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HOT RODS & HARLEYS

The City of Rahway presented Hot Rods and Harleys on Saturday, May 14th. The day featured hundreds of classic cars and bikes and entertainment along Main Street, Irving Street, Milton Avenue and other downtown locations. The entire downtown was filled with food, drink and music from street vendors. Over 15,000 were expected to attend.







SUPREME SACRIFICE MEMORIAL UNVEILED

The Hot Rods and Harley Event held on May 14th featured a memorial dedication in honor of the Veterans of Rahway who lost their lives in the four conflicts – WWI, WWII, Korean War and Viet Nam. The City unveiled the "Supreme Sacrifice" Memorial which lists the names and dates of the deceased, along with photos, military branches as well as all the parks, fields, and streets that have been named throughout Rahway in honor of these Veterans. A video of the presentation can be found at www.hrandh.com.





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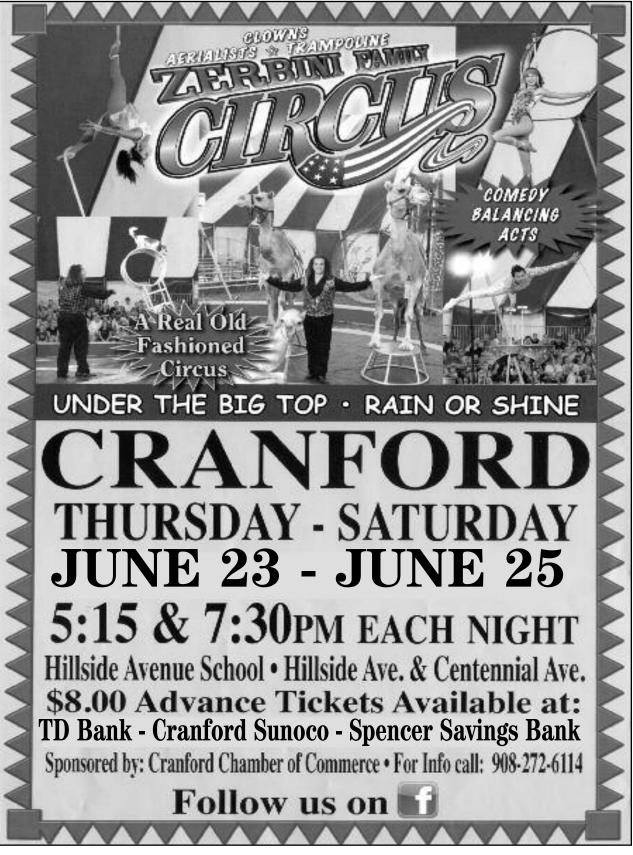
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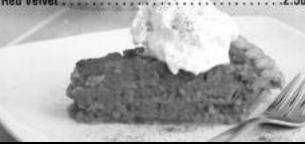
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Because of the weather this year Rahway Day took place indoors, but that didn't stop the fun. With plenty of food, musical performances, and fun filled events for the kids and adults, it is no wonder why the recreation center was Jam packed and filled with laughter and joy.

Organized by Rahway's Chamber of

Commerce, the festival allowed young Rahway talent to demonstrate their gifts and abilities, by providing the platform and crowd.

The day proved to be an entertaining experience with Rahway citizens partaking in all the food, music, culture, and arts their city had to offer.



(above) The Rahway High School Band



(above) Rahway Police Aux at Rahway Daycorporal Chris Demers- Officer Robert Service- Officer Francis Martis.



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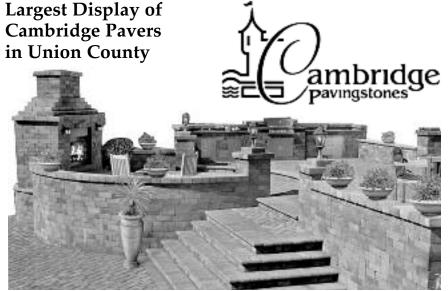
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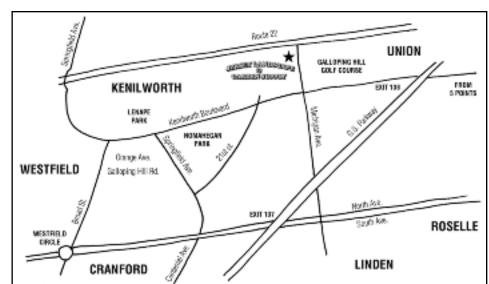
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THRILLER, FILLER, SPILLER FLOWERS IN POTS

Beautifully arranged potted plants add an eye catching focal point to any area in your garden. Making them yourself is not as difficult as you may think and is very rewarding.

The most important thing is to make sure all the flowers and plants in the container require the same care, sunlight, soil and water. Otherwise there is a chance one will not survive, leaving an empty space where flowers should be growing. Read the directions on the plant marker or ask the knowledgeable greenhouse personnel for suggestions.

If your flower is root bound gently open the bottom with a blade or your finger tip before planting. This will permit the plant to better absorb water and minerals.

The mantra for a successful flower display is "Thriller, Filler, Spiller".

The 'thriller' is the plant in the center of the pot that adds height and interest. Usually this is a tall spike such as Dracaena (dra-SEE-na) with can be green or purple, or some type of ornamental grass.

The 'filler' is the flower around the center of the pot which is the most dramatic color. You can use more than one color flower if you wish. It's your creation so have fun with it. Remember you want to see all the flowers so they should all grow to the same height or one will crowd out the others by midsummer.

The 'spiller' will grow over the pot and give

the entire container a fuller appearance. Many folks use variegated vinca, ivy or asparagus fern for this. If you have plenty of sun hanging geraniums, also known as 'ivy geraniums' will give your pot a knockout punch.

Although directions may say plant 6 to 8 inches apart, you want your pot to look like it is full immediately, so place plants much



(above) President of The Rahway Garden Club, James Keane has been researching and answering garden questions since 1995. Visit 'Keane Gardener' blog at: keanegardener.blogspot.com

closer together. This 'British' technique works wonderfully in containers.

Proper watering is essential for potted plants to survive. If your pot is on the ground it should be watered every day. If it is hanging, monitor it daily as it may need more frequent watering. On hot summer days it may need to be watered twice.

When creating your containers you are only limited by plant requirements and your imagination.

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Safe & Happy Gardening, James



(above) In either sun or shade a well planted container is a beautiful focal point in any garden.

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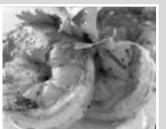
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NORTHCOTT RECEIVES SCOUT'S HIGHEST HONOR

Submitted by: Rose Northcott

Rahway has a new Golden Girl. Rose Northcott, a senior at Rahway High School, has earned the most prestigious Girl Scout award the Gold Award. Rose earned the award for her project titled "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" or RRR for short. The project required a minimum of 80 hours of work, however she logged an astonishing 124 hours. Her project consisted of two parts.

First was a lesson used to teach freshman environmental science classes. Collaborating with first year teacher Ms. Carr, Rose created a video lesson to be played in the science classes while she attended her own class. It began with a Do Now, had notes about the importance of Recycle Reduce and Reuse, and ended with a poster project for the students to show what they learned.

The second part of Rose's project was the creation of a mural that is now permanently

displayed in the science wing of Rahway High School. It was painted by a dozen students who volunteered their time after school to complete the mural in time for parent teacher conferences last November. The mural is a depiction of the impact humans have on our environment and why it is important to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Kaila Davila, a fellow student said, "Rose did an excellent job in securing that all of the volunteers and painters were on schedule and stayed neat. Overall it was extremely fun and definitely rewarding working with her, her leadership skills definitely shined through from start to finish." To boost team morale Rose also created t-shirts for all of her volunteers that helped her earn her gold award.

Rose will officially receive her award on June 5th from the Girl Scouts Heart of NJ council. Rose plans to become a Girl Scout leader in the future. Photo by: Ray Candiloro

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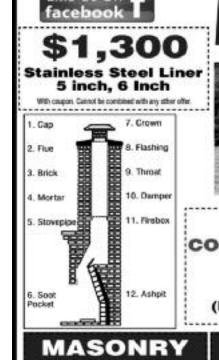
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(above) Rose Northcott poses in front of her project, "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle"



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Sun June 19	'Brian Kirk & the Jirks'	6pm
Sat June 25	Pat Roddy	10pm
Sun June 26	Bobby Byrne	4:30pm
Thu June 30	Backspin 50	5pm
	JULY 2016	
Fri July 1	'Brian Kirk & the Jirks'	6pm
Sat July 2	Pat Roddy	10pm
Sun July 3	Bobby Byrne	4:30pm
	Pat Roddy	10pm
Mon July 4	"The Barksdales	5pm
Thu July 7	Backspin 50	5pm
Fri July 8	'Waiting on Mongo'	10pm
Sat July 9	Pat Roddy	10pm
Sun July 10	Bobby Byrne	4:30pm
Thu July 14	Backspin 50	5:00pm
Fri July 15	"Enjoy!"	10pm
Sat July 16	Pat Roddy	10pm
Sun July 17	Pat Roddy	10pm
Thu July 21	Backspin 50	5:00pm
Fri July 22	"Sweet Chin Music"	10pm
Sat July 23	Pat Roddy	10pm
Sun July 24	Bobby Byrne	4:30pm
	'Brian Kirk & the Jirks'	10pm
Thu July 28	Backspin 50	5:00pm
Sat July 30	"The Medicine Men"	6pm
	Pat Roddy	10pm

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PAT RODDY



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Thu September 1	Backspin 50	5:00pm
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Sun September 4	Bobby Byrne	4:30pm
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Fri September 16	Nicole & Denise	7pm

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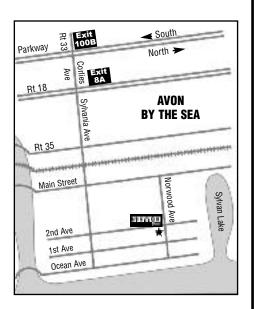
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Sun October 2	'Brian Kirk & the Jirks'	TBA
Fri October 14	Nicole & Denise	7pm

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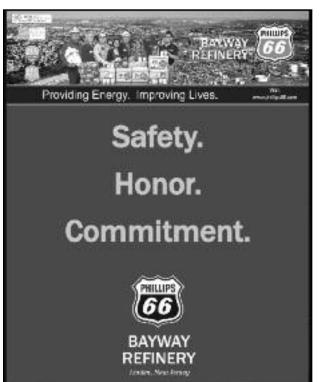
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TWO 1ST PLACE WINS ARE PERFECT ACCOMPANIMENT TO RAHWAY HIGH SCHOOL'S PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

Submitted by: Rob Kinch



It has been indeed an exciting and successful year of competition and performance for Rahway High's 21 piece ensemble. Now in its second year under the direction of Mr. Joe Bergen, Percussion Specialist and Director of the Ensemble with assistance from Mr. Miguel Bolivar, Director of Bands at RHS, the Percussion Ensemble traveled with the Mid Atlantic Percussion Society and received 1st place honors in the Concert Open Standstill Performance in Old Bridge, NJ. In subsequent competitions, the award for 1st place was again received, for the second consecutive year, at the USBands Indoor Championship held at Stambler Arena in Bethlehem, PA.

Ensemble member Osaze Morris finds these wins especially meaningful. "I think that completing a very time consuming season of Marching Band only to push and dedicate yourself to learning even more music really shows our dedication and love for the music program. Winning the two 1st place titles is just so exhilarating for all of us." He is quick to add,

"Without Mr. Bolivar's 'open door' policy of helping his students, the atmosphere of success would never be there!"

In addition to their wins, the ensemble members were regional finalists in the highly competitive circuit of Winter Guard International Sport of the Arts, with groups ultimately competing in their grand nationals. Positions as regional finalists were also garnered at both the Trumbull and Unionville Regional Competition in the Concert Standstill Open. Mr. Bolivar affirms, "These two wins plus our standing as finalists certainly catapult Rahway and its students into competitive prominence in the Northeast. Our eye is definitely fixed on competing in the grand nationals going forward!"

Junior Anna Belfon discovered that her first year in the program had taught her more than just how to play a vibraphone. "This was the first opportunity I ever had to work with kids who all shared the same passion as me. I learned responsibility, discipline, and respect!"

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(above) Rahway High Sschool's percussion ensemble. Photo by: Joseph Mudrak





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SUBMISSION DEADLINES: Submission Deadline: May 30, 2016 Event Date: June 17, 2016

ELIGIBILITY: This call for submission is open to all residents of the U.S. and its Territories 18 years of age or older.

SUBMISSIONS AND FEES: There are no fees attached.

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CDC AUDITIONS FOR SONDHEIM'S ASSASSINS

Cranford Dramatic Club Theatre announces auditions for a new, fresh, dark, and timely production of Assassins. A multiple Tony Awardwinning theatrical tour-de-force, Assassins combines Stephen Sondheim's signature blend of intelligently stunning lyrics and beautiful music with a panoramic story of our nation's culture of celebrity and the violent means some will use to obtain it, embodied by America's four successful and five would-be presidential assassins. Assassins is perhaps the most controversial musical ever written.

Auditions will be June 13 - 7:30 p.m. and June 18th - 1:00 p.m. Callbacks by Invitation, will be June 18th 2:00 p.m. at CDC Theatre, 78 Winans Ave., Cranford, NJ. The show is set to run October 7-22, 2016.

Directed by Alan Van Antwerp, Musically Directed by Jack Bender, Choreographed by Megan Ferentinos.

Those auditioning are asked to prepare 32 bars of a song of their choosing. If you have a Sondheim song prepared and ready, that would be preferred but not required. Those who audition may be asked to read at the audition.

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MEMORIAL DAY GRAND MARSHALL BOB HORSCH



The Rahway Memorial Day Parade was held on Sunday, May 29th. The veterans in attendance were well please with the show of support from the community.

This year's Grand

Marshall was Rahway resident Robert "Bob" Horsch, a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War serving from 1969-1790 with Company B Second/506 Infantry in the 101st Airborne Division, Phu Bai and Fire Support Base Ripcord.

He also belongs to the Military Order of Purple Hearts. Bob is a past Commander of Post 5 of the American Legion in Rahway.

(above) Robert "Bob" Horsch, 2016 Grand Marshall Rahway Memorial Day Parade.







Photo albums of the Memorial Day Parade are available to view, download and share at rennamedia.com. and on on Facebook at Facebook.com/OurTownRahway "Like", "Tag" and "Share".





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BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

grade Gifted and Talented students at Roosevelt School in Rahway participated in the District Battle of the Books. The purpose of the Battle is simply to encourage students to read good books and have fun while competing with peers.

On Wednesday, May 18th, the 3rd and 4th Students were given a list of 10 books to read. They competed in teams to correctly answer questions based on the books in a "quiz show" format. Questions begin with the words "In which book..." so that the answer will always be a title and author.



(above l-r) The second place team winners of Battle of the Books: Victoria Komperda, Madison Bracey, Jade Wong, Giselle DoCarmo, Mariel Woodson, and Anisha Subramanie.

WELCOME NEWEST AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS

The Rahway Police Department is pleased to announce the addition of 5 new auxiliary police officers following a graduation ceremony at the Union County Vo-Tech on May 11th, 2016. The Rahway Police Department would like to welcome these new auxiliary officers to our department.



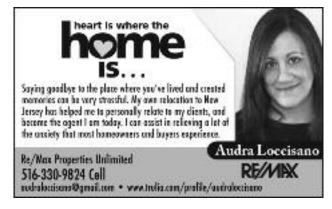
(above l-r) Navraj Kumar, Anthony Service, Christian Berrios, Kazim Smith and Abhimanyv Gupta.

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YMCA CELEBRATES 172 YEARS OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE

June 6 marks the 172st anniversary of the Y a global organization that began with a simple but powerful idea: a strong, supportive community can help people build healthier, happier lives. Since it's founding the Y has grown into one of the world's largest volunteer organizations, renowned for its commitment to helping people of every background reach their potential.

From its humble beginnings on June 6, 1844 in London by George Williams and 11 friends, the Y saw to and met the practical and spiritual needs of young men flocking to London during the Industrial Revolution. Since then, the Y has grown and changed, meeting the needs of children, families and adults in 10,000 communities in the U.S. and 119 countries around the globe. Along the way, the Y is responsible for a number of innovations that influenced history and are part of our daily lives.

For instance:

- Basketball and volleyball were both invented
- · Night school and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes began at the Y.
- The world's first indoor pool was at a Y, and the concept of group swim lessons started at the Y.
- The United Service Organizations (USO) was created with help from the Y, and the Peace Corps was patterned after a Y program.
- Father's Day was created at a Y.

For 116 years in Eastern Union County and Northern Middlesex County, The Gateway Family YMCA has been a leading nonprofit dedicated to strengthening the community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. The Y has helped thousands of community members through child care, swim lessons, youth sports, LIVESTRONG at the YMCA, Diabetes Prevention, housing and social services programs.

For more information on The Gateway Family YMCA, please visit www.tgfymca.org.



A MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE TO RAHWAY'S WORLD WAR I VETS

By Al Shipley, City Historian and Rahway Library Research Consultant

This year, the First Presbyterian Church is celebrating 275 years of Christian ministry in Rahway. Founded in 1741, First Pres. has the longest tenure of any institution in the history of the city.

The four settlements of Rahway, Leesville (also called Lower Rahway), Bridgetown, Upper Rahway, and Milton, developed shortly after the founding of Elizabethtown and Woodbridge both of which date back to the 1660s. For the next seven decades, the inhabitants of the Rahway area had to travel to the two larger communities to conduct business or to participate in religious services. For religious groups, making the long trek to either city every Sunday was difficult at best, but during the winter of 1741, a time referred to as the "Hard Winter," it became impossible. It was during that season that the Rahway Presbyterians made a formal request to organize their own church.

The construction of a sanctuary commenced in the summer of 1741 and was completed within the next year. It was built on St. Georges Avenue across from Union Street on the present grounds of the Rahway Cemetery. The location of the structure is clearly outlined by the position of the grave stones which stood on the north, south, and west sides of the church. This first church was two stories high and constructed of heavy timbers. A bell tower rose from the roof and was topped with a copper weathercock. During the Revolutionary War, the weather vane was damaged when a musket ball was shot through it. Church rolls listed members who were New Englanders, Scottish Presbyterians, those of Irish and Welsh extraction, Puritans, Covenanters, and Quakers.

For the first six years, sermons were given by visiting preachers. In 1748, Aaron Richards became the spiritual leader and remained in that position for the next forty-three years. His length of service is still the longest in the church's history.

In the mid-1770s, the Revolutionary War



(above) Photo (circa 1900) shows the minister's home next to the sanctuary.

began bringing with it hardships and loss of life to the church. As a group, the Presbyterians were hostile towards the British who considered a Presbyterian and a rebel to be one and the same. Pastor Richards, an ardent patriot, was forced to flee to South Hanover to escape capture and imprisonment. While there, he continued to speak out against English rule and returned to Rahway only after his safety was no longer jeopardized.

A famous patriot, who was a member of the church, was Abraham Clark, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. A large granite monument marks his grave in the church cemetery.

In the years following the war, membership in the church increased and by 1830 it became apparent that a new and larger sanctuary was needed. A seventeen acre lot that encompassed the area from the corner of Grand Avenue and Church Street all the way back to the river had been left to the congregation by Pastor Richards. Ground was broken for a new church in May 1831. Job Squier and Samuel Oliver each gave \$5,000.00 to help defray the \$14,600.00 construction cost. The church, which was patterned after the Third Church in Newark, and minister's home, which was built next to the church, were both dedicated on February 5, 1832.

As all parts of the city continued to grow, neighborhoods became populated enough to be able to support their own churches. By the 1840s, members of First Pres. who lived in Lower Rahway began to consider organizing a congregation that would be located closer to their homes. Discussions were held and on November 9, 1849 the way was made clear "with deep brotherly regard, cooperation, fellowship, and true Christian spirit" to organize the Second Presbyterian Church in Lower Rahway.

From the mid-19th century, the history of First Pres. continued to illustrate a congregation whose enthusiasm never waned and whose mission always encouraged improvement and refinement. In 1912, Mrs. William Squier donated a \$6,000 organ to replace the old water-powered organ the church had been using since 1875. The congregation paid tribute to Mrs. Squier on December 6, 1926, when a new Community House, built behind the church, was dedicated to her memory. A new residence for the minister was built on Union Street and was dedicated on January 1, 1938. In 1967, many changes and modernization work took place. Improvements were made to the Community House, extensive renovations were made in the church sanctuary, and a new building, Davis Fellowship Hall, was added to the property. This large addition was named in honor of the Reverend Chester M. Davis, who served faithfully for thirty-six years (1922-1958).

The church was recognized as a historic site in 1974 by the Historical Sites Commission of the Presbyterian Historical Society. On January 29, 2012, after 160 years of faithful ministry, the congregation of Second Pres. reunited with the mother church marking a "New Dawn" in the history of Presbyterianism in Rahway. In 2016, the year of its 275 anniversary, First Pres. is a welcoming church that is actively engaged in creating a multi-cultural and multi-racial community of faith, striving to be a living testimony of Christ in the world.





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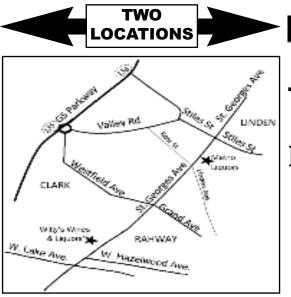
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