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A spring tradition, area communities held Easter Egg hunts for youngsters. Children collected brightly colored eggs, received treats and had a great time with their friends. Parents took photos of their children as they met with the Easter Bunny.  
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## Spring Joy

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## RLC Curriculum Expo 2011-2012

On Thursday, April 12, 2012, the Robert L. Craig School in Moonachie held its annual Curriculum Expo.

Exhibits from every class were on display in the hallways.

Parents and community members were delighted by the sight of book reports, interactive displays of biomes and physics experiments, along with tessellation patterns and isosceles triangles created by students in math class.

The highlight of the evening was the drama club presentation, titled "Fractured Fairy Tales."

This was a new, funny take on classic fairy tales like Cinderella and Little Red Riding Hood.

The upper grade social studies classes created a Mayan/Incan Museum of artifacts, and the South Bergen Jointure students displayed a re-creation of Jamestown settlers.

The Child Study Team even included pamphlets for parents on topics like homework and study skills.

Also, the PTO held a special Book Fair in the school library, selling books specifically listed by teachers for the summer reading program.

The Curriculum Expo was created roughly 15 years ago to replace the longtime science fair, mainly to incorporate works from students in all grade levels and courses. *Story by Valerie Kenny. ###*

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**BGC  
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The Boys and Girls Clubs of Lodi/Hackensack Art Department presented their Spring Event "BGC has Talent" on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 in the bingo hall of their Lodi facility. Over 60 entertainers gave a lively program that included 14 performances in Act One and 13 performances in Act Two. David Isaac and Joe Licata were the evening hosts and event was produced by Kelly Ruffell. For more information about the Boys & Girls Club go to: [www.bgcflodi.org](http://www.bgcflodi.org) ####

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## AHOF Open Cockpit Day

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The featured aircraft were the recently refurbished Grumman OV-1 Mohawk, an armed military observation and attack aircraft designed for battlefield surveillance and light strike capabilities. It is of twin turbo-prop configuration, and carried two crewmembers with side by side seating.

A Cobra Gunship Helicopter was recently outfitted with sound to enhance the "pilot" experience.

Additional aircraft include a one-of-a-kind 1950 Martin 202 airliner and a rare Lockheed-designed 402-2 Bush Master.

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The control cab of an Airport Rescue and Fire-Fighting truck was also open.

Guides were available to explain each aircraft.

For more information, call 201-288-6344 or visit their website at: [www.njahof.org](http://www.njahof.org)

The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Group tours, birthday parties and Dare-to-Fly Programs are available.

Founded in 1972, the Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum of New Jersey is dedicated to the preservation of the Garden State's distinguished, two-century aviation and space heritage.

The men and women, whose outstanding aeronautical achievements have brought worldwide recognition to the state, are enshrined in the Hall of Fame. ###



## Bernie Gets Burned by Physics

Science teacher Valerie Kenny and her Seventh Grade students created a new Clay-mation movie this year, titled "Bernie Gets Burned by Physics."

This movie details a day in the life of Bernie, an average guy lying by the pool, when physics start working against him. The classes spent three weeks putting the movie together, and in the end the movie came out to be a little over one minute long.

It is a very detail-oriented project, involving problem-solving skills and project management. Each student had a particular job, from iMovie production to set design to lighting coordinator. Please check out the link: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=03IrTIEfZKA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=03IrTIEfZKA) ###

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## NewARTS Kids

Care on the Corner announces the Spring 2012 Session of NewARTS Kids, an art program for children in Grades 2-5.

Come and experience "Pots for Kids," a three week program where kids can come and play with clay.

Wear old clothes and get your hands dirty. Experiment with clay building techniques: pinch a bowl, slab a plate, and coil a pot. Paint a plate with your own design.

The group, under the direction of Diane Casella, will meet on Fridays, May 18, 25 and June 1, 2012, from 3:30

p.m. – 6 p.m.

Diane has been making pots for over 35 years. Her passion is art. She loves to share her creativity. She sees pottery, her mode of expression in creativity, as a functional craft. No matter how many pots she makes, it always feels new to her.

The group meets in the Parish Hall of St. John the Divine, the corner of Terrace and Jefferson Avenues, Hasbrouck Heights. Call the Care Center at 201-288-9460 to register. There is a \$25 materials fee. Scholarships are available. ###





# Wildcats End on a High Note

The Carlstadt East Rutherford Wildcat competition cheering season has ended on a high note!

This past month the teams have hosted a successful competition at Becton High School. Sixty teams from all over New Jersey and New York, as far as Staten Island, attended the Welcome to the Jungle Cheer Challenge.

This was their second year hosting the competition and they are looking forward to next year!

The very next day the 7th and under team and 12th and under team competed in the New Jersey Dance and Cheer State Championship in Trenton at the Sun Center.

The junior team won second place and the senior team won first place and were awarded with the title New Jersey State Recreational Cheering

Grand Champions for the second year in a row.

The mini team, consisting of seven Second Graders and two Kindergartners competed locally at 8 competitions and were undefeated.

The very next weekend the teams headed to nationals in Virginia at Battle at the Capitol.

It was a two day competition and all three teams our 2nd and under mini team: 7th and under and 12th and under teams did extremely well!

They brought their best and it was seen on the mat. The teams competed against teams from Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York.

Their determination and talent is beyond compare. All three teams take the mat with all of their heart and soul.

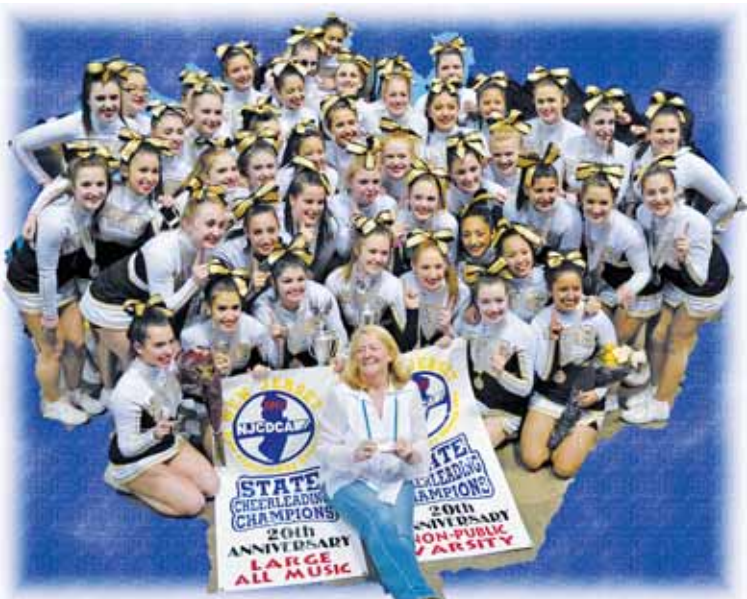
They were cheered on by parents and family members who support them throughout

the season.

The final showcase took place at Carlstadt Public School where the girls showed their sponsors just how great they are by performing their award winning routines for them.

The coaches not only have the experience but a love as well for their teams and cheering. The coaches of the senior team are Catherine DuHaime and Brittany Rood. The junior coaches are Linette Farina, Jenn Henkleman and Taylor Henkleman. The mini coaches are Alex Frontin, Emily Kronyak, Erin Esposito, Anna Dato, and Kirsten Kennedy.

The season will begin again in a few months with tryouts and they are looking forward to another spectacular season. Let's go Wildcats! Photo and story by Mariann Kronyak. ###



Area cheerleaders include: Rianna Riveros - Carlstadt, Leslie Gonzales - Little Ferry, Chasara Morales - Lodi, Bridget Shirinian - Lodi, Rebecca Vera - Lodi, Jillian Mazzo - Moonachie.

## Paramus Catholic State Champs

The NJ Cheerleading Coaches Association held the 20th Annual State Cheerleading Championships on Sunday, March 4, 2012 at Sun National Bank Center (formerly Sovereign Bank Arena) in Trenton. Paramus Catholic won 1st place in the Jr. Varsity Large Division and the Varsity All Music Large Division. The Varsity Cheer-Dance routine also received the highest score of the Parochial schools to take the State Title in the non-public division. The girls will be receiving State Championship rings later this year at their team banquet at the Fiesta in Wood-Ridge. Congratulations girls and a big "thank you" to all the coaches. Story and photo provided by Debi Mazzo. ###



## Strikers Finish Season 7-1

The Wood-Ridge Strikers Girls U10 Soccer Team has completed their 2012 Season with a 7 and 1 regular season record. Even though the girls lost to the team from Saddle Brook in the first round of the playoffs, it was a very successful season and the girls had a great time playing. The team is made up of Wood-Ridge and Moonachie girls ranging

in ages from 8 to 10 and play in the Pascack Valley Indoor Soccer League. The league is a traveling league made up of teams from Closter, Demarest, Hillsdale, Leonia, Park Ridge, Teaneck, Woodcliff Lake and Wood-Ridge.

This year's Wood-Ridge Strikers team includes Christina Braid, Natalie Cala, Gia Cannarozzi, Kaylyn Coppola, Caroline Cook, Samantha Eckert, Noureen Elkeshk, Caitlin Filja, Emily Gardella, Lilly Kampmeier, and Angela Picheo and are coached by Head Coach Carlo Coppola, and Assistant Coaches Jerome Cala and Bart Picheo. Story and photo provided by Dan Eckert. ###

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## Oldies Night Beefsteak

The Lodi Boys and Girls Clubs of Lodi/Hackensack is hosting an Oldies Night on June 9, 2012, from 7 to 11 p.m. in their bingo hall.

Entertainment provided by Reminisce Band. There is dancing, prizes and 50/50.

Donation is \$50 per person and includes beefsteak dinner, beer and soda. Cash bar. Deadline for tickets is June 1. Call 973-473-7410. ###

## 2012 Summer Adventure Club

The Lodi Boys and Girls Clubs of Lodi/Hackensack is hosting their 2012 Summer Adventure Club from June 25, 2012 to August 31, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Summer Adventure Club offers your child the chance to experience summer in a structured and educational, recreational and fun filled environment for \$3.50 per hour.

Sibling discounts available and scholarships available upon request.

There will be constant supervision by a trained counselor and children are grouped by age. Age groups are Juniors from 5 to 8 years old, and Intermediates from 9 to 11 years old.

Activities include swimming in an Olympic style pool, variety of games in an air-conditioned gymnasium to include a newly installed 20 ft. high Rock Wall, computer room, spend time in the newly renovated games room featuring the new Electronic Game Galaxy Room, weekly films, arts and crafts, etc.

For details call 973-473-7410 ext 105, email Michael. Hosier @bgcoflodi.org or go to www.bgcoflodi.org. ###

## Baby Blue

On Saturday, June 9, 2012, from 7 to 11 p.m., the St. Michael's Council #2861 Knights of Columbus at 39 Washington Street, Lodi, is hosting their 2012 Summer Concert Spectacular with "Baby Blue."

Cost is \$30 and includes dinner, dessert and coffee. Maximum seating is 200.

Order tickets by mail: Baby Blue Tickets, 228 Paterson Avenue, Lodi, NJ 07644. Make checks payable to: St. Michael's Council #2861. Please include your return address. ###

## Moonachie Summer Rec

The Moonachie Summer Recreation Programs will begin on Monday, June 25, 2012, and end Friday, July 27. The program will be closed Wednesday, July 4.

The program is held at the R. L. Craig School and is divided into two groups: Pre-K/Kindergarten and First Grade through Seventh Grade. Both programs begin at 8:30 a.m.

The Pre-K/Kindergarten runs to noon Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (*no activities on Thursdays*). The First Grade through Seventh Grade runs through 2:30 Monday through Friday. Moonachie resident fee is: first child \$25, and each additional child are \$10. Out of town residents are \$100 per week. For additional information, call Mr. Facendola at 201-206-8774. ###

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# Hasbrouck Heights 4th Annual Street Fair Slated to be Best Ever

New Jersey's # 1 Oldies Band, and a crowd favorite, The Cameos, will headline the 4th Annual Hasbrouck Heights Street Fair, which will be held on Sunday, May 20, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine, on the Boulevard from Washington Place to Raymond Street.

This event offers something for everyone and is a fabulous community celebration with fun for the whole family.

Mark your calendars and join one of Bergen County's first big festivals of the season with over 150 craft, collectibles, and specialty vendors expected.

Also, many of Hasbrouck Heights' established businesses will be on hand showcasing their products and services.

The Mayor's Business Community Committee has been working with Cliffhanger Productions to bring a variety of vendors to The Boulevard along with fun for the whole family.

Included in the day's events will be many free attractions and fun-filled activities:

- Live Music by local band,

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- Free rides and amusements will be presented including a 24-foot hydraulic rock climbing wall, bungee trampoline, trackless train, and a variety of inflatables.

- Children's Stage featuring a variety of children's entertainment, including a choreographed costume character revue featuring the most popular costume TV/Film characters, who will be strolling the street fair, magic show, exhibitions by local talent, and much more!

- Walk-Around Entertainment – everything from clowns and mimes to stiltwalkers and jugglers.

- Facepainters, Tattoo, and Balloon Artists.

- Fun Festival Foods – popcorn, cotton candy, pucker powder, shish-kebobs, kettle korn, ice cream, plus specialty food vendors (*sausage and peppers, barbecue, gyros, pizza, hamburgers, and more*).

This FREE event is made possible to the community through the generosity of our sponsors. Without the generosity and support of the local businesses, this wonderful event would not exist.

The festival is in its fourth year and has become part of the beautiful landscape that is synonymous with the Boulevard and Hasbrouck Heights.

Mayor Rose Heck noted that sponsorships of Gold, Silver, and Bronze are still available. For further information and to obtain a sponsorship packet, please contact the Mayor's office through the Borough Clerk, Rose Marie Sees, at rmsees@bergen.org.

For further information on sponsorship opportunities or if you wish to participate as a vendor, contact Cliffhanger Productions at 201-460-8335, cliff@cliffhangerproductions.com or visit the website: www.cliffhangerproductions.com.

"Our initial two goals in putting together this event were to attract more people to our business district and to give people a day of family fun and entertainment. Hasbrouck Heights strives to be a family-friendly town and I believe this is just one of the ways in which we show it," said the Mayor.

The 3rd Annual Hasbrouck Heights Street Fair held in 2011 was a huge success with over 18,000 attendees. ###



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Afternoon with Peter Lieberman

VFW Post 4591 will host an afternoon with Peter Lieberman from 12 to 4 p.m. on May 5, 2012. Cost is \$15 for an advance ticket, and \$20 at the door. Hot lunch is included. Send check by May 1 to VFW Post 4591, 513 Veterans Place, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. For more information, call Pete at 201-638-4294 or Gladys at 201-288-9074. ###

AC Bus Trips

The VFW sponsors Atlantic City Bus Trips on the last Wednesday of the month. Bus departs at 10 a.m. and returns at about 9:00-9:30 p.m. Proceeds are used to help defray building expenses. Call the Post for more information at 201-288-1112. ###

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HH Town-wide Garage Sale

A Hasbrouck Heights town-wide garage sale is scheduled for June 2 and 3, 2012, 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 to be announced. 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. ###

Czech Pork Dinner May 20

American Sokol in Little Ferry will host a Czech Pork Dinner on Sunday, May 20, 2012, from noon to 1:30 p.m. Take out available starting at 11:30 a.m. Menu includes roasted pork, dumplings, sauerkraut, applesauce, homemade cake, bread and butter, and coffee or tea. Beer, wine or soda included. Tickets are \$20 adults, \$18 members and \$9 children. Reservations only -- no donations will be accepted at the door. For tickets, call Blanche at 973-365-1111 before May 10, 2012. ###

Beefsteak Blast

The Woman’s Club of Carlstadt is celebrating its 85th Anniversary with a “Beefsteak Blast” fund raiser on Saturday, May 5, 2012, at 7 p.m., at the Carlstadt Civic Center, 300 Fourth Street, Carlstadt, NJ. A fun filled evening is planned with entertainment, raffle prizes and “Tricky Tray.” Proceeds from the evening will go toward the Club's various charities such as Gilda’s Club, local schools, families in need, and the annual scholarship award presented to a female graduating senior pursuing a career in the medical field. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased by contacting Rosalie at 201-460-7530. ###

Mt. Airy Casino

AARP #4115 in Wallington is having a bus trip to Mt. Airy on Thursday, May 17, 2012. Cost of \$27 with \$25 slot dollar return and \$10 food coupon (*must have a valid ID to receive bonus*). Bus leaves from the VFW on Main Avenue in Wallington at 9:30 a.m. Call Vivian, 201-939-6963 or Eleanor, 201-935-2541. Everyone is welcome. ###

HH Lions Sponsor Fireworks Program July 2, 2012

The Lions Club 28th Annual Fireworks are tentatively scheduled for July 2, 2012, at Depken Field (*Route 17 & Franklin Avenue*). The rain date is July 3 and extended rain date is July 5. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Under 5 free. Only blankets will be allowed on the field (no chairs). Water will be allowed, but no food. ###

FOCAS Holds Flea Market

FOCAS Flea Market is on Saturday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, May 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the American Legion, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry. This market features specialty items that make unique gifts, a selection of household items, jewelry, collectibles, linens, games, toys, pet supplies, cds/videos, and more. Refreshments and baked goods are available. Flea Market merchandise donations are gratefully accepted. (*Not accepted are TVs, PC monitors, excercise equipment, clothes or magazines.*) They may be dropped off at the American Legion on Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. and Saturday (*all day*) of the Flea Market weekend. For additional information call the FOCAS Help Line at 201-943-4019, email [info@focasnews.org](mailto:info@focasnews.org), or visit [www.focasnews.org](http://www.focasnews.org) ###

Mt. Airy Casino Trip May 10

The Rosary Confraternity of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Wallington is sponsoring a trip to the Mt. Airy Casino on Thursday, May 10, 2012. The price is \$30 and includes bus transportation, a \$25 free slots play and a \$10 food voucher. Payment due upon reservation. Deadline is May 7. Guests must present valid state or federal issued photo id in order to obtain the Mt. Airy Players Club Card or any motor coach incentive. The bus will depart from Wallington at 9:30 a.m. sharp and return at approximately 5:30 p.m. For information and reservations, call Ginny at 201-715-2087. ###

The Adorno Fathers Trips

- Pilgrimage to the Holy Shrines of Canada, Memorial Day Weekend, May 26-28, 2012. \$460 pp/dbl. occ., \$575 pp/single occ. (*Bus fare, lodging, taxes included.*)
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  - The Holy Land, "Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus," November 11-20, 2012. \$2,798 pp/dbl. occ. (*Airfare and taxes incl.*)
  - Greece: In the Footsteps of Paul the Apostle, Cruise. April 13-23, 2013. \$3,398 pp/dbl. occ., outside cabin.
- For more information call Fr. Nony Villaluz, CRM or St. Joseph Church, Lodi, at 973-779-0643. ###

Carlstadt Mixed Chorus

The 81st Music Festival will be held Sunday, May 6, 2012, at 3:30 p.m. at the Carlstadt Turn Hall (*500 Broad Street, Carlstadt, NJ*). Donation is \$20. It features the Chorus, under Music Director Johanna Teubner-Prussak, and guest soloists, accompanied by a Chamber Orchestra. Dance music by The Adler's. Kitchen and bar will be open. For reservations call 201-652-0968 or 973-777-6677. ###

St. Mary Schools Annual Spring Carnival May 1-5

St. Mary Elementary and High School will be holding their Annual Spring Carnival at Memorial Field in Rutherford beginning Tuesday, May 1 through Saturday, May 5, 2012. Enjoy all new exciting rides, games, food and more. Family Night is Tuesday May 1 and Wednesday May 2 -- pay one price and ride all night. Alumni Day is Saturday, May 5. The Carnival is open 6 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; Friday is 6 to 11 p.m. and Saturday is 3 to 11 p.m. ###

St. Margaret Church Spring Flea Market

The Parish Social Life Board of Saint Margaret of Cortona Church will be hosting their annual Spring Indoor Flea Market. This year will have Special Mother's Day gifts, mostly crystal, available at the Church Tables. The Flea Market will be May 12, 2012, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Saint Margaret's Marnell Hall, at the corner of Liberty Street and Chamberlain Avenue, Little Ferry, NJ. Vendors can request a contract by calling Ellie at 201-641-0883. Tables at 8ft by 30 inches and cost \$25. We supply the tables and chairs. Breakfast and lunch will be available for purchase. ###

Mommy and Me Tea

Make a date with your daughter at the First Reformed Church in Hasbrouck Heights for a nice cup of tea on Saturday, May 19, 2012, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Tea, lemonade, finger sandwiches, and pastries will be served. There will be musical entertainment and story-telling. Don't forget to bring your dolls. Tickets are \$5. Call for reservations at 201-288-1122. ###

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### Live Music Folklorist at the Hasbrouck Heights Library

On April 14, 2012, the Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library had the pleasure of having music folklorist Saul Broudy perform and share the history of grassroots songs from various American workers' occupations. The interactive melodious, toe-tapping tunes covered a wide range of American genres which included the songs of railroad workers, coal miners, farmers, hobos, pilots and other workers. Dr. Broudy discussed the role music played in the workers' lives.

A surprise guest and long time friend, Lynda Kraar, an acoustic guitarist, joined in the fun and accompanied Dr. Broudy throughout the program before an enthusiastic audience. Dr. Broudy is well known in the Philadelphia folk community, he sings country, blues, bluegrass, and other traditional and contemporary



forms of grassroots American music, accompanying himself on acoustic guitar, but is best-known as a harmonica sideman. He has worked and recorded with such artists as Steve Goodman, Loudon Wainwright, Jim Ringer, Mick Moloney and many others. He has recorded over 30 albums, has his own CD, and holds a Ph.D. in folklore from the University of Pennsylvania.

This program was offered through the Horizons Speakers Bureau of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. ###

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A newly established group has formed and meets weekly on Mondays at The Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library, located at 320 Boulevard, from 1-2:30 p.m.

These meetings foster an environment in which group members assist each other in job search techniques based on individual experience plus

personal and professional networking. Resources and helpful research tools are available at The Library to assist with the job seeking process.

Regardless of career discipline or objective, anyone can participate including workers in transition; recent college graduates; unemployed and underemployed professionals; those re-entering the job market; small business owners, and retirees seeking part-time work. To register, please call 201-288-6653. ###

### Practice English at Conversation Group

English language learners are invited to attend the English Conversation Group on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-11:30 a.m. at The Rutherford Public Library. The group provides a good opportunity to practice spoken English in an informal setting.

This is a free program and all are welcome. The Rutherford Public Library is located at 150 Park Avenue, Rutherford. For more information call 201-939-8600 ext. 7. ###

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# Buddy Holly Concert

The Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library is pleased to announce the return of Rave On, a Buddy Holly tribute band on Saturday, June 16, 2012, from 2-3:30 p.m. The performance will be held in the Senior Center located at 320 Boulevard in Hasbrouck Heights. All ages are invited to attend.

Buddy Holly was a pioneering rock and roll musician with such hits as "Peggy Sue" and "That'll Be the Day."

But on Feb. 3, 1959, he, along with rock musicians The Big Bopper and Ritchie Valens, was killed in a plane crash during a blizzard. Holly was 23. Since then, February 3 has been dubbed "The Day the Music Died," made famous by the Don McLean song "American Pie."

Special thanks to The Friends of The Library for making this event possible. Mark your calendars for a fun filled afternoon! ###

# Getting to Know Your Digital Camera

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library will be hosting a digital photo class on May 31, 2012, from 7 – 9 p.m. The class will be held at the Wood-Ridge Senior Center.

Well-known NJ photographer: Walter Choroszewski brings his expertise, humor and techie know-how for an informal and fun Digital Photo

Class covering the basics of photography and how to apply them in the Digital Age!

Walter will help demystify menus and megapixels. He will evaluate Digital's Pros and Cons; clarify expectations and the limitations of digital technology. Call 201-438-2455, or stop in to register. ###

# Interior Color Basics and Redesign

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights is hosting a seminar on interior color basics and redesign. This information-filled and entertaining seminar is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2012, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. You will get tips and techniques from professional organizers and designers Susan Corbo and Bernadette Flaim of the firm "Attention 2 Detail."

Bernadette and Susan will show you that a limited budget doesn't mean that you can't redesign a room. You'll hear about how to select color, how to read a room and create themes, while still using pieces you have.

Speakers Bernadette and Susan's forte is creative design advice. Some of you may remember them as the speakers at the popular Clutter Club, which met at The Library for several years. To learn more about their expertise and other seminars, you may find them at <http://a2donline.com>.

Call the Library at 201-288-0488 for more details. ###



# Ervolino Entertains at Wood-Ridge Fundraiser

Bill Ervolino, the Record's award winning columnist, author and humorist, entertained at The Friends of Wood-Ridge Memorial Library at their Annual Dessert Party held on April 16, 2012. The audience of over 100 people enjoyed every minute they spent with him.

He wandered through the audience at the Senior Center as he interacted and joked with them. At times the laughter was uncontrollable. There was no doubt that he enjoyed what he was doing.

Bill has spent many years writing down everyday experiences and placing his unique amusing spin on them to make them humorous and interesting.

The subjects of his experience include family, friends, his pet and life. A serious event at a Thanksgiving Dinner can turn out to be a highly entertaining story.

He covered topics which his audience could easily relate to such as a visit to a doctor's office, an experience in the emergency room; going bald; or even the clothing worn at a party.

Bill related his recent medical condition at Christmas time. The illness, Bell's Palsy, which is a paralysis of the muscles on one side of the face may not be funny; but Bill was able to make this serious situation into a humorous experience.

Of course, there were many delicious desserts baked and served by The Friends. *Photo and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr.* ###

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Copies of the book are available at The Carlstadt Public Library. Refreshments will be served, and all are welcome to attend! ###

# Food for Fines

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library will once again be holding their Food for Fines Program. During the month of May, the Library will be collecting non-perishable food items to benefit the Assumption Food Pantry. Fines for Wood-Ridge materials of up to \$5 will be forgiven with the donation of a food item. This program will run from May 1 to May 31, 2012. ###

# Out of My Dreams

On Wednesday, May 2, 2012, from 7-8 p.m., The Carlstadt Public Library will host the "Out of My Dreams" CD release concert.

Jazz violinist and vocalist, Diane Perry, performs music from her upcoming CD, also featuring piano and bass. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend!

Call 201-438-8866 for more information check their website, [www.carlstadt.bccls.org](http://www.carlstadt.bccls.org). The Carlstadt Public Library is located at 420 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt, NJ. ###

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On Saturday morning, April 14, 2012, over 100 members of the Hasbrouck Heights Track and Wrestling Teams, with the support of the DPW -- in conjunction with NJ Clean Communities Alliance -- did a clean up called "Athletes in Action." They met at the Hasbrouck Heights Municipal Building, were given "T" shirt, gloves and garbage bags and transported to the 17S exit ramp onto Polifly Road to clean up litter. ###

## W-R Shred-it Event June 5

The Borough of Wood-Ridge, in conjunction with the BCUA Mobile On-site Shred Program, will be hosting a Community Paper Shredding Event on Sunday, June 3, 2012, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 495 Highland Avenue.

This free event provides Bergen County residents the opportunity to have their sensitive documents safely shredded and recycled.

No binders, plastic, metal or x-rays will be accepted. ###

## Hasbrouck Heights Garden Club

The Garden Club will be meeting on Thursday, May 17, 2012, at 6:45 p.m. in The Library Meeting Room, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights.

The meeting is open to the public. After a brief business meeting, Doris Zurcher, President of the Chrysanthemum Society of New Jersey, Past President of the New Jersey State Mum Society, will speak.

For further information, contact Judy at 201-288-2615. ###

## Keep the Boulevard in Bloom

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Your donation of any amount is welcome. You can send donations to: Hasbrouck Heights Chamber of Commerce BIB, PO Box 1, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey 07604.

Call Ray at 201-288-5464 or Ann at 201-288-3956 for more information. ###

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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.

Flowering plants, hanging pots, and vegetable plants will be available at St. John's Parish Hall, Hasbrouck Heights, on Friday only, May 4, 2012, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. There will not be any plants available on Saturday. Only pre-orders for the 33rd Annual St. John's Plant Sale are being accepted and due by Tuesday, May 1, 2012.

Only flats which contain one kind/one color are \$11. Pre-order forms are available by calling 201-288-0002 before Tuesday, May 1, 2012 and leave a message, or download order at: [www.saintjohnthedivine.com](http://www.saintjohnthedivine.com) All plants are reasonably priced and of the highest quality. All plants are hand picked at the nursery by experienced gardeners. ###

## Keep Wood-Ridge Beautiful Day June 3

Volunteers are once again needed to help clean the shopping districts and raise awareness of the effects of litter in the community during the 13th Annual Keep Wood-Ridge Beautiful Day.

Last year, over 125 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 Senior Center on June 3, 2012, at 1 p.m. Free hot dogs and other refreshments will be served after the clean up.

To sign up, please call Borough Hall at 201-939-0202 extension 1, and leave your name and telephone number. Also, let them know how many adult or children's tee shirts should be ordered.

KWRB will also host a paper shredding event that day

at the Senior Center to be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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## Veterans Today

By Thomas Marshall  
VFW District 2 Commander

On May 16, 2012, the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 15 will have the VA traveling Van at VFW Post 809 on 100 Main Street in Little Ferry at 8:30 a.m. The time was corrected after the last printing. All Veterans with questions pertaining to the VA are welcome to come.

Memorial Day is coming and The American Legion Post 310 will hold Little Ferry's annual Service on Saturday May 26, 2012, at 11 a.m. at the Monuments on Liberty Street.

Bergen County lost two men in Afghanistan in the last two months. They are Lance Corporal Osbrany Montes De Oca and Staff Sgt. Joseph D'Augustine. These men gave their lives in our Service. Come out to the Service on the 26th and join us in remembering them and all those that sacrificed their lives for us.

Arlington National Cemetery is the resting place of thousands of troops that perished in all wars the United States has been in. It is the location of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers. Every year the President is given the honor of laying a wreath at the Tomb in appreciation of the sacrifice these men have made. Many of us have watched the honor guard march back and forth,

taking 21 steps each time in salute to the Unknowns as they guard the tomb.

What most Americans don't see are the 21 Cemeteries overseas in which 125,000 American War Dead are buried and another 94,000 are listed with only their names on tablets because they have never been found after the battles and missions they were on and are now missing.

If you have a computer, type American Battle Monuments Commission in the search engine or [www.abmc.gov/](http://www.abmc.gov/) This will take you to the web site and you can go on a virtual tour of the cemeteries.

The greatest feature they have is the database you can go to in order to search for a service person buried overseas.

If you have a relative or friend that lost their life in World War I, World War II, or the Korean War and you don't know where they are buried this is the site for you.

I know firsthand how well this site works. At the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery in Nettuno Italy, in Plot G, Row 9, Grave 27 lie the remains of a Soldier of the 143rd Infantry Regiment, 36th Infantry Division. His name is Private William James Sands Jr., killed in action at the Battle of San Pietro on December 10, 1943. Thank you for your service Uncle Willie. ###

### Post 310 Meetings

John H. Gertz American Legion Post 310 Legionnaires hold their monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at the Post, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, NJ, starting at 8 p.m.

New members are always welcomed at the meetings. If not a member, stop on by anytime after 3 p.m. during the week and call for weekend hours at 201-641-9774, since we open earlier on those days.

We are an active post, if you can't make the meetings you can come down and participate in any of our many activities we have going on. Come on down and be part of the "Legion Family." ###

### VFW Continues Poppy Program

VFW Posts 3616, 809 and 4591 will continue its annual distribution of Buddy Poppies this May. Any Veteran who would like to help out with this poppy drive should call their Post. ###

## Memorial Day 2012 Services

*The public is encouraged to participate in these patriotic events.*

### Carlstadt

On May 28, 2012, starting at 9 a.m., at the American Legion, Veterans will march along 3rd Street and end at Berry Lawn Cemetery. Wreaths will be placed at Borough Hall at Memorial Park on Hackensack Street.

### Hasbrouck Heights

The Annual Memorial Day Parade is scheduled to start at 10 a.m., on May 28, at Williams Avenue, march along Terrace Avenue and conclude at Memorial Park at Passaic Avenue.

A brief Veterans ceremony will be held followed by services at the Firemen's Memorial at The Circle.

This annual event is co-sponsored by the James B. Scarr Post 106 American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4591.

The VFW will hold their 5th Annual Picnic following the Memorial Day Parade at the Post -- from noon to 4 p.m., rain or shine. Free admission. There will be food, drinks,

amusements, entertainment and a 50-50.

### Lodi

On May 28, 2012, memorial ceremonies will take place as follows: Lodi Ambulance Corps Headquarters at 8:45 a.m., Lodi Fire Department, Kennedy Drive, at 9:15 a.m., VFW 10 a.m., America Legion 10:30 a.m. and the Lodi Police Department at 11 a.m.

### Little Ferry

On Saturday, May 26, 2012, at 11 a.m., a ceremony will be held at Washington and Memorial Schools. Refreshments at the VFW at 100 Main Street, will follow.

### Moonachie

On Saturday, May 26, 2012, services will be held at the Municipal Building at 10:30 a.m.

Following the service there will be a celebration at the R.L. Craig School with free hot dogs, soda, ice cream, balloon art, pony rides, super-slide and obstacle course, face painting, etc. Rain or shine.

### Wood-Ridge

The Fire Department will hold their Memorial services

on Wednesday, May 23, 2012, at 7 p.m., at Fire Headquarters.

On May 28, an 8 a.m. Mass will be said at Assumption Church. At 10 a.m., a memorial service will be held at the Veterans Walk of Freedom Monuments (*outside the Senior Center on Hackensack Street*).

### WR New Parade Route:

Following the ceremony, at approximately 11:30 a.m., the parade will step-off from the corner of Hackensack Street and Highland Avenue and head north on Hackensack Street to Innes Road, proceed west to Valley Boulevard (*near the County School*), and continue south to Veterans Park. The newly renovated Veterans Park will be dedicated and festivities to include refreshments, musicians, games, bocce ball, etc., will follow. ###

### USS Ling

A Memorial Day Service will be held at the New Jersey Naval Museum, located at the USS Ling, on Sunday, May 27, 2012, starting at 13:00 hours.

Tours of the USS Ling and refreshments will follow. ###

## Evening of Solid Gold

The American Legion, Frank Paterson Post 43 in Florham Park, with Nicky Ross Entertainment will host an Evening of Solid Gold performances to raise awareness and funds for wounded and homeless American Veterans.

The show will take place at The Madison Junior School, 160 Main Street, Madison, on Saturday, May 19, 2012, at 7 p.m. The event will consist of great oldies acts from the 50s and 60s, including:

- Shirley Alston Reeves. A Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Famer and former lead singer of The Shirelles, Lenny Coco & The Chimes, Joel Katz & The Dynamics, Dr. G's Underground.

A clothing drive for our Vets in need will also be conducted, and a portion of the funds raised will be donated to The American Legion.

For information and reservations call 908-377-3558. or [NickyRoss@aol.com](mailto:NickyRoss@aol.com) ###

## USS Raymond De341 Reunion

A reunion of the USS Raymond De341 is scheduled for Wednesday, September 5 to Sunday, September 9, 2012.

Departure to New York from Fort Lee, NJ. For details call John at 201-294-4921 or Lillian at 201-566-8985. ###

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## Veterans' Rights Discussed

The New Jersey Attorney General's (AG) Office, in partnership with The American Legion, will conduct a regional Veterans' Civil Rights seminar, on May 19, 2012, from noon to 1 p.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Home in Paramus

It will be hosted by The American Legion, Bergen County Executive Committee, and the Paramus Veterans Memorial Home.

All Veterans, family members, and Veteran service organizations are invited to attend. You do not have to belong to The American Legion to participate.

There will be other Veteran-related support groups present to provide information and services, e.g. VA. Light refreshments will be provided.

The event is part of a continuing Division on Civil Rights initiative designed to help those who have served in the military, and upon returning to civilian life, encountered discrimination in the workplace and elsewhere.

Attorney General Chiesa explained that one concern underlying the outreach effort is that discrimination against military personnel may go unreported due to a lack of awareness of the protections afforded by the law.

For example, he noted, some military members may not realize that an employee

cannot be fired, demoted or removed from promotional consideration simply because he or she is absent from work fulfilling a service obligation.

The AG's DCR also believes that Veterans discrimination is being under reported, therefore a further need for this education.

A representative from the Federal EEOC will also be present to explain Federal Discrimination Laws.

Additionally, another segment of the seminar will be explanation of the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act (VEVRAA) of 1974, which requires federal contractors and subcontractors to provide equal opportunity and affirmative action for Vietnam Era Veterans, special disabled Veterans, and Veterans who served on active duty during a war or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized.

The DCR will also explain the process to file a claim, and the locations of their offices that are available to assist Veterans in need of these services.

For more information, call Bob Looby, The American Legion's Coordinator, 908-894-0746. You may also contact the Newark Attorney General's office at 973- 648-4826 or go to <http://www.bcnjal.org/index.php/vetsrightsseminar> for more info and to pre-register. ###

## Area VFW Loyalty Day Services

The public is encouraged to attend VFW Loyalty Day Services. Awards will be presented to the Voice of Democracy essay winners. Presentations will be made to those who have demonstrated special community service. Light refreshments will be served.

**VFW Post 809** in Little Ferry will conduct services May 6, 2012, starting at 6 p.m. at their Post.

**VFW Post 3616** in Wood-Ridge will conduct Loyalty Day services on April 25, 2012, starting at 7 p.m., at the Wood-Ridge Senior Center.

**VFW Post 4591** in Hasbrouck Heights will conduct Loyalty Day services on May 4, 2012, at 7 p.m. ###

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# 5 Tips for First-time Homebuyers

Buying a home can be thrilling and nerve-racking at the same time, especially for a first-time homebuyer. It's difficult to know exactly what to expect.

The learning curve can be steep, but most of the issues can be resolved by doing a little financial homework. Take these five steps to help make the process go more smoothly.

### Check your credit

The credit score of the buyer may be the most important factor when it comes to qualifying for a loan these days.

To get a sense of where your credit stands, go to AnnualCreditReport.com to get your free credit report from each of the three credit bureaus.

Scour the reports for mistakes, unpaid accounts or collection accounts. Repairing damaged credit takes time and money if you owe more than lenders would prefer to see relative to your income. Remember to begin this process at least six months before shopping for a home.

### Evaluate assets and liabilities

So you don't owe too much money and your payments are up to date, but how do you spend your money? Do you have piles of money left over every month or are you on a

shoestring budget? A first-time homebuyer should have a good idea of what is owed and what is coming in.

Additionally, buyers should have an idea of how lenders will view their income, and that requires becoming familiar with the basics of mortgage lending.

Concisely, how you receive and report income as well as how you write off expenses can make a difference to lenders.

### Organize documents

The documents homebuyers must produce to be considered for a home mortgage, are those which authenticate their income and taxes.

Typically, mortgage lenders will request two recent paystubs, the previous two years' W-2s, tax returns and the last two months of bank statements -- every page, even the blank ones.

### Qualify yourself

Ideally, first-time homebuyers would know how much they can afford to spend before the mortgage lender tells them how much they qualify for.

By calculating their debt-to-income ratio and factoring in a down payment, buyers should have a good idea of what they can afford to invest, both upfront and on a monthly basis, when it comes to their home.

Though there's not a fixed

debt-to-income ratio that lenders require, the old standard dictates that no more than 28 percent of your gross monthly income be devoted to housing costs, called the front-end ratio.

Including all debts with housing costs is the back-end ratio, and lenders prefer this to be under 41 percent.

### Figure out your down payment

Scraping up that initial down payment takes some effort. Though FHA loans require a less substantial down payment than conventional loans, it can still be a huge chunk of money for a young person or couple.

Some borrowers working with a state housing finance agency can use the tax credit for a down payment. However, not all state agencies are offering interest-free or low interest loans to be paid back with the tax credit funds. Other programs can assist buyers with qualifying incomes and situations.

Speak with mortgage lenders when you're starting the process. Check with friends, co-workers and neighbors to find out which lenders they enjoyed working with and ask them questions about the process and what other steps first-time homebuyers should take. ###

# Farmers' Market Continues

The Farmers' Market is scheduled to begin on June 19, 2012 and continue every Tuesday from noon to 6 p.m. until late September, at the corner of The Boulevard and Central (municipal parking lot).

This Farmers' Market is scheduled to host more farmers/vendors than last year.

According to Chamber President Ray Vorisek, Hasbrouck Heights businesses and


community organizations are invited to set up a free table for one Tuesday afternoon during the 2012 Market. Limited positions are available. Call Ray at 201-288-5464 for more information.

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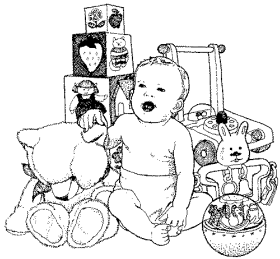
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## Student Entrepreneurs Hold Sale

On May 22, 2012, from 2:45-5:30 p.m., the Hasbrouck Heights Middle School will be holding its first annual TREP\$ Sale in front of the high school. The Treps Club is dedicated to creating young entrepreneurs. The sale is the culmination of weeks of preparation in which the students design, create and prepare to sell their own handmade products. In case of rain, the sale will be held in the High School cafeteria. ###



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## 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 at the Carlstadt Borough Hall, and must be completed and returned by May 15, 2012.

The members of Engine Two wish to thank everyone who donated to this Scholarship fund. With your support the memory of Michael and his devotion to serve his Country and community will live for years to come.

For more information about the scholarship, or to make a contribution, contact the Carlstadt Fire Department at 201-460-3942. ###

## Loans for HHHS Grads

The Student Loan Fund of Hasbrouck Heights gives interest free loans to help pay the cost of two or four year colleges or technical schools. These loans are available to Graduates of Hasbrouck Heights High School. Donations and loan repayments have kept the fund in existence since 1939.

You can request information and an application by e-mailing slfhh@hotmail.com. Applications can also be obtained at the Principal's Office of Hasbrouck Heights High School. Applications must be received by May 31, 2012. ###

## Friends Spring Book Sales

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## W-R Lions Scholarships

Applications for the three scholarships the Wood-Ridge Lions Club offers are now available.

There will be two awards to Wood-Ridge students in the amount of \$2,500 each. One is given in the name of Lion Vinny Pascale and all Charter Club Members, the second is given in the name of Lion Jim Love Sr. and Phil Rottini.

The Moonachie award is for \$1,500 and is given in the name of Lion William J. Nagel.

Any Wood-Ridge or Moonachie graduating senior from any accredited high school may apply for these scholarships.

Applications are available at the Wood-Ridge High School Guidance Department and all of the Parochial High Schools and the Bergen County Academy. They are also available at Siegel's Hardware in Wood-Ridge and at **Jan Promotions** in Moonachie.

Please note that these awards are separate from the Wood-Ridge and Moonachie Memorial Fund scholarship awards. Separate applications are needed for each and different criteria is used to select the award recipients. ###

## W-R Knights Offer Scholarship

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

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

Applications are available in the Church Friary. The deadline for submission of the application is Thursday, May 3, 2012, at 3:30 p.m. ###

## Full Flower Moon

The May Full Moon will appear on Tuesday, May 5, 2012, at 11:36 p.m. It is called the "Full Flower Moon."

According to The Farmer's Almanac, in most areas, flowers are abundant everywhere during this time. Thus, the name of this moon.

Other names include the "Full Corn Planting Moon" or the "Milk Moon."

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. ###

## Assumption Parish 8th Grade Scholarship

Applications are now available at The Assumption Friary in Wood-Ridge for the Audrey L. Nagel Scholarship.

This scholarship is \$1,000 and will be awarded to an Eighth Grade graduating parochial school student of Assumption Parish in Wood-Ridge who will be attending a Catholic High School in the fall.

The scholarship will be awarded to a student who has shown a commitment to their education, their school and the parish.

Mrs. Nagel passed away in June of 2009 following a 9 1/2 year battle with breast cancer. She graduated from Assumption School in 1962. She then attended Saint Mary's High School and graduated from Montclair State University in 1970.

Audrey loved her time at Assumption School and felt that this is where the foundation for both her education and overall development were set. For this reason her husband Jack established this scholarship in her name. Although Assumption School closed in 2010, the award will continue in her name for students of Assumption Parish that attend any of the parochial grammar schools in the area.

Audrey was an inspiration to many people. In addition to the strength and courage with which she fought her illness, Audrey set examples for others in her professional work and through her involvement with her community and parish. Above all, she was a shining example of grace as both a wife and mother. She truly can serve as a role model for all of the students of Assumption parish.

Please note that this application is separate from any other scholarships being awarded. Deadline for applications is May 15, 2012. ###

## Indoor Lot Sale

The Wood-Ridge Contemporary Club will sponsor a multi-family indoor lot sale, at the W-R Senior Center, 495 Highland Avenue on Saturday, June 2, 2012, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Rain or Shine.

Vendors are welcome. Tables can be rented from \$10 each. Space is limited. Make reservations early. For more information, call Nick at 201-939-6954. Refreshments available. ###

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Lion Frank Finke gets some help selling 50/50s from his granddaughter, Makayla Crews.



One year old Ryan Harms seems to be enjoying his pancake.

## Lion-Sized Pancakes

The Wood-Ridge Lions Club held their annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 1, 2012, in the W-R High School All Purpose Room. Over 300 meals were served at this event which is the longest continuous function in the Borough.

Started in 1961, the community has always turned out to support the Lions Club. All of the proceeds that were raised (*in excess of \$3,500*) will be used to support the Club's endeavors to help the blind, visually impaired and others in need.

The Club members are indeed grateful to everyone that attended and support the Club with this and other fund raising activities. Upcoming events include the annual White Cane Drive, annual Golf Outing and the town wide solicitation with the blind seal campaign.

For information on any of these events, or if you wish to make a donation to the Club, please call 201-641-2803 or e-mail [janpro911@aol.com](mailto:janpro911@aol.com) Story and photos provided by Jack Nagel. ###

## English as a Second Language Instruction

Lawrence Zacche of Wood-Ridge, a trained ESL instructor, is offering intensive ESL instruction for students who live in Bergen County on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays at 10:15 a.m. at The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library. If you are interested, please come by. No registration is necessary. ###



(l-r) Honorees Bob Talamini, Arlene DePalma, Debbie Pagliocca, Jackie Bischoff (wife of the late John Bischoff) and Ezio Altamura are pictured holding the engraved crystal flame awards they received from The Wood-Ridge Memorial Foundation.

## Wood-Ridge Memorial Foundation Dinner A Huge Success

A record crowd of 245 turned out in support of the Wood-Ridge Memorial Foundation's annual dinner dance.

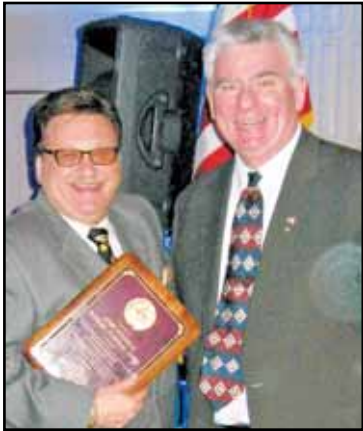
Over \$13,000 was raised that will help fund the annual scholarships. This June, the Foundation is expected to award over \$30,000 to high school graduating seniors who are Wood-Ridge residents.

The Foundation honored five outstanding members of the civic and teaching community. Long time school board member Bob Talamini and Councilman Ezio Altamura were cited for their many years of service not only as board and council members, but also for their many years of involvement with youth sports and organizations in the community. Catherine E. Doyle kindergarten teachers Debbie Pagliocca and Arlene DePalma were recognized for their 20 plus years in the school system and for the positive effect that they have had on their students.

The late John Bischoff was

honored for the tremendous impact that he had on all of the students that he encountered at the high school. His untimely passing from a tragic accident last June has left a void not only for his wife, children and family but for the entire school district.

The Memorial Foundation was founded in 1962 through the initiative of the Wood-Ridge Lions Club. The Foundation has now funded over one million dollars in grants to over 800 Wood-Ridge students. The Foundation takes particular pride in the fact that it has 0% overhead, being fully staffed by volunteers, and that 100% of donations go directly to the scholarship fund. The Foundation Trustees wish to sincerely thank everyone that helped make this dinner a tremendous success and to all who have made contributions over the past year. Story and photos provided by Jack Nagel. ###



Foundation Executive Director Jack Nagel presenting a plaque expressing the Foundation's appreciation to John Podesta of Kohler Funeral Home. John has been a platinum sponsor of the dinner for 10 years and his generosity has enabled the Foundation to have The Alan Quinn Band perform at the dinner. Also receiving a 10 year recognition plaque was Kearny Federal Savings Bank. ###

## Cancelled Stamps Wanted

The Kiwanis Club of Hasbrouck Heights/Teterboro collects cancelled stamps. The stamps can be sent to: **The Gazette Newspaper**, 343 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, 07604. ###

## Primary Elections -- June 5

Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- Last day to register to vote is May 15, 2012.  
*Hasbrouck Heights, Lodi, Moonachie and Wood-Ridge Borough Clerks' Offices will be open until 9 p.m.*  
*Little Ferry Borough Clerk's Office will be open until 7:30 p.m.*
- Last day to apply by mail for a mail-in ballot must be received by May 29 at the Bergen County Clerk's Office.
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A man with glasses and a light blue button-down shirt is smiling and holding a large, colorful, wrapped gift. The gift is covered in various patterns and colors, including red, yellow, and blue. The background is a brightly lit indoor space with yellow balloons.

The Junior Women's Club of Hasbrouck Heights held their annual Brunch with the Bunny on Saturday, March 31, 2012, at the Hasbrouck Heights Municipal Building.

Tickets included brunch, coffee, dessert, entertainment and treat, plus a photo opportunity with the Easter Bunny.

Proceeds for this event will be used to benefit local chari-

ties and scholarships.

The Junior Women's Club meets the second Thursday of every month at the First Reformed Church on the Corner of Washington and Burton. ###

A group of Scouts and Guides are gathered in a large hall, holding up various flags and a large poster that says "GERMANY". The poster features a map of Germany and several small photographs. The participants are dressed in their respective uniforms, and the atmosphere appears to be one of a formal presentation or competition.

# Scouts Celebrate Diversity

On Thursday, March 22, 2012, Cub Scout Pack 17 celebrated Diversity with a poster presentation that was open to all to attend. Thirty-two Scouts earned the Language and Culture belt loop. To do this they had to learn 10 words in another language, learn and play 2 games from another country and interview someone from a country other than their own. The boys worked on this project for 6 weeks and then made a poster about the person they interviewed. *Photos by Nancy Riordan. ###*

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## Corpus Christi D.A.R.E.

On March 22, 2012, Corpus Christi Fifth Graders held a D.A.R.E. Culmination Program. The Master of Ceremonies were Tyler DeMicco and Amanda Pietz.

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

Monsignor Lewis V. Papera said the opening prayer, with comments by Principal Michelle Murillo, Mayor Rose Heck and Chief of Police Michael J. Colaneri. The Corpus

Christi 5th Graders performed several skits that stated “Eight Ways to Say NO.” The “Taking a Stand” essay winners were Eric Drotos and Dana Bincolett. Certificates were awarded, followed by the “Pledge to Be Drug Free,” with closing remarks by Sgt. J. Rinke.

The 5th Grade teachers are Mary Ellen Scanlon and Tina Edwards and music was provided by Mr. Lovatt and Russell Sullivan. Refreshments followed. ###



## Corpus Christi School Celebrates First Communion and Spring Activities

Although it is hard to concentrate with all of the sunshine and brisk spring air filling the classrooms, Corpus Christi remains focused through all of the First Communion festivities and spring activities.

On May 4, 2012, students, teachers and staff will participate in the annual MS walk down at Depken Field. Corpus Christi will also be holding a spirit day and the children get to wear orange instead of their normal uniforms and raise money. All funds raised will go to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to support MS programs, services, and research.

The first weekend masses in May will be blessed with the presence of Second Graders celebrating the Sacrament of First Communion.

On May 14, the First Communion children and the graduating Eighth Graders participate in the May Crowning. At

this ceremony an Eighth Grade girl is chosen to place a crown of flowers on the statue of Mary to honor her.

On May 21, students that participated in the Partesi music program will put on a concert to show off their skills.

Throughout the month of May and the beginning of June children will also be going on their class trips.

The month closes with an extra special treat. Corpus Christi students and faculty will enjoy an extended Memorial Day vacation from Thursday, May 24 to Tuesday, May 29. School will reopen on Wednesday, May 30.

For more information on class availability, call 201-288-0614 and for additional information on these and other events, be sure to check out the website at [www.corpuschristischool.net](http://www.corpuschristischool.net) Story by Maria Grace Billings. ###

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# Wood-Ridge School-wide Band Festival

In conjunction with "March is Music in our Schools" month, the bands of Catherine E. Doyle, Gretta R. Ostrovsky Middle School, and Wood-Ridge High School had a day of music making on Wednesday, March 28, 2012.

About 130 students, from Grades 4 through 12, attended individual instrument workshops in the morning, and put on a combined performance at 12:30.

All the students in the district participated in the Band performance. The pro-

gram began with small group ensembles -- flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, and percussion.

It was followed by bands from each school and concluded with the combined Wood-Ridge Bands.

It was noted that each of the elementary schools have a formal band program built into the school day. The High School students do not have a formal band program, but practice after school as a club. Some band members of this club participate in the school

concert band, pep rallies and football games.

The event's goal was to bring excitement back into the Wood-Ridge music program. Aware of all the cuts going on around the state, they would like to share the importance of music in schools.

This Band Festival was under the direction of Mrs. Toni Baumgartner (*MS/HS Band Director*), Mrs. Sterba (*Elementary Band Director*) and Mrs. Melissa Ayvas-Manolakakis. ###

### Wood-Ridge School Concerts

Come one, come all to celebrate the Performing and Visual Arts in Wood-Ridge. Admission is free and open to the general public. Here are the dates for all the schools in the district.

- Wood-Ridge High School will be having their annual Spring Concert & Visual Art Show on Wednesday, May 23, 2012, at 7 p.m. in the Wood-Ridge High School Auditorium.
- Catherine E. Doyle Elementary school will be having their annual Spring Concert "Music for May" on Thursday, May 24, 2012, at 7 p.m. in the All-Purpose Room at the elementary school. ###

- Gretta R. Ostrovsky Middle School (*Wood-Ridge Middle School*) will be having their annual Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at 7 p.m. in the Wood-Ridge High School Auditorium.



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# The Easter Bunny Visited



*Selected photos by  
Pete and Marie Gallo.*





# HH 5th Aviator Invitational Relays

On Friday, April 13, 2012, at Gary Depken Athletic Field, the Hasbrouck Heights Jr./Sr. High School hosted the Aviator Invitational Relays. About 1,200 athletes participated.

This is the 5th major invitational championship meet to be held at Depken Field since the new facilities were installed. *(The event used to be called the Twin-Borough Relays.)*

Since all meets are now held on artificial surfaces, the Hasbrouck Heights Track Team had to travel. Depken Field installed a new field in 2007 at a cost of \$1.2 million.

During opening ceremonies, at the “Wall of Fame Honorees,” Sheena Schuler (2000), Alessia Cirilli (1998), John D’Amato (1974) and John Goehrig (1994) were recognized for their Track and Field accomplishments.

Track events started at 4 p.m. and finished at 8:30 p.m. They included: 6,400 meter relay, 400 meter relay, intermediate hurdle relay, 800 meter relay, 3,200 meter relay, sprint medley, shuttle hurdle relay, distance medley relay and 1,600 meter relay.

Field events started at 4 p.m. and concluded at 9 p.m. They included: pole vault, high jump, shot-put, discus, javelin,

triple jump and long jump.




Participating in the All North Jersey NJSIAA Group 1 & 2 meet were 26 boys’ teams and 26 girls’ teams from: New Milford, Becton Regional, Benedictine Academy, Bogota, Cliffside Park, Cresskill, Dumont, Dwight Morrow, Hasbrouck Heights, Hawthorne, Leonia, Lodi, Lyndhurst, Mahwah, Newton, North Arlington, Palisades Park, Park Ridge, Ramsey, Pascack Hills, Ridgefield, Ridgefield Park, Rutherford, Saddle River Day, Science Park, Verona, Wallington, West Essex and Wood-Ridge,

The event was headed by Rob Brady who has been the HHHS Head Track Coordinator for 18 years *(and associated with the track program for 23 years)*.

HHHS Director of Athletics Mike Sculla helped organize this meet with officials, team entries, etc.

The 2012 HHHS coaching staff includes: Maria Abbatiello, Alyssa Connors, Jon D’Amato, Kaitlin Gianni, Vinnie Marchese, Anthony Pomo, Mike Ryan, Ashley Scanlon, Jeff Seidel and John Valenti.

All proceeds from the meet went to the Hasbrouck Heights Track Program. ###



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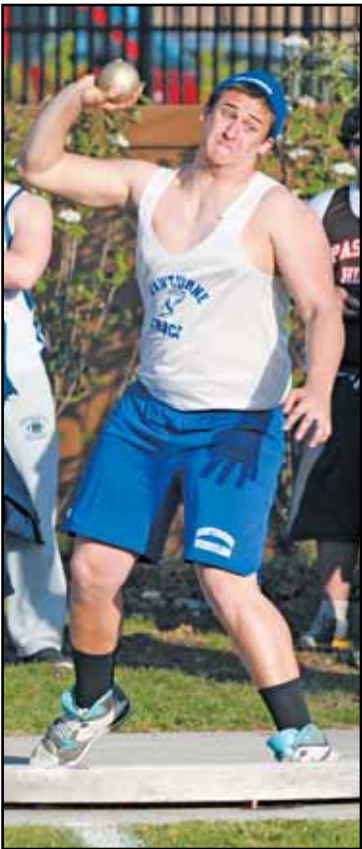
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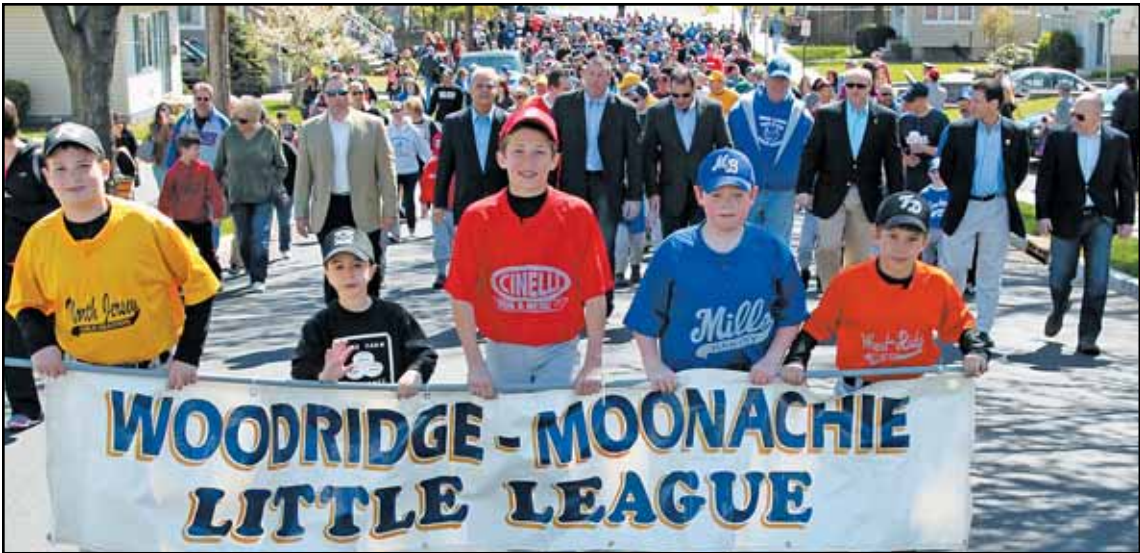
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## W-R/Moonachie Little League Opening Day

Established in 1951, The Wood-Ridge/Moonachie Little League started their 61st Opening Day with a parade from the CVS Pharmacy to the 6th Street Field on Saturday, April 7, 2012.

Little Leaguers lined the infield and the program began

with the National Anthem.

Little League President for the past 11 years, Phil Romero, officiated and thanked the sponsors, managers/coaches, and others who help make the League a success.

He stated that all coaches were certified in CPR with a defibrillator donated by the WRPD.

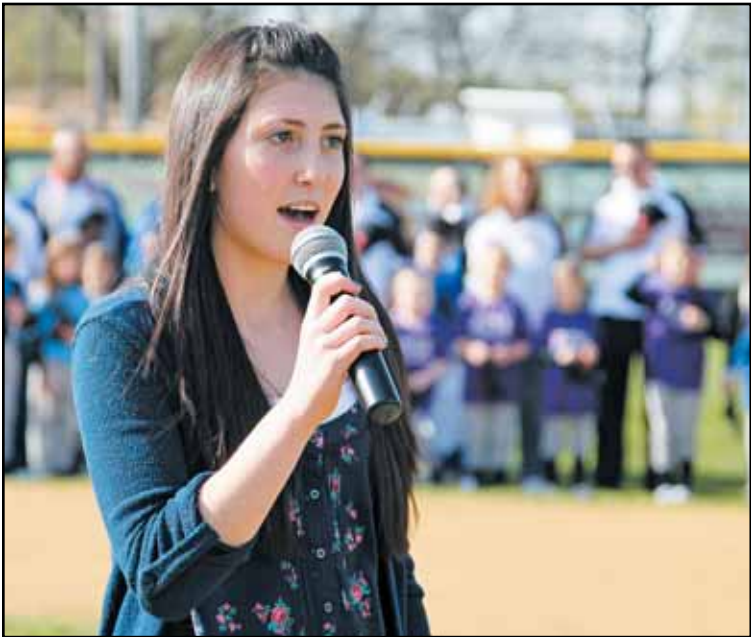
Additionally, he thanked the Borough of Wood-Ridge for the major clean-up from last year's storms.

Presentations were made to Michael Donato and Rich Pronti. Moonachie Mayor Dennis Vaccaro and Wood-Ridge Mayor Paul Sarlo threw out the first pitches -- starting the official season.

Opening game was Lions vs. Cinelli Iron and Metal, followed by VFW vs. Wood-Ridge PBA. ###



## HH Little League Opening Day



Spirits were high as the The Hasbrouck Heights Little League held its 59th Opening Day Ceremony on Saturday, April 14, 2012.

The event began as Little Leaguers and their families marched from the club house, along the swim club parking lot, across Oldfield Avenue, down onto the Major League Field and assembled along the perimeter of the infield.

The National Anthem was sung by Camryn Fontana. Hasbrouck Heights Little League President Pat Fass officiated, and thanked the sponsors, managers/coaches, and others who help make the League a success.

A presentation of a plaque was made by Steve Palladino, Ron Tagliabue and Pat Fass to the Eugene Hughes Family. The plaque will be placed promi-

nently at the concession stand. The Hughes Family, wife, Kathleen and sons, Thomas and Patrick, then threw out the first pitch -- starting the official season. James Klenk recited the Little League Pledge. Nick Bini and Sara Bailey announced "Play Ball!"

The season opener was played by Lions and Elks (last year's runner-up and champion respectively.) ###

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Squadron Leadership School is designed to provide CAP adult members with a basic understanding of CAP

operations at the squadron level and how those operations affect CAP's national missions.

Additionally, members learn more about CAP customs, core values, and communications. Case studies, discussion, and group assignments are integral parts of the school.

Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with

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## "Batter's Up"

The HH Little League held its 17th Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 15, 2012, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the VFW Hall on Veterans Place.

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

The Tricky Tray sports memorabilia auction followed from noon to 1 p.m. Proceeds will be used towards renovating restrooms, concession stand and batting cage. ###

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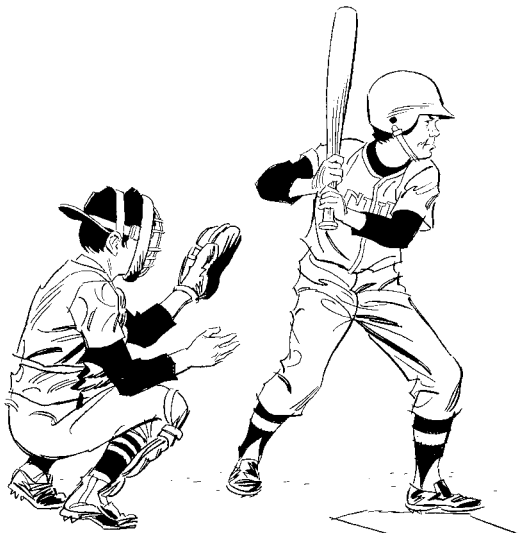
The Hasbrouck Heights Little League would like to once again thank all of their sponsors who contributed to the success of the 17th Annual Pancake Breakfast. Your help made our event a profitable success. We truly appreciate all your help

Once again, a special thanks to Inserra Shop-Rite of Lodi for their generous donation along with Goldberg's, Spindler's Bake Shop, Dunkin Donuts - Route 17 and especially IHOP of Hasbrouck Heights. In addition, we would like to thank all the folks and local merchants who participated in donating items to our Pancake Placemat and Sports Auction/ Tricky Tray (see list).

Lastly, the VFW, along with special thanks to Bob Braitsch, for setting up very early and sticking around to clean-up.

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## TEB 5K Run July 21

The 15th Annual PSE&G Bergen County United Way Teterboro Airport 5K Run is scheduled for 8:30 a.m., on July 21, 2012, at Jet Aviation (Moonachie Avenue).

Last year's event attracted over 1,000 runners and this year even more are expected.

Well known as a "must-run" summer race, the course is certified and sanctioned by USATF and is a Grand Prix Series Race.

The course is flat out and back with only five turns, two water stops and mile clocks on the runway. Run is 500 USATF-NJ NBGP points.

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Registration fee is \$20 before July 11, and \$25 after July 12. Early registration is advised. Security will be tight. Two forms of ID are required. All bags are subject to be searched. No one will be allowed entry to the airport and race staging area after 7:55 a.m.

Proceeds will benefit NJ 2-1-1; United Way's free state-wide 24 hour information and referral service that connects people with social services and community programs.

Race director is Mark Zenobia. Results will be at: [www.compuscore.com](http://www.compuscore.com). For more information go to: [www.teterboroairport5k.org](http://www.teterboroairport5k.org) ###

## Pancake Breakfast/Mini Tricky Tray

The Lodi Little League will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, May 6, 2012, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Lodi High School Cafeteria. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, tea and juice will be served. Cooking will be done by the Lodi Moose Lodge No 1971. A mini-Tricky Tray will also be included.

Donation is \$5 and will be used to support the two Annual High School Scholarships awarded by the Little League each year. Questions can be directed to 973-591-1137. ###

## Matt Fenton Memorial 5K

On Sunday, June 3, 2012, at 9 a.m., the Second Annual Matt Fenton Memorial 5K Run/Walk at Willow Lake Park, will start at the Little Ferry Public Safety Building/Senior Center at 95 Main Street, Little Ferry, NJ.

This USATF sanctioned Grand Prix Event is 500 points. Pre-registration is \$20 with day of race \$25, starting at 7:30 a.m.

Register online until May 31 at [www.raceforum.com/littleferry](http://www.raceforum.com/littleferry) or register by mail before May 28. For race information, go to [www.littleferry-nj.org/5k.html](http://www.littleferry-nj.org/5k.html) or email: [Moses.racedirector@gmail.com](mailto:Moses.racedirector@gmail.com)

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Amenities include refreshments, DJ, D-Tag scoring by Compuscore, and Performance

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Proceeds will be donated to Little Ferry first responders and the Little Ferry PBA, who contribute to the Wounded Warriors Project.

• Lost to us on May 5, 2006 Sgt. Matthew J. Fenton was a larger than life figure to those who were blessed to know him. Fatally injured while conducting combat operations in Iraq, Sgt. Fenton's service to our Country shall not be forgotten.

Sgt. Fenton was with the Forces Reserve's Inspector and Instructor Staff, 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division Fort Devens, Massachusetts.

At his funeral, Sgt. Fenton was made an honorary Little Ferry Police Officer, the job which he was to hold upon his return to Little Ferry. ###

## Relay For Life Needs Volunteers

American Cancer Society "Relay For Life" will take place in Hasbrouck Heights at the Depken Field. It will run for 13 consecutive hours beginning at 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 2, 2012, and end at 6 a.m. on Sunday, June 3.

There will be lots of entertainment and activities, as well as the touching Survivor Lap, Luminaria Ceremony and Fight Back Ceremony throughout the event. Event Schedule Highlights - 5 p.m. registration begins; 7 p.m. Opening Ceremony; 7:30 p.m. Survivor's and Caretakers Lap; 10 p.m. Luminaria Ceremony; 1 a.m. Fight Back Ceremony; 6 a.m. Closing Ceremony.

Volunteers are needed to help on the day of the event, during the event and at its conclusion. Help is needed to set up, assist and clean up.

There are six levels of sponsorship; Hope \$250; Survivorship or Luminaria \$500; Celebrate \$1,000; Remember \$2,500; Fight Back \$5,000 and For a Cure \$7,500. This year's goal is to raise \$70,000. Last year \$55,000 was raised.

Anyone who would like to make a contribution or become a team member should visit the Relay website [www.relayforlife.org/hasbrouckheightsNJ](http://www.relayforlife.org/hasbrouckheightsNJ) for additional information. Story by Marie Gallo. ###

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## HH Little League Picnic

The Hasbrouck Heights Little League will hold its Annual Picnic on Saturday, June 23, 2012, starting at 11 a.m. at the Little League Complex. Rain date is June 24. Families can enjoy plenty of grilled foods, Italian ices and cold drinks. There will be several inflatable amusements.

It's a nice way to end the regular season. The event is open to all Hasbrouck Heights families participating in the 2012 season. The Hasbrouck Heights Little League was established in 1953. ###

## HH Lions Golf Outing May 11

The 46th Annual Tournament is scheduled for May 11, 2012, at the Mine Brook Country Club with a noon start. Fee is \$135 and includes golf, cart, lunch and awards dinner.

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

Journal ad sponsorships are available. For more information, call Mr. Mullins at 201-665-4442. ###

## Wounded Warriors Golf Benefit

A day of golf and fun at the Black Bear Golf Course (Franklin, NJ) on Wednesday, May 30, 2012. Lunch and registration is at 11 a.m. Shotgun start is 1 p.m. Cocktail reception, dinner and prizes to follow. Cost is \$165 per golfer and \$660 per foursome, which includes lunch, greens fees, buffet dinner and beer/wine. Dinner and eligibility for prizes is \$50 pp. Sponsorships available.

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## Care On The Corner Golf Outing June 12

Care on the Corner will sponsor their Annual Golf Outing at SkyView Golf Club in Sparta, NJ on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 starting at noon. Event includes complimentary range balls, practice green, BBQ lunch at noon with shotgun start at 1 p.m. and dinner at 5 p.m.

Prizes and contests include: Hole-in-One contest, longest drive, closest to the pin, \$50,000 Shoot Out, straightest drive, Pot of Gold, putting contest and door prizes Cost: \$165 per golfer, \$660 per foursome, dinner only: \$50 per person.

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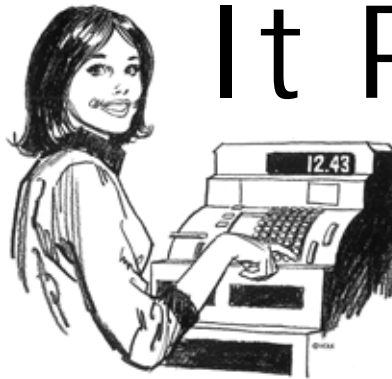
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## Real Estate Insight

By Mary Ellen Courtney



### Some Tips On Home-Buying & Selling....At The Same Time(!)

Can you buy a home and sell your home at the same time anymore? If so, what should you tackle first? Should you get an offer on your home before you try to find a new place to buy? Or should you find the home you want before putting yours on the market? And will a bank even allow you to buy without selling anymore?

These are valid questions because real estate has changed in the past few years. Before the real estate banking crisis of 2008, it was very easy to leverage the equity you had in your current home. By opening a home equity line of credit, you could borrow up to 95 or even 100 percent of your home's value and use that money as your down payment for the purchase of your next home. You

could close on the new home and then sell yours immediately afterwards.

Nowadays, the equity in your home has likely diminished and lenders rarely allow such leveraging. It's a new market and we have to find a new way to do things. It was stressful before and it can be even more stressful now. It's difficult to precisely time a real estate transaction but for many, the financial stakes are high.

Though there may be more stress and the process can be more difficult, there is still a way to buy and sell a home at the same time. But, before you begin, you need a well thought-out plan, a good agent on your team and have all of your ducks in a row in advance.

Of course, there are things you and your agent can do to increase the odds that your multitasking will pay off. Here are five tips to get you started:

1. Get a firm handle on your finances. This is a no-brainer. You need to know not only what you can afford to buy, but also, what your house is worth before you even get started. Talk to your real estate agent and consult a mortgage banker or broker for loan pre-approval.

2. Begin packing. Start boxing up stuff and getting rid of all the things you won't need until you've moved into your new home. This will help make your home show better and starting the packing process now will make it that much easier to move later.

3. Do whatever quick repairs you need to do to sell your home. Get busy fixing those things that could cause your home to sit on the market longer than necessary or affect your home's value.

4. Start home shopping and learning the market. Start going to open houses and seeing what's out there. Begin the process of elimination.

5. When you're ready, list it. Depending upon your situation, you might want to list your property toward the higher end of its value range, once you're actively in the market. This can buy you time while you shop for your next home. And who knows? You might get more money. (Rare, but it happens).

From this point on, the situation can play out in any number of ways. For example, you might find a home you love before you've got a firm offer on your house. In that situation, you could make the seller an offer with a contingency that your offer is subject to the sale of your home.

On the other hand, let's say you're the seller and someone has made a solid offer on your home. Great. But you haven't found your next home yet. Here, you might ask the buyer to let you stay in your home for a month or more as a renter, while you continue your house search.

There are all kinds of scenarios. The main thing is to do as much of the buying and selling homework as you can upfront. This will help you react more quickly later and reduce your [unavoidable] stress level.

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# Filling You In

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

## Bruxism

### What is bruxism?

Bruxism is the technical term for grinding and clenching that abrades teeth and may cause facial pain. People who grind and clench, called bruxers, unintentionally bite down too hard at inappropriate times, such as in their sleep. In addition to grinding teeth, bruxers also may bite their fingernails, pencils and chew the inside of their cheek. People usually aren't diagnosed with bruxism until it is too late because so many people don't realize they have the habit. Others mistakenly believe that their teeth must touch at all times. About one in three people suffer from bruxism, which can easily be treated by a dentist.

### Can bruxism cause harm?

People who have otherwise healthy teeth and gums can clench so often and so hard that over time their teeth become sensitive. They experience jaw pain, tense muscles and headaches along with excessive wear on their teeth. Forceful biting when not eating may

cause the jaw to move out of proper balance.

### What are the signs?

When a person has bruxism, the tips of the teeth look flat. Teeth are worn down so much that the enamel is rubbed off, exposing the inside of the tooth which is called dentin.

When exposed, dentin may become sensitive. Bruxers may experience pain in their temporomandibular joint (TMJ) - the jaw - which may manifest itself as popping and clicking. Women have a higher prevalence of bruxism possibly because they are more likely to experience tissue alterations in the jaw resulting from clenching and grinding. Tongue indentations are another sign of clenching.

Stress and certain personality types are at the root of bruxism. For as long as humankind has existed, bruxism has affected people with nervous tension. Anger, pain and frustration can trigger bruxism. People who are aggressive, competitive and hurried also may be at a greater risk for bruxism.

### What can be done about it?

During regular dental visits, the dentist automatically checks for physical signs of bruxism. If the dentist or patient notices signs of bruxism, the condition may be observed over several visits to be sure of the problem before recommending and starting therapy.

The objective of therapy is to get the bruxer to change behavior by learning how to rest the tongue, teeth and lips properly. When some people become aware of their problem, simply advising them to rest their tongue upward with teeth apart and lips shut may be enough to change their behavior and relieve discomfort. However, the dentist can make a plastic mouth appliance, such as a night guard that's worn to absorb the force of biting. This appliance can prevent future damage to the teeth and helps change the patient's destructive behavior.

*Ref: sources and compilations, the Academy of General Dentistry. Dental patients reference information.*

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### Spring Allergies

Spring is the time of year that we normally think of when it comes to seasonal allergies.

As the trees start to bloom and the pollen gets airborne, allergy sufferers begin their annual ritual of sniffing and sneezing. Each year, 35 million Americans fall prey to seasonal allergic rhinitis, more commonly known as hay fever.

### What causes spring allergies?

The biggest allergy trigger is pollen -- tiny grains released into the air by trees, grasses, and weeds for the purpose of fertilizing other plants. When pollen grains get into the nose of someone who's allergic, they send the immune system into overdrive.

The immune system, mistakenly seeing the pollen as foreign invaders, releases antibodies -- substances that normally identify and attack bacteria, viruses, and other illness-causing organisms. The antibodies attack the allergens, which leads to the release of chemicals called histamines into the blood. Histamines trigger the runny nose, itchy eyes, and other symptoms of

allergies.

Pollen can travel for miles. The higher the pollen count, the greater the misery. The pollen count measures the amount of allergens in the air in grains per cubic meter. You can find out the daily pollen count by watching your local weather forecast. Allergy symptoms tend to be particularly high on breezy days when the wind picks up pollen and carries it through the air. Rainy days, on the other hand, cause a drop in the pollen counts because the rain washes away the allergens.

### How are spring allergies diagnosed?

If you've never been formally diagnosed with spring allergies but you notice that your eyes and nose are itchy and runny during the spring months, see your doctor. Your doctor may refer you to an allergist for tests.

### What's the treatment for spring allergies?

Doctors treat spring allergies with a number of over-the-counter and prescription drugs.

Even though you can buy these allergy drugs without a

prescription, it's a good idea to talk to your doctor first to make sure you choose the right medication.

If over-the-counter remedies don't help allergies, your doctor may recommend a prescription medication or allergy shots.

Allergy shots expose your body to gradually increasing doses of the allergen until you become tolerant of it. They can relieve your symptoms for a longer period of time than oral and nasal allergy medications. Although they don't work for everyone, in people who do see a response, allergy shots can stave off symptoms for a few years.

### How to manage spring allergies

It's nearly impossible to completely avoid spring allergies if you live in an area where plants grow. However, you can ease sniffing, sneezing, and watery eyes by avoiding your main allergy triggers. Here are a few tips.

Try to stay indoors whenever the pollen count is very high (pollen counts usually peak in the mornings).

Keep your doors and windows closed whenever possible during the spring months to keep allergens out. An air purifier may also help. *Source: www.webMD.com ###*

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

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

**Friday, May 11, 25**

10:00 a.m. Fun Bingo

*Check Center Bulletin Board for any changes*

The center will be closed on  
Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day

## CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, May 2, 10 a.m.** Executive meeting.

**Wednesday, May 9, 1 p.m.** Monthly meeting.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Trip to Sight & Sound Theatre**

**Tuesday, May 15:** \$130 pp, bus leaves at 7 a.m.

Musical Production of "JONAH." Transportation and dinner included. Call Kathy at 201-288-6651.

**Trip to Platzl Brauhaus**

**Wednesday, July 11:** Includes transportation, continental breakfast, BBQ lunch, dinner and entertainment. Call Kathy at 201-288-6651.

**12th Annual Senior Picnic**

**Thursday, July 19:** At Senior Center from noon to 4 p.m. You must sign up at the Center. Sponsored by Mayor and Council. Open to all HH Seniors.

## Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club

The Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at the Civic Center. Refreshments are served at 1 p.m., with the meeting commencing at 1:30 p.m. Any Carlstadt senior is invited to join the meetings.

Future trips for the Club are: May 3 -- NJPAC -- "West Side Story," with lunch at Iberia. June 19 -- West Point; July 17 -- Lake Hopatcong. Call Eileen at 201-933-6949 for details. ###

## Vic's Hoofers Auxiliary

The Vic's Hoofers Auxiliary is a woman's social club that meets the first Thursday of the month at the Carlstadt Civic Center. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. and an evening of fun and games are enjoyed. Refreshments are served and new members from Carlstadt, Wood-Ridge, East Rutherford, Wallington and surrounding towns are invited. Call Dolores 201-939-5163. ###

## Lodi Seniors Club Seeks New Members

The Lodi Senior Citizens Club, announced the Club will be open every Thursday to anyone 55 or older who lives in Bergen County, including all neighboring towns. Recreational choices are senior yoga from 11 a.m. to noon, followed by Bingo at 1:00. Line dancing starts at 1 p.m. Games, ping pong, billiards, cards, or bocce in season or, you can just sit and chit chat. For members, the charge for a Thursday visit is 50 cents. The membership fee is \$10 per year. The cost for the day is \$2 pp. Refreshments are served. You do not have to be a member. For more information call the Club on Thursdays at 973-472-6994. ###

# AARP Learns About Flower Arrangements

The members of the Central Bergen Chapter 418, AARP were treated to a demonstration of how to make simple floral arrangements. Ray Vorisek, owner of the **Heights Flower Shoppe** in Hasbrouck Heights, shared his knowledge at the April 13, 2012 meeting.

He explained that every country has unique flowers grown in their region. These flowers are purchased by the florist and shipped in daily. On any given day he may order flowers from Australia, Holland, South America, etc. and receive them within a few days. The combination of these flowers adds to the beauty of the arrangement.

Mr. Vorisek demonstrated how to make a simple corsage and two flower arrangements; one by using the roses from your garden. The members had many questions for him and enjoyed his presentation.

Also located at the Heights Flower Shoppe is the Victorian Tea-House Café. This room is located in the upper area of the shop. It provides everyone the

opportunity to take a step back in time when an afternoon tea with scones, finger sandwiches etc. was the highlight of the day. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Ray at 201-488-6651.

At the May 11, 2012 meeting of AARP, Treasurer Peter Gallo will entertain the group with his knowledge of "Weird Facts about our Presidents." He will answer the questions, "Which president died in New Jersey?" "Which president skinny dipped in the Potomac?" "Which future president killed a man in a duel?" and many more.

President Marie Gallo reminded all members that the Annual Spring Luncheon will take place on Friday, June 8 at the Maywood Inn. Tickets are \$30 and Ian Gallagher will entertain the group. She also stated that the election of officers will take place at the May 11 meeting.

AARP, Central Bergen Chapter 418 meets the second Friday of each month except for July and August. Membership



is open to all AARP members who reside in the surrounding areas of Hackensack, Hasbrouck Heights, Maywood, Rochelle Park, Little Ferry, South Hackensack, Wood-Ridge, Moonachie and Lodi. They meet at 12:30 p.m. at the M&M Building, 116 Holt Street, Hackensack. *Photo and story provided by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###*



# Senior Friendship Club Having Fun

Members of the Senior Friendship Club of Carlstadt have recently been eating and dancing their afternoons away. In place of one of their regular March meetings, they traveled to Moonachie to The Graycliff to celebrate the Club's An-

niversary. Everything was so well done they are thinking of going back. Cathy (Kat) Blumenschein sang and had some members singing and dancing with her. In early April, the Carlstadt Teachers' Association sponsored a Senior Prom at the

Carlstadt Public School. Again there was lots of delicious food. The line dancers enjoyed the music provided by a talented DJ and there were even door prizes for some lucky seniors. *Photo and story provided by Friendship Club. ###*

# HH Leisure Club Plans Trips

Ms. Nadine Bloyd, Activities Director and Ms. Linzy Manelli, Admissions Coordinator both, from Care One at Wellington in Hackensack, were the guests at the April 11, 2012 meeting of the Leisure Club.

They gave a brief description of the services offered at their rehabilitation and nursing center. This was followed by having the members present participate in five games of bingo. Excellent prizes were given to the winners of each game.

During the meeting portion of the afternoon, Cathy Murray, trip coordinator for the Leisure

Club, reviewed the many trips being planned for the club. On Tuesday, May 15 there is a trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania to visit the world famous Sight and Sound Theater to see the production of "Jonah." This trip includes a stop at Kitchen Kettle Village and dinner at the legendary Miller Restaurant.

On July 11 a trip has been planned to Platzl Brauhaus in Pomona, New York. The trip includes a continental breakfast, a barbeque luncheon and a dinner, as well as entertainment. On October 30 a trip has been planned to the Culinary Institute of America located in

Hyde Park, New York. It will include a tour of the school and a dinner prepared by the students and served at the St. Andrew's Café.

For more information about any of the trips or to sign up, contact Cathy Murray at 201-288-6651.

It was also announced that the 12th Annual Senior Picnic, sponsored by the Mayor and Council, will be held at the Senior Center on Thursday, July 19 from 12 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The picnic is open to all senior residents of Hasbrouck Heights. *Story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*



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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 \$5 donations per blanket, in honor of or in memory of any or all the significant women in your life, will be accepted through May 10, 2012, for inclusion in the

Mother's Day bulletin, May 13.

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Please mail your check (\$5 *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. ###

## Holy Trinity May Adult Forum

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 92 Burton Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, will hold its next Adult Forum on May 20, 2012, during the Sunday School hour, 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

The topic, "Prayer for Unity: Our Call to Common Mission" will be facilitated by Rev. Wayne Dreyman. Please call the Church office at 201-288-6889 if you need further information. ###

## Men's Breakfast May 19

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Hasbrouck Heights, and The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Maywood, will hold their Men's Breakfast at the Arena Diner in Hackensack on Saturday, May 19, 2012, from 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Coordinating these events for the community are Rev. Wayne Dreyman, Pastoral Associate, and Charlie Davis, who is a member of Holy Trinity. An "open session" has been scheduled so, please come with your questions, suggestions or maybe just an open heart for listening and finding out more about the group.

Please feel free to attend this event and, if you can, call the Church office at Holy Trinity, 201-288-6889, to let us know that you will be attending. Registering in advance is not, however, required. ###

## San Alfonso Retreat May 7

The Rosary Altar Society of Assumption Parish of Wood Ridge is sponsoring a San Alfonso Retreat on Monday, May 7, 2012. Cost is \$40. Checks made out to: Rosary Altar Society - WR.

The bus will depart at 8 a.m. from the Church lot at First Street.

Arrival is at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and Danish. Prayers start at 10 a.m. with an 11 a.m. conference.

Lunch will be at 12 p.m. followed by confessions and free time. Mass will be at 2:15 p.m. The bus will depart San Alfonso at 3 p.m.

Call Dorothy at 201-939-4307 for more information and reservations. ###



## Reflections

### Love and Helplessness

Rev. Kimberly Chastain, Pastor

First Presbyterian Church: Moonachie and Wood-Ridge

My son sat in the living room with his fists clenched and his teeth gritted as he told me a sad story about one of his friends, a girl with serious family problems. "I can't help her, Mom. I don't know why things have to be so awful. I don't know why the world is so screwed up!"

I knew how he felt. I have spent more days than I can count talking about those times when you'd give anything to make things different—and there's nothing you can give.

Suddenly there don't seem to be any words, and your mouth goes dry, and your hands get clumsy and you go back and forth between grief for your loved one's pain and anger at your own helplessness.

The life of a pastor is full of this feeling--both personally, when you cannot "make it all better" for those around you, and professionally, when you sit with others, watching and waiting and wishing it were more. In those times, there are no more terrible words than these: "I cannot help."

But I have found that there is a strange grace that comes when people are helpless together. When there is nothing you can do or give, watching and waiting and praying becomes both act and gift. Your very helplessness is transformed—because you are there, and because you care.

Time and prayer and presence turns out to be exactly

what is needed, not because it sets the world right again but because it affirms that love is more powerful than anything that can hurt or divide us. However clumsy we feel, however powerless, we become incarnational simply by being with the one who suffers.

Perhaps that's how incarnation happened—God saw our need, and our suffering, and our infinite capacity to make a mess of things, and came to be with us, bringing the news that love is stronger than violence, catastrophe and death.

Perhaps he came so that we could feel that love—and feeling it, become channels of it in the times and places where it is needed.

I don't know if my son believed me, when I tried to say this to him. But I trust that if he tries it, and if I continue to show it in my life, he will come to know this truth as I have:

In times of grief, or pain, or helplessness, there is no greater gift than this: the gift of presence. Amen.

### Roast Pork Lunch

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Carlstadt will sponsor their monthly luncheon on Tuesday, May 8, 2012. Roast Pork dinners will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Community Hall, Third Street, Carlstadt.

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Current and former WRFD EMS Captains join for a photo in front of the Department Memorial.



At WRFD Headquarters, the Squad celebrated their 75th Anniversary with a feast on March 16, 2012. Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr.

## W-R EMS Marks 75th Anniversary

On April 10, 2012, the community of Wood-Ridge recognized the 75th Anniversary of their WRFD Emergency Squad during the Mayor and Council meeting.

Senator Paul A. Sarlo read and presented a New Jersey Joint Legislative Resolution. On behalf of the Mayor and Council, Fire Commissioner Thomas C. Gonnella presented EMS Captain Gregory V. Gorab and EMS Captain Eric S. Yapple with a plaque expressing their gratitude for faithfully and courageously serving Wood-Ridge, preserving and protecting lives through the dedication and skill of its many volunteers.

### History

The Wood-Ridge Fire Department Emergency Squad is a sub division of the Wood-Ridge Fire Department and provides Emergency Medical Services to the Borough of Wood-Ridge as well as to surrounding communities.

The Wood-Ridge Fire Department Emergency Squad was organized in February 1937 when a group of firefighters began taking first aid classes. Upon completion of this course, they proceeded

to raise funds to purchase an ambulance in order to provide Emergency Medical Services to the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

The Borough's first ambulance was a Pierce-Arrow ambulance which they renovated, painted and then put into service.

In 1940, after showing considerable wear, a request was made to the Borough for a new ambulance. In 1941, the Emergency Squad received a new Cadillac ambulance which was equipped to carry two patients, if necessary.

The Borough continued to use Cadillac ambulances until 1975 when the Borough purchased its first Modular type ambulance. This unit was a Horton modular unit placed on a Chevy chassis. This type of ambulance provided greater room and flexibility to care for patients en route to the hospital.

In 1991 this unit was replaced with a new Ford/P&L custom modular ambulance.

With an increasing demand for Emergency Medical Services both within the Borough of Wood-Ridge and to surrounding communities, the need for a second ambulance emerged. Therefore in 1997, The Borough acquired a used

1989 Ford/P&L custom body and it was placed into service as a second rig.

In 2000, The Borough replaced the 1989 ambulance with a 2000 American LaFrance/Medic Master Heavy Duty Type 1 ambulance.

2005 saw the retirement of the Department's last type 3 ambulance and replaced it with a 2004 American LaFrance/Medic Master Type 1 ambulance.

In the mid 1980's the Borough of Wood-Ridge saw the emergence of Advanced Life Support units, known as paramedic units, which are based out of Hackensack University Medical Center to provide advanced life support to patients who needed care beyond the scope that volunteers were able to provide.

This provided greater survival rates for the critically ill along with providing quicker and sustainable relief to calamities affecting our fellow residents.

Today, the Emergency Squad responds to over 700 EMS incidents a year.

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On April 10, 2012 at about 1445 hours, numerous calls were received reporting a brush and mulch fire in front of the Hilton Hotel on Terrace Avenue. The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department quickly extinguished the fire -- which was in the landscaping on both sides of the hotel entrance. Wood-Ridge Fire Department also responded. No injuries were reported. ###





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# Meadowlands Blaze Consumes 200 Acres

On Wednesday, April 11, 2012, at around 1:10 p.m., Carlstadt Fire Department responded to a brush fire in the Meadowlands near Paterson Plank Road and Michelle Place. "We got to the scene and it got pretty big, pretty fast," Carlstadt Deputy Fire Chief Rob Popejoy said. Within 10 minutes, the brush fire had charred acres of land. With winds at times gusting to 10 or 20 mph and with flat terrain, flames chewed through grass as fast as the

wind blew. Tom Sabia, Battalion Chief for the Carlstadt Fire Department, said the Meadowlands was ablaze at the fire's peak, and the wind was "killing us" by helping the fire to spread. "I haven't seen a fire like this in 10 to 15 years," Sabia said. By 3:30 p.m., the fire continued to spread and was igniting in pockets throughout the Meadowlands with 20-foot high flames (and at certain areas 35-40 feet high) and plumes of smoke seen for miles. The smoke blew across the

Turnpike's western spur, which authorities closed for about 45 minutes. According to Carlstadt Fire Chief Daniel J. Eckert, 40 different agencies responded, including the New Jersey Forest Fire Service and approximately 200 firefighters. They utilized the local hydrants as well as tankers from Mahwah and Upper Saddle River Fire Departments. Eckert said firefighters could not attack the flames in the middle of the marshlands because of the dangerous con-

ditions there. Officials were left with no alternative but to let the flames spread to the edge of the site. Firefighters from the New Jersey Forest Fire Service conducted a controlled backburn near Barell Avenue in Carlstadt to control the Meadowlands blaze. Officials said the fire could not be fought from the air because of logistics and safety. The blaze consumed some 200 acres of the Meadowlands northeast of the Izod Center, Paterson Plank Road, west of the turnpike. Chief Eckert said that the

blaze was declared under control Wednesday night by 9:30 p.m., with some hot spots remaining throughout the night and into the next morning. One firefighter from Carlstadt suffered minor injuries, and no property damage was reported. No evacuations were required. The cause of the blaze was thought to be a spark from a solar panel located on a utility pole at the edge of the brush line on Paterson Plank Road and was not considered suspicious. Photos by Dennis Kromyak Sr. ###





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