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## CARL H. KUMPF NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION



(above) The 2019 National Junior Honor Society Inductees.

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*Submitted by Christine Casale Broski*

The Carl H. Kumpf National Junior Honor Society inducted 21 new members into its chapter on Thursday, April 25, 2019. In addition to achieving a cumulative weighted average of 4.0, students also had to demonstrate strong examples of leadership, service, character, and citizenship. Students participated in a candle lighting ceremony relaying the cardinal principles of Honor Society. New members also took a pledge promising to uphold the ideals of Honor Society in their school and community. The ceremony was led by the advisor, Ms. Hamilton and the NJHS officers. New inductees were awarded membership cards and medals, which they will wear at graduation.

NJHS Advisor Ms. Hamilton stated, "I am so incredibly proud of this new group of inductees. They proved that they had more than just the academic honors, but that they are involved in the community and demonstrate good character."

The 2019 NJHS Inductees were: Michael Calabrese, Dillon Cahill, Gwendalyn Cahill, Anthony Dorey, Rebecca Fogle, Talia Fabrizio, Emily Fernandez, Gina Galiszewski, Kyle Gunsiorowski, Olivia Huff, Riley Milford, Taylor Normann, Tania Oliveira, Vania Oliveira, Gina Osborne, Nina Sangiuliano, Eva Sarantidis, Noah Stout, Nila Tasharofi, Gabriella Weintraub, and Grace Wright.

## JILLIAN OLEAR RECEIVES OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Jillian Olear, eighth grader at Carl H. Kumpf Middle School, recently received the National Junior Honor Society Outstanding Achievement Award. Olear received the recognition at the NJHS induction ceremony held on April 25, 2019.

This award recognizes exemplary students and seeks to help them jump-start their quests towards higher education. The application is based on academic achievement, leadership, community involvement, and character. Out of approximately 160,000 NJHS students across the United States, fewer than 1% receive this award. Olear's recognition comes with a plaque and a monetary award that will be placed into a college savings account.



(above) Jillian Olear

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*Submitted by Ralph Bernardo*

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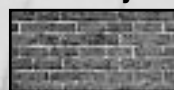
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The Clark Alliance is happy and proud to announce the recipient of the 2019 Volunteer of the Year award is Jaimie Wronski. Alliance coordinator Ralph Bernardo introduced Clark's recipient at a gala dinner at Galloping Caterers on Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

Coordinator Ralph Bernardo said "Jaimie is dedicated to her work involved in guiding the

youth of today in the right direction with the intent to keep kids safe against drugs and alcohol. Jaimie makes herself available whenever asked. She attends every program, presentation and seminar constantly getting involved in every aspect battling the alcohol and drug epidemic. She is an asset to the Township of Clark and Arthur L. Johnson High School."



(above) Clark Alliance Coordinator Ralph Bernardo, BOE member Henry Varriano, Jaimie Wronski, and BOE member Lorraine Akolanis.

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“As our children get older, with the help of their parents, our troop members start experimenting with meal prep over the stove-top,” said Cristina Mendez, Girl Scout Service Unit 53 Manager. “We also participate in regular beautification projects that require digging, so it’s important they have the information needed to navigate their world safely and with respect to what’s in their environment.”

For information on natural gas safety for kids, visit [elizabethtowngas.com/safety/safety-education-kids](http://elizabethtowngas.com/safety/safety-education-kids).

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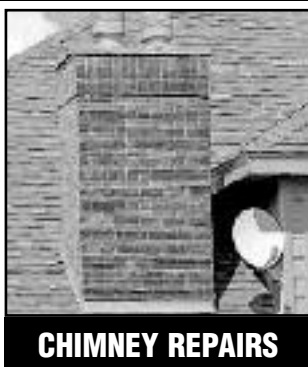




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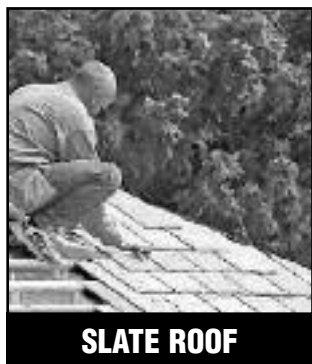
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# YWCA UNION COUNTY HONORS EIGHT ALLIES

*Submitted by Shannon Myre*

The YWCA Union County honored eight individuals and organizations for their committed effort on behalf of domestic violence survivors during their Annual Meeting held at the Clark Public Library on April 25, 2019.

Each honoree received a certificate and resolution in their name for their partnership in empowering survivors of domestic violence throughout the county. The honorees were Theresa Cosmas; Sgt. Mahasin El-Amin; Ryan & Dana Felmet; First Presbyterian Church of

Cranford; Garden State Bank: A division of New York Community Bank; Annette Ferrigno, Kids For Kids: A Mindfulness Movement; Gail Veltre, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, Rahway – Barnabas Health; and Lauren Thorne.

The YWCA’s mission is eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. Locally, the YWCA Union County is on a mission to empower survivors of domestic violence to become safe and free from abuse through comprehensive, client-centered services, and through education, collaboration and advocacy that builds safe, informed and supportive communities.

Domestic violence crosses all barriers of race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender and

socioeconomic status and it is a crime that impacts our entire community. It is estimated that 1 in every 4 women will be affected by domestic violence in her life- more than breast cancer, lung cancer, and ovarian cancer combined. The monetary cost of domestic violence in the United States in dollars has been estimated to exceed 9.3 billion a year in medical and mental health services, loss of productivity, and loss of paid earnings. An average of 3 women per day in the United States are killed as a result of domestic violence.

If you or anyone you know is experiencing domestic violence, call the 24-Hour Hotline at 908-355-HELP (4357). For more information about YWCA Union County’s services or how you can get involved, visit [ywcaunioncounty.org](http://ywcaunioncounty.org).



(above, l-r) YWCA Board President, Delaine Bailey, Honorees Dana and Ryan Felmet, and YWCA CEO Janice C. Lilien.

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The Arthur L. Johnson lacrosse team celebrated the success of Senior Brandon Hund as he scored his 100th career goal on Saturday, May 11, 2019, against Jonathan Dayton High School.

Hund accomplished the feat in a big win over the Springfield school, improving the Crusader's record to 9 wins and 6 losses.

Hund currently has 101 goals and 97 assists for a total of 198 points over his career.

ALJ's Head lacrosse Coach had this to say about Hund's accomplishment "A great competitor on the field. He has done everything except faceoff and get in the goal. He is not only a great athlete, but a model student athlete and a great ambassador for the game of lacrosse and the Crusader Lacrosse Program. We are proud of all his accomplishments as a Crusader."

Brandon will be attending Townsend University next year on a lacrosse scholarship.

## EVAN PARENTI REACHES 100 GOAL MILESTONE

The Arthur L. Johnson lacrosse team celebrated the success of Junior Evan Parenti as he scored his 100th career goal on April 17, 2019, against Columbia High School.

Parenti accomplished the feat in a big win over the Maplewood school, improving the Crusader's record to four wins and four losses.

Parenti currently has 107 goals and a total of 141 points over his career.

Arthur L. Johnson High School Athletic Director Gus Kalikas said of the accomplishment, "we are proud of Evan's accomplishments so far in his career, and we look forward to finishing out the season strong and competing in the NJSIAA State Tournament. He is a huge part of our success this year and I am certain that he will continue to excel on the lacrosse field."




(above) Arthur L. Johnson Junior Lacrosse standout Evan Parenti alongside Coach Brian Klimchak and Coach Alex Torres after scoring his 100th Career Goal against Columbia High School on April 17, 2019.


Photo by Clark Public Schools.



(above, l-r) Coach Brian Klimchak, Coach Alex Torres, Brandon Hund, and Head Coach Lou VanBergen.



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# CLARK AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS



(above, l-r) New Officers of Clark American Legion Auxiliary: Kathleen Switek, Treasurer: Kim Broadwell, Historian: Jody Burns, Chaplain: Tammi Angelo, President: Margaret Alago, Secretary: Karen Fink, Vice President: Maureen Riley, Sargent-at-arms.

Submitted by Judy Doran

The 2019-2020 Clark American Legion Auxiliary officers were installed during a dinner held on May 17, 2019.

The officers are as follows: President, Tammi Angelo; Vice President, Karen Fink; Treasurer, Kathleen Switek; Sargent -at-arms, Maureen Riley; Chaplain, Jody Burns; and Historian, Kim Broadwell. The secretary, Margaret Alago, is an appointed position.

This year has been a busy one for the Auxiliary with many events and fundraisers. The year started with a community meet and greet in October. An open house invited community members to visit Post 328, learn about the Auxiliary, and celebrate our 70 years of service with birthday cake. The ladies hosted three football breakfasts and will host a baseball breakfast on June 30th when the N Y Yankees play the Boston Red Sox in London. Unit 328 also held a steak dinner and a Pasta Night. The Auxiliary visited Lyons VA Hospital for a craft and dinner party with the lady veterans there. The organization also placed memorial wreaths at the site of Clark's Veterans and Memorial Day services. Two high school Juniors were sent to Girls State Convention in 2018 at Georgian Court College and two Juniors are slated to attend in 2019. The fiscal year ends with the American Legion Auxiliary Convention in June in Wildwood, NJ.

As you can see the year was full of events that promote our mission of community and service. The new officers look forward to another year as productive as this past one.

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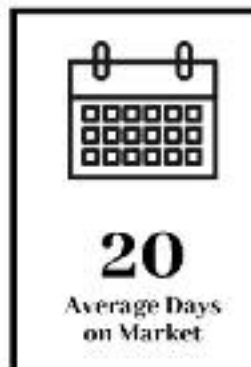
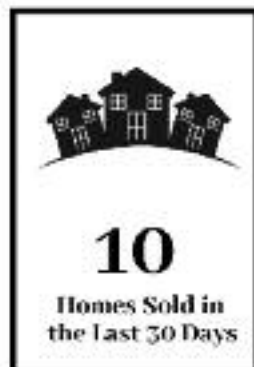
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## SOFTBALL TEAM VISITS FIRST CHILDREN'S SCHOOL

Submitted by Gus Kalikas

Members of the Arthur L. Johnson High School Crusader Softball Team recently visited the First Children's School, located in Fanwood, NJ.

The First Children's School in Fanwood is a stepping off point for children who need highly specialized educational services for some period of time in their lives. First Children's services extend into the home districts of students with special needs where they are invited to work with faculty and administration to assure that children with special needs get cutting-edge services in their home schools. The dedicated staffs, including teachers, aides, and therapists, are prepared to deliver their services in the schools and homes of the children they serve. First Children partners with districts and other providers like Children's Specialized Hospital and Eden Autism Services to make sure that the

children receive the very best services possible.

Members of the Crusader Softball Team went into various classrooms and participated in a multitude of activities relating to the school's curriculum.

Christopher DiNucci, Head Softball Coach, said about the event, "the softball program was thrilled to be able to assist with the daily routines and to participate in activities held at the First Children's School. It was fun watching the High School Student Athletes as they interacted with the children, and I think both groups not only enjoyed the experience, but learned a lot while doing it."

The Arthur L. Johnson High School Crusader Softball Team would like to thank everyone associated with the First Children's School for welcoming us and allowing us to be a part of a fabulous day.



(above, l-r) Bottom Row: Erin Hak, Gianna Albin, Alyssa Diaz, Alexa Grasso, Lauren Fogle, Grace Cassidy, Caitlyn Hessler, Kaylee Dente, Julia Steiner, Alex Lopes, Lauren Roland; Middle Row: Megan Tinger, Megan Zennario, Lia D'Angelo, Samantha Gonzalez, Sienna Sabba, Lauren Kelly, Nicole Pecoraro, Peyton Collings; Top Row: Coach Di Nucci, Alyssa Grasso, Hannah Brogan, Bailey Rosenmeier, Victoria Zatko, Katherine Fitzharris, Julia Schelhorn, Alison Wysocki, and Coach Bundy.

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# GIRL SCOUT TROOP 41248 ANNUAL PLANTING

*Submitted by Ralph Bernardo*

Girl Scout Troop 41248 did their annual planting for the beautification of the Clark Recreation Center. The girls in the photo along with their troop leader Kim Gillespie purchased a variety of annuals and perennials that attract

butterflies and planted them under the recreation marquee and in front of the center's main entrance. The girls completed the planting after school. The girls also painted rocks and put wooden signs together that label the plants. The township is very appreciative of their hard work.



# REGISTER FOR SUMMER YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE

The Union County Baseball Association invites baseball players between the ages of 8 and 15 to register for its Summer Youth Baseball League.

All games are played in Warinanco Park, on the border of Elizabeth and Roselle, Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. The games are coached and supervised by Union County Baseball Association staff. The season will begin in late June and end the first week of August.

Players are divided into three age groups: Minor League 8-10 year olds, Major League 11-12 year olds, and Teen League 13-15 year olds.

The Union County Baseball Association has added indoor clinics to the Summer League program. UCBA staff will utilize the new state-of-the-art Warinanco Park Skating Center, which is equipped with artificial turf and indoor batting cages, to provide players weekly clinics focused on hitting, fielding, pitching, and catching. This added benefit is included with the player registration fee.

The registration fee for the Summer Baseball League is \$50 and players can register online at [ucba-nj.org](http://ucba-nj.org). In-person registration will also be held on June 15th and June 22nd from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Warinanco Park Boathouse.

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UNICO has been giving back to the community for 40 years, including donations to all charities and organizations of the town, scholarships, our veterans, coat drives, fund raisers, the Italian Feast, and more. UNICO's platform is "Service above Self." It does a heart good when you serve those less fortunate, lonely, handicapped, aged, the community, children etc. For more information about Clark Unico visit [clarkunico.com](http://clarkunico.com).



(above) The UNICO team with Treasurer Henry Trani, Val Trani, President Joe Arancio and Andrea Arancio, and Vice President Ralph Bernardo and member Karen Bernardo.

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## HEHNLY'S K-KIDS PRESENT QUILTS OF VALOR

*Submitted by Christine Casale Broski*

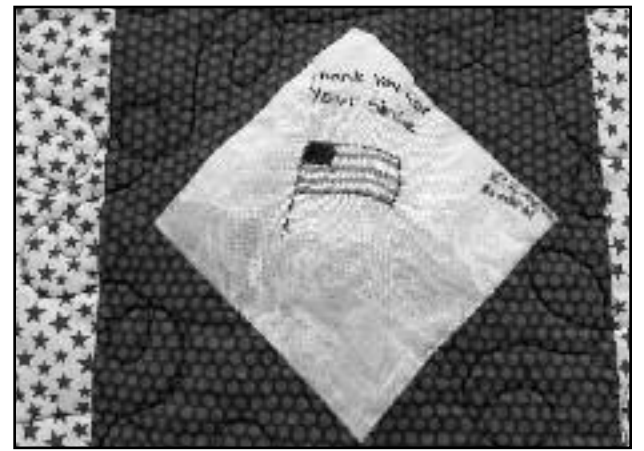
Frank K. Hehnly Elementary School's K-Kids, a community service group, and the Quilts of Valor Foundation recently presented quilts to three veterans at a meeting to show the students' appreciation for the service of military men and women. Last year, members of K-Kids (grades 3-5) created the squares with personal messages of gratitude for the quilt. The Quilts of Valor Foundation then assembled these squares into quilts. Hehnly K-Kids paid for the quilt from their funds.

In addition to having the opportunity to view the quilts, students listened to the three veterans share their experiences being in the military. Mary Arrowood, Hehnly teacher, discussed her pride for our country and also thanked her former teacher in the crowd. She also recognized Michael Brattole, her former student who was also receiving a quilt. Brattole discussed with the

students the importance of doing well in school and always trying their best. Clark Police Chief Pedro Matos was also honored with a quilt. He encouraged the students to appreciate the opportunities afforded them and do their very best at every task they meet. Students then had a chance to ask the veterans questions and personally thank them for their service.

K-Kids Advisor and School Nurse Donna Kircher stated, "In addition to learning the art of quilt making, students were able to thank our "Veteran Guests" in person. We are extremely grateful to the Quilts of Valor organization for making and presenting our quilts."

According to the Quilts of Valor Foundation, the group's mission is "To cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. Quilts of Valor are tokens of appreciation that unequivocally say, 'Thank you for your service, sacrifice, and valor.'"



(above) A quilt square created by Frank K. Hehnly Elementary School's K-Kids.



(above) Quilt recipients Michael Brattole, Mary Arrowood, and Chief Pedro Matos.



(above) Superintendent Edward Grande, K-Kids Advisor Donna Kircher, Quilt recipients Michael Brattole, Mary Arrowood, and Chief Pedro Matos, Board of Education Member Henry Varriano, and Anne Carreiro, Group Leader Quilts of Valor.

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(above) Cecilia Puentes and Natalya Torres were celebrated during a signing day ceremony by their coaches and administrators.



(above) Natalya Torres and her family at the Signing Day event.

Photos by Clark Public Schools

## SIGNING DAY CEREMONY HELD FOR CECILIA PUENTES AND NATALYA TORRES

Submitted by Gus Kalikas

On Friday, May 3, 2019, various staff members and administration at Arthur L. Johnson High School participated in a signing day ceremony to honor Cecilia Puentes (Soccer) and Natalya Torres (Track and Field) for their years of service to Crusader Athletics and commemorate their signing of Nation Letters of Intent to play NCAA Collegiate Athletics.

Arthur L. Johnson's senior student athlete Cecilia Puentes signed her letter of intent to continue her athletic and academic career at the collegiate level, where she will continue playing Soccer at Pace University for the Setters. Cecilia had an outstanding season for the Crusaders as she led her team to an outstanding season. Cecilia scored 40 goals and added 41 assists throughout her soccer career while also playing for the Crusader Girls' Basketball team.

Arthur L. Johnson's senior student athlete Natalya Torres signed her letter of intent to continue her athletic and academic career at the collegiate level, where she will continue competing in Track and Field at Monmouth

University for the Division 1 Hawks. The senior had an outstanding career for the Crusaders as she led her team to multiple High Jump Championships throughout her career, including recently setting the Union County record in the High Jump relays.

"Cecilia and Natalya have been integral parts of the success of our athletic programs while competing at Arthur L. Johnson High School," said Gus Kalikas, Athletic Director at Arthur L. Johnson High School. "More importantly, they have been model student athletes that did things the right way both on the fields, in the classroom, and throughout our community. Although it will be sad to see them leave, the Crusader's loss is their University's gain, and we look forward to following their successful collegiate athletic careers over the next four years."

Crusader Athletics would like to wish the best of luck to Cecilia and Natalya as they culminate wonderful careers for the Crusaders and continue their academic and athletic successes as collegiate student athletes.



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## FRANK STEBBINS PRESENTED WITH UNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Nineteen individuals and four organizations were recognized by the Union County Human Relations Commission at the 18th annual Unity Achievement Award presentation held on Monday, May 6, 2019 at the Kean University STEM Center in Union Township.

The award recipients were nominated and selected for their philanthropic and volunteer efforts, and for fostering and promoting human rights and dignity among the people of Union County.

The mission of the Union County Human Relations Commission is to actively encourage, develop, promote, and strengthen respect for human rights and cultural diversity among the people of Union County.

The following is reprinted from the event's program.

Unity Award for Achievement by an Educator -- Frank Stebbins, Arthur L. Johnson High School, Clark, NJ

Recognition for inspirational educational opportunities in the arena of human rights and cultural diversity.

Franklin Stebbins is an innovative educator who is dedicated to increase social awareness and make the world a better place. His efforts to raise cultural awareness and embrace diversity have demonstrated the lessons of humanity throughout the school and local community.

He has made a significant contribution to the high school and local community in the areas of human rights and cultural diversity by introducing the Civics Unplugged program to the

school. In this program, students meet in New York City on the weekends to discuss contemporary topics and share diverse perspectives. Educators work with students to help them decode the barrage of messages they receive each day. The students learn how to speak and listen to each other in a respectful manner, and by discussing unspeakable atrocities, students can learn tolerance and problem-solving techniques.

Frank also created a Holocaust and Genocide Studies Course for students, for which he earned the Gina Lanceter Power Of One Award from the State of New Jersey's Commission on Holocaust and Genocide Education, honoring his efforts to reduce bias and prejudice and promoting humanity among all people.

Frank is also involved in the Through the Facing History and Ourselves Program, which allows schools throughout the world to collaborate and foster meaningful experiences that encourage cultural awareness in the classroom. The organization is dedicated to promoting ethics, social responsibility, and justice.

He plans special learning experiences as well, including visits outside the classroom to see films (most recently to Kean University to see Nana, a documentary about a Holocaust survivor forced to be the translator of Dr. Mengele the "Angel of Death" at Auschwitz concentration camp), inviting special guest speakers to the classroom, and participating in the I Learn America Exhibit at Kean University, encouraging students to



express their identities in multiple ways, to reflect upon what they learn, and to break down stereotypes, celebrate diversity, and raise cultural awareness.

Frank's impact on his students is immeasurable as he teaches the lessons of cultural diversity and humanity on a daily basis, as evidenced by the reflection they shine back on him.

Nominations are now open for the 2020 Unity Achievement Awards. For more information about the Commission, or to make a nomination, please visit its website at [www.ucnj.org/uchrc](http://www.ucnj.org/uchrc).

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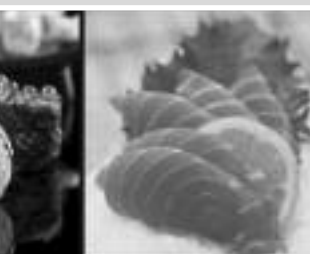
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The library will be closed on Sundays until after Labor Day.

### Fourth Grade Battle of the Books

Monday, June 3 at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

The Frank K. Hehnly battle begins at 6 and the Valley Road School battle begins at 7.

### Chess Club for Kids

Monday, June 3 and Monday, June 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Children ages 6 and up are invited to come to the library for chess club! We welcome beginners and those wanting to learn new tips.

### LEGO® Club

Friday, June 7 at 3:15 p.m.

Create your own lego structures. Legos are provided by the library. For grades K - 5.

No registration required.

### Food and Fun Along the Jersey Shore

Tuesday, June 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Join noted local food historian Judith Krall-Russo just in time for summer as she discusses the assortment of foods that have been associated with the Jersey Shore over the years.

### Afternoon Book Club

Tuesday, June 4 at 1:00 p.m.

We will be discussing "The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend" by Katarina Bivald.

Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk.

### Star Wars Day

Saturday, June 8 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m. Star Wars Movie Marathon beginning with Episode 4: A New Hope

1:00 p.m. Saber Guild Corellia Lightsaber

Show Come watch the Saber Guild Corellia put on a lightsaber demonstration to celebrate Star Wars Day!

2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Padawan Training The Saber Guild Corellia will be training young padawans with photo ops. Please register.

We will also have a Star Wars themed craft and trivia contest. Registration for Summer Reading will also be available-get a jump start on your reading to win prizes this summer! Costumes are encouraged!

### Teen Painting Party

Monday, June 10 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Annual summer reading kick-off party by creating and painting big posters for decorating for our Space Jam! Snacks will be provided!

For ages 13 and up. You can also earn volunteer hours if needed!

### Tinker Tuesday

Tuesday, June 11 at 3:30 p.m.

Elementary aged children are invited to join us for our monthly afternoon of tinkering / crafting. For ages 5 and up. Please register.

### The Space Race with Kevin Woyce

Thursday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Join Kevin Woyce for a fascinating presentation in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon landing on July 20, 1969.

### Finger Painting Friday

Friday, June 14 at 10:00 a.m.

We will read a story and then make some squishy, colorful creations. Wear some old clothes! Please register.

### Adult Craft: Summer Reading Bookmark Making

Friday, June 14 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

We will be ready for the 2019 Summer Reading by making our own bookmark.

### Union County Division on Aging Services

Monday, June 17 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Drop by anytime between 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and get answers to your questions about: pharmaceutical assistance, home energy assistance, home care, home delivered or congregate meals, caregiver relief, medicaid, transportation, and other questions.

### CoderDojo

Saturday, June 22 at 2:00 p.m.

Our goal is to help kids understand how to code and teach them to love coding. This event is for children ages 9 - 14 years old. For more information visit [coderdojo.com/about](http://coderdojo.com/about).

### Kid's Summer Reading Kick-Off Space Jam

Monday, June 24 from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

We will have a DJ, glowsticks, face painting, tattoos, raffles, and a craft.

### Summer LEGO® Club

Tuesday, June 25 at 3:00 p.m.

Create your own lego structures. Legos are provided by the library. For grades K - 5. No registration required.

### Adult Summer Reading Kick-Off: Trivia Night

Tuesday, June 25 at 6:30 p.m.

We will have a Jeopardy format trivia match. Questions are about the theme of a Universe. Open to teens and adults 13 and older. Limit 4 people per team. Please register.

### Cook with a Book for Kids

Wednesday, June 26 at 2:00 p.m.

This is the first in a bi-weekly series in which we advance literacy through cooking and guide learning around food and nutrition. This program is intended for children 5 and up. Please register.

### Toddler Story & Craft

Thursday, June 27 at 10:00 a.m.

This program is designed for children ages 18 months-3 years old, but older children are welcome to attend. Please register.

### Kid's Conservation Club

Thursday, June 27 at 2:30 p.m.

first in a 7 part series where kids will listen to a book and participate in an activity or craft.

For ages 5 and up. Please register.

### Pajama Time Story Time

Thursday, June 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Come in your PJs for our evening family story time! Stories, songs, and fingerplays for children ages 2 - 5 years old.

### Friday Family Flick

Friday, June 28 at 2:00 p.m.

Here is the summary of our first selection:

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Storytimes through June 7, beginning again June 24

### Tales for Tots

Mondays at 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. and

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Stories & More on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. Stories, movement, songs and a craft for active listeners ages 3 -5 years old.

Registration is requested.

### Moms Meet-Up Play Group

Wednesdays from 10:30 - 12 p.m.

An informal session where moms, toddlers and babies can meet for playtime.

### Grown-Up Coloring Club

meets on most Fridays 1:00 p.m.

Join us for a relaxing afternoon of coloring for grown ups. Relieve some stress while stimulating your creativity!

### Movies for adults

shown on Mondays at 1:00 p.m., Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., and Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.

Additionally, free movies are shown at the library on Monday and Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.

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# ALJ SPRING ATHLETIC AWARDS

On Monday, May 13, 2019, the Arthur L. Johnson Athletic Department held their 2019 Spring Athletic Awards ceremony. The evening, sponsored by the Crusader Athletic Booster Club, was held in the ALJ auditorium.

Over 131 varsity athletic letters were handed out throughout the evening, as participation in athletics at ALJ continues to grow.

The 2019 Spring Student Athlete award recipient was Joshua Hill, who has a 4.2411 G.P.A. The award is given out each athletic season to a student athlete that is not only a champion on the field, but in the classroom as well.

The Crusader G.P.A. Challenge is awarded each season to the team that finishes with the highest overall G.P.A. amongst athletic teams seasonally. For the first time since the award was created two teams finished with identical 4.01 G.P.A.s. The 2019 Spring Seasonal G.P.A. Challenge recipients are the Girls' Spring Track & Field Team and the Boys' Tennis Team.

Members of the Girls' Spring Track & Field Team are Sarah Sceptowski, Gianna Caldiero, Gia Colicchio, Carly Tarentino, Julia Kalynchuk, Shailynn Rapp, America Renteria, Gina Rizzuto, Taylor Turek, Jenna Wiese, Paige Kelly, Kayla Kowalenko, and Natalya Torres; Boys' Tennis Team: Matthew Cassidy, Seth Guzman, John

Juzefyk, Jacob Mallik, Anthony Neyra, Kyle Perednia, Christopher Warnick, Brandon Costa, Raymond Torres, Kyle Briscese, Robert Lukasiewicz, Andy Zheng, Anthony Bogash, Cody Downing, Toan Le, and Ethan Nobre.

The Best Teammate Award winners were: Baseball – Patrick Grady; Golf – Daniel Burns; Lacrosse – Christian Ferrao; Softball – Bailey Rosenmeier; Tennis – Andy Zheng; Boys' Spring Track & Field – Matthew Kowalenko; Girls' Spring Track & Field – Gina Rizzuto.

The Team Most Valuable Players were: Baseball – Stephen Harrington; Golf – Joseph Bencivenga; Lacrosse – Brandon Hund; Softball – Victoria Zatko; Tennis – Robert Lukasiewicz; Boys' Spring Track & Field – Jack Delaney; Girls' Spring Track & Field – Carly Tarentino.

The Athletic Director, Gus Kalikas, stated "The Spring Athletic Awards was a wonderful event that allowed the administration, teachers, coaches, parents, and student athletes a chance to reflect on a wonderful spring athletics season while honoring our student athletes for their remarkable accomplishments. Our teams, coaches, and student athletes continue to raise the bar both in the classrooms and on the athletic fields and the Clark School District could not be more proud of their performance this past spring athletics season."

Photos by Clark Public Schools



(above) The Spring athletic team MVPs pose with their trophies.



(above) This season two teams tied for G.P.A. Challenge winner, the Girls' Spring Track & Field Team and the Boys' Tennis team.

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# KUMPF NJHS STUDENT ORGANIZES SOLES4SOULS SERVICE PROJECT

## CUB SCOUT PACK 145

Just in time for the Memorial Day parade, Cub Scout Pack 145 - Den 5 did some spring cleaning and planted flowers on Miller Avenue.



## SEA SCOUT OPEN HOUSE - JUNE 8

Submitted by James Zatwarnicki

Are you interested in boating, sailing, or mechanics? Come check out Sea Scouting and let the adventure at sea begin! Sea Scout Ships 228 and 243 of Patriot's Path Council will be holding an open house from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, June 8, 2019 at their sea base located at 4400 Tremley Point Rd, Linden, NJ. The open house will include demonstrations and tours at 10 a.m., a free BBQ at 11:30 a.m., and boat rides from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Sea Scouting is open to both male and female youth member's ages 14-21 who have graduated the 8th grade; we also have a new Maritime Explorer Club for younger youth in 6th to 8th grade. Adult volunteers with maritime experience or captain's licenses are needed too. Join us for a day on the water and bring a friend! Visit our website for more information visit ship228.com.



(above) Sea Scouts from Ship 228 operate the 65' vessel Sea Dart II, one of the largest Sea Scout vessels on the east coast, along with a fleet of smaller vessels (including sailboats) from their base located in Linden, NJ.

Sarah Patterson, an 8th grade National Junior Honor Society member at Carl H. Kumpf Middle School in Clark, recently organized a service project to benefit Soles4Souls. Soles4Souls began as a disaster relief organization after the disaster of Hurricane Katrina; the organization is now a non-profit that seeks to help victims of disaster to "get back on their feet." Since Soles4Souls began, they have helped distribute more than 35 million pairs of shoes to more than 127 different countries.

Over the course of the fifteen-day Clark Travel Basketball Tournament, Sarah volunteered more than thirty hours of her time. During this time, Sarah set up a table and displayed a tri-fold poster explaining the

organization to tournament guests. By the end of the tournament, Sarah collected, sorted, and bagged more than 450 pairs of shoes. Each pair of shoes had to be banded together, organized into bags, and had to be accompanied by a donor form. Sarah's efforts have helped to provide food, shelter, and education to an entire family for 235 days. In addition, Sarah's donations have gone to better serve our environment as they've been recycled instead of ending up in a landfill.

Ms. Hamilton, the NJHS advisor commented, "I'm very proud of Sarah for finding a service project that touches on so many aspects of what it means to be a good citizen. She has found a way to donate to those in need, provide educational and employment opportunities, and help save our environment. Nicely done!"

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# CLARK FIRE DEPARTMENT SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

*Submitted by Chief Frank J. Cerasa*

The Clark Fire Department continuously accepts applications for the position of volunteer firefighter. Along with interested Township residents, we also accept applications from out of town residents. Those out of town residents should reside within two miles of the municipal boundary. Be advised that Clark Township residents receive preference for available positions when applications are received. Volunteer Firefighting is not what you do but who you become. It is one of the most rewarding experiences you will ever have. The knowledge, skills, and abilities you will receive as a volunteer

firefighter are invaluable.

Volunteering is one of the best ways to make a personal difference within the community, while having a personal positive impact on the lives of those around you. Our community relies on our commitment to service to keep each other safe.

## **SOME BENEFITS OF BECOMING A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER INCLUDE:**

- Knowing that you are making a difference within the community serving your family, friends, and neighbors.
- Acquiring new knowledge, skills and abilities that would further life goals and possibly lead to a career change.

- Work as a cohesive unit and part of a team which builds camaraderie along with lifelong friendships.
- Receive college credits for basic and specialized training.

## **TRAINING INCLUDES:**

- State Certified Fire Fighter I & II at a NJ State Certified Academy.
- Driver and operational training on all pieces of firefighting apparatus to include Engines, Truck, and specialty vehicles.
- Water Rescue and Ice Rescue operations
- Professional rescuer CPR / AED certification along with basic first aid. Additional specialty training opportunities given at county fire academies to enhance the knowledge of firefighters along with being able to receive a national EMT certification.

## **HOW TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER:**

Stop by Fire Headquarters located at 250 Broadway, Clark, New Jersey, any Thursday evening after 7:30 p.m. or any Sunday morning after 10 a.m. to speak with a Fire Department Officer regarding becoming a member of the department.

You must be at least 18 years of age and hold a valid NJ drivers license.

## REGISTER NOW! SUMMER CAMP 2019

The Clark summer recreation camp program is open to all Clark boys and girls entering their 2nd year of preschool all the way through 9th grade as of September 2019. The program begins on Monday, July 1st and ends on Thursday, August 8th. The children are grouped together by grades Pre-K – 9th.

There is a \$35 registration fee per child for the entire six weeks. You can register on line at Ourclark.com and pay by credit card, by check made out to Clark Recreation or you may pay by cash. Registration forms can be dropped off during the day at the Recreation Office (in locked mailbox outside my door if I am not in the office or mailed to 430 Westfield Ave Clark, NJ 07066. Any questions, please call Ralph Bernardo at 732-428-8400.

## FREE SKIN CANCER SCREENINGS

The Clark Health Department will be offering free skin cancer screenings at the Clark Municipal Pool, 201 OakRidge Rd., Clark on Saturday, June 29, 2019 between 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

This popular screening event is open to any resident in Union County.

Other participants and activities on hand the day of the screening will include free blood pressure and glucose screening, tips on how to stay healthy and hydrated year round

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