

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Engagements, Weddings, Birthdays, Graduations, Births, Anniversaries, etc
Tell us about your family!

Miss Nicole Lotterman, will be celebrating her 10th birthday on Feb. 12, 2006. Love, hugs & kisses from Mom, Dad, little sister Kaylee, Grandma Helen Konarski, Grandma Ruthie Lotterman & rest of the family!

Congrats to winner **Matt Tambuscio** and **Amanda Mackoul** the runner-up in the annual Geography Bee at Riverdale School. Six students, grades 6 thru 8 participated in the event organized by social studies teacher, Eileen Cohn. As school winner, Matt will represent the district in the next level of competition. Good luck, Matt!

The Riverdale School is proud to announce that **Amanda Mackoul** emerged as the winner of the school's spelling bee. **Jackie Dubrovich** secured a spot as runner up. Congratulations to our top spellers!

Kristy Grazioso, daughter of Carole Grazioso, Cannella Way, graduated *magna cum laude* from Seton Hall Law School. Having recently passed the NJ & NY Bar Exams, she was sworn in as a lawyer in December 2005.

Presently, Kristy is a law clerk for a federal judge in Trenton, after which she will be working for Pitney, Hardin Law Firm in Morristown. Kristy, we are all proud of you!



Sergeant Ronald Fauseit is the son of Anne Stellingwerf, Windbeam Ave. Ron is serving in Afghanistan at this time. His exciting story can be read on the Internet at www.iava.org. Let's pray for his safe return.

The Nurse's Station

Stacey Dakake, MSN, RN



Being Prepared for an Emergency

The American Red Cross has 5 Actions for Emergency Preparedness

1. Make a Plan - Planning is the first step to a calmer disaster response. Discuss with your family the plan. Everyone in the household should work together as a team.
2. Build a Kit - Store enough supplies for everyone in your household for at least three days. These include water, food, flashlight, first aid kit, medications, battery-operated radio, tools, clothing, personal items, sanitary supplies, money, contact information, pet supplies, and a map.
3. Get Trained - You can learn simple first aid techniques that can give you the skills and confidence to help others. Knowing CPR can also save a life.
4. Volunteer - There are so many needs and so many ways to serve the community. You may consider joining an organization such as the Riverdale Fire Dept or the Pompton Lakes/ Riverdale First Aid Squad.
5. Give Blood - Blood is definitely needed in times of emergencies, but the ongoing need is great.

Health Clinics

Blood Pressure Screening

Mon 2/6 @ 9am - 11am

Senior Center

Thurs. 2/16 @ 9am - 11am

Health Department Office

The key is to find out what you can do today and not wait till tomorrow

Riverdale Recreation Committee

Recreation Director: June Carelli 973-616-0288

Riverdale Recreation Department Building

next to Municipal Building

Children's Karate

Porta's Karate, Pompton Lakes- Riverdale Kids ages 5 thru 12
Saturday 10 - 11 am - Feb. 18 thru March 25, 2006

Registration fee: \$35.00 per child

This program will help focus attention, enhance self-confidence, and teaches basic karate skills.

Registration deadline: February 10th

For registration information: **Jackie Poli 973-616-0167**

Chicago Theater Trip

Wednesday, March 29 - 6:00pm Bus Departs School Lot

\$58 per person includes ticket and bus ride

First Mezzanine, Side Aisles, Row B-F

Registration deadline: Monday, February 6th

To Register call: **Cindy 973-492-8568**

Don't miss the **big egg hunt**

Easter Egg Hunt

is a-coming!

Freedom Park, Saturday April 8, 10am

Ages 2 - 14

Questions: **Mary Wolbach 973-831-1383**

or **Karen Spiridakis 973-283-6301**

Details to follow in next Newsletter.

Shade Tree Commission

If you have any questions in reference to tree removal, replacement or trimming, please call the Shade Tree Commission at 973-835-4060

Attention: All Cats and Dogs

To avoid a \$5 00 late fee, your license must be renewed on or before February 28
Call 973-835-4060 ext. 6 for information.

Riverdale participates in the Arc/Morris Chapter, known as McARP, for 2006. The agency provides a recreation program that meets the recreational needs of individuals with disabilities in Morris County. The 2006 calendar is full of fun and exciting activities and events that include both new and popular programs. For information please call **Mary Ann Bayles, Director, at 973-540-8500.**

Riverdale Business Association

Meets 3rd Monday of each Month at 7:00 pm

Berta's Chateau, 7 Grove Street, Wanaque

Riverdale Business Owners and business owners living in Riverdale are welcome. www.rbanj.org

Copy deadline is the 4th Monday of each month. The publishing date will be the 1st Wednesday of the following month. Pictures, stories, weddings, births, scholastic, armed services, etc. are all welcome. We reserve the right to edit articles for space. Photos should be e-mailed or on disc in a JPEG format. Please send all information any time during the month to mayor@riverdaleNJ.com

Superintendent Words - Dr. Betty Ann Wyks

Children who will turn 5 on or before October 1, 2006 are eligible to enroll in the district's kindergarten program for the 2006-2007 school year. Registration for the program will take place for those youngsters whose last names begin with A-M on February 9, between the hours of 9 am and 12 noon. Enrollment for those whose last names begin with N-Z will take place on February 10 between 9 am and 12 noon. Please contact the school for additional information and required documentation. **Phone 973-839-1300**



Students at Riverdale School were treated to a visit by **New Jersey Devil** alumnus, **Rob Skrlac**. Mr. Skrlac addressed the K-8 grade audience, shared with them a video highlighting positive schooling experiences by the team and discussed goal setting and responsibility with the older students. The presentation was followed by a question and answer period. A special thank you to the **New Jersey Devils** organization for sponsoring the assembly program.



Girl Scouts.

Girls throughout northern New Jersey are currently dreaming of their future and you can help make their dreams come true by purchasing a box of Girl Scout cookies.

Lenni-Lenape Council has dedicated itself to helping girls in Passaic County, Sussex, Bergen, Morris and Warren counties navigate the sometimes rocky, often funny, and at times bewildering world of growing up. With family support and under the supervision of dedicated volunteers and staff, through a variety of carefully-designed activities, the Girl Scout organization cultivates courage, confidence, and character in girls while teaching them critical life skills they will need to succeed as adults.

One of the most respected and well-known Girl Scout activities is the annual Girl Scout Cookie Program, which began January 14. Through this activity, girls learn the importance of personal responsibility, the value of goal setting, the spirit of teamwork and the thrill of accomplishment. As they take orders for America's favorite tasty treats, girls in grades 1 thru 12 learn about business ethics, customer service, marketing, advertising and money management. When delivery time rolls around, they learn the importance of fulfilling commitments.

In Girl Scouting, the girls themselves play a large part in designing their own Girl Scout experience! Therefore, they each have a say in deciding what their troops will do with the money they earn.

For more information on our annual Girl Scout Cookie Program, including how to buy cookies, or how to become a Girl Scout or adult volunteer, contact the Council directly at 973-248-8200 or info@gslc.org.

What's happening at the Riverdale Public Library

973-835-5044

www.riverdalelibrary.org

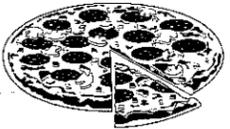
Lunch at the Library

Tuesday, February 21

No School Day

1:00 - 2:00 pm

Grades 6, 7, 8



Special delivery at the library. Join us for pizza as we discuss new books, cool Web sites and upcoming programming for teens. **Registration required!**



Snowman Costume Party

Tues. 2/21/06

1:00 - 2:00 pm

Grades K - 5

Craft a snowman costume, play snowman games, and eat a frost snack. Lots of cool fun at the library!

We are now Online

It's easy to check the status of your books online from home, as well as request books that you can pick up at the library. Now you can also renew a book online (unless there is a reserve for it). You just need your library card number and a PIN. Stop by the library if you don't already have a PIN and we'll set you up. It can't be done over the phone.



Infant & Preschool Programs

Baby Time - Baby's first story time! **Fridays: Now thru March 31. 11:15-11:45 am**
Infants to 2 years.



Preschool Story Time

Let's cozy up for stories, crafts and rhymes this winter. **Fridays: Now thru March 31. Sign up for either 10:15-11:00 am or 1:30-2:15pm. Ages 2 to 5.**

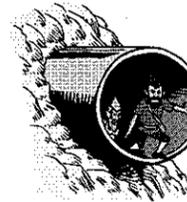
Irish Folk Tales

Thursday, March 16

4:00 - 4:45 pm

After school K-5

It's no blarney! We'll hear some wonderful Irish folk tales, sing a tune, and make a wee leprechaun craft.



Abby Saner has received a Professional Librarian Certificate. She has a Master of Library Science from an accredited university. Way to go, Abby!

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library are, now through March 11, accepting book donations at the library. The books must be in good condition, not torn, moldy, or damaged. No text books or magazines will be accepted. **The Book Sale will be on the weekend of March 17-19 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday).**



If You Happen to Notice.

The Snow Removal Law requires owners and operators of parking lots to remove snow, ice and other obstructions from accessible parking spaces, access aisles, ramps and other improvements designed to provide accessibility for persons with disabilities. Snow and ice must be removed within 48 hours of occurrence or be fined \$200 to \$500. If you encounter a violation please notify the Riverdale Police Department at 973-835-0034.



Did You Know?

- New Jersey is the only state where all its counties are classified as metropolitan areas
- New Jersey has the most diners in the world and is sometimes referred to as the diner capital of the world.

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Riverdale Students lead PLHS to state football championship

On December 4 the Pompton Lakes High School Cardinals defeated Hasbrouck Heights 27 to 7 to win the state championship at Giants Stadium. With strong contributions from Riverdale students Louie Struniewski, Jarred Bush, Victor Compusano and Dan Carrachio, the Cardinals overcame extremely high odds to win their first championship since 1997.



After an 8-1 record and the league championship the team was still looking for respect, which they finally earned. Though the team was winning impressively, it wasn't until the final two games against perennial powerhouses Glen Rock and Hasbrouck Heights, that the respect they deserved was attained. In the championship game Louie Struniewski with his excellent blocking opened up holes for the running backs and provided great pass protection for his quarterback. Louie, playing both offense and defense was a huge reason why the Cardinals dominated both sides of the line of scrimmage. Tight end Jarred Bush culminated a great season with his fantastic finger tip touchdown catch to open the scoring and his huge diving grab to set up the second touchdown before the half



These young men were able to generate an experience to last a lifetime for themselves and the thousands of family and friends who were in attendance at Giants Stadium that cold Saturday morning. Riverdale should be proud of these young men for the excitement they brought to the community and for their commitment to excellence.

Jarred Bush Reflects

I cannot be any more pleased with the way my senior year and career in sports has gone so far. I also think that a large part of my success can be accounted to my town. Placed in a supportive atmosphere, Riverdale helped me mature and strive for success. In our small town I was able to meet important people with whom I worked in athletics for a good part of my life. With a strong youth program, my development was guided in the right direction. This is also true of the others standing next to me.

Working together has been preached to us from the beginning. We worked together resulting in a bond that nobody could break. A culmination of everything that has gone into my youth, including my friends, teachers, coaches and the town has led to this success. All of these players deserve equal respect as they worked just as hard as everyone else to obtain this state title.

First Aid Squad delivers baby on highway ramp!



back row l-r: Mark Sonne, Dawn Gosson, Jeff
front row l-r: Ed Crowley, Jeffrey, Nancy, Justin

Truck 27 where are you? On November 1, 2005 at 11:28 pm it was racing towards Chilton Hospital as its squad members were delivering **Justin Bolt**, the newborn son of Jeff and Nancy. Justin weighed in at 7 lbs. 1 oz. The place of birth was the I-287 ramp onto Route 23. He is currently living with his parents and older brother, Jeffrey, on Loy Avenue in Riverdale. Congratulations to the Bolt Family and a grateful round of applause for our First Aid Squad!

Joe McDermott joins Riverdale's Finest.



Joe McDermott, a Riverdale native, is pictured with his fiancée, Melissa Martinez, on the evening he was sworn in as Riverdale's latest patrolman.