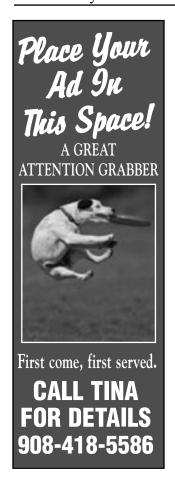
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CRUSADERS MARCHING BAND WINS FIRST PLACE



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Submitted by Nancy Ann Morris, MPA of Clark

The ALJ Crusaders Marching Band came in 1st Place during the Tournament Of Bands held on Oct. 17th at Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights.

Highlights of the event: ALJ won the Best Drum Major Award, (Kaitlyn Diaz); the High Percussion Award; the High Music Award; and the band took home first place in a competition against Manchester High School.

Under the direction of Mr. Erik Krebl, ALJ Music Director, and Mr. Andrew Calo, Assistant Music Director, ALJ went from 21st place to 13th place in group 1A, out of 52 competitive bands. Going from a score of 77.980 to 83.330 in a single week, that's an incredible jump!

We owe many, many thanks to the parents assisting with the equipment truck pick up and drop off, loading, unloading, as well as moving the equipment onto the field during the performance. Special thanks go to Mrs. Jennifer Czech and Mrs. Lisa Nielsen as well as the entire MPA of Clark, (Music Parents Association).

If you have an 8th -11th grader interested in music we'd love to meet them, show them a performance. We have jazz band and parade band starting after the new year.

Please contact us at email Mpaclarknj@gmail.com.

HUGE SHOUT OUT TO THE STAFF:

Baker Timothy - Battery Director/Visual Designer Zach Spricigo - Woodwind Technician Mackenzie Oyola - Brass Technician/Visual Designer Alyssa Grandal - Colorguard Director

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Michael D. Boll, Director New Jersey Veterans Network

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For the last few years the New Jersey Veterans Network and its mobile outreach team has been aggressively seeking out veterans in need and providing them resources to have a better way of life. This is only possible because of our volunteers' commitment and dedication with helping our veteran community. Donations are wonderful and help us purchase food, clothing, medical equipment and other life changing items, however someone's time is what makes an enormous difference.

During our charity's existence, we have provided meals for thousands of veterans and servicemen, dropped off PPE and clothing to veterans, provided medical equipment for disabled veterans, had 30 cars donated to disabled veterans, and most importantly we successfully saved the lives of veterans who were in some type of a dangerous crisis.

Every day we lose approximately 22 veterans to suicide and unfortunately this number hasn't changed over the years. Depression, PTSD and trauma run extremely high among our veterans and their family members. There are countless lifesaving programs out there for veterans, however it's a difficult task to get veterans to trust others and go get the help they need to live a better life.

The New Jersey Veterans Network also has a program called Operation Rebound that consists of a mobile outreach team that helps to train veterans for events like races, hiking, and other athletic activities. The goal of Operation Rebound is to do athletic events from 5k races to long distance Iron Man competitions in order to

empower the veterans and show the public how people can do amazing things with the proper support. It is truly incredible to see the veterans go from no physical activity to completing these tremendous athletic challenges.

Our charity has been able to work alongside other amazing charities that always put veterans first and are capable of rapidly providing them with essential resources. Recently, we formed a veteran anti-suicide and PTSD awareness coalition, called Uniformed Heroes, that will provide peer support sponsors for any veteran in need. Our peer support sponsors will be trained by the VA and Penn Med and our goal is to have volunteers statewide to help veterans in need.

To make this upcoming Uniformed Heroes campaign successful, we are in desperate need of volunteers from both the veteran and civilian communities. There are numerous events and daily tasks that our charity could use assistance with and we are always looking to have more volunteers willing to help us reach veterans in need.

Our goal is to provide all veterans in need with a peer support sponsor that will do whatever they can to help veterans with obtaining the resources needed to live a better life. This is not an easy thing to do, but the New Jersey Veterans Network has already been able to make a huge difference because of the team's volunteers and its strong partnerships with other charities.

If you are interested in joining the team, please send us an email at NJVN1775@gmail.com and provide your name, email, and phone number. Also, if you have any questions, and concerns please feel free to contact us at 973-332-1556.



(above) Knights of Columbus Tank Pull

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*MENORAH LIGHTING

Monday Nov 29th, 6 p.m. Garwood Borough Hall

Free Community Event- Everyone is invited to attend Garwood's Festival of Lights celebration with a special 3D Laser Light Show by Alan Keith Entertainment and free hot apple cider Donuts. The Menorah Lighting ceremony will be led by Rabbi Avrohom Blesofsky.



ALJ FALL PLAY

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The Arthur L. Johnson Drama Department will be back live and onstage with this year's fall production of F. Scott Fitzgerald's The Great Gatsby.

Considered "the great American novel" by many, The Great Gatsby has been adapted for the stage and will be performed at ALJ on November 18th and 19th.

Director Peter Nevargic is extremely excited for his talented student performers to be back onstage and he his particularly proud that this play will mark their return.

ALJ's production boasts some outstanding performances, especially those given by ALJ seniors Aaron Bloom, Shannon Heaning, Josh Moriera, Bella Manto, Leo DeSantis and Gianna Ortiz.

Nevargic adds, "this show promises to transport the audience back to the roaring 20's and will delight all who see it with its color, costumes, music, and beautiful love story. It is not to be missed."

NOTE: All audiences members will be required to wear a mask and adhere to social distancing unless otherwise advised.

CRUSADER OF THE MONTH: LAUREN ROLAND



(above) Lauren Roland was named ALJ High School's "Crusader of the Month" in September 2021.

Photo by Clark Public Schools

Lauren Roland of Garwood was named Arthur L. Johnson High School's (ALJ) "Crusader of the Month" in September 2021. This honor is for ALJ's best all-around, active and bright students who distinguish themselves in multiple pursuits. Lauren is a Senior at ALJ and her current GPA is 4.4. During her high school career at ALJ, Lauren has been involved in many activities, including sports and clubs. During this summer, she worked for Garwood's Recreation Program, where she served as a counselor for our town's 1st and 2nd graders. Lauren also recently started her college search.

A few examples of Lauren's current awards and clubs include:

Science Honor Society

Spanish National Honor Society, Student Council Officer (Secretary), Senior Class Treasurer, Key Club President, DECA Secretary, Peer Leader to Freshmen, and Environment and Recycling Clubs.

Lauren's interests include spending time with friends and family, traveling, skiing, concerts and she is an avid New York Yankees fan. She also plans to obtain her boater's endorsement (license) soon.







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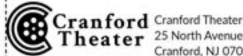
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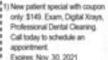
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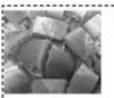
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A rededication service took place on Sunday,

Officer Thomas P. Haughton died in a car crash October 17, 2021. Because of COVID-19 restrictions the in person ceremony was delayed nearly a year. In attendance at the event were Mayor Todisco, Chief Wright, members of the Garwood Police Department as well as officers from surrounding agencies and surviving family of Officer Haughton (Sister) Maureen Clifford and (Aunt) Hannah Barone.



Photos by Garwood Police Department

(above) Garwood Police Officers with the family of Officer Haughton, (Sister) Maureen Clifford, and (Aunt) Hannah Barone.



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Second year Brownie Troop 41290 led by Leonard first year Brownie Troop 41108 led by Vanessa Schubring, Erika Zurzolo and

Girl Scouts is about making new friends Mary Alverson and the new Daisy Troop worked together writing their names on the 41005 led by Vanessa Schubring, Kate Nicastro, Jessica Heyder and Kimberly Salmon came together to decorate for fall.

The three Troops added some Autumn curb Kimberly Salmon, Danielle Harras and Tori appeal to Borough Hall and JFK Plaza by putting up corns stalks, pumpkins, mums and hay bales. The girls weathered the rain and

pumpkins and decorating some with stickers.

Thank you to the Garwood Green Team for donating \$100 towards this event. We look forward to continuing to give back to our community and sharing in all of the fun events together this upcoming Girl Scout year.



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FALL 2021 SOCCER PROGRAM KICKS OFF!

The Garwood Recreation Department's new Fall 2021 Instructional Soccer program officially kicked off on Saturday, September 25, 2021, at the Garwood Sports and Recreation Complex's turf field. The program features volunteer coaches and will run for six weeks. Over 25 children have already signed up to participate in the new program.

"We've had a fantastic turnout on Saturday mornings at the Garwood Sports and Recreation Complex for our Fall 2021 Instructional Soccer program," said Garwood Recreation Director Ralph Bernardo. "We especially would like to thank the parents who have volunteered to coach our soccer players-including Claudio dos Santos, Jessica Defalco, Caroline Sardines and Tina Moore."

The Instructional Soccer course is just one of the many new offerings from the Garwood Recreation Department's Fall 2021 program. Garwood residents can learn more about the Fall 2021 programs for Garwood's kids, adults and seniors at https://garwood.org/recreation.



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November 1 – November 30

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Election Day

November 2

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Library Board Meeting

November 3 at 7:30 pm

A meeting of the Garwood Library Board of Trustees will take place in the Library. This meeting is open to the public. Masks and social distancing are required

Artist's Passport

November 4 and 11 at 3:30 pm

Embark on an around the world art adventure from the Americas to Polynesia. Experiment with techniques developed by local artists and artisans. Make a different masterpiece each week including: drums, masks, canvases and more. For children in Kindergarten through 6th grade. Registration is closed..

Storytime in the Library

November 9, 16, 23, and 30 at 10:30 am and 11:30am

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Virtual Kid's Craft

November 9, at 3 pm

Pick up supplies for a Thanksgiving inspired craft and then watch craft tutorial on the Library's Facebook page at 3 pm. The video will be available for viewing thereafter. Registration is required for craft kits and is limited to 15 participants. Sign up on the Library website's events calendar or by phone.

Lead Like a Pro, How to be an Effective **Athletic Coach**

November 9, at 7 pm

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Book Discussion Group

November 15 at 1pm

Join us for a lively discussion of this month's book "The Art Forger" by B.A. Shapiro. Once registered for the club, a Zoom link will be sent via email.

Virtual Adult Craft

November 16 at 3pm

Join guest craft master Kaley-Hay and decorate a Thanksgiving inspired craft. Pick up your craft supplies from the Library and then watch the Facebook tutorial at 3 pm. Registration is required for craft kits and is limited to 10 participants. Sign up on the Library website's events calendar or by phone.

BAND SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

The Township of Union Municipal Band is concerts throughout the year, including special back and is seeking new members to join the concerts at Ehrhart Gardens and Putnam band! "Musicians of all ages are welcome," says director Howard Toplansky. "If you are a high school musician looking for extra practice or a retired professional who wants to get back into music, the municipal band is a perfect fit." The band is looking for new members who play any instrument. Out of towners are welcome.

The Township of Union Municipal Band rehearses on Monday evenings at Hannah Caldwell School. The band performs ten Manor.

Mr. Toplansky believes the municipal band contributes to the culture of the township. sharing that "the municipal band is one of Union's oldest traditions and is a great way to introduce members of the community to timehonored musical styles and compositions."

Musicians who are interested in joining the band should contact the Township of Union Recreation Department at 908-686-4200.

SPOOKTACULAR TRUNK OR TREAT

The Garwood PTA hosted 'Spooktacular Trunk or Treat' on October 24th. The fangtastic event was filled with fun, music, games and candy.











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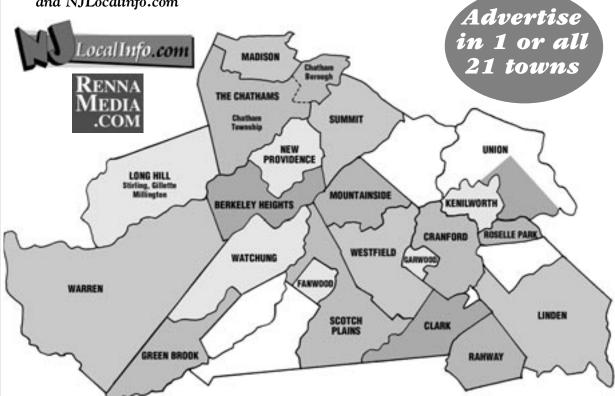
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SEA SCOUT EARNS COUNCIL LEADERSHIP AWARD

Sebastián Heredia has been awarded the 2021 Patriots' Path Sea Scout Leadership Award. Sebastián is a Sea Scout from Ship 228 in Linden and he is an Eagle Scout from Troop 67 of St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church in Summit.

Sebastián discovered Sea Scouting in 2017 and has been dual enrolled in Ship 228 and Troop 67 ever since. In 2019, Sebastián was nominated Sea Scout of the Year and he was the only Sea Scout from Patriots' Path Council to attend the World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia as a member of the National Sea Scout Ship. At the World Scout Jamboree, 40,00 Scouts and leaders participated from all over the world.

Sebastián earned his Eagle rank in 2019 and later earned the Silver Palm award. He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. Sebastián graduated from Summit High School in 2020 and went on to become an EMT. He is a member of the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad.

Currently, Sebastián serves as the Patriots' Path Council Boatswain. In 2021, he carried out a successful regional, virtual training program and was selected for this Area Leadership Award. He was also selected to attend SEAL this summer: the Sea Scout Advanced Leadership Training in San Francisco, California. SEAL Training is the highest leadership training for Sea Scouts. He is working to earn the rank of Quartermaster which is Sea Scouting's highest honor.

Sebastián is accepted to SUNY Maritime College and will enter the Regiment of Cadets in



(above) Sebastián Heredia

August. His goal is to obtain a United States Coast Guard deck license and a degree in Maritime Transportation. His future plans hope to include military service. He is grateful for all of the opportunities that have been granted to him through Scouting.

Sea Scouting is open to both male and female youth ages 14-21 who have graduated the 8th grade. There is a Maritime Explorer Club for younger youth in 6th to 8th grade. Adult volunteers with maritime experience or captain's licenses are needed too. If you are interested in learning more about Sea Scouting and Ship 228 in Linden please visit ship228.com.

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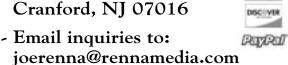
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