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Califon's 12th Annual Memorial Day Tribute

By Gill Smith

On Monday, May 27, 2013, the Califon Recreation Committee will proudly present its 12th Annual Califon Memorial Day Parade. Starting at 11:00 am on School Street, the parade will once again feature Saint Ann's of Hampton Drum and Pipes, the 15th New Jersey Volunteers Infantry Company A, antique cars, scout troops, area fire and rescue squads, and more. The parade will proceed down Main Street and will continue on to Califon Island Park.

In honor of those being remembered, Saint Ann's Drum and Pipes will play from the center of the Califon Bridge. A memorial service will held at noon next to the Califon Veterans Memorial. The National Anthem will be sung by the Voorhees High School Choir while local scouts raise the American flag. The 15th, NJ will close the memorial service by performing a 21 gun salute as everyone pauses for a moment of silence.

Afterwards, there will be food and drinks for purchase by Califon Fire Company. Also joining the festivities are the Kona Ice Truck, Fun Fitness on Wheels, Kidz on the Go, and more!

Community groups and organizations, antique cars and tractors, floats, animals (*with their owners!*), musical ensembles, etc. are all welcomed and encouraged to participate in this annual event. Please call Gill Smith @ 908-832-2235 to register or for additional information.

For further details of the Memorial Day Celebration, please visit the Califon Recreation Committee's website at <http://thereccommittee.tripod.com>. *The website will contain information in the event of inclement weather.*

POLICE REPORT: ZERO TOLERANCE FOR SPEEDING

You may have noticed an increase in the number of cars being pulled over in town for speeding. This activity is leading up to an all-out Zero Tolerance for Speeding campaign which will take place at an undesignated time this spring. The WTPD will assign numerous cars to blanket Califon with patrols during this time. If you don't already watch your speed in town, you may want to become aware of what 25 mph REALLY feels like. There will be no warnings given out during this crackdown!

In addition, the police will be starting a Zero Tolerance for Vandalism this spring. This campaign is especially important with the new playground in the park. Park hours and rules will be strictly enforced.

In other police news, Chief Bailey and other officers have been working closely with the school on the subject of student safety in the wake of school violence.

SPRING BRUSH PICKUP CANCELLED

Due to the severity of Hurricane Sandy in October of 2012 and the very costly clean up efforts undertaken by the Borough in the storms aftermath, the brush pickup and chipping, normally scheduled for May of each year, has been cancelled for this spring. For residents that still have tree limbs, stumps, or large brush on your property that needs to be disposed of, please contact Michael Plushanski at Greenrock Recycling, 3 Frontage Rd., (between Rt. 78 exits 12 & 13), Hampton, N.J. 08827, at (908) 268-8227 for more information and a price sheet.

CALIFON SCHOOL PTA

The Califon PTA is pleased to announce this years recipient of The Califon School PTA Graduation Award has been awarded to Emily Perkalis. Ms. Perkalis plans on becoming a Pre-School/Elementary Teacher upon her college graduation. The PTA wishes you the best. Congratulations!

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Deadline for July/August submissions: Friday, June 14.

ELECTION NEWS

PRIMARY ELECTION:

Tuesday, June 4, 2013 –

POLLS OPEN 6:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

In preparation for the upcoming election, please note:

Tuesday, May 14, 2013 –

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE JUNE PRIMARY ELECTION

Tuesday, May 28, 2013 –

LAST DAY TO APPLY BY MAIL FOR A MAIL-IN BALLOT FOR THE PRIMARY

Thursday, May 30, 2013 –

COUNTY CLERKS OFFICE OPEN UNTIL 7:00 P.M. TO VOTE IN-PERSON BY MAIL-IN BALLOT FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION

Saturday, June 1, 2013 –

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE OPEN FROM 9:00A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. TO VOTE IN-PERSON BY MAIL-IN BALLOT FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION

Monday, June 3, 2013 –

3:00 P.M. DEADLINE TO APPLY AT THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE IN-PERSON FOR A MAIL-IN BALLOT FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION

Hurricane Sandy was a painful lesson of how a natural disaster can affect one's ability to vote. Please rest assured that any registered voter has the ability to obtain a "Vote by Mail" ballot. Applications can be picked up at the Municipal Building, 39 Academy St., Califon, N.J. 07830 or at the Hunterdon County Clerk's Office in Flemington. It should be completed and mailed to the County Clerk's office. A ballot will then be mailed to you at the next election. You may choose to vote by mail one time only or you may choose to sign up to vote by mail for every election. It is easy and convenient and can save you the time coming to the polls on election day to vote in person.

Please note that the Hunterdon County Clerk's Office is located in the Hall of Records Building; 71 Main St., Flemington, N.J. 08822.

For the most current information on elections; please contact the Califon Municipal Clerk, Laura Eidsvaag at (908) 832-7850 ext. 201 or by e-mail at leidsvaag@califonboro.net or contact the Hunterdon County Clerk, Mary Melfi, at (908) 788-1214 or visit her website at www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/countyclerk.htm.

EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

Luke Conway, a Voorhees High School senior, was recently awarded his Eagle Scout Award as a member of Troop 192 in Califon. Luke has been a part of scouting since kindergarten. After earning all required merit badges, he completed his community service leadership project by refurbishing the Califon Community Calendar and the area around it. He relocated the sign, and created a gravel seating area nearby, installed landscaping, built several benches and cleared the site. The area is located between Shannon's Fly and Tackle and the Califon Bookshop. The project was designed to provide an area to advertise community events and to allow people to gather to sit, to read and to enjoy the outdoor space downtown.

Fellow Scouts and leaders of his troop, and various members of the community aided Luke in his project.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION RELAY FOR LIFE OF HUNTERDON

WHEREAS, Relay for Life is a signature activity of the American Cancer Society and celebrates cancer survivors and caregivers, remembers loved ones lost to the disease, and empowers individuals and communities to come together to recognize and fight back against cancer; and

WHEREAS, the funds raised during the Relay for Life of Hunterdon supports the American Cancer society's mission of saving lives and creating a world with less cancer and more birthdays - by helping citizens stay well, by helping our citizens receive the best treatment for cancer, by supporting the search for cures for cancer; and

WHEREAS, Relay for Life helped fund more than \$150 million in cancer research last year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I Charles Daniel, Mayor of the Borough of Califon, do hereby proclaim June 14th and 15th of 2013 as,

"RELAY FOR LIFE OF HUNTERDON COUNTY DAYS"

In our community and hereby encourage our citizens to participate in the Relay for Life event at Hunterdon Central High School on June 14th to 15th, 2013.

NELLIE HOFFMAN HOUSE UPDATE HUNTERDON - 300 YEARS OF HISTORY

The aftereffects of the unfortunate "puff back" at the NH house are almost totally cleaned up. Re-painting was scheduled to begin April 17. The Califon Preservation Committee and the town are hoping to have the house ready to take part in Hunterdon County's 300th Anniversary celebrations. Each town is being asked to plan a special event during 2014 to recognize its place in the county history. While the exact plans are still under discussion in Califon, our town-owned historic site – the Nellie Hoff-

man House – will play some part in our tribute. Watch the Crier and the website for more information about these events. If you'd like to get involved in Califon's celebration, contact either Gill Smith or Kathie Andersen, both councilpersons. If you'd like to get involved on the county level, visit the website www.hunterdon300th.org.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CALIFON SCHOOL'S ELECTRIC MONKEYS DESTINATION IMAGINATION TEAM! LET'S GET THEM TO KNOXVILLE!

An amazing thing happened recently...a Califon School team won **first place** in their challenge at the NJ statewide Destination ImagiNation® competition, and will be going to the Global Finals in Knoxville, Tennessee! Each year, over 100,000 students from 56 countries and throughout the United States compete in local Destination ImagiNation®, or "DI" competitions. DI, simply put, is "the world's largest creative problem solving program for kids!" DI requires teams of up to 7 students to display teamwork, problem solving, innovation, creativity, and resourcefulness in devising a unique solution to a challenge, which can have a focus that is theatrical, structural, improvisational, scientific, or technical. Teams must also demonstrate creative, quick, on-the-spot thinking skills to solve the Instant Challenge.

The Electric Monkeys, comprised of first-time participants Hailey Ader, Benji Beard, Ben Hemberger, James Martin, Lindsay Murin, Mark Peter, and Emma Zande, under the guidance of team manager Melinda Hemberger, impressed the judges with their innovative problem solving and creative, whimsical approach to the *In The Zone* challenge, elementary level. Fifth grader Ben Hemberger stated, "I learned that teamwork helps you through life because it's hard to do things by yourself. We all contributed to the team in our own way."

Not only did Califon School compete against more experienced teams, they also went up against much bigger districts with far greater resources. The team from our small 142-student district must now begin fundraising efforts to raise the \$8,000 it will cost to send a team of 7 students and 2 advisors to Knoxville.

Will you please consider making a contribution to help us get to the Global Finals? This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for these students, whom we know will represent Califon well. That's where you come in! Here are some ways you can help:

1. Visit our online donation site at <http://www.razoo.com/story/Help-Send-The-Electric-Monkeys-To-Global-Di-In-Knoxville>

2. Come to our Cinco de Mayo Auction and Chili Contest, scheduled for Sunday, May 5, at 4:00pm, at Lower Valley Presbyterian Church on Route 513 in Califon.

3. Make a tax-deductible contribution, which can be sent to the Califon School PTA, with a notation for DI 2013, to Califon School, 6 School Street, Califon, NJ 07830.

4. Own a business? Have a skill or service to contribute to our auction? Please contact Jessica @ jjcb20@comcast.net for more information.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

A 1970'S GET DOWN AND GET FUNKY THEMED DINNER DANCE!

The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann will host its annual major fundraiser, a dinner dance/auction on Saturday, June 1st. Chairpersons Karen Porto and Judy Ross of Tewksbury want you to know that, all are welcome! This year's event has a 1970s theme, "*Get Down and Get Funky*" and will occur at the church center: 398 Route 513 in Lebanon Twp. Call the parish office at (908) 832-2513 to buy tickets (\$75/person)

The evening's festivities will begin with a wine, beer, and cheese tasting, chaired by Annette Schettino Uss of Lebanon Twp from 5:30 to 7:00pm. A Silent Auction which Joanne Fabaino and Susan Kuhn are chairing and a Live Auction of a select group of items will run from 5:30 to 9:00pm, together with dinner and dancing from 7:00 to 10:00pm+. The Kitchen is being headed up by Ana Giametta of Asbury who promises to deliver a wonderful dinner.

Up for bid will be vacations (one week in a beautiful 3-bedroom condo on Grande Dunes Golf Course in Myrtle Beach, SC., two weeks at a Beachfront Condo in Florida); golf threesome with lunch at The Ridge At Back Brook Golf Club; catered dinners; Garden Brunch for a Bunch; wine tastings in a private cellar; Giants, Jets and Yankees tickets; and more! Find out more at www.ccsjn.org.

"The auction dinners are always great food and great fun", said Anita Sawczuk of Tewksbury who is in charge of the Fabulous Five Raffle this year, "We are very excited as this is the first Auction for our new Pastor." Rev. Abraham Orapankal came from St. Bartholomew in East Brunswick and become the Pastor at St. John Neumann last September.

Raffle tickets are also available, and Saturday evening's events will conclude with the drawing of winning tickets. "Fab Five" raffle prizes include a Panasonic 50" Plasma Smart 3D-HDTV; a Weber-Genesis – 3 Burner Grill, an Apple iPad mini, 64GB-Black; Shop-Rite Gift Cards; and a Gift Card to Broadway.com. Chairperson is Doris Royal of Clinton Twp. **Back by popular demand is also a 50/50 raffle - a chance to win up to \$50,000.** Proceeds of the weekend events will go toward meeting budgetary needs for the church.