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'Twas the Season

Didn't we just ponder the selection of our Christmas tree, carried our treasure home, spent hours dressing it with twinkling lights and heirloom decorations?
Didn't we really just miss holiday parties with friends, parades, concerts and Santa visits? But then again, there was Christmas music, classic movies, holiday food and sweet delights to share with our family.
The real meaning of the season should not fade so quickly.
Continue the true meaning and lessons of Hanukkah and Christmas.
Continue the joy of this season, and the magic it promises, into the New Year.
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Tricky-Tray style raffle tickets went on sale November 11 with 26 tickets for \$10. The winning tickets were pulled on December 12.

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The Hasbrouck Heights Men's Association began their Annual Christmas Tree Sale on Saturday, November 27, 2020, at St. John the Divine, at the corner of Franklin and Terrace. The Association was out in full force to unload about 375 trees and set up the lot. An array of Balsam and Fraser fir trees, from 5-6 feet to 9-10 feet, were available. This sale has been a Hasbrouck Heights holiday tradition for over thirty years. The money raised goes to the HHMA Scholarship Fund that benefits graduating high school seniors from Hasbrouck Heights who want to attend college. The Hasbrouck Heights Men's Association thanks area residents for their on-going support of their sale and wishes everyone a Happy Holiday Season. ###

A collage of eight images showing various Christmas decorations. The top row includes a large green bow, a globe with flags, a red parrot, and a candy cane bow. The middle row features an angel figurine, a large silver bow, and a Santa Claus figurine. The bottom row shows a clear face shield.



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January 28

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Next event on Thursday night, January 28, 2021, from 7 to 9 p.m. Please RSVP by January 26.

Event hosted by Bible Baptist Church, 31 Passaic Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights.

Free KidLife childcare provided by RSVP only. Monthly Friday morning get together and outings, too. For more info: hasbrouckhtsmomlife@gmail.com; 862-239-6677; Fb – Hasbrouck Heights MomLife ####

Collecting
Diapers

Assumption Parish community will observe AIDS Compassion Weekend at all the Sunday and anticipated Masses on February 13-14, 2021.

As part of the program, Assumption AIDS Ministry, at all the Masses during the weekend of January 16-17, 2021, will be collecting diapers for children born with the virus, which will be given to the Pediatric AIDS Clinic at St. Joseph's Hospital in Paterson. ####

January Flower
Carnation or
Snow Drop

RE/MAX Winter
Clothing Drive

RE/MAX Trading Places is collecting gently used men's jeans, sweats, socks, winter coats, hats, scarves and gloves (men's items only) for the benefit of The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal of Our Lady Queen of Angels in East Harlem. Items will go to men who are living life without a roof over their heads.

John Tamborini; Broker/Owner of RE/MAX Trading Places said, "This is what the Lord calls us to do in (Matthew Chapter 25) 'I was naked and you clothed me.' We are called to see Christ in those who are in need. Please be generous."

Donations may be dropped off at the RE/MAX Trading Places office at 345 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday through February 2021. ####

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VFW History

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Little Ferry Hoach
Remembered

Hoach (Al Imbimbio Sr.), born May 25, 1928, departed this world December 2020, to join his wife, Marion.

Hoach was a tough man on the outside, and a teddy bear on the inside. He will be remembered by all, for his coaching football, softball and baseball for 51 years, fighting for all of the kids at the Little Ferry Boys Club, making his FAMOUS gravy, telling jokes and SOOO much more.

Patti Bonczkowski, Anthony Paletto and all of the coaches / kids at the Little Ferry Boys Club, unlimited friends, family and his home town in Little Ferry, will miss him very much. RIP Hoach. We all love you! Provided by Patti Bonczkowski. ####

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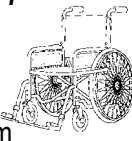
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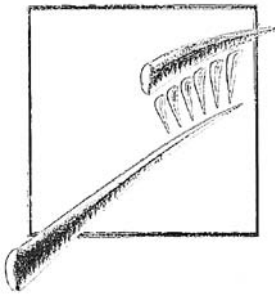
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Artful Thinking

By Artie Maglionico • Lodi Historian

Artful January

Happy New Year 2021. I'm not going to reflect on the morbid year that we left behind. I will say this much however. The number twenty will forever leave its gloomy mark in the recesses of my mind.

It will invade my dreams and chase me like grotesque digits causing me to awaken in a cold sweat.

Please folks when you're talking about eyesights in front of me, never refer to your vision as "2020." Suffice it to say either good or not so good... thank you very much. Say no more!

Congrats go out to Ann Lipari and Marion "Ted" Perz of Lodi. November found them

celebrating 100 years on the planet.

Ann hit the century mark on the 14th, while Ted celebrated the "Big 100" on the 11th.

You readers from beyond the Lodi boundaries, please bear with me for a paragraph or two.

I'm going to discuss how Lodi High School acquired its school anthem. Don't turn the page yet, out of towners.

Who knows, the information might, some day, come in handy. Someone, perhaps at a party might ask you this very question.

You'll be able to hold your head high. Pull out a copy of this column that you kept on your person for just this occasion. There with a confident

pose, you answer, by then.

In the winter of 1935, a year after Lodi High School's official opening, students and teachers assembled in the auditorium to listen to a guest speaker from Cornell University of Ithaca, NY.

The new high school reminded the speaker of his own University. Not only was the school situated on a hill, as did LHS, it overlooked a river. "Near the Saddle River waters on a lofty hill." Except for the name of the river, few if any words have been changed.

The speaker was so amazed at the likeness, that he saw fit to turnover the Cornell anthem to LHS. Students of the orange and blue have been singing it ever since... I think!

Did someone ask how Lodi High arrived at its school colors, i.e., orange and blue? Okay Hasbrouck Heights, you're in on this story. Aren't you glad you stuck around?

Influenced by your colors of orange and black, the Lodi Ram Football Team of 1936 wanted them for their own. That's understandable since many Lodi students attended Hasbrouck Heights High School before the 1934 opening of LHS.

At a school meeting, a teacher is said to have made the following observation.

"Why would you want the colors of orange and black?" she inquired. "You football players are always black and blue anyway, so why not black and blue?"

With that having been said, a student stood up and shouted, "Orange and Blue."

The students voted on it and with the final okay coming from principal, Marinus Gallanti, the school colors of orange and blue were raised.

Today those colors are displayed with Lodi pride and compassion on the Harrison Avenue water tower.

Let's all have a healthy and a happy 2021. ###

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If you have an old Wallington Band uniform or any vintage band memorabilia, please contact Mr. Lopuzzo, the Wallington band director, at Lopuzzo@wboe.org as soon as possible. ###

Historically Speaking
By James J. Halloran



THE BLUE RIBAND

The Blue Riband, yes that's the way they spell it, is the unofficial award for the fastest passenger liner to cross the Atlantic Ocean. The current holder of this award is the SS UNITED STATES.

This was earned in 1952. The ship hit an average speed of 35.39 knots (40.7 mph), from New York to Bishop Rock Lighthouse, off Cornwall, Great Britain.

The prior holder was the SS QUEEN MARY of the Cunard Line. After swapping the title with the French ship, SS NORMANDIE, a number of times between 1935 and 1938, the QUEEN MARY held the Blue Riband for fourteen years.

Most historians agree that the British ship, SS SIRUS, is considered to be the first ship to hold this honor. In 1838, this ship averaged 8.03 knots (9.23 mph).

Prior to the SS UNITED STATES, only two other American ships held the Blue Riband. They were the SS PACIFIC, in 1850, and her sister ship, SS BALTIC, which held the title until 1856. Both ships were owned by the New York and Liverpool United States Mail Steamship Company, but commonly called the Collins Line, after its owners.

The SS UNITED STATES

was the design of William Francis Gibbs and ordered to be built at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, by the United States Lines in 1949. The ship was christened on June 23, 1952. Total cost was \$79.4 million. The US Government required that the ship could be converted to carry troops during any emergency.

The ship proudly flew the Stars and Stripes from 1952 to 1969. The ship is a passenger liner, not a cruise ship. Her main mission was to transport people as fast as possible, to and from the United States and Europe. However, air travel became cheaper and faster with jet planes. The ship became unprofitable by the late 1960s.

After a number of owners and numerous failed schemes ranging from a hotel and casino in Atlantic City to time-share style cruise ship, the ship ended up in Philadelphia. The ship is now owned by the SS UNITED STATES Conservancy.

In March 2020, the Conservancy and RXR Realty of New York City, announced plans to repurpose the ship as a permanently-moored hotel, event venue and museum. Retail spaces may also be included. Locations proposed were Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Miami, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles and



SS United States at sea, 1950s




SS United States docked on the Delaware River, Philadelphia, 2006

San Diego.

If these plans do not work out, the next step may be the scrap yard or as an artificial reef. Let's hope the ship will remain afloat as a symbol of American pride and enterprise. ###

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Little Christmas

Epiphany goes by various names in different cultures. Little Christmas, Three Kings Day, or Twelfth Night all remain the official end of the season's "Twelve Days of Christmas" -- counting from Christmas evening on December 25 to the Epiphany on January 6. In 2021, Epiphany falls on Wednesday, January 6.

Epiphany is from the Greek word Epiphania, meaning "revelation".

In biblical terms, the word best describes the story of how the Magi or Three Kings - Caspar, (or *Kaspar* or *Gaspar*) Melchior and Balthasar - saw a

bright star on the night Christ was born and followed it to Bethlehem. There they found the Christ Child and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The legendary visit would later give rise to the custom of gift giving at Christmas on the Feast of the Epiphany.

In England, Epiphany or "Twelfth Night" was the last opportunity to make merry before a return to the usual toil of the workaday world. The traditional Yule log was kept lit until Twelfth Night in order to bring blessings and good fortune throughout the upcoming year.

A favorite Christmas carol also still commemorates gifts of partridges, french hens and golden rings in the Olde English observance of the Twelve Days of Christmas.

In Germany, children go from house to house on Epiphany Eve, singing carols and chalking the year and initials

KMB (*those of the kings, Kaspar, Melchior and Balthasar*), near the entrance of each home.

On the day Jesus was born, not many throughout the lands knew of this glorious event. Wise men, shepherds, and others came from far away lands to worship the baby Jesus. It took many days of travel for them to arrive at Jesus' birthplace. Traveling during this period was slow and done by riding donkeys, camels, or walking.

There were several wise men that had been sent by King Herod to find the newborn baby Jesus. The wise men "went their way; and behold the star which they had seen in the east went before them until it came and stood over where the child was.

And seeing the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. Upon entering the dwelling, they found the child with Mary, his mother, and falling down they adored him; and opening their treasures, they offered him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh." (St. Matthew 2:9-11) ###

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Heights Flower Shoppe held their 33rd Open House on December 4, 5 and 6, 2020. Santa was on-site, waving to all his fans driving along The Boulevard. This very popular Open House kicked off the Holiday Season with music, prizes and refreshments. ###



Bill O'Shea's Florist held their Annual Open House on Saturday and Sunday, November 21, 22, 2020, traditionally the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Hosts, John and Linda Kosakowski, welcomed guests to enjoy prizes, refreshments and special offers. There was a mailbox for letters to Santa. A beautiful Thanksgiving Centerpiece was raffled. Bill O'Shea's Florist has been delivering Season's Cheer for 50 years. ###

Feeding the Needy

Over 120 needy families in Lodi and Hackensack enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner, thanks to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lower Bergen County and the generosity of other community supporters!

The annual "Feed the Needy" campaign typically begins with Thanksgiving food drives at several Lodi Public Schools and local businesses.

However, due to Covid-19 closures and restrictions minimizing foot traffic at our usual locations, our food drive relied more on individual donations, both monetary and in-kind food donations, from local organizations including Inserra Supermarkets, who truly made this event possible by donating over 90 turkeys again this year.

Other community supporters included the Lipari Family and Premium Veal Inc., Stacy Kornhauser, Stop & Shop of



Hackensack, LBK Associates, Lodi Oldtimers, Lois Nunno and Family, Ann Marie and Bernard Saccaro, and more.

It is because of Covid-19 and the impact it has had on so many in our community, that we anticipated an even greater need this year. And so, we set out to increase our usual support from 90 Thanksgiving boxes to over 120 this year!

Keystone Club members volunteered their time to organize the donated items, assemble and pack boxes outside the Club in the cold, and loaded them into vehicles as families drove through to pick up on November 24.

For more information on ways to support or get involved with our Clubs, contact Melissa at 973-473-7410 ext. 104. ###



W-R Lion Makes Thanksgiving Delivery

In 1999, Past President Joe Solda of the Wood-Ridge Lions Club volunteered to chair the Club's annual Thanksgiving food drive with the support of donations from his fellow Lions.

That first year, Joe single-handedly was able to provide 10 complete turkey dinners to the Bergen County Food Bank for distribution to those in need to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal.

Over the years, the numbers of meals provided have steadily increased with strong Club support and this year, Joe was able to provide 125 turkey dinners to the Bergen County Center for Food Action.

Packages containing gravy, stuffing, vegetables, cranberry sauce, including 50 pounds of loose potatoes, and boxes of other food items accompanied the delivery of the turkeys.

With his wife, Denise, helping with the shopping, Solda put together and delivered 1,695 turkey dinners over these 21 years to help feed those less fortunate. As Joe emphasizes, "that is over 23,700 pounds or 12 tons of meat."

In addition to the meals delivered, Solda presented grocery gift cards from the Wood-Ridge Lions Club to the Welfare Department, Borough of Wood-Ridge, to give to Wood-Ridge families in need.

The Wood-Ridge Lions are very proud of our Joe Solda's individual contribution and yearly dedication to this important humanitarian project, which truly reflects our Lions motto, "We Serve." In Joe's words, "We took a small ray of sunshine and turned it into a Sunny Day." *Provided by Dennis Brubaker. ###*

Troop 17 Makes a Big Haul

The COVID-19 outbreak has affected all segments of our population and it has been particularly detrimental to some members of our surrounding communities.

Some people have lost their jobs, are elderly, and/or have disabilities and can't afford groceries.

On Saturday, after the Troop gathered the donations from the residents' porches and doorsteps, we took them to Hasbrouck Heights Food Pantry where the Borough Hall employees took them to the pantry room.

Our donations were so abundant that the pantry room was filled and they started putting them in the Community

Center room, which we filled to capacity as well!

I am very proud of the Troop 17 family (*Scouts and Parents*) who took the time to drive the Scouts to do this "good deed" and gather the donations.

Troop 17 collected over 448 bags of nonperishable goods for the Hasbrouck Heights Food Pantry, accumulating a total of 75 volunteer hours for the Troop. This is a record for donations for Troop 17 and a blessing for so many individuals and families in need during these very difficult times and coming Holiday season! Awesome job all of you!!! *Provided by Troop 17. ###*

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'Long Time Coming': Rutherford Breaks Ground at Site of New Police Department



Let the construction begin!

November 24, 2020 was a momentous day for Rutherford as the leaders broke ground at the future site of the town's new police department behind Borough Hall. The new facility will provide more space for the growing agency and state of the art services to our community.

This has been a long process and we want to say thank you for all of the support from Mayor Frank Nunziato, all of the Borough Council members, Borough Administrator Robert Kakoleski, and the community.

Police Chief John R. Russo, offered his heartfelt thanks to the people and the community that came together to make the new station a reality. He also commended the police department members for working in the old facility and doing the

best they could over the years.

The law enforcement profession, especially here in New Jersey, continues to make tremendous progress at an unbelievable pace and this state of the art facility will allow our department to keep stride and continue to be at the forefront of that march forward.

The current facility did suffice at one time and it deserves full credit for what it did offer and provide this town over the years.

We're proud of that, but it's time to move on to a new facility that will allow us to serve our community with state of the art equipment while providing the utmost safety to all who visit and work there.

Provided by RPD Sergeant Julie Ann Zeigler. ###



8 Year Old Helps Re-start K9 Unit

The Little Ferry Police Department is starting up our K9 Unit. Sgt. John Andronaco will pick up his partner in 2 weeks then it will be 10 months of training with the dog.

The LFPD had a K9 Unit. Two years ago, Detective Ron Callahan retired, along with his dog, Quinten. So they are bringing it back.

Mason Duffy, an 8 year old from Mahwah, heard about us bringing back the K9 Unit and decided he wanted to donate.

On December 10, 2020, he visited the Little Ferry Police Department with a \$2,500 check he wished to donate towards our future K9 Unit.

This past spring, during the pandemic shutdown, Mason decided he was going to

paint wooden pallets with the American Flag along with Blue and Red Line Flags. The overwhelming response he received was incredible with people looking to purchase them from him.

Mason, who wasn't looking to sell them but was getting tons of requests, decided on his own that he would fundraise his Art and wished to donate the funds towards Police K9 Units in order for the Departments to purchase a protective vest for the dog.

Mason's parents, Mary-Beth and Kevin, are formerly from Little Ferry. When Mason heard we were starting up our K9 Unit, he told his Mom he wanted to make a donation.

Mason painted 66 pallets



and was able to raise \$4,613.00. Previously, Mason made a donation to the Mahwah Police Department's K9 Unit and plans on donating to Morris County K9.

Thank you Mason for all your hard work and dedication and funding for protective vests for Police K9 Units!!! *Photos by Sara Reilly. Story provided by the Little Ferry Police Department. ###*



BC Regulation NHL Rink Now Open

Bergen County Executive Jim Tedesco announces that the Bergen County Parks Department will open a regulation NHL-size ice-skating rink and a smaller synthetic children's practice rink this holiday season in Van Saun County Park.

The Rink @ Winter Wonderland will offer a local outdoor amusement for residents to enjoy with their families throughout the winter.

The Rink @ Winter Wonderland was opened to the general public on Friday, November 27, 2020, and will be open daily through Sunday, February 21, 2021. Weekend admission tickets will be sold in three hour sessions. For entry, face masks must be worn at all times and visitors must purchase tickets in advance at www.BergenCountyWinterWonderland.com.

Admission \$10 – Admission and skate rentals. *Monday through Wednesday buy one, get one free. Saturday

and Sunday tickets include unlimited access for Van Saun Carousel and Bergen County Zoo Train Ride.

Bergen County is partnering with the New Jersey Devils for their Learn to Play program which is offered to new, first-time participants (*boys and girls*). The New Jersey Devils Learn to Play program provides a unique opportunity for families to join the hockey community and for participants to develop fundamental skills to help them succeed both on and off the ice. For more information and to register, visit <http://learntoplay.nhl.com/devils>.

The Bergen County Parks System, which has been connecting people to nature for over 73 years, spans nearly 9,000 acres and includes a nationally accredited zoo, six golf courses, 21 parks, two horseback riding areas, an environmental center and nine historic sites. ###



On December 9, 2020, the proceeds from the October 2020 Lodi Fall Festival, Beer Garden Fundraiser segment, were presented to the Lodi Fire Department. Cliffhanger Productions produced the event. (l-r) Mayor Scott Luna, Cliff Witmyer of **Cliffhanger Productions**, Lodi Fire Department Chief Steve Cassiello, FF Bob Cassiello, Tom Rachelski of Ghost Hawk Brewery and Deputy Mayor Vinnie Martin. *Photo by Lia Jenny. ###*

Kronyak Retires: Thank You for Your Service

Longtime Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak announced his retirement from the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights at the end of 2020.

He started his career with the Borough when he was hired as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) on December 1, 1993. He was appointed Borough Administrator, the second in the Borough's history with the first being Louise Davenport, February 1, 1994.

In actuality, his involvement with the Borough began in 1985 when, after graduating from Ramapo College, he was hired by an accounting firm specializing in Municipal and Board of Education Audits. Hasbrouck Heights was one of the first audits he worked on and where he first met then Borough Clerk/Administrator Ms. Davenport and many of the employees he would later work with.

In his 27+ years as an employee with the Borough, he has worked with 27 different Councilmen and Councilwomen and 4 Mayors.

"I was always interested in local government and felt that working as a CFO in a town would be an important, interesting and rewarding career with the right mix of business and personal contact with the residents.

"I have always thought of the residents as both shareholders and customers and having direct contact with them helped

me to better understand their needs and expectations."

"I think local government is the most cost effective and responsive level of government. At no other level of government do those we serve have the level of access they have in their own towns. We see each other at town events, in the Senior Center and Library, on the streets around town and we are always accessible at the Borough Hall."

"I cannot say enough about the very talented workforce I have had the pleasure of being a part of. They are highly skilled and always willing to help. When I think of some of the major challenges we have faced such as super storms, the municipal building fire or the current pandemic, I remain impressed by their dedication and professionalism."

It is not just during the major events that they have impressed me but in the performance of their everyday duties as well. The Administrative/Finance staff and departments at the Borough Hall including Recreation, Health, Construction and the Library, the Department of Public Works, Fire Department/EMS and the Police Department and Municipal Court make sure that the day to day quality of life issues in the Borough are being looked after."

"The business of the people is not to be taken lightly. Always know that your local gov-



Christine and Mike during retirement ceremony

ernment and the many Borough employees are here and ready to serve you. Your issues and concerns are important to us and we will do our best to be responsive to your needs."

"On a more personal note, when I was hired, my oldest daughter, Samantha, had just been born and my youngest daughter, Allison, was born a few years later."

"Over the years, they would frequently visit me at Borough Hall with my wife of 33 years, Christine. Our girls have grown, graduated college and begun to move on with their lives and careers. My wife and I plan on visiting more of the natural wonders in this great country and hopefully I will fish a little more, ride my bike a little more and spend a lot of time with my family. It has been my absolute pleasure to serve the Borough and residents and I look forward to seeing you around town." ###



Chief John Korin and members of the Wood-Ridge Police Department and Spencer Savings Bank hosted Coffee With a Cop event on December 12, 2020. ###



Earning the Animal Habitats Badge

Wood-Ridge Girl Scout Troop 97130 and Carlstadt Girl Scout Troop 97094 recently enjoyed a trip to the Tenaflly Nature Center. Mr. Nick, the naturalist, led the girls on a hike through the nature preserve. The girls learned about the wooded and water habitats. They did an experiment to see if an animal would survive in the chosen hiding place. The girls earned the Animal Habitats badge. All the girls are Fourth Graders in Junior Girl Scout troops. We hope to do more joint activities with our sister Girl Scouts. *Provided by Jane Koegel. ###*



Wood-Ridge Lions Club King Lion Bob Caruso presents a Plaque to Boy Scout Ryan McMullin, proudly recognizing his achievement in attaining the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. Due to the cancellation of the formal traditional ceremony, presentation was made at Ryan's residence with social distancing practiced. Congratulations, Ryan! *Provided by Dennis Brubaker. ###*

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Real Estate Insight

By Mary Ellen Courtney



Home Seller Emotions

We in the business of selling homes know that the home selling process can be an unpredictable and emotional rollercoaster. "Home is where the heart is" goes the saying. And selling a beloved home can feel like years of memories and a neighborhood of friendship have been taken away. And if the sale involves a life change, every twist of the process can feel like more salt in the wound.

Research I've read equates memory to one's perception of space and it's hard to let go of that space, especially when it's tangible and in the form of 'Home'.

For my part, I know I'll never forget the house where my kids were small. I laugh to think that there are probably still Matchbox toys wedged somewhere behind the radiators in that old house. Then there are the memories of all the time and work we put into improvements in that house and other homes. You almost feel like your home is an extension of who you are; selling it feels like letting go of a piece of your self-identity.

Selling can certainly be an emotional grind and there are specific parts of the process where emotions are likely to flare up. Here are a few...

- Deciding the sale price. A home full of memories may have high value to you, and you may want to set a high price. But your price should be value based on the measurable attributes of the house. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder when it comes to a home sale.

- Prepping for sale. In organizing your belongings and preparing your home for sale, memories you've made in each space might flood in. It may be good for you to pause and reflect, focusing on removing personal items and minimizing the amount of décor in your rooms. This may have the added benefit of making your home feel less personal to you during the sale.

- Engaging with prospective buyers. Buyers may not feel the same way about your house as you do. You might overhear them commenting on the small kitchen. They might share plans to change aspects of the house that you don't agree

with. The reality, of course, is that buyers have needs and desires that mean something to them. It's understandable and should be respected.

- Going back and forth on negotiations. Although we're definitely in a sellers' market today, still, you should expect some negotiations. Even with signed contracts, there are usually contingencies and causes that could jeopardize the deal. It could be weeks or even months before closing.

While the process can be nerve-racking, it's helpful to remember that anxiety, in some degree, is common in even the smoothest of deals.

While the home selling experience itself can be stressful, it's possible to have awareness of your emotions during the process so you can work with them. Here are a few tips...

- Embrace your feelings. Understand that emotions will fluctuate throughout the process. A buyer backing out or an appraisal causing a roadblock isn't personal, it's circumstantial to the process. Hopefully this can help you approach problems calmly and thoughtfully.

- Identify your personal weak spots. By knowing what's important to you in the home selling process, you can hopefully work to keep these factors from influencing your decision.

You might have, for example, an image of the type of family that will move into your home. This could make you biased toward accepting a weak offer from someone you think 'appropriate' for your home, even if others are more qualified and offer more money for it.

- Be patient. Even with a contract, selling can take time; things like appraisals and mortgage lending may delay the process. It's common for emotions like frustration and worry to surface but, more often than not, they evaporate in the end.

Leaving you an end, perhaps, as bittersweet as it was successful...

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So You Want to Pierce Your Tongue?

Oral piercing can cause pain, swelling, infection, drooling, taste loss, scarring, chipped teeth and tooth loss. Most dentists discourage oral piercing because of these risks.

Regulations vary in each state, so be careful if you decide to get any kind of piercing.

Make sure that you ask the person performing the piercing about care after the piercing, possible side effects, cleanliness and anything that may concern you. If they are not prepared to answer your questions in a clear, professional manner, go somewhere else.

Chipped teeth

Fractured teeth are a common problem for people with oral piercings. People chip teeth on tongue piercings while eating, sleeping, talking and simply chewing on the jewelry. The fracture can be confined to the enamel of your tooth or may go deep into your tooth, which may require a root canal or extraction.

Swelling

It is not unusual for the tongue to swell after being punctured, but in some cases the tongue swells so much that it can cut off your breathing. In rare cases, doctors may pass a breathing tube through a patient's nose until the swelling subsides.

Infection

The tongue is covered with bacteria, so any infection can be serious. See your dentist at the first sign of a problem. Dentists are learning that oral infections can lead to infections in other parts of the body. Your mouth has high levels of bacteria. When you puncture any part of the oral cavity, these bacteria may find its way into your bloodstream. Bacteria can reach your heart and cause a variety of health problems.

There is also a risk of contracting blood-borne infections such as human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and hepatitis. Ask the person performing the piercing what they do to prevent the spread of

these serious infections. Does the piercer use a fresh needle for every piercing? Some may reuse needles to keep down the cost of the piercing. Make sure they completely sterilize all needles and instruments in an autoclave, which uses extreme heat to sanitize instruments.

Allergic reactions

Make sure that the piercer uses the right kind of metal, such as surgical-grade stainless steel. Some people have allergic reactions to certain metals, which can lead to further complications.

How do I maintain my piercing?

Once your tongue has been pierced, it will take four to six weeks to heal. The piercer will place a larger, starter 'barbell' in your tongue to give it enough room to heal when your tongue swells. If you decide to keep the piercing, make sure to get a smaller barbell after the swelling goes down, which will be less likely to get in the way of your teeth and more difficult for you to chew on.

Barring complications, you will be able to remove the jewelry for short periods of time without the hole closing. Some suggest that you remove the jewelry to protect your teeth every time you eat or sleep. Some parlors sell plugs that you can place in the hole, which should allow you to remove the jewelry for as long as necessary.

Keep it clean

Keep your piercing clean. Use an antiseptic mouthwash after every meal and brush the jewelry the same as you would your teeth. After the tongue has healed, take the piercing out every night and brush it as you would your teeth to remove any unseen plaque. Consider removing the piercing before eating, sleeping or strenuous activity.

Reference: Source Academy of General Dentistry / February 2007

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Dealing With Alzheimer's

Wallington resident, Patti Bonczkowski, has published a book: "Alzheimer's, My Mother and Me - A Daughter's Memoir with Tips and Tools for Caregivers."

It provides advice on how to deal with your stressful daily situation of taking care of a loved one with Alzheimer's.

The book is available on Amazon.com ###

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Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. 201-288-0488, <http://hasbrouckheightslibrary.org>.

Happy New Year from all of us! The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights is open for in-person browsing by appointment. Masks must be worn at all times and contactless temperature checks are required for all visitors. Due to the nature of our setup as part of Borough Hall, the public is asked to use the Madison Avenue entrance for the Library. Curbside pickup service is also offered.

The Hasbrouck Heights Library continues to offer virtual activities via Zoom for the whole family and for the life-long learner. Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted. Visit the Library's website for details and click on "Calendar".

- Our Movie Night (*at home*) promotion continues throughout the month. Borrow any 5 Hasbrouck Heights-owned DVDs from our Adult or Juvenile collection using curbside or in-person browsing, and we'll provide a bag of microwave popcorn!
- Coming Soon. Our 2021 Winter Reading Challenge! Read and log books throughout the month of February. More details to come.
- Book Buddies Online for Ages 2-4. Starts Monday, January 25 and runs for six weeks, ending on March 1. Each Monday, a complete story time packet will be emailed, including songs, finger play, and game ideas.
- Preschool Story Time LIVE for

Ages 3-5, Wednesday, January 13 at 10:30 a.m.

- For Grades 1-5 it's Kid Kahoot! Thursday, January 7 at 3:30 p.m. Feeling lucky? Kids are invited to play. Meet up online with friends and game on.
- Little Artists Grab & Go @ Curbside, Friday, January 15. Pick up a complete craft-in-a-bag and a bonus online story time link on YouTube.
- Online Book Bingo, Thursday, January 21 at 3:30 p.m.
- For Grades 4-6, "Virtual" Graphic Novel Club, Wednesday, January 27 at 3:30 p.m. The first book will be "El Deafo" by Cece Bell. Link will be provided via email after registration.
- Teen Craft-to-Go, Tuesday, January 19 from 5-7 p.m. Crafty teens in Grades 6th-12th are invited to participate in a surprise wintery craft. A tutorial will be posted on YouTube.
- Resume Writing Workshop, Thursday, January 21 at 6 p.m., presented by Joan Steinberg. This workshop covers the basics of writing a strong resume that sells your accomplishments. The workshop will detail how to create each bullet point to maximize your opportunity to find a job.
- Adult Book Club, 4th Tuesday of each month - January 26 at 7 p.m. Join us for an evening of fun, literary discussion! January's book is "A Woman of No Importance" by Sonia Purnell.
- Community Time Capsule, Entire Month of January

When it comes to COVID-19, we all have a story to tell. How has your life changed since the beginning of last year? Send us a written entry, photos, or an audiofile detailing your Covid-19 Story, and contribute to Hasbrouck Heights history!

only. Out-of-town residents are encouraged to check in with their hometown library to learn of their services.

- ESL Classes on Zoom. All English language learners with an Internet connection are encouraged to join one or more of our ESL on Zoom offerings (by visiting [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us)). Brush Up Your English is held on Mondays at 3 p.m. and can be joined with Meeting ID: 842 1496 7774 and Password: 114997. This class is for students who are already familiar with English. We also offer a Tuesday and Thursday class at 3 p.m. for all levels, which can be joined with Meeting ID: 867 3172 2729 and Password: 392447. Another all levels class is held on Wednesdays at 2 p.m., and can be joined with Meeting ID: 836 7199 4483 and Password: 706776. These classes are for anyone who would like to learn English. All are welcome.
- Virtual Programming is offered for children and adults. Visit RutherfordLibrary.org or call 201-939-8600 for more information.
- For the most up-to-date information on all programs at the Rutherford Public Library, visit rutherfordlibrary.org, and follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/rutherfordpubliclibrary.

Carlstadt Public Library

Carlstadt Library, 420 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt, NJ 07072. 201-438-8866, Handicap accessible. carlstadt.bccls.org or www.carlstadtlibrary.org

- "Behind the Scenes" - Virtual Movie Discussion Group on Thursday, January 14 at 7 p.m. Patrons will watch the movie prior to the program, and then join a lively discussion on Zoom. This month's selection is "Knives Out." This film is available on Blu-ray and DVD. Copies available for pick-up at the Library. For adults 18 and older. A Zoom access code will be e-mailed upon registration.
- The Carlstadt Library will host a virtual book club on Wednesday, January 27 at 7 p.m. This month's selection is "Rebecca," by Daphne Du Maurier. A Zoom access code will be e-mailed upon registration.
- Virtual Memory Masterclass with Fred Berthelot on Thursday, January 21 at 7 p.m. for a virtual memory masterclass. This interactive workshop will alter preconceived notions of how memory works and teach skills that will help to improve your personal and professional life. A Zoom access code will be e-mailed upon registration.
- All You Read is Love. We will showcase six-award winning romance authors for a virtual panel discussion on Thursday, February 11 at 7 p.m. This program is perfect for fans of romance and/or aspiring romance authors. A Zoom access code will be e-mailed upon registration.

Wood-Ridge Memorial Library

Wood-Ridge Memorial Library, 231 Hackensack Street, Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075. 201-438-2455. <https://woodridgememoriallibrary.org>

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library is open to the public with modified opening hours and at 25% capacity. Browsing and computer time are limited to forty minutes, no advance reservation is required. The Book Drop is open for item returns and all materials will be quarantined for three days before being checked in. Porch pick-up is available upon request. Please see our website for updated information.

- Music with Miss Nita. Free music-and-movement classes on our Facebook page. Prerecorded sessions are posted every Wednesday at 10 a.m., and are available to view at any time.
- Story Time with Mr. Paul. Who doesn't love being read to? Join Mr. Paul for story time, posted to the Library's Facebook and Youtube pages every Monday and Friday at 4 p.m.
- Crafts-To-Go Ready to get crafty? Every Tuesday will feature a new craft kit complete with all necessary materials. Video instructions will be posted to Youtube and Facebook pages. Reserve

• Miss Risa's Storytime for families with children of all ages. Enjoy story-time and songs with children's librarian Miss Risa on Tuesdays via the Library's Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/carlstadtlibrary/>

- Music with Miss Nita with a series of virtual music-and-movement classes for children of all ages via Facebook Live. The classes will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays, January 7, 14, 21 and 28. <https://www.facebook.com/carlstadtlibrary/>
- Kanopy, a popular, on-demand film streaming service, is now available for card holders of the Carlstadt Library. Kanopy showcases more than 30,000 of the world's best films, including award-winning documentaries, rare and hard-to-find titles, film festival favorites, indie and classic films, world cinema, and an extensive Kanopy Kids collection. Carlstadt Library card holders receive five play credits per month, with each play allowing 72-hours of unlimited access to the selected film. To start streaming films, please register at <https://carlstadtlibrary.kanopy.com/>
- Improve Your Test Scores with Peterson's Test & Career Prep, a valuable online tool for standardized test prep, researching college programs, and exploring careers. Students preparing for the AP, ACT, SAT, PSAT, GED, military or citizenship tests can practice with full-length, timed exams. Additional tools, such as Resume Builder and the Virtual Careers Library, help to build essential job search skills, such as crafting a cover letter, writing a resume, and interviewing successfully. Available through carlstadtlibrary.org ###

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- Databases: Many entertaining and educational databases available, including but not limited to Gale LegalForms, CultureGrams, Ancestry and Biography in Context. Kanopy and access to comprehensive news coverage at the local, state, regional and national levels through U.S. Major Dailies.
- Families in Wood-Ridge now have free access to Miss Humblebee's Academy, an award-winning online, educational program that assists the Library's youngest learners in building foundational literacy skills and preparing for Kindergarten. Designed for children ages 3 to 6, Miss Humblebee's Academy employs friendly cartoon characters to guide learning activities, making it fun and easy-to-use, with lessons spanning all major academic subjects.
- The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library now offers eLibrary®, a user-friendly general reference tool that simplifies the research process, empowering novice researchers to more easily and efficiently choose their research topic and find authoritative information to support their research claim. eLibrary® may be accessed either within the library or remotely with a Wood-Ridge Memorial Library card number through the library's website at <https://woodridgmemoriallibrary.org/>

RJF&C Bulldogs MFL Super Bowl Champions 2x

The Rutherford Senior Bulldogs (12-13 year olds) wanted to prove undoubtedly that they were the top team this year and that is exactly what they did. This past Saturday they secured the Meadowlands Football League Super Bowl title with a 24-0 win over the Hasbrouck Heights Aviators.

These boys have stuck together and played their game all year long, as a family. They proved at the end of the day why they were the ones with the MFL Super Bowl trophy in their hands.

The Rutherford Junior Bulldogs (10-11 year olds) completed their undefeated season with a 28-18 win over previously unbeaten Hasbrouck Heights.

The RJF&C Bulldog program has now won four MFL Super Bowls in the last two years and six in the last four years. *Provided by Mike Pas-kas. ###*



Team pictures of the Senior & Junior players and Cheerleaders after games.



Wildcat Winners

This year the Wildcats won the NJIC Meadowlands Division and the NJIC overall Championship with a 6-0 record. Wildcats were unscored upon through the first 5 in the Championship game, winning 41-12.

The Wildcats also capped off this historical season as only 1 of 4 Wildcat teams to be undefeated and champions representing both schools.

Becton was ranked #2 in all of Group 1 schools in NJ. Becton was ranked #2 in North Jersey for public schools.

Becton was ranked #32 in the State of NJ by Max Prep. Becton was named Team of the Year by All in On Sports.

To cap off the season, the Boroughs of East Rutherford and Carlstadt honored the football players, cheerleaders, coaches and band with a Grand Parade on Saturday, November 21, 2020. *Provided by Dennis Kronym Sr. ###*



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Wood-Ridge Chimney Fire Contained

On November 10, 2020, at about 13:24 hours, the Wood-Ridge Fire Department responded to report of a chimney fire.

Fire Chief Michael Cribben arrived on the scene and found smoke emanating from the side of the house near the chimney. Upon arrival, a pumper laid a

5" supply line from a hydrant about 1,000 feet to the scene.

Two lines were drawn to feed an exterior and interior attack. The fire was quickly extinguished and firefighters were able to contain the fire to the exterior wall of the home.

Mutual aid towns assisting included Hasbrouck Heights

FD, Carlstadt FD, Moonachie FD and EMS, Carlstadt FD, Wallington FD and Little Ferry FD. East Rutherford FD, Rutherford FD and North Arlington FD provided coverage for the Borough during the incident. No injuries were reported.

Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###

Firefighter Falls Through Floor



On the evening of November 16, 2020, the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department responded to a house fire on Henry Street.

Upon arrival, flames were visible in the second floor bedroom window of a 2-1/2 story wood frame house. A firefighter fell partially through a second floor and was sent to the hospital as a precaution.

The house was unoccupied. *Photos by Damien Danis and Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



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went into a window and not the wall. Firefighters, along with a local building inspector, checked the structure for damage. Nick's Towing handled the complicated removal. Lodi FD assisted on the scene. *Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*

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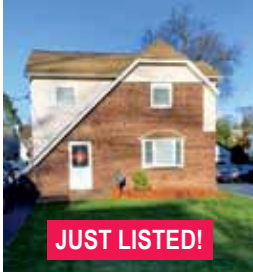
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