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STUDENTS ORGANIZE RAHWAY SENIOR CITIZEN PROM

Submitted by Lauren Palermo

On Wednesday, April 24, 2019, while Rahway schools were on spring break, 20 high school students, organized by Broadcasting teacher Lauren Palermo, volunteered their time to help with the Senior Citizen Prom at the Rahway Recreation Center. As noted by Senior Marcel Leach, "I have participated in this event for four years, and I love it. It is a great event and a lot of fun. I get to dance with the seniors who really know how to 'get down.'"

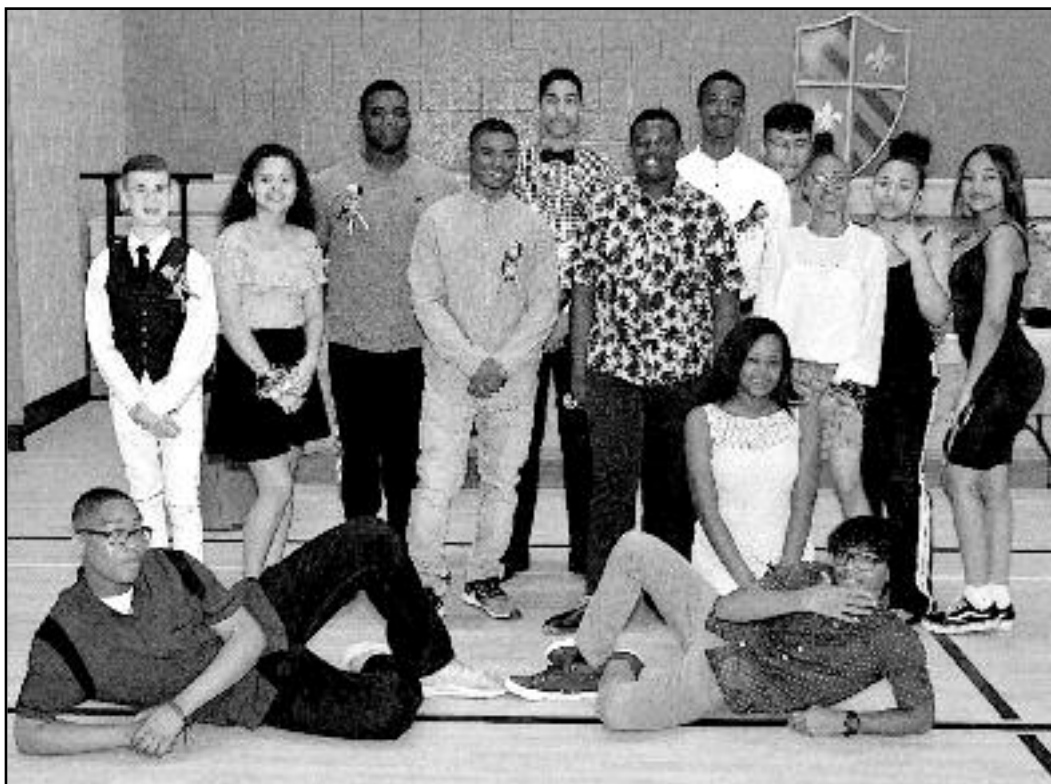
This year's theme was "A Night in Camelot." The students set up, serve dinner, clean and dance with the senior citizens. Ms. Palermo has been working with her students on this event for many years.

"When I first was asked if I could get students to help, I was skeptical about the students' reaction," said Ms. Palermo. "I was taken aback by their enthusiasm and positive response. Every year since, the students are eager to be involved. It is such a beautiful and gratifying thing to experience! I was concerned this year because the prom fell during our spring break. However, the students were happy to take part."

First-time participant, Junior Gaby Mendoza, said, "It was really fun to dance with the senior citizens. They were even better than me! I had so much fun!"

Sophomore Amani Stacker stated, "This was first time I went. The band was entertaining. Everyone looked great, and I hope to be involved next year."

The students look forward to this annual dance and appreciate that they are also treated to dinner and a goody bag!



(above, l-r) The high school students who participated in the Senior Citizen Prom at the Rahway Recreation Center; standing: Adam Clarke, Josalyn Montero, Jermaine Cunningham, Mikel Halsey, Allan Mota, Sam Dorielan, Joseph Williams, Brandon Menjivar, Brinae Williams; floor: Marcel Leach, Marcus Belfon, Lundia Josue, Amani Stacker, and Divine Vincent.

Photo by Rahway Public Schools

Many years the decorations have been donated to the senior class for their prom.

Perhaps it is summed up best by the students: Senior Marcus Belfon who has participated for four years, stated, "I always have fun. It is a great experience. All of the seniors are lively and have great moves on the dance floor."

"I think the seniors enjoyed having us there. It was very generous of them give us dinner, dessert and a goody bag! I look forward to being involved next year," said Junior Sam Dorielan.

"It was my first time helping. It was a fun experience. We got to meet some cool senior citizens who were full of energy," said Senior Lundia Josue, adding, "I wish I had done it sooner."

To borrow from Alan Jay Lerner's lyric, on Wednesday, April 24, 2019, there was happily-ever-aftering in Rahway's Camelot!

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Key Food Stores Co-Operative Inc., a chain of primarily independently owned and corporate grocery stores, is proud to announce the opening of its newest SuperFresh location at 651 North Stiles Street, Linden, NJ.

To celebrate, SuperFresh hosted a ribbon cutting on Friday, May 17, 2019.

Linden Mayor Derek Armstead and other city officials were on hand to cut the ribbon. Mayor Armstead said "Thank you for choosing Linden, we are ecstatic and delighted that you are in our town."

"With over five stores in our family of supermarkets, storeowner Howard Lee is one of our best operators," says Vice President of Business Development John Durante. "Howard has worked hard to build a beautiful store that will cater to the greater Linden community."

At 57,000 square feet, this new SuperFresh

has a seafood department with both fresh and frozen options, as well as an on-site steamer to steam seafood to order. The produce department offers customers an array of organic options. SuperFresh's meat department hosts an on site butcher offering custom cuts to order. This new store has a deli department with a full line of Boars Head products, as well as a hot food and salad bar. Throughout the store, customers can enjoy a variety of international products with a special selection of Eastern European items.

In the future, this SuperFresh will offer pharmacy and UPS services.

"We're excited to open our doors to the people of Linden," says store owner Howard Lee. "With our new SuperFresh, we're striving to bring our customers a convenient shopping experience with wonderful customer service."



(above) Linden Mayor Derek Armstead and other city officials were on hand to cut the ceremonial grand opening ribbon on May 17, 2019. Mayor Armstead said "Thank you for choosing Linden, we are ecstatic and delighted that you are in our town."

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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 www.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. Sea Scouting (Part of the Venturing Program of the BSA) offers young adults the opportunity to travel and learn skills that could be useful in future careers. Whether you're steering the vessel from the wheelhouse, learning engine room repair or visiting a new port on one of the many trips, there's something you'll enjoy in Sea Scouting. So, try something different, check us out, and prepare yourself to set sail for a real adventure.

PUBLIC INVITED TO OPENING OF THE RRWA WATERSHED LEARNING CENTER

Submitted by Clea Carchia

The Rahway River Watershed Association invites the public to celebrate the opening of the RRWA Watershed Learning Center, 337 East Milton Avenue, Rahway, NJ, with a Big Bash to be held on Saturday, June 15, 2019, from 1 to 5 p.m.

This free event is offered as a gift to the residents of the Rahway River Watershed. Festivities include a live band, environmental exhibits, presentations, speakers, food, beer and wine (fee for beer and wine). Rahway Mayor Ray Giacobbe will preside over the ribbon cutting ceremony. Entertainment is provided by the versatile Bob Benson Blues Band, who will be playing rockabilly, swing, blues and a variety of other genres. NY/NJ Baykeeper CEO Greg Remaud will speak about the condition of the Rahway River and the New York Harbor Estuary.

The generosity of Rahway residents, businesses and city officials is impressive. Rahway Department of Public Work's continued support has insured the event will go off without

a hitch. A group of community volunteers recently planted three gardens – two pollinator and one rain garden – on the premise of the Watershed Learning Center. The gardens are designed to increase biodiversity in the area.

The Rahway River Watershed stretches across 24 towns and 3 counties. Water from the Rahway River supplies drinking water to Rahway City residents. The RRWA Watershed Learning Center aims to attract residents from all 24 towns who are interested in learning about local environmental issues, water quality, habitat, native and invasive plants and animals, green infrastructure, flooding issues, and a host of other subjects. Bat houses, built and donated by Rahway Cub Scout Pack 47, have been installed and are waiting for guests to arrive. The Watershed Learning Center is a hub for an annual water quality monitoring program initiated by the Rahway River Watershed Association in 2018.

Join the RRWA in celebrating this milestone – Love Our River! For more information call: 908-892-7229.



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CELEBRATE NATIONAL SEWING MACHINE DAY ON JUNE 13

The sewing machine is truly one of society's greatest inventions, with a long and rather interesting history, including patent conflicts, lawsuits and constant evolution, all on an international scale! Whether you're inspired by the fashionistas on Project Runway or just need to mend a torn pocket, it's clear that a sewing machine is something no home should be without. And since National Sewing Machine Day is celebrated yearly on June 13, this is the perfect time to share just a couple of the highlights along the colorful timeline of this lofty invention:

In the 20th century, more than 4,000 different kinds of sewing machines were made.

The first patent for a sewing machine is evidenced by a diagram, by the inventor Thomas Saint, and Englishman, in 1790, although there is a possibility that Charles Weisenthal, a German had already invented a machine 35 years earlier to go with a machine needle he had patented.

The inventors Isaac Singer and Elias Howe from the United States, significantly improved the early designs of sewing machines in the 1840s and 1850s, and are often credited as the inventors of the appliance.

While Elias Howe is credited with the actual invention of the first patented sewing machine in 1846, the industry's most well-known figure, Isaac Singer actually patented his improved version in 1851.

Singer promoted it internationally as a household necessity and as a result, the Singer Company became one of America's first multinational corporations, and a hugely successful one at that. His success was due, in part, to selling the machines on installment plans with just a \$5 or \$10 deposit, allowing every

household to own a sewing machine. It was one of the first products to be sold on credit. The \$125 cost was approximately 1/5th of the average American income!

Later, Garrett Morgan invented a zigzag stitching attachment for manually operated sewing machines and ran a successful business repairing sewing equipment in the early 1900s. Born the son of former enslaved Africans, Morgan is more widely known for inventing the traffic light, and an apparatus that became the modern-day gas mask, among other inventions.

The 1950's are regarded as the "Golden Age" of home sewing because of the ready availability of sewing machines for the home, designer patterns, DIY designs inspired by Hollywood.

Fabric and sewing departments were also increasingly popular in all of the department stores.

Want to learn more, and try out some of today's sewing machine technology? Check out the next Rahway Sewing & Quilting Meetup, scheduled for Saturday, June 29, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cultured Expressions Sewing & Quilting Studio, 1417 Main Street in Rahway. Local sewing machine expert Randy Krickus will present easy tips for machine care and maintenance. Reserve your seat at 866-MUDCLOTH or email info@CulturedExpressions.com, or RSVP on the Meetup website -- visit www.meetup.com and search for "Rahway Sewing & Quilting".



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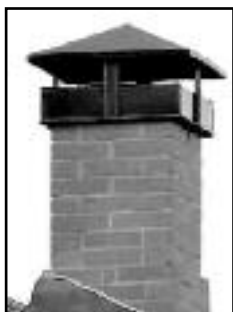
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CRANE'S FORD DAR CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Submitted by Mary Leonard, Regent, Crane's Ford DAR

At a recent luncheon, held at the Holiday Inn in Clark, New Jersey, the Crane's Ford chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the chapter.

On March 7, 1944 the Crane's Ford chapter was organized in Cranford and chartered by the National Society. At that time the chapter had 36 members and its founding Regent was Julia I Hazzard of Cranford. Since that time the chapter has had 23 Regents with many serving more than one 3-year term. The chapter took its name from a ford in the Rahway River where light horseman stood guard while General Washington's army was encamped at Morristown.

Attending the celebration were chapter members along with NJDAR State Officers including State Regent, Karen Strover, State Vice Regent, Bonnie Matthews, State Historian, Pat Saftner and the State Central District Director, Susan Luczu. The State Regent administered the Oath of Membership to the chapter's new member, Patricia Huxford of Roselle Park.

Today the Crane's Ford chapter has 56 members from Cranford and surrounding town as well as many from out of state. The chapter is led by Regent Mary Leonard of Roselle Park and she is completing her 5th year. The chapter supports the National Society by continuing to promote

historic preservation, education and patriotism as the local level. Throughout each year the chapter presents various awards including Good Citizen to high school seniors, American History Essay Contest, and JROTC to cadets at Elizabeth High School, Linden High School and Abraham Clark High School in Roselle. National awards given by the chapter over the years includes Conservation, Women in the Arts, Women in American History, and Historic Preservation

Recognition awards.

Within NJ there are 46 chapters of the DAR, with over 2,700 members. Nationally there are over 175,000 members in over 3,000 chapters. Membership is open to any woman 18 years or older who can prove a lineal, bloodline descent from an ancestor who aided in achieving American independence. For more information please contact DAR.org or the Crane's Ford Chapter Registrar at patushkat@aol.com.



(above, l-r) Crane's Ford DAR chapter members Pat Huxford of Roselle Park, Patty Campanelli of Clark, Bonnie Cierkowski of Cranford, Barbara Krause of Cranford, Mary Leonard of Roselle Park, Nancy Hatfield of Westfield, Kathy Hercel of Scotch Plains and Joanne Rajoppi of Union.



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A TRIBUTE TO RAHWAY'S MEN IN BLUE WHO DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

Submitted by Al Shipley, City Historian and Rahway Library Research Consultant

The Rahway Police Department was established on June 8, 1858 and in the department's 161 year history, nine officers have lost their lives while in the service of their city. In the next two issues of "Our Town," this column will pay tribute to those officers by recounting the tragic stories that led to their deaths.

Part I

* Special policeman Alfred E. Jewell (d. March 2, 1895) was shot and killed while in pursuit of a tramp near the site of the former Scott Avenue train station.

The incident started after railroad freight agents telegraphed police headquarters requesting help to break up a gang of six tramps who were drunk and causing trouble at the station. Chief George Wright and four officers, including Jewell, responded. Upon seeing the police, the tramps split up and ran in different directions. Jewell, along with Officer Joel Sharp, chased after one of the trouble-makers. As they gained ground on the fleeing drifter, and were approximately fifteen yards from apprehending him, he suddenly turned and fired three shots. One bullet struck Jewell in the stomach killing him almost instantly. Officer Sharp pounced on the shooter, threw him to the ground, and restrained him until the other officers came to his aid.

When searched, the culprit, who gave his name as John Sloan, was carrying two sticks of dynamite, a jackknife, fuse, percussion caps, and a set of drills and a file, articles commonly associated with safe-crackers.

Officer Jewell was 58 years old and was survived by a wife and four children.

On May 14, Sloan, whose real name turned out to be Frank Freehill, was indicted for murder by a Grand Jury and on December 11 he was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to the full penalty of ten years in State Prison and a fine of \$1,000.

* Policeman Jeremiah Dunham (d. April 26, 1899) was killed by a fast-moving, east-bound passenger train at Rahway Station at 7:50 in the evening.

While on duty at the railroad station, Dunham started to cross the east-bound tracks and stopped as a west-bound freight train was passing. As he waited an express bore down on him and before he could get out of the way, he was violently struck and killed. Persons on the station platform witnessed the horrific sight and were able to supply graphic details. According to eyewitnesses, the headlamp on the express was not burning or at best was very dim and no whistle was blown nor bell sounded. It was reported the express was running eight minutes late when it roared through Rahway at a speed of sixty miles per hour.

The train's engineer was unaware of the accident until he reached Jersey City where he was told he had struck a man.

Officer Dunham was 54 years old, a veteran of the Civil War and member of Barry Post G.A.R. He was survived by a wife, two daughters, and a son.

* Officers Jacob Kraus and James Lynch (d.



(above) Most every railroad town had a problem with tramps and many established "Tramp Laws" in an attempt to dissuade the vagabonds from setting up camp in their localities. This illustration is from Frank Leslie's illustrated Newspaper, April 13, 1889.

Sketch by C. Bunnell

February 25, 1919) were both shot and killed by Guiseppe Musachio, an Italian immigrant, who mistook the two lawmen for hoodlums who, a short time before the fatal shooting had caused a disturbance in front of his home.

Officer Lynch, who was off duty and wearing civilian clothes, was on his way home after attending a dance at St. Mary's hall when he came to the corner opposite the Soldiers' Monument on the triangle of Irving and Main Streets and Central Avenue. Hearing loud shouts and curses, his attention was drawn to a fracas at the rear of the monument. Several young men were punching and kicking a man who was on the ground. Lynch rushed across the street to intervene and the assailants ran off. One of the toughs, wearing a red sweater, went into the apartment building numbered 8 Main Street. Lynch helped the badly bloodied victim to his feet and brought him to headquarters. He then headed back to the Main Street address accompanied by Officer Kraus, who was on duty in the office.

It was just after midnight when the officers entered the dark apartment building. Finding no one in the first floor hallway they climbed the stairs to the second floor. They knocked on the first door. It would later be debated if the door was opened by the tenant or if the officers forced it open. Nevertheless, shots rang out in both directions. Kraus was mortally wounded, but was

able to return to headquarters where all he could utter was a street address. He was rushed to Rahway Hospital where he died soon after arriving.

Within moments after Kraus' message, every available officer was called to the scene and had the building completely surrounded. When the police entered Musachio's room they found Lynch's lifeless body, Musachio's wife, who had been shot in the leg, and two children. In the midst of the confusion, Musachio was somehow able to exit the building and go to police headquarters where he reported that two men had been shot at his home – he never realized they were police officers.

Officer Kraus was 59 years old and the father of one daughter and three sons and Officer Lynch, was 36 and unmarried.

On May 14, 1919, Musachio was released from the county jail and set free on the grounds that he was not made aware that it was in fact officers who were at his door and that when the two came through the portal, he was justified in responding as he did to protect his family.

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Over the centuries Monarch Butterflies have captivated humans with their bright colors and annual migration during which they often appear in large groups, called a 'roost'. The Monarchs actually migrate alone and not in flocks like birds. On this journey Monarch populations depend on Native North American "Milkweeds", the only plant on which they lay their eggs.

In our area, with modern construction taking more land for development, Milkweed plants are rapidly disappearing. In rural areas and farm lands, the use of herbicides is also taking its toll on Milkweeds. This sadly has a negative effect on the Monarch population. They have less host plants for their eggs and caterpillars.

Milkweeds (*Asclepias*) get their name from the sticky white sap that oozes from the leaves when they are damaged. More than 100 species of this herbaceous perennial are native to the U.S. and Canada. Many have adapted to different regions of the country and a wide range of climates and terrains, from deserts and rocky areas to marshes and open prairies. Some species grow exclusively in specific regions while others will thrive in just about any habitat.

Milkweed is both a food source and a host plant on which the Monarch lays her eggs, depositing them on the underside of the leaves. The caterpillars then feed on the leaves after hatching, but cause no permanent damage to the plant. In turn, the toxic chemicals contained in the sap of Milkweed plants make both the caterpillars and adult butterflies unappetizing and even toxic to predators.

This technique has worked so well for Monarchs, it was long believed Viceroy butterflies had evolved with similar colors and markings to mimic the Monarch and fool predators that they too are unappetizing. Recent studies now show Viceroy butterflies are also toxic.

During Monarch migration flight is fueled by 'nectaring' on the flowers and is punctuated by laying eggs on Milkweeds. To grow and sustain each generation, Milkweed is the only food needed.

Of all the native Milkweed species only one is



(above) This fully grown Monarch caterpillar will soon turn into a "chrysalis" and emerge weeks later as a beautiful Monarch butterfly.

considered highly desirable for our North American gardens, Butterfly Weed, (*Asclepias tuberosa*).

This showy cousin of Milkweed is one of the most ornamental varieties, featuring clusters of vibrant orange flowers. The blooms are perched atop the ends of the stalks so they create a prominent display even if your plants are located at the back of a flower bed. Butterfly Weed is slow to establish but will brighten your garden for years to come. There is also a golden yellow variety.

Butterfly Weed has a deep taproot which helps it survive periods of drought. The downside is that it cannot be successfully transplanted. When you select a spot to plant it, take this into consideration. Once in its space you should leave Butterfly Weed where you planted it. The vibrant color, as mentioned, will stand out in your garden. If you have space, plant more than one because although Monarchs migrate alone, they often gather in route to feed and mate. These 'roosts' are spectacular when seen.

Milkweed's highly fragrant and nectar-rich flowers are an enticement for other pollinators as well. Frequent visitors include native bees, honey bees, many other types of butterflies, and hummingbirds.

TROPICAL MILKWEED

Plan to Save Monarch Butterflies Backfires

When evidence emerged that Monarch Butterflies were losing the Milkweed they depend on due to the spread of herbicide-resistant crops in the United States, people across the country took action, planting Milkweed in their own gardens. Many gardeners planted the 'non-native' Tropical Milkweed because of its beautiful bright colors. This plan backfired in two ways. Since Tropical Milkweed flowers longer into the late autumn and in some parts of the country throughout winter, it fools the Monarchs into staying in our area longer, endangering the butterflies' iconic migration to Mexico.

Additionally, Tropical Milkweed holds onto its original leaves though its entire life causing overuse by Monarchs and increasing the odds of the caterpillars becoming infected with a crippling parasite.

How can you to help solve this problem? (1) Plant native Milkweeds. (2) If you have Tropical Milkweed prune half the plants in mid-season, then prune the other half when the first has recovered. (3) In late summer Tropical Milkweed can be potted up and overwintered indoors. This is because it does not have a deep taproot like its North American cousins.

Happy Butterfly Gardening,

James

Thanks to the all entomology experts and butterfly organizations whose love of Monarchs made this article possible.



(above) Past President of The Rahway Garden Club, James Keane, has been researching and answering garden questions since 1995.

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(above) The 3rd Grade winners of the Battle of the Books.

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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. 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.

6TH ANNUAL PROTECT ME WITH 3+ POSTER CONTEST

Submitted by Linda Lospinoso Lampert

Fifth-grade students in Mrs. Venisha Jordan's science classes at Franklin Elementary School in Rahway participated in the 6th Annual Protect Me With 3+ Poster Contest. This statewide contest is held annually in collaboration with The Partnership for Maternal and Child Health of Northern New Jersey and the New Jersey Department of Health. Targeting youth in middle and high schools, the contest aims to raise awareness about the importance of adolescent immunizations among pre-teens, teenagers and parents, and increase vaccination rates for several important vaccines, such as Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap), Human Papillomavirus (HPV), Meningococcal Conjugate, and Flu.

In order to prepare for the contest, Mrs. Barbara Maher, the school's nurse, taught the kids about vaccinations and the importance of getting their 6th-grade vaccinations. After the lesson, students created posters and submitted them.

Five winners of the contest were chosen from the entire state and two of them were from Franklin School. 6th grader, Ava Butterline won 1st place and 5th grader, Katie Thearle won 2nd place. They were all recognized for their achievements and each received a plaque and cash prizes. Mrs. Jordan and Mrs. Maher also each received a plaque and a cash prize, which will be used to give the classes a party.



(above, l-r) Ava Butterline, Franklin School's Nurse, Mrs. Barbara Maher, and Katie Thearle.

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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.



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

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BLUE AND GOLD CLUB VISITS LINDEN ANIMAL SHELTER

Students from the Blue and Gold Club at Franklin Elementary School in Rahway recently visited the Friends of the Linden Animal Shelter in Linden with their club advisors, Mrs. Barbara Maher and Ms. Kym Adams. They brought ten huge bags of donations filled with items such as blankets, toys, food, snacks, kitty litter, and bowls.

The kids also gave the shelter dog biscuits that they made themselves. Afterward their visit, they enjoyed a nice nature walk through the Hawk Rise Sanctuary. It was a lovely time, and the kids in this club enjoy helping the community. They are an excellent example of community service and the positive impact it can have on the community.



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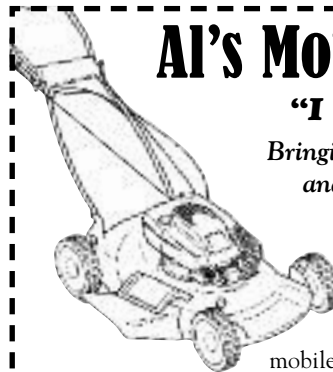
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would act responsibly. The students then participated in a poster contest.

Poisoning is now the leading cause of death from injuries in the United States, as reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Together we can reduce poisonings that can cause death and injuries in the United States.

FRANKLIN STUDENTS LEAD CLOTHING DRIVE

Student leaders, Nirvaan Misir & Anderson Ponce recently spear-headed a clothing drive project for their school, Franklin Elementary in Rahway. They collected almost 100 bags of used clothes over a period of a few months.

These young men are members of the Blue and Gold Club, which is a school-based club. They volunteer their time throughout the year to help with different community service activities. They continually do a great job and work diligently to make a difference in their community. The club is overseen by the school's nurse, Mrs. Barbara Maher and also Ms. Kym Adams.

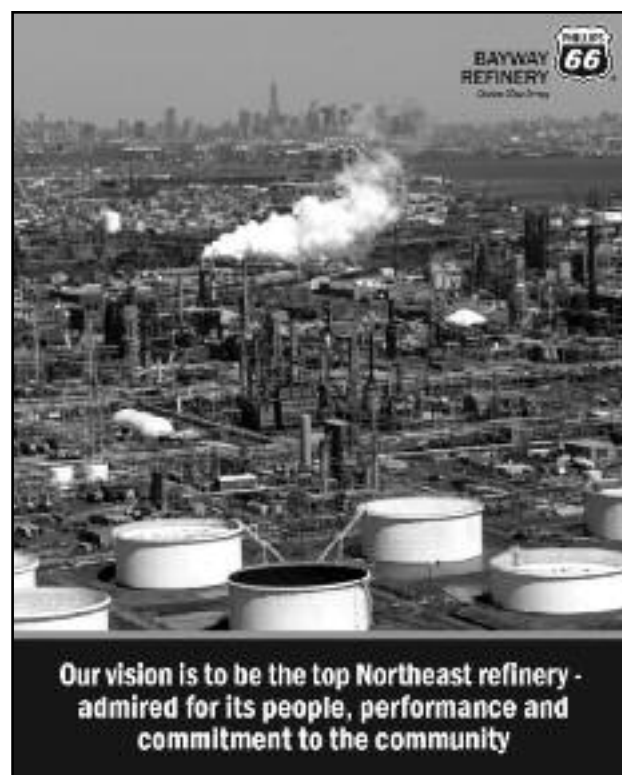
On April 18, 2019, club members helped load the donated bags, which totaled almost 2,000 pounds, onto the truck. The clothing will be distributed to people in need and local thrift shops. In an effort to help keep America green and clean none of the clothing ends up landfills. Their efforts raised \$30. The money will go towards future projects for the club. The school

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(above) Pictured are the winners of the poster contest Anjeeli Gonzalez and Princess Sarpong.

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MARY LIM'S ACT OF KINDNESS

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BLUE AND GOLD CLUB CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Blue and Gold Club members at Franklin Elementary School in Rahway recently held a canned food drive. Because of their efforts, almost 500 cans of food were donated to the Food for Friends Soup Kitchen in Rahway.

The Blue and Gold Club at Franklin Elementary School is a school-based club made up of students that volunteer their time throughout the year to help with many different community service activities. The club is overseen by the school's nurse, Mrs. Barbara Maher and Ms. Kym Adams.



(above) Julian Munoz takes a moment to take a picture with all of the donated goods.

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Submitted by Candance Ashe

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Rahway Food For Friends Thanks Contributors to May Food Drive

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The May food drive postal collection has tripled since 2017. This means we will be able to feed over 500 families in the summer months. The impact of this huge donation offsets the summer and fall deficits, where our numbers increase due to the school closings. Our funding and donations are extremely low during these months and we strive to feed every child in need that would otherwise receive a meal at school. Your contribution this year helps us to impact hunger on a larger scale!

We are always in need of volunteers, come by and make a difference in the community! For information on how to volunteer, please visit our website at rahwayfoodforfriendsnj.org. Openings are available for our Food Pantry, Soup Kitchen and Diabetic Program.

RAHWAY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1979 ANNOUNCES 40TH CLASS REUNION

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Saturday, June 8th beginning at 10:00am.

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At the Rahway Recreation Center. Join us after the event at WET TICKET for some complimentary food from Rahway Fried Chicken. Register at <https://bit.ly/2Hlw2DK>.

Readers Circle Book Club

Monday, June 17 at 2:00pm.

Join us for the discussion of *The Tumbling Turner Sisters* by Juliette Fay.

Friends' Group Meeting

The Friends of the Rahway Public Library will meet at the library at 7:00 pm on Thursday, June 20.

Third Thursday Movie: *Creed II* (2019)

Thursday, June 20 at 1:00pm.

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Drama and sports starring Michael B. Jordan, Sylvester Stallone and Phylicia Rashad.

From Facts to Fiction

Saturday, June 22 at 11:00am.

A Real-life Private Investigator's Private Journey: David Watts has been a Plainfield, NJ patrolman, a detective, an investigator with the Union County Prosecutors office and CEO of his own Investigative firm. With decades of all kinds of cases in his files, Watts provides vivid descriptions of what private investigation work entails. Murder, fraud, sex, corruption, and more are all on menu here.

TEEN EVENTS

(Ages 13-18)

Teen Screen Presents: Join us in our auditorium as we screen a recently released to DVD film! Title TBD!

Monday, June 3 at 5:00pm.

Teen Summer Volunteer Information Meeting: Would you like to serve your community for a couple hours a week this summer? Join us on June 10 at 6:00pm in our Discovery Studio to find out what our Teen Volunteers are all about!

Discovery Studio Teens

Monday, June 17 at 6:00pm.

Craft Smorgasbord! Join us in re-doing DIY activities from earlier in the year!

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Family Fun Night

Monday, June 3 at 6:30pm.

Bring your family to the library for a fun activity! All ages.

Toddler Time

Wednesdays 6/5, 6/12, 6/19 & 6/26 at 10:30am.

We will be talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing during this literacy readiness storytime. Ages birth - 4 with caregiver

Storytime on the Go at the Train Station Plaza

Thursdays 6/6, 6/13, 6/20 & 6/27 at 11:30am.

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Junior BINGO

Friday, June 7 at 11:00am.

Have fun with Early Literacy Bingo! Ages 1-5.

LEGO Engineers

Saturday, June 8 at 2:00pm.

Are you up to the task? Complete this month's LEGO builder challenge and test your structure. Ages 7-12.

Homeschool Hangout

Tuesday, June 11 at 10:00am.

Join other homeschool families at the library for a short informational lesson and a social workspace. Younger siblings are welcome. Ages 5-12.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Wednesday, June 12 at 4:00pm.

Read this month's book and take part in discussion and group activities. Ages 8-12. Registration required.

STEAM Scene

Thursday, June 13 at 4:30pm.

Come to the library for an exciting STEAM project. Ages 7-12.

Preschool Dance Party

Friday, June 14 at 11:00am.

Come on out to play instruments and dance! Ages birth - 5.

Junior Lego Club

Tuesday, June 18 at 11:00am.

Bring your little engineer to the library and build! Ages 2-5.

Ukulele Storytime

Saturday, June 22 at 11:00am.

Listen to stories and hear a ukulele! All ages.

Summer Reading Kick Off with Science Tellers!

Wednesday, June 26 at 3:00pm.

Get the summer started with a fun Science Tellers event featuring live demos. All ages.

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Friday, June 28 at 2:00pm.

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ELIZABETH BENNETT OF RAHWAY TO ADVOCATE FOR LOCAL FOSTER YOUTH

Submitted by Gretchen Boger-O'Bryan

Thanks to Elizabeth Bennett, Rahway was among 13 municipalities represented by the 15 newest court appointed special advocates tasked with serving as extra eyes and ears for family law judges on the cases of Union County youth removed from their home due to abuse, neglect or abandonment and placed in foster homes or residential facilities. The ceremony was held on April 9, 2019 at the Union County Family Courthouse.

Said Bennett, "I've been volunteering my whole life, being raised and taught that we are to help and love everyone. When I heard of CASA and found the guts and courage to sign up, it felt like the right fit. I wanted something that was not just a one off but a way I can make a real and personal connection. I don't have children of my own so I hope to be the special someone in their life that my parents were to me. It's really more selfish than selfless and I can't wait to meet my CASA child and hope I impact their life as much as they will impact mine."

After completion of approximately 30 hours' training with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Union County, Bennett and her classmates took their oath and were sworn in as advocates and judicial volunteers by Superior Court Judge Richard Wischusen. After completion of three hours' court observation to see seasoned CASA volunteers in action, the new advocates will meet their assigned foster youth or siblings.

The new advocates range from age 23 to 66, are parents and nonparents, and work in such fields as education, nonprofit, and law enforcement, as well as homemakers. Most had no prior knowledge of the foster system.

With court-ordered access to foster parents, doctors, caseworkers, therapists and teachers, CASA volunteers incorporate their findings into court reports and work to ensure each youth's

needs are met and best interests protected. They are a constant during chaos and work to ensure the youth's trauma is not exacerbated in care.

There are approximately 500 Union County youth from birth to age 21 in foster care, and more than 200 are still waiting for their very own CASA volunteer in their corner. Could that be you?

For further details as well as training opportunities, contact Courtney at cgreen@casaoofunioncounty.org or 908-293-8136.



(above) Elizabeth Bennett of Rahway

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An astounding slide guitar player, Robert Hill's songs have been used extensively on television, including his song, "Long Rain", used for a Smirnoff Ice commercial which aired during the Super Bowl, and continued to run internationally for several years. His music has also been used on "Dexter", "All My Children", "Queer Eye For The Straight Guy", Canadian TV series, "Hell On Hooves" and numerous PSAs and radio spots. Robert has done extensive studio work as well, lending his slide guitar and arranging expertise to many commercials.

Robert Hill has played national festivals, including The Arkansas Blues & Heritage Festival, which attracts a weekend crowd of 60,000 people. He also has performed throughout Spain. He performs regularly around the NYC area, where he currently resides. This will be Robert's third performance at the Roadhouse, where he quickly endeared himself to the Roadhouse "Family" of great performers.

At the Salem Roadhouse Cafe you will be able to Robert and his band in a nightclub-like setting, playing originals and covers of popular tunes. Fans won't want to miss this live event, upfront and personal.

This show will feature original artwork by both performer Robert Hill and Roadhouse director Bruce Tangowski, with their works on display for all to enjoy and experience at the Roadhouse Gallery of Fine Art.

All ages are welcome. It's a wholesome show, so bring the entire family!

Doors open 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$20.00. Admission includes the show, art displays, snacks, beverages and desserts.

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ABOUT SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ

Dedication best defines the Salem Roadhouse Café: dedication to excellent music and dedication to the community. In its eleventh year, The Salem Roadhouse Café reaffirms its commitment to both.

Started in 2008 by members of Townley Presbyterian Church with a grant from the Presbytery of Elizabeth, the Roadhouse Café continues to operate as a non-profit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities. That may be its social mission... but the Roadhouse Café is and has been a solid performance venue beloved by the musicians who play there because of its special intimacy with the audience.

CHURCH MUSIC. IT'S NOT

The Roadhouse Café has always offered its stage to local and independent mainstream musicians. It's a clean, safe place for people who enjoy listening to live music, in a world of clubs

and bars. Jazz, rock, folk and other groups have performed. During the past eleven years well over 100 different entertainers have appeared. Local fine artists also display their works. The musicians who play the Roadhouse often ask to return as soon as possible. The Roadhouse has given them a place with a beautiful stage, good acoustics, a live, attentive audience, and a sound system that is first class.

COMMUNITY ORIENTATION

The Salem Roadhouse Café has raised funds for many carefully chosen charities. They include: The Presbytery of Elizabeth E-port Center, Center For Hope Hospice, Community Food Bank, Monarch Housing, Angel Paws Animal Rescue, National MS Society, Haiti Disaster Relief, Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief, The Union County YWCA Domestic

Violence Program, Making It Possible To End Homelessness, Camp Johnsonburg, The Music Institute, Groundwork Elizabeth, Union Twp. Police “Santa In Blue” toy campaign and others. Thousands of dollars have been raised for these deserving charities.

Now nearly into its twelfth year of operation, the Salem Roadhouse Café features many of the performers who have graced the stage in the past, as well as talent that is new to the Café stage. The current season will benefit Family Promise.

The Salem Roadhouse Cafe is located at 829 Salem Road, Union, NJ 07083. Visit online at roadhousecafe.org or facebook.com/roadhousecafe. Reach by phone at 908-687-1028 (leave a message and a return number).

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IMAGINE SEEKS VOLUNTEERS TO PROVIDE GRIEF SUPPORT

Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss currently seeks volunteers to serve as peer support group facilitators for children and families coping with loss due to death. Upcoming summer trainings will be held June 27-30th and July 26-29th, 2019.

Imagine groups are facilitated by trained adult volunteers who attend a 32-hour training and quarterly continuing education, and receive ongoing supervision. Volunteers come from all walks of life and need no special background other than a willingness to listen and the ability to be with children and adults in pain without trying to fix, solve problems, or give advice. Volunteers must be 21 years or older and attend the Imagine four-day Facilitator Training. No prior experience is necessary.

"For the first time in our seven-year history we

have a waiting list," said Mandi Zucker, Imagine Program Director. "As our programs continue to grow, so does our need for volunteers. We are currently serving over 380 participants every two weeks in our peer support programs and will be adding another night of support so we can serve an additional 60 people." Volunteers say the training is "life-changing" and a wonderful opportunity for learning about themselves and how their own losses have affected the way they grieve and how they support others. People that complete the training leave feeling empowered to be a supportive person to people grieving any type of loss.

Imagine is a free year-round peer grief support center located in Mountainside and Newark New Jersey, serving children age 3-18 who have had a parent or sibling die, with concurrent support



groups for their parents or guardians. Support for children and teens living with a parent or sibling with a life-altering physical illness is also available. Free year-round support groups are also available for young adults who have had a friend, sibling, parent or other important person in their life die, or who have a parent, sibling or friend living with an illness.

If you are interested in learning more about the upcoming trainings scheduled for June 27-30th or July 26-29th, 2019 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily, please contact Mandi at Mandi@imagine-nj.org or visit imagine-nj.org to schedule a tour.

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Gazela Vinho Verde	750ml	\$ 4.99
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Ruffino Chianti	1.5 L	\$13.97
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