

The Gazette

Newspaper for Moonachie

100th Year Edition

Commemorative Centennial Souvenir

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Celebrating 100 Years of Pride



There were several truck farms in Moonachie that sold produce in the Bronx Terminal Market and 14th Street, NYC. Typical farms were 8 to 10 acres. 1942 photo is from the Dominick B. Tucci Collection.



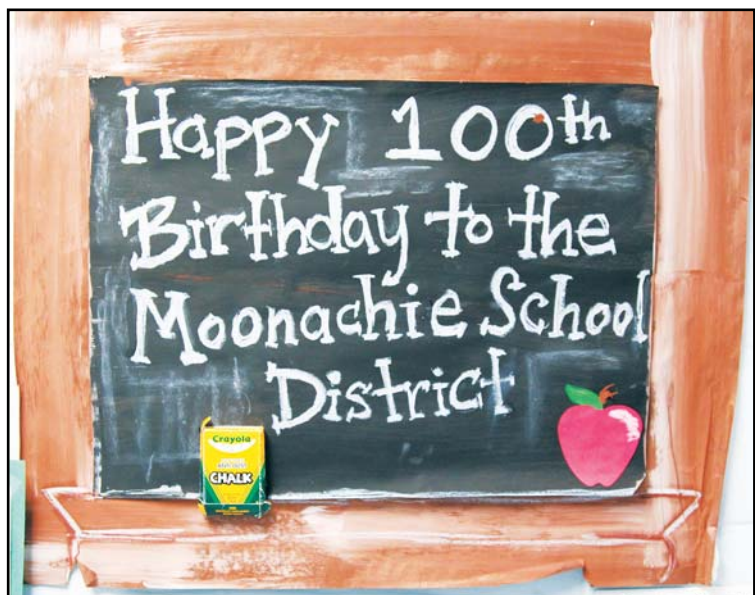
On Sunday, October 4, 2009, about 130 attended the Centennial Celebration Kick-off Brunch at The Graycliff.



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On Sunday, June 27, 2010, at Tucci Field, Moonachie held a Centennial Softball Tournament.



The RLC School Curriculum Expo celebrated the Centennial. See story on page 14 of this issue.

A Centennial Committee was formed on May 12, 2009 to make plans for the unique occasion of three combined 100 year anniversaries of The Borough, the Fire Department and the Robert L. Craig School.

It was decided to hold several events that would involve the greater community over a two year period, with the main celebration held on May 14, 2011.

The Parade

The line of march began at 3 p.m., traveled north up Moonachie Road past the Moonachie Firehouse and the reviewing stand in front of Borough Hall.

The parade turned west on Broad Street, south on Frederick Street, west on Joseph Street and south on Redneck Avenue and concluded at the Ball Fields.

The Parade of the Century was led by three Grand Marshals: Former Mayor Frederick Dressel (*Borough*), Ex. Chief, Year 1956, Dominick Tucci Jr. (*Fire Department*) and BOE Trustee Charles Pallas (*RLC*).

The current Mayor and Council and Board of Education Trustees marched, followed by the Bergen County Firefighters Pipe Band.

Moonachie Fire Department Members marched, led by their Honor Guard, and followed by the Ladies Auxiliary and a display of all fire apparatus.

Next, the members of the Moonachie EMS and Rescue Squad marched behind their Honor Guard, followed by their apparatus.

A colorful "Happy Birthday RLC" float with teachers and staff, a sports float (*provided by Lenox*) and RLC P.T.O./ Student Council float passed the reviewing stand.

A decorated Moonachie Senior Citizen bus stopped at Borough Hall where the seniors departed so they could watch the parade -- but the bus continued.

American Legion Post 310 (*Little Ferry*) float with members, passed in review.

Local Scouts marched, followed by the Yonkers Military Marching Band.

Knights of Fire Motorcycle Club sporting colorful hats,

American Cruisers Car Club and Macy's floats delighted onlookers.

FedEx Champion Driver, Dave Font, with 500,000 safe driving miles, showcased his truck.

The Little Ferry Fire Department Honor Guard, with members and equipment passed in review. LF Fire Chief Robert Cordasco paused to salute MFD Fire Chief Victor Migliorino.

A contingent of Chiefs, firefighters and apparatus from Wood-Ridge, Bogota, Carlstadt, Hasbrouck Heights, East Rutherford, South Hackensack, Rutherford, Lodi, Wallington, Secaucus, Ridgfield Park, Old Tappan, etc., followed.

Party of the Century

Following the Parade, the Redneck Avenue Ball Fields were filled with continuous music, amusements, lots of food, games, refreshments, etc., with the Fire Department hosting a "beer tent" for adults.

At dusk, a significant fireworks display was held.

Bike Decorating Contest

A Bike Decorating Contest was open to all Moonachie residents who met the age requirements. Judging took place at the Valley National Bank parking lot on May 14, 2011, and prizes were awarded.

Centennial Bake-off

A Moonachie Centennial Bake-off was held on May 14, 2011, at the Redneck Ball Fields Fieldhouse as part of the Moonachie Centennial Celebration. The contest was open to anyone who lives, works, worships in Moonachie.

There were winners in each of 7 categories: cakes, pies, muffins, cookies, bars and brownies, healthy/organic, and quick breads.

Super 50-50

A Super 50-50 drawing was held at the Centennial Celebration on May 14, 2011. There was one winner. Proceeds benefited the scholarship fund.

Centennial Commemorative Shirts

Commemorative shirts

with colorful graphics on both sides reflecting the Community's 100th Celebration of the Borough, the R.L. Craig School and the Fire Department, were available. A limited number are still available. For more information call Kevin at 201-921-9247 or Frank at 201-522-7922.

Kick-off Brunch

On Sunday, October 4, 2009, Moonachie hosted a Centennial Celebration Brunch to kick-off the many events commemorating the 100th Anniversaries of the Moonachie Borough, Fire Department and Board of Education. Over 130 family, friends and neighbors enjoyed the brunch held at The Graycliff on Moonachie Road in Moonachie. There was delicious food, Tricky Trays and a 50/50 Raffle. ###

Taste of Moonachie

To commemorate the Moonachie Centennial "100 Years of Pride," about 200 attended "The Taste of Moonachie" on May 18, 2010, at The Graycliff, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Local restaurants, food production companies and spirit distributors offered samples of their cuisine and delights. ###

Centennial Sports Tournaments

Firefighters, police, first aid members, school, and community teams competed in several volleyball and softball tournaments during the Centennial year.

Photo Displays

A featured photo display in the Senior Center, by Edward Padykula Photography Collection, was given to Mayor Dressel. Photos and artifacts were collected and displayed around town.

Centennial Journal

A committee has been formed to produce a journal. They are looking for old photos, artifacts, anecdotes, clippings or references about Moonachie's history.

They are still accepting advertising. For more information contact Gail Fitzgerald at gfitzgerald@moonachie.us ###

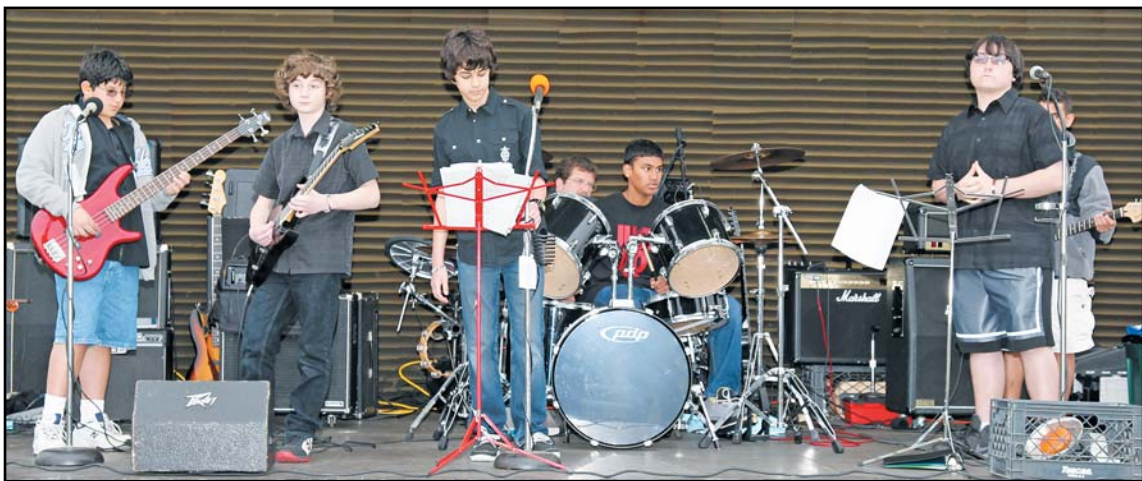
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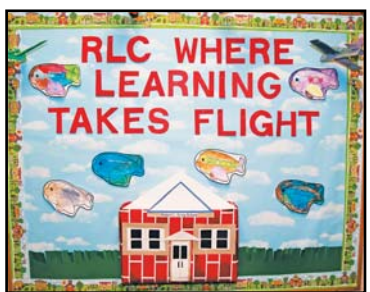
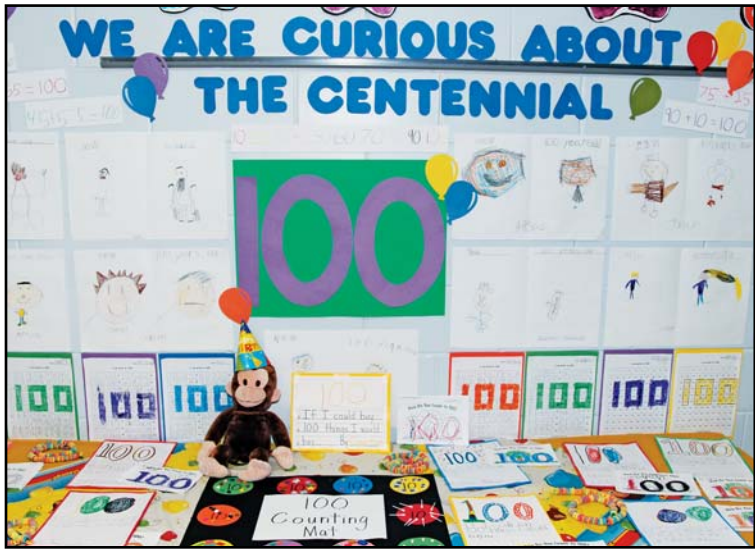
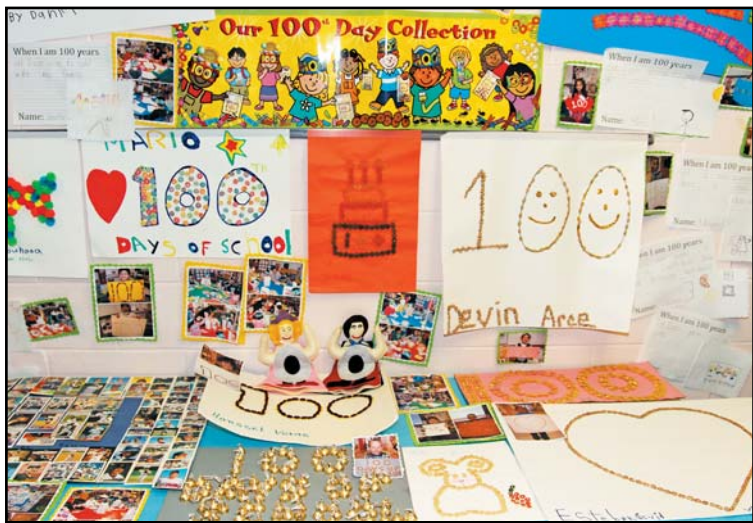
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RLC Centennial Curriculum Expo



On Thursday, April 14, 2011, the Robert L. Craig School in Moonachie held its annual Curriculum Expo. Displays of work from all areas of the school were exhibited in the hallways. Work included dioramas of ecosystems, artwork from all grade levels and mousetrap cars created in the upper grade science classes. The Gifted and Talented program also held a mini-model Congress where bills were

argued in front of an audience. To celebrate the school's 100 year anniversary, pictures were gathered from community members and placed in special displays throughout the school. The Drama Club, managed by art teacher, Lee Ten Hoeve, produced a show titled "Detention's Not So Bad." Students in the Seventh Grade created a play loosely based on "The Breakfast Club" from the 1980s. *Story by Val Kenny. ###*

