

Lebanon Township News

Winter 2019/2020



December, January,
February

Lebanon Township
Committee meets at
7:00 PM on the
1st and 3rd
Wednesdays of the
month at the Municipal
Building, unless
otherwise specified.

Your attendance is
encouraged and
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Hours:
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Recreation Commission & Historians



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SUNDAY
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Come celebrate this tradition with friends and neighbors! This joyful night features a visit from Santa, music and merrymaking! Please bring a non-perishable food item for donation to the North Hunterdon Food Pantry located here in Lebanon Township.

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530 West Hill Road

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Township Recreation
Commission and
Historian Committee

Recreation Commission

Halloween Madness 2019

Huge thanks to all the Lebanon Township families who came out to Memorial Park for Halloween Madness! Each year you blow us away with your amazing car decorations and creative costumes; thank you for bringing so much spirit and energy to the event!

One of our favorite quotes of the day was, "It's a wonderful event for the whole family, makes us remember how awesome it is to live in Lebanon Township!" Coming together and helping give the children (and adults!) priceless memories of growing up in our community is what we're all about.

Many organizations and individuals helped orchestrate Halloween Madness 2019 and we couldn't have done it without their support. Thank you Officer Alan Goracy and Fire Official Gary Apgar for directing traffic, Committeewoman Beverly Koehler and Lebanon Township Fire Department volunteer Susan Schlesinger for judging our costume parade and car decorating contests, Warren Gabriel and the Lebanon Township Department of Public Works for last minute requests, and Fire Chief Rob Pek and the Lebanon Township Fire Department and EMS crew for assisting with parking cars and keeping our children safe. Thank you!

Gratefully,

The Lebanon Township Recreation Commission Volunteers -

Jill Davis, Cathleen Campbell Ferns, Donna Barrett Guzzino, Laurie Hoffman, Darin McDowell, Maria Naccarato and Meredith Tyers



Memorial Park

2019 FALL FEST THANK YOU

Friends of Memorial Park



Friends of Memorial Park would like to extend a HUGE thank you to our sponsors: Groendyke Insurance, Peapack-Gladstone Bank, Custom Alloy Corporation, Hunterdon Health and Wellness Centers, Baumann & Son Plumbing & Heating, Basking Ridge Electric, Roselle Bank, Confortini Plumbing & Heating, Cornerstone Print and Imaging LLC, Bardecker and Son LLC, Van Doren Oil Company, Califon Animal Hospital, Ralph and Susan Steele, Califon Lumber, The Avallone Family, and George Zack.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to Second Impressions, Brian and Judy Smith, The GaGa Pit, Spencer Family Farm, Starr's Party & Tent Rental, Melick's Town Farm, Brookside Farm, and Solstice Floral Shop.

A special thank you to Shop Rite of Clinton and Woodglen General Store for their extremely generous donations of delicious eats!

Thank you to the Lebanon Township Department of Public Works, Lebanon Township Rescue Squad, Lebanon Township Fire Department, Lebanon Township Police Department, Tewksbury-Lebanon Township PBA 386, and the Hunterdon County Sheriff's Department.

Thank you to Califon Hellbenders, Barefoot Children, The Big Fuss, and Joshua Branson for all the great music and entertainment.

Thank you to the Lebanon Township Recreation Commission for an outstanding children's area filled with the coolest games and activities!

Thank you to Rizzo's Reptiles for the fun demonstrations and thank you to John Hammer for organizing the Car Gallery.

Our first Apple Chucking event yielded five contestants able to hit the target: Brian Rosenberg, Leo Villani, Victoria Perez, Tim Will, Alexander and Jonah Negi, and Alias! We'll be bringing back Apple Chucking next year with even more targets!

And a HUGE thanks to all the organizations that participated in making our Community Area so special during this event: Changewater United Methodist Church, Voorhees Viking Football, Voorhees Viking Lacrosse, Voorhees Key Club, Hunterdon County Vocational School, YMCA Camp Bernie, Lebanon Township Athletic Association, Lebanon Township Historians, Squires Point, Lebanon Township PTA, Outreach Connection, Lebanon Township Educational Association, Meals on Wheels, Bunnvale Library, and Girl Scout Troop 80059.

Last, but certainly not least, thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the day a huge success, and thank you to all who came out and supported the event and Memorial Park. We are looking forward to seeing you all again next year!

*All the best,
Friends of Memorial Park*

Memorial Park

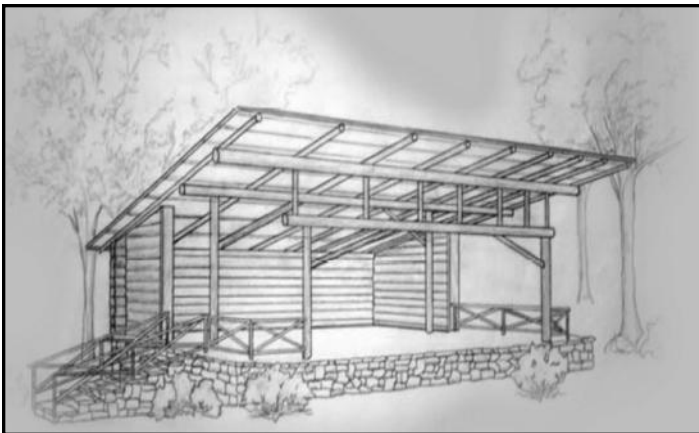


HAVE YOU MADE YOUR DONATION TO THE PAT SCHRIVER STAGE?

After serving over 33 years on our Township Committee, many as Mayor, we want to honor Pat Schriver with a performance stage in the park. Pat died in 2016 and we need to recognize her tremendous, positive impact on the township. The park would not exist without Pat's vision, hard work and persistence.

Please send a check made payable to 'Friends of Memorial Park' to the Lebanon Township Municipal Building, Attn: Kim Jacobus, 530 West Hill Rd, Glen Gardner, NJ 08826 and indicate your gift is in memory of Pat.

Thanks in advance for your generosity.



A sketch of the stage to be built in Memorial Park in honor of Pat Schriver.

From the Deputy Clerk

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS

2020 Dog License Renewal Due in January



State Statute requires that owners of all dogs seven months of age or older are required to annually apply to the licensing clerk of the municipality in which he or she resides for a dog license. In order for the license to be issued, the owner must present proof that a licensed veterinarian has vaccinated the dog against rabies and that the duration of immunity from that vaccination extends through at least ten months of the twelve-month licensing period. An exemption to the rabies inoculation requirement shall be granted if the owner presents written certification from a licensed veterinarian that the dog cannot be vaccinated due to a medical condition or course of therapy.

Please renew your dog's 2020 license in January to avoid late fees! If you have recently moved into the Township or adopted a dog, an application for licensing your dog may be found on the Township website (lebanontownship.net under Clerk's Department) or you can come into the Municipal Building, Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM to register your dog. Please bring a current rabies certificate and payment by cash or check of \$14 for an unaltered dog or \$11 if they are spayed or neutered. Checks can be made payable to Lebanon Township Dog Account (LTDA).

Anyone registering or renewing a dog's license must provide a valid, current EMAIL address. It is critical for future information that will be provided to dog owners.

If you need more information or have any questions, please call Kim at (908) 638-8523 x102 or send an email to deputyclerk@lebtwp.net.

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Bunnvale Library



Bunnvale Library would like to thank everyone who helped celebrate our **40th Anniversary**. We had over 103 patrons join in the festivities. Common themes from the Bunnvale Library comment cards were *“cornerstone of the community”*, *“friendliness and resourcefulness of the staff”*, and *“our happy place”*! Cider, apples and donuts were provided by Melick’s Town Farm. The Bunnvale Library wouldn’t be what it is today without its wonderful patrons!

The **Anne Rambo Curio Cabinet** has been a staple at the library since the late 1980’s. Patrons have been displaying their crafts, collectibles, talents and hobbies for over 30 years. If anyone has anything they would like to display in the cabinet, please call or stop by the library. The display changes monthly.

For December, the cabinet will display Woodglen students artwork under the direction of Woodglen School art teacher

Alex Maxwell. January will feature Hess Trucks collected by Linda Patterson, and Janet MacQueen will display crafts she made at the Museum of Lebanon Township workshops over the years in February.

The Knitting and Crocheting Club meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the library. Novice and experienced knitters and crocheters are welcome to join.

The **Book Club** meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Library. We will be reading *Dewey: The Small Town Library Cat Who Touched the World* by Vicki Myron in January. In February, *The Pine Barrens* by John McPhee will be discussed. There is **no** Book Club in December.

Bunnvale Library accepts books, especially **children’s** books, movies, audios, and music donations that are gently used - **NO MOLD OR WATER DAMAGED BOOKS**. Donations of **current fiction and non-fiction books** would be a welcomed addition to our inventory. Please do not put items in book drop or leave outside when we are not open. The Library does **NOT** accept text books, **outdated** medical and business books (**nothing older than 2017**), encyclopedias, or magazines. Please call first before donating any of the above items.

NOTE: Bunnvale Library has a new phone number: (908) 638-8523, x401.

“The only thing you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library.” ... Albert Einstein

Hours: Wednesday 1:00 - 8:00 PM
Thursday & Friday 9:00AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Telephone: (908) 638-8523 x401



Jonah Duckworth presented a drawing of Bunnvale Library, his favorite place in town, to Librarian Karla Drumm as a gift to the staff in celebration of the Library’s anniversary.



The library dressed up and ready for its 40th Anniversary celebration.

Bridget Woodell

REALTOR

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My name is Bridget Woodell and I have lived in Lebanon Township since 1998. I feel very lucky to have brought up my 3 children, Morgan, Michael and Josh, in this beautiful town. There are so many fantastic reasons to love this area. From walking along the Ken Lockwood Gorge with my dog, to the wonderful people I meet running with friends at the Columbia Trail. We live in an area where we are surrounded by true beauty and it is something I never take for granted.

I have been a realtor for 10 years and absolutely love my job. Something not many people can say. I truly take pride in forming relationships with all of my sellers and buyers. It gives me the opportunity to lend a hand to people making one of the biggest decisions in a lifetime. I meet amazing people. I learn everyday . Best thing of all is helping people **make their dreams come true.**

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66 Grand Ave, Washington
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84 W Johnston St, Washington
47 Valley Rd, Oxford
38 Main St, Glen Gardner

12 Pershing Ave, Califon
303 Dogwood Dr, Lebanon Twp
56 Sliker Rd, Lebanon Twp
3 Spring Mountain Rd, Lebanon Twp
172 Mount Grove, Rd, Lebanon Twp
15 E Main St, High Bridge
9 E Main St, High Bridge
10 Wayside Ln, Clinton Twp
532 Cokesbury Rd, Clinton Twp



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Lebanon Township Board of Health

5 Ways to Live Longer

By Nicholas J. Avallone, M.D., F.A.A.O.S.

A study published in the journal *Circulation* by Dr. Frank Hu and colleagues in April of 2018 out of the Harvard School of Public Health examined healthy lifestyle choices and calculated their potential benefit to patients who adopt them in their adult lives. It is the first of its kind study in the United States and collected data from 78,865 women over 34 years and 44,354 men over 27 years.

According to 2017 data from the Central Intelligence Agency's World Factbook, the United States ranks poorly amongst high income countries with an average life expectancy of 79.3 years. In contrast, Monaco and Japan have the highest life expectancy at 89.4 and 85.3 years, respectively. Developing countries like Chad and Afghanistan have life expectancies of 50.6 and 51.7 years, respectively. These numbers are surprising and are due to a number of variables. However, some simple changes in lifestyle habits by the time one reaches 50 years of age can increase life expectancy in Americans by 14 years in women and 12.2 years in men.

The 5 lifestyle changes one can make that have been shown to increase life expectancy are: do not smoke, limit alcoholic drinks to no more than 1 per day for women and 2 per day for men, maintain a healthy body mass index (18.5-24.9 is ideal), eat a well-balanced diet, and do 30 minutes of moderate to vigorous exercise per day. Breaking these down, smoking seems to be the biggest contributor to decreasing longevity. Even smoking a few cigarettes per day increases one's risk for heart disease, lung disease and diabetes.

While adopting one or a few of these lifestyle habits enabled people in the study to live longer, there was an additive effect of making all 5 changes that improved life expectancy. The study found that those individuals who practiced all 5 healthy lifestyle habits were 82% less likely to die from cardiovascular disease and 65% less likely to die from cancer. These are staggering numbers and truly underscore the importance of making good decisions regarding one's behaviors in life.

The encouraging message that this study delivers is that one can change their lifestyle at any age and have a beneficial effect on their health and overall longevity. The other bit of good news from this study is that people do not have to strive to be perfect in their lifestyle choices in order to improve their longevity. One can still enjoy dessert in moderation as long as the rest of their diet has a good mix of fruits, vegetables, protein and dairy. Alcoholic drinks can still be consumed, but moderation is key. One does not have to engage in advanced, hard-core workout regimens as vigorous walking for 30 minutes is considered appropriate exercise in this study.

Body mass index improvement appears to be the biggest challenge out of the five for many people. However, if one adopts the other healthy habits, weight loss will follow. If finding the time to exercise is the challenge in one's life, carve out the same time every day to do so. It may mean waking up 30 minutes earlier, taking a shorter lunch break or even separating the thirty minutes up into three sessions of exercise that are 10 minutes each. The data is clear, each healthy choice one makes improves an individual's likelihood of living longer. Your loved ones will appreciate the additional time they have to spend with you.

From the Office of Emergency Management

Volunteers Needed

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Office of Emergency Management
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Historians

Volunteers Needed for the Old Stone House at Voorhees High School

The little stone farmhouse tucked away behind the playing fields at Voorhees High School has stood there for about 200 years, a reminder of early life in Lebanon Township.

Although the precise date of construction of the Daniel Seal Farmhouse is not known, the stone construction built into a bank with 1-1/2 stories (main story and habitable attic space) and a cellar kitchen and root cellar below, winder staircases, hand-hewn beams throughout, wide plank flooring and a large springhouse nearby suggests that the Farmhouse was constructed no later than 1830. The house reflects old world building traditions that were brought to this area by the early settlers.

When the farm was purchased by the North Hunterdon Regional Board of Education, the initial construction plans for Voorhees



The Daniel Seal Farmhouse, March 2019.

High School called for demolition of the farmhouse. Thanks to a significant community organizing effort led by Louise Sliker of the Lebanon Township Historians, the Board was persuaded to save the farmhouse and integrate it into the school curriculum through citizen petitions and letters of support from local historical societies and school districts. An agreement was reached whereby the farmhouse was leased to the Historians who managed a restoration effort that lasted from the late 1970's through the 1980's. The site was used by the high school as a backdrop for lessons in Hunterdon history.

The effort to restore and maintain the house ended by the late 1980's. For more than 10 years, the site was neglected until the early 2000's, when Voorhees High School science teacher Tom Heilman organized a maintenance effort with support from student volunteers and the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission. When Tom retired in 2009, the farmhouse lost a dedicated caretaker.

Today the farmhouse is again in need of attention. The Lebanon Township Historians Committee is exploring options for sustainable preservation of the site in cooperation with the Board of Education and school administration. In the meantime, volunteers are needed to help remove debris, weatherproof the building and secure it from vandalism until a preservation plan can be established. Anyone interested in volunteering to help can contact David Overaker of the Lebanon Township Historians Committee at (908) 963-9736.

The History

The farmhouse sits near the northern boundary of a 180 acre parcel identified as Lot #22 in the Frazer survey of the partitioning of the Union Tract drawn in 1801-1802. The Union Tract was owned by William Allen and Joseph Turner, founders of one of the earliest iron works in the colonies known as Union Forge constructed circa 1742¹. By the time the Union Tract was partitioned at the beginning of the 19th century, the supply of wood to fuel the forge had been exhausted and most of the land

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Photos of the farmhouse during construction of Voorhees High School, 1974. Shown are a picture window alteration on the south side and additions on the north side that were removed in the first restoration by the Township of Lebanon Historians.

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turned over to crop production. As fields were cleared for crops, a great abundance of stone became available for use as a building material.

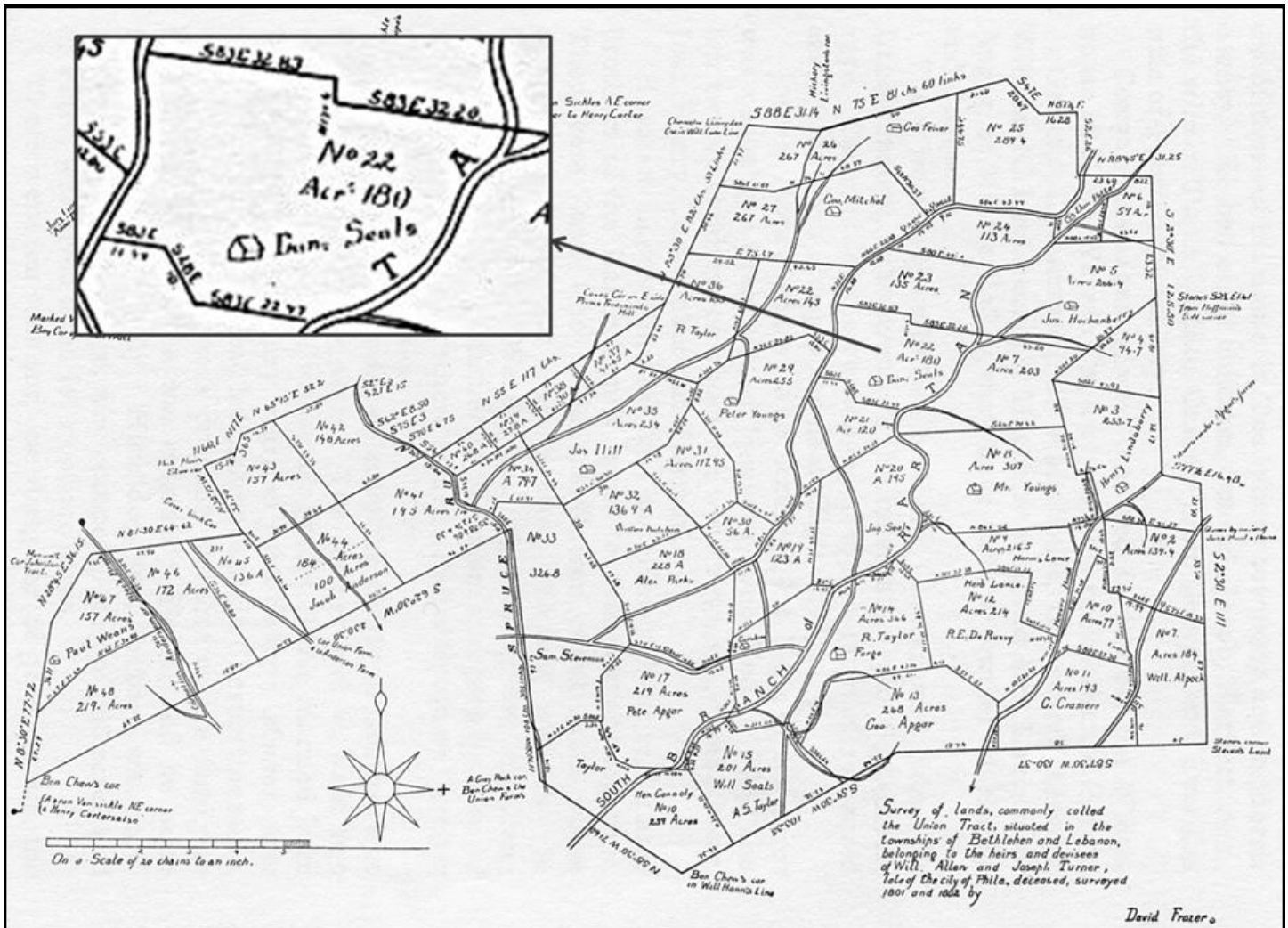
The Frazer survey of 1802 shows the homestead of “Dan. Seals” near the southern border of Lot #22, coinciding with the location of a home on Fox Hollow Road (built ca. 1787). He lived there as a tenant while employed as a collier at Union Forge, and presumably harvested the trees from the lot for production of charcoal to fuel the furnaces at the forge. The fact that no second residence is shown on the Frazer survey near the northern boundary of Lot #22 tells us that the farmhouse was built after 1802. The assumption is that the farmhouse was built for one of Daniel Seal’s children or other relative. This is supported by census records of 1830 and 1840 indicating a William Seal as head of household at the farmhouse. How this William Seal (b. 1780-1790) fits into the Seal family tree is to be determined.

The last reference to Daniel Seal being associated with Lot #22 is found in the deed of January 1832 to John Alpaugh, noting “tract no. 22 containing 180 acres, now or late in the tenure of Daniel Seal”. Daniel died in November 1833 and is buried in the old cemetery at Spruce Run Lutheran Church.

Up until the 1832 sale to John Alpaugh, all owners of Lot #22 had apparently been absentee owners. The Alpaugh (aka Alpock) family had arrived in the area 100 years earlier, and by 1832 had spread throughout the German Valley, High Bridge and Cokesbury areas. John Alpaugh’s daughter Sophia married George A. Apgar in 1838 and the young couple soon moved into the old homestead, as corroborated by the 1840 census record. Maps of 1851 and 1860 show “G. Apgar” as head of household at the homestead.

The first partition of Lot #22 occurs in 1860 when George A. Apgar acquired the northern 77.55 acre portion, including the

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The Frazer survey of the partitions of the Union Tract drawn in 1801-1802, showing the homestead of “Dan. Seals” on Lot No. 22. The Daniel Seal Farmhouse, built sometime after 1802, is located close to the northern boundary of the lot. The forge is shown on Lot No. 14, “R. Taylor”.

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Daniel Seal Farmhouse, from his widowed mother-in-law Margaret Alpaugh. George and family moved into the farmhouse and continued farming until selling to Thomas B. Cregar in 1871.

The farm would remain in the Cregar family until 1948, when it was sold to Harry G. Geist of the H.G. Geist Company in Califon. The company ran a grist mill that produced buckwheat, wheat and corn flour.

In 1973, the farm was purchased by the North Hunterdon Regional Board of Education.

1. Charles S. Boyer, *Early Forges & Furnaces in New Jersey*, p 232, University of Pennsylvania Press, 1931.




2019 Holiday Ornament

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Museum

'Tis the season to reflect back on the past year and make plans for the future. We started 2019 by putting the final touches on our schoolhouse museum's first major addition since the 1870's, which finally brought indoor plumbing to this historic building!

By March, we were ready to reopen our doors. We celebrated a new chapter in the Museum's history with a hearty send-off to our retiring Curators and a warm welcome to the new ones. Each month brought new displays, discoveries, events, activities and many first-time visitors.

It has been an absolute pleasure meeting so many wonderful residents and we look forward to another fun and full year of programming for the public!

New Jersey ratified the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote on February 9, 1920. We will be doing much to celebrate this historic centennial in 2020, such as hosting sash-making parties and lectures. We will also have a display of quilts that are being specifically created for this Suffrage Celebration at the Museum!

Other plans include a student art show, an exhibit on Daniel Morgan, a family Lego event, as well as more lectures, receptions, and of course, Make & Play Days! Please be sure to follow The Friends of the Lebanon Township Museum on Facebook or check our website to stay informed.

Do you have any vintage sewing scissors? We'd love to borrow them for an upcoming exhibit. Perhaps your great-grandmother's sewing box was handed down to you along with beloved memories of sitting at her knee while she told stories and did her mending. Oftentimes, these seemingly mundane objects come with stories of great love and fond recollections; we'd love to help honor and share your family's story!

If you would like to be added to the Museum's mailing list, have ideas for collaborations or would like to volunteer at the Museum, please contact Curator Gina Sampaio at (908) 638-8523 x405 or email museum@lebtwp.net.



Historian and Author Richard Pierce gives a presentation on historic American Flags during a summer exhibit.



Curators Gina Sampaio and Robbie-Lynn Mwangi at the fall quilt show.



Eddie Grannis from The Old Millpond Farm teaching children about honeybees at a spring event.



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2019 LISTED & SOLD by Sharon Groben



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What do Sharon's Clients Have to Say?

"Sharon's knowledge of the area/market and close connection to the community make her invaluable. Her insights helped us to find the right Buyer and guided us through the whole process. What a true Realtor needs to do for Sellers like us! Thanks Sharon, we could not have done it without you!"

"Sharon was a delight to work with on all levels. Expert real estate agent who guides you through the process each step of the way. She takes care of the minor details so we as the seller had little to worry about. She was also available day and night for questions and her response time was excellent."

"Sharon was absolutely wonderful to work with. She was very helpful and especially patient with us during our long and very interesting search for a new home. When it came time to list our home for sale she meant business. She was very thorough with her marketing and went all out with professional photography. We had many showings and open houses. Sharon kept us informed with all of the action along the way. It did not take long and before we knew it we sold our house for full asking price. Sharon continued to work with us, getting us through attorney review and all the inspections. She has a great network including inspectors, attorney, and especially her wonderful assistant Pat. I highly recommend Sharon for selling and/or purchasing a home, especially in the Lebanon Twp. area. No one knows it better!"

"When thinking our experience with Sharon this verse came to mind. I'm not a religious person at all but I truly feel Sharon embodied everything that Love is. Patient, kind, not proud, does not dishonor others, is not self-seeking, not easily angered, keeps no records of wrongs, protects, trusts, always hopes and NEVER FAILS! We went on a long house-hunting journey with Sharon and she was with us through and through. Her patience was commendable, and her experience is unmeasurable. In addition, she has a great team working with her. I would HIGHLY recommend Sharon for your housing needs!!"

"From the first meeting we had with Sharon we knew she was different from the rest. She was extremely personable, professional and understood our situation of trying to get our condo sold as quick as possible. She uses unique and effective tactics to drive TONS of traffic to our property listing on all platforms which resulted in HUGE turn outs during our open houses. We got our property under contract in less than a week and Sharon's communication throughout the whole process was seamless and just how you'd want it to be. Unfortunately, we had an issue come up where our original buyer could not get the mortgage and we had to put it

back on the market. Sharon worked extra hard to drive even more traffic to the property and we sold just a few weeks later! She knows her markets and what it takes to get things done for her clients and I would recommend her to anyone seeking to buy or sell. 10/10!!!!"

Sharon Groben



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- Local knowledge: ★★★★★
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- Responsiveness: ★★★★★
- Negotiation skills: ★★★★★

Sharon is proud to have earned the Five Star Highest Rating on Zillow.

You can read all her reviews at www.Zillow.com/profile/Sharon-Groben/Reviews.

Contact Sharon directly on her cell at 908-303-9385 for a Free, Confidential Market Analysis.



*in Lebanon Township for Dollar Volume &/or Individual Properties Sold in 2012-2018. This representation is based in whole or in part on data supplied by the Garden State Multiple Listing Service, LLC ("GSMLS"). GSMLS does not guarantee nor is in any way responsible for its accuracy. Data accurate as of 10/31/2019. Data maintained by GSMLS may not reflect all real estate activity in the market. If your home is currently listed with another broker, this is not intended as a solicitation of that listing.



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.html, for information about special county hazardous waste and electronics recycling events.



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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RECYCLING - BACK TO BASICS

As of 2017, China no longer accepts recyclables that contain large amounts of unusable material. By placing materials in a container that cannot be recycled, there is a possibility that all the material will be classified as contaminated. We have to go back to basics.

Check with your curb-side hauler to find out exactly what recyclables they will collect. Do not put your recyclables in a plastic bag; many times, the entire bag becomes trash. Wash out your recyclables; new materials are never made from dirty materials. Place newspapers and cardboard in a covered container or wait for a sunny day before placing them at the curb for pickup. The County's website also has information regarding recycling at www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/recycling.html.

MIXED RECYCLING



 **EMPTY**

 **CLEAN**

 **UNBAGGED**

Environmental & Open Space Commission

**Spotted
Lanternfly:
They're here,
now what?
By Sharon Petzinger**



The other day, I was sitting in my backyard when I noticed a few spotted lanternflies climbing up a walnut tree. At least I think it is a walnut ... or did I mistakenly identify it and it's actually a large Ailanthus, or tree of heaven, which is the lanternfly's favorite host?

If we are to deal with spotted lanternflies by getting rid of their favorite host tree, how do we know we have the right tree? And once we do know, how do we get rid of it? The easiest way to tell Ailanthus from similar trees with compound leaves is to crush a leaf or a twig and smell it. If it smells like rotten peanut butter, it's Ailanthus. The leaves on Ailanthus are also smooth, whereas sumac and walnut leaves are serrated. For larger Ailanthus trees where you can't grab a twig or leaf to smell, check out the bark. The bark on larger trees is thin and gray with pale vertical lines. Sumac bark has narrow horizontal markings and young black walnut bark is darker and rough. Although rare, young, white walnut (AKA butternut) has bark quite similar to Ailanthus, so you may want to check the ground for walnuts before assuming it's Ailanthus.

If you have verified Ailanthus on your property and want to get rid of it, how do you do that? Well, for young seedlings it's really easy to pull them out by hand, but it becomes more of a challenge when you have larger trees and/or root suckers. Simply cutting the larger ailanthus trees without using herbicide will cause it to resprout and spread through root suckers.

1. For small trees or sprouts that cannot be pulled out, use a foliar herbicide application. The two most common herbicides to foliar spray Ailanthus are glyphosate and triclopyr. These systemic herbicides are absorbed through the leaves and stems and then transported to the root system. They pose little risk to groundwater if applied properly (i.e. when there is no rain in the forecast). However, these products can harm other desirable plants and care should be taken not to spray those nearby. A 2 percent solution of either glyphosate (e.g., Roundup®) or imazapyr (e.g., Habitat®) is effective on healthy trees that are fully leafed out.
2. For larger Ailanthus trees with trunk diameters between 4 and 8 inches, use a basal bark herbicide application between July and September. For trunks less than 6 inches in diameter, a continuous 12-inch wide band should be sprayed around the entire tree base. For trunks greater than 6 inches, apply a 24-inch band. Triclopyr

3. Ester 25% or Pathfinder II ready-to-use mixture is recommended for this type of application.
3. For even larger Ailanthus trees, you can drill a hole a few inches into the tree and immediately inject about 2 ML of herbicide into the hole using a plastic syringe. Undiluted glyphosate and triclopyr has been shown to work well with this procedure, particularly when done in August.
4. If you want to get rid of Ailanthus but refuse to apply herbicide, then you can try cutting trees before they become too large. Do the cutting in July when root reserves are low, and shade out the smaller trees. This will need to be done routinely, likely for many years, as the tree resprouts.

As for me and my lanternflies, I remember seeing some walnuts on the ground near it, so I'm going to double-check the bark and any leaves that may still be on it. If it is Ailanthus, I'll be sure to have a drill and herbicide ready next summer. In the meantime, I will be checking my car, bike rack, firewood, etc. when I travel to be sure I'm not transporting lanternflies.

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Education



FROM THE LEBANON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT ...

Substitutes Needed

The Lebanon Township School District is looking for substitute teachers, paraprofessionals, and nurses for Valley View and Woodglen Schools. Substitutes are paid at \$100 per day. If you are interested, please contact the Lebanon Township Board of Education at (908) 638-4521.

Kindergarten

If you have a child eligible for 2020-2021 kindergarten at Valley View School, call our office at (908) 832-2175 or email sunkel@lebtwpk8.org and include your child's name, birth date, mailing address, phone number, and parent's name. Valley View kindergarten is a full day program. Children must be five years old by October 1, 2020. We are in the process of developing our kindergarten census with registration packets scheduled to be mailed in January. All registration packets must be received by February 21, 2020.

Preschool

The Lebanon Township School District offers a preschool program for children ages 3 and 4. There are a limited number of spaces given out by a lottery drawing. The lottery drawing for the 2020-2021 preschool will be held at the February 2020 Board of Education Meeting. Updated application forms and general information will be available starting in January.

The morning session runs from 8:40 AM to 11:10 AM and the afternoon session runs from 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM. A teacher certified in both general and special education teaches the class, assisted by paraprofessionals. All children must be toilet trained prior to entrance into the program and parents are responsible for transportation to and from the program as well as tuition.



Lebanon Township PTA (LTPTA) Membership

We are proud to announce that we have 258 LTPTA members and counting. Help us reach our goal of 300 members for the school year. Any local resident, at least 18 years of age or older, with an interest in supporting our schools, whether you have school-aged children or not, is welcome to join the PTA. By becoming a PTA member, you can connect with other parents, learn about important news and upcoming events and have a voice in the programs we support. Dues are \$10 annually and you can register and pay online at our new MemberHub site <https://lebtwppta.memberhub.store>. A portion of your membership dues also supports the National PTA and the New Jersey State PTA, which create policies that support the educational needs of children and promote family engagement and strong partnerships between schools and the communities they serve.

Stay Connected

Throughout the year, we raise money through membership, fundraising and donations. To find out about upcoming events and fundraisers, like us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/LTPTA/) or visit us on the web at <http://lebtwppta.org/>.

The LTPTA holds three General Membership meetings throughout the school year. All are welcome to attend; only members can vote. Our next public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 9 at 7:30 PM at Ono Rosa Restaurant.

Box Tops for Education

Box Tops are an easy way to help earn money for the LTPTA. Each one is worth 10¢ for our school! The new and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online. Download the new app today.

While participating brands make the switch to digital Box Tops, you'll still find traditional Box Tops on many store products. Please continue to clip them and send them to school. Collection boxes are available for your convenience at the Municipal Building, Bunnvale Library, Valley View School, and Woodglen School. For more information on Box Tops, including a list of participating products, go to BTFE.com. Be sure to sign up as a member (it's free!) so you can check out our school's earnings and get access to coupons and bonus offers.

Education

Executive Board Members Wanted!

The LTPTA Executive Board needs some fresh faces and more representation from Valley View School. The majority of our board members' terms are expiring. We are looking to fill the following positions for the 2020-2021 school year:

- Corresponding Secretary (membership)
- Vice President I (Volunteer Coordinator for Valley View)
- Vice President II (Fundraising)
- President

We are forming a Nominations Committee to fill these board vacancies. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please come to our next General Membership meeting on Thursday, January 9 at 7:30 PM at Ono Rosa Restaurant.

Thank You to our Founders!

February 17 is National PTA Founders Day, in which we celebrate the 100+



year history of child advocacy by PTA leaders. Did you know ... after just a few months of planning and advertising, Alice McLellan Birney and Phoebe Apperson Hearst along with over 2000 others, met in Washington D.C. on February 17, 1897 to attend the first convocation of the National Congress of Mothers. Their mission was to eliminate threats that endangered children. By 1917, more than 35 chartered state congresses had formed. In 1970, the National Congress of Parents and Teachers and the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers, founded by Selena Sloan Butler, merged to form the current National Parent Teacher Association.


On this day we take a moment to celebrate the legacy and work of our founders, Alice McLellan Birney, Phoebe Apperson Hearst and Selena Sloan Butler, to better the lives of every child in education, health and safety. It is a time to reflect and take pride in our achievements, and renew our commitment to be a:

- powerful voice for all children,
- relevant resource for parents, and
- strong advocate for public education.

Our founders represented women of imagination and courage. They had a simple idea - to improve the lives and future of all children. They understood the power of individual action, worked beyond the accepted barriers of their day and took action to change the world for all children.

In honor of National PTA Founders Day, the Lebanon Township PTA would like to acknowledge our local founders. A plaque recognizing our founders and past presidents hangs in Valley View School. Unfortunately, it has not been updated since 1995. If you have information about any of the LTPTA Presidents who served between 1995 and 2016, please e-mail us at info@lebtwppta.org.

Thank you for supporting the LTPTA!



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**17th Annual Giving Fair
Saturday, December 7
11:00 am - 3:00 pm**

Do you have someone on your holiday shopping list who is difficult to shop for? Someone who doesn't need or want anything? We've got a solution for you. Get a start on your holiday shopping and purchase symbolic gifts through donations to numerous local, regional, and international organizations.

Here's how it works ... You make a donation to a non-profit organization in honor of someone you wish to give a gift to; you receive a gift card to present to the person you are honoring; you both get to experience the joy of helping someone in need; and, the organization receives much needed funds to continue its work.

We have gifts available for any budget and your gifts will go a long way in helping people who desperately need them!

There will be a wonderful lunch for purchase as well as interactive exhibits. Enjoy our live nativity and take a step back in time with a horse and carriage ride. Our Christmas tree sale will be going on too! Parking is available behind the church from the Route 513 entrance or Sliker Road entrance.

Join us for a wonderful day of giving, food and fun. We look forward to seeing you.

**North Hunterdon
Food Pantry**

If you need assistance in feeding your family, the North Hunterdon Food Pantry in Lebanon Township can help.

The pantry distributes food the second Thursday of each month, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

We are located at:
200 Sanatorium Road
Building #24
Glen Gardner

For additional information or our next scheduled distribution, please call (908) 537-4824, option #2.

Leave a message or visit us the second Thursday of each month at the pantry.

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Township Directory

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE		
Beverly Koehler	(908) 638-8523 x504	koehler@lebtwp.net
Marc Laul, Deputy Mayor	(908) 638-8523 x503	laul@lebtwp.net
Tom McKee	(908) 638-8523 x502	mckee@lebtwp.net
Mike Schmidt, Mayor	(908) 638-8523 x501	schmidt@lebtwp.net
Brian Wunder	(908) 832-2042	wunder@lebtwp.net

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 1st 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 2nd Thurs at the Museum

FIRE - POLICE - EMS	
Police Emergency	911
Police Dispatch	(908) 638-8515
Chief, Jack Gale	(908) 638-8523 x201
Office Manager, Kathy Goracy	(908) 638-8523 x203
Emergency Medical Services	911
Fire Department Emergency	911
Chief, Robert Pek	(908) 638-4550
Fire Official, Gary Apgar	(908) 638-8523
Open Burn Fire Permit (Andover Forestry Off.)	(973) 786-6350
Office of Emergency Management	
Coordinator, Joseph Maurizio	(908) 310-8122
Tewksbury Township Municipal Court	(908) 832-7684
Hunterdon County Board of Health	(908) 788-1351

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			
Business Administrator	James Barberio	(908) 638-8523 x112	Email: administrator@lebtwp.net
Township Clerk, Registrar of Vital Statistics, Scheduling of Municipal Building Meeting Rooms	Karen Sandorse	(908) 638-8523 x101	Email: clerk@lebtwp.net
Deputy Clerk, Dog Licensing Agent, Deputy Registrar, Reserving the Memorial Park Pavilion or Fields	Kimberly Jacobus	(908) 638-8523 x102	Email: deputyclerk@lebtwp.net
Planning Board Clerk & Board of Adjustment Secretary	Gail Glashoff	(908) 638-8523 x103	Email: Planning@lebtwp.net
Tax Collector	Mary Hyland	(908) 638-8523 x104	Hours: Wed & Fri 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Tax Assessor	Erica Brandmaier	(908) 638-8523 x105	Email: assessor@lebtwp.net Hours: Thursday evenings, 5:30 - 8:00 PM or by appointment
Recycling Coordinator	Joann Fascenelli	(908) 638-8523 x106	
Zoning Officer	John Flemming	(908) 638-8523 x107	Hours: Wednesday 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM and Thursday 4:00 - 8:00 PM
Department of Public Works	Warren Gabriel	(908) 638-8523 x301	Email: dpw@lebtwp.net
Animal Control	Police	(908) 638-8515	
Bunnvale Library		(908) 638-8523 x401	Hours: Wed 1:00 - 8:00 PM, Thurs & Fri 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Sat 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Township of Lebanon Museum		(908) 638-8523 x405	Hours: Tues 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM, Thurs 1:00 - 8:00 PM, Sat 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Recreation Commission	Maria Naccarato		Email: recreation@lebtwp.net
EOS Commission / Green Team	Adam Duckworth		Email: ltenv@lebtwp.net / LTGreenTeam@gmail.com
Webmaster & Newsletter	Karen Newman		Email: kjnewman115@gmail.com
Construction Office, Christy Hoffman Farm, 108 Rt 512, Califon, NJ 07830		(908) 832-5552	Hours: Mon - Fri 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

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<i>Calendar</i>		
<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
1 - Tree Lighting and Visit with Santa	12 - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast	1 - Deadline for Spring Newsletter
8 - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast	18 - Recycling	9 - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast
21 - Recycling		15 - Recycling

<i>Newsletter Notes</i>			
Publishing Schedule		Advertising Costs	
Winter	Dec, Jan, Feb	Deadline for input Nov 1	Business Card: \$25.00
Spring	Mar, Apr, May	Deadline for input Feb 1	Quarter Page: \$40.00
Summer	Jun, Jul, Aug	Deadline for input May 1	Half Page: \$80.00
Fall	Sep, Oct, Nov	Deadline for input Aug 1	Full Page: \$150.00
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