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LEMONADE STAND FIGHTS CHILDHOOD CANCER



(above) Mrs. Karen DeMaio's 2nd graders at St. Theresa School raised \$628 for childhood cancer through their sale of paper lemons.

Submitted by Doreen Sacco

Mrs. Karen DeMaio from St. Theresa School in Kenilworth read the book "Alex and the Amazing Lemonade Stand" to her 2nd grade class at St. Theresa School in Kenilworth.

The teacher and class were so moved by the story of Alexandra Scott that they then decided to try and raise money

for the cause of fighting childhood cancer. The students sold paper lemons to the school and set a fundraising goal of \$500.

They made a huge poster which they hung in the cafeteria and everyday the class would add paper lemons to the wall.

In the end they sold \$628.00 in paper lemons to donate to the Alex's Foundation to help fight childhood cancer.

K-9 UNIT VISITS ST. THERESA SCHOOL

Union County K-9 Unit recently held a presentation at St. Theresa School in Kenilworth. The children were excited to learn about the training of the K-9 dogs from Sheriff Officers Sarah Green, Det. Anthony Gialanella and Sgt. Brian Howarth.

The K-9 dogs Marco and Wally did their jobs finding drugs and explosives that were planted throughout the auditorium. The children watched in awe as the dogs walked around the gym finding the items. There was a question and answer part of the program and the children were eager to ask lots of questions.



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RETIRED SCOUTS HELP MAINTAIN BOY SCOUT CAMPS

House at Boy Scout Camp Somers in Stanhope, NJ over the winter. This camp serves the Union County area scouts, as well as Morris, Sussex and Middlesex Counties.

The Flintlocks are retired scouters who volunteer every Thursday at Camp Winnebago in Rockaway, NJ. All it took was some lumber, some screws and some elbow grease. Since the Flintlocks are all volunteers with outstanding

The Flintlocks repaired the Dan Beard Tree construction skills, it saves the Council from hiring outside contractors to do the repairs. A small group goes up to Camp Somers on Wednesdays to work over there. Most of the men had fathers who helped the Boy Scouts when they were in the scouts as lads, and have sons and grandchildren who were, or are, in the scouts.

> For more information please visit the Facebook Page "Flintlocks", or contact Flintlocks Secretary Michael Hart at drmhart@yahoo.com.









(above) The Dan Beard Tree House at Boy Scout Camp Somers received repairs by the Flintlocks over the winter.

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HARDING STEM STUDENTS SHOW OFF CODING SKILLS

Harding School teachers, Mrs. Goger and Mrs. selected to demonstrate what they have learned Griffin introduced 3 STEM students from Harding Elementary School to Board members at a recent Board of Education meeting. Each student has shown an interest in coding and was

during their time spent in the school's new makerspace.

In the month of December, students in all grade levels were introduced to coding. Mrs. Griffin pushed into classrooms and used code.org and a variety of unplugged lessons to introduce the concept of coding. Students in grades 1 and 2 learned to code Dash, a colorful and engaging robot, using a laptop and colored blocks of code.

Students in grades 3 and 4 worked with Ozobots which are approximately the size of a golf ball and have a sensor at the bottom that reads colors in its path. The students used both colored markers and "Blockly" on the laptop to

Students in grades 5 and 6 worked with our robot Sphero, which is larger than the Ozobot and more sophisticated, making it ideal for both beginners and seasoned programmers. After practicing how to code them, they determined the heading, duration and speed a Sphero would need to travel to successfully navigate a maze.

Arya Shah, a 2nd grader, introduced Dash which was equipped with a snap-on bulldoze bar. Arya demonstrated how to code the robot to move a mound of imitation snowballs in the direction he chose. Matteo Raimondi, a 3rd grader, used markers to create a coded path on a piece of white paper for his robot Ozobot to follow. Lastly, 6th grader, Kevin Maytidu, coded Sphero to follow a specific path on the floor.

Learning the basics of coding has taught Harding STEM students how to solve problems logically using math while also having fun.



(above) Back row: Kyle Arlington, Superintendent, Karen Goger and Graceann Griffin; front row: Matteo Raimondi, Kevin Maytidu and Arya Shah.

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WHAT, WHERE, AND WHEN IN OLD KENILWORTH

RESIDENTS RECALLED THE SPANISH INFLUENZA

Over the years, Kenilworth residents of the past shared with me memories of the world-wide Spanish Influenza pandemic of WWI and the post war period. World death toll estimates range from 17 million to 100 million, with up to 650,000 dying in the US. It came in three waves – the second the most devastating in the United States. The first outbreak was at a Fort Riley, Kansas, and then at Boston.

Years ago, my father, Walter E Boright, Sr. (1909-1991), a former mayor, who grew up in Bayonne, NJ, told me of the Spanish influenza there. He said, "It was rather frightening as a young boy to see so many grown-ups so fearful of their families getting ill. My mother was very worried and tried not to show her concern mindful of putting extra fear in her children. There always seemed to be news of someone very ill with the disease and someone who had died. I specifically recall hearing how funeral parlors were having difficulty getting caskets and my father and older brother talking at the dinner table of carpenters they knew being hired to make coffins." My father commented that carpenters couldn't build caskets fast enough. He concluded, "As a young boy it really made a permanent impression on me."

Loretta Kanane Ryan (1910-2008), of Washington Ave., was one of four daughters of early postmaster John T. and Jennie Kanane. Loretta recalled (2006), "My mother was always taking care of someone in town. It was a regular practice. What stands out most in my mind about her caring was her great concern for people during the Spanish influenza epidemic. The highly contagious. Many people were sick and (2005), "I never got to know my father. When I many died – not just in Kenilworth but many millions all over the world. She visited so many people from town in their homes. We used to ask her, 'Mother, why are you doing this?' She remarried. We moved to Verona." Married in replied, 'These people are very sick. Some of 1941, she and her husband Ed, moved to them will die. I must help them as best I can.' That was my mother. She obviously meticulously took every precaution as no one in our family got ill."

Local resident Salvatore Cirillo (1929-2010), school board president in the 1950s and 1960s, commented in 2005, "My mother, Mary Coppola Cirillo Nastasi (1894-1973), was first married to Alfred Coppola. He died in town due to the Spanish flu. She later married Frank Cirillo, my father. She had eight children through both marriages."

epidemic was very serious. The disease was School secretary, lived on So.22nd St. She noted was about a year old, and living in Bloomfield, my father, Edward, died as the result of the Spanish influenza epidemic. My mother Kenilworth in 1947.

> Specific data on the number of Kenilworth cases and deaths is elusive. The Elizabeth Daily Journal reported in October 1918 that in one day at Camp Dix (now Fort Dix) there were 34 deaths. And in neighboring Roselle Park there were 41 cases. It certainly was a frightening time.

Research provided by Walter E. Boright, Ed. D., historian, and Historic Signs, Inc. National statistics obtained through numerous Internet sources. Persons with inquiries about this or other aspects of Kenilworth history may contact Dr. Norma Pollitt Hill (1918-2016), Harding Boright at drbori@aol.com or 908-256-5200.











(above, l-r)) Former mayor Walter Boright, "Funeral parlors were having difficulty getting caskets"; Jennie Kanane: Tended to the ill and dying; Loretta Kanane: "My mother was always taking care of someone"; Mary Coppola Cirillo: Nastasi First husband, Alfred Coppola, died of the Spanish influenza; Norma Pollitt Hill: Her father, Edward, Pollitt, died of the Spanish influenza.

Photo credit: 1957 Historic Signs, 1930s Historic Signs, 1928 Historic Signs, 1960s Historic Signs, 2005 Historic Signs.



(above) Red Cross workers ease a victim into an ambulance. Photo credit: 1918 Internet Public Domain



(above) Police in an American city clad in face masks. Photo credit: 1918 Internet Public Domain







ST. THERESA SCHOOL CELEBRATES DR. SEUSS'S BIRTHDAY



(above) 8th graders Zinnia Magill and Meghan Kreinberg with the 1st grade class.

St. Theresa School in Kenilworth and the National Junior Society participated in Reading Across America for Dr. Seuss's birthday. The group of 7th and 8th graders went to grades ranging from toddlers to 3rd grade. They read to the children and held different fun activities for the children to participate with.



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organizations and others in the paths surrounding the Nitschke House, Kenilworth's foremost restored historic site and heritage tourism destination. As the engraved bricks make wonderful gifts, gift certificates are available.

The fee to purchase an engraved commemorative brick is \$100. Proceeds support the continued restoration, maintenance and operation of the c. 1880 Oswald J. Nitschke House "living history" museum and cultural arts

center and help defray the cost of an elevator that makes the site accessible to everyone. For ordering information, please call 908-709-0434 or visit the Kenilworth Historical Society's Website (www.kenilworthhistoricalsociety.org).

The Kenilworth Historical Society is an independent, volunteer-based, non-profit, taxexempt, 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the research, preservation and interpretation of the historic Oswald J. Nitschke House (c. 1880), local history and culture.



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