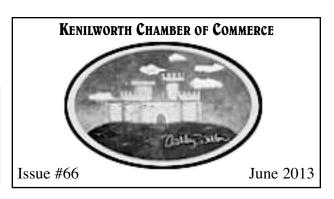
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#### THIRD ANNUAL RELAY FOR LIFE OF KENILWORTH HELPS **AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY CELEBRATE 100TH BIRTHDAY**

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Kenilworth took place on June 1-2, 2013 at David Brearley High School in Kenilworth.

The Kenilworth community has truly embraced the event and is eager to be a part of the American Cancer Society's 100 birthday this year. The Relay For Life of Kenilworth celebrated their 3rd birthday this year and was determined to hope big, dream big & Relay big. And that they did! With over 600 people in attendance, the event was a great success!

While the Relay For Life of Kenilworth is a baby at 3 years old, the American Cancer Society will celebrate 100 years of helping people stay well, get well, finding cures & fighting back on May 22, 2013. In honor the 100th birthday, the Relay For Life of Kenilworth is excited to make this our best year ever. As announced at the Kick Off Celebration earlier in the year, we need to make this year our best ever because every day people are hearing the words 'you have cancer' and are turning to us for help. People in Union county, people in Kenilworth, are calling us for help.

way in saving lives and creating more birthdays. Today, 2 out of 3 people diagnosed with cancer are surviving (for at least five years). In fact, more than 400 people a day in the US are celebrating birthdays that would have otherwise been lost to the disease. We've contributed to a 20 percent decline in cancer death rates in the US since the early 1990s. That means we've helped save nearly 1.2 million lives during that breakthrough in recent history. Our work has helped lead to a 50 percent drop in smoking since the 1960s, which has contributed to a drop in overall lung cancer death rates.

Relay For Life is an overnight fundraising event to increase awareness and funding for cancer research. An evening of progress and hope, Relay For Life celebrates survivors, remembers loved ones lost and helps in the fight against cancer. Relay For Life is open to teams and volunteers from all towns; teams camp out and take turns walking around a track all night long making the statement that cancer never sleeps so neither will its volunteers.

We know from 100 years of saving lives that silence won't finish this fight – only action will. Our 100th birthday gives us all the opportunity to be as loud and active as possible in



(above, l-r) Four of the 30 members of Team Keep Calm & Stay Strong, Jeff Velez, Ashley Oriol, Christopher Polumbo, and Nick Cantalupo.

During the last century, the Cancer Society has led the the battle to end cancer. Let's make noise by continuing to ensure lifesaving cancer research gets funded. Let's get loud by making sure people facing cancer have the help they need, like a free place to stay during treatment and a ride to get there. Let's amplify our efforts to keep fighting for everyone to have access to quality health care, lifesaving screenings, clean air, and more.

We can't do this alone. To get loud, we need everyone in time. We've played a role in nearly every cancer research every community to join us in this battle against cancer. Now is the time to finish the fight. Make some noise by taking action now. Support the 2013 Relay For Life of Kenilworth by visiting www.RelayForLife.org/KenilworthNJ and click DONATE.

> Make a donation to help save more lives faster. Follow us on Twitter @KenilworthRelay

> As of this writing, the 2013 Relay For Life of Kenilworth has raised \$61,263, bringing their lifetime total to over \$237,000!

> For information about the Relay For Life of Kenilworth and how to get involved, please contact Director of Special Events at the American Cancer Society,

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## THANK EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE RELAY FOR LIFE

I want to thank everyone who participated in the Relay for Life event on June 1, 2013 at the David Brearley track. It was so fantastic to see the bleachers filled with participants of all ages who came together for such a good cause. Watching the survivors start the relay with the first lap was a moving start to the event. Anyone whose life has been touched by cancer could not help but wipe a tear from their eye watching those who are fighting the disease take that first lap. I hope that next year you will all stop in to see what the event is all about and donate to the cause.

On June 30 the Kenilworth Volunteer Fire Department will kick off their 100th year anniversary celebration with a party for the entire community. Starting at 11:00 a.m. and continuing until 3:00 p.m. the Fire Department will welcome all Kenilworth residents to join them for some food, games, tours of the Fire Department and, of course, fire trucks. Chief Lew asked me to make sure that everyone comes and celebrates with them.

The Borough will celebrate Independence Day later that night (June 30th) with a fireworks display beginning at dusk. The recreation department is still putting together plans for a celebration before the fireworks. Please check the Borough website, www.kenilworthborough.com to get more information as we get closer to the date. The rain date for the fireworks is July 7th. The fireworks and celebration will take place at the David Brearley fields. Thanks again to the Kenilworth Board of Education for their help with the fireworks.

If the last days of May were any indication, this summer is going to be a very hot one. If you are looking to get some exercise during the summer, please contact Boro Hall and volunteer to help water the planters along the Boulevard. Take a stroll and water the plants as you go. They are going to need a good soaking if this heat continues and the Beautification Committee is always happy to see a new face.

I hope everyone enjoys their summer. Be safe and have fun!

Mayor Kathi Fiamingo



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#### **SERVICES HELD TO PAY TRIBUTE TO OUR VETS**

Submitted by: Charlie Oliva

Memorial Day was commemorated in Kenilworth on May 27 with services at the Robert E. Jeans Sr. Veterans Memorial Park at the Kenilworth Veterans Center. The services were well attended by Kenilworth residents.

The services were under the auspices of VFW Post 2230, the Kenilworth Veterans Center, American Legion Post 470, American Legion S.A.L., the Borough of Kenilworth and Corporate Sponsor L&J Towing.

The ceremonies included: the Kenilworth Police Department Honor Guard: O.I.C. Daniel Sims, Mike Devlin, Paul Campanelli and Lenny Lueddeke; an introduction by KVC President Jerry Dobbins; the invocation by Rev. Joseph Bejgrowicz, Pastor of St. Theresa's Church; the Pledge of Allegiance led by Joseph "Tex" Weaver; presentations from Mr. Robbins, VFW Commander Robert E. Jeans Sr., and American Legion Commander Richard Wood; a welcome from Mayor Kathi Fiamingo; the presentation of wreaths officiated by Commander Jeans; the honor roll call from Ed Miller and Brian Hirth; the VFW Ritual from VFW officers and members; the honor guard rifle volley from American Legion members George Wudarski, Bob Leecock, Dave Lusardi, Frank Mascaro,

Andrew Ruscansky, Joe Rullo and Joseph Shallcross; "Taps" performed by Timothy Balke and Leonardo Chauca; "Amazing Grace" performed on bagpipes by Carmen Giordino; and the benediction from Rev. Elito Ebron of St. Theresa's.

Special thanks to Joe, Frank and Mark Neri; and Boy Scouts of America Troop 83 for their assistance.



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Kenilworth Public Library, 543 Boulevard, Kenilworth Hosted by Robin Koerner

5:30 PM **JUNE 13** 

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Kenilworth Inn, Boulevard & S. 31st S., Kenilworth, NJ **JUNE 14** 

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8:00 AM **JUNE 19** EMPLOYER LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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Hosted by Maureen Stanul 8:30 AM **JUNE 26 CLARK CHAMBER GROUP** 

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8:00 AM **JUNE 28** 

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#### **ROSA CUPPARI RECEIVES KENILWORTH CHAMBER SENIOR ESSAYIST AWARD**

Isabel Coronel, President of the Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce, recently presented a Kenilworth resident with a scholarship which featured an iPad and accessories. Rosa Cuppari graduated from Union Catholic High School and will be attending Georgetown, Walsh School of Foreign Service, Washington DC, in the fall where she will pursue a career in diplomacy and politics.

Rosa's high school counselor, Cas Jukubik, said about Rosa in her college recommendation letter "She wants to make a difference in this country and I know that she will. She is open to all views, but steel- willed and resolute in her human values."

The recommendation letter went on to state in part "Saying that Rosa Cuppari is #1 in our senior class and following with "that's just the start of her accomplishments" makes this a

difficult letter to write. Rosa is such an extraordinary individual on so many levels that my only fear is that I will be unable to sufficiently convey how gifted and deserving of consideration she really is. Rosa has challenged herself with the most demanding program that we were able to offer her. She has or is taking all 10 of our Advanced Placement courses and, incredibly, all 12 of our Accelerated courses (one level above Honors)! Rosa was named a National Merit Commended Student and she has scored a perfect 800 on the Writing section of the SAT and an 800 on the Literature Subject test."

Rosa was involved with many activities and has received many academic awards throughout her high school career. One volunteer activity, as a rally girl for the GlamourGals, was the subject of her college essay. It is reprinted below.

#### ROSA CUPPARI'S ESSEY

When my friend Katie first asked me to be the rally girl for the GlamorGals chapter she was founding at school, I instantaneously replied: "Sure! But, uh, what exactly is a rally girl and what does she do?" I originally walked into GlamorGals never having heard of it, unsure if I would like it, and utterly unaware of its rewards. Yet, it is the one activity that opened my eyes and made me appreciate how blessed I am in my youth.

GlamorGals is a non-profit organization that gives older ladies, and men if they want them, manicures and facials. Now, if you're like me, you might be a little confused. Why would a woman I have never met want a manicure from inexperienced, teenage me? My GlamourGals makeover was at Ashbrook Nursing Home. Slightly terrified and very nervous, I plastered on a bright smile and walked into the home with my school uniform on, carrying a bag of makeup. Walking into the nursing home did nothing to ease my anxiety –

it was hospital-like with bright fluorescent lights, sanitary tiling, and the smell of antiseptic. Then we walked into a back room that was literally filled with women. Most of them wanted manicures or facials, but I discovered that the true mission of GlamourGals is giving the elderly what they all want: company and friendship. I was fearful going into GlamourGals because I thought some woman was going to yell at me for messing up her nails, but instead I found women who didn't even want their nails done, they just wanted to talk to someone. I found women, like the lady who introduced herself as Sugar, who would get a "facial", of which you really could only notice the bright red lipstick, and who would smack their lips and stare in the mirror saying I look so beautiful!" I found women who had lived in my town and who once had husbands and children, but now had no visitors. I found women, like Florencia, who preferred Spanish over English and who communicated with me in snappy,



(above, r-l) Kenilworth Chamber Chairperson Isabel Munoz presents Rosa Cuppari with an iPad awarded for outstanding achievement in expressing herself in the form of an essay.

sassy tones. And most touching of all? I found a solely Spanish speaking woman who only wanted to see her daughter and who constantly asked, "Where's my daughter? Is she coming back?"

GlamourGals has changed my outlook on life. I saw and spoke to my elders and realized that the most important thing in the end isn't money or success, it is company and the little things, like lipstick. I have also realized that with just a smile and a few kind words I can give people these things. No matter how young or inexperienced I am, I can make a change in another person's world and thanks to GlamourGals, I'm ready and capable to do so. And the reward of GlamourGals? Well, it could be what I experienced: the Spanish speaking lady who at the end of my first makeover took my head, leaned over, kissed my forehead and said, "Que Dio te bendiga" – the most uplifting and gratifying words a scared sixteen year old could ever wish to hear.

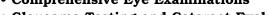
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#### MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR MAY 2013

Submitted by: Mr. David Novak



(above, l-r) Vanessa Sierra and Nicole Katula.

The David Brearley High School Student of the Month for May 2013 is a mature, hardworking, and responsible senior. Nicole Katula is a four-year varsity cheerleader and a captain of the team. She was nominated for Homecoming Queen this past fall. Nicole has participated in fall, winter, and Competition Cheerleading, and she was chosen to represent David Brearley High School at the Snapple Bowl. Nicole was also named an All-American Teammate by the National Cheerleaders Association. Nicole was on the Prom Committee last year and the Homecoming Dance Committee this year. She is a conscientious student who is a consistent member of the David Brearley High School Honor Roll. Congratulations, Nicole!

The David Brearley Middle School student of the month for May 2013 is Vanessa Sierra. She is a very all around great girl. Her teachers report that she is a gifted child who is a great dancer. She also has a beautiful voice. She displays great expression and characterization when playing a role on stage. This dedicated student was given the task to learn a lead role in a little over three weeks. She accomplished this with determination, precision and enthusiasm. The result was a perfect performance. Vanessa is also known to be respectful, thoughtful and hard working. She always raises the bar for herself by seeking help and asking questions during class to further enhance her learning. Congratulations to Vanessa for a job well done!

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#### LIBRARY HAS BIG PLANS FOR 2013 SUMMER READING

"Dig Into Reading!" has been announced as the theme for the Kenilworth Public Library's 2013 summer reading program. Registration for the library's summer reading clubs for children and teens between the ages of 2 and 18 will begin on June 10. The first 250 children to register will receive a free summer reading goody bag that contains a calendar of events, program fliers and other items of interest to curious young minds.

Summer has lots going on for young readers who visit the Kenilworth Public Library between June 24 and August 2. In addition to being able to earn free paperback books based on the number of books read, children who are members of the various reading clubs may participate in the following morning activities:Tuesday Lapsit (10:30-10:50) for newborns through age 2; Wednesday Toddler Time (10:30-10:50) for 2 year olds, Thursday Bingo (10:30-11:00 am) for ages 3 and up and P.J. Storytime (6:30-7:00 pm) for ages 3 and up. Additionally, the library will also offer "Friday Funtastic" craft sessions (11:00-12:00) for ages 4 and up and for which preregistration is required, beginning one week prior to each session for Kenilworth residents and, space permitting, 2 days prior for children from other communities.

Teens, ages 13-18 years old will also have an opportunity to earn free young adult books after they have checked out at least three library books from the Kenilworth Public Library.

Can't make it to the library during the day? Fortunately, the fun at the library continues on into the evening hours. Children between the ages of 4 and 12 who are members of one of the library's reading clubs may also register for the

following special evening events: "Professor W's Earth Science Circus," presented by The Grand Falloons on June 26; "Red's Recycle -O-Rama" presented by Rick Adam on July 10th; "Goowin's Ballowins" presented by Allynn Gooen on July 17; "The Magic Of Energy" presented by Miz Liz and Lisa Lou on July 24. Evening programs begin at 7:00 PM. Registration for each of these events will open one week prior to the event, with priority given to Kenilworth residents. If space permits, registration will open two days prior to each event for children who reside in other communities. These special events have been funded by The Clean Communities Grant. The Clean Communities Grant is given to the Borough of Kenilworth from the NJDEP Clean Communities Program Fund.

Because we are proud of our readers, the Kenilworth Public Library will give everyone the chance to celebrate their accomplishments with our fourth annual LibraryFest, an open house scheduled for Wednesday, August 7, between the hours of 5:30 and 7:00. Participants will thrill to the amazing juggling of David Darwin; receive a special balloon sculpture made just for them by Mark Dolson; marvel at the sleight of hand of magician Francis Menotti, and receive a special gift from the library. LibraryFest special events have been funded by The Pat Malfetti Memorial Fund and an Arts Grant. Families attending LibraryFest should anticipate a forty-five minute time frame for participation in all of the evening's events and all children in attendance must be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult. No registration will be required to attend LibraryFest.

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#### LIBRARY TO HOST CYRANO DE BERGERAC

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All performances for "The Bard on the Boulevard" are scheduled to take place on the football field of David Brearley High School, located at 14th Street and the Boulevard. Because seating in the bleachers is not recommended, all those planning to attend are

The Kenilworth Public Library is pleased to vite the public to attend the tenth annual ason of "The Bard on the Boulevard" outdoor takespeare festival in partnership with The adson Shakespeare Company. In a departure on the encouraged to bring lawn chairs or other appropriate outdoor seating. In the event of rain or extreme heat, performances will be moved indoors to the Kenilworth Public Library, 548 Boulevard.

The second performance in the 2013 will be Henry VIII, scheduled to take place at 7:30 PM on July 18. The final performance in the series will be Macbeth at 7:30 on August 22.

Funding for "The Bard on the Boulevard" has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs. Additional funding has also been provided by a generous donation from the Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce.

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#### REFLECTING BACK ON A FORTY TWO YEAR EDUCATIONAL CAREER

Message from Sylvan C. Hershey, Superintendent, Kenilworth Public Schools - Reprinted from the Principal's Newsletter.

RETIREMENT, it is quickly becoming my favorite "R" word. When I began my educational career 42 years ago, I would have never envisioned going past the four-decade bench mark. Dissecting those years had me in the classroom 11 years and in an administrative position for 31. I guess I must have liked telling teachers what to do more than telling students what to do!

Reflecting back on those years, I wish I had kept more copious notes about all of my experiences so I would be better prepared to write my memoirs during my retirement years. I recall frequently using the line, "There's another story for my book," when something humorous, exciting, or meaningful took place. Many of those memories are embedded in both my mind and my mind's eye, (at least at this point in time) but unfortunately I wrote very little down. That doesn't mean there is not a lot up there in the grey matter, as many of you are able to attest to. Just share with me an experience you have had and it will most likely trigger me recalling a similar incident. No doubt all those memorable times motivated me to remain longer in our profession than I ever expected.

Those thoughts bring me around to the purpose of my last message to the Brearley Staff. I ask this question of you: What did we accomplish since my Kenilworth arrival? What did the Kenilworth Schools look like in 2009 and how are they different in 2013? Notice the "we" and not the "me" in that question. I look

back to my district-wide visit when I first met some of you as one of two finalists for the Kenilworth Superintendent position. You were brimming with pride and enthusiasm about being a member of the School Community and shared with me some of the directions you felt the district should be taking. It was at the end of that particular day when reality hit. Kenilworth School District should be where I complete my professional career!

Within a few days of that visit, Mrs. Nancy Zimmerman contacted me to share the good news. I was going to be selected as the next educational leader of the Kenilworth School District. During that conversation, Nancy posed this question to me: "Did I understand, and would I accept, the educational challenges that go with the position of being Kenilworth's Chief School Administrator?" Without hesitation I answered in the affirmative. What I discovered during my visit and my earlier research was that Kenilworth was indeed a School Community where an educational leader could make a difference. I was now being handed the reins to work with a dedicated and talented staff.

So let's take a quick look at some of what we have accomplished together in the last 1255

2009-2010: We implemented the NJ ASK "Boot Camp" at Harding and Brearley Middle School to boost NJ ASK scores. We prepared for the January 2010 NJ QSAC monitoring and eventually gained High Performing School status. We instituted Professional Learning Communities (PLC's) at all three levels. We developed our first levels of Personalized Student Learning Portfolios (PSLP's). We survived an almost \$1 million underfunding of our school budget. We eliminated two Supervisory positions and created an Assistant Superintendent position. We renovated and designed a new District Office with two administrative offices and a conference room for use by the entire district. We neared completion of the referendum projects in each building.

2010-2011: After a comprehensive interview process, we hired Dr. Taylor as Kenilworth's first Assistant Superintendent and he entered his "new office" in August of 2010. To help our students in need of academic support, we increased the amount of Basic Skills instruction time for our Harding School primary students. We selected the AESOP Program for securing daily substitutes to streamline that process and to keep improved records. We placed over 50 Smart Boards in classrooms at all three levels. We developed a school calendar that would now include eight early dismissal days for Professional Development activities in both buildings. We restructured sixth grade core content instruction delivery at Harding School. We included in the budget a second guidance counselor for Harding School. We provided professional development training for MAP and Instructavision to improve teacher instruction and student learning. We brought Relay for Life

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#### Message from Sylvan C. Hershey, Superintendent (continued)

to the Kenilworth Community. We completed the remainder of the Referendum Projects.

2011-2012: We brought in Dr. Harry Wong as our first-day kickoff speaker and shared him with five other school districts. We finalized the plans for designing and implementing the new academic Academy Program for Brearley Middle and High School. We developed and later implemented an Alternative Classroom Experience (ACE) for Brearley disaffected students. We included in the 2012-2013 budget increased BSI instruction time at Harding and added BSI to the Brearley Middle School. We introduced the Genesis Student Information System to Harding and Brearley Schools to become more effective and efficient with grade reporting. We restructured grade five math and language arts instruction to better prepare our students for the middle school experience. We renovated the Brearley Instructional Media Center. We created an Assistant Principal position for Harding School for the 2012-2013 school year to better serve the almost 700 enrolled students.

2012-2013: We completed the three-year process of updating and re-writing all district curriculum to meet the CCCS's created by the state DOE. We implemented a new daily schedule to provide our Vo-Tech students with the opportunity to meet all graduation course requirements in four years while also creating a safer environment for our students during lunch periods. We prepared ourselves for another successful 3-year NJ QSAC state monitoring visit and we just received notice we attained "High Performing" status once again. We continued to increase technology across the district by purchasing iPads, Smart Boards, Projectors, cameras, and large flat-screen LED televisions so all classrooms, by the start of the 2013-2014 school year, would have the necessary technology to meet instructional needs. We started making the necessary plans to renovate our science and art classrooms in Brearley to meet the needs of student offerings. We selected new programs for implementation

during this school year and the next in both math and language arts (Harding School). We created a state-approved rubric tool for teacher classroom observation and annual summative evaluation. We piloted the rubric in the spring to be put in place in September 2013. We adopted a principal observation and evaluation tool that will also be implemented in September 2013. We designed the Lead Teacher model to assist the high school administrative team with managing both the middle and high school academic departments. We conducted a thorough search for a new Superintendent of Schools and the BOE chose Dr. Taylor as our educational leader to continue moving the district toward "world-class status." We just completed the search for a new Assistant Superintendent. Ms. Tiffany Moutis was appointed to that position at the May 13, 2013 Board meeting and will begin her new position

I am sure each of you could add additional initiatives to the above lists, but my purpose for this exercise was to demonstrate how active and productive we have been over the last four years. As you read all of the new programs and initiatives of the past four years, I am sure you experienced twinges of fear as well as feelings of pride, satisfaction and hope that each of these changes have or will improve our Kenilworth Educational Community. I believe that those who wished to be part of this process of change had the opportunity to participate at some level. While it is human nature for some people to be leaders and at the fore-front while others remain behind the scenes, what moves a district forward is when all members, the optimistic leaders and the "doubting Thomas's", agree that the direction being taken will get us to the Promised Land. Change may be difficult for some of us, but it is necessary in order to make progress and to move forward. No one has ever experienced progress and success while standing still or just spinning their wheels.

When I came on board, I shared with you that first day in September of 2009 that I would take

a few months to monitor the "state of the district" and then have us begin to move forward with ideas and programs that would improve our overall academic program. In some cases, we had little choice in the actions we took as the state DOE mandated many new programs over the last four years. But I hope you can appreciate that every locally grown program and initiative we implemented was taken to improve teacher instruction and student learning. As you have seen, I do not allow myself or others to stand still. I was always looking for ways for our District to become better, if not the best.

It has been my pleasure serving as the team captain of the Kenilworth Schools. It is time for me to "ride off into the sunset. " In order to accomplish that, one needs to go west. That is the direction my wife and I have chosen; probably no surprise to anyone. You have touched my life in ways you will never know. For that I will be eternally grateful. You have become the last chapters of my educational experience.

Someday, if my memory does not fail me, I plan on writing that book I referred to earlier. Who knows, it just may become a best seller. Then again, it may never get published, but my Kenilworth experience will always be some of my favorite chapters.

It is now time to dedicate my efforts to the new children in my life. Being referred to as grandpa suits me just fine. Hopefully I can pass along to my grandchildren the lessons of life that I have learned over the last four decades. I have witnessed that teachers make super grandparents. I just hope I can uphold that tradition as my wife and I watch our grandkids grow and become the leaders of their generation. By retiring now, my hope is that there are enough quality years ahead of me to accomplish being the best retired husband, father, and grandpa that I can be.

May your future years continue to be rewarding for both you and your students.

Respectfully, Syl





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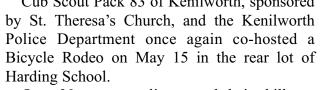
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Sue Driscoll of Children's Specialized Hospital (a long-time supporter of events such as the rodeo through the Hospital's Safe Kids Program) performed helmet safety checks. The Pro Tour Cycle Shop performed bicycle safety checks and furnished t-shirts for all the participants. The Shop also held a raffle for a BMX-type bicycle.

The NJ Automobile Club brought along giveaways. Enterprise Bank donated water bottles, and food and beverages were provided by Big Apple Pizza and Ralph's Italian Ices.

Special thanks to Rob and Wanda Grimaldi,

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Submitted by: Charlie Oliva

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Refreshments and music were provided, and a

pristine and well-maintained classic cars.

The purpose of the HSA is to encourage parish interest in the welfare of the school, establish and maintain clear and direct communication between the parents, faculty and staff, and actively assist the school administration to attain its goals.

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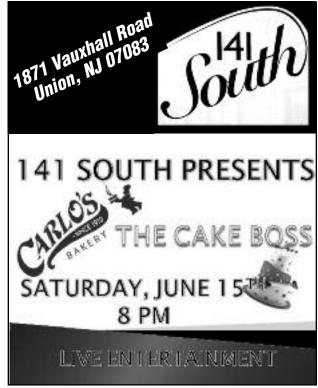
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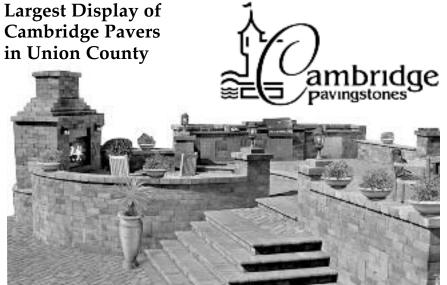
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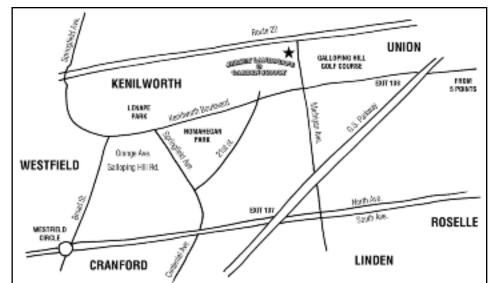
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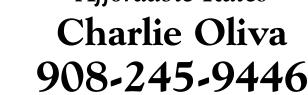
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