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Prom Fashion Show with much success. The event is a collaboration

between the Class of 2019 Student Council and the PTO Project

Graduation Committee. The event showcased prom fashions modeled by

36 senior students. Over 250 people attended the high energy event. In

Senior Prom and the 2019 Project Graduation program. Project Graduation is a drug and substance-free event for the students immediately following

The Prom Fashion Show raised over \$5,300 to off-set costs for the

The Prom Fashion Show Committee would like to thank all of the

the fashions, hair and make up and food for the models: Adams Fine Clothing, Macy's at Short Hills Mall, Lord & Taylor at Livingston Mall, Ashimoto Essential Beauty, M. Crescimbeni Hair & Makeup Artistry,

Sublime Salon, Feathers, Feathers II, Mary Kay – Stephanie Skidmore,

Printing/Paula Lombardi. Limos were on display from DJs Limousine for

addition to the main event, there was also a popular basket raffle.

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NJ PHOTOGRAPHY FORUM MEMBERS EXHIBIT AT SWAIN GALLERIES

Seven members of the New Jersey Photography Forum are exhibiting at the Swain Galleries in Plainfield at 703 Watchung Avenue through May 4, 2019. There will be a meet-theartist opening reception and artist talks on April 6, 2019 from 5-7 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public with plenty of free parking on the premises.

The works on display will be quite varied in photographic technique, size, and subject matter. Items will be priced to sell and range from landscapes, still lifes and florals to travel, historic sites and restored cars. The artists include: Charlann Meluso, Berkeley Heights; Charles Miller, Ringoes; Nancy Ori, Berkeley Heights; Paul Donohoe, Point Pleasant; Theresa Hood, Hamilton Township in PA; Heidi Sussman, West Orange; and Ray Yaros, Lebanon.

The New Jersey Photography Forum is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. Founded in 1994 by Nancy Ori of Berkelev Heights to provide a forum for photographers to discuss their work and elevate their expertise, the Forum has grown to become the largest group of exhibiting, fine-art photographers in New Jersey. "I am so proud of the distance our group has come. We are stronger than ever and over the years have fostered great friendships and support for each other's creative endeavors. We even had one couple who met and got married," said Ori. "We are now doing 10-12 major exhibitions a year on a variety of themes. Everyone pitches in to make them all a success and every show we do is juried by us or outside jurors to ensure the highest level of quality at every venue."

The Swain Galleries just celebrated its 150th anniversary. In the early 1980's Walter Swain, Jr. brought the gallery to its present location, in an elegant Victorian house, in Plainfield's Historic Crescent District, that beautifully houses a variety of original artworks, fine china, and wonderful decorative gift items. Perhaps what



(above) Photograph by Nancy Ori, founder of the New Jersey Photography Forum.



(above) Photograph by Heidi Sussman of the New Jersey Photography Forum.

the gallery is most noted for are their comprehensive framing and restoration services. Current owner Ann Swain, the fourth generation of Swains to run the business, proudly continues the family tradition with one simple goal, "To continue with the same quality as my greatgrandfather, grandfather, and father." Hours are Tuesday to Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For details call 908-756-1707 or visit swaingalleries.com.

For more information on the New Jersey Photography Forum, photography workshops or upcoming exhibit locations, please contact Nancy Ori, director, at nancyori@comcast.net, or visit nancyoriworkshops.com; or Ann Merten, assistant director at a3theo@gmail.com. You can also visit the New Jersey Photography Forum website at njphotoforum.com for more information about the group, meeting dates and exhibits.





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LOCAL POLICE HELP DELIVER MEALS ON WHEELS

isolation and poor nutrition among older to residents in their respective towns.

Across the nation during the month of March, Americans. Four Police Chiefs and one local officials took part in the Meals on Wheels Lieutenant gathered together at SAGE Eldercare America campaign to raise awareness for on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 to deliver meals



Four Police Chiefs and a Lieutenant Deliver Meals on Wheels (above, 1-r) Chief Anthony Buccelli of New Providence, Chief John Cook of Springfield, Lieutenant Joseph Giannuzzi of Mountainside, Chief Robert Weck of Summit and Chief John DiPasquale of Berkeley Heights.

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ALEXANDER BEKE COMPETES IN SCOUT CHESS TOURNAMENT

Alexander Beke from Berkeley Heights Boy Scout Troop 368 participated in the 2019 Munsee District of Boy Scouts 6th Annual Chess Tournament. Alexander won two of his four games to finish with a 2.0 score. The tournament was held at the Cranford Community Center, in Cranford, NJ on February 23, 2019. First place winner was Andrew Terhune of Rockaway Troop 113 finishing with a perfect score of 4.0, winning all four of his games. Second place winner with a score of 3.5, was Saverio Paradiso of Scotch Plains-Fanwood Boy Scout Troop 33, who won 3 games and drew his last. Third Place was Joshua McDonald of Branchburg Troop 90 finishing with three wins and a score of 3.0. Trophies in the form of traveling chess sets were awarded to first, second, and third place finishers. Twenty-six contestants participated in the tournament that is organized by Joe Renna of Renna Media, and Tournament Director John Moldovan. This tournament also met the 6a requirement for earning a Chess merit badge. Lunch was provided for all participants and spectators by Big Apple Pizzeria, located in Cranford.



(above) Alexander Beke from Berkeley Heights Boy Scout Troop 368 at The 2019 Munsee District of Boy Scouts 6th Annual Chess Tournament

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BERKELEY HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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The Berkeley Heights Public Library is

offering the following programs in April: CHILDREN'S STORY TIMES AND PROGRAMS:

Paper Plate Story Time Tuesdays, April 2, 16 at 9:30 a.m. story & a craft for ages 3 - 5 years

The Good Tymes String Band Tuesday, April 9 at 10:30 a.m. music & songs for children of all ages

Baby Time

Thursdays, April 4, 11, 18, 25 at 9:30 a.m. story time for ages 0 - 24 months

Envelope Bunnies From April 8-20

drop-in craft for all ages

Magic Show by Mark Zacharia

Thursday, April 18 at 3:00 p.m. for all ages

ADULT PROGRAMS:

Morning Book Group Friday, April 5 at 10:30 a.m. will discuss Vinegar Girl by Anne Tyler.

Evening Book Group *Tuesday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m.* will discuss A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles. New members are welcome; please stop by or call the Reference Desk (908-464-9333, extension 150) if you are interested in joining.

Italian Conversation Group

Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24 at 7:00 p.m. Informal Italian conversation group led by a fluent Italian speaker for teens and adults. Beginners welcome! Check the library's calendar at bhplnj.org/event-calendar for program changes and additions.



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TICKETS ON SALE NOW FOR "AN EVENING OF SHINING STARS" 8TH ANNUAL SPECIAL NEEDS TALENT SHOW SET FOR MAY 3RD

One of the area's most anticipated events — "An Evening of Shining Stars" — featuring members of the special needs community from around Union County, will take place on Friday May 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Founded by Cranford resident Sally Curci, the 8th annual showcase will feature another talented cast ready to sing and dance their way into your hearts as they share their amazing talents.

For the second consecutive year, the "Shining Stars" cast will take the professional stage at the beautiful and historic Union County Performing Arts Center, where many of America's biggest names have performed. Last year, more than thirty special needs performers and their high school "buddies" amazed an audience of over 1,000 while singing and dancing to many of the greatest hits through the decades. This year's show is titled "The Greatest Show" and will feature songs from Broadway, movies, and even a few original songs.

"We are so excited to give our special cast the chance to perform at such a great venue once again," noted Shining Stars Founder and Codirector Sally Curci. "Last year was electric. The audience was wonderful and our performers were just amazing. Our audience has grown each and every year, and our cast continues to grow as we spotlight talent from around Union County. It's going to be another night to remember."

When the lights go up, the "stars" will shine, entertaining with solo acts and full cast dance choreography — which is one of the highlights of the show.

"It was like being on Broadway," said Shining Stars President Mike Curci. "It's a classic venue, Our performers showed how talented they are, and the audience support was simply fantastic. We can't wait to do this again in May. Everyone is very excited."

"We continue to be inspired by their talents every day," noted Shining Stars Co-director Nicole Greene. "This a wonderful chance for our cast to not only learn new songs and choreography, but to build all-important selfconfidence and self-esteem, which they take with them away from the stage." Adam Fleissner, who has performed in every Shining Stars show, can't wait to take the stage again, as he prepares to sing a Broadway tune. "We meet so many great people," said Fleissner. "We get new people in every year and everyone has a good time meeting each other and performing. All of it is just fantastic."

Tickets are on sale now at UCPAC.org/events. Find the Shining Stars logo, select your seats and you'll be in for one of the best nights of the year!

"An Evening of Shining Stars" is presented by Shining Stars Network, Inc., a 501(c)3 non profit organization based in Union County that shines the light on the special needs community by creating inclusive events such as their annual talent show, dances at local high schools, and their Ambassadors basketball team, a special needs team that travels to play local first responders and other organizations to help promote inclusion, friendship and understanding.

For more information email shiningstarsnetwork@gmail.com, or visit ShiningStarsNetwork.org.



(above) The 2018 cast of "An Evening of Shining Stars," who amazed an audience of over 1,000 during last years performance. The Shining Stars will take the stage again this year at the Union County Performing Arts Center on May 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.





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RESCUE SQUAD OPEN HOUSE EVERY TUESDAY

Do you have plans Tuesday night? The Berkeley Heights Volunteer Rescue Squad (BHVRS) wants to meet you! We are opening our doors to the community every Tuesday night from 7-9 p.m., at 379 Snyder Ave. Come meet our members, learn about the rescue squad, and check out our new ambulance. Children are welcome.

"The open house is a great way to get to know some of the members of your local rescue squad and learn more about what we do," says Marc Schnitzer, EMT, 2nd Lieutenant, who joined in 2015. "You will probably be surprised to learn that Berkeley Heights is one of the few remaining rescue squads run entirely by volunteers or that most of our members had no prior experience in health care before they joined. Bring the kids, your questions, and stop by for coffee!"

Schnitzer had been interested in joining the rescue squad for years. However, he didn't take the leap to sign up until he visited the rescue squad's table at a street fair and chatted with some of the members.

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"I immediately felt I made the right decision when I joined. The squad needed more volunteers, and I felt compelled to help them continue providing life-saving emergency medical services for our neighbors," says Schnitzer. "Through the BHVRS, I have met new people and learned more about our town. Most importantly, it is an empowering feeling to have the ability to help those in need at any given point in time."

For 75 years, the BHVRS has proudly served its community by providing life-saving emergency medical services. We respond to more than 800 calls a year including falls, motor vehicle accidents, and medical emergencies. The BHVRS never charges for any of its services and is funded almost entirely on donations. We are a friendly face in the community—standing by at town and school events, educating the public about CPR and First Aid, and offering mutual assistance to neighboring towns.

If you are interested or have any questions, please send an email to emr@bhvrs.org or call 908-464—0013.



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HIGH SCHOOL FENCING TEAM HONORS SENIORS

Submitted by Michael Wang Berkeley Heights honored its seven graduating seniors on the Governor Livingston High School fencing team on February 19, 2019. The seniors played their hearts out with a rousing victory over the Pingry School. The "Super Six" senior girls (Gia, Jacqui, Madison, Heather, Sarah, and Lily) had led their team to multiple state squad championships over their 4 years and the boys captain, Justin Lewis, had built up his team from humble beginnings to take 11th out of 52 in a statewide tournament this year. With pizza, balloons, and cake, the seniors were given a fitting send-off from the team.



(above, l-r) Coach Albert Benzimra, Coach Ellen Hewett, Jacqui Barbieri, Gia LaSalle, Madison Fong, Justin Lewis, Heather Januzzi, Lily Walsh, Sarah Comerford, Coach Michael Wang, and Coach Don Satchell.



APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR POLICE YOUTH ACADEMY 2019

The Police Youth Academy is an educational program developed by the Berkeley Heights Police Department focusing on the township's young residents. This program is designed to provide positive interaction between the children of our community and the officers who serve them. The Academy emphasizes professionalism, teamwork, respect, and integrity in a disciplined learning environment. Instructors will cover military drill, physical training, self-defense training, classroom activities, and host presentations from various law enforcement agencies. The Police Youth Academy will also provide male and female participants with insight on a career in law enforcement.

Dates and Times of the program are:

July 8-12 (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.) grades 8-12 July 15-19 (10 a.m. - 1 p.m.) grades 2-4

July 22-26 (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.) grades 5-7

July 29-August 2 (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) grades 5-8

(returning cadets week)

The Youth Academy is open to any Berkeley Heights student currently enrolled in grades 2 through 12. Also, all applicants must have their parents/guardians sign all waivers, and obtain a medical release note from their physician All application jackets must be completed and returned by June 1, 2019. Application can be obtained by visiting the Berkeley Heights Police Department. Registration fee is \$40, checks made payable to Township of Berkeley Heights.





NJ SHARING NETWORK REPORTS THAT 678 LIFE-SAVING TRANSPLANTS TOOK PLACE IN 2018

designated organ procurement organization responsible for the recovery of organs and tissue in the state, has released statistics regarding donation in New Jersey during 2018. Last year, a total of 678 life-saving transplants were made possible, 537 from deceased donors and an additional 141 from living donors.

More hearts (79) were transplanted than ever before, representing an 18 percent increase over 2017. Additionally, an unprecedented number of eye donors (826) gave the gift of sight, a nine percent increase from the prior year.

These record-breaking numbers are against the backdrop of significant growth in organ transplantation in New Jersey, which has increased 35 percent over the last six years. In fact, 2018 marks the fourth year of over 500 organs transplanted in the state. Over that same timeframe, heart donation saw an enormous increase of 132 percent.

Transplants saw an upswing nationally, as well, with over 36,500 organ transplants performed in 2018. This sets an annual record for the sixth straight year, according to preliminary data from United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS).

Vernell Williams of Paterson, NJ, says that he is eternally grateful to a man named Victor Startek of Toms River, NJ, who passed away at age 27 and donated his heart and kidney. Startek had registered as an organ donor when he first got his New Jersey driver's license. His mother, Deborah Martinez, and twin sister, Ashley

NJ Sharing Network, the non-profit, federally Startek, said that knowing Victor had already made the decision was an enormous relief for them. Williams, 50, who suffered from congestive heart failure, had waited months to receive a heart transplant and had nearly given up hope.

> "The months that I spent in the hospital waiting for a new heart were the most challenging of my life. I'm an optimistic person, but I'd begun to think I was facing the end. That's when I got the call – and Victor literally saved mv life."

> Like Victor, nearly 40 percent of those who gave the gift of life in 2018 previously registered as an organ donor and made their wishes known to family and friends, and this number continues to grow.

> "The increased percentage of donors who were previously registered speaks to the incredible job that our entire staff does to educate and inform the community about the life-saving benefits of organ and tissue donation," said Joe Roth, President and CEO of NJ Sharing Network.

> Today, there are nearly 4,000 New Jersey residents awaiting a life-saving transplant. Every day, approximately three people are added to the New Jersey waiting list, and one person dies every three days while waiting for a transplant. One organ donor can save eight lives and one tissue donor can restore health to over 75 people. New Jersey residents can help save lives by registering as organ and tissue donors, having a conversation with family and friends and getting involved at NJSharingNetwork.org.



On January 1, 2019 Berkeley Heights resident Jim Rhatican served as a float rider honoree at the 2019 Donate Life Rose Parade Float held in Pasadena, CA. He joined approximately 70 honorees who have been touched by organ, eye and tissue donations, they rode or walked beside the float. Jim is a liver recipient who flew to Pasadena on the day of his 10th transplant anniversary. A retired teacher, Jim got involved with NJ Sharing Network's High School Program and has spoken to hundreds of students about the importance of organ and tissue donation. He has also told his story at health fairs and to doctors, nurses and other hospital staff throughout New Jersey. His 5K Celebration of Life team, The Rhat Pack, has participated in the annual event since 2012. Jim says that he is continuously moved by students, teachers and parents who tell him their stories and thank him for his communications efforts.

NEWARK BAIT AND FLYCASTING CLUB ANNUAL YOUTH FISHING DERBY



(above) The Annual Youth Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday April 13, 2019 at Echo Lake in Westfield, NJ.



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Westfield Chamber of Commerce 212 Lenox Ave. Westfield, NJ 07090 908-233-3021 www.GWACCNJ.com The Newark Bait and Flycasting Club Annual Youth Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday April 13, 2019 at Echo Lake Park in Westfield, NJ. The event is free for children under 16, and \$10 for adults who wish to participate. Sign up is early morning. Tagged Fish will be stocked that day so the children can see them get stocked. Prizes are awarded for different species of fish. This is an ongoing event so if a child cannot fish that day they can sign up and send in there tag if they catch a tagged fish up to the deadline that tags will be received. You may donate and sponsor a fish for this event. Download our form online at nbfcc.org or we can mail one to you.

The Newark Bait and Flycasting Club was founded in 1907 and remains the oldest fishing club in the nation. We are listed on Amazon Smile and are a recognized 501(c)3 nonprofit. We provide outings to support veterans, adults and children as well as people with disabilities which focus on environmental education, fishing knowledge and practice.

We are always looking for new members, donations, and volunteers if anyone would like to get involved.

Our monthly meetings are held at the Kenilworth VFW, located at 33 S. 21st St., Kenilworth, NJ, on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. (except July and August). There is no fee to attend a meeting.

For more information visit nbfcc.org or contact Bob Jones: BJonesJRNJ@hotmail.com, 908-272-3545.



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CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE GARDEN STATE

The League of Women Voters of Berkeley Heights, New Providence & Summit is celebrating Earth Day with a program on "Climate Change in the Garden State." The program will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the De Corso Community Center, 15 East 4th Street, New Providence.

Our speaker, Dr. David Robinson, NJ Climatologist, has conducted research that focuses on the diverse weather and climate of the Garden State. This includes topics such as climate change, drought, flooding and issues involving agriculture, transportation, public safety and commerce. Dr. Robinson has served on national committees and occasionally publishes on issues related to his collection and archiving of accurate climatic data.

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DISNEY'S NEWSIES Coming to CDC theatre in May

CDC Theatre in Cranford will finish out its 100th Season in spectacular fashion! Disney's Newsies will come dancing into the theatre, at 78 Winans Ave., in Cranford on May 3rd and run until May 18th. Based on the 1992 motion picture and inspired by a true story, Newsies features a Tony Award-winning score by Alan Menken (Little Shop of Horrors, The Little Mermaid, Aladdin) and Jack Feldman and a book by Tony Award winner Harvey Fierstein (Kinky Boots).

Set in turn-of-the century New York City, Newsies is the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy and leader of a band of teenaged "newsies." When titans of publishing raise distribution prices at the newsboys' expense, Jack rallies newsies from across the city to strike against the unfair conditions and fight for what's right! Director John Menter recently talked about the show. "Newsies is a family friendly musical about the "little guys" taking a stand for what's right. It's based on a true story and perfect for CDC's 100th Anniversary Season. CDC is a great theater to work at. It's a beautiful space to create in and the creative process is supported by a dedicated production team and crew. The cast includes some of the most talented performers that I have had the pleasure of working with. Singers, actors and dancers that give you 110% all the time. The audiences will be amazed by this talented cast. Beautiful singing voices combined with powerhouse choreography and dancing that will blow you away!"

The large, intergenerational cast will take the stage on May 3-18, 2019, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, May 12. Additional information about the show and how to get tickets can be found by visiting cdctheatre.org. For best prices and selection, tickets can be purchased on line at Brown Paper Tickets.

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