*1st Grade*) to 14 years old (*8th Grade*). Typically, 60 to 70 kids participate annually.

The program is funded by the Hasbrouck Heights Recreation Department. Registration fee is \$60 per child and includes practice uniform, tournament entry fees, insurance, practice/training and supervision. Wrestlers practice two to three times a week for the 16 tournaments/matches.

Hasbrouck Heights coaches were Andrew Nass, Shawn Zahn, plus several volunteer fathers who coached. Concessions were staffed by Recreation Wrestling Parents, organized by Barbara Pantiliano. For more information, call Recreation Director Robert Brady at 201-288-4143. ###





CC D.A.R.E. Culmination

On March 4, 2020, 19 Corpus Christi 5th Graders held the 30th D.A.R.E. Culmination Program in the school's cafeteria. The Masters of Ceremonies were Lucyann Wolfsohn and Matthew Cornelius. The pro-

gram began with the Pledge of Allegiance, and "America the Beautiful."

There was an opening prayer by Rev. Gabriel Perdomo and welcoming remarks by Principal Miss Elizabeth Pinto. Councilwoman Josephine Ciocia and Chief of Police Michael J. Colaneri spoke. Using posters they created, the Corpus Christi 5th Graders stated "Ways to Say NO." The "Taking a Stand" essay winners were Lucyann Wolfsohn and Nicholas Percontino.

The 5th Graders performed the "I Will D.A.R.E." 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 Mr. Kokiadis and Mrs. Adamo. Musical assistance was by Ms. Ferrera. Refreshments followed. ###



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Keep Reading

Lincoln School started celebrating Read Across America on February 24, 2020 and hasn't stopped yet!

The Student Council, led by Mrs. Martello, introduced each day's theme during morning announcements with fun readings from Dr. Seuss Books. Students and teachers got into the spirit by dressing up each day.

On Monday, authors Doug Snelson and Lauren Siconolfi shared their books and writing tips with K, 1st and 2nd Grades.

Doug Snelson presented the children with framed poetry from his book "Laughter Includes the Word: Revealed, A Life of Poetry."

On Tuesday, members of Mrs. Monetti's Multicultural Club, accompanied by Ms. Cassidy, had fun sharing books and completing literacy related activities with the 2nd and 3rd Grades.

On Wednesday, the K and 1st Grades, with parents/family members, enjoyed a book and treat at the 2nd Annual Read-A-Latte.

On Thursday, author Rachelle Burk inspired students to read and write, entertaining everyone with her journey to becoming an author, encouraging parents to take an active role in their children's literacy development by encouraging reading, discussing books with their children and setting good examples by letting their children see them read.

She even had lunch and

shared writing tips with our January Lincoln Leopard Award winners.

By the end of the day she earned the title of Honorary Lincoln Leopard!

On Friday, local officials visited the 4th and 5th Grades reading and discussing their experiences. There were stories that made people laugh, wonder and even cry a little. What a powerful message these leaders gave to our students about the importance of reading!

At Thursday's Literacy Night, the PTA, along with Mrs. Capozzi, Media Specialist and Mrs. Felicetti, Reading Specialist, kicked off a Stem Challenge-open only to registered Literacy Night attendees.

The students were challenged to create either a Tooth Fairy Trap, submit a job application for a position as the Tooth Fairy, build a Tree house that would withstand a hurricane or create, illustrate and describe a never before discovered fish and bring them to the PTA meeting on March 11 for the chance to win a Barnes & Noble gift card. (All projects inspired by Rachelle Burk's books.)

A Reading Tic-Tac-Toe Challenge was introduced on Thursday to encourage students to read books and receive entry into a drawing that will be held at the April 29 PTA meeting.

Registered attendees were also invited to complete Book Reviews which Mrs. Felicetti has displayed for everyone's



Rachelle Burk displaying her books and Treehouse Tableau

enjoyment.

On March 2, Dr. Seuss's birthday and the initial drive for "Read Across America" celebrations, the "Cat in the Hat" visited Lincoln School and read to several classes. Others enjoyed taking Seussical selfies in the Media Center.

Keep Reading, Mrs. Capozzi. ###

Read Across America

On March 3, 2020, The Felician School for Exceptional Children celebrated "Read Across America Day."

The "Cat in the Hat" visited the students, also enjoyed a reading from the Dr. Seuss story book. Provided by JoAnne Potenzzone, R.N. ###



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W-R Knights Honor Local Citizens



The Third Annual “A Knight of Honors” Pasta Dinner, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, St. Anthony Council 11585, Wood-Ridge, was held on February 8, 2020.

The goal of the dinner was to publically recognize local residents for their service to their community. It was also an opportunity for all to express a “Thank You” to specific individuals – just one more way to show how much the community values their service.

PGK Russell Petrocelli, recently elected State Warden, was the master of ceremonies. Grand Knight John Milne assisted him with the distribution of the awards.

The categories and those honored were CCD Teacher of

the Year, Amy Forte, Senior Citizen of the Year, Joseph Cecere, Police Shield Award P.O. Michael Mueller and P. O. Mark Torsiello, Fire Shield Award, Ex-Chief Kenneth Schultz, EMT of the Year Lt. Adam Mahdy, Community Service Award Elaine Blondek of Spencer Savings Bank, and Knight of the Year, Richard J. Wall.

State Senator as well as Mayor of Wood-Ridge Paul A. Sarlo, shared a few words about the honorees that he said were amazing people who made a difference in the community.

The night included a pasta dinner, catered by Annabella’s House of Mozzarella. *Photo by Angelo Urato. Story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

Wood-Ridge's Senator Paul A. Sarlo Receives 'Legislator of the Year' Award

New Jersey State Senator Paul A. Sarlo (D-36), who is also Mayor of Wood-Ridge, NJ, has been given the Legislator of the Year Award by ASAH, a not-for-profit organization comprised of private schools and agencies providing highly specialized services to children with disabilities in the state.

The award was presented to Senator Sarlo for his sponsorship of bipartisan legislation providing extraordinary aid for special education that will go to every school district in the state.

"Senator Sarlo has been a strong advocate for special education," said Dr. William G. Weiss, ASAH President and

Executive Director of the North Jersey Elks Developmental Disabilities Agency (NJEDDA) in Clifton. "ASAH appreciates his work to increase extraordinary aid to public schools. This aid will help school districts provide specialized therapeutic and medical services to children with multiple disabling conditions. He has also advocated for fair wages for direct support care workers for adults with disabilities."

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Cherry Blossom Festival Branch Brook Park April 4-19

New Jersey has more cherry trees than Washington, DC. Every spring, residents and visitors alike can see the largest cherry blossom collection in the United States.

Branch Brook Park, which runs through Belleville and Newark, has more than 2,700 Japanese cherry blossom trees that burst into full bloom during the annual Essex County Cherry Blossom Festival, April 4 to 19, 2020, which features various events.

Each year, thousands of visitors are awed by the beautiful colors of pink and white. The park first adopted a pink and white hue in 1927, when Caroline Bamburger Fuld donated 2,000 cherry blossom trees to the Essex County Parks system in memory of her late husband.

Branch Brook Park also holds the distinction of being the first county park in the United States opened to the public. it was designed by the famed landscape architectural firm of Olmsted Brothers, a successor to Frederick Law Ol-

msted, the designer of Central Park in New York City.

At 360 acres, it is the largest developed park in the County. It is featured by a combination of open meadowland and small patches of woodland on gently rolling terrain.

Named for a branch brook that flowed through the valley into the Passaic River, the stream that remains, and much of the surrounding landscape, still retain a natural appearance.

More than 4,000 cherry trees that blossom during April are greater both in variety and number than the famed Washington, DC display—the result of a 1927 gift from the Mrs. Felix Fuld Family. At its height the Cherry Blossom Festival attracts over 10,000 people a day.

The weeklong festival includes the (*postponed--check website*) Cherry Blossom Challenge Bike Race (*an official NJBA event*), the Cherry Blossom 10k Fun Run (a USATF-sanctioned race), a free 1-mile fun run, the Essex County Family Day with free kid-friendly activities, and Bloomfest, featuring Japanese cultural demonstrations, live music, a crafter's marketplace, food and more.

Branch Brook Park has been placed on both the New Jersey (1980) and National (1981) Registers of Historic Places. www.essexcountyparks.org ###

Felician U Celebrates Earth Day 2020

“Climate Action” is the theme of Earth Day 2020 this year. Felician University is planning prayer services and environmental activities on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 which marks the 50th Anniversary of the first Earth Day.

On the Lodi campus of Felician University there will be a 1 p.m. Prayer Service on the steps of Obal Hall (*main entrance of the University*). In case of inclement weather, the service will be moved indoors to the foyer.

Felician University is inviting all institutions that share the Lodi Campus as well as members of local Churches of all denominations, friends and neighbors of the Lodi area and beyond to join them in this historic celebration of Earth Day.

After the service, there will be exhibits and environmental centers in the foyer for all to visit.

In the later afternoon, there will be another Earth Day service as well as environmental attractions on the Rutherford Campus of Felician University. A complete description will be posted on the University website in early April and all are invited to attend.

As stated, the theme for Earth Day 2020 is climate action. The enormous challenge — but also the vast opportunities — of action on climate change have distinguished the issue as the most pressing topic for the 50th anniversary.

Earth Day began as a uni-

fied response to an environment in crisis — oil spills, smog, rivers so polluted they literally caught fire.

On April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans — 10% of the U.S. population at the time — took to the streets, college campuses and hundreds of cities to protest environmental ignorance and demand a new way forward for our planet.

The first Earth Day is credited with launching the modern environmental movement, and is now recognized as the planet's largest civic event.

The first Earth Day in 1970 launched a wave of action, including the passage of landmark environmental laws in the United States. The Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts were created in response to the first Earth Day in 1970, as well as the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Many countries soon adopted similar laws.

Earth Day continues to hold major international significance: In 2016, the United Nations chose Earth Day as the day when the historic Paris Agreement on climate change was signed into force.

Felician University is looking forward to providing an opportunity to re-ignite the drive of the first Earth Day. May young and old alike, and people of all backgrounds, join Felician University for Earth Day 2020 – the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day. *Provided by Virginia Tomasiak, SM.* ###

Project Keep Wood-Ridge Beautiful

Volunteers needed on Sunday, June 7, 2020. The “Keep Wood-Ridge Beautiful” Committee will hold its 21st Annual Downtown Cleanup Day between the hours of 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Volunteers are once again needed to help clean our shopping districts and raise awareness of the effects of litter in our community.

Last year over 200 volunteers participated!! Both adults and children are welcome. The Bergen County Board of Health will provide cleaning utensils, gloves, brooms and bags. Volunteers are asked to meet at the Wood-Ridge Civic Center at 12:45 p.m. Pizza and other refreshments will be served after the cleanup. To sign up, call Borough Hall at 201-939-0202 ext. 109 and leave your name and how many adult or children's T-shirts should be ordered. Do you have stuff to shred? Bring it to the Civic Center that day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (*no hardcover books, magazines, newspapers, photographs or X-rays*). For further information, contact Councilman Ezio Altamura at 201-531-0259. ###

Hackensack Riverkeeper's 2020 Season Eco-Program

Hackensack Riverkeeper is pleased to announce its 2020 Eco-Program schedule. The clean water advocacy group is again poised to provide 10,000 people with enjoyable and educational experiences of the river, its watershed and wildlife. Riverkeeper's famous Eco-Cruises, Guided Paddles, canoe & kayak rentals, River Cleanups, Bird-Walks and indoor presentations combine environmental education with public service and fun.

The season begins April 17, 2020 with the re-opening of the organization's Overpeck Park Kayak Center in Teaneck, NJ and the following day with the opening of the Paddling Center at Laurel Hill Park in Secaucus, NJ.

Open Eco-Cruise reservations can be made online at www.hackensackriverkeeper.org by clicking links to event-brite reservation pages or by calling 201-968-0808. ###

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St. John's Annual Plant Sale

Mark your calendars! Spring is just around the corner and it is time to start planning your gardens.

For the 41st Annual Plant Sale, nursery grown plants and flowers and hanging pots will be available for pick-up just in time for Mother's Day, May 10, at St. John's Parish Hall, Hasbrouck Heights, on Friday, May 8, 2020. There will not be any plants available on Saturday.

**Good manners
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Only pre-orders for the 41st Annual St. John's Plant Sale are being accepted and due by Tuesday, May 5, 2020.

Flats, which contain one kind/one color, are \$12.

Pre-order forms are available by calling 201-288-9460 and leaving a message.

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. ###

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By Jeffrey E. Mason, DMD, FAGD.

What Is Infection Control?

Infection control is a set of recommended safety precautions that dentists implement to protect their patients and staff in the office. Strict infection control is required to prevent the spread of disease, since many dental procedures involve direct contact with blood and saliva.

Improved infection-control procedures with heightened awareness of the dangers of infection mean that the instruments and supplies your dentist uses in your mouth are either heat-sterilized or they are disposable items intended for one-time use.

Do all dentists practice infection control?

In 1986, less than 30 percent of dentists wore gloves, masks or gowns. Today, these infection-control tools are required in all dental practices.

To fight the spread of diseases, such as corona virus, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), hepatitis B, syphilis and herpes viruses, your dentist has strict procedures and may use a variety of measures to ensure that instruments used during dental procedures are sterile.

As an extra precaution, many dentists and their staff are vaccinated for hepatitis B, to prevent them from potentially passing it on to patients. Sterilizing dental instruments, a process that destroys all forms of microbial life, is also an important part of infection control in a dental office.

How else does my dentist protect me?

When you first sit in the dental chair, chances are the first thing you'll see is your dentist washing his or her hands. Hands are washed at the start of the day, before putting on and taking off gloves and after touching any potentially contaminated surface.

Your dentist may use a variety of protective items that are used once and then thrown away, including gloves, masks, paper drapes, suction/water tube tips and needles. Dentists

and their assistants can use different kinds of protective gloves.

Latex or vinyl gloves are used for patient examinations and procedures and are worn whenever skin could be in contact with body fluids. Between patients, the gloves are thrown away, the hands washed and a new set of gloves is used to treat the next patient.

For cleaning and sterilizing instruments, heavy rubber utility gloves are used. If you are allergic to rubber or latex, your dentist can wear nitrile gloves, which do not contain any latex rubber proteins.

What are universal precautions?

Universal precautions, used for every patient, are safety procedures established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Dental Association (ADA). These precautions require all dental staff involved in patient care to use appropriate protective wear, such as gloves, masks and eyewear. For more information on CDC Infection Control guidelines, please visit www.cdc.gov.

Do dentists sterilize the handpiece (drill) and other instruments after each patient?

Dentists sterilize handpieces and other instruments between patients to prevent the transmission of diseases. Dental offices follow and monitor specific heat-sterilization procedures, which are outlined by the CDC and the ADA.

Most dental instruments are sterilized in special machines; it takes much more than just soap and water to make sure instruments are free of

bacteria and viruses. Recommended sterilization methods include placing these tools into an autoclave (*steam under pressure*), a dry-heat oven or chemical vapor (commonly called a chemiclave). Typically, this equipment is kept in the office, away from a patient's view. Ask your dentist to show you how and where instruments are sterilized.

How are other objects sterilized?

Before you enter the examination room, all surfaces, such as the dental chair, drawer handles and countertops are disinfected. To sterilize equipment that can't be moved, such as X-ray units and countertops, disinfectant is applied after each patient to ensure a germ-free environment.

Some offices may drape this equipment with protective covers, which are replaced after each patient. Disposable sharp items, such as needles, that cannot be sterilized are disposed of in puncture-resistant biohazard containers. Anything contaminated with blood or saliva is disposed of in special containers with safety lids.

Ask your dentist for additional information on how he or she is keeping you safe from germs and infectious diseases.

Reference: Academy of General Dentistry: January 2012.

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Thyroid Cancer Support Group

Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Association, Inc. will meet on Thursday, April 2, 2020, from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library. All are welcome. No registration required. ###

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Casino Bus Trip April 19

Elmwood Park/Paterson Elks Lodge #60 is sponsoring a bus trip to Wind Creek Casino, Bethlehem, PA, on April 19, 2020. Bus leaves the Lodge at 10 a.m. Cost is \$35 pp with a \$25 return. Breakfast at the Lodge at 8:30 a.m. and includes, bagels, muffins, juice, coffee and tea.

Enjoy 50/50, Bingo and snacks on the bus.

For information, call Dennis at 201-791-6149 or Kathy at 973-460-6979. Proceeds to benefit the Convention Committee. ###

Kip Center Casino Trip April 13

On Monday, April 13, 2020, the Kip Center will host a Wind Creek Casino Trip (formerly Sands Casino). Sign up early so that we can reserve the bus! Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m., from the Kip Center, 55 Kip Avenue, Rutherford. and will return by 6 p.m. The cost is \$35 and you will receive a casino slot play bonus. All are welcome! For information, call 201-460-1600. ###

VFW Casino Bus Trips

The VFW Post 4591, Hasbrouck Heights, sponsors bus trips on the last Wednesday of the month. Bus departs at 10 a.m. and returns at about 9 to 9:30 p.m.

Proceeds are used to help defray building expenses. Call the Post for more information at 201-288-1112. ###

Due to the Coronavirus, some activities may have been postponed or canceled. Check with your event contact.

Lodi Senior 2020 Club News

The Lodi Senior Citizens Club begins its 52nd year. The Club meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month.

Every Thursday is "Fun Day." They have a pool table, and shuffleboard. Do what your doctor says, "Keep Moving" with exercise or Bingo, card playing or pool and enjoy a day with friends.

Plus, they usually have entertainment at most of the meetings. For information, call 973-472-6994 and leave a message. ###

- 2020 Events**
- April 3, Installation Dinner at the Venetian.
 - April 28, Entertainment by Pat Long.
 - May 12, Mother's Day, pizza at the Club.
 - May 26, Entertainment by Nick Dee.
 - June 9, Father's Day, pizza in the Club.
 - June 23, Point Pleasant, lunch at The Shrimp Box and boat ride.
 - July 14, Ice Cream Party in the Club at 1 p.m.
 - August 14, Atlantic City lunch and Resorts Casino.
 - August 25, Hot dogs in the Club at 1 p.m.
 - September 22, Lunch in the Club at 1 p.m. by Santangelo's.
 - October 7, Black Forest Inn (Octoberfest) 12 p.m. sharp.
 - December 4, Christmas Party at the Venetian.
 - December 8, Pizza in the Club at 1 p.m. ###

AARP Drive Safely Program

On Friday, April 24, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., AARP Drive Safely Program will take place at 55 Kip Center, 55 Kip Avenue, Rutherford, For information, call 201-460-1600. ###

Felician Hosts Older is Better Club

Older is Better is an open membership program designed for men and women 55 and older. The program meets Friday afternoons at Felician University, Obal Hall, Lodi campus, 262 South Main Street, Lodi, NJ.

Members and their guests attend an informational program at 1 p.m. followed by coffee and conversation. There is a \$3 fee to attend each program or ask about our annual membership dues. For more information, contact Michael or Danny at 201-559-6072. ###

Moonachie Seniors

• April 30, the Club is going to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see "Sherlock Holmes Returns." An all new immersive musical mystery comedy. There are seven lunch selections to choose from, also the famous unlimited dessert buffet. Cost is \$69 pp. The bus leaves at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. The Club is behind the Moonachie First Aid Squad. For information, call 201-641-6472. ###

ER Seniors

East Rutherford Senior Meetings are held at 1 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at the Senior Civic Center, 37 Vreeland Avenue. Refreshments are served. Bingo follows each meeting. New members are always welcome.

Free Blood-Pressure Screenings take place on the 4th Tuesday of the month beginning at 11:30 a.m. For additional information, contact Josephine at 201-460-1989.

• Caesar's Casino, every 3rd Monday of the month. Cost is \$35 with \$30 in slot play. Bus leaves from the CVS parking lot on Paterson Avenue at 9:30 a.m. All payments must be made in advance.

2020 Upcoming Trips

- April 22 - Spring Fling - Empire Club - Little Ferry, NJ.
- May 27 - Play - "I Left My Dignity in My Other Purse," Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, Hampton, NJ.
- June 10 - Gershwin's - "An American in Paris" - Surfflight Theater - Beach Haven, NJ
- July 15 - Summer Picnic - Krucker's - Pomona, NY.
- August 19 - Entertainment - Black Forest Inn, Stanhope, NJ. ###

Carlstadt Seniors/ Vic's Hoofers

The Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 11 to 3 p.m., at the Civic Center, at 423-433 4th Street, Carlstadt. Refreshments are served. It is a great place to meet your neighbors and other Borough seniors. Bingo and Jackpot Bingo is played after every meeting. There is no cost to the members. There are free shows at Bergen PAC or NJ PAC and casino trips. Anniversary, Christmas Luncheons and dinners are delicious and fun filled events. All Carlstadt Seniors 60+ are invited to join the Friendship Club. Dues are \$10.

The Vic's Hoofers, a ladies social group, meets on the first Thursday of the month at the Carlstadt Civic Center on 4th Street at 7 p.m. Women from surrounding towns are invited to join. Dues are \$15 per year. So put down those electronic gadgets and join us for some good old fashion fun and laughter. Refreshments are served at each meeting. The fun activity planned for the month of April is a dice game. ###

AARP Chapter #2015 Events

The AARP Chapter #2015 of Lodi meets at noon the third Tuesday of every month at the Lodi Senior Center, 22 Walnut Place. Each meeting has either a speaker or entertainment as well as light refreshments. New members welcome. Dues are \$10 for the year. For information, contact Marie at 201-566-4431. ###

Full Pink Moon

The April full moon will appear on Tuesday April 7, 2020, at 10:35 p.m. It is called the "Full Pink Moon."

According to the "Farmer's Almanac," this name came from the herb, moss pink, or wild ground phlox, which is one of the earliest widespread flowers of the spring.

Other names include the "Full Sprouting Grass Moon," the "Egg Moon," and, among Coastal tribes, the "Full Fish Moon," because this was the time that the shad swam upstream to spawn.

The Native American Indians of the northern and eastern United States kept track of the seasons by giving a name to each recurring full moon. European settlers followed the custom. ###



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Carlstadt Library April

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- Adult Programs
- **Kathie Rizzo Presents-** Original Poetry, Wednesday, April 1, 7 p.m., with her original poetry, perfect for National Poetry Month. Light refreshments will be served.
 - **Evening Book Club --** Wednesday, April 8, at 7 p.m. Discuss, socialize and grab a goody or two, at our monthly Book Club. All books are provided This month's selection... "The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules" by Catharina Ingelman-Sunberg. Light refreshments will be served.
 - **Movie Tuesdays**
At 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 14, "Ford v Ferrari" and Tuesday, April 28, "Knives Out." Popcorn and drinks provided.
 - **Turn Paper Piles into Files -** Wednesday, April 15, at 7 p.m. Join author and humorist, Jamie Novak, to get the real deal on what to do with the never ending piles of paper, as well as details on upcoming Bergen County shredding events. A signed copy of Jamie's new book, "Keep This, Toss That," will be raffled off.

- Adult Craft
- **DIY Recycled Book Art -** Wednesday, April 22, at 7 p.m. Adults 18 and older are invited to attend a Craft Night. Using gently used books, learn the art of book folding, and leave with a tulip shaped design that will give those used books a new life! Books and patterns will be provided. Space is limited. Registration required.
 - **Adult Bingo,** April 24, at 2:30 p.m. Adults 18 and older, are invited to play the classic game of Bingo! Play for your chance to win a small prize! Light snacks will be provided. ###

Little Ferry 2020 Library Events

- Little Ferry Public Library, 239 Liberty Street, NJ 07643, phone 201-641-3721. littleferrybccls.org
- **Knit Two Purl Two,** does that sound good? Come Wednesday evenings to knit up a sweater! Yarn Barn meets Wednesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Club often donates handmade items to local charities.
 - **Computer Instruction** One on One computer instruction every Tuesday night from 6-7 p.m. Reference Room.
 - **Mommy and Me** (0-2 year olds) meet every Monday, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. ###

- Children
- **Crafternoons -** Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m. Join Miss Nina for a weekly make-and-take project for children. Crafternoon is a drop-in program. Children 8 and younger must be accompanied by a caregiver. No registration required.
 - **Storytime -** Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. We welcome babies to age five for a weekly drop in storytime.
- Teen Programs
- **Young Adult Cooking-** Fifth Graders and older can join Miss Nina on Tuesday, April 21, at 7 p.m. and learn how to make chili and corn muffins from start to finish. Sit down with friends old and new and taste the finished results! All supplies are provided.
 - **Young Adult Crafts -** Tuesday, April 14, Fifth Graders and older can learn to make galaxy bark using candy melts. This program is part of the Teen Summer Reading Challenge. Young adults are encouraged to keep a log of the number of pages read. The person who reads the most wins a prize filled basket! All supplies are provided. ###

Wallington 2020 Library Events

- The John F. Kennedy Memorial Library, 92 Hathaway Street, Wallington, 07057, 973-471-1692. wallington.bccls.org offers free programs and events for children, teens, and adults!
- Children's Weekly Events:
- **Afternoon Crafts:** Kids age 5 and up are invited to stop by for a fun make-and-take craft every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.
 - **Morning Storytime:** Join us every Tuesday at 11 a.m. for stories and songs at Tiny Tots storytime!
 - **Puppy Dog Tales:** Read to a Dog: Our favorite therapy dogs, Rodney and Baby Ruth, will be at The Wallington Library for a special Puppy Dog Tales storytime! Young readers (*and almost-readers*) are welcome to stop by and share a story with these great dogs.

- Adult Programming:
- **Coloring for Adults:** Sit back, relax, and color at The Library on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month.
 - **Computer Coach:** Need help with the computer? Make an appointment for basic skills computer coaching. Call ahead to reserve a session; coaching is by appointment only. ###

Read to Your Child

W-R Library April Events

- The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library, Hackensack Street. Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075. 201-438-2455. https://woodridge-memorallibrary.org
- **Music with Miss Nita-** The Library will host free music-and-movement classes with Miss Nita on Wednesdays, April 8 and 22, at 9:15 a.m. and 10 a.m. Children ages 5 and under and their caregivers are warmly invited to attend and may register for one session on each date. Classes will be held at the Wood-Ridge Civic Center. Registration is required.
 - **Story Time with Mr. Paul -** The Library will host a Story Time Fridays, April 10 and 17, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Children ages 3-7 and their caregivers are warmly invited to attend. Registration is required.
 - **Yoga Storytime with Miss Danielle -** The Library will host a free Yoga Storytime class for toddlers on Wednesdays, April 15 and 29, at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Join Miss Danielle for stories, stretching and simple yoga poses. Children ages 2-5 and their caregivers are warmly invited to attend, and may register for one session on each date. Classes will be held at the Wood-Ridge Civic Center. Registration is required.
 - **PAWS To Read:** Young readers wanted! On Mondays, April 13 and 27, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., children are invited to read to Rodney, an award-winning certified therapy dog. Children ages 5 and older may register for a 15-minute session. Therapy dogs provide a safe, nurturing experience for emergent readers to practice their literacy skills. Call to register.
 - **Chess Club:** On Wednesdays, April 1 and 8, The Library will host a free Chess Club for learners of all ages. Children meet from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. and adult beginning players meet from 4 to 4:30 p.m. Designed for all ability levels, the Chess Club is led by a coach who can teach new chess players the basics, and help experienced players sharpen their skills.
 - **Book Club:** On Tuesday, April 21, at 7:15 p.m., join your neighbors and friends to discuss "Educated" by Tara Westover. The meeting will be held at the Wood-Ridge Civic Center. Copies of the book are available at the Circulation Desk of The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library. All are welcome. ###

April 14, 1818 - Noah Webster published his *American Dictionary of the English Language*.

HH Library April 2020

- Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. 201-288-0488, http://hasbrouckheightslibrary.org. Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.
- Children
- **Lego Club --** Come and show off your architectural talents and create! Legos will be provided. Tuesdays, April 7 and 21, starting at 3:30 p.m. for ages 5-12.
 - **Pajama Story Time-** Wearing pajamas is encouraged! We will be meeting on Wednesday, April 8, starting at 7:30 p.m. for all ages.
 - **Movie -** Show will start at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15 and Thursday, April 16, for children in Grades K-6. Refreshments will be served.
 - **Book Bingo --** Play Book Bingo and win prizes! We will be meeting on Thursday, April 23, starting at 3:30 p.m. for ages 5-12.
 - **Book Clubs for Kids-** Join one of our two book clubs for kids! **Best Books** is for students in Grades 2-3, and meets on the first Friday of each month. **Critics' Choice** is for students in Grades 4-6, and meets on the third Friday of each month.
- For TEENS
- **Teen Readers' Club --** We meet on the first Monday of the month to discuss a book, eat snacks and play games. The next meeting is Monday, April 6 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. We will discuss "Anne Frank's Diary: The Graphic Adaptation," by Ari Folman.
 - **Teen Advisory Board --** Make your voice heard! Teens can participate in community service projects, learn about upcoming volunteer opportunities, have a say in teen programming, and make suggestions for books to add to the collection on Thursday, April 16, from 4-5 p.m.
- Adults
- **Census Day --** Come and get counted. It's safe, it's easy and it's important! On April 1,

- at 1 p.m., representatives from the U.S. Census will be on hand to answer any questions. Refreshments will be served and educational materials will be provided.
- **Crafts-to-Share Club --** On Tuesday April 7, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday April 14, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., learn how to crochet or knit and meet others with similar talents. Members have donated handmade items such as afghans and caps to patients of Hackensack University Medical Center, and Tomorrow's Children's Fund. Yarn donations welcome. Newcomers are always welcome.
 - **Writers Wanted -** The Library invites writers from all stages and walks of life to come join our Authors and Writers Group. Our next meetup is scheduled for April 14, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Participants can bring their work for review and critique, or come to listen and give advice to others. As time permits, discussions will be held on topics such as publishing trends and marketing. No registration is required. For further information, contact Elaine Lincoln at 201-288-6653.
 - **Tech Help Open House-** In honor of National Library Week (April 20-25.) The Library invites you to our Tech Help Open House on Thursday, April 23, starting at noon. There will be presentations, displays, and experienced staff on hand to demonstrate all of our free online digital services. Participants are encouraged to bring their portable devices as there will be one-on-one help available.
 - **Adult Book Group --** Join in the conversation and hear from others as to what they thought about the book on April 28, at 7 p.m., to discuss "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens. A young woman is abandoned by her family and grows up in the marshes off the Carolina coast. As she grows up, she finds education and solace in nature. Copies of the novel are available at the front desk. ###

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Lodi Library April 2020

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• **Spring Cleaning Craftathon** – Wednesday, April 1, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We're cleaning out our craft closet and everything must go! Past crafts will be out all day ready to be completed, make as many as you want, there is no limit. This program is for all ages.

• **STEAM** – Monday, April 6, from 4 to 5 p.m. We're doing an environmental STEAM project this month in honor of Earth Day! Registration is required.

• **Mario Kart 8 Tournament** – Tuesday, April 7, from 4 to 5 p.m. Compete to see who the best Mario Kart 8 player is on the Nintendo Switch. This program is open to tweens and teens Grades 5-12. Registration is required.

• **DIY Thursday** – Thursday, April 9, from 4 to 5 p.m. This month we're decorating poppable phone holders. This program is open to kids in Grades 3-12. Registration required.

• **Teen Chefs** – Thursday, April 16, from 4 to 5 p.m. We're making salsa in this month's Teen Chefs program! This program is open to teens in Grades 6-12. Registration required.

• **Earth Day Planters** – Monday, April 20, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Celebrate Earth Day by decorating a pot and planting some seeds you can take home and grow! Registration required.

• **Teen Advisory Board** – Thursday, April 23, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Teens in Grades 6-12 can join the Teen Advisory board. Earn volunteer hours while deciding what The Library can offer you! Registration required.

On-going:

• **Kids Crafternoon** – Kids in Grades Pre-K to 2nd, will have a new arts and crafts project to do every week, Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Registration required.

• **LEGO Build** – The Library provides all the LEGOS and will display your creations every Tuesday from 4 to 5 p.m.

• **Crafty Wednesdays** – Bring your little ones to The

Library for a new craft every week. This program is open to children ages 2-4. Every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon.

• **Pajama Storytime** – Join Miss Libby for our pajama storytime full of books, songs, and movement. This program is open to everyone, but perfect for parents who are not able to bring their little ones into The Library during the day. Every Thursday evening from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

• **Storytime and Play Group** – Join Miss Libby for a storytime full of books, songs, and movement. Play time will follow immediately after storytime. Every Friday from 11 a.m. to noon.

• **Anime Club** – Meets the first Thursday of every month from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. for anime movies, discussions, crafts, and snacks.

• **Board and Card Games** – Play UNO, Battleship, Connect Four, Monopoly and many other favorites every Friday from 3:30–4:30 p.m. ###

Special Programs: National Library Week Event

Tuesday, April 21, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. In celebration of National Library Week, we will have an evening full of fun activities including arts and crafts, demonstrations, face painting, door prizes and giveaways, representatives from local businesses and organizations as well as lots of delicious refreshments.

On-going:

• **Adult Computer Classes** – Lodi Memorial Library offers one-on-one computer classes. For information on the types of classes offered, visit our website at <http://lodi.bccls.org>. Sessions last approximately one hour. Appointments must be made at least one week in advance. Appointments are available Tuesdays at either 1:30 or 6:30 p.m. or Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.

• **Adult Book Club** – Second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Check our website for book titles.

• **Adult Coloring** – Last Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

• **Wednesday Afternoon Movies** – Every Wednesday at 1 p.m. See website for movie title listing. ###

Rutherford Library April 2020

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• **Monday Evening Book Group** – On Monday, April 20, at 6:30 p.m., the Monday Evening Book Group will meet to discuss "The Middlesteins" by Jami Attenberg.

• **Knit One, Read Two** – On Wednesday, April 1, at 6 p.m., the Knit One, Read Two Wednesday Night Reading Club will meet to discuss "Garden Spells" by Sarah Addison Allen.

• **Kip Daytime Reading Group** – On Friday, April 24, at 1:30 p.m., the Daytime Reading Group will meet at 55 Kip Center in Rutherford. They will meet to discuss "News of the World" by Paulette Jiles. Copies of the book are available at the Main Desk.

• **Adult Cook-A-Book Club** – On Tuesday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m., the Adult Cook-a-Book Club will meet. This month, the Club will bring in recipes from "Gooseberry Patch Big Book of Holiday Cooking." Let us know which recipe you choose ahead of the meeting time.

• **Wednesday Night Art in April** – The Library will again host Wednesday Night Art classes for adults in April. Attendees can register for the first session, April 1 and 8, or the second session, April 15 and 22, at 6:30 p.m. Each night, students will make an art project in a different medium each week. Registration is required.

• **Hand Lettering** – Swetha Shenoy of The Paisley Corner, will return with her hand lettering workshop on Friday, April 17, from 1 to 3 p.m. Learn about hand lettering and make a project to take home. This program is for Rutherford residents only. Registration is required.

• **AAA Defensive Driving Course** – AAA Northeast will again bring its Defensive Driving course on Saturday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This course is approved by the NJ Motor Vehicle Commission. Completion of the course entitles the student to up to a 10-percent discount off their insurance (*varies by carrier*) and two points off their driving record. Cost: \$44 for AAA members; \$35 for AAA members age 60 and up; and \$59 for non-members. To register, call 866-901-8457 or visit www.AAA.com/DefensiveDriving.

• **Basic ESL** – The Library is offering Basic ESL class on

Monday and Wednesday from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Stop by the Main Desk to check availability.

• Intermediate ESL

The Library is offering its Intermediate ESL class on Tuesday and Thursday from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Students who take this class should be able to do the following in English: describe themselves, their experiences at school/work, their personal and family information, their routine, and express their feelings. To check availability, stop by the Main Desk.

• **Advanced ESL** – The Library Advanced ESL classes are held Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This class will be held weekly. This class is for students who speak, understand, read, and write English at a high intermediate level, but are looking to do one or more of the following: get a better job; improve pronunciation and master sounds not in their native language; express complex ideas; prepare for the TOEFL exam; help their children with their writing homework, perfect their grammar syntax; learn to use business language; and learn more about American culture. Registration is required.

• **English Conversation Group** – English language learners are invited to attend the English Conversation Group at The Library. The group meets on Monday from 10:30 a.m. to noon and Thursday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The group provides a good opportunity to practice spoken English in an informal setting. This is a free program and all are welcome.

• **Origami Club** – The Library will be hosting its meeting on Monday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m. Learn how to make origami with resident and origami enthusiast Kira Wallisch. All adults are welcome.

• **Wired Wednesdays** – The Library will hold a drop-in program for those who need help with their smartphones, tablets, or computers. on Wednesdays from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Computer Lab.

• **Tech Tutor** – The Library offers Tech Tutor appointments, in which adults who need help with their computer, tablet, or smartphone are welcome for one hour at a time to get assistance. By appointment only and sign-up sheets will be available at the Main Desk.

Children's Department

• **Drop-In Storytime** – Drop-in storytime will take

place at The Library on Wednesday, April 1, 8, 22, and 29, and Thursday, April 2, 9, 23, and 30, at 10:30 to 11 a.m. 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.

• **Musical Mornings** – Musical Mornings will return to The Library in April. Mr. Chris will visit Friday, April 3 and 24, at 11:15 a.m. Miss Fran will visit Friday, April 17, at 11:15 a.m. Music is for children up to age 5.

• **Family Cook-A-Book Club** – Family Cook-A-Book Club will be held at The Library on Tuesday, April 7, at 6:30 p.m. We choose the cookbook, you pick the recipe to make and bring it to the Club meeting. You will need to visit The Library so you can borrow a copy of the cookbook. The Club is open to one child age 8-11 and one adult guardian.

• **Paws to Read** – The Library welcomes back Yogi and Rodney for our Paws to Read program. Yogi, a registered Bright and Beautiful therapy dog, will visit Tuesday, April 21, at 4 p.m. Rodney, also a registered Bright and Beautiful therapy dog, will visit with his owner on Monday, April 27, from 4 to 5 p.m.

Children who are able to read at least a little bit and would like to be able to practice their reading skills are invited to sign up for a 15-minute time slot with Rodney or Yogi. Parents may of course accompany their child during their time with the dog. Registration is required and can be done by contacting Mrs. Tarantino at The Library at 201-939-8600 or by email at Jane.Tarantino@Rutherford.BCCLS.org.

• **After-School Storytime with Ilene Dudek** – The Library will hold a special storytime with author Ilene Dudek, on Tuesday, April 28, at 4 p.m. Dudek will be reading her new book, "Little Ant & the Shadow Bully." Following the reading, there will be games, activities and a book signing. This program is for ages 3-8. Registration is required.

• **Dinoman Dinosaurs Show** – The Library will host Dinoman's "Dinosaurs!" Show on Friday, April 3, at 4 p.m. Join Dinoman as he tracks some dinosaurs in The Library! The show ends with life-size dinosaurs to look at! Learn about dinosaurs, the earth, and fossils. This show is best for ages 3 and up. ###

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Real Estate Insight

By Mary Ellen Courtney



Today's Real Estate Battleground

Would-be homeowners, we feel your pain!!! Insane prices, zero inventory, ruthless bidding wars and constant, heart-wrenching uncertainty. Generally speaking, buying a home can be stressful in the best of circumstances. But now - with the anxiety of multiple, competing offers - it often feels like a nightmare baseball game: nail-biting, teeth-gnashing, losing-in-the-bottom-of-the-ninth. Still, some people succeed in winning bidding wars, even up against big odds. Here's how we realtors advised some of them to do it...

• Be Early and Be Ready

- You need to be alerted to new listings as soon as they appear and available to check them out post haste - with checkbook in hand!

• Have a Lender and Loan Ready to Go

- Demonstrating that you can make good on the deal means more than producing a simple, generic pre-approval letter. Have your lender at the ready to issue an approval letter for the property in question. Give the lender all they'll need for a pre-approval, and select the loan you want ahead of time. When the time comes, your lender should be able to produce a pre-approval letter that is specific to the situation at hand. That will help you to stand out.

• **Proof of Funds** - You should have proof of funds ready to go before making any offers. At the absolute minimum, be willing to put down at least 20 percent on any home that you consider, and remember that many buyers will offer a lot more than that. Ideally, you should be able to show that you can cover the difference in the event that the appraisal falls through.

• **Give Your Very Best Offer the First Time** - People used to start with a lower of-

fer and to increase it later, in the event that it might be beat out by another bidder. This is unthinkable in our current real estate market, as so many additional offers may flood in that you won't get a chance to make another offer. Therefore, put forth your absolute best offer first, or you run the risk of being out of consideration right from the start.

• Reduce or Eliminate Contingencies

- This one can backfire, so proceed with caution. In this type of climate, buyers who are willing to forego some of the usual contingencies may have a leg up on the competition. If you have enough cash to cover the difference, consider waiving the appraisal contingency. However, be very careful about waiving escape contingencies for the mortgage or home inspection.

• Offer a High Earnest Money Deposit

- More and more buyers are attempting this one. Consider offering a larger than usual earnest money deposit to demonstrate your commitment to buying the home. Remember, though, that you can lose the deposit if

you're not careful and diligent about deadlines.

• **Offer to Help the Sellers However You Can** - Find ways to sweeten the deal to make your offer stand out. After all, not all sellers are purely motivated by financial gain. Some just want a smooth, easy time. A good technique is to state in your offer letter, "will settle on sellers' schedule," so they know that they can schedule closing to suit their needs. You could also offer to let them rent the house after it sells for free for one month or take other steps to accommodate their situation.

• Consider Using an Escalation Clause

- This is an addendum to a purchase offer that authorizes the buyer's agent to offer a specific amount above the best offer that the sellers receive. Without having to consult you, then, your realtor can counter the best offer with one for a specific amount that you agree upon beforehand.

Lastly, and this isn't easy: try not to fall overly in love with any one home you might want to buy in this crazy market. Because, otherwise, sadly, you're apt to get your heart broken again and again.

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- Rake & aerate lawn
- Apply lime if needed
- Reset perennials that have frost-heaved
- Start vegetables and flowers from seed
- Sow seeds outdoors of hardy annuals, such as poppies and cornflower
- Plant sweet peas and garden peas on St. Patrick's Day, if soil is workable
- Plant cold-tolerant vegetables such as onions and peas

(mid to late month)

- Look for and remove cedar apple rust galls on Eastern red cedar
- Plant or transplant trees and shrubs when soil is workable
- Fertilize trees and shrubs (late)
- Prune trees, shrubs that do not flower in spring (*unless renovation pruning*)
- Clean out all of your bird-houses now, so that they will be ready when the birds return.
- Repair any fencing, arbors, or trelliswork that is weak or has broken over the winter.
- Check the plants under the eaves of the house and under tall evergreens to see that they have sufficient moisture. ###

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Historically Speaking

By James J. Halloran



The Double Whammy of 1999 Part 5 of 5 Parts, The Journey Home

Because of the fire, both the police and fire departments were now homeless. A solution had to be found to temporarily house these departments. Bergen County sent their mobile command center trailer. This would house the Hasbrouck Heights Police Desk. Four trailers were set up in the Franklin Gym basketball court on December 18, to house the entire police department.

William Kundert, of Kundert Volvo, offered his garage facility, then located at 380 Terrace Avenue, for use of the Borough. It was deemed that the Heights Fire Department would temporarily use this location.

As the Kundert garage facility was only a temporary solution, Fire Chief Vincent Monahan would have many meetings with the Mayor and Borough officials to map out a plan.

Engineers, hired by the Borough, stated that the west bay of the old Borough Hall was safe for the use of the fire department. Ladder Truck 617 and Engine 615 would be housed here.

The Borough contracted for two Butler buildings (temporary steel framed structures covered with a plastic fabric). The two ambulances, 603 and 604, were housed in one building, with Engine 616 and Rescue 614 in the other. The move-in was accomplished during October of 2000.

Arthur Knobloch would begin his two-year term as Chief of the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department on January 1, 2001. He and Police Chief Michael Colaneri would provide input for the proposed new public safety building.

The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Annual Inspection would be held at the Masonic Hall for the next three years.

The plan for the new building first called for the demolition of the old Borough Hall in its entirety. A new location had to be found for the fire

department. A site located across from the new Borough Hall on Central Avenue (now the location of the parking lot and playground), was chosen.

Construction at that location was started on July 10, 2002 and the entire department moved in on September 3, 2002. This temporary building was jokingly referred to as the "Hershey Kiss" due to the shape and color of the building. The annual fire department inspections of 2003 and 2004 were held here.

Construction of the new public safety building was begun on March 13, 2003. The Hasbrouck Heights Masons held a dedication of the cornerstone on November 13, 2003.

The fire department aspect of the building would be overseen by Chief Robert Thomasey. Chief Thomasey was elected chief and served for the years 2003-2004. He and Chief Colaneri would inspect the construction of the new building on a regular basis.

Mayor Ronald Jones, the Borough Council, Administration and the general public attended the Hasbrouck Heights Public Safety Building dedication on October 2, 2004. All were given tours of the building. The Fire and Police Departments were finally back "HOME" again.

Lessons learned from these two devastating events were taken to heart. There are now multiple redundancies in command and communication systems. The two buildings were built to the latest construction codes.

I wish to thank current and former members of both the Hasbrouck Heights Police and Fire Departments, current and former members of the Borough Administration, members of the community, Mutual Aid fire departments and Fritz Rethage for your input and support in preparing this history of those two horrific events, of twenty years ago, that has shown the resiliency of our community. ###

Artful Thinking

By Artie Maglionico • Lodi Historian

Congratulations are in order for Lodi couple, Lou and his lovely wife, Mildred Geraci Tucci who, on April 12, 2020, will be celebrating 67 years of marital bliss. The two love birds tied the nuptial knot on April 12, 1953.

Happy Easter everyone and welcome to spring 2020. As a Catholic kid growing up on the Arnot Street hill, I recall being somewhat confused as to what Easter was all about.

First I had to figure out the mystery behind Good Friday. Now remember folks, we're talking about the reasoning power of an 8 year old. My thinking process was like being on a roller coaster ride through reality. Just when I thought I had it all figured out along came another sharp turn followed by a quick, breath taking descent. If God was crucified on that day then what was so good about it.

There was no school that day and that was good. At least it was to me and every other kid in my class.

Was it a sin to be happy about that day off? After all, I'm sure Jesus wasn't in the best of moods. Still it was a short and much anticipated respite from the toils and rigors of the dreaded classroom. I really didn't know how to react, so I decided to fake being sad while inwardly I was overjoyed. Soon guilt settled in. That salami sandwich I secretly consumed for lunch after knowing it was against the Catholic doctrine was coming back to haunt me.

The dark clouds that were forming over my head surely were harbingers of doom...my doom!

If it was Good Friday then why was I feeling so miserable? Was it possible to be miserable and happy at the same time? Well I don't mind saying that it worked for me. I felt miserable for being so happy. I thanked God that the next day was

Saturday and I could enjoy a Taylor Ham sandwich without fearing the possible wrath of God. It was a safe bet that all Saturdays were "good." Am I hitting home with any of this? What are your recollections?

Easter Sunday was also fraught with dual meaning. Again, we're looking through the innocent eyes of an 8 or 9 year old so don't cast me into the inferno just yet.

The days leading up to Easter Sunday were spent hopping down the Bunny Trail with Peter Cotton Tail. I mean there were chocolate Easter Bunnies wholesale and kids everywhere were gorging themselves until they were euphoric.

Then there were the coloring of Easter Eggs. That, to me, was also puzzling. Rabbits don't lay eggs! Of course at that age I had to check with my mother who assured me that indeed rabbits do not lay eggs. So where does the Easter Bunny get them? From our egg man Mr. Heiss, of course. Okay, that mystery solved!

Then there were Easter egg hunts going on everywhere... again with the eggs!

In those days they used real eggs each one of them artistically decorated and strategically hidden in not so hard to find places. There was always someone dancing about in a bunny costume scaring some of the younger kids to tears.

Santa costumes at Christmas time were almost believable. At least Santa was a human being and came with gifts.

A giant rabbit chasing kids around an open field with no gifts was not my idea of fun. Besides I knew that there was no such thing as an Easter Bunny. Santa? Maybe. 6 foot tall rabbit? No way.

Then of course, was the torturous task of shopping for that new Easter outfit. That's when God finally made it into the picture. I remember call-

ing on him for help each time I tried on a pair of itchy pants or, those shoes with the Velcro tongue that took the place of shoe laces.

They were ill fitting and took forever to break in. Maybe it just seemed like forever. By the end of the day I was sandwiched between two of the most powerful forces in the universe; God and my mother.

Oh yea folks, they worked hand in hand. There were times, while in the throws of pinchy pants turmoil, that I swore I heard God laughing at me. Me running around the store like I was stuck to a cactus plant with my mother chasing me holding a pair Tom McCann shoes. "You'll grow into these shoes darn you!" Those clod hoppers felt like I had already out grown them. Yea, God was laughing at me alright. Can any of you relate to all of this?

Oddly enough what I remember most about Easter Sunday is how dressed up everyone was. Men wore suits and ties while women stole the show with extravagant hats, dresses and sparkling jewelry.

My mom was a real fashion plate. I couldn't believe that I was looking at the same person who was chasing me around Robert Hall with flared nostrils carrying the same itchy pants that I was now wearing.

Yea, there was a lot of picture taking, mostly black and white in those days. But let me tell you folks that as black and white as those photos were they were among the most colorful days of my life. God how I miss them.

Have a Happy and Blessed Easter. ###



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Rutherford Veterans Memorial Day Parade May 25

The theme for this year is: "Veterans put themselves in harm's way for all of us."

This year's Grand Marshal will be WWII Army Veteran William (Bill) Galloway. Mr. Galloway is also a past Commander of American Legion Post 453 in Rutherford, this year's host Post.

There will be a wreath tossing at the Union Avenue Bridge at 8 a.m. for our Soldiers, Marines, and Airmen lost at sea. At 8:30 a.m., there will be a Taps salute to our deceased Veterans at the flagpole in Sunset Park (Raymond and Union Avenues).

The parade will step off at 9 a.m. from Sunset Park, travel up Union Avenue and end in front of Borough Hall on Park Avenue.

God Bless our Veterans and God Bless America! Provided by Charles Gunn, Commander Post 453. ###

AL Post 453 Hosts Black History Program



Commander Gunn with his two daughters, Sarah and Leah Ingram



Mr. Davis accepted a certificate of participation on behalf of Mrs. Eileen Davis for participating in the Laval Family street renaming project



Commander Gunn presented a certificate to Robert W. Moore for 25 years of service to AL Post 453



Commander Gunn



Commander Gunn presented a certificate to Brian Inguantic for his Eagle Project/Troop 166, Rutherford



Commander Gunn presented a certificate to William (Bill) Galloway, WWII, for 30 years of service to AL Post 453

On February 23, 2020, Murray-Hodge American Legion Post 453 held a Black History Program, starting at 3 p.m., at their Post Home, 58 Meadow Road, Rutherford, NJ.

The keynote speaker, a lifetime resident, Mr. William (Bill) Galloway. Bill takes pride in his father; his mother; his Church; his community, Veterans; and his longtime role with the Sports Hall of Fame.

There were a few certificates given out to recognize Post men and women.

A free will donation was taken. In previous years they have made donations to the following: Rutherford Kip Center; Rutherford First Aid-Ambulance Corps; Rutherford P. B. A. Local 300; Rutherford Little League Inc.; Rutherford Food Pantry; Eagle Scout, and Rutherford Meadowlands Museum. Thanks for your free will donations. For information, call 201-939-2346, or 201-456-3561. ###

Hire A Vet



On March 11, 2020, The South Bergen Fire Chiefs' Association made Damien Danis, freelance fire photographer and The Gazette Newspaper contributor, Honorary Member, in appreciation for his service and dedication to the Association. (l-r): SBFCA VP Bryan Hennig, Damien Danis, SBFCA President Anthony Chiodo, SBFCA 1st VP Scott Muttel. ###



Lions Pancake Breakfast

The Carlstadt/East Rutherford Lions Club held their Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 1, 2020, from 8 a.m. to noon, at the East Rutherford Civic Center. As in the past, the Club was assisted by the local Girl Scout Troop. ###



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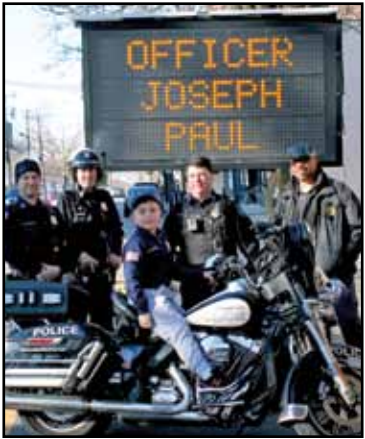


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Rutherford Police Department Hosts Officer for a Day

Officer for a Day was one of the raffles in May at the Rutherford Education Foundation fundraiser. The Bogosian Family won. Our Officer for a Day was Joseph P. Bogosian (age 8); badge # 2020.

We began the day by picking him up at his house and taking pictures of him with our staff. Officer Bachmann and I drove him up Park Avenue to Highland Cross where we stopped at Top That Donuts for breakfast with our Patrol Division and Detectives.

From there we took photos at his sign board and then entered headquarters for roll call with Sergeant J. Wilkinson and squad D.

Afterwards he was assigned to his first Field Training Officer, Officer Alexandra Arnold. Officer A. Arnold conducted a car inspection and discussed the purpose as well as the importance of a car inspection including all equipment.

Officer for a Day Bogosian was able to check the radio to verify it was in full working order by transmitting a message to the desk. Officer for a Day Bogosian was then transferred to Officer Villareale and able to work on our portable devices used for issuing common parking summonses.

Once a summons was issued, he worked with Officer Bachmann again and conducted radar enforcement

resulted in a controlled motor vehicle stop. The violator was given a warning for operating his vehicle at 35 mph in a 25 mph zone.

At 10:30 a.m., Officer for a Day Bogosian took his Oath which was given by Chief John R. Russo as his family and friends looked on. Mayor Frank Nunziato gave him some inspiring words and he signed his Oath of Office.

Both the Rutherford Volunteer First-Aid Ambulance Corps and Rutherford Volunteer Fire Department collaborated with us throughout the event.

Inside of Borough Hall we had an equipment and uniform demonstration area before a pizza party. Once the pizza party ended, Officer for a Day Bogosian and his friends were able to climb in and out of Engine 2, an Ambulance and some of our vehicles.

I would personally like to thank Deputy Chief Dennis Gentile and the members of Engine 2 for volunteering their time as well as Captain Michael Tarantino and the members of the Rutherford EMS. This day would not be as much fun for Joseph and his friends without our partners' assistance.

Officer for a Day is funded by the Rutherford Police Department and Rutherford PBA Local 300. *Provided by Sgt. Julie Ann Zeigler/RPD. ###*



Wallington FD Annual Inspection

Wallington Fire Department held its Annual Memorial Service and Inspection on Saturday, March 7, 2020, at the Johnson Avenue Firehouse on Alfred Ventura Plaza, at 3 p.m.

The program began with the National Anthem sung by East Rutherford FF Josh Novello. The invocation was given by FD Chaplain Mark Tomko. Mutual Aid Chiefs and guests reviewed Department personnel. Wallington Fire Chief Robert Ventura

made comments. Flowers and posting of flags were placed at the Alfred Ventura Memorial Monument. A special observance remembering Firefighter Alfred Ventura, who died in the line of duty, 50 years ago on March 5, 1970, with special presentations in his memory.

The Department once again remembered all the members who have answered their last alarm, especially those during the last year. Families and friends of the departed were

invited to attend and receive a Firefighter Flag and flower remembering their loved ones. Piper Chris Kotwica, BC Fire Fighters Pipe Band played the bagpipes. Wallington Mayor Melissa Dabal made comments. Wallington HS Vishal Waik and Alex Holt played Taps. Mutual Aid Chiefs inspected the apparatus following the service. For more information, contact Mark Tomko at 201-983-3249, MWTNNJ@VERIZON.NET ###

Guild Assembles Health Kits

The Guild of Reformed Church Women at 300 Washington Place, will collect and assemble Health Kits as a Lenten project for Church World Service, February 26 to April 12, 2020. These kits consist of washcloth, hand towel, bath-size soap, toothbrush (*in original packaging*), nail clipper, wide-tooth comb and 6 band-aids.

Donations of any of these products in any quantity would be appreciated. These items are assembled in zippered plastic bags and distributed by Church World Service. Cash donations to assist in the shipping and handling of these kits are always welcome. All items/kits may be brought to the Church Monday through Thursday and Sunday morning. Call 201-288-1122 for more info. ###

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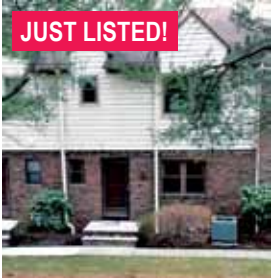
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