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## REMEMBERING PATROLMAN WILLIAM WATERSON ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH



(above) William Waterson  
The public is invited to a  
service, July 4th, 9am, at  
the memorial at police  
headquarters.

On Sunday, July 4th, families in Clark will celebrate Independence Day with barbeques and fireworks. The annual holiday also holds additional meaning to a particular Clark family, the Clark Police Department. As many know, it was on this date in 1971 when Patrolman William Waterson was shot and killed at the age of just twenty-four, while on duty and protecting the community. It was shortly after midnight that day when Waterson and his partner came upon an armed robbery outside the old Howard Johnson's Motel (currently ShopRite). Patrolman Waterson was shot by the suspect as the suspect fled the scene on foot. This year marks the 50th anniversary of his death.

William Waterson was born September 13, 1946. He was the oldest of three children born to John and Edna Waterson. In 1948, brother Edward and in 1955, sister Jeannette (Ginny) followed. The family resided in town on Terry Lane. William, "Billy" attended Clark Public Schools and graduated from Arthur L. Johnson in June of 1965. Just a few short days after graduation, Billy joined the United States Marine Corps. and faithfully served his country until he was Honorably Discharged on April 16, 1969. Less than two weeks later, Billy was sworn in as a member of the Clark Police Department. He graduated from the Union County Basic Training Course (Police Academy) on July 17, 1969. In August of 1970, Waterson become engaged to Veronica Scott, also from the ALJ class of '65. The two were slated to be married in November of 1971.

The death of Patrolman Waterson would begin a lengthy and exhaustive investigation. It was almost 7 years later, on March 1, 1978, when John Henry Taylor, age 29 and a resident of Rahway, was arrested and charged in Waterson's death. Taylor was a career criminal, and a primary suspect during the course of the investigation. According to Retired Detective Sergeant Michael Pollock Sr., Taylor was charged as the result of gathered circumstantial evidence. At trial, a

lack of direct evidence existed. Taylor was found not guilty and subsequently acquitted. As a repeat offender in other cases, Taylor would ultimately go to prison for about 10 years. Taylor died from cancer in Rahway Hospital a little more than twenty years ago. According to Sergeant Pollock, investigators followed up on hundreds of tips and leads during the span of the investigation. Some appeared promising, but most resulted in frustration. There were several people who police believed had direct knowledge of Taylor's involvement. Unfortunately, these people were also killed or found dead under suspicious circumstances while the investigation progressed. Sgt. Pollock spent years after the acquittal of Taylor reviewing and reinvestigating the case in hopes of uncovering the ultimate truth. These efforts included an attempt to get a dying statement from Taylor, which also was unsuccessful. Pollock strongly believes that there is still someone alive today who had direct knowledge of who killed Patrolman Waterson.

At the time of Waterson's death, his father John was Captain of the Clark Police Department. Captain Waterson died in 2004 at the age of 80. William Waterson's mother Edna, was 64 years old when she passed away in 1989. She is buried alongside her son Billy at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield. Billy's brother Edward still resides in New Jersey, and his sister Ginny lives in Clark.

A year after Waterson's death, a tradition was started by members of the Clark Police Department, including Billy Waterson's closest friend, Retired Sergeant Robert Clark. According to Sgt. Clark, members of the police department would gather at 9 a.m. on the morning of July 4th to talk about and share memories of Patrolman Waterson. Eventually, a monument was created and dedicated to him. The annual July 4th memorial tradition takes place at this monument. The monument also now includes the names of officers who have served the police department and retired. This year's July 4th memorial at police headquarters will reflect upon the fifty years that have passed since Waterson's killing. It will unite the police officers of the past with those of today and the future. It will also serve as a reminder that we will never forget Billy.

This article was submitted by James Cerasa a retired Captain of the Clark Police Department. Cerasa was ten years old at the time of Waterson's death and watched the funeral procession pass as it proceeded down Raritan Road from the Walter Johnson Funeral Home to Osceola Church.

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Hop on a treadmill, go to a local park, or walk or run in your neighborhood to support services for people with disabilities and youth at risk in New Jersey!

The Community Access Unlimited virtual Ira Geller Walkathon runs the week of June 21-June 26. On June 26, individuals living near Warinanco Park in Roselle are invited to walk or run in the park. Registration details are available at [caunj.org](http://caunj.org) and on our event flyer.

Walker or runner tickets are \$30 and include a Walkathon t-shirt & race bib.

All event proceeds will support CAU programs serving more than 3,000 individuals and families in New Jersey, including housing, academics, employment training, day program and support

services for people with disabilities and youth at risk. These programs serve the agency's mission to create an all-inclusive, accessible world where everyone can lead a fulfilling life as part of the greater community.

CAU's annual Walkathon is named in memory of Ira Geller, a CAU member known for his advocacy for people with special needs who worked tirelessly to raise funds for the agency.

Walkers and runners are encouraged to invite friends, family and coworkers to join them virtually in the Walkathon June 21-26. Run or walk a route of your choosing and share your success on social media using #CAUWalk2021. When you're done, make sure to submit your photos to [sthana@caunj.org](mailto:sthana@caunj.org) for a chance to win a prize! Prizes will be awarded for: most dollars raised, best team photo and most creative challenge.

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47 Briarwood Path	11 Harding Ave.	301 West Lane	269 Willow Way
39 King St.	40 John St.	1119 Maurice Ave.	18 Ginesi Dr.
56 Lexington Blvd.	77 John St.	1 Longfellow Lane	7 Blake Dr.
13 Blake Dr.	17 Hillside Ave.	8 Wendell Place	43 Willow way
213 East Lane	11 Avon Rd.	13 Blake Dr.	95 Briarheath Ln.
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**TOTAL NUMBER OF TRANSACTIONS = 88, 66 ARE IN CLARK**

## NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION CEREMONY

*Submitted by Christine Casale Broski*

The Carl H. Kumpf Middle School's National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) recently held a virtual induction ceremony on Thursday, May 6. 17 new members were inducted into the chapter.

Principal Rick Delmonaco and NJHS Advisor Suzanne Hamilton provided opening remarks. NJHS Officers Krista Steiner, Alexa Tavares, Emily Pittari, Emma Herko, and Ivy Liu relayed the cardinal principles of honor society scholarship, leadership, service, character, and citizenship. Each inductee had an opportunity to thank the important people in their lives. They then were given the NJHS Pledge administered by Assistant Principal Amanda Clarke. The night concluded with a speech by current NJHS President Krista Steiner who explained what

NJHS meant to her. She encouraged students to be a leader and give back to their community.

In addition to achieving a cumulative, weighted average of 4.25, students also had to demonstrate strong examples of leadership, service, character, and citizenship. New inductees will be awarded membership cards and medals, which they will wear at graduation.

NJHS Advisor Ms. Hamilton stated, "It is such a pleasure to work with this stellar group of

students. These individuals have worked hard to maintain good grades while still impacting their community despite the pandemic."

2021 NJHS Inductees include: Benjamin Brand, John Brede, Sofia Curcio, Jennifer Davidson, Sydney Linken, Erie Lugo, Matthew Martino, Victoria Martino, Marco Meirinho, Vanya Mittal, Joaquin Nikolic, Kathleen O'Neill, Tyler Pettenato, Michael Schelhorn, Wiktor Sliwa, Aryana Tasharofi, and Brady Walton.



(above) The 2021 NJHS inductees during the May 6 ceremony.

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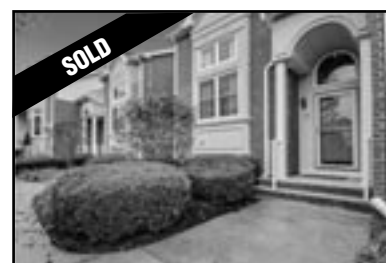
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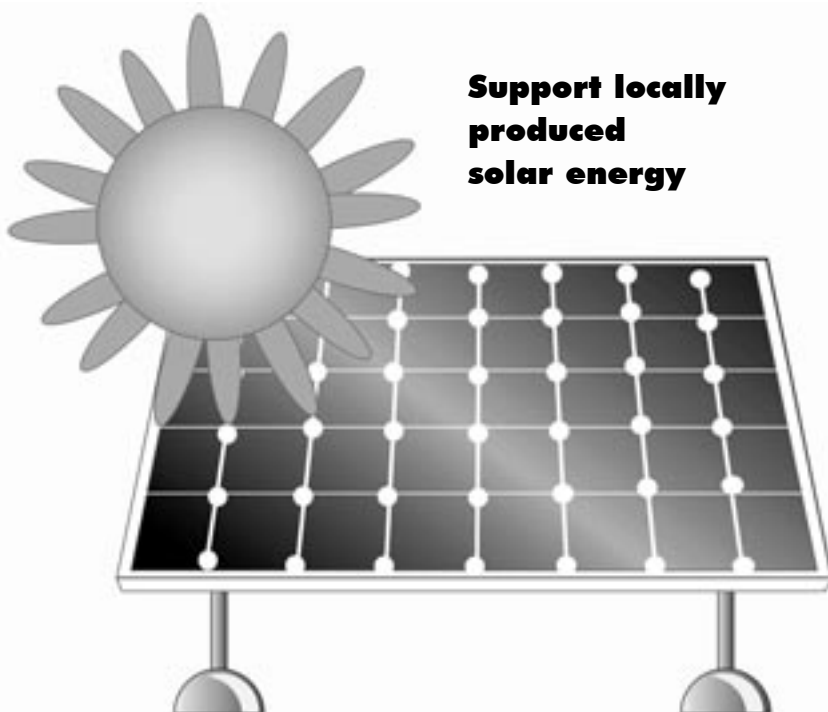




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# VALLEY ROAD STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN CHAT AND CHEW

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Chat and Chew meetings, held by School Counselor Sarah Badillo, have been a large success at Valley Road School. At these meetings, students have the opportunity throughout the week to join virtually and socialize with one another. Badillo stated, “I came up with the idea of Chat and Chew because not only is education important but socialization during times when playdates are happening less often and the school days are so short is also critical.”

These meetings last anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour and those who join spend time chatting, playing games, and even jamming out with their instruments. “There are times I have a goal of what I would like us to focus on during our Chat and Chew, but we end up going in a different direction. However, we have the same outcome of fun, socialization, laughs, and a sense

of we are in this together,” added Badillo.

Third grader, Fiona Genova, who is a frequent visitor of Chat and Chew adds, “I like laughing and eating while I am with my friends.”

Second graders Gigi and Lulu Cannici also express the same feelings toward Chat and Chew, “It is nice to have a chance to interact with

students in other classes and grades. We look forward to seeing what Mrs. Badillo will do each time! The laughs are non-stop and it is always so much fun!”

Students at Valley Road can find the weekly schedule for Chat and Chew on Mrs. Badillo’s Google Classroom.



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(above) Students participating in Chat and Chew with Mrs. Badillo.

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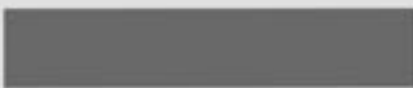
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The Club members are truly grateful for their Dictionary Project sponsors – NJ Capitol District Rotary Foundation, Dr. Jay More, Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery, Samsel & Associates, and supporters of Pancake Dinner Fundraiser for making this project happen even during challenging times.

Till date, the Linden Rotary Dictionary Project has donated more than 1800 dictionaries to the third graders in Linden and Clark. The Rotary Club of Linden is excited to continue this tradition during the 2021-2022 school year and keep fulfilling their motto of "Service Above Self."

Rotary Club of Linden meets bi-weekly on Wednesday morning 8:00 a.m.

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- Surgery requires lost time from work and typically requires a regimen of rehabilitation and medications.
- With surgery, there is always a risk for unwelcomed complications. And you could be back to where you started, or worse.
- Medications will be required for relief from surgery and you have been down that road before. Additions to these pain medications can cause potential side effects, something you do not want to experience.
- Rehabilitation can take years.

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There are a number of reasons why you developed Osteoarthritis pain. It can develop with age or because of heredity. It could be from repetitive stress from a job or some glory days in athletics. Of course your concern is with the symptoms you face daily and how to make them end, hopefully without surgery or the use of potentially addictive medications. **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** understands the symptoms you have been living with and can help. If you have any of the symptoms below, please call us today. Relief is a phone call away.

- **Pain** - Whether it's a sharp aching or maybe a burning sensation, the pain can range from irritating to debilitating.
- **Swelling** - This can cause tenderness and soreness to the entire knee area, making walking or going up and down stairs painful, getting in and out of bed or bathtubs difficult and dangerous just name a few activities affected by swelling.
- **Stiffness** - Getting up out of bed or after sitting for a period of time gets more and more difficult. This loss of mobility can be more than a hindrance. It can be dangerous if you need to move quickly.
- **Loss of muscle strength** - This can lead to balance issues and the strong possibility of falling.
- **Joint deformity** - Not just unsightly, but painful as well.
- **Creaking Joints** - Can be painful and a sign of more discomfort to come.
- **Sleepless nights** - Losing sleep over your suffering is not just irritating, but potentially dangerous because of so many other health concerns that can be affected by loss of sound sleep.

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Every day, I see patients suffering from knee pain due to arthritis, osteoarthritis, sports injuries or other conditions. Many have been told that they are in need of knee replacement surgery. Other patients say they have been prescribed various prescription medications to deal with the pain.

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Scot Paris MD, FACS



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- Patricia G.

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# MADISON SARTORETTI WINS 1ST PLACE IN COUNTYWIDE POETRY CONTEST

Valley Road Fourth Grader Madison Sartoretti won first place among fourth graders in the Union County 2021 Arbor Day Poetry Contest. Sartoretti’s poem entitled “The Four Seasons” was submitted by Sartoretti and Elementary Literacy Coach Janeen Allmendinger. Madison received a check in the amount of \$50.

Principal Joseph Beltramba stated, “Our entire school community is very proud of Madison’s accomplishment. Her poem truly captured the important role trees play in our lives. We congratulate her on this exciting achievement.”

### The Four Seasons

By Madison Sartoretti

You stand tall and grand with leaves of green  
Protecting us from the strong sun beam  
Giving a place for birds to rest  
Giving me a place to rest

In autumn leaves fall and cannot be seen  
Goodbye red, orange, gold and green  
Bringing joy for all to see  
Oh what fun these leaves can be

In winter they’re bare as the cold wind blows  
Standing strong while it snows  
Looking so lonely without its leaves  
Winter won’t you go away please

In the spring buds will form  
As the temperatures seem to warm  
The leaves will start to grow again  
For us to enjoy every now and then



(above) Madison Sartoretti with Ms. Janeen Allmendinger, Elementary Literacy Coach.

Photo by Clark Public Schools

# KUMPF STUDENT FUNDRAISER RAISES MONEY FOR CLASSMATE

Submitted by Christine Broski

With the extraordinary support of the Clark Public Schools, Clark Community, and beyond, the bracelet fundraiser run by the students and teachers in Ms. Jennifer Barbera’s class at Carl H. Kumpf Middle School was able to donate \$3,200 dollars to Julia’s Morreale’s gofundme page. Barbera stated, “The outpouring of support from the schools, as well as the community, has been so meaningful. My class and I only could have hoped that this fundraiser would be this

successful and we are thrilled that we have been able to support Julia’s family.”

Morreale, one of the class’s students, is currently undergoing cancer treatment in California. Her classmates have taken on an active role in the bracelet selling, packaging the bracelets (with gloves on) and selling them. The sales of the bracelets are still going on. If you would like a bracelet, reach out to Jenn Barbera ([jbarbera@clarkschools.org](mailto:jbarbera@clarkschools.org)) or Christine Thornton ([cthorton@clarkschools.org](mailto:cthorton@clarkschools.org)).



(above) Top row: Jenn Barbera, Christine Thornton, Kelsey Jogis, Amany Zakry; Bottom row: Sebastian Peralta, David Piotroski, Maryam Ahmed, Trevor Keller and Bryan Rodrigues.

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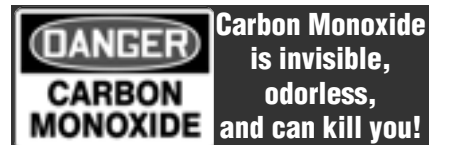
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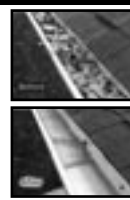
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# CLARK'S FALLEN HEROES

*Submitted by William J. "Duff" Duffy, A long-time Clark resident who has researched the Clark Fallen Heroes for over 40 years*

From the Civil War to Afghanistan, 23 Clark boys, residents, or ALJ alumni, went off to war and did not come home. Heroes - every one of them.

I feel deeply that their sacrifices must be told so that they are not forgotten, especially by our youth. They have given of their lives while our country was at war, so that we may live in freedom. You may not know them, but in gratitude pay tribute to them every Memorial Day. Let's take a brief look at each of them, but before we do, here's a "Clark's Fallen Heroes" portion of the Gettysburg Address: "that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion – that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain – that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom – and that government of the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth," President Abraham Lincoln November 19, 1863.

## CIVIL WAR

### **BULLMAN, JAMES, Cpl., CO.C 14th New Jersey Volunteer Regiment**

James resided with his family on the "Bullman Farm" on Raritan Rd., where the Bank of America/Acme Supermarket is presently located. He was Killed in Action on June 1, 1864 at the Battle of Cold Harbor with 7,000 other Union forces during that battle. On that fateful date at 1700 hours, James was in the front line with the 14th, as they attacked the strongly entrenched Confederate forces. A dreadful battle was fought, lasting long after dark as the 14th suffered critically, losing 240 in killed and wounded, including Cpl. James Bullman. After Cold Harbor, Commanding General Hiram Ulysses Grant said to his staff: "I regret this assault, more than anyone I ever ordered." This Fallen Hero is buried in the Bullman family plot in South Plainfield.

## WORLD WAR I

### **MILLER, JOHN B., U.S. Army former address 2 Valley Road, Clark**

His father Adam received a telegram on December 9, 1918, that his son, previously reported as "Missing in Action," since October 16, 1918, during the Allies final winning offensive action, was now reported to have died November 12, 1918, following "Wounds Received in Action." This Fallen Hero was a member of the 155th Infantry Brigade, 309th Infantry, 78th Division. On October 16, 1918, Miller was with his unit attacking German forces during the Meuse- Argonne Offensive, which was part of the final Allied offensive of World War I that stretched along the entire Western Front. During this attack, John was severely wounded and would eventually die from those wounds on November 12, 1918, one day after the Armistice was signed ending the war.

## WORLD WAR II

### **BIENKO, BENNIE, S1C Serial No. 02245585, U.S. Navy**

"Killed in Action" November 13, 1942 at the "Naval Battle of Guadalcanal" while aboard the U.S.S. Monssen. This Fallen Hero, who resided on Lincoln Boulevard prior to his entry into the Navy, fought in this particular battle along with fellow Clark resident John L. Ruddy, Jr. who was aboard the U.S.S. Juneau. Bienko was killed at approximately 0200 hours and is now considered Clark's first World War II casualty. Ruddy was killed at approximately 1100 hours on the same day and is now considered Clark's second World War II casualty. NOTE: Up until the time of William J. Duffy's research, Ruddy was considered Clark's first World War II casualty and that is why the Clark VFW is named and dedicated to Ruddy, an honor rightly deserved. However, Duffy was able to confirm the time of their deaths.

### **BITSKO, CHARLES, Pvt. Serial No. 32559648, U.S. Army**

"Died in the Line of Duty" on November 11, 1943 while aboard a troop transport ship in the Pacific. On August 21, 1944 a new bridge was named in his honor in the vicinity of his unit's camp in the South Pacific. This Fallen Hero grew up in Hillside, but at the time of his entry into the army he resided on Raritan Road. He is buried at a cemetery in Hillside.

### **CLAUSS, PAUL J., PFC Serial No. 32240351, U.S. Army 77th Infantry Division**

"Killed in Action" by machine gun fire, December 15, 1944 on Leyte Island, the Philippines, while coming to the aid of a wounded soldier. Paul, who was 31 years old when killed on his birthday, was the victim of Japanese machine gun fire while saving the life of another soldier in a battle on the Island of Leyte in the Philippines. The other soldier had been wounded in the leg and was rescued by Paul before he himself was killed. This Fallen Hero grew up in Elizabeth, but later moved with his parents to Coldevin Road. He is buried at St. Gertrude's Cemetery in Colonia.

### **GRAVES, MELVYN, Pvt. Serial No. 42100647, U.S. Army**

"Killed in Action" January 24, 1945 while serving in France at the end of the Battle of the Bulge. This hero was under heavy mortar and artillery fire and was hit in the neck by a piece of shrapnel. His father, Herman Graves, was Mayor of Clark 1927-1932. On 24 December 1944, this Fallen Hero wrote a Christmas Eve letter to his son Robert telling him that he would be home next Christmas and the family would all be happy together again. Prior to his entry into the army, Melvyn resided on Valley Road.

### **GREEN, RUSSELL W., Pvt. Serial No. 42000833, U.S. Army**

"Killed in Action" April 26, 1944 while serving in the Italian theatre of war on Anzio Beach, Italy. Russell was inducted into the U.S. Army on June 29, 1943 and was assigned to Co.C, 135th Infantry of the 34th Infantry Division. On that fateful date, at Anzio Beach, Italy, Russell's unit was attacking the German lines and came under intense mortar and artillery fire. During this attack, Russell was Killed in Action. He was just two days short of his 19th birthday and was in the service for less than 10 months. Prior to his death, Russell wrote two letters home to his family; both just days before his death. In the one dated April 25, 1944, the day before his death, he requests that his family send him chocolate candy. This Fallen Hero grew up in Linden, but is considered a Clark Fallen Hero because after he entered the service, his family moved to Raritan Rd., thus becoming a Clark resident. Russell is buried at the U.S. National Cemetery in Beverly, New Jersey.

### **GROSSMAN, ALVIN R., 2nd Lt. Serial No. 0-803810, U.S. Army Air Corps**

"Died in the Line of Duty", June 14, 1943 while conducting training exercises aboard a navigation training plane. The Lieutenant had just earned his wings as an Army Pilot two weeks prior to his death.

This Fallen Hero is buried at the OHEB Sholem Cemetery in Hillside.

### **HUTCHINSON, EUGENE F. Torpedoman's Mate 3C, U.S. Navy**

"Killed in Action" 7 November 1944 while serving aboard the USS Albacore (SS218). This submarine was sunk on its 11th patrol by mines off North Hokkaido Island, Japan. All hands were lost and is on "Eternal Patrol". On October 24, 1944, Albacore left Pearl Harbor and arrived at Midway Island on October 28 to top off her fuel tanks and was never heard from again. On November 7, 1944 a Japanese patrol boat witnessed the explosion of a submerged submarine (presumed to be Albacore) and saw many items rise to the surface. This Fallen Hero grew up in Florida, but married Clark resident Gertrude Amon and they moved to her parents' address on Westfield Avenue.

### **MAKOWSKI, EDWARD J. Serial No. 0-751919, U.S. Army Air Corps**

"Killed in Action" March 3, 1944 while serving as a bombardier aboard a B-24 Liberator. This hero was assigned to the 14th Air Force, 450th Bomb Group, 723rd Squadron. This Fallen Hero, who resided on Lake Avenue prior to his entry into Army Air Corps, was taxiing with his other crew members down the runway for takeoff when the plane suddenly braked to avoid takeoff and came to a halt past the end of the runway. The plane exploded and burst into flames with a full supply of fuel and bombs. All 10 crew members including Edward were lost.



# CLARK'S FALLEN HEROES (continued)

**PADUSNIAK, JOSEPH G., Tech 5**  
**Serial No. 32385995, U.S. Army**

"Killed in Action" December 18, 1944 while serving with the 99th Infantry Division at the "Battle of the Bulge." This surprise attack began on December 16, 1944, at 0530 hours, as 300,000 German troops, backed by artillery and hundreds of huge Panther, Mark IV and new Tiger tanks struck along a 85 mile front. On 18 December- the final day of Joseph's life-the Germans continued attacking and advancing. Elements of the 394th Infantry Regiment- Joe's unit- were attacked throughout the morning. On the third day of the battle, Joe was somewhere on the battlefield when he succumbed to inflicted wounds and gave the ultimate sacrifice for his country. This Fallen Hero who resided on Westfield Avenue prior to his entry into the army, was killed along with 30,000 other American forces during this battle. He is buried in St. Mary's Cemetery in Clark.

**RUDDY, JOHN L., Jr., S2C**  
**Serial No. 06464195**

"Killed in Action" November 13, 1942 at the "Naval Battle of Guadalcanal" while aboard the U.S.S. Juneau. On that fateful day, the Juneau was struck by torpedoes fired from the Japanese submarine I- 26 at 1100 hours and one of the torpedoes entered Juneau's ammunition magazines. When the smoke cleared there was nothing to be seen of the Juneau. It is presumed that John was Killed in Action at this time. This Fallen Hero, who resided on Prescott Turn prior to his entry into the Navy, was killed along with 900 other sailors aboard the Juneau that day and subsequently thereafter in the shark-infested waters.

**SCHMITT, MARTIN, Cpl.**  
**Serial No. 32594212, U.S. Army**

"Killed in Action" 30 November 1944 while serving with 102nd Infantry Div. near Linnoch, Germany. Buried overseas at the American Military Cemetery in the Netherlands. This Fallen Hero grew up in Roselle Park, but married Clark resident Margaret Carlson who was his high school sweetheart. They lived on Westfield Avenue with Margaret's parents prior to his entry into the Army. When "Schmitt" Lane was selected for a new Clark street after the war, whoever ordered the street sign inadvertently misspelled this hero's last name. The street today remains "Schmidt" Lane.

**WITKOWSKI, JOSEPH, PFC.**  
**Serial No. 12203849, U.S. Army**

"Killed in Action" July 9, 1944, while serving with the 8th Infantry Division near St. Lo, France, during the Normandy breakout. This Fallen Hero who resided on Hart Street prior to his entry into the Army was honored for his service along with fellow Clark Fallen Hero Joseph Padusniak by renaming a portion of Hart Street into Joseph Street. He is buried at St. Gertrude's Cemetery.

## COLD WAR

**WILKES, JOHN, Jr., First Lt., USAF**

"Died in Service" October 9, 1958 while piloting an F100-F Super Sabre jet. Lt. Wilkes was on a routine training flight when his jet crashed in the desert near Phoenix, Arizona. He was 28 and resided at 465 Madison Hill Road. This Fallen Hero is buried in Arizona along with his infant son.

## VIETNAM

**BADAVAS, THOMAS E.**  
**U.S. Marine Corps, H/S Company**  
**1st Battalion, 9th PFC Marines**  
**3rd Marine Division**

Badavas died on February 21, 1967 when he was Killed in Action while on patrol as a result of an enemy hostile explosive device in the vicinity of Thua Thien Province, Vietnam. This Fallen Hero is buried at St. Gertrude's Cemetery, Colonia, New Jersey. Badavas graduated from ALJ in 1965 and resided on Myrtle Avenue, Garwood. He was survived by his parents and a brother.

**CORCORAN, KEVIN**  
**U.S. Marine Corps**  
**G Company, 2nd Battalion**  
**3rd PFC Marines, 3rd Marine Division**

Corcoran died on May 24, 1968 when he was Killed in Action while on patrol as a result of enemy hostile rifle fire in the vicinity of Quang Tri Province, Vietnam. This Fallen Hero is buried at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, East Hanover, New Jersey. Corcoran would have graduated from ALJ in 1968, but left school early to join the Marine Corps and resided on Willow Avenue, Garwood. He was survived by his mother.

**HARTMAN, RICHARD D., CMDR**  
**Serial No. 613595, U.S. Navy**

age 32. On July 18, 1967, Hartman's A-4E jet airplane fell victim to anti-aircraft fire near Phu Ly, Nam Ha Province, North Vietnam. He ejected safely, however, the next day four other Naval personnel were killed during an attempted rescue of Hartman. He was eventually captured and "Died in Captivity". His remains were repatriated on March 6, 1974 and he is buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Section 11. This Fallen Hero grew up in New York State and during his military career he listed his home address as Gertrude Street in Clark, which was the residence of his aunt where he visited and stayed many times.

**KUSPIEL, KENNETH, SP4, U.S. Army**

"Killed in Action" February 1, 1968 while serving in the infantry, as a result of multiple wounds from an exploding land mine in the vicinity of Chu Lai, Vietnam, at the beginning of the "Tet Offensive". This Fallen Hero graduated from Clark's ALJ High School in 1964 and attended Farleigh Dickinson University. He left school in 1966 to join the army with his high school buddies. Kuspiel resided with his family on Elm Street prior to his entry into the Army.

**SEVELL, ROBERT L., Capt.**

**Serial No. 093427, U.S. Marine Corps**

"Killed in Action" February 28, 1968 while co-piloting a CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter enroute to a downed aircraft near the heroic Marine Base at Khe Sanh, Vietnam. On that fateful day, Bob was on a recovery mission when the aircraft was downed by heavy hostile automatic weapons fire. The aircraft exploded on impact with the ground and all 22 personnel aboard were Killed in Action, including Captain Sevell. This Fallen Hero graduated from Clark's ALJ High School in 1961. He was the starting quarterback of the Crusaders football team during his junior and senior years. Prior to his entry into the Marine Corps, Sevell and his wife Valerie resided on Oak Ridge Road with their son Bobby, who was less than a year old when his father died.

**WINTERS, JOHN P., LCPL**  
**U.S. Marine Corps**

"Killed in Action" May 25, 1969 after being hit by fragments from a mortar shell near Cam Lo, Quang Tri Province, Vietnam. This Fallen Hero resided on Colonial Drive prior to his entry into the Marine Corps.

## OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

**BENISH, STEPHEN C., PFC**

Age 20, U.S. Army, "Killed in Action" November 28, 2004 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, when he received enemy fire while on a dismounted patrol. Benish was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Howze, Korea. This Fallen Hero resided on Ivy Street with his family prior to his entry into the Army. Benish graduated from Clark's ALJ High School in 2002.

## OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM

**HARVEY, JAMES, W., II, Sgt.**

Age 23, U.S. Army, "Killed in Action" June 20, 2011 in Ghazni Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit with small-arms fire. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. This Fallen Hero wrote a last letter home to his family that was only to be opened upon his death. Harvey graduated from Clark's ALJ High School in 2005 and resided on Conger Way.



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*Submitted by Michael D. Boll, President*

Memorial Day weekend is one of the most challenging for the New Jersey Veterans Network and its team of volunteers and mentors. This is a difficult time for many veterans because they reflect on their brothers and sisters that didn't make it home. Every day our nation loses 22 veterans to suicide, and it seems that number isn't coming down. If you are a veteran, or a family member, who is feeling alone, or are in need of assistance, we are here for you. Please reach out to us.

Our team focuses on helping our veterans and first responders have a better way of life through our volunteer mobile outreach mentoring program. We believe by aggressively seeking out veterans in need and contacting them before they are in crisis, we can really have some positive results. Contacting a person in need first is a great way to build trust and make it easier to begin a friendship. People will do better when they have human contact in their lives, too many programs are automated and lack the empathy and compassion needed to help someone in crisis.

We are not afraid to tell our veterans and first responders that they are loved and we strive to give them purpose. The team immediately empowers and gives its members a new family unit to be part of again. Nearly everyone that joins the team wants to help others and make a difference in someone else's life. Helping others definitely is a medicine that will make you become a better person, and you'll feel really good about it.

New Jersey Veterans Network is constantly keeping active thru our Operation Rebound Racing Team which hosts numerous hikes, runs, bike rides and all other types of physically challenging events. However, we also focus on non athletic events like hosting a BBQ, comedy show, tailgate, camping trip, and several other fun outings throughout the year. But it doesn't stop there, the team works well with other charities and hosts numerous food drives and clothing events which normally take place at our veteran hospitals and shelters. If you would like to help, there is something for you to contribute.

Most recently, in April, our outreach director Frank "Doc" Schupp spearheaded our "Helping Heroes" program, and "Hero Day". These two programs were responsible for providing over 3,000 veterans and National Guardsmen throughout the state with food, PPE, and personal items.

In the last few years New Jersey Veterans Network has grown and has been able to save lives, provide cars, employment, housing, clothing, food, toiletries, and so much more to heroes.

In the next few weeks, we will be launching a statewide anti-suicide and PTSD awareness campaign. We have joined forces with the NJ VFW, NJ American Legion, NJSPBA, NJ FMBA, NJ FOP, NJ Veterans Affairs, State Legislators, and numerous other groups and organizations.

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(above) Maria Gonczlik, member of Clark UNICO, volunteered to help during Hero's Day.

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First graders in Ms. Ashley Cozzi’s class at Valley Road School completed an Earth Day planting project where the students created greenhouses to grow their own bean plants.

Leading up to Earth Day, the class discussed its importance and ways to help protect the Earth. Through the planting project, they learned about how planting flowers, trees, and other life on our earth could help keep it "healthy"! The class also learned about greenhouses and how they are an effective way to grow a lot of plants at once. They then discussed what a plant needs to survive.

The class created "greenhouses" with 2 beans, a damp paper towel, and a sandwich bag surrounded by an outline of a greenhouse. They decorated their greenhouses and then carefully added the seeds to the paper towel. They then hung them up on the window to allow for growth. Students continued the discussion the following week talking about their plants' growth and the life cycle.



(above) Peyton Fekete, VRS First Grader

Photos by Clark Public Schools

# BROWNIE TROOP BEAUTIFIES REC CENTER

Clark Township

Brownie Troop 40483 led by Christina Gallo and Elizabeth Pepe recently planted a garden outside the Clark Recreation Center. The troop used money they earned from selling Girl Scout cookies to create the landscaped area.

“The girls did a beautiful job on the garden,” said Recreation Director Ralph Bernardo. “It was wonderful of them to do this and I look forward to watching everything bloom in the months to

come.”

The girls learned the life cycle of plants and flowers in preparation for their work. Then they cleaned and weeded the area. Finally, they planted both seeds and flowers. The girls will continue to maintain their garden in the months to come.

Gallo said the girls chose to make their garden outside the recreation center to beautify and to give back to a place that gives so much to them.



(above, l-r) Victoria Radtke, Aubrey Spagnuolo, Olivia Pepe, Antonella Gallo, Victoria Ferriera, Brooke Panico, Leah Szarszewski, Olivia Ricigliano, Samantha Spagnuolo, Mekenzie Doherty, Trinity Otalvaro-Dayon.

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## CLARK RECREATION PROGRAMS

### Clark Township

Clark Recreation has been in full swing this spring with an array of programming designed to get kids and adults outdoors. Volleyball, Pickleball, golf, skateboarding and hiking programs have been running throughout the season.

After a year of very limited programming and many cancellations due to the constraints of the pandemic, Director Ralph Bernardo is happy to be able to provide the opportunities.

"We've all been so restricted, it's been too long for everyone," said Bernardo. "All of these programs have been a great opportunity for residents to get outside and enjoy the beautiful weather, have some fun and learn new things."

Bernardo is planning to continue the trend into the summer with Clark's infamous day camp and a compliment of activities at the Clark Pool.

For information about these and other programs provided by Clark Recreation, go to [ourclark.com](http://ourclark.com) and click on Departments and then Recreation.



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## VALLEY ROAD HOSTS GUEST SPEAKER ON AUTISM ACCEPTANCE

### Clark Public Schools

As part of Autism Acceptance Month, students at Valley Road School (VRS) had a very special visitor, a former graduate, Gabriella Smith. Classes from Kindergarten to Grade 5 met with Gabby remotely. She shared a memoir, "My Life With Asperger's" that she wrote in sixth grade. The memoir captured the moment she first learned she had Asperger's Syndrome. Gabby went on to explain what autism is and her experience. She spoke of the challenges she faced as well as the strategies she used to face those challenges head on. At the end of the presentation, Gabby interacted with the students, engaging them in a conversation on inclusivity. Students also had an opportunity to ask Gabby questions.

Supervisor of Educational Initiatives Christine Broski stated, "We want to thank Gabby for sharing her story. Her honesty and bravery helped our students gain a better understanding of autism and encouraged a message of inclusivity and kindness. Sharing her memoir today was just as powerful as it was when she shared it back in sixth grade when I had her as a student. I couldn't be more proud!"

Special Education Teacher Dominique Smith stated, "Gabby's story touched the lives of all students and faculty members. She shared a personal story in an effort to encourage inclusion

and acceptance within the Valley Road School community."

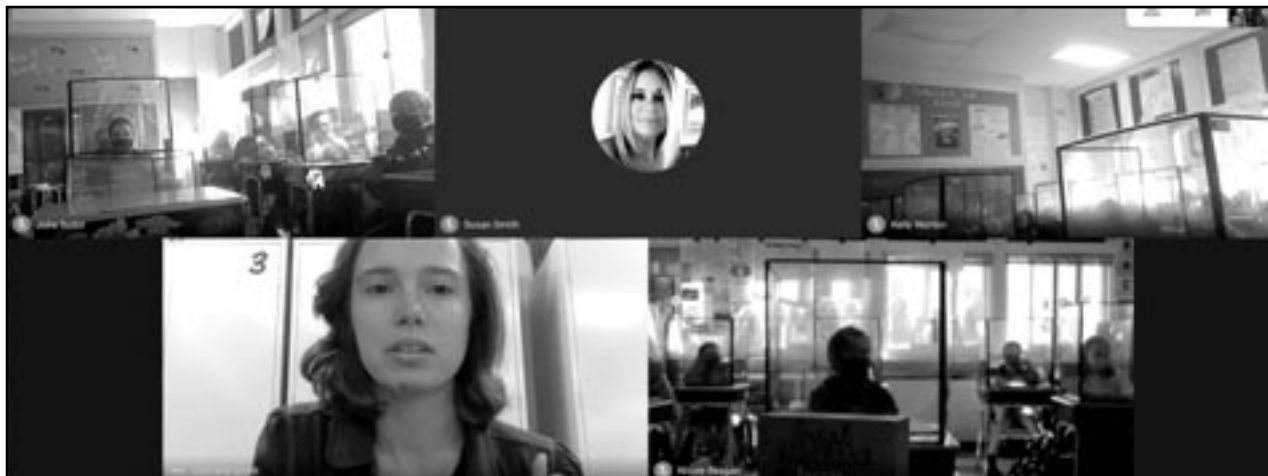
Last month, Valley Road Students wore red, blue, or gold to show their support for Autism Acceptance. They also decorated puzzle pieces that fill the hallways at VRS, and signed a mural to promote inclusion that proudly hangs in the school hallway. Teacher Nicole Semon stated, "Gabby's story inspired students and staff alike and it promoted an overall attitude of acceptance and understanding of everyone's differences and unique strengths."

In addition, students in Miss Smith and Ms. Semon's classes ended the month by planting flowers in the "Autism Acceptance Is Growing" Garden. Semon continued, "This was a great month here at VRS and we are so happy to see and hear all of the wonderful conversations that were sparked from these events!"



(above) Students decorated puzzle pieces for Autism Acceptance Month.

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(above) For Autism Acceptance Month, Valley Road School welcomed Gabriella Smith, a former graduate, to share her memoir "My Life With Asperger's" with students.

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## SEASON 3 ATHLETIC AWARDS

### Clark Public Schools

On Thursday, May 14, 2021, the Arthur L. Johnson Athletic Department held their 2021 Season 3 Athletic Awards. The evening, sponsored by the Crusader Athletic Booster Club, was held in the Arthur L. Johnson Auditorium.

All the Season 3 Athletic Teams and their seasons were highlighted by their coaches while handing out letters and awards to the student athletes. Over 35 varsity athletic letters were handed out throughout the evening, as participation in athletics at Arthur L. Johnson High School continues to grow.

Athletic Director Gus Kalikas, had this to say about the event: "Our Season 3 Awards Program

was a successful evening as it allows the district, administration, and coaches the opportunity to acknowledge a wonderful season as well as recognize both student athletes and their parents alike for all that they have accomplished this past athletic season."

### BEST TEAMMATE AWARD

The Crusader Best Teammate Award is given out seasonally to one member from each athletic team that best fits the characteristics of a good teammate. The individuals that receive these awards exhibit upbeat attitudes and outstanding character. They helped influence the team's culture in a positive manner, while always supporting teammates and promoting team unity.



(above, l-r) Wrestling MVP, Jordan Downey; Volleyball MVP, Kayla Bowen; Best Teammate Award Winner Volleyball – Lauren Fogle. Best Teammate Award Winner Wrestling, James Lordi

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Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.; and Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### **Boredom Buster for Kids**

*Available beginning June 1*

Each month we have a new take home craft for kids to pick up and make at their leisure. While supplies last, no registration.

### **Teen Take-Out Craft:**

**Beaded Butterfly & Daisy Charm Bracelet Kit**  
*starting Monday, June 7*

Reserve a beaded butterfly & daisy charm bracelet kit. The kit will include supplies and instructions. Priority registration for teens with library cards (any library in Union County). Please email [reference@clarklibrary.org](mailto:reference@clarklibrary.org) or call to reserve a kit. Open to teens in Grades 6-12 while supplies last.

### **[Adult DIY] Paint by Stickers: Travel**

*Starting on May 28*

*Pickup begins on June*

Are you ready for summer travel season? The June Adult DIY Craft is sticker painting. We will be using the book, "Paint by Sticker: Travel" which includes stickers and templates of Art Deco posters of faraway romantic places from Venice to Cairo. The take-out craft will include simple instructions so you can do it at home without a group Zoom class. Please reserve a kit through our online calendar. \*A library card is required to register for this program (any library in Union County) and Clark card holders will have priority.

### **[Virtual] Read to Sophie by Appointment**

Sophie the therapy dog is available to listen to your child practice reading via Zoom! She has very flexible availability. Please email [ReadToSophie@gmail.com](mailto:ReadToSophie@gmail.com) to make an appointment.

### **Tails & Tales!**

*Online registration begins June 1*

*In person registration begins June 21*

June is time for our annual Summer Reading Program, Tails & Tales! All ages are encouraged to participate! Register using the free Beanstack Tracker App (available in the App Store or Google Play) or online at [clarklibrary.beanstack.org](http://clarklibrary.beanstack.org). Tickets are earned various ways in each program and then entered into drawings for a variety of prizes! All ages can keep reading and submitting tickets through Beanstack until August 31.

### **Babies and Preschool**

Earn points for every book listened to or read and for attending programs virtually or in person. The more points you earn, the more raffle tickets you receive!

### **Entering Elementary**

Keep track of the time you spend reading or listening to books and attend library programs virtually or in person to earn raffle tickets! Every hour reading/listening earns a ticket.

### **Teens**

Join us for a fun summer of reading, programs, and prizes! Earn 1 raffle ticket for every book or graphic novel you read, every audiobook you listen to, and every teen program you attend!

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### **Adults**

Earn 1 raffle ticket for every book you read, every audiobook you listen to, and every adult/family program you attend!

### **[Virtual] Baby Bookworms**

*Tuesdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 10:00 a.m.*

Baby Bookworms is virtual via Zoom! Babies and toddlers are invited to hear some books, and learn some songs, rhymes, lap bounces, and fingerplays! Please register to get the Zoom link to attend.

### **[Virtual] Pajama Time**

*Wednesday, June 2 at 7:00 p.m.*

Join us in your pjs for an evening storytime session for the family on Zoom. Please register to get the Zoom link.

### **[Virtual] Timed Lego Challenges**

*Thursday, June 3 at 4:00 p.m.*

Express your creativity with our Timed Lego Building Challenge. Kids will get a prompt, such as a "piece of furniture" and then have 8 minutes to build it with Lego. There will be an hour filled with different prompts! If you do not have your own Lego, please contact the Children's Department of the library.

### **[Virtual] Preschool Story & Craft**

*Fridays, June 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 10:00 a.m.*

Stories, rhymes, songs, and simple craft on Zoom. Please register to be provided most craft materials and the Zoom link.

### **[Virtual] Adult Coloring Club**

*Fridays June 4 and 18 at 11:00 a.m.*

Coloring is a great way to unwind and relieve some stress! Pick up coloring sheets and crayons at the library and meet up on Zoom for some soothing music and relaxation. Once you register, you'll be emailed when your supplies are ready to be picked up at the library.

### **Pick Up & Zoom**

*Tuesday, June 8 at 4:00 p.m.*

Each session we will have a new craft project for elementary aged children. You may pick up the materials for the craft starting the Wednesday before and then join us via Zoom to make it together! Please register to be contacted for the supply list and for the Zoom login information. \*Priority registration for Clark residents.

### **[Virtual] Who Was... Book Club for Kids**

*Wednesday, June 16 at 4:00 p.m.*

Kids in 2nd-6th grade are invited to join us via Zoom for our Who Was...book club! Each month we will read a book from this fun series focusing on a particular type of person, such as inventor, athlete, musician, etc. and then come together to discuss and share what we have learned and do a related activity. Please read one of the Where Is books this month about a place you might like to visit!

### **[Virtual] Family Game Night**

*Thursday, June 17 at 6:30 p.m.*

Join us for virtual family game night on Zoom! Each month we will play a different game geared toward elementary ages and older. This

month is Bingo! For MURAL cardholders and Union County residents only.

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### **Afternoon Book Club**

*Tuesday, June 22 at 1:00 p.m.*

Join us for our next book club meeting. We'll be discussing "The Sun Down Motel" by Simone St. James. We will be meeting outside under a pop-up tent in the library parking lot. You may also join us via Zoom if you don't feel comfortable meeting in person yet. Please speak with a librarian if you need a copy of the book.

### **Tails & Tales Summer Reading Kick-Off: Safari Adventure with Muscle Man Mike**

*Monday, June 28 at 7:00 p.m.*

Celebrate our annual Summer Reading Program! We are all going on a "Safari Adventure" with our friend Jenny the Giraffe! This show takes children on the adventure of their lives with Muscle Man Mike! They have to search for all the Safari animals with Mike and they will also become the animals in a charade game! Music and magic that amazes, Safari style! This event will be held outdoors, weather permitting. Social distancing and mask wearing will be required. Please register online or through a librarian.

### **[Virtual] Iditarod Dog Mushing with Chloe & Noggin**

*Tuesday, June 29 at 4:00 p.m.*

Karen Land, with her dogs Noggin and Chloe, will give a presentation about Iditarod dog sledding. Participants can ask questions live (verbally or through the chat box) or email questions in advance. During the talk, she will discuss a wide range of subjects including the raising and training of sled dogs, the breeds of dogs used in long distance mushing, and the preparations needed to run a 1000-mile dog sled race. She will share some of her own stories from the trail! The subject matter is perfect for all ages from pre-K through senior citizens.

### **Tails & Tales Animal Plaque Painting**

*Wednesday, June 30 at 10:00 a.m.*

Join us outdoors to share a favorite animal book and then paint your own wooden animal plaque! Due to social distancing, we will offer this same program outdoors (weather permitting) on multiple dates and times. Masks will be mandatory. Rain date will be scheduled if necessary. Please register online or through a librarian.

### **[Adult ] 'Summer Reading' Hanging Sign**

*Wednesday, June 30 at 11:00 a.m.*

Join us as we make a cute DIY hanging "Summer Reading" sign to kick off our adult summer reading program. After registering, you will be emailed when your materials are ready for pickup and you will be sent the Zoom link to make it together. Please supply your own paint brushes. Register through our online calendar or email [reference@clarklibrary.org](mailto:reference@clarklibrary.org). \*A library card is required to register for this program (any library in Union County) and Clark card holders will have priority.



## CAMP PATRIOT RUN, RUCK, RIDE CHALLENGE TO SUPPORT DISABLED NJ VETERANS

Backpacks For Life and New Jersey Veterans Network are teaming up to host the 1st Annual Camp Patriot Run, Ruck, Ride Challenge from June 17 to 20, 2021.

Camp Patriot's mission is to empower American Disabled Veterans by providing them the right relationships and assistance so that they can once again enjoy the great outdoors. The proceeds raised from this event will help send disabled New Jersey Veterans to attend Camp Patriot. The event will take place both virtually and in-person over the span of five days. This allows individuals to participate from the comfort of their own homes, neighborhoods, local parks or join us in person at our event location which will be announced at a later date on our registration page.

"We're excited to get back out there, bring together the community and help raise money to send deserving Veterans to Camp Patriot." - Brett D'Alessandro, President of Backpacks For Life "The New Jersey Veterans Network is excited to be teaming up with Backpacks For Life and doing an event to shed a light on our

Anti-Suicide and PTSD Awareness campaign. All funds raised will go towards sending disabled New Jersey Veterans to Camp Patriot in Montana." - Michael Boll, President of New Jersey Veterans Network

To learn more about the event and register to participate, visit <https://tinyurl.com/runruckride>. With your registration, you receive an event bib, t-shirt and challenge coin.

Backpacks For Life is a 501(C)3 nonprofit organization that serves the homeless and at-risk veteran community. By regularly distributing backpacks filled with essentials to Veterans on the streets and providing mentorship to at-risk Veterans and their families, Backpacks For Life aims to bridge the gap between Veterans and the resources available to them.

New Jersey Veterans Network's mission is to help New Jersey Veterans and their families enjoy a sustainable quality of life by creating a network of Community Veteran Liaisons ("CVL") whose role is to identify veterans, and connect them with resources & solutions designed to meet the unique set of veteran needs.

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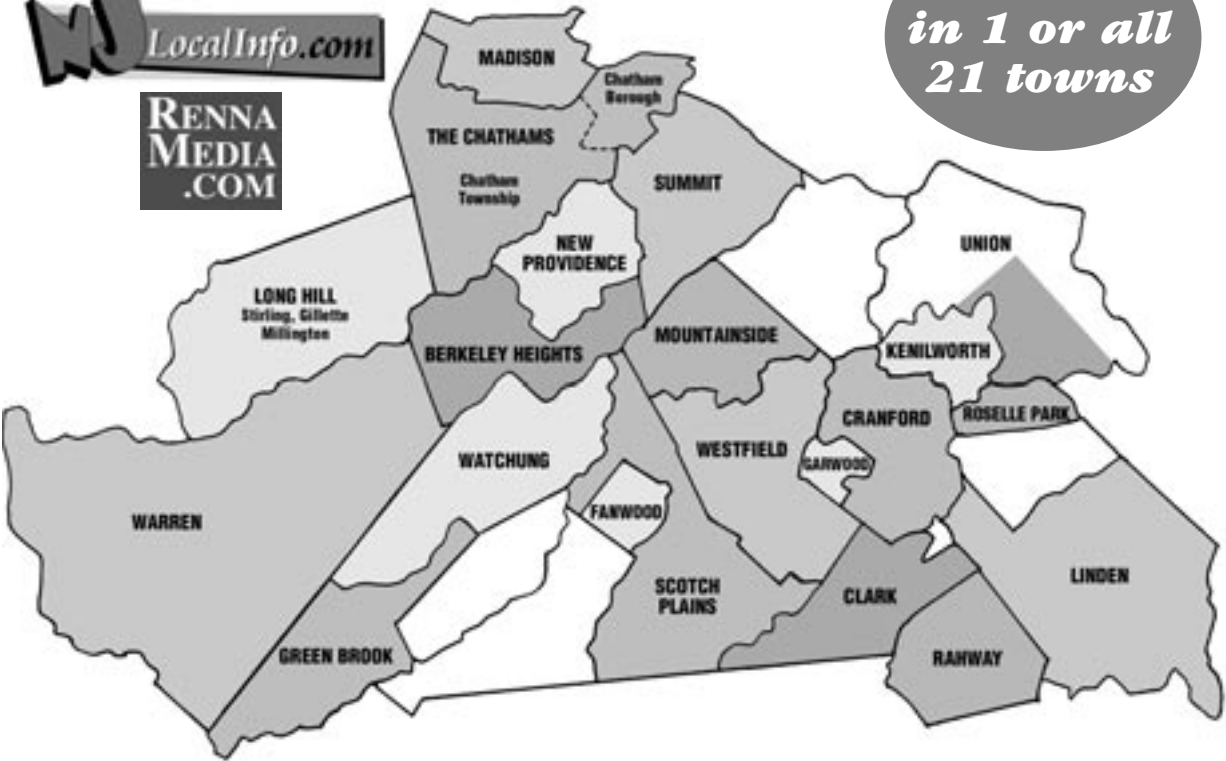
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4 Units	3.25" x 8" or 6.5" x 4"	\$180	\$450	\$700	\$900	\$1100	\$1300	\$1500	\$1700
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9 HALF PAGE	6.5" x 9" or 10" x 7"	\$320	\$800	\$1000	\$1300	\$1600	\$1900	\$2200	\$2400
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18 FULL PAGE	10" x 14"	\$400	\$1000	\$1400	\$1800	\$2200	\$2500	\$2800	\$3000
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FRONT PAGE BOX	1.5" x 4.5"	\$240							

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Joe Renna at 908-447-1295

email: JoeRenna@RennaMedia.com



FLYERS

**\$35**

PER 1,000

MENUS

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PER 1,000

# ONLINE ADS & PRESS RELEASES DRIVE LOCAL TRAFFIC TO YOUR WEBSITE

## • GET UNLIMITED CLICKS

An alternative to expensive pay-per-click programs

## • FREE AD DESIGN AND COPYWRITING

Advertising webpage includes many features

including write-up, images, video, Google map, etc.

## • POSTS ARE SHARED THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA

Posts shared on multiple Facebook pages and twitter.

## • PAID SEARCH ENGINE PROMOTIONS

Posts are promoted by industry, key words and location.

## • TRACKABLE RESULTS

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**\$20**  
**PER POST**  
**Block of 20**  
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# WEBSITE AUDIT/ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION PLAN

## • SEE WHAT IS WORKING AND NOT WORKING

Know where your web traffic is coming from and why.

## • ELIMINATE / AVOID COSTLY SCHEMES

Evaluate the return you are getting from your online marketing costs.

## • INCREASE ONLINE MARKETING RESULTS

Recommendations include ways to increase traffic to your website

## • NO OBLIGATION

This service is recommended even if you have an existing web management contract. Use it to tune up your marketing plan.

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# WEBSITE / SEO SERVICES

## • STARTER WEBSITE: \$500

Basic static site that can be developed further

## • WEBSITE CREATION/UPDATE: \$2,400

Cost for average website: 12 pages, contact form, SEO friendly, responsive design

## • WEBSITE HOSTING: \$300 PER YEAR

Includes website hosting, software updates, monthly website content updates

## • SEO SERVICES: AVERAGE COST \$1,000 - \$2,000 PER MONTH

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Buchanan's 12yrs old	1.75L	\$55.99
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Chivas Regal	1.75L	\$58.99
Chivas Regal 18 yrs old	750 ml	\$72.99
Crown Royal	750ml	\$27.99
Crown Royal	1.75L	\$48.99
Dewars 12 yrs old	750ml	\$25.99
Dewars 12 yrs old	1.75L	\$45.99
Dewars White Label	750 ml	\$19.99
Dewars White Label	1.75L	\$32.99
Gentleman Jack	750ml	\$29.99
Gentleman Jack	1.75L	\$52.99
Glenmorangie 10 yrs old	750ml	\$40.99
Glenlivet 12 yrs old	750 ml	\$47.99
Glenlivet 12 yrs old	1.75L	\$91.99
Grants	750ml	\$15.99
Grants	1.75L	\$23.99
Jack Daniels	750ml	\$25.99
Jack Daniels	1.75L	\$45.99
Jack Daniels Fire	750ml	\$25.99
Jack Daniels Fire	1.75L	\$45.99
Jameson	750ml	\$29.99
Jameson	1.75L	\$54.99
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Johnnie Walker Blue	1.75L	\$379.99
Johnnie Walker Black	750ml	\$28.99
Johnnie Walker Black	1.75L	\$57.99
Johnnie Walker Double Black	750ml	\$34.99
Johnnie Walker Red	750ml	\$19.99
Johnnie Walker Red	1.75L	\$32.09
Macallan 12yrs old (double cask)	750ml	\$59.99
Makers Mark	750ml	\$27.99
Makers Mark	1.75L	\$49.99

## GIN

Beefeater	1.75L	\$35.99
Bombay Sapphire	1.75L	\$36.99
Seagram's gin	1.75L	\$17.99
Tanqueray	750ml	\$21.99
Tanqueray	1.75L	\$36.99

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Courvoisier V.S.	1.75L	\$47.99
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Remy Martin V.S.O.P.	1.75L	\$84.99

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Duggan's Irish Cream	1.75L	\$28.99
Kahlua	1.75L	\$37.99
Krupnik	750ml	\$17.99
Licor 43	750ml	\$24.99
Licor 43	1.75L	\$42.99

## VODKA

Absolut (regular)	750ml	\$19.09
Absolut (regular)	1.75L	\$29.09
Belvedere Vodka	750ml	\$27.99
Belvedere Vodka	1.75L	\$44.99
Ciroc (all types)	750ml	\$29.99
Ciroc (all types)	1.75L	\$57.99
Finlandia	750ml	\$15.99
Finlandia	1.75L	\$24.99
Grey Goose	750ml	\$24.99
Grey Goose	1.75L	\$39.99
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Ketel One	1.75L	\$39.99
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Pinnacle (80 proof)	1.75L	\$17.99
Skyy	1.75L	\$19.99
Sobieski	750ml	\$11.99
Sobieski	1.75L	\$19.99
Stolichnaya (all types)	1.75L	\$29.09
Tanqueray Sterling	750ml	\$19.99
Tanqueray Sterling	1.75L	\$30.99
Three Olives (all types)	1L	\$19.99
Tito's Vodka	1.75L	\$30.99

## RUM

Bacardi Light & Gold	750ml	\$12.99
Bacardi Light & Gold	1.75L	\$19.19
Captain Morgan Spice	1.75L	\$25.99
Malibu	750ml	\$17.99
Malibu	1.75L	\$25.09

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Deleon Blanco Tequila	750ml	\$37.99
Deleon Blanco Tequila	1.75L	\$59.99
Patron Silver	750ml	\$43.99
Patron Silver	1.75L	\$86.99
Patron XO Café	1.75L	\$34.99

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Bud and Bud Lite loose bottles	24pk	\$20.99
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Coors Lite/Miller Lite	30pk	\$23.99
Corona/Corona Lite loose bottles	24pk	\$29.99
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New Belgium Fat Tire	24pk	\$34.99
Pabst Blue Ribbon cans	30pk	\$19.99
Pilsner Urquell	24pk	\$30.99
Sagres	24pk	\$24.99
Sam Adams Boston Lager	24pk	\$33.99
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