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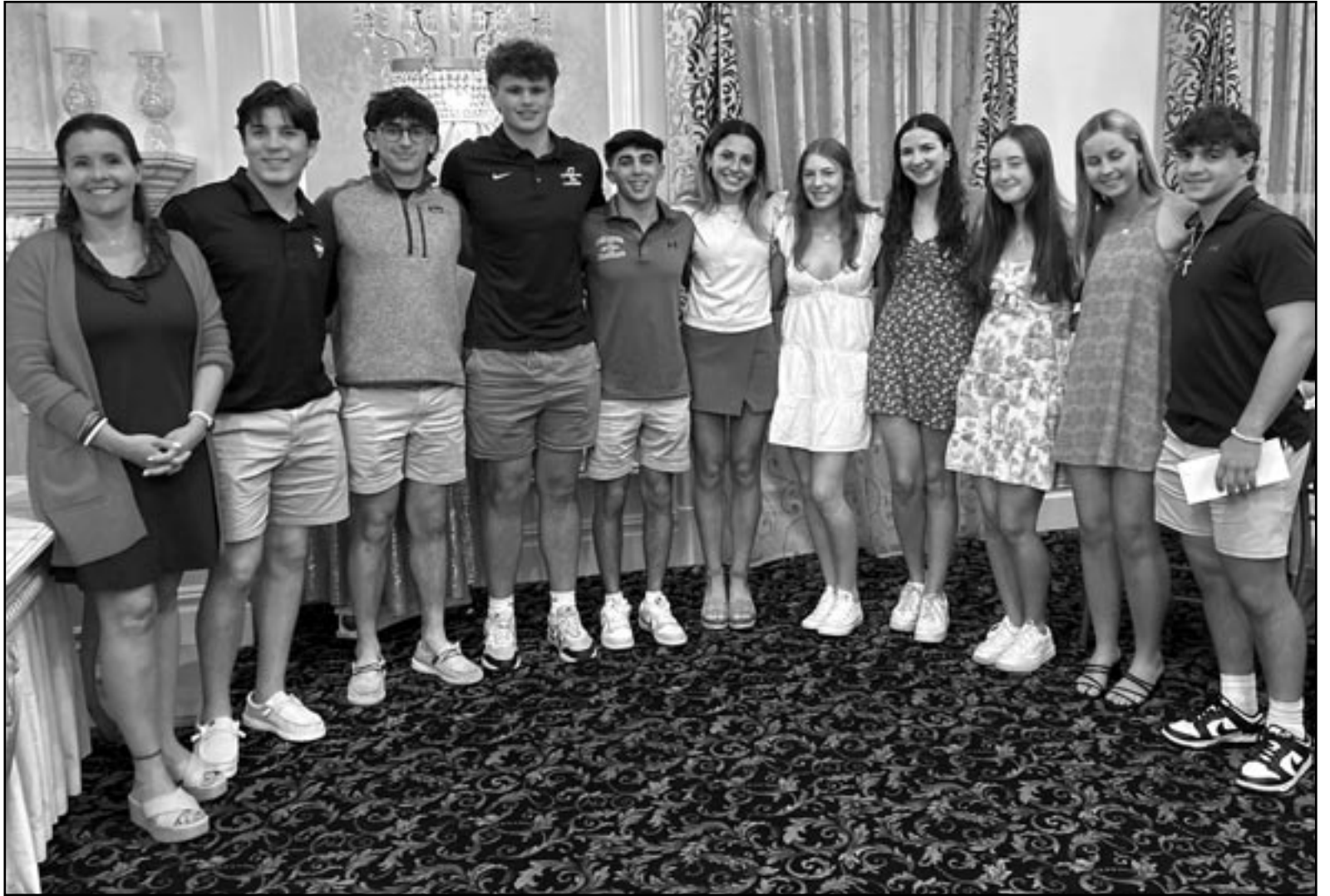
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The Highlander Booster Club recently held their Senior Athletic Banquet for senior athletes, senior parents, coaches and administrators. At this annual event all senior athletes are recognized for their commitment to athletics and academics. Two students are recognized with the prestigious Michael Suchena Memorial Scholarship. Named for Michael Suchena, the first Athletic Director of GLHS, the award is given to one male and one female senior student athlete that typifies the best in sportsmanship and the ideals of leadership and fair play on and off the field. This year's recipients are Sara Castrovinci and Patrick McGrath.

Additionally, ten students received Highlander Booster Club Scholarships. This year's recipients are Jordan Baum, Joseph Dasti, Caitlin Hughes, Julia Hyman, Arianni Mauri, Emma McElroy, Samantha Richter, Christian Sabatino, William Sottosanti, and Carter Wahlers.

Congratulations to all our Highlander Student Athletes and best of luck in the future!



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(above) The Governor Livingston Varsity Baseball Team are the Group 2 State Champions after defeating their Pascack Valley 3-0 on June 8. Congratulations team.

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SUMMIT ELKS RECEIVE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AWARD

Summit Elks Lodge #1246 received the Community Partnership Award At the Summit Area YMCA's annual celebration held on April 25th, 2024, to recognize their efforts in joining the YMCA to host the Extra Special Prom - an event for special-needs students aged 13-25, their parents, and other volunteers.

During the award presentation, a highlight video of the Extra Special Prom was played. The footage demonstrated the utter joy emanating from the young adults who attended the prom, which was a milestone they might otherwise miss

out on if not for the Elks partnership with the Y.

Summit Elks Exalted Ruler Fred Honold and fellow members then continued to detail the synergies between the two organizations in their commitment to serving the community and to enriching the lives of youth with special needs.

Summit Elks Lodge #1246 was also honored by the Summit Area YMCA on April 25th with the Y's "Community Partnership 2024 Award." Over 200 people gathered over dinner at The Primavera Regency in Stirling to celebrate. Among several areas highlighted is the Elks' Partnership with the "Y" for Special Needs Children and their collaboration for The Special Children's Prom on May 30th.

The Summit Area YMCA serves more than 15,000 individuals with their free and fee-based programs and services in an area spanning the New Jersey communities of Berkeley Heights, Gillette, Millburn, New Providence, Short Hills, Springfield, Stirling and Summit.

The Summit Elks and Elks Lodges throughout NJ and the United States work with compassion and dedication to provide programs and services for special-needs children and adults. Local events such as the Extra Special Prom, scholarships, sports programs, and NJ Elks Camp Moore are made possible through donations, fundraising events, and grants from the Elks National Foundation. Please visit Elks.org for more information about the Elks and how to join.

COME A MEMBER IN THE SUMMIT ELKS

To be eligible for membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, you must be a citizen of the United States over the age of 21 who believes in God. The Summit Elks Lodge #1246 has close to 3,000 members, they predominantly come from these communities: Summit, Berkeley Heights, The Chathams, Millburn - Short Hills, New Providence & Westfield. For more information visit summitelks1246.org.

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(above, l-r) Summit Elks Trustees Mike Helmer, PER, Rich Callaghan, Summit "Y" President Paul Kiltyka, Exalted Ruler Fred Honold, Elks Special Children Committee Co-Chairs Mary Twill and Roger Hughes, past Committee Chair Ted Scallon and Elks Trustee Rick Wolfe, PER.

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SENIOR DAY TRIP

The Berkeley Heights Seniors are sponsoring a trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Monday, June 17. The bus leaves the parking lot at Town Hall, 29 Park Avenue at 8:30 a.m. And returns at approximately 7:15 p.m. The cost is \$40. Which includes bus transportation and a \$20. Voucher for slot play. For more information or reservations, call Ramona at 908-647-3295.

SENIOR GAME DAY

Berkeley Heights Public Schools

Students from Mountain Park School's Student Council, led by 4th grade teacher Mrs. Morris, recently participated in 'Senior Game Day' at Mountain Park School. During this special event, students and seniors from the community engaged in conversation and laughter while playing games and spending quality time together. This event was hosted by the Mountain Park PTO and supported by the Berkeley Heights Seniors Affairs committee.




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THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS

Submitted by Susan Doyle

The Woman's Club of Berkeley Heights enjoyed a wonderful end of year lunch at La Pastaria in Summit on May 21st. Member Claire Stang, gave a perfect introduction and the 2024-26 officers were installed with grace and style. The Club is beyond lucky to have these dedicated women for another term. They are ready to steer us through new NJSFWC President, Barbara McCloskey's theme, "Together in Service-United in Friendship."

Phyllis McEnroe, Sue Doyle, Diana Wilfrid displayed their Achievement Day entries. Diana Wilfrid received Gold for her handmade necklace and a second place for her Iris watercolor. Sue received a first place for her floral abstract watercolor. Phyllis received a second place for her Amaryllis photo and necklace entries, third

place for a door wreath.

The afternoon was filled with fun, laughter, and fellowship. It's great to work and break bread with women who are united and wear their photo props well.

The Club is preparing for its upcoming "Picnic in the Park" and the June 15th, American Red Cross Blood Drive, it's co-sponsoring with the Berkeley Heights Rescue Squad. Also, the 70th Anniversary committee will meet throughout the summer to plan monthly activities and events for next season to Celebrate 70 years of Philanthropy, Benevolence, and Civic Engagement, 1955-2025.

If interested in joining or to learn more about the Woman's Club of Berkeley Heights, contact President Phyllis McEnroe at 908-578-6809 or phyllis468@icloud.com



(above) The Woman's Club of Berkeley Heights enjoyed a wonderful end of year lunch in May. Courtesy photo



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The Berkeley Heights 2023-2024 Educators of the Year were honored during the June Board of Education meeting. They are: GLHS: Michelle Harpster, Art Teacher; CMS: Roberta Gutch, Special Education Teacher, Grades 7 and 8; TPH:

Jared Prupis, Third Grade Teacher; WW: Kathryn Finkelstein, Special Education Teacher, Kindergarten; MKM: Karen Twill, Kindergarten Teacher; and MP: Carla Gamba, Fifth Grade Teacher.



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Friday, July 19 at 3:30 pm

Family Movie Night "Night at the Museum"

Thursday, July 25 at 6:30 pm

VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

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Tuesday, July 9 at 2 pm

Surviving the Summer with The Last Kids on Earth and Children's Author Max Brallier

Tuesday, July 16 at 2 pm

Learning the Power of Poetry with Teen Author Elizabeth Acevedo

Tuesday, July 23 at 2 pm

Graphic Novels Are Life! Telling Your Own Story in a Graphic Novel with Teen Author Dan Santat

Tuesday, July 30 at 2 pm

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Pre-K Storytime

Mondays, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 10 am (ages 3-5)

Play Poses Yoga

Monday, July 29 at 4pm (ages 6-11)

Science Discoverers

Tuesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 10 am (ages 3-5)

Good Tyme String Band

Tuesday, July 9 at 10:30 am

Sound Stage Music

Tuesday, July 16 at 10:30 am

Storytime at Memorial Park

Wednesdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 at 10 am

"Block" Party

Thursdays, July 11, 18, & 25 at 10 am (ages 2-6, siblings welcome)

Science Explorers

Thursdays, July 11, 18 & 25 at 3 pm (grades K-5)

Read to Morigan the Dog

Thursday, July 18 at 3:30 pm

LEGO Play

Friday, July 12, 3 - 4 pm

Children's Drop-in Crafts "Summer Fun Crafts"

Saturdays, July 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 10 am - 12 pm

Play Pals

Fridays, 12, 19, 26 at 2 pm (ages 2-6)

TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Volunteer Training

July 1 at 2 pm

Acai Bowls

July 18 at 6:30 pm

Interactive Teen Movie "Teen Beach Movie"

Tuesday, July 30 at 6:30 pm

ADULT PROGRAMS

Tinker Tuesday "Diamond Keyrings"

Tuesday, July 2 at 7 pm (ages 10 and up)

Tinker Tuesday "Jewelry Making"

Tuesday, July 9 at 7 pm (ages 10 and up)

Coffee & Conversation Group

Wednesdays, July 10 & 24 at 1:30 pm

Armchair Traveler "Hawaii"

Tuesday, July 29 at 7 pm

Friday Movie Matinee "The Boys in the Boat"

Friday, July 26 at 11:30 am

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Berkeley Heights Education Foundation

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Each year, the BHEF offers teachers and administrators the opportunity to apply for grants that support innovative and creative educational programs, as well as supplement technology and equipment in our public schools. Through April

2024, the BHEF has already awarded over \$10,000 in grants to district schools for the current school year. We are very excited to have this opened up again to our students this school year!

The 2023/2024 school year winning student wishes are as follows:

- Clean out and refresh the school’s butterfly garden (Avery Agro & Louise Karras, 1st grade, Mary Kay McMillin Preschool)
- Purchase chess tables and accessories for indoor/outdoor use, as well as an Introduction to Chess program for students (Will McGrady, 2nd grade, William Woodruff Elementary School)
- Tetherball set for use during gym and recess (Mason Kraut, 5th grade, Thomas P. Hughes

Elementary School)

- Audio speaker for Dance Club and other school events/parties (Vivianne Brosen, 3rd grade, Mountain Park Elementary School)
- Podcast equipment for the creation and distribution of teacher and student content (Leo Kraut, 7th grade, Columbia Middle School)
- Outdoor learning space, including benches, plantings, and educational signage for use during lunch and as a classroom alternative (Kayleigh Carlos, 11th grade, Governor Livingston High School)

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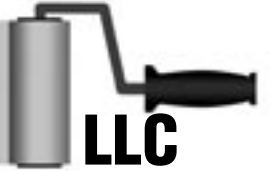
(above) Mason Kraut, 5th grade student, with the tetherball set to be used during physical education and recess.

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2 Units	6.5" x 2" or 3.25" x 4"	\$100	\$250	\$400	\$500	\$600	\$700	\$800	\$900	\$1000
4 Units	3.25" x 8" or 6.5" x 4"	\$180	\$450	\$700	\$900	\$1100	\$1300	\$1500	\$1700	\$1900
6 Units	6.5" x 6.25" or 10" x 4"	\$240	\$600	\$900	\$1200	\$1400	\$1600	\$1800	\$2000	\$2200
9 HALF PAGE	6.5" x 9" or 10" x 7"	\$320	\$800	\$1000	\$1300	\$1600	\$1900	\$2200	\$2400	\$2700
12 Units	10" x 8"	\$360	\$900	\$1200	\$1500	\$1800	\$2100	\$2400	\$2700	\$3000
18 FULL PAGE	10" x 14"	\$400	\$1000	\$1400	\$1800	\$2200	\$2500	\$2800	\$3000	\$3400
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The Township of Berkeley Heights is encouraging residents to report lights out on your streets. The Berkeley Heights Police Department and DPW Director launched the initiative "Light Up Berkeley Heights" in 2021 to repair damaged or burned-out street lights. We now need your help! When reports are made directly to JCP&L from residents, lights will be fixed faster which will help prevent attempted crimes in the area that have been occurring as of late. Do your part in neighborhood safety by

reporting light outages directly to JCP&L. Please see below JCP&L contact information along with what should be reported.


Residents are to take pictures of the pole's serial number which can be found directly on the wood portion of the streetlight pole starting with the letter "BHT."

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