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TEACHER SHINES AT SUPER BOWL AS EAGLES CHEERLEADER

Submitted by David Brighthouse

Rahway residents and members of the Rahway Public Schools had a common thing to cheer about when the Eagles took on the Kansas City Chiefs in Super Bowl LIX, everyone in town and all those with any kind of love in their hearts for Rahway were rooting for one Eagles cheerleader, Ms. Deanna Flanagan, a 2013 Rahway High School (RHS) graduate and current dance teacher and choreographer at the high school.

Flanagan (who, we'll add, also graduated from RHS as its valedictorian!) is in her rookie year with the team, having previously served as a cheerleader for the New York Jets and also with the Philadelphia Wings out of the National Lacrosse League.

We asked Flanagan how her involvement with professional cheerleading began, so she took us all the way back to the beginning. She started dancing at the age of two in a variety of genres.

She was never a cheerleader growing up, but her dance training served her well, as she pointed out that cheering in the NFL was much closer to dancing than cheerleading anyway.

Following her graduation from RHS, she attended Marymount Manhattan College, earning a degree in dance. From there, she earned a master's in dance education from Hunter College.

Answering an open call for NFL cheerleaders, Flanagan was selected for the Jets squad and cheered for the team from 2019-2022.

Teaching all day and cheering on the side (literally, on the sidelines. Get it?) can definitely be a busy lifestyle. She noted that, over the course of the season, including the preseason, she attends all the home games and also practices with the squad twice a week.

But, she said, she wouldn't change a thing.

"There really is no feeling like this, especially as a rookie," Flanagan said. "The team has worked so hard, and we're all so excited for the game."

"It means a lot to me to represent not only the Eagles but Rahway too," Flanagan remarked. "Sharing this with my students is really special. I hope it inspires them to live out their own dreams."



(above) Ms. Deanna Flanagan, a 2013 Rahway High School (RHS) graduate and current dance teacher and choreographer at the high school, went to Super Bowl LIX as an Eagles Cheer Leader.

Courtesy photo

Flanagan noted that after each Eagles win this season, she and her students would call the return to school the following day "Victory Monday."

"Everyone would yell out, 'The Birds won!' and there was so much excitement in the building. They were so happy for me and what it represented for Rahway," she said.

Flanagan ended our interview by sharing how much the support of the schools and community means to her and how much she loves being from Rahway and working in the public schools.

"I love sharing my passion for the arts, and this is a great place to do it," she said. "We have such a strong arts community and a great program in the schools."

And Rahway clearly loves her right back.

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The event benefited the New Jersey State Firefighter's Mutual Benevolent Association and

The Burn Center at Saint Barnabas Medical Center.

The Fire Department Cook-off is part of a culinary extravaganza where participants were able to experience the tastes and flavors of some of New Jersey's finest restaurants, caterers and dessert shops all in one location.



(above) Rahway Fire Department Team Alex Bizzozzaro, Jeremy Polite, Patrick Newman, and Isaiah Prunty.



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This event is open to the public, so come out and enjoy a home cooked breakfast, and support our veterans!

American Legion April Pancake Breakfast
No Breakfast this month as it falls on Easter Sunday. Wishing all of our supporters a Happy Easter!

**EARTH DAY RAHWAY RIVER CLEAN-UP
SATURDAY, APRIL 26**

Rahway River Association

All volunteers are invited to celebrate Earth Day 2025 with a clean-up of the Rahway River within Union County Parks and Recreation's Rahway River Park on Saturday, April 26th (with a rain date of Sunday, April 27th).

Please join the Rahway River Watershed Association, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, local officials and environmental commissions, fisherman and other stakeholders in this annual event. The clean-up will focus on areas upstream and downstream of the dam at Winfield Park, in Cranford, Clark, Linden, and Rahway.

Please come by the parking area adjacent to the waterfall of the Rahway River by the Bloodgood Dam at Winfield Park at 8:45 a.m. to register, pick up bags, gloves, bottled water and snacks, and receive safety information. Teams will be encouraged to travel to any part of the river within the park where they would like to perform cleanup activities. We specifically ask all folks to register and to work in small groups for safety purposes. Everyone under 18 must have their parent's signature on the attached Individual Waiver form as well as adult supervision to participate.

Cleaning up a river and park area is a great way to celebrate Earth Day and if you haven't participated in an event like this before, you will find it invigorating, and you will feel good about what you have accomplished...it is also fun and educational...especially for Scouts and young

adults as they always find something interesting. Over the 25+ years this cleanup has occurred thousands of folks have participated, and pulled some amazing things from the river improving its quality. The Rahway River watershed is a better place thanks to the commitment of so many great volunteers over the last quarter century!

The clean-up will generally be between 9-12, but any amount of time or effort that folks can volunteer is appreciated. There is always a large volume of floatable debris to pick up. The team working registration will provide suggestions on areas with large volumes of floatable debris.

All participants should wear jeans, long-sleeved shirts, gloves and boots, Waders are welcome for folks who like to get a little wet. Each participant should bring a standard 5-gallon carry bucket with a handle (put your name on the bottom)... this makes for easy carrying of "stuff" for transfer to the large garbage bags. A mulching rake is also a great asset to have to enable reaching out and pulling debris into shore from the riverbank.

After the event there is an inventory of the debris removed, and within approximately 24 hours Union County Parks and Recreation removes and disposes of all the trash.

There is no RSVP required but if more information is required please contact rivercleanup@comcast.net or the Rahway River Watershed Association at CleaCarchia@outlook.com.

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Submitted by Kenneth Betros

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some very special guests: Mayor Raymond Giacobbe, Superintendent Dr. Aleya Shoieb, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Tiffany Beer, our amazing Board Liaison Shanna Raysick, superstar Principals Dawe Peralta and Isabel Colon, and a whole crew of supportive supervisors! The excitement didn't stop there - we kept the museum open on Friday so every class could join in the celebration and be inspired by the incredible work of their classmates!



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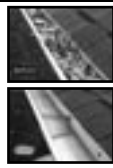
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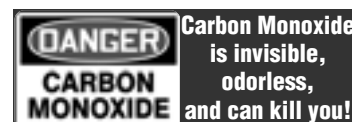


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Hosted at The Gateway Family YMCA – Elizabeth Branch, 135 Madison Avenue, Elizabeth, Five Points Branch, 201 Tucker Avenue, Union, Rahway Branch, 1564 Irving Street, Rahway, and Wellness Center Branch, 1000 Galloping Hill, Union, The Gateway Family YMCA's Healthy Kids Day takes place on April 26th, with free registration available at tgfymca.org/events

The Gateway Family YMCA is offering a one-day Membership Sale in honor of Healthy Kids Day on all memberships with code HKD at tgfymca.org/join-the-Y on April 26th.

"It is very important for kids to stay active over the summer, both physically and mentally," stated

Melynda A. Disla, President/CEO, The Gateway Family YMCA. "At the Y, we believe in providing resources for families to create healthy habits, no matter the time of year. Healthy Kids Day is a fun, free community-wide event that encourages families to take advantage of all the great summer activities the Y has to offer."

Sponsored nationally by Peanuts, Healthy Kids Day's mission is to prepare community families for a safe, healthy and fun summer. Some featured activities at The Gateway Family YMCA include Family Yoga, Swimming, Basketball, and a Summer Day Camp Parent Information Session 12:00-2:00 p.m.

In addition to the Healthy Kids Day event,

YMCA programs including Child Care, School Age Before/After School Care, Swimming Lessons and Youth Sports will be celebrating Healthy Kids Day activities with youth and families throughout the week.

The Gateway Family YMCA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, health and community service organization of caring staff and volunteers dedicated to strengthening community through Youth Development, Healthy Living and Social Responsibility. The Gateway Family YMCA impacts the community by providing quality services for all. The Y doesn't just strengthen bodies – it strengthens people, families and communities.



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Tagged Fish will be stocked that day so the children can see them get stocked. Prizes are awarded for different species of fish. This is an ongoing event until May 3 so if a child cannot fish that day they can sign up and send in their tag if they catch a tagged fish up to the deadline that tags will be received.

You may donate and sponsor a fish for this event. Download our form online at nbfcc.org, we can mail one to you, or stop in at Ponzio's, 211 Union Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ.

The Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club was founded in 1907 and remains the oldest fishing club in the nation. We are listed on Amazon Smile and are a recognized 501(c)3 nonprofit. We provide outings to support veterans, adults and children as well as people with disabilities which focus on environmental education, fishing knowledge and practice. We are always looking for new members, donations, and volunteers if anyone would like to get involved. Our monthly meetings are held at the Kenilworth VFW, located at 33 S. 21st St., Kenilworth, NJ, on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. (except July

and August). There is no fee to attend a meeting. For more information visit nbfcc.org or contact Bob Jones: BJonesJRNJ@hotmail.com, 908-325-6657.



(above) The Newark Bait and Fly casting Club Annual Youth Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2025 at Echo Lake Park in Westfield, NJ. - Photo from 2019 Derby



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(above, r-l) Alexa with a new friend, Rachel. Alexa said, “My favorite part was getting to meet new people, listening to the speakers, and learning that you should never give up even when you are in the worst situations.”



(above, r-l) Alexa and Ms. Petti pose in front of the hotel's iconic fountain and chandler before heading home.

Rahway Elks Lodge #1075

Alexa Carbonaro, a freshman at Rahway High school, arrived at the Ocean Place Resort in Long Branch, NJ on the morning of February 7th, 2025. She had no idea what the 2025 New Jersey Elks Peer Leadership Conference had in store for her and as the only representative from Rahway, Alexa only knew a few adults. Ms. Kristina Petti, Rahway Elks #1075 member and teacher at the Rahway Academy, has known Alexa and her family for a few years and was her chaperone on the trip. Another familiar face was Shean Opie, NJ State Antlers Chair.

Alexa was selected to represent her lodge and school because of her positive qualities as a philanthropist and student. She truly embodies the conferences' spirit of collaboration, community, and motivation. Ms. Petti remarked that "Alexa is the type of student that prioritizes our community and helps to make this word better, over her own needs. She deserved to go to the conference because I know that she will bring back what she learned to make an impact on our whole community." Throughout the entire weekend, Alexa could be seen in the front row of every workshop and speaker session, taking notes on her phone, snapping pictures of quotes and information displayed on the big screens, and taking selfies with the speakers.

The goals of the conference are "to increase participant's ability to make healthy decisions for themselves, and to assist their peers in doing the same. The Conference provides peer leaders with specific tools and resources to implement action plans in their communities, thus creating a network with the ability to educate their peer groups, schools, and communities on the skills learned at the conference.

This year's schedule was rigorous but also included opportunities for fun and enjoyment!

The students heard from seven different speakers and had three different opportunities to go to workshops of their choice. The event culminated with a planning session where they had encouraged them to set goals and make a plan to implement them. Specifically, to “set goals to be accomplished in 1 month, 3 months, and 1 year. To make your school a better place.”

The conference also included so many elements of fun. Students got to room with their friends overnight on Friday and Saturday, and the youth staff led them in playing fun games during down times. The conference provided students the opportunity to make new friends, step out of their comfort zone, and share your story, in the hopes that someone can relate.

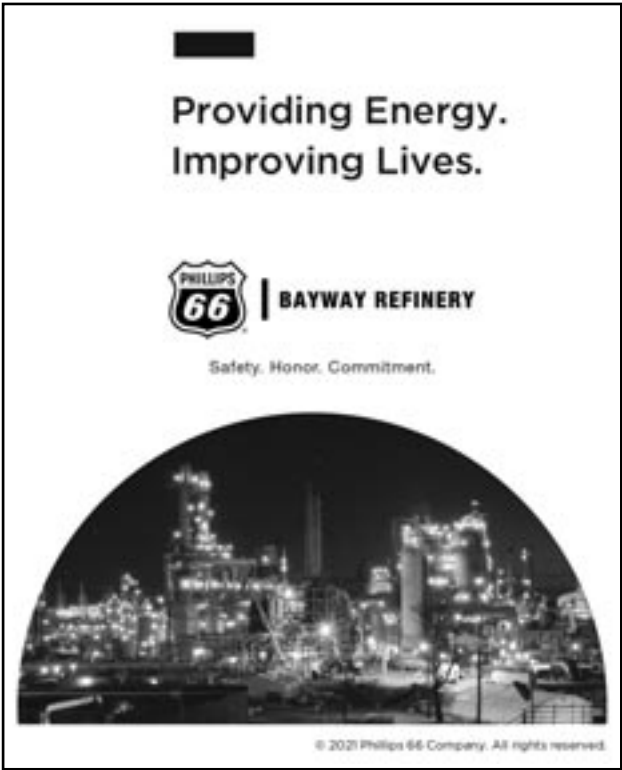
This year's Peer Leadership conference saw a record high of attendees, with 484 students attending the conference. This conference is unique to New Jersey and students from all over the Garden State attended. The cost of the conference is \$385 per attendee, however that does not cover the entire cost to the state. Throughout the year, the Elks Drug Awareness committees fundraise on the state, district, and local levels to donate towards this incredible event. State chair, MaryEllen Lawrence, from Howell Lodge, revealed that we raised \$55,000 across the state this year and has set a goal of \$65,000 for next year. That is all money that is not part of the participant cost, but goes towards Peer Leadership, as well as other drug awareness programs through the Elks.

Next year, the Rahway Antlers #39 will have many more eligible students for this opportunity, as they have a large number of members in eighth grade. If you are interested in helping to sponsor a student for next year, please reach out to the Drug Awareness committee chairperson, Kelly Mazza, at secretary@rahwayelks.org.



(above) Annual group shot of the 484 students, 10 youth staff, and over 100 Elk advisors who attended the weekend.

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Franklin Elementary School is home to our Multilingual Student Ambassador Program where 5th and 6th grade students of diverse languages come together to develop leadership, communication, and cross cultural skills. Organized by ESL Teachers Tatiana Gutierrez and Lindsey Lerner Barrett and School Counselor Greg Mariconda, the purpose of this program is to mentor students who are new to Franklin School and coming from another country. Ambassadors and their mentees came together as a community and participated in a Vocabulary Word Detective activity on March 7, 2025.

When possible, ambassadors are paired with mentees who also speak their home language such as Spanish or Creole. The students worked in pairs/ small groups to read and engage in various National Geographic leveled informational texts. Students used their detective skills to find a new vocabulary word to explore and complete a four square graphic organizer activity. Lastly, the students cheered each other on as they presented to the group. This was a perfect opportunity to use the results of FES's school wide data collection to spark interest in our growth areas while incorporating the English Language Development domains of speaking, reading, writing, and listening!

Franklin School's Ambassadors and Mentees enjoyed mini muffins and water while they worked together to complete the activity. They had a great morning of having fun with language learning. Everyone is already looking forward to the next event!



(above) 5th and 6th grade students of diverse languages come together to develop leadership, communication, and cross cultural skills.

Photo by Rahway Public Schools

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Held 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2 at the "The World Famous" Waiting Room in Rahway, forget your midweek woes and enjoy an unforgettable night of brain-teasing questions, team strategizing, and community spirit. Whether a seasoned trivia master or just there for the laughs and good food – children under 12 years old eat free on Wednesdays! – there will be plenty of competition, camaraderie and, most important, charity.

Show off your smarts in pop culture, sports, history, science, and more, amid friendly rivalry and a community playing for a purpose. All proceeds benefit CASA of Passaic and Union Counties, which champions the best interests of abused and neglected children through effective advocacy in court, community, and classroom.

You can help change the lives of local children in foster care, one question at a time. So rally your friends, coworkers, or family and form a team of two to six players, or go solo for the big win yourself. Prizes go to the top three individuals or teams.

Pre-registration is suggested. Tickets are \$20 per person.

For more information and to secure your spot at the table visit: www.childfocusnj.org/pubquiz, or contact Courtney Como at courtney@childfocusnj.org. CASA of Passaic and Union Counties is a program of Child Focus, which prioritizes the needs and well-being of infants, children, and teens impacted by, or at risk of, abuse or neglect. For details about the CASA program, call 973-832-4002, e-mail info@casapassaicunion.org, or visit casapassaicunion.org.

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KU KLUX KLAN PROVIDES DARK CHAPTER IN RAHWAY HISTORY (PART 1)

Submitted by Al Shipley, City Historian and Rahway Library Research Consultant

When most think of the Ku Klux Klan, they probably think of the South and the period after the Civil War. One might have images of hooded specters carousing under moonlit skies terrorizing former slaves in an attempt to reestablish the traditional southern way of life. What usually doesn't come to mind are images of Klansmen in full regalia burning crosses and staging mass gatherings in places like New Jersey. Yet, for the ten years following World War I, the Klan experienced a revival as their twisted philosophy of extremism and hate spread into cities and states across the mid-west and north and by 1922 was even at Rahway's doorstep.

If the first wave of the KKK's activities was during the Period of Reconstruction (1865-1877), the nineteen teens and 1920s are considered the second wave. A catalyst of the rebirth was D. W. Griffith's 1915 silent film "The Birth of a Nation" which glorified the founding of the Klan and romanticized its noxious exploits. Shortly after the movie's premier, a mass meeting of Klan members was held at Stone Mountain, Georgia for the purpose of reviving the organization. Traditional values were once again being threatened and this time there were new groups to hate.

The 18th Amendment to the United States Constitution was adopted in 1919 effectively outlawing the production, importation, transportation, and sale of alcoholic beverages. The Klan sided with federal lawmakers and Christian extremists that alcohol was a main factor in destroying the fabric of American society and they pointed their fingers at those they felt were to blame. Emphasizing their "America First" agenda, they honed in on foreigners, immigrants (especially Italians), the Roman Catholic Church, and Jews as the ones responsible for changing the American ethnic character. The Klan continued their hostility towards Blacks, was opposed to organized labor, and spoke against the League of Nations. The views seemed radical, but by the 1920s nationwide membership in the KKK reached 4,000,000 and Americans across the country were becoming aware of their shadowy presence.

By the summer of 1924, the Klan had become a political force and had made their way onto the floor of both Republican and Democratic National Conventions. Delegates who supported the cultural and social philosophies of the Klan were there to influence the party platforms and the selection of a candidate to run for President of the United States. Although they failed to accomplish much, the Klan had reached the pinnacle of its power and was ready to put their power on display.

On Thursday, July 1, 1924, the Rahway Police Department was notified at 11:30 PM that a cross was on fire on the SE corner of St. Georges Avenue and Central Avenue on the field next to Lincoln School. The blaze was reported to be 6' tall and 4' across. When a patrolman arrived, no one was found in the vicinity and the concern became moving vehicles that had stopped on St. Georges to view the fire. It was not established if

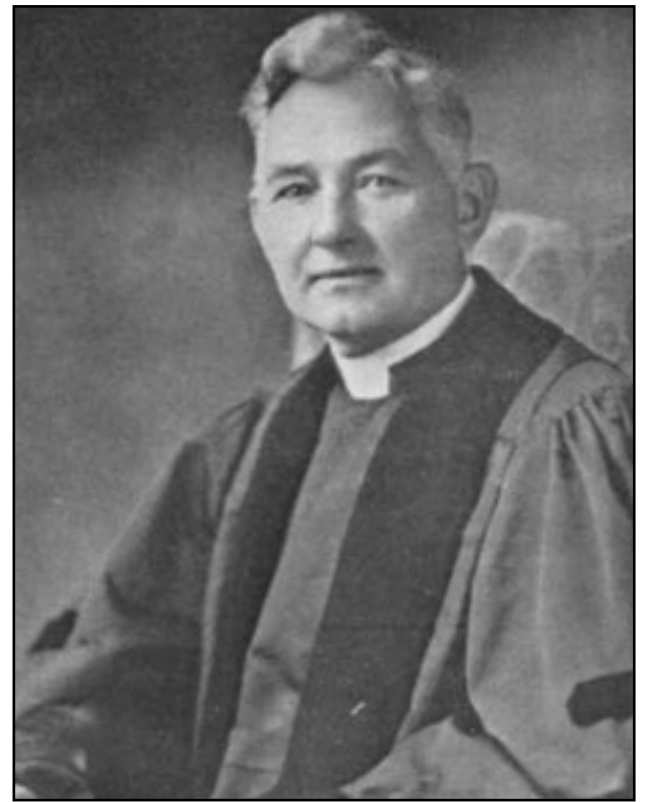
this was the work of the KKK or a prank by young boys imitating the group. The next incident would leave no doubt the Klan's nefarious presence was active in the city.

On Wednesday evening, February 25, 1925, the residents living in neighborhoods around Central Avenue were roused out of their beds at 12:30 at night by a deafening bomb blast sounding from the direction of Riverside Park (Veterans Field). The blast signaled the lighting of a huge 18' tall cross positioned in the middle of the field. At the same time the blast was heard, two smaller crosses were lit in two other locations. One cross was burning on the corner of Elm Avenue and St. Georges and a second was lit on the corner of Hazelwood Avenue and New Brunswick Avenue across from Columbian School. After the explosion, an eyewitness observed a truck going down Central followed by eight or ten cars moving in parade-like fashion. A resident familiar with the ceremonial practices of the Klan explained that crosses were burned to either mark when membership enrollment reached 200 or to signal the end of a member drive.

Most responded to the bomb and blazes with surprise. The belief in Rahway was that, although there were news reports of Klan activities in other cities in Union County, they had never invaded Rahway. Perhaps the citizenry hadn't noticed, or had chosen to ignore the fact that the Ku Klux Klan had been infiltrating the city and recruiting members as early as 1922.

In a community that was acknowledging the presence of the KKK and in some cases accepting their position in the city, it was only a matter of time before a prominent citizen spoke out. Three months after the bombing and cross burning, Reverend Chester M. Davis, the highly respected pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, gave a stirring sermon condemning intolerance and the actions of the Klan.

In a sermon entitled "Some Things Jesus would not Tolerate," Pastor Davis stressed that problems of the world would never be settled by organizations based on race or creed hatred.



(above) Chester M. Davis, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, spoke out against the beliefs and actions of the Ku Klux Klan

Courtesy photos

Mentioning the Ku Klux Klan by name, he pointed out that "Jesus would not tolerate any of the intolerance that would condemn anyone because they were born into a certain race or a certain creed. Those who speak against the people of a race or religion are ignorant of the depth of the soul of those people." He added, "Groups that promote intolerance are hypocrites and make-believe Christians." The sermon was one of the most powerful ever heard at historic First Pres. according to congregants who attended the service.

Just two months after Reverend Davis' sermon, the Ku Klux Klan would stage a massive rally and cross burning in the center of the Rahway County Park. The Klan was not going to be stopped by words from the pulpit. (Part II - next month in the April issue of "Our Town")

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Although a community garden box is ideal, young minds can learn a great deal from a container garden. A good size pot can hold a nice variety of herbs and flowers that will delight and educate both children and adults within a limited space. Many people that have a garden still have limitations because of sunshine and other restrictions.

According to Union County 4-H agent Jim N., "Plant herbs, children love herbs and there are a lot of things kids can do with them. They can plant them, touch them, crush them, smell them and even eat them."

"Just don't plant mint. Mint will quickly take over the whole pot, or plant mint in its own pot. You can even put in a 'few' flowers such as Zinnia for summer color that kids will love."

There is one advantage containers have over a community garden. Containers are close to home where you and your children can see and tend them often. You don't have to pack up your supplies and travel to your community garden to water and take care of them. Additionally, with the help of a friend, containers can easily be moved into a sunnier area later in the season as the sun shifts its position.

Many Community Gardens have smaller and more colorful 'children's boxes' which are easier for kids to plant and garden in. In Rahway our Recreation Department is in charge of the Community Garden on Central Ave. Call the Center* if you have any questions on availability.

If you are not from Rahway, call your City Hall for information.

Plastic children's gardening tools are a worthwhile investment and help prevent accidents from metal tools. You will find more great information and suggestions on gardening with children on the internet. Rutgers has pages of information posted online. They also list potential problems to be aware of with young children and activities listed by age groups. Simply Google Rutgers Gardening with Children for their fact sheets.

While volunteering with Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County Children's Programs at Trilside, I am always amazed how much the youth of today already knows. The Children keep it fun for everyone.

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The weeks after Earth Day are my favorite time for taking walks in our many town and county parks. Now, with spring wildflowers in full bloom it is nice to get out there and enjoy the beauty of Union County without litter distracting our eyes.

Have a wonderful spring.

James



(above) Past President of The Rahway Garden Club, James Keane, has been researching and answering garden questions since 1995.

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Rahway Public Schools

Roosevelt Elementary School is thrilled to announce that its STEM club has been awarded a generous STEM grant from the HESS Corporation. This significant grant is designed to foster real-world connections to STEM concepts, providing students with hands-on learning experiences that spark curiosity and innovation.

The grant provided the STEM club with 12 HESS trucks and a comprehensive curriculum centered around engaging monthly STEM challenges. Students have been actively participating in activities utilizing the 2024 HESS truck, which features a police car and truck combination. These challenges have focused on exploring critical STEM principles such as the velocity of a police car, and the engineering behind building bridges and obstacles, with a focus on angles and speed.

"We are incredibly grateful to the HESS Corporation for their commitment to STEM education," said Mrs. Purcell, the STEM club leader at Roosevelt Elementary School. "This grant has allowed our students to experience STEM in a dynamic and interactive way, making learning both fun and impactful. The HESS trucks have become a powerful tool for demonstrating real-life applications of scientific and technological concepts."

The students have shown immense enthusiasm and dedication throughout the challenges,

demonstrating a strong grasp of the principles involved and a keen interest in further exploration.

Building on this success, Roosevelt Elementary School is also excited to announce that it has been awarded the 2025 HESS truck for the 2025-2026 school year STEM club. This early award shows the school's commitment to sustained STEM education and the proven effectiveness of the program.

Roosevelt Elementary School is committed to providing its students with innovative and engaging educational experiences that prepare them for future success. The HESS STEM grant plays a crucial role in achieving this goal, fostering a love for STEM and empowering the next generation of scientists, engineers, and innovators.



Photo by Rahway Public Schools

LIBRARY BOOK SALE – APRIL 4-5

The Friends of the Rahway Public Library will be having their Annual Book Sale on Friday, April 4 and Saturday April 5, from 10-2 p.m. The Rahway Library is located at 2 City Hall Plaza in downtown Rahway. Friends of the Rahway Library are eligible to shop early on Wednesday, April 2 from 5-7:30pm. New memberships will be processed throughout the sale.

Donations of books, DVDs and CDs are currently being accepted for this sale. Acceptable items include hardcover and paperback books in good condition covering all categories. Commercially produced audiobooks/DVDs and CDs are also welcome. Items that will not be accepted include: books in poor condition (missing covers or pages), homemade DVDs, CDs and videos as well as encyclopedias, catalogs, travel guides over two years old,

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Dewars White Label	1.75L	\$33.99
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Glenlivet 12 yrs old	1.75L	\$104.99
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Makers Mark	1.75L	\$56.99

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Tanqueray	1.75L	\$38.99

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Courvoisier V.S.	1.75L	\$66.99
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Duggan's Irish Cream	1.75L	\$32.99
Kahlua	1.75L	\$45.99
Krupnik	750ml	\$20.99
Licor 43	750ml	\$28.99
Licor 43	1.75L	\$45.99

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Absolut (regular)	750ml	\$17.99
Absolut (regular)	1.75L	\$29.99
Belvedere Organic Vodka	1L	\$39.99
Belvedere Organic Vodka	1.75L	\$45.99
Ciroc (all types)	750ml	\$29.99
Ciroc (all types)	1.75L	\$57.99
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Finlandia	1.75L	\$32.99
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Grey Goose	1.75L	\$39.99
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Sobieski	1.75L	\$19.99
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Tanqueray Sterling	750ml	\$19.99
Tanqueray Sterling	1.75L	\$30.99
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Tito's Vodka	1.75L	\$31.99

RUM

Bacardi Light & Gold	750ml	\$13.99
Bacardi Light & Gold	1.75L	\$20.99
Captain Morgan Spice	1.75L	\$27.99
Malibu	750ml	\$16.99
Malibu	1.75L	\$25.99

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Deleon Blanco Tequila	750ml	\$37.99
Deleon Blanco Tequila	1.75L	\$59.99
Patron Silver	750ml	\$44.99
Patron Silver	1.75L	\$81.99
Cantera Negra Coffee Tequila	750ml	\$29.99

BEER

Becks (12oz)	24pk	\$29.99
Blue Moon	24pk	\$36.49
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Bud and Bud Lite loose bottles	24pk	\$24.99
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