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#### **SCOUTS ENJOY OUTDOOR ADVENTURE**

Cub Scout Pack 145

During an overnight camping trip at Camp Winnebago in Rockaway, NJ, Scouts from Cub Scout Pack 145 based out of Clark, NJ enjoyed a fun outdoor adventure using their new fishing equipment on Saturday, September 27.

Local supporters Lenny's Plumbing & Heating, Union County Savings Bank, and Union City PBA Local 8, helped the pack gear up for this camping and fishing trip. Thanks to their generosity, Scouts and their families spent the afternoon fishing on the lake and making lasting memories.

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class ended with a celebration. Each week the 16 children were taught a new recipe to create, cook and eat. Instructors Jackie Venezio and Jennifer

Clark Recreations 6-week cooking for kid's 
Love introduced a new recipe to the group each week. The class was so popular, they had to close registrations but accepted more children than allowed.





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47 Briarwood Path

39 King St.

56 Lexington Blvd.

13 Blake Dr.

213 East Lane

1168 Lake Ave., Unit 4

45 Wendell Pl.

501 Oak Ridge Rd.

309 Oak Ridge Rd.

29 Conger Way

13 Florence Dr. 303 West Ln.

1 Rose Ter.

187 Liberty St.

11 Harding Ave

40 John St. 77 John St.

17 Hillside Ave.

11 Avon Rd.

81 New York Ave.

42 Kenneth Pl.

1 Kathryn St. 29 Hillside Ave. 9 Shetland Dr.

12 Yorktown Dr. 84 Wheatsheaf Rd. 12 Ascot Way

301 West Lane

1119 Maurice Ave.

1 Longfellow Lane

8 Wendell Place

13 Blake Dr.

42 School St.

29 Harvey Ct. 18 Yorktown Dr.

45 Starlite Dr. 1538 Franklin St.

40 Conger Way

15 Ayers Lane 72 Dorset Dr.

5 Schmidt Lane 269 Willow Way

18 Ginesi Dr. 7 Blake Dr.

43 Willow way 95 Briarheath Ln.

18 Terhune Rd. 1 Jarvais Ter.

39 Frances Dr. 28 Gibson Blvd. 41 Largo Lane 5 Tudor Dr.

111 Westfield Ave.

14 Washington St. 118 Jupitor St.

61 Sycamore Rd.

15 Briarheath Ln. 43 Kathryn St.

54 Harding Ave. 1 Plymouth Rd.

306 Parkway Dr. 75 Union County Pkwy 49 Briarwood Path

549 Valley Rd. 161 Meadow Rd.

16 Nassau St. 160 Meadow Rd. 415 Valley Rd.

49 Joseph St. 23 Ayers lane

110 Sweet Briar Dr. 30 Stanton St. 76 Harding Ave. 53 Stemmer Dr.

291 Willow Way 330 West Lane 139 Jupitor St.

458 Oak Ridge Rd. 307 West lane 93 Jupitor St.

166 Meadow Rd.

67 Lefferts Lane 41 Oleander Way

160 Riverside Dr.

45 Briarheath Lane 40 Emerald Pl.

24 Hawthorne Dr. 45 Briarwood Path

21 St. Germain Dr. 532 Valley Rd.

21 Orchard Ter. 307 West Lane 64 Mildred Ter.

103 Amelia Dr. 1132 Westfield Ave. 22 Glenwood Ter.

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131 Jupitor St. 63 Liberty St. 31 Ross St.

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357 Willow Way

47 Briarwood Path 114 Stemmer Dr.

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74 Malvern Dr, 293 Oak Ridge Rd.

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TOTAL NUMBER OF TRANSACTIONS = 305. 204 ARE IN CLARK

#### **LESSONS LEARNED AT VALLEY ROAD SCHOOL FIRE SAFETY WEEK**

Clark Public Schools

As part of Fire Safety Week, the kindergarten students enjoyed a special visit from Firefighter Matt, who came to share important lessons about staying safe in the event of a fire. The children were immediately excited to meet a real firefighter and eager to learn all about his job.

Firefighter Matt began by showing the students his uniform and equipment, explaining how each piece helps protect him while he's

fighting fires. He demonstrated how he puts on his heavy gear and helmet and even turned on his air tank so the children could hear the sound it makes. He reminded them that even though firefighters may look and sound different when they're wearing their equipment, they're not scary — it's still the same friendly firefighter underneath!

The students were fascinated as he explained that firefighters are helpers, and their job is to keep everyone safe. Firefighter Matt also shared some simple but important safety rules, such as never hiding during a fire and remembering that

once you get out, you stay out.

According to Kindergarten Teacher Kimberly Nacht, "The highlight of the visit came when the children got to see the gear up close — and even try on Firefighter Matt's big, heavy gloves! Their faces lit up as they imagined what it might be like to be a firefighter themselves."

The visit not only taught the students valuable safety lessons but also helped them see firefighters as trusted community helpers. It was a fun and memorable experience that left the children talking about fire safety — and Firefighter Matt — for the rest of the day!









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#### **ALJ HIGH SCHOOL FALL ATHLETIC AWARDS**

Clark Public Schools

The Arthur L. Johnson Athletic Department recently held their 2025 Fall Athletic Awards. All the Fall Athletic Teams and their seasons were highlighted by their coaches while all athletes received letters and awards. Over 190 varsity athletic letters were awarded throughout the evening, as participation in athletics at ALJ High School continues to prosper.

The program culminated 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 2025 Fall Student Athlete award recipient was Alisia Hamm, with a 4.49 G.P.A.

In addition, the Crusader G.P.A. Challenge was awarded to the team that finished with the highest overall G.P.A. amongst athletic teams for the fall season. The recipients were presented with certificates and will have their team memorialized on a plaque to celebrate their actions both in the classrooms and on the fields. The Girls' Tennis Team with a G.P.A. of 4.15. Members of the Girls' Tennis Team: Lena Blumenstock. Juliana DeDeo, Victoria Martino, Gianna Olas, Jaylin Rivera, Yazmin Yoplac, Isabel Martinez, Meera Raguseo, Naiana Caballero Herrera, Carisa Socci, Ellie Heyder, and Alyssa Telewiak And The Field Hockey Team with a G.P.A. of 3.96: Liliana Budnik, Alyssa Donkersloot, Elizabeth Fitzharris, Avery Forfa, Alisia Hamm, Alyssa Szarszewski, Olivia Blanche, Hailey DeChellis, Addison Herko, Caitlyn Marcazo, Eden Ordner, Lia Simitz, Juliet Spond, Tyler Ortiz, Colleen Sullivam, and Barbara Winouski.

The Best Teammate Award will be given out seasonally to one member from each athletic team that best fits the characteristics of a good teammate. The individuals that receive these awards exhibit upbeat attitudes and outstanding character. They helped influence the team's culture in a positive manner, while always supporting teammates and promoting team unity. The Best Teammate Award Winners were: Cross Country – Mitchell Goodell and Alesandra McFadden, Field Hockey – Elizabeth Fitzharris, Football – Jack Kalikas, Boys' Soccer – Leo Ruggiero, Girls' Soccer – Kayla DeReamer, Girls' Tennis – Tori Martino, Volleyball – Olivia Castro, and Cheerleading – Brooke Dreher.

The evening culminated with the announcement of the Team Most Valuable Players. The MVPs were: Cross Country – Colin Maloney and Ava Szarszewski, Field Hockey – Avery Forfa, Football – John Brown, Boys' Soccer – Gregory Galante, Girls' Soccer – Suzie Pires, Girls' Tennis – Lena Blumenstock, Volleyball – September Ho, and Cheerleading – Ella Rishko.

Athletic Director Gus Kalikas, had this to say about the event: "Once again, our Fall Athletic Awards Program was a successful event as it allows the District, Administration, and Coaches the opportunity to acknowledge a wonderful Fall Sports Season as well as recognize both student athletes and their parents alike for all that they have accomplished this past fall athletic season."



(above) 2025 Fall G.P.A. Winners – ALJ Tennis & ALJ Field Hockey Programs

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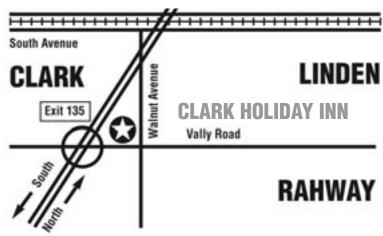
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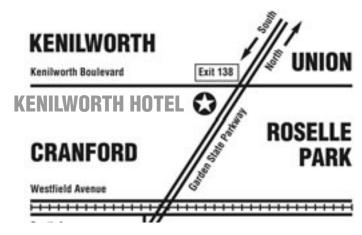
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#### **CHARLES NEMETH SITS ON COUNTY AI PANEL**

Clark Public Schools

Charles Nemeth, a senior from Arthur L. Johnson High School, recently participated in the student panel of the Union County School Board's Association Hybrid Meeting - AI from the Student's Perspective: Learning, Limits, and Lessons. Students shared how artificial intelligence is shaping their educational experiences. According to the SBA, "This student-led discussion explored the academic benefits of AI, how students navigate issues of academic integrity, and the concerns they see for the future. Their perspectives offer valuable guidance for educators and helps build policies and guidelines moving forward."



(above ALJ senior Charles Nemeth

Photos by Clark Public Schools

#### **LEARNING HEALTHY HABITS** AT PRESCHOOL

Clark Public Schools

Miss Celine Labelle, a health educator for the Clark Township Health Department, visited all preschool classes for a handwashing lesson. She read the book, Germs are Not for Sharing. Students then placed their hands in glitter, which represented germs. They gave a high five to a friend to see how germs transfer to reinforce the importance of handwashing as a healthy habit. Joy Donaldson, Supervisor of the Preschool, stated, "The students enjoyed Miss Celine's visit and learning about healthy habits. The hands-on part of the lesson really helped students understand that germs are not for sharing! We look forward to bringing more experiences like this to our preschool students."



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#### **ALJ SIGNING DAY CEREMONY HONORS GRADUATING STUDENT ATHLETES**

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On Wednesday, November 12, 2025, various staff members and administration at Arthur L. Johnson High School participated in a signing day ceremony to honor multiple student athletes for their years of service to Crusader Athletics and commemorate their moving on to continue their athletic and academic careers as NCAA Collegiate Athletes.

The following student athletes were honored for signing their NLI to continue their athletic and academic careers collegiately:

#### **SOFTBALL:**

• Elizabeth Yanni Division I Seton Hall University

#### **FIELD HOCKEY:**

- Avery Forfa **Division I Vermont University**
- Alisia Hamm Division I Merrimack University

#### **MEN'S LACROSSE:**

- Matthew Robertazzi **Division II Pace University**
- Adrian Varon Division I Wagner College
- Jack Kalikas **Division I Vermont University**

Gus Kalikas, Athletic Director at Arthur L. Johnson High School, had this to say about the event. "All of these student athletes have been

an integral part of the success of our athletic programs while competing at Arthur L. Johnson High School the past four years. More importantly, they have been model student athletes that did things the right way both on the fields, in the classroom, and throughout our community. Although it will be sad to see them leave, the Crusader's loss is their respective college's gain, and we look forward to following their successful collegiate athletic careers over the next four years."

Crusader Athletics would like to wish the best of luck to all of our student athletes moving on to participate in NCAA Collegiate Athletics.



(above) Crusader Athletics would like to wish the best of luck to all of our student athletes moving on to participate in NCAA Collegiate Athletics. Photo by Clark Public Schools



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Paperback books are also \$1.00. Gently used puzzles for children, teens and adults will also be sold. Puzzles under 500 pieces are \$3.00, 500 pieces and more are \$5.00, and 4,000 or more pieces are \$10.00.







#### **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP TO BEGIN DEC 3RD**



(above) Nancy Rosenthal

Jewish Family Service of Central NJ. (JFSCNJ) and Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah, will be holding a five week "Grief Support Group" Wednesdays, from 3:30 -4:30 PM. five-session The group starts December 3rd and is open to widows/widowers

55+. Dates for the group are: December 10th, 3rd. 17th,

January 7th and 14th. The group will take place at Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah, 111 Valley Road, Clark, NJ. Ample parking is available.

The support group will be facilitated by Nancy Rosenthal, LCSW, JFSCNJ Therapist, and will explore how grief for the loss of a spouse or partner, impacts our daily life. According to Ms. Rosenthal, "The group will provide a safe environment to share feelings and gain support while learning to cope with the loss of a spouse or partner."

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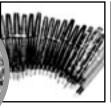
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The Post is looking for Veterans become members of the Post and also the Sons of the Legion, and an Auxiliary which has members whose relatives served in the military.

The American Legion Post #328 next membership meeting is November 12th at 7 p.m. upstairs at the Post.

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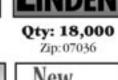
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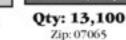
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#### **CLARK PUBLIC LIBRARY DECEMBER EVENTS**

Register for programs through the online events calendar on our website at clarklibrary.org, in person, or by phone at 732-388-5999.

#### **Winter Reading Challenge**

For all ages begins on December 22, 2025. Register at clarklibrary.beanstack.org or use the free Beanstack Tracker app!

#### **Tales for Tot**

*Mondays, December 1 & 8 at 10am*Stories and songs for active listeners.
Geared toward ages 2-3 with a caregiver.

### Friends of the Library Meeting on Monday December 1 at 7pm Baby Bookworms

Tuesdays, December 2 & 9 at 10am
Stories, songs, and activities. Geared toward the under 2 crowd with caregiver.

#### **Patches & Stitches**

Tuesdays, December 2, 9, 16 & 23 from 12pm-2pm

Bring your quilt or other crafty project and visit with the members of the quilting club.

#### **Afternoon Book Club**

*Tuesday, December 2 at 1:30pm*We will be discussing "Comfort & Joy" by
Kristin Hannah.

#### **Afternoon Open Play for Little Ones**

Tuesdays, December 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 4pm-6pm

Drop in for open play with the library's!

#### **Totally New Tuesdays**

Tuesdays, December 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 6:30pm

Enjoy a new movie for adults. Please check our online calendar to check the movies shown.

#### Unraveled - Teens and Adults: Knitting and Crochet Night

Tuesday, December 2 at 7pm

Knit or crochet (or even cross-stitch or embroider!) Bring your handwork project to show off or get advice. Teaching is available.

#### **Homeownership Educational Seminar**

*Wednesday, December 3 at 11am*Have your home buying questions answered, home loans, home equity benefits, credit etc.

#### Teen Craft Break: Crayon Melt Ornaments Wednesday, December 3 at 3:30pm

Wednesday, December 3 at 3:30pm
Create ornaments using old crayons. melted

Create ornaments using old crayons, melted inside glass ornaments. Open to grades 6-12.

#### **Chess Club**

Thursdays, December 4, 11 & 18 from 11am-3pm

New members and all levels are welcome!

#### **Thursday Afternoon Movies**

Thursdays, December 4, 11 & 18 at 1pm Please check our online calendar or visit the library to check the movies being shown.

#### **Krafty Kids**

Thursday, December 4 at 3:30pm
This month we will be making crafts to celebrate each winter holiday!

#### **Santa's Storytime Show**

Thursday, December 4 at 7:00pm
Santa Joey will visit the library for a special story followed by pictures with Santa.

#### **Romance Book Club**

Thursday, December 4 at 7pm

Newest book club focusing on Romance books!

- A Winter in New York by Josie Silver.

#### **Stories and More**

Fridays, December 5 & 12 at 10am
Stories, songs, and rhymes and a simple craft.
Designed for children ages 3 and up.

#### **Needlework Club**

Saturday, December 6 from 10am - 2pm Bring what you are working on to sit, stitch, and chat with others who enjoy needlework!

#### **Teen Advisory Board Meeting**

Monday, December 8 at 3:15pm

Calling all teens in grades 6-12! Teen Advisory Board will be planning events. Great for service hours and resume builder! Snacks provided!

#### Dickens: A Christmas Carol with Alisa Dupuy

Monday, December 8 at 7pm

Heartfelt and truly entertaining one woman telling of Charles Dickens' classic.

#### Barks & Books

*Tuesdays, December 9 & 30 from 4-5 pm* If you have a young, reluctant or struggling reader, we want you to meet our therapy dog!

#### **Christmas with the King**

Thursday, December 11 at 7pm

Learn about Elvis's love of the holidays, traditions and toys that were in fashion during Elvis's career, and sing along.

#### **LEGO® Club**

Friday, December 12 at 3:15pm
Create your own LEGO® structures. For children entering grades K - 5.
Light snacks will be served.

#### **Open Play for Little Ones**

Mondays, December 15, 22, & 29; Tuesdays, December 16, 23, & 30

Fridays December 19 & 26 from 10am-11am There's no story time today, but please feel free to drop in for open play with the library's toys!

#### **Teen Cooking: No Bake Cookies**

Monday, December 15 at 3:30pm

This month teens will learn how to make no bake cookies. Open to grades 6-12.

#### **Make A Gingerbread House - for Children**

Wednesday, December 17 at 3:30pm OR Thursday, December 18 at 6:30pm Build your own "gingerbread" house with graham crackers. For ages 4 and up.

#### **Tinker Tots**

Thursday, December 18 at 10:30 am

Come join us for a morning of fun STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) activities perfect for little ones. Play is station based. For children ages 18 months through pre-k.

#### **Books & Bagels**

Friday, December 19 at 11am

Enjoy bagels and coffee while we chat about books you have been reading and learn what others in your community are reading as well.

#### **Sunday Family Movie Matinee**

Sunday, December 21 at 2:00pm

Join us for popcorn and a movie! The Grinch attempts to undermine the annual Christmas celebration at Whoville with the help of his loyal dog and reindeer. Disguised as Santa Claus he tries to steal all the presents, but his cover is threatened by an earnest young girl.

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