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A GIRL SCOUT GARDEN IS PLANTED IN CLARK

Clark Brownie Troop 40457

"From little seeds, grow mighty trees"- and that is exactly what 3rd grade Clark Brownie Troop 40457 aims to do with their newly installed Girl Scout Garden that was completed at the Clark Recreation Center recently. It was a labor of love between the parents, community volunteers and local business owners as well as each of the Hehnly third grade troop's 12 members. Troop 40457 is proud to open the garden to any troop wanting a quiet outdoor space to meet, bridge or enjoy.

The idea for the garden was born last fall, when troop leaders, Kim Albarella and Cara Sullivan Kropp came up with the idea for a 'mindfulness garden' after seeing inspiration from what a neighboring town had accomplished. At their first meeting in September 2021, the troop members sketched out architect plans for what each girl thought should be included. Each idea was better than the next and included bird baths, sitting space, flowers and flowing water. The girls also committed to use 100% of their fundraising profits to put towards materials for the garden.

The next step was to seek support from Clark Recreation Director, Ralph Bernardo, as a township-owned site was preferred. Ralph embraced the idea immediately and offered several options for locations at the Recreation Center to develop. The winning location was voted on by the Troop and real plans began to unfold. In addition to the space Ralph offered, he also helped with the centerpiece of the garden – the bridge. Ralph rescued the platform from being disposed by Clark Preschool and then it was upcycled by Kylie Kropp's uncle Art Tommins to become a "bridge." This bridge now stands as the focal point of the garden.

Clark resident and owner of Hayden Landscaping, Marc Hayden generously donated his time and labor over months to help plan, purchase materials and help with breaking ground. Many parents were involved in various stages of development including Troop mom's Marcella Cutrona, Jill Tobin, Kelly Cuoto, Clara Perdiz, Marcia Henriques and Becky Triola.





(above, l-r) Adults: Marc Hayden, Jill Tobin, Cara Sullivan Kropp, Kim Albarella, Marcella Cutrona, Anthony Carbonara. With Girl Scouts: Alyssa Perdiz, Elena Couto, Juliana Henriques, Avery Albarella, Sofia Carbonara, Briana Tobin-Montanez, Rosanna Cutrona, Jaida Jacobs, Anniston Triola, Autumn McHugh, Kylie Kropp

Troop dads also contributed by doing the heavy lifting and building including Anthony Carbonara and Andrea Cutrona. But most of the praise goes to the Troop members who hauled topsoil and mulch, helped Marc Hayden dig out spots for butterfly bushes, a red maple tree and various bushes. Adirondack chairs and a picnic table round out the space.

Troop 40457 members include Avery Albarella, Kylie Kropp, Roseanna Cutrona, Alyssa Perdiz, Briana Tobin-Montanez, Anniston Triola, Sofia Carbonara, Autumn McHugh, Juliana Henriques, Jaida Jacobs, Brooklyn Conoshenti and Elena Cuoto.

The take-away from this year-long project that leaders Cara and Kim hope to instill in their Troop is that investing in your local community will benefit all. We are so proud to have a small piece of the legacy of what it means to be part of the Clark Township Community and they look forward to seeing what the little seeds grow into.

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ALJ HOSTS NJ HAWKS

Clark Public Schools

Softball team hosted the NJ Hawks in an exhibition game. The purpose of the game was to

help the Hawks practice and prepare for future On Wednesday, June 1, 2022 the Johnson games in the Special Olympics. The game was fantastic and filled with several great plays by both teams.



(above) Players included from the NJ Hawks Team: Angelica Romero, Caitlin Madden, Alec Jones, Tasean St. Clair, Peter Krieger, Gabrielle Gilio, Trey Walker & Erick Dodd. Players included from the Johnson Softball Team: Maria Dante, Kayla Kershaw, Allison Biondi, Samantha Gonzalez, Madden Puerari, Alexa Grasso, Gabby Muretta & Mia Amaral

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Arthur L. Johnson High School held its Senior Awards Ceremony on May 31st to recognize outstanding student accomplishments. Seniors were honored with several awards and scholarships recognizing outstanding contributions in the areas of academics,

athletics, community service, and beyond.

Superintendent Edward Grande stated, "The outpouring of support from the larger communities of Clark and Garwood for our soon-to-be graduates for their successes in the classroom, field, and stage is truly heartwarming to see." Photo by Jimmy Douglas



(above) Education Foundation of Garwood Scholarship winners Peyton Collings, Leo DeSantis, Lauren Roland and Sarah Scepkowski

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CLARK'S SPECIAL CONNECTION TO THE 4TH OF JULY

Submitted by Al Shipley, City historian and Rahway Library research consultant

This story is reprinted from Clark Monthly, June 2012 issue

Americans across the United States celebrate July 4th as the moment in history when our country declared its independence from Great Britain in 1776. We mark the day with parades, picnics, and fireworks and it's easy to forget the fifty-six brave gentlemen who signed their names on a piece of parchment bearing the title, The Unanimous Declaration of The Thirteen United States of America. For each of the signers, it was a momentous expression in which they committed their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor to the noble cause of liberty. One of these courageous patriots was Abraham Clark.

Clark was born and raised in Roselle and as a young man worked as a surveyor. This field led him to the study of law, a profession he could employ to settle land disputes and property titles. A good deal of his business was transacted in the larger village of Rahway where he became known as the "Poor Man's Counselor." His family also traveled to Rahway on Sundays to worship in the small Presbyterian Church which stood on St. Georges Avenue.

As the fiery talk of separation from Great Britain began, Clark found that he closely identified with the patriotic cause, and by 1774 had become a bold advocate of independence. Aware of the great dangers in which the colonies were placing themselves, he wrote, "We can die but once . . . We are now embarked in a most tempestuous sea . . . It is gone so far that we must now be a free independent state or a conquered country."

JULY 4TH CEREMONY TO HONOR ABRAHAM CLARK

The Township of Clark is named after Abraham Clark. Clark was the 5th Ward of Rahway until 1863 when the citizens of that area asked to break away and form a new township. The officials in Rahway agreed, and requested they name the new town, Clark.

The Rahway Knights of Columbus Council #1146 Fourth Degree will be holding their annual Fourth of July Memorial Ceremony at 10 a.m., at the gravesite of Abraham Clark located in Rahway Cemetery. All are invited to attend.



(above) The gravesite of Sarah and Abraham Clark, signer of the Declaration of Independence, is located in Rahway Cemetery.

In 1775 his neighbors elected him to the Provincial Congress of New Jersey and in June of the next year he was appointed to the Second Continental Congress which was meeting in Philadelphia.

Clark was well aware of the penalty for treason. Had the British won the war, all signers of the Declaration would have been executed. Fear of this possible fate, however, did not sway him from his obsession to sever relations with the mother country.

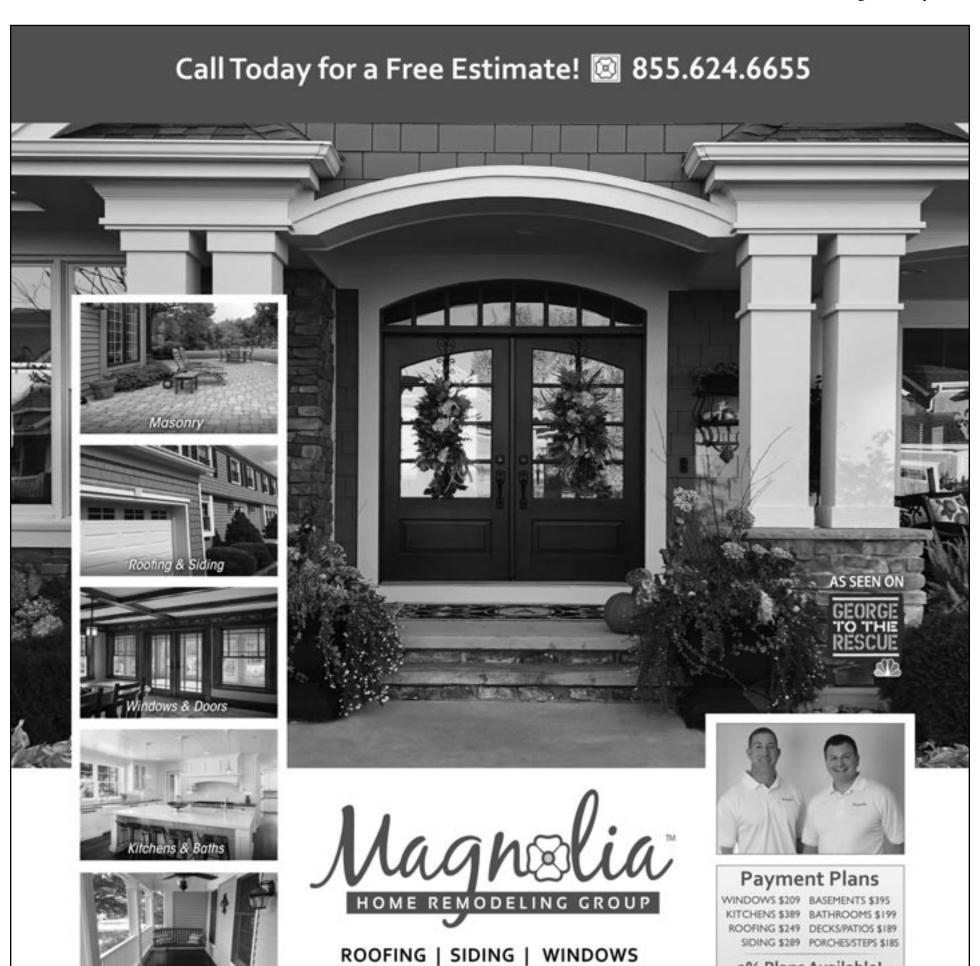
During the war years Clark did suffer severe hardships. The Redcoats destroyed all of his property, and two of his soldier sons were captured and held on the notorious prison ship, "The Jersey," a vile, floating jail where thousands of American prisoners perished. The conditions aboard the ship were horrible and the Clark boys suffered special hardships because of their father's connection with the rebels. Clark was

even promised the release of his sons if he abandoned the American cause, but he refused to betray his country.

Clark was unique in that he was the only member of Congress to serve throughout the entire war. He was re-elected three times and was chosen to represent New Jersey at the Philadelphia Convention in 1787. Due to ill health, however, he was unable to attend this famous convention where our Constitution was being framed.

Clark died at the age of sixty-eight and is buried in the Rahway Cemetery. Residents of Rahway and all of Union County should be proud that of the five signers from the New Jersey Colony, only Clark is buried in this part of the state. Abraham Clark is a name out of the rich pages of Rahway history and a name we should remember as we prepare to celebrate the birthday of our country's independence.





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Recreation Director Ralph Bernardo organized the event. "I have always wanted to do summer concerts for our residents and am so happy to finally be able to make this happen. Nothing like a beautiful summer night under the stars with great music," he said.

Concerts will be held from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the front lot of the Clark Municipal Building. Attendees are asked to bring a lawn chair and to park in the Arthur L. Johnson High School lot.

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- rehabilitation and medications With surgery, there is always a risk for unwelcomed complications. And you
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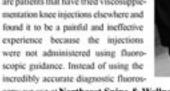
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Superintendent Edward Grande attended the event on May 24th at Liberty Hall Academic Center at Kean University. Other Union County schools were also in attendance.

The teachers were recognized for their outstanding achievement and were presented with certificates.

Superintendent Edward Grande stated, "This breakfast recognition program was a great way to honor not only our Teachers of the Year here in Clark but those honorees throughout the county."

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THOMAS FLANAGAN WINS NJCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Union County College student-athlete Thomas 'Tommy' Flanagan, of Clark, is a national champion in javelin. On May 13, Tommy and Union's track team traveled to Troy, New York, to compete in the 2022 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division III Track and Field Championship. To secure the win, Flanagan threw the javelin 56.27 meters. Not

Courtesy photo



(above) Thomas 'Tommy' Flanagan, of Clark,

only was this Flanagan's personal best throw, but it also broke the school record, which was previously set by Flanagan himself.

Flanagan, a freshman at Union College, began throwing javelin to stay active in baseball's offseason. As he continued to practice and train, he realized his potential and knew that he could become a successful thrower.

This season, Flanagan traveled with the team to Princeton University, where he broke the College's record for the first time, throwing 55.17 meters. With this, Flanagan gained momentum and felt confident going into the national

As he prepared for his throws at the national competition, Flanagan wasn't feeling the confidence he had previously, having to throw on a scorching field. During the competition, he said to himself, "We persevere and thrive in adversity." On his fifth throw, Flanagan did just that, and threw the record-breaking 56.27 meter throw

"We are proud of Tommy for winning this NJCAA national championship. He is a prime example of a student taking advantage of all we have to offer here beyond our excellent academics. There is a sport, activity, and club for all interests, and we encourage our students to get involved and engaged on campus," stated Union President Dr. Margaret M. McMenamin.

Flanagan is especially grateful for all the support he received both on and off the field. Union's track coach Kyle Duggan and Union's athletic trainer Frank Aiello are two of Flanagan's biggest supporters. Off the field, the Union community gathered in the Victor M. Richel Commons to watch Flanagan's winning throw and cheer him on. When Flanagan found out about that, he got very emotional.

"Tommy is very dedicated to throwing javelin," says Union track coach Kyle Duggan. "My hope for next year is that he throws over 200 feet (60.96m) and he brings home that national championship again."

Flanagan continues to train for his second season at Union and plans to graduate with an Associate Degree in Health Science. For more information on Union athletics, go to unionowls.com.



(above) Cassie Conforti Courtesy photo

CASSIE CONFORTI TO PLAY USA SOFTBALL

Margaret Conforti

Cassie Conforti, a 7th grade student at Carl H. Kumpf Middle School has been selected for a second year in a row to represent Northeast Region 1 for the USA Softball All American Games this coming August at the Hall of Fame Stadium in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The USA Softball All American Games is a prestigious tournament that provides national exposure to elite athletes in the 12u division and has been designed to identify and highlight the best athletes from across the country. Only 360 young ladies nationwide will have the opportunity to wear the USA Softball Jersey at this event.

Cassie has also been selected as a Direct Invite for a second straight year to represent the Northeast Region for the USSSA All American

Program this summer. The USSSA All American Program was created to increase individual opportunities for players to showcase their skills and talents at the Space Coast Complex in Viera, Florida.

Cassie currently plays for the NJ Batbusters 12u Torres team. The training and support she receives from her NJ Batbusters coaches, James Torres, Jennifer Haas, Paige Murphy and Rich Sosa have been nothing short of amazing.

A special mention to Colleen Spadora, who has been instrumental in the development and growth in Cassie's pitching career. Her coaches' unparalleled dedication, push encouragement are what keeps Cassie grounded and enables her to continually strive to overcome challenges, work harder, and strive to be the best that she can be.





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ANNUAL FAMILY NIGHT AT PATRIOT STADIUM

Clark Recreation held the Annual Family Night at Somerset Patriots Stadium on Friday June 10th, after a two year hiatus due to the Pandemic. One hundred Clarkeites came out to cheer on the Patriots who played the Akron Ducks. The game was a complete sell out with 8,400 in attendance. The game concluded with a wonderful fireworks display.

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HEAVY RAINS DO NOT DETER FAITH LUTHERAN

Submitted by Larry Holt

In spite of heavy rains and winds on May 7, eight persons, seven members of Faith Lutheran in New Providence and a member of Osceola Presbyterian in Clark, met their obligation to Pedals for Progress, an organization which recycles bikes for persons in developing countries. The group had committed itself to repair used bikes in the Faith parking lot that day to be picked up in the afternoon by Pedals for Progress.

In the defiant weather, the group restored one hundred forty-eight bikes, which Pedals for

Progress has transported to rural areas of Belize \$1,465 toward the shipment of the bikes. Costs in Central America. The bikes were collected by, or delivered to, Faith during the prior months. The bikes came from a range of local towns, helped by the publicity in the Renna Media publications.

The bikes will provide adults with reliable transportation for commuting to work, transporting produce to market as well as accessing health care and other services. Steady employment is vital to the development and success of struggling communities.

Persons donating bikes generously contributed

of international shipping have become an increasing financial burden to Pedals for Progress.

Since 2002, Faith has been working with Pedals for Progress and has donated almost 2,500 bikes.

For the past seven years, Casey Walsh of Bridgewater has been the chairperson of Faith's Pedals for Progress Ministry.

The pastor of Faith is Rev. Jane McCready. For more information visit famfaith.org or call the church office at 908-464-5177.



(above, l-r) Natalie Carovillano helped with the ministry. Her sister, Audrey, assisted with the bike repairs.



(above, l-r) Steve Rucker of Faith, Gary Michel of Pedals for Progress, Casey Walsh of Faith repair bikes in heavy rain and wind.



(above, l-r) Jason and Sophia Scott, Steve Carovillano, all of Faith; Liz Coffey-Dawe of Osceola Presbyterian in Clark restore bikes in heavy wind and rain.

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Children's Summer Reading Challenge: Oceans of Possibilities

Activities June 28-August 12

Join us for fun, free, ocean-themed activities to earn extra raffle tickets, but keep reading all summer long for chances to win prizes!

Little Listeners is for babies through Pre-K

They count the number of books read to them and earn a raffle ticket for every ten books.

Teen Summer Reading Challenge: Oceans of Possibilities has begun!

Sign up at clarklibrary.beanstack.org or use the free Beanstack Tracker app. Log each book you read and you'll be awarded raffle tickets to enter into several drawings.

Adult Summer Reading Challenge: Oceans of Possibilities

Sign up for Adult Summer Reading at Special incentives for borrowing Museum Passes! You could be a lucky gift card winner!

[Adult & Teens] The Crafty Folks

Friday June 24 @ 2:00-4:00pm.

Paint a design on a 3D printed nautilus shell to house an air plant of your choice. Please register as space is limited to 12 participants.

[Teens] 3D Printed Seahorse Pendant Necklace Monday, June 27 at 2 pm.

See our 3D printer in action and make a 3D printed seahorse pendant necklace. Open to teens in Grades 6-12

Children's Summer Reading Kick-Off Penguin Pointers

Tuesday, June 28 at 7:00 pm
Watch a live penguin from Jenkinson's Aquarium.. You
must register for the penguin event before June 28.

Krafty Kids

Wednesdays, June 29, July 6, 13, 20, and 27 at 3:00 pm

Join us as we make some fun and creative artwork. Please register for each session individually. Ages 5-11.

Candy Sushi - June 29
Puffy Paint Sandcastles - July 6
Dolphin Diver - July 13
Ocean in a Bottle - July 20

CD fish - July 27 The Declaration of Independence with historian Joel Farkas

Wednesday, June 29 at 7 pm.

This program will take place at the Cranford Community Center. The discussion will cover America's birth certificate, The Declaration of Independence, from the Magna Carta through the Revolutionary War to current-

[Teen & Adult] Summer Reading Kickoff: The Strange World of Reptiles

Thursday, June 30 @ 7:00 pm.

Hear stories of exotic snake, lizard, and turtle rescues, while meeting the critters! The grand finale of the program is a 6-foot, boa constrictor, named Rocky Balboa-Constrictor! This program is for Tweens (ages 10-12), Teens & Adults. It is not appropriate for under 10.

Duplo Bingo

Thursday, June 30 at 10:00 am

Duplo Animal Bingo is a new twist on a fun, classic game. Preschoolers pick a building card enabling them to construct their animal by collecting the bricks as they are drawn.



Stories & More

Fridays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 10:00 am

Stories, movement, and songs followed by a simple craft for active listeners ages 3 -5 years old in person or via Zoom. Registration is required for craft supplies and the Zoom link if attending virtually.

Friday Family Flicks

Fridays, July 1 through August 5 at 2:00 pm
Join us for popcorn and a movie this summer to beat the heat! Please visit our online calendar to see which movie will be shown each Friday.

Thursday Afternoon Movies

July 2, 9, 16, and 23 at 1:00 pm Movies are back at the library! No registration is required.

Baby Bookworms

Tuesdays, July 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 10:00 am

Babies and toddlers are invited to listen to some books and learn some songs, rhymes, lap bounces, and fingerplays in person or via Zoom. 30 minutes of open play follows. Please register.

Teen Gaming: Nintendo Switch

Tuesday, July 5 at 2:00 pm.

Stop by and play some Nintendo Switch games on our big screen with other teens. Snacks will be served! Open to teens in Grades 6-12.

Cook with a Book-Healthy Snack

Thursday, July 7 at 3:00 pm

Join us as we advance literacy through cooking and guide learning around food and nutrition. This program is intended for children 5 and up. Please register.

Totally New Tuesdays

July 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 6:30 pm.

Movies are back at the library! No registration is required.

Oceans of Megalodons

Thursday, July 7 at 7:00 pm

Join our friends from Pearl Observatory to learn about megalodons! Please register.

Tales for Tots

Mondays, July 11, 18, and 25 at 10:00 am

Stories and songs for active listeners. Geared toward ages 2-3 with a caregiver. Older children are welcome!. 30 minutes of open play follows. Registration is required.

Union County Aging Services Kiosk

Monday, July 11 from 10 am-12 pm.

Do you have questions about services available in Union County for seniors or their caregivers?

Summertime Monday Afternoon Movies

1:00-3:00 pm

In keeping with our Summer Reading theme, Oceans of Possibilities, we are showing the following movies:

South Pacific, remake with Glenn Close and Harry Connick, Jr. - July 11

The Perfect Storm, with George Clooney and Mark
Wahlberg - July 18

Splash, with Tom Hanks and Daryl Hannah - $July\ 25$ The Shape of Water, a haunting romantic fantasy - Aug

South Pacific, the classic original with Mitzi Gaynor - Aug~8 Whale. Hello There

Monday, July 11 at 4:00 pm

Whale Scientist, Sara Tennant, will share facts about whales and how they communicate followed by a whale craft! Please register.

The Magic of Sharks

Monday, July 11 at 7 pm

A family magic show with a boatload of fun shark facts & jokes. Please register.

Summer Health Series: Stress Management

Tuesday, July 12 at 11 am.

Participants will learn the definition of stress, identify 3 different types of stress, and effective coping strategies for dealing with stress.

Barks & Books

Tuesday, July 12 from 2:00 pm-3:00 pm Saturday, July 16 from 10 am-11 am Tuesday, July 26 from 2:00 pm-3:00 pm

If you have a young, reluctant, or struggling reader, we

want you to meet our therapy dogs! Please register for a 15-minute time slot.

Ocean Kahoot for Kids

Tuesday, July 12 at 3:00 pm

Join us in person or virtually for a Kahoot game with an ocean theme! A device is needed to participate. A limited amount will be on hand for those attending in person. Chromebooks and iPads are available to borrow for Clark residents over 18 years of age. Prizes must be picked up in person.

Little Scientist

Thursdays, July 14 at 4 pm

Learn how to build and create with our Science Experiments! Each session will be a different experiment that will touch upon a different STEM skill. Ages 6-12.

Teen Program: DIY Cricut Tote Bags

Monday, July 18 at 2 pm.

Design your own unique tote bag with a Cricut iron-on design. Open to teens in Grades 6-12.

Maker Monday

Monday, July 18 at 3 pm

Join us as we use hands-on STEAM learning to create an object with the materials given. Registration is required.

For ages 9-12.

Evening Book Club

Monday, July 18 at 7 pm.

Join us for our next evening book club meeting. "From Scratch: A Memoir of Love, Sicily, and Finding Home" by Tembi Locke. Please email reference@clarklibrary.org or speak with a librarian if you need a copy of the book.

[Adult and Teens] Stories of the Wild West

Tuesday, July 19 @ 6:30 pm.

Join us in person for a screening of a Wild West documentary created by local storyteller Judy England-McCarthy.

Teen Book Club

Wednesday, July 20 at 2 pm.

There is no assigned reading or one book to read. Just bring a book you've read that you want to share with the group.

Tinker Tots

Thursday, July 21 at 10:00 am

Come join us for a morning of fun science activities perfect for little ones in a station-based format. For children ages 2 through pre-k. Please register.

Cook with a Book-Healthy Dessert

Thursday, July 21 at 6:30 pm

Join us as we advance literacy through cooking and guide learning around food and nutrition. This program is intended for children 5 and up. Please register.

[Teen] Pour Painting

Monday, July 25 at 2 pm.

We'll provide the paint, canvas, and basic technique.

Open to teens in Grades 6-12.

Pirates: Lost at Sea

Monday, July 25 at 7:00 pm

Set sail with us on a thrilling action-packed adventure about a crew of quirky pirates marooned on a desert island.

LEGO® Club

Tuesday, July 26 from 3:00 pm-4:00 pm
Create your own LEGO® structures. LEGO® are provided by the library. For children in grades K - 5.

Ocean Bingo

Thursday, July 28 at 6:30 pm

Join us on Zoom or In-Person for Family Game Night! This month we will be playing Ocean BINGO! Please register to get the Zoom link and link for BINGO cards. Please note whether you'll be attending in person or on

[Family] The Seeing Eye Presents

Saturday, July 30 @ 10 am-12 pm.

Get engaged in the work of The Seeing Eye organization: what's it all about?

Boredom Buster for Kids

Available beginning July 1

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Boredom Buster for Adults and Teens

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CLARK MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL PREVENTION

Harry Page recently addressed students at what he calls "hope in the hopeless." Arthur L. Johnson High School. Page, a motivational speaker says social and academic challenges in his youth led him to fail classes and eventually end up abusing alcohol and drugs.

Having faced abuse, suicide, jail time, and then suddenly losing the brother that donated bone marrow to save Page from cancer, he found recovery eight years ago and now shares his experiences with groups and works to provide

Page says his mission is to reach and help as many students and teachers as possible to become the best version of themselves.

According to Ralph Bernardo Director of Recreation and the Drug Alliance, Page's story was moving. "Harry Page shared a story that in too many cases would have ended in tragedy," said Bernardo. "Instead, he fought his way back to build a productive and satisfying life. It was inspiring."

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(above) Ms. Wronski, Mrs. Feeley – ALJ Principal, Brian Soos-Detective Juvenile, Harry Page, His brother, Ralph Bernardo Director of Recreation and Drug Alliance.









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On Tuesday, May 25, 2022, the Arthur L. Johnson Athletic Department held their 2022 Spring Athletic Awards ceremony. The evening, sponsored by the Crusader Athletic Booster Club, was held in the ALJ 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 128 varsity athletic letters were handed out throughout the evening, as participation in athletics at ALJ High School continues to grow.

The program continued with the Student Athlete Award, which was presented by the Athletic Director of ALJ 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 2022 Spring Student Athlete award recipient was Aidan Ford with a 4.68 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 will be presented with certificates, have their team memorialized on a plaque, and be invited for a "Breakfast with the A.D." to celebrate their actions both in the classrooms and on the fields.

The winner of the 2022 Spring Seasonal G.P.A. Challenge, with a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.75 is the Softball Team. Members of the Softball Team: Gabriella Muretta, Jillian Duffy, Brooke Hilton, Krista LaBianca, Shannon Lancellotti, Madden Puerari, Isabella Todaro, Lacey Vill, Maria Dante, Gianna Frino, Grace Cassidy, Samantha Gonzalez, Alexa Grasso and Alison Wysocki.

The evening continued with the announcement of the Best Teammate Award winners. The BTAs were: Baseball – Paul Castro, Golf – Biagio Bonanno, Lacrosse – Jack Bencivenga, Softball – Alison Wysocki, Tennis – Owen Broadwell, Boys' Spring Track & Field – John Brighouse,

Girls' Spring Track & Field – Tatum Dobbins.

The evening culminated with the announcement of the Team Most Valuable Players. The MVPs were: Baseball – Connor Thorn, Golf – Anthony Cundari, Lacrosse – Nicholas Pingor, Softball – Maria Dante, Tennis – Matthew Cassidy, Boys' Spring Track & Field – Aidan Ford, Girls' Spring Track & Field – Sarah Scepkowski.

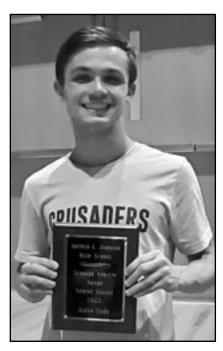
The Athletic Director, Gus Kalikas, had this to say about the event "The Spring Athletic Awards was a wonderful event that allowed the administration, teachers, coaches, parents, and student athletes a chance to reflect on a wonderful spring athletics season while honoring our student athletes for their 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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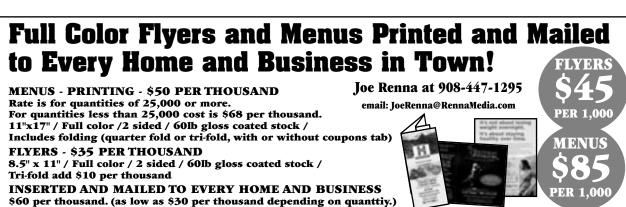






(above, l-r) Spring BTA Award Winners, Spring MVP's, Spring G.P.A. Winner - Softball, Spring Athletic Award Winner









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