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BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS HOST DERBY DAY IN CLARK

Submitted by Leigh Anne Jadro

Cub Scout Pack 145 of Clark, and Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey Service Unit 53, which consists of Clark, Garwood, and Winfield Girl Scouts (CGWGS), worked together to host "Derby Day" for the second consecutive year. More than 80 Scouts, ranging in age from 5-14, came ready to race the gravity-powered wooden cars that they built and designed from scratch. The Cub Scout Pack 145 Pinewood Derby was held in the morning, with planning, set-up, and track assistance from the Girl Scouts. The CGWGS Powder Puff Derby was held in the afternoon with software, track assistance, and clean-up support provided by the Cub Scouts.

This year's events were postponed from January until March 20, 2021, and held at Rahway River Park under the covered pavilions due to the constraints necessitated by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Masks were required of all participants and social distancing rules were observed by all. The event was live streamed in a private Facebook group for family members who were not able to attend.

Many of the Scouts had learned about car



design and construction at the second annual Car Construction Clinic, hosted jointly by both organizations two weeks prior on 3/6/21, also at Rahway River Park. The clinic gave Scouts of all ages who were unfamiliar with the car-building process the chance to learn hands-on the ins and outs of building a derby car from scratch, and the physics of racing fast! Daisy, Brownie and Junior level Girl Scouts even had the opportunity to earn their Automotive Engineering badges by attending the clinic. Special thanks to Scout parent Wayne Raab (who has children in both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts) for sharing his equipment and expertise, and to Girl Scout Cadette Sara Isabel Kaplan who provided valuable assistance at the Car Construction Clinic.

The Cub Scout Pinewood Derby event was run by Matthew Jadro (Assistant Cubmaster, Pack 145) and Bryan Hickman (Den Leader, Pack 145 Tigers). The pack is grateful to parent volunteers Bill Bellomo, Paul Mallick, and Danielle Caterino and Girl Scout Junior Lilijana Jadro who helped run the track on race day. Special thanks also go to Scout parents Mike Tomkowski, Peter Giovannielli, and Andrew Roesch for their assistance with weigh-in, and Andrew Rizkalla, Dave Kihm, and Jeremy Deitz who assisted with set-up. They would also like to thank Committee Chair Tom Klimuc for his consistent support with planning and conducting a successful event.

(Complete list of winners on page 6.)

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Submitted by Tamara Benc

Members of the Lincoln School Class of 2021 who were running for Student Council office helped bag food donations for the district's annual Souper Bowl of Caring food drive. Nearly 200 canned and boxed food items were collected for this year's one-day event. Donations were then delivered to a local food

pantry by the members of the Garwood Knights of Columbus.

This year's Student Council will participate in weekly virtual meetings. Four officers were selected through a virtual election; homeroom representatives were selected by students in fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade. The group is led by their advisor Tamara Benc.



(above) Lincoln School Class of 2021 Student Council hopefuls pose with food donations collected for the district's annual Souper Bowl of Caring food drive.

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ALJ 2021 WINTER ATHLETIC AWARDS

On Tuesday, March 23, 2021, the Arthur L. Johnson Athletic Department held their 2020 – 2021 Winter Athletic Awards. The evening, sponsored by the Crusader Athletic Booster Club, was held in the Arthur L. Johnson Auditorium.

All the Winter Athletic Teams and their seasons were highlighted by their coaches while handing out letters and awards to the student athletes. Over 123 varsity athletic letters were handed out throughout the evening, as participation in athletics at Arthur L. Johnson High School continues to grow.

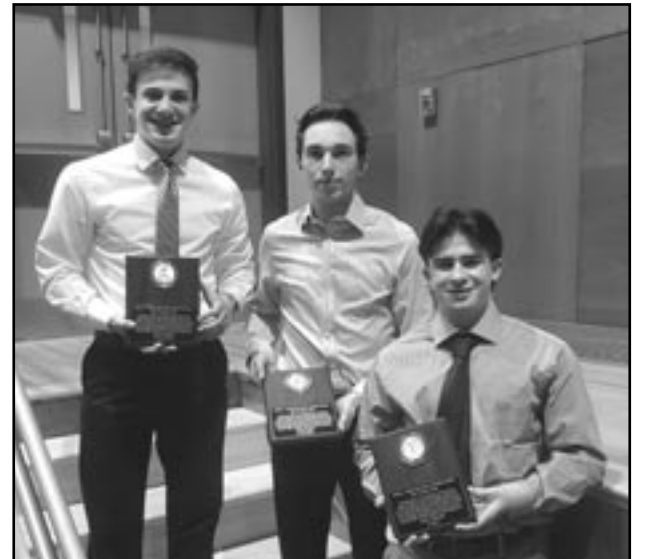
In addition, the Crusader G.P.A. Challenge was awarded to the team that finishes with the highest overall G.P.A. amongst athletic teams for the winter season. The recipients were presented with certificates, had their team memorialized on a plaque, and will be invited for a “Breakfast with the A.D.” to celebrate their actions both in the classrooms and on the fields.

Athletic Director Gus Kalikas, had this to say about the event: “Once again, our Winter Awards Program was a successful evening as it allows the

District, Administration, and Coaches the opportunity to acknowledge a wonderful Winter Sports Season as well as recognize both student

athletes and their parents alike for all that they have accomplished this past winter athletic season.”

Photos by Clark Public Schools



(above) The Best Teammate Award Winners were: Boys’ Basketball – Anthony Ferreira, Girls Basketball – Ashley Samsel, Ice Hockey – Michael DeGregorio, Boys’ Winter Track & Field – Matthew Zukowski, Girls’ Winter Track & Field – Carly Tarentino, Swimming – Emmalie Pikula, Bowling – Gary King, and Cheerleading – Katie Sapia.



(above) The Student Athlete Award recipient was Matthew Hartzler (Matthew currently has a 4.6491 G.P.A. and is Ranked #2 in his Senior Class).



Team Most Valuable Players: (above) The evening culminated with the announcement of the Team Most Valuable Players. The MVPs were: Boys’ Basketball – Augustine Puentes, Girls Basketball – Dominika Kosiek, Ice Hockey – Anthony Morreale, Boys’ Winter Track & Field – Gregory Lordi, Girls’ Winter Track & Field – Rai Goodman, Swimming – Kaitlyn O’Neill, Bowling – Matthew Hartzler, and Cheerleading – Darby Brown.



The G.P.A. Challenge was for the winter season was awarded to the Crusader Girls’ Basketball Team with a G.P.A. of 3.979: (above) Sophia Argenziano, Dominika Kosiek, Sarah Scepkowski, Maria Dante, Kourtney Dente, Sofia DiProfio, Vittoria Grady, Lauren Kolfenbach, Eva Puentes, Ashley Samsel, Gwen Cahill, Krista Labianca, Kaileigh Netland, Madden Puerari, Madeline Tortorici, Lacey Vill and Kaeley Yurchak.

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THE CUB SCOUT PACK 145 PINWOOD DERBY WINNERS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

Lions (ages 5-6):

First Place: Austin C.;
Second Place: Andrew R.;
Third Place: Kellan K.

Tigers (ages 6-7):

First Place: Liam R.;
Second Place: Regan G.;
Third Place: Matthew S.

Wolves: (ages 7-8):

First Place: Connor C.;
Second Place: Samuel D.;
Third Place: Maksim J.;
Most Cub Made Car: Sean H.;
Most Awesome Car: Christopher C.

Bears (ages 8-9):

First Place: Adrian T.; Second Place: James S.;
Third Place: Mauricio V.

Webelos (ages 9-10):

First Place: Liam B.

Arrow of Light (ages 10-11):

First Place: Ethan O.;
Second Place: Gabriel B.;
Third Place: Jonathan K.

Grand Final:

First Place: Connor C. (Wolves) Car #308
"Agent P", Avg. 197.68 mph;
Second Place: Liam R. (Tigers) Car #201
"I Don't Know" Avg. 197.13 mph;
Third Place: Ethan O. (AOL) Car # 605
"Delorean" Avg. 196.82 mph

The Girl Scout Powder Puff Derby event was run by Leigh Anne Jadro (Service Unit Delegate, Leader Troop 41248), and announced enthusiastically by Sheryl Gluck (Leader Troop 40626). Special thanks to student-volunteer track operators Joe Hovick (Eagle Scout, Troop 145), Julianna Cistaro (Girl Scout Senior, CGWGS), and Lauren Gluck (Girl Scout Junior, CGWGS). The Girl Scouts would also like to extend their gratitude to Andres Caballero (Troop Leader, 41248) for providing technology setup assistance.

THE CGWGS POWDER PUFF DERBY WINNERS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

Daisies (ages 5-7):

First Place: Amaya G.;
Second Place: Rebecca S.;
Third Place: Abigail L.

Brownies (ages 7-9):

First Place: Juliette R.;
Second Place: Gabriella S.;
Third Place: Kayla R.

Juniors (ages 9-11):

First Place: Allison N.;
Second Place: Samantha S.;
Third Place: Noelle R.

Cadettes (ages 11-14):

First Place: Isabella S.;
Second Place: Kiersten M.;
Third Place: Kenzie S.

Grand Final:

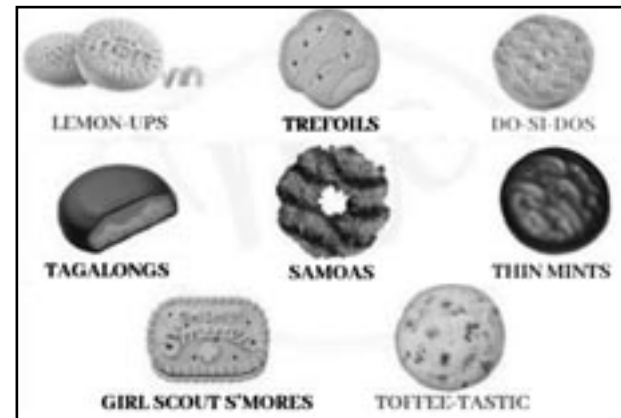
First Place: Allison N. (Junior) Car #307,
"The Creeper Mobile" Avg. 200.93mph;
Second Place: Isabella S. (Cadette) Car #401,
"Dream" Car" Avg. 200.85 mph;
Third Place: Juliette R. (Brownie) Car #203,
"Fire Lightning" Avg 199.35 mph

GARWOOD DAISY TROOP 41108 VIRTUAL COOKIE BOOTHS

Girl Scout Troop 41008 loves giving back to their community throughout the year and helping those in need. During 2020, our Troop was able to donate cookies to Frontline workers; donate masks, hand sanitizer, and gloves to nurses at RWJ Rahway; donate over 18 Christmas boxes to Samaritan's Purse; and provide a variety of snacks to the Salvation Army in South Plainfield. In Garwood, the scouts planted flowers around town, helped to decorate town hall for the Fall, and donated a bench to Hartman Park.

The girls were able to do this with money raised from selling cookies, especially from cookie booth sales. With covid, we are unable to have in-person cookie booths this year. However, our troop will be hosting virtual cookie booths. When the weather breaks, we hope to have a small socially distanced cookie booth at Unami Park, details will be shared later.

Traditional cookie flavors — Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalongs, Do-si-dos, Trefoils, Lemon-Ups and S'mores — would be sold for \$5 per package, and the Toffee-tastic specialty flavor would be sold for \$6 per package. Please help support our Troop and order cookies, by contacting the Troop Leader at girlscoutroopleader41108@gmail.com.



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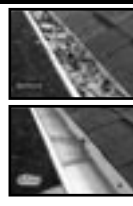
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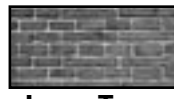
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Street Smart NJ is a collaborative effort between public, private and non-profit organizations. During the campaign, local police will be enforcing pedestrian laws in Garwood and working with several partners – including the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority and EZ Ride – to educate people who are driving and walking.

Garwood will kick-off its Street Smart NJ campaign on Wednesday April 14, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in the Haughton Memorial Plaza of the Garwood Municipal complex.

Pedestrian safety is a concern nationwide, but it is particularly important in New Jersey, which the federal government has designated a pedestrian safety focus state for its high rate of fatalities and injuries. Pedestrians comprised 30 percent (173 people) of the 564 people killed in crashes in New Jersey in 2018, nearly double the national average of 16 percent, according to the most recent data available from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). New Jersey ranks 18th in the nation in pedestrian fatalities per 100,000 people in 2018. On average, one pedestrian is killed every two days in New Jersey and 12 are injured daily.

Street Smart NJ is one of many initiatives in New Jersey working to help the state reach its goal of zero pedestrian fatalities. The campaign reminds people that everyone has a role to play in making our streets safer. Drivers need to obey speed limits and stop for people crossing; people walking need to use crosswalks (marked and unmarked) and cross with the signals; and everyone needs to avoid distractions.

During the campaign educational materials will be on display throughout the community and Garwood police officers will be distributing safety information.

Businesses, organizations and individuals interested in helping to promote the Street Smart NJ message in Garwood, should contact Officer Jeff Kleinsorgen by phone at 908-789-1500 or email to j-kleinsorgen@garwood.org. To learn more about the campaign, visit bestreetsmartnj.org. The campaign is also on Facebook (/StreetSmartNJ) and Twitter (@njstreetsmart) as well as the Garwood Police Department social media pages.

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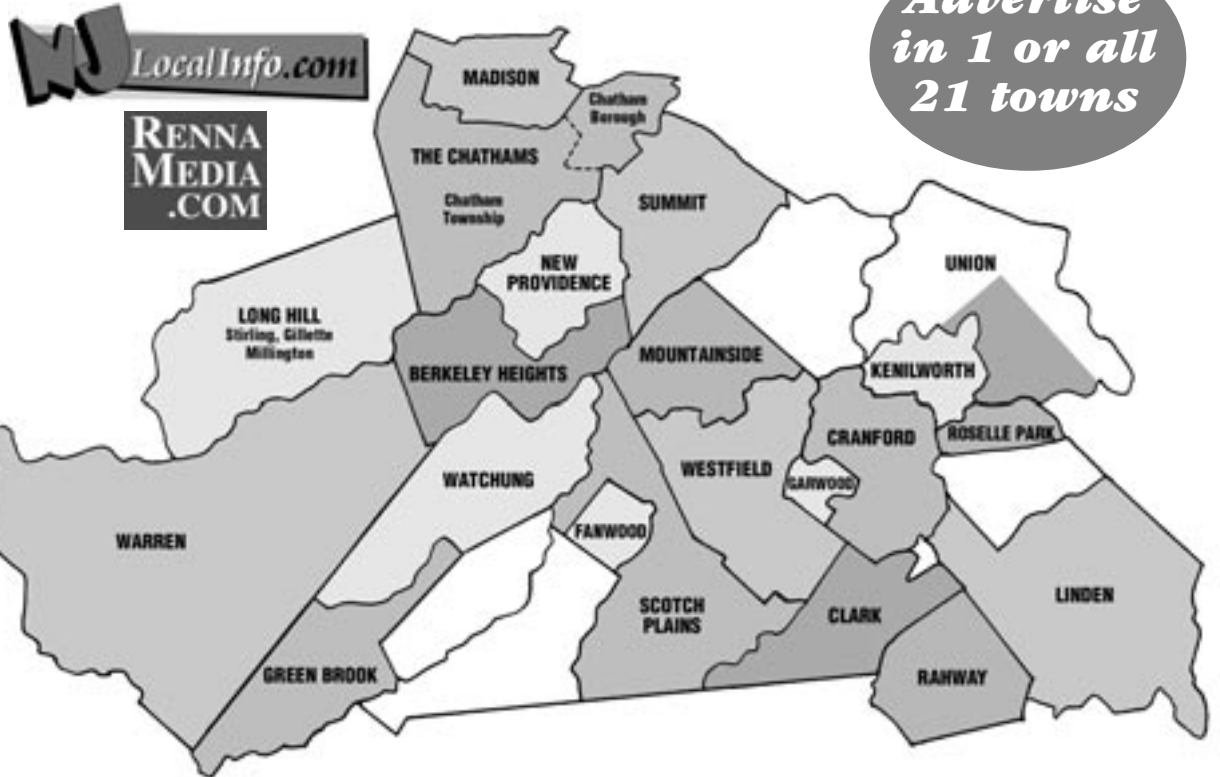
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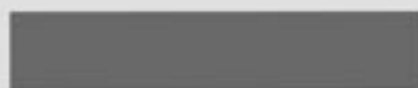
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