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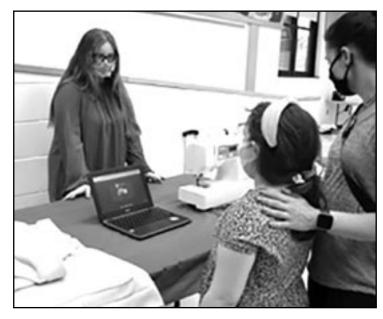
Submitted by Carol DelConte

The hybrid learning model provided few obstacles for the members of the Garwood Public Schools Gifted and Talented program.

Ten children in grades five through eight met both virtually and in-person throughout the 2020-21 school year. Students were tasked with learning a new skill - something that many adults tackled during the early months of the quarantine. Through networking, trial and error, perseverance and patience they succeeded.

Guided by their G&T instructors Carol DelConte and Tamara Benc, students were encouraged to reach out to specialists and experts as they honed their skills. One of three students who learned to cook met with and interviewed professional chefs as she created her own recipe book. Two students undertook nature studies in Garwood; one completed a tree survey and another studied wildlife. A sixth grader experimented with various homemade clay recipes and created figurines. Another built and painted his own skateboard ramp.

Their studies culminated in a showcase of their independent learning projects that took place in the Lincoln School cafeteria where students presented their projects to their families.



(above) A seventh grade student honed her sewing skills. She enrolled in local classes, experimented with different stitches using her sewing machine, selected fabric, laid out a pattern, and ultimately sewed a hoodie for herself.

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(left) Dylan Mason networked with two technology professionals, and learned how to code. Through dozens of hours of trial and error, he created his own website.

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(above) Fifth grader Oliver Ficarra built a real working lamp. He networked with his uncle who helped him wire his ultra-modern creation. It includes a charging station for devices.

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#### **GARWOOD GETS A CLEANUP DURING EARTH WEEK**

On Saturday, April 24, on the last day of Earth Week, the Garwood Democratic Club launched its first cleanup as part of its adoption of North Avenue (Route 28) through the NJDOT Adopt a Highway program which the Club registered with in 2019.

The Club picked up 7 bags of litter and recycling, with cigarette butts being by far the single most common item. Smokers particularly

- but all those using North Avenue and other roadways - are encouraged to properly dispose of their cigarettes and litter so they don't enter our drinking water supply. The Club also picked up a diaper, straws, auto parts, plastic bottles, and plastic wrap among other items. Those interested in assisting the Club in its future North Avenue cleanups are encouraged to contact Bill Nierstedt, 908-721-2208, williamnierstedt@gmail.com.



Photo by Garwood Democratic Club

#### **2021 SPRING ATHLETIC AWARDS**

Clark Public Schools

On Thursday, June 3, 2021, the Arthur L. Johnson Athletic Department held their 2021 Spring Athletic Awards. The evening, sponsored by the Crusader Athletic Booster Club, was held in the Arthur L. Johnson High School auditorium.

All the Spring Athletic Teams and their seasons were highlighted by their coaches while handing out letters and awards to the student athletes. Over 113 varsity athletic letters were handed out throughout the evening, as participation in athletics at Arthur L. Johnson High School continues to grow.

The program continued with the Student Athlete Award, which was presented by the Athletic Director of Arthur L. Johnson High School, Mr. Gus Kalikas. The Student Athlete Award is given out each athletic season to a student athlete that is not only a champion on the field, but in the classroom as well. The 2021 Spring Student Athlete award recipient was Daniel McCaffery with a 4.52 G.P.A.

The Crusader G.P.A. Challenge is awarded each season to the team that finishes with the highest overall G.P.A. amongst athletic teams seasonally. They are presented with certificates, have their team memorialized on a plaque, and are invited for a "Breakfast with the A.D." to celebrate their actions both in the classrooms and on the fields. The 2021 Spring Seasonal G.P.A. Challenge winner, with a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.905, was the Golf Team. Members of the Golf Team include Matthew Bill, Andrew Matos,

Anthony Migliaro, Shaun Applin, Biagio Bonanno, Philip Brennan, Joseph Carney, Ryan Crowley, Anthony Cundari, Leo DeSantis, Ryan Fizer, and Robert Szarszewski.

The evening continued with the announcement of the Best Teammate Award winners. The BTAs were: Baseball – William Sasse, Golf – Biagio Bonanno, Lacrosse – Nicholas Pingor, Softball – Peyton Collings, Tennis – Owen Broadwell, Boys' Spring Track & Field – Matthew Zukowski, Girls' Spring Track & Field – Zoey Brown.

The evening culminated with the announcement of the Team Most Valuable Players. The MVPs were: Baseball – Kyle Adorno, Golf – Anthony Migliaro, Lacrosse – Anthony Ferreira, Softball – Samantha Gonzalez, Tennis – Raymond Torres, Boys' Spring Track & Field – Greg Lordi, Girls' Spring Track & Field – Carly Tarentino.

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

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#### **VETERANS' SIGNS UPDATED**

Submitted by Carol Lombardo, Garwood Historical Committee Chair

During the annual Memorial Day service, the Historical Committee was pleased to announce that they have replaced the veteran signs throughout the borough, seen attached to many of the street signs. Many of the signs were badly faded by weathering and the sun and were in desperate need of replacement. In conjunction with a street sign replacement project conducted by Garwood Police Chief Wright, the committee decided to purchase new veterans' signs.

replacing all 25 of them, honoring those Garwood residents who made the ultimate sacrifice during our nation's wars.

The committee would like to thank Chief Wright who provided the hardware for the signs, and Garwood's Department of Public Works who did the actual work of replacing the signs an some of the poles to which they are attached. We are grateful for their assistance in this project that was way overdue.

#### **MAYOR'S WELLNESS 3K WALK – JULY 24**

As the summer is heating up, put on your consist of about 60% water. It is usually comfy sneakers and bring out the whole family to join the Garwood Mayor's Wellness Campaign 3K Walk. The event will be held on Saturday, July 24, 2021, at 9 a.m. at the Garwood Recreation Center located at the end of Myrtle Ave. The Walk will follow the CDC guidelines of the 6-foot separation for social distancing and the wearing of masks. It's not a foot race or a competition but just a friendly walk with neighbors to get some fresh air and exercise. All ages and abilities are welcome.

It is suggested that you bring water with you to stay hydrated while you walk with the group. Getting enough water and healthy drinks every day is important to our health since our bodies advised to drink eight 8-ounce glasses of water per day, but that varies from person to person, and is meant only as a guideline. Water helps our body to keep a normal temperature, lubricate and cushion joints and protect our spinal cord and other sensitive organs and tissues. Our body needs water especially on hot days, and when we have a high physical activity.

The committee would like all residents to follow them on Facebook@

Garwood Mayors Wellness Campaign. For further information about our group, or about becoming a member, please contact us at MWC@Garwood.org.

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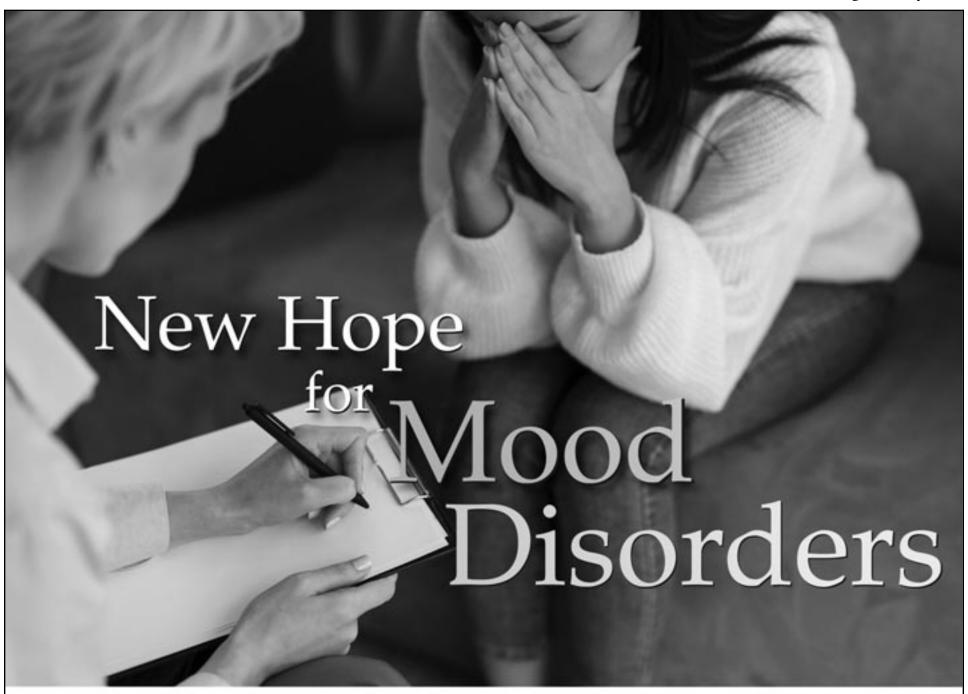
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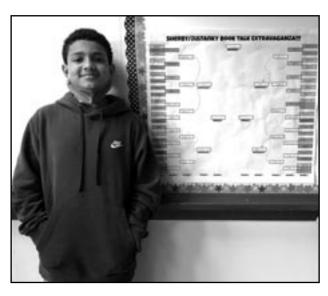
(above) Matthew Gallo, 2017 class president and graduate of Arthur L. Johnson High School, visited his ALJ to share his experiences with students.

Photo by Clark Public Schools

#### **BOOK TALK**

#### Submitted by Stephanie Zultanky

Students in Ms. Sherby and Mrs. Zultanky's sixth, seventh, and eighth grade English-Language Arts classes at Lincoln School participated in the first Annual Book Talk Bracket Extravaganza to commemorate a year of independent reading. The students created original videos on the platform Flipgrid to describe their selected books. Students then went head-to-head with some outstanding Book Talks, as their peers viewed the videos and voted to determine the winner of each of five rounds.



(above) Seventh grader Tyler Lerouge emerged victorious for his interpretation of Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets by J. K. Rowling, complete with wand, invisibility cloak, and a surprise visit from Dobby the house elf! Tyler's Book Talk was voted as number one out of the three classes. Congratulations to Tyler!

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# MATTHEW GALLO SHARES EXPERIENCE WITH ALJ STUDENTS

#### Clark Public Schools

Matthew Gallo, 2017 class president and graduate of Arthur L. Johnson High School, visited his alma mater to share his experiences as a nursing major. Gallo, who just recently graduated from Mount Saint Mary College with a BSN in nursing, visited Mrs. Bernadette Jacobi's PreMedical studies and Anatomy students. Gallo shared his experiences with his coursework, his clinicals and rotations as well as the rigor, sacrifices, and dedication it took to successfully complete his program. In addition, as a former student of the PreMed program at ALJ, Gallo pointed out that he had first-hand experience in realizing the opportunity he had to build a solid foundation in basic medical studies prior to attending nursing school, which put him at a great advantage over others in his class.

Gallo also shared that in the thick of Covid,

when his college closed down, and he had to come home for a while, he voluntarily went to Overlook Hospital to ask where he could be of service and how he could help those in need.

Through sharing his experience, PreMed and Anatomy students were able to gain an invaluable, practical understanding of what is required in the field helping them to see how what they learn in the classroom extends to future careers.

Mrs. Jacobi stated, "I am beyond proud and so moved by Matt's desire to help those in need. Matt exemplifies the image of what a medical professional should aspire to be like. In this world of uncertainty, Matt's warm heart, his solid understanding of his expectations, and his compassion for everyday people will define what a brilliant addition he will be to our medical community."

#### **ALJHS 2021 VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN**

Arthur L. Johnson High School is proud to announce the Class of 2021 Valedictorian and Salutatorian. After 7 semesters and a cumulative GPA of 4.7193, Joseph Hovick has earned and been awarded the title of ALJHS Valedictorian. With a cumulative GPA of 4.6491, Matthew Hartzler has earned and been awarded the title of

ud to ALJHS Salutatorian. n and Principal Jenr

Principal Jennifer Feeley stated, "Congratulations to both of these outstanding students. We are very proud of your hard work and commitment, and we commend you both on your academic excellence!"

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(above) Matthew Hartzler, Salutatorian.



(above) Joseph Hovick, Valedictorian.



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#### **Events**

Summer Reading started on June 21, 2021 and will run through August 3, 2021. For every twenty minutes participants read, they will receive a ticket to enter the grand prize drawing. If they attend a program at the library, they will receive two extra tickets per program! The Grand prize is a Nintendo Animal Crossing Switch Gaming Console.

#### **BIRD WEEK JULY 6 TO JULY 9**

**Bird Tail of the Week** 

July 6-July-9

View the hints for the Bird Tail of the Week. Correct Guesses will be entered in a random drawing for a prize. Winners drawn on Friday

#### **Become a BirdSleuth**

July 6- July 9

Pick up your BirdSleuth Explorer's Guidebook and become an expert observer of birds.

#### **Virtual Kid's Craft**

July 6 at 2 p.m.

Pick up craft supplies on the 6th for a Summer Reading Bird craft and follow the Facebook tutorial at 2 pm.

#### **Remarkable Raptors**

July 8 at 10:30

Meet a live hawk and owl and discover amazing facts about these birds of prey.

#### **Bird Scavenger Hunt**

July 9 - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

View a picture of the lost Bird on the Library's Facebook and Instagram pages. Find the lost Bird somewhere in Garwood. Return to the Library to collect a prize.

# DINOSAUR WEEK JULY 12 TO JULY 16

#### **Dinosaur Tail of the Week**

View the hints for the Dinosaur Tail of the Week. Make a Guess. Correct Guesses will be entered in a random drawing for a prize. A winner will be drawn on Friday

#### **Dinosaurs and Fossils**

July 13 at 2 p.m.

Take an up-close look at some prehistoric looking reptiles like alligators, snapping turtles and lizards, touch a Mammoth tooth or a million-year-old Dinosaur poop.

#### **Virtual Kid's Craft**

July 13 at 2 p.m.

Pick up craft supplies on the 13th for a Summer Reading Dinosaur craft and follow the Facebook tutorial at 2 pm.

#### **Dinosaur Scavenger Hunt**

July 16 - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

View a picture of the lost Dinosaur on the Library's Facebook and Instagram pages. Find the lost Dinosaur somewhere in Garwood. Leave the animal there for others to find. Return to the Library to collect a prize.

#### **PET WEEK JULY 19 TO JULY 23**

**Pet Tail of the Week** 

July 19-July-23

Come to the Library and view the hints for the Pet Tail of the Week. Make a Guess. Correct Guesses will be entered in a random drawing for a prize. A winner will be drawn on Friday.

#### **Search and Rescue Dogs**

July 20 at 10:30 a.m.

Meet dogs from the Union County K-9 unit and watch all the amazing things they can do. This program is brought to you by the Library in collaboration with Union County K-9 Unit and Garwood Summer Recreation. The event will take place during Summer Recreation. You must be registered for Summer Recreation to attend.

#### **Virtual Kid's Craft**

July 20 at 2 p.m.

Pick up craft supplies on the 20th for a Summer Reading Pet craft and follow the Facebook tutorial at 2 pm. Registration is required for craft kits and is limited to 15 participants. Sign up on the Library website's events calendar or by phone. Kid's Craft will take place once a week in July.

#### Pet Scavenger Hunt

July 23 at 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

View a picture of the lost Pet on the Library's Facebook and Instagram pages. Find the lost Pet somewhere in Garwood. Leave the animal there for others to find. Return to the Library to collect a prize.

#### **Summer Dance Party**

July 23 at 10:30 a.m.

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# FARM ANIMAL WEEK JULY 19 TO JULY 26

#### Farm Animal Tail of the Week

July 19-July 26

View the hints for the Farm Animal Tail of the Week. Make a Guess. Correct Guesses will be entered in a random drawing for a prize. A winner will be drawn on Friday.

#### **Virtual Kid's Craft**

July 27 at 2 p.m.

Pick up craft supplies on the 26th for a Summer Reading Farm Animal craft and follow the Facebook tutorial at 2 pm.

#### **Miniature Therapy Horse**

July 28 at 10:30

Meet a miniature Therapy Horse from Hope's Promise the equine therapy farm. Learn how miniature horses provide assistance to children and adults with special needs. The event will take place during Summer Recreation. You must be registered for Summer Recreation to attend.

#### **Create a Cuddly Farm Animal**

July 29 at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Join the Library for a Story Time and Animal Stuffing. Pick up your cow or pig by 1 pm then join Miss Maryanne on the Library's Facebook page to enjoy a virtual story and stuff your farm animal together. Registration required.

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#### Farm Animal Scavenger Hunt

July 30 at 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

View a picture of the lost Farm Animal on the Library's Facebook and Instagram pages. Find the lost Pet somewhere in Garwood. Leave the animal there for others to find. Return to the

Library to collect a prize.

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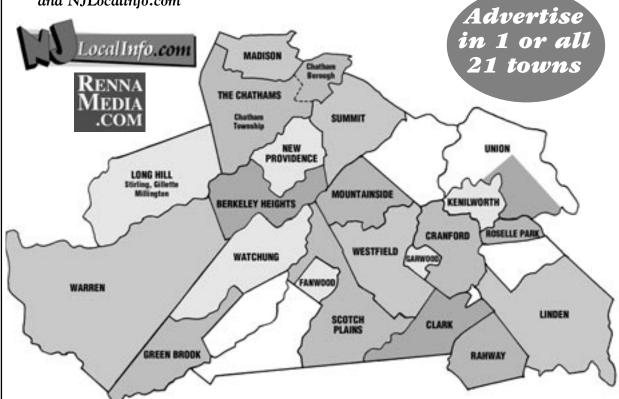
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#### **GPD INTRODUCES NEW VEHICLES**

The Garwood Police Department purchased two new "hybrid" Ford Explorer Police Vehicles, which have been assigned as marked patrol vehicles. The new vehicles will also save taxpayers some money and be more friendly to the environment, Chief Wright said.

"With the purchase of these Hybrid police vehicles, everyone wins," Chief Wright said. "Police officers have a new vehicle to use, the taxpayer will be saving money and the Garwood Police Department will be doing its part in helping the environment."



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