

Lebanon Township News

Spring 2014



Bunnvale Library

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY



March, April, May

Library Committee Vacancy

The Library Committee is looking for a volunteer to serve on the committee. No library or educational experience is required; just an adult possessing enthusiasm and an open mind.

The Committee meets at 7:30 PM on the second Wednesday of every month. If interested, please contact the library at (908) 638-8884 or Art Gerlich, Library Committee Chairman, at (908) 638-4331.



Municipal Building
530 West Hill Road
(908) 638-8523

Hours:
Monday – Friday
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

2014 is shaping up to be a very busy year for Hunterdon County. Every town and public facility will be hosting special events to celebrate the county's 300th anniversary. Here at Bunnvale Library, thanks to the suggestion of patron Carole Stober, we have taken a cue from the Lunar (Asian) Calendar to feature the **Year of the Horse**. Since horses symbolize the rural character of Hunterdon, we thought it would be fun to honor our equine/agricultural roots. Stop by throughout the year to discover featured books and other items to appeal to horse lovers of all ages. And mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 22: Open House at Bunnvale Library** (refreshments! surprises!) to commemorate the actual date of the county's incorporation in 1714.

Another reason to reacquaint yourself with the library is our newly-installed Keurig machine. Join us for a cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate; sit down and relax for a few minutes. And as you sip your favorite beverage, don't forget to view new monthly exhibits in The Anne Rambo Display Cabinet: **March** features the barn paintings and paintography of **Anne Freeman**; in **April**, **Mary Gaydick** presents her whimsical assortment of frogs; and for **May**, the **Sliker** family offers their collection of counted cross-stitch.

An anticipated spring event, the annual **Friends of Hunterdon County Library Book Sale**, is scheduled for **Saturday April 26 through Sunday April 27** at the National Guard Armory on Route 12 in Flemington. Proceeds from this sale are shared with all of the libraries in the county system. Drop-off locations for your donations of books, audiobooks, computer games, DVDs and CDs in good condition will be announced soon. The Friends also welcome volunteer help. For more details, check the Hunterdon County Library website at www.hclibrary.us.

Please also note that while your generosity is appreciated, we request that you **not** bring items to your **local** library without notifying us first. It's best to contact us if you have contributions. Most materials left at the door end up, regrettably, being discarded. In the past, we have sorted through outdated textbooks and outmoded fiction, many of which are in poor condition, and are unusable for library circulation or lack interest even as sale or free items. Please keep in mind that even well-loved collections have a "shelf life" that expires!

For preschoolers ages 2-5, Spring Story Time is held on Fridays from 1:15-2:00 PM, beginning in March and continuing through May. Preregistration is required. Specific dates and complete information can be obtained at the library.

Bunnvale Library currently offers a diverse collection of fiction, nonfiction, audiobooks, DVDs, periodicals, and reference materials. We provide wireless and internet access, copy and fax machines, and a color printer. We have a book sale cart, a help-yourself-to-free items cart and a paperback exchange. We will continue to honor any special requests, suggestions, or recommendations that can better serve you, our public.

Hours: Wednesday 1:00 – 8:00 PM
Thursday & Friday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Telephone: (908) 638-8884

Fire & Rescue Department

2014 Line Officers

The Lebanon Township Volunteer Fire Department is pleased to announce their 2014 Line and Administrative Officers: Chief, Ed Schaffer; Deputy Chief, Tom Carlucci; Captain #1, Bob Stulack; Captain #2, Jim Crampton; Lieutenant #1, Sue Schlesinger; Lieutenant #2, Rob Pek; EMS Deputy Chief, Alison Ambrose; EMS Captain, Bill Cutri-French; EMS Lieutenant, Mark Rothfeld; President, Paul Ibsen; Vice President, John Kneafsey; Secretary, Jay Harkins; Treasurer, Sue Patriarca.

Fire Safety Tips

- Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors should all have fresh batteries. Carbon Monoxide Detectors older than 6 years old should be replaced because they could give false readings. The alarms may be located on the wall, ceiling or other location as specified in the manufacturer's instructions.
- Do you have a fireplace? If yes, anytime is the perfect time to clean your fireplace and chimney.
- Can we get to your house? Is your house number visible next to your driveway? Is the driveway wide enough for our emergency vehicles? Please make sure we can respond to a call to your house, even when it is snowing or there is ice on the roads. Please clear ice and snow off your walkways and driveways. Thank you.

Ways to Help Us Help You

Last year we had 280 Fire Calls and 406 Medical Calls. Here are some ways you can help us:

- We need firefighters and EMTs. No experience necessary. We will train you. If you are interested in learning about becoming a member, please call Ed Schaffer at (908) 638-4550 or stop by Fire Station #2 on West Hill Road on a Monday night; members are usually there between 7:00 and 9:00 pm.
- If you have a son or daughter between the ages of 16 and 18 who might be interested in becoming a Junior Fire Fighter, please contact our Junior's Mentor Sue Schlesinger at (973) 650-9046, or email Jrfirefighter@ltdnj.org. Sue can explain more about the responsibilities of a Junior Fire Fighter.
- We accept old vehicles as donations and use them for our training. Please call (908) 638-4550 if you are interested in donating a vehicle.
- Drop off your used items in our drop-off shed located in the parking lot between the Municipal Building and Fire Station #2 on West Hill Road. We accept clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys. Your donation **will not** be cut up or shredded. Please... **no** rags, fabric scraps, toys or household goods. **Please understand that the above mentioned items are a hardship and expense to dispose of.** Help us keep your donations clean and dry by placing them in plastic bags.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS ALSO
RESPOND TO EMERGENCY
MEDICAL CALLS!**

Pancake Breakfast

The Lebanon Township Fire Department has been holding Pancake Breakfasts for over thirty years. This great tradition is held from 8:00 to 11:30 AM every second Sunday from October until May, at Station One on Anthony Road. The cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 10. All money raised supports the Lebanon Township Fire Department. Directions to Station One on Anthony Road:

- From the A&P in Califon, follow Sliker Road until it turns into Anthony Road (bear left onto Anthony). Follow Anthony Road. Watch for signs; the Fire House will be on the left.
- From Point Mountain or Route 31, take Musconetcong River Road (Route 645) to Hollow Road. At the top of the hill, turn right onto Anthony Road. Watch for signs; the Fire House will be on the left.
- From the Municipal Building or Hill Road, follow Red Mill Road to Newport Road. Make a right onto Newport and follow to the end (just past the Road Department Building). Turn left onto Anthony Road. Watch for signs; the Fire House will be on the left.

If you get lost call (908) 537-2838.

2013 Fund Drive

The Fund Drive Committee would like to thank you for your donations and let you know that every bit helps. If you forgot to send in the return envelope, you can still send it now. If you would like to contact our Fund Raising Chairperson, please send an email to donation@ltdnj.org. Thank you for your support.

Recreation Commission

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 12



Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on **Saturday, April 12**, at 2:00 PM at Memorial Park. The rain date is Sunday, April 13, at 2:00 PM. Games, the Egg Hunt and a Visit with the Easter Bunny will be available for children from pre-school through 6th grade. Prizes will be awarded to the children who find the "special" eggs. Children should bring a basket or bag to hold their eggs. Also, this year, we will have a DJ to run activities for the children.

In the event of inclement weather, please check the Township web site at www.lebanontownship.net for rescheduling information.

The Egg Hunt begins promptly at 2:00 PM – please plan on arriving early!

Fire & Rescue Department (continued)

When to Call 911

In an emergency within Lebanon Township, call 911 from any wired or wireless phone. An emergency is any situation which requires immediate assistance from the Lebanon Township Fire & Rescue Department, or the Lebanon Township Police.

Call 911 if:

- There is a fire or motor vehicle accident
- There is a life or limb threatening condition/injury
- There is a condition which could become life-threatening on the way to the hospital
- Moving a person could cause further injury; i.e.: a neck/back injury
- The skills and/or equipment of EMTs or Paramedics are needed
- There is a medical emergency, such as someone who is unconscious, gasping for air or not breathing, experiencing an allergic reaction, having chest pain, having uncontrollable bleeding, or any other symptoms which require immediate medical attention
- Traffic conditions or distance might cause a delay in getting the person to the hospital

If you're not sure whether the situation is a true emergency, don't guess; call 911

Examples of warning signs of medical emergencies:

- Bleeding that will not stop
- Breathing problems, difficulty in breathing, or shortness of breath
- Change in mental status, such as unusual behavior, confusion, or difficulty arousing
- Chest pain
- Coughing up or vomiting blood
- Fainting or loss of consciousness
- Feeling of committing suicide or murder
- Head or spine injury
- Severe or persistent vomiting
- Sudden injury due to motor vehicle accident, burns or smoke inhalation
- Near drowning, deep or large wound
- Sudden, severe pain anywhere in the body
- Sudden dizziness, weakness, or change in vision
- Swallowing a poisonous substance
- Upper abdominal pain or pressure

Examples of NON-EMERGENCY situations include:

- Minor injury or illness not requiring immediate help
- Chronic aches and pains lasting for a long period of time and/or recurring
- Minor cuts

When you call 911, be prepared to answer the call-taker's questions, which may include:

- The location of the emergency, including the street address
- The phone number you are calling from
- The nature of the emergency
- Details about the emergency, such as a physical description of a person who may have committed a crime, a description of any fire that may be burning, or a description of injuries or symptoms being experienced by a person having a medical emergency

Remember, the call-taker's questions are important to get the right kind of help to you quickly. Do not hang up until the call-taker instructs you to do so. You may be given instructions on what to do until help arrives, such as providing first aid or CPR.

While waiting for help to arrive, if given specific instructions, carry them out. Do not move someone who is injured unless they are in danger. Make it easy for us to find you by sending someone to meet us or turning on porch lights. Other things that you can do: place pets in a room away from rescuers, gather medical information, and give easy access to the patient, if possible.

If you dial 911 by mistake, or if a child in your home dials 911 when no emergency exists, do not hang up - that could make 911 officials think that an emergency exists, and possibly send responders to your location. Instead, simply explain to the call-taker what happened.

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Environmental & Open Space Commission

Japanese Stiltgrass: An Invasive Problem

Japanese stiltgrass (*microstegium vimineum*) is very problematic in areas of low light or shaded conditions. The grass displaces native forest floor species in extensive areas. This forest floor “takeover” includes wetland or near wetland transition zones. Rabbits and white tail deer facilitate its growth by feeding on native vegetation only, allowing room for stiltgrass expansion! The plant appears in the spring as an innocent looking ground cover several inches long. As late summer transitions into early fall, it grows tall, with long resilient thin stems. At one time, these stems were used as a packing material to protect cargo shipments coming in from the Far East. Beginning in the 1900’s, stiltgrass seeds were accidentally dispersed, thus starting its native plant choking invasion.

EARLY GROWTH IDENTIFICATION: Look for the leaf blades to have a distinctive white color midrib, especially in the spring when the plant is only several inches tall. It may only be growing in a shaded area of a lawn, such as under mature trees or areas shaded by a building. Stiltgrass has a shallow root system, so it can be easily pulled out. It can also be mowed, especially before it grows too long and before it develops seeds.

LATE GROWTH IDENTIFICATION: It will grow long thin stems 2 feet high, or more when allowed. It can develop seeds in a long thin terminal spike where the seeds look like they are almost lined up ready to be dispersed by the wind. You may have an area on your property where you have applied the sustainable practice of letting native plants grow in, such as snakeroot, asters, goldenrods or native grasses. To preserve this area you should pull out all stiltgrass before it “chokes out” your herbaceous plants.

Community Well Testing Day - May 3rd

The Lebanon Township Environmental & Open Space Commission is sponsoring our **Community Well Testing Day** in conjunction with the *Raritan Headwaters Association*. Well testing kits will be on sale at the Municipal Building on **Saturday, May 3rd from 8:00 AM - 12 Noon sharp**. Collected samples should be dropped off at the Municipal Building on Monday, May 5 from 7:00 - 10:00 AM sharp.

Basic kits (bacteria and nitrate tests) will be available for \$50.00. Other analyses for metals, pesticides and volatile organic compounds can also be performed for an additional charge. Personal checks and cash will be accepted. Sorry, we cannot accept credit cards.

For more information about tests or reporting, please contact Margaret at the Raritan Headwaters Association at (908) 234-1852 ext. 401, or email welltesting@raritanheadwaters.org. For other information about Well Testing Day, go to www.raritanheadwaters.org/protect/well-testing, or email Nancy Lawler at nelawler@comcast.net.



Early growth (image courtesy of John Brandauer)



Late growth (image courtesy of www.chatham-county-nc.com)

Changewater United Methodist Church
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Lebanon Township

Sunday, April 20, 2014

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 Regular Indoor Worship Service
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43 Sharrer Road
4 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 Baths
Offered at \$309,000

- 1.77 acres in convenient neighborhood
- Private lot surrounded by mature trees
- Spacious rear deck off dining room
- Eat in kitchen with wood cabinets & pantry
- Oak flooring. Master bedroom with full bath
- Family room with warm wood burning stove
- Attached 2 car garage
- Walking distance to scenic Mountain Farm Park. Close to shopping & restaurants.

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Read them all at: Zillow.com/profile/Sharon-Groben/Reviews

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Recycling

Recycling News

Not only is recycling the right thing to do, it is also the law in New Jersey. Hunterdon County and Lebanon Township work together to try to make recycling convenient. Please check the recycling page of the Hunterdon County website, www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/recycling.htm, for information about special county hazardous waste and electronics recycling events. Lebanon Township generally has an electronics recycling event each spring.



For residential recycling, materials are accepted at each of the following locations:

1. The township recycling depot on the third Saturday of each month between 8:30 and 11:30 AM behind the Municipal Building.
2. The county residential recycling program at the Transfer Station in Annandale. The hours at the transfer station are 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday and 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturday.

ITEMS ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING:

- **Aluminum cans:** Only empty beverage cans will be accepted. Other aluminum items WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- **Cardboard, chipboard & brown paper bags:** Corrugated, chipboard (boxboard) and brown paper bags will be accepted. Cardboard should be tied or placed in another cardboard container (box). Cardboard with food or food residue WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- **Glass bottles and jars:** Food and beverage container glass with rings and caps removed will be accepted. All containers MUST be emptied and rinsed. Cups, drinking glasses, dishes, ovenware, window glass, lead crystal TV tubes, light bulbs, mirrors or any other type of glass product WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- **Hard covered books**
- **Junk mail & office paper:** Un-shredded junk mail and office paper will be accepted. Junk mail and office paper should be tied or placed in a cardboard container (box). Shredded or bagged junk mail and office paper WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- **Newspaper:** Newspaper tied with string or twine will be accepted. Newspaper bound in tape or other materials WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- **Paperback books**
- **Plastics bottles # 1-7:** Plastic bottles # 1-7 that originally contained liquids are accepted. All containers MUST be emptied and rinsed.
- **Telephone books**
- **Tin and bi-metal cans:** Are accepted if all food and other residue have been removed. Labels do not have to be removed.

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Education

News from the Lebanon Township Education Foundation

Community Education

The Lebanon Township Education Foundation will be offering several exciting classes to the community beginning in March 2014. These classes will be offered to children, teens and adults and are subsidized for Lebanon Township residents.

The following is a list of upcoming workshops:

- Acrylics on Canvas
- Introduction to Puppetry
- Lego Robotics
- Introduction to Organic Gardening for Adults and Children
- Google Workshops
- Creative Computer Workshop
- CPR/AED Certification

If any of these workshops interest you or your children, please look for our flyer in February, or go to www.ltefuture.org/community_education for registration details and class information.

LTEF Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the LTEF's \$1,000 Community Service scholarship. Students must be Lebanon Township residents in their final year of high school. Additional information is available in the Voorhees High School Guidance office or on our website, www.ltefuture.org/scholarship.

Let the Frosting Fly!

Are you a fan of Cupcake Wars and other cooking challenge shows on TV? If so, come enjoy a real-life challenge right here in Lebanon Township as the Lebanon Township Education Foundation (LTEF) hosts its first-ever Cupcake Wars fundraiser. The event will be held Saturday, March 8, 2014 from 2:30 to 5:00 PM at Valley View School. Admission is free.

The event includes a cupcake baking competition and a cupcake decorating competition for non-bakers. Of course, cupcakes in all varieties will be for sale as well as hot dogs, hot pretzels, coffee, milk, snacks, and more. The fun also includes music with DJ Spinners Plus and lots of carnival-style games and activities for the kids like face painting, a cupcake eating contest, basketball shooting, and more.

In addition, the event will include the LTEF's famous Silent Auction with lots of amazing items to bid on. To date, items include Disney World Park Hopper Passes, a custom-made Pokemon quilt, family portrait packages, pet portrait packages, a day of whitewater rafting, and lots of other great items.

The baking competition is open to bakers of all ages – novice and professional – and baking with a box mix is allowed. Both individuals and teams of up to five members can enter. The decorating competition is an easy, no-bake way to get in on the fun. Again, an individual or a team simply submits an entry form and shows up the day of the event. All cupcakes and supplies for decorating are provided. Entrants simply provide the creativity! Interested bakers and decorators can find details and entry forms at the LTEF website, www.ltefuture.org.

The event will also include the presentation of the annual LTEF Excellence in Education Awards to two members of the Valley View and Woodglen Staff as well as the Excellence in Community Service award to a Lebanon Township community volunteer.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the LTEF, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting education in Lebanon Township. The group will direct the funds toward its Woodglen Recreation Project that will bring a sport court and outdoor recreational amenities to the students of Woodglen School for recess and physical education.

Don't miss this day of delicious, frosting-filled fun and the chance to see who will be crowned Lebanon Township's first-ever Cupcake Champion!

3rd Annual 5K

Need to get in shape for summer? Start training now and save the date for the LTEF's 3rd annual 5K run/walk which will be held on June 8 at 9:00 AM. The run will take place on the USATF certified course that travels from River Road in Califon to Hoffman's Crossing Road and back to the Califon Train Station along the Columbia Trail. This fast, flat run is perfect for kids and adults, experienced athletes and first-time 5K'ers. Walkers are welcome. Join Valley View and Woodglen students and staff as they *Run Away From School*, jump into summer, and raise money for our township schools. Registration is open on the LTEF website, www.ltefuture.org/5k.

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Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.



As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.

Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides

- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.



Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.

Properly use and dispose of hazardous products

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated.

- If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.
- Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.



Keep pollution out of storm drains

- Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies.
- Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

Clean up after your pet

- Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules.
- An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.
- Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law. And remember to:

- Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.
- Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or un-wrapped in a toilet.
- Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

Don't feed wildlife

- Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.
- Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in these areas.



Don't litter

- Place litter in trash receptacles.
- Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.
- Participate in community cleanups.

Dispose of yard waste properly

- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.
- If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.
- Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.
- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.



Contact information

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit www.njstormwater.org or www.nonpointsource.org

Additional information is also available at U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps

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BUTLER PARK & LEDGERS OF WOODGLEN STORE

February 1 - March 29

Wonderful photos of Butler park on display upstairs and Ledgers of Woodglen Store on display downstairs. The ledgers are wonderful and informative and will be available for browsing. See names of folks who traded and bought from this old country store, what and how they paid. So much fun to read and reminisce.

ART SHOW "DESIGNS IN PLAY"

May 3 - May 29

A one woman art exhibit by Kimberly Ann Borin. **Opening reception on Saturday, May 3** from 1:00 - 5:00 PM. To preview the art, go to <http://Kimberlyannborin.zenfolia.com>.

ADULT SCHOOL HOUSE CRAFT CLASSES 2014

**April & May
Tuesday & Thursdays 7:00 - 9:00 PM**

The winter months seem long, but spring is sure to come and with it comes our Spring Craft Classes. New this year is Sueann and the making of paper rosettes, crazy quilting with Dot, and more. For a brochure and more information, call (908) 537-6464.

POTTERY FOR SALE

Lebanon Township pottery is for sale, \$10 to \$30 each. Stop by the Municipal Building and or museum to order. Call us at (908) 537-6464. Also, Lebanon Township books (history) for sale. Pottery is microwave, oven, freezer, and dishwasher safe. Just ordered 50 more mugs and 20 more small crocks. Call to reserve yours.

300th ANNIVERSARY

May 3

To celebrate Hunterdon County's 300th birthday, Lebanon Township Historians will host a lecture and tour at the newly restored Swackhammer Church Cemetery on Anthony Road. Call the museum for more information at (908) 537-6464.

CRAFTY TUESDAYS

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Every Tuesday morning you can join us at the museum and finish those projects you gave up on. You can learn or start a new craft project, meet old friends and make new ones. We share lunch, too!! Always free and fun.

Museum Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday 1:00 - 5:00 PM

The museum is supported by the Township of Lebanon under the guidance of the Township Historians and the general operating grants of the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission

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Historians

Cannon Balls for General Washington - The Story of "Cannonball Castner"

Adapted by Nina Savoia, Historian

This story is adapted from an article by George S. Humphrey, published in the February 23, 1941 issue of Second Presbyterian Church's "The Bulletin." This weekly newsletter edited by the Reverend A. G. Yount, Ph.D., has become an important source of historical information for Warren County and the State of NJ.

During the years 1777 and 1778 when George Washington was conducting operations against the British in New Jersey, including the battles of Princeton and Monmouth, the furnaces at Oxford and Andover were put to use casting cannon balls in their pig beds. Transporting these to the Patriot army became a task fraught with danger as drovers and rivermen sought to elude British patrols and Loyalists alike. A number of these cannon balls were discovered around 1870 near the cast house of Oxford Furnace and are now in the State Museum at Trenton.

During one of the renovations of Shippen Manor in Oxford, a bundle of papers covering the years 1741 to about 1800 were discovered in an excellent state of preservation. One such paper was the first hand account of John Castner's delivery of cannon balls to General Washington in Morristown.

The typical route for delivery was for cannon balls to be loaded on flat boats at Foul Rift on the Delaware River in what is now White Township. One such delivery was ambushed by riflemen on the Pennsylvania shore at Easton, killing two of the three boatmen and leading to the scuttling of the boat and its shipment by the attackers. When word of the attack got back to Oxford from the surviving boatman John Ostrom, John Castner was assigned the task of delivering a cart load of cannon shot to General Washington in Morristown via an overland route. According to his report, his horse and cart loaded 500 pounds of two or three pounders, plus a half-ton of six pound shot.

Because of the large number of Loyalists and "trimmers" (those whose loyalty shifted from side to side depending upon circumstances) in Hackettstown, Castner elected to take a route which led him over what is now Tunnel Hill (Route 31) to the Pahatcong [sic] Valley and on to the Musconetcong River. This most likely took him to present day Mansfield Township along Route 57. From there, he crossed the River and headed to Long Valley and thence to Chester, Mendham and finally Morristown.

In the course of his travels, Castner reported being accosted in the Pahatcong Valley by a man with a "fowling-piece" which misfired, and whom Castner subsequently killed with one of the small shot used as a bludgeon. Along the Musconetcong near Hackettstown, Castner stopped at the farmhouse of a friend to rest and eat. Then he proceeded under cover of darkness to follow a mountain road to Long Valley which took most of the

night. In the morning he was accosted by two drunks who had apparently slept in the woods, but after sharing a jug of "rank apple whiskey" with them, they were left even less capable of doing him harm, and he went on his way.

Nearing Chester, John Castner stopped near the home of another friend, Bill Whitman, who was in the logging business. Whitman decided to join Castner as a guide to see him safely to Morristown via a new road Whitman had cleared. Nearing Morristown, the pair were accosted by a mounted British patrol armed with pistols and swords. Their attempt to outrun them with the cart led to a broken axle and their horse downed in the traces of the broken vehicle. With Castner's rifle and Whitman's shotgun, they were able to take refuge behind the cart and hold off the patrol until a Patriot patrol which heard the gunfire managed to kill or capture members of the British foragers. The soldiers managed to fashion a skid for the broken wheel and escorted the shipment the short distance to Morristown.

In this skirmish, Castner reports that he was wounded in the shoulder and when reaching the Encampment, General Washington greeted the two travelers and had his own surgeon see to Castner's wound. After a recovery period in Morristown, he was given a captured British horse and saddle for his return to Oxford and was paid the value of his destroyed cart in gold.

Castner ends his story, "*And so I got back to Oxford without further adventures and have written this relation, so that those who come after me may understand the troubles and perils their ancestors suffered in order that they might enjoy 'Life, Liberty and Happiness,' and that they should thank God who brought me safe and sound through all these dangers.*" - John Castner, June 25, 1777

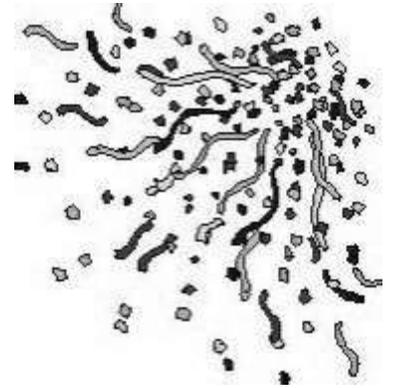
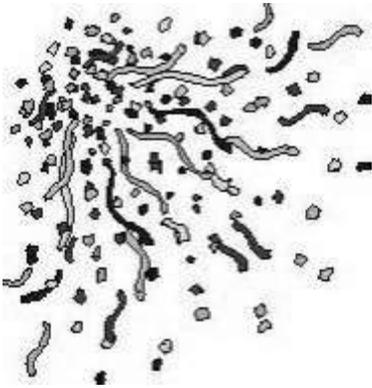
From that time on John Castner was known as "Cannonball Castner" to folks in this area.

STORY TIME AT THE FIREMAN'S BREAKFAST

Do you have a story about Lebanon Township? If so, we want to hear it! Come join the Lebanon Township Historians at the Fireman's Breakfast at Firehouse Station #1 on Anthony Road on March 9 from 8:30-11:30 AM.

Come tell us about things that happened at school, township heroes, how you spent your summers, how you survived the hurricanes, the history of your house; just everyday life in the Township.

Come share your memories so we can preserve the history of our Township for generations to come, and support our local firefighters and first responders as well. If you have any questions, please call (908) 638-5249.



**HAPPY
50TH BIRTHDAY
KEITH MATYAS**



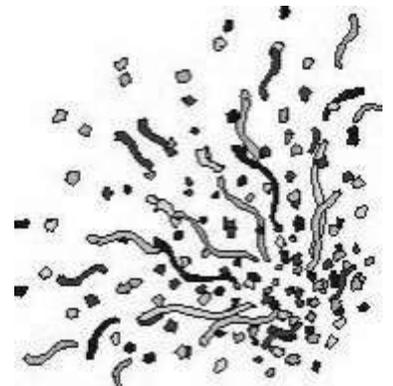
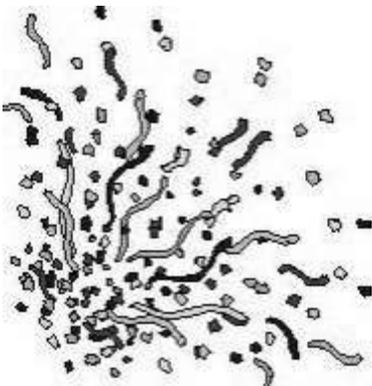
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MONDAY
APRIL 14, 2014**



**PLEASE SEND KEITH A TEXT
MESSAGE ON HIS BIRTHDAY**



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Community News

Brownie Troop 81135 Organic Garden Vegetable Plant Sale

Brownie Troop 81135 from Lebanon Township will be hosting an Organic Garden Vegetable Plant Sale this spring. The second grade girls will be starting plants from seed and nurturing them until they are ready for delivery and planting on May 1. Save a spot in your garden for their tomato, cucumber, bean, zucchini and basil plants. The girls will be taking preorders starting March 1. Look for their fliers and order forms around town, on Facebook (Troop 81135) or contact them at troop81135@gmail.com for more information.

United Way's Free Tax Prep Service Helps You Keep More of Your Hard-Earned Cash

United Way of Hunterdon County is once again offering free tax preparation services to individuals and families through its IRS-certified Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Building on past success, United Way is now partnering with several local businesses and organizations in the community to extend the reach of the program. As a result, this year's program has expanded and now offers free tax prep services at a number of locations throughout the county.

The United Way tax program is completely free of charge – no hidden fees – and refunds can even be e-filed with the IRS in order to receive a rapid refund without any fees. Appointments are necessary but scheduling one is easy. For a complete list of sites and to schedule an appointment, call 2-1-1 or (877) 652-1148 or visit uwhunterdon.org.

Hunterdon County seniors can also contact the Senior Center at (908) 788-1361 or (877) 222-3737. Spanish-speaking preparers are also available upon request.

Online tax preparation is once again available. Go to myfreetaxes.com/uwhunterdon and you'll have access to a volunteer preparer if you need assistance in filing your return. A nominal fee may apply for household incomes of more than \$58,000.

This IRS-certified service is available thanks to a unique partnership of United Way of Hunterdon County and the IRS. The goals of this program are to provide savings on tax preparation fees as well as assist individuals and families in the claiming of tax credits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Child Tax Credit (CTC), and to encourage putting some of your tax refunds into savings accounts. By claiming these credits and splitting refunds, individuals and families have more money to pay bills, pay down debt and achieve or maintain financial stability. Last year, more than \$1 million in refunds benefited local families and the local economy!

United Way is working to advance the common good by focusing on income, health and education. These are the building blocks for a good life - a quality education that leads to a stable job, enough income to support a family through retirement, and good health. Our goal is to invest in improving lives in Hunterdon County by creating long-lasting changes that prevent problems from happening in the first place. For more information about United Way of Hunterdon County, visit the website at www.uwhunterdon.org.

HUNTERDON COUNTY YMCA ACTIVE OLDER ADULT PROGRAM

MONDAY

9:00 - PILATES
 10:00 - SENIOR SHAPE-UP
 10:00 - CHAIR EXERCISE
 11:00 - SALON DAY (FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH)
 11:15 - STRETCH FUSION
 12:00 - BRIDGE
 12:30 - MAH JONG

TUESDAY

9:30 - ART CLASS
 10:00 - RELAX & STRETCH
 11:00 - REGULAR CHAIR EXERCISE
 11:30 - GREETING CARD CLASS (EVERY OTHER TUESDAY)

WEDNESDAY

10:00 - WALKING CLUB - LEBANON TOWNSHIP MEMORIAL PARK (WEATHER PERMITTING)

THURSDAY

9:45 - SILVER BELLES & BEAUS SINGING GROUP (SEPT-DEC & FEB-MAY)
 9:00 - STRETCH FUSION
 10:00 - SENIOR SHAPE-UP
 10:00 - CHAIR EXERCISE
 11:15 - PILATES
 11:45 - DUPLICATE BRIDGE
 12:30 - COMPUTER CLASS (THE FIRST 2 THURSDAYS OF THE MONTH)

FRIDAY

10:00 - WALKING CLUB - LEBANON TOWNSHIP MEMORIAL PARK (WEATHER PERMITTING)

*PLEASE CALL (908) 638-6515 FOR MORE INFORMATION
 OR TO BE ADDED TO OUR MAILING LIST*

Community News



2014 HUNTERDON HUSKIES FOOTBALL & CHEER REGISTRATION

Interested in your son or daughter joining a National Championship caliber football and cheer program? Would your child like to become a better athlete in general? The nationally recognized Hunterdon Huskies football and cheerleading program is now accepting registrations from area athletes for the upcoming 2014 season.

Football - For athletes ages 5 to 15 years old (as of 7/31/14), who weigh less than 160 pounds and have the desire and motivation to learn and play football at a high level of competition. Huskies Football earned National Championship titles in 2007 and 2006, and was a National Finalist in 2005.

Cheerleading - For athletes ages 3 to 15 (as of 7/31/14) with interest in learning high-energy tightly choreographed routines that incorporate cheer, dance, stunts, and tumbling. Huskies Cheer earned National Championship titles in 2010, 2012 and 2013, third place in 2012 and 2013, and was First Runner-Up in 2005.

Contender Programs - We are proud to offer our community Huskies Contender Cheer and Huskies Contender Football. These awesome programs are open to all children with special needs of all abilities!

Huskies Meet the Coaches Day - March 22, 2014

Attend our annual *Meet the Coaches Day*

Meet the coaches, ask questions, and register in person!

Saturday March 22

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Huskies Field - Union Forge Field
1 Washington Avenue, High Bridge

Rain location - Custom Alloy
3 Washington Avenue, High Bridge

Register Today - Registration Opens in early March for the 2014 season! Team sizes are limited - register early! Visit www.hunterdonhuskies.com for more information and to register online for the 2014 season. Join today and start your child on a winning path. If you have any questions about the Huskies, please call our Head Football Commissioner, Jeff Mehl at (908) 399-9407, or our Head Cheer Commissioner, Sue Lavigne at (908) 304-4571.



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Tom McKee, Mayor	(908) 638-5020
Ronald Milkowski, Deputy Mayor	(908) 537-4132
Patricia Schriver	(908) 832-7066
Brian Wunder	(908) 832-2042

FIRE - POLICE - EMS	
Police Emergency	911
Police Dispatch	(908) 638-8515
Chief, Chris Mattson	(908) 638-8516
Office Manager, Kathy Goracy	(908) 638-8516
Emergency Medical Services	911
Fire Department Emergency	911
Chief, Ed Schaffer	(908) 537-2838
Fire Official, Gary Apgar	(908) 537-6670
Open Burn Fire Permit (Andover Forestry Off.)	(973) 786-6350
Office of Emergency Management	
Coordinator, Alan Goracy	(908) 832-7158
Tewksbury Township Municipal Court	(908) 832-7684
Hunterdon County Board of Health	(908) 788-1351

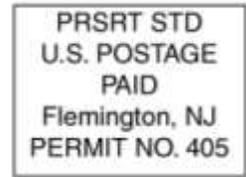
MEETINGS	
Meetings held at the Municipal Building unless otherwise specified	
Township Committee	7:00 PM 1st & 3rd Wed
Board of Health	6:30 PM 1st Wed as needed
Planning Board	7:00 PM 1st Tues
Board of Adjustment	7:30 PM 4th Wed
Environmental and Open Space Commission	7:00 PM 3rd Mon
Park Committee	7:00 PM 2nd Mon
Agricultural Advisory Board	7:00 PM 2nd Mon
Recreation Commission	7:30 PM 1st Thurs
Library Committee	7:30 PM 2nd Wed at the Library
Historians	7:00 PM 1st Thurs at the Museum

SCHOOLS		
Valley View School	Grades K – 4	(908) 832-2175
Woodglen School	Grades 5 – 8	(908) 638-4111
Voorhees High School	Grades 9 –12	(908) 638-6116

TOWNSHIP CONTACTS			
Township Clerk, Registrar of Vital Statistics	Karen Sandorse	(908) 638-8523 x11	
Deputy Clerk, Dog Licensing Agent, Deputy Registrar	Kimberly Jacobus	(908) 638-8523 x10	
Tax Collector	Mary Hyland	(908) 638-8523 x15	Hours: Wed & Fri 8:00 AM-4:30 PM
Assessor	Mary Mastro	(908) 638-8523 x17	Hours: Tues & Wed 8:00 AM-4:30 PM and by appointment
Planning Board Clerk & Board of Adjustment Secretary	Gail Glashoff	(908) 638-8523 x22	
Recycling Coordinator	Joann Fascenelli	(908) 638-8523 x19	
Zoning Officer	John Flemming	(908) 638-8523 x20	Hours: Mon & Wed 1:00 PM-4:00 PM
Lost Pets	Judy Dunlap	(908) 537-2678	
Department of Public Works	Warren Gabriel	(908) 537-2850	
Library Committee	Art Gerlich	(908) 638-4331	
Recreation Commission	Kristin Petrik	(908) 638-3590	
Memorial Garden	Eva Burrell	(908) 537-2424	
Environmental & Open Space Commission	Warren Newman	(908) 638-4332	
Webmaster & Newsletter	Karen Newman	(908) 638-4332	Email information to karennewman@embarqmail.com
Bunnvale Library		(908) 638-8884	Hours: Wed 1:00-8:00, Thurs & Fri 9:00-5:00, Sat 9:00-2:00
Township of Lebanon Museum at New Hampton		(908) 537-6464	Hours: Tues & Thurs 9:30 AM-5:00 PM, Sat 1:00-5:00 PM
Hunterdon County Transfer Station		(908) 236-9088	
Construction Office, Christy Hoffman Farm, 108 Rt 512, Califon, NJ 07830		(908) 832-5552	Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30 AM-4:00 PM
For scheduling use of the Municipal Building Meeting Rooms or reserving the Memorial Park pavilion or fields, contact the Municipal Building at 638-8523 x10.			

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Calendar

<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
8 - LTEF Cupcake Wars	12 - Easter Egg Hunt	1 - Deadline for Summer Newsletter
9 - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast	13 - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast	3 - Community Well Testing Day
15 - Recycling	19 - Recycling	11 - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast (last breakfast until October)
22 - Bunnvale Library Open House	26 / 27 - Friends of Hunterdon County Library Book Sale	17 - Recycling

Newsletter Notes

Publishing Schedule			Advertising Costs	
Winter	Dec, Jan, Feb	Deadline for input Nov 1	Business Card: \$25.00	Half Page: \$80.00
Spring	Mar, Apr, May	Deadline for input Feb 1	Quarter Page: \$40.00	Full Page: \$150.00
Summer	Jun, Jul, Aug	Deadline for input May 1	All advertisements should include a check made payable to Lebanon Township.	
Fall	Sep, Oct, Nov	Deadline for input Aug 1		

Please email items to Karen Newman at karennewman@embarqmail.com (include NEWSLETTER in the subject line) or mail to: Lebanon Township Municipal Building, 530 West Hill Road, Glen Gardner, NJ 08826, Attn: Newsletter.

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