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BOROUGH CELEBRATES JENNIE BROWN'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

Garwood's own Jennie Brown's 100th birthday was celebrated on June 2, 2026, during a regular lunch meeting of the Garwood Senior Club. Lunch was served along with a beautiful birth cake.

The Senior group presented Jennie with flowers and a card made by her friend Carol. Because they couldn't find a 100th birthday card, she doctored a 10 year old card. Carol explained "Jennie is a a kid at heart."

Carol read the card out loud: "These words describe our Jennie, Sweet, Strong, Savvy, Super, and Spirited you're 100! You rock, you rule, so nice, smart, the best, that's you Jennie Brown!"

On her secret to longevity Jennie jokingly said "It's the Garwood water." Jennie imparted the advice "You just have to keep busy, don't sit around, and thank God every morning when you wake up."

Friend Bruce Paterson noted "Jennie is a crackerjack still, has a great memory and vital health. She has lived in the same home in Garwood all her life. Jeannie's been a parishioner and faithful attendee of The Church of Saint Anne, where she has been attending since she was at least 6 years old." The Church of Saint Anne is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.

Mayor Jen Blumenstock read a proclamation. She began by saying "I can't fit everything amazing Jennie has done in her life in the proclamation. She was a spelling bee champion, she purchased her Garwood home, along with her husband Ralph, with the GI Bill, she still parties on the Atlantic City bus - called 'the party bus' every month. And she has her favorite slot machines."

THE GARWOOD RESOLUTION READ IN PART:

- Jeannie Brown was born and raised in Garwood, which she calls her turf.
- She attended Jefferson, Franklin and Lincoln schools.
- She worked at the former Diamond Expansion Bolt Company factory in Garwood, NJ, where she met her husband Ralph.
- Jennie and Ralph had 2 children, Joan and Jim.
- Jennie spent many years volunteering as a Girl Scout troop leader, where she was beloved by the scouts.
- She worked for 30 years for the Union County Board of Elections as a poll worker.
- She is a longtime member of the St. Anne Rosary Society, a fellowship she truly treasurers.
- Jennie believes the secret to a long healthy life is staying busy which she does to this day.



(above) Jennie Brown's with proclamation
honoring her 100th birthday

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Garwood Police Department



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Sumer Reading Registration

Began June 8 and ends July 17

Registration begins today! Pick up your summer reading packet and reading log. You must register to join the ice cream party.

Guessing game

Every week in July starting 7/6

What's Underneath? Each week, check out the white Board as you walk in the library and help identify What's Underneath. Correct guesses will be entered into a random drawing for a prize

Art Program

7/7, 7/14, and 7/21 @ 1 PM

Myths and Mystery Art Program Unleash your creativity. Create creatures of the deep and cave dwellers and more. Registration required

Scavenger Hunts

from 10 AM - 3 PM

Check out the dinosaur photo on the library's Facebook page starting at 10 am each Friday. Search for the dinosaur hidden somewhere in Garwood. Take a picture. Please leave the dinosaur for others to find. Return to the Library by 3:00 pm to collect your prize.

Fossil Fun

July 16 at 4:30 pm

Learn about fossils with folks from the Rutgers Geology Museum including hands on activities.

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Explore Lost Worlds

Monday, July 20th @ 1 PM

Join Us for an interactive paleontology-themed program that combines archaeology, paleontology, and storytelling. Kids become real scientists using fossils, skulls, and interactive STEM demos to piece together forgotten civilizations and long-lost beasts!

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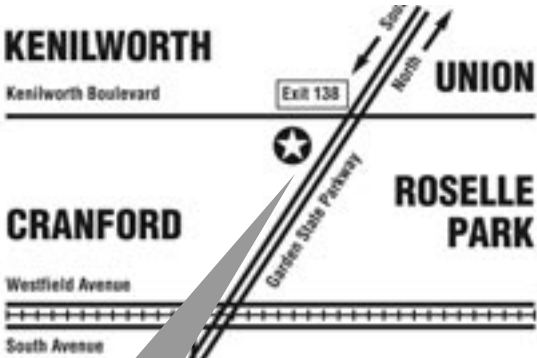
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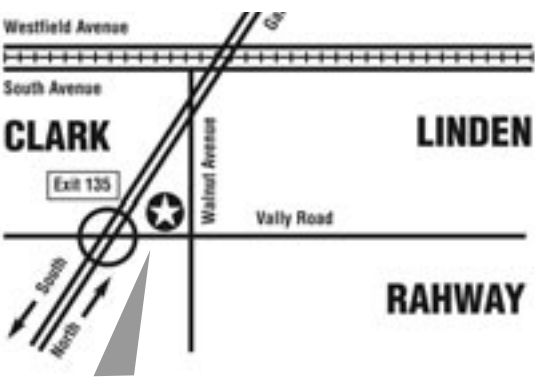
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