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Letter to Residents

May Be

May is a wonderful month. Weather-wise, it's a nice transition from spring to summer.
Word-wise, May is fun.

Remember learning about *may* and *can* in school? May is usually associated with asking for permission.

May I have the last slice of pizza?

While *can* refers to ability. Can I really eat another slice and still have room for dessert?

May is also part of a terrific word: *maybe*. Maybe is full of possibilities and probabilities and futures to explore.

To me, that word means 'having permission to be.' It reminds me of Shakespeare's famous line: *To be or not to be*. We all have a choice 'to be' even in hard times with an uncertain future. We always have 'permission' to trust in life and love and the people around us.

That attitude turns our *maybe* into *to be*.

That's exactly what the people in this issue are doing.

Linda and Butch Buset, and their grandchildren, are on this month's cover. This family embraces all the possibilities life offers. May marks the couple's 50th anniversary, when their "I do" turned into years of 'to be.' Family, volunteering in town, and an active interest in the people and places around them have given them a *great-grand* life.

Get ready to sing a few bars of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" thanks to Coach Anthony Mielnicki. Nutley's hometown Central Baseball Program is in full swing! Read about their past successes and future goals. Coach Mielnicki has taken the *maybe* and turned it into reality for these young athletes. This is a wonderful story about bringing normalcy back into our lives.

Barry Lenson, the art director at the Nutley Museum, has a great article about Nutley women. Test your knowledge about these famous females and be reminded of how they all followed the possibilities into amazing futures.

Dave Wilson starts a new feature: Getting to Know Your Library Staff. The library has been a lighthouse this past year as they continued to provide services to the community. They embraced the virtual world and created programs to entertain, inspire, and educate. Now, we will meet someone from the library staff each month. (I think it would be awesome if you took a moment to call or email the person of the month and give them applause.)

The first month starts with the newly appointed Director, Michelle Salimbene Albert. (*Spoiler alert: her and her family will be our cover story in the July issue!*)

So, let's start turning the pages to read about our *Nutley Neighbors* who make *maybe* into two words: may and be. They understand that they 'may' choose 'to be' all that they can.

Joyce Corey Content Coordinator



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23 Glendale St	\$469,000	\$465,000	33
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549 Washington Ave	\$369,900	\$380,000	18
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148 Prospect St	\$459,999	\$485,000	10
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Feature Story

The *Great-Grand* Life of Linda and Butch Buset

By Joyce Corey Photograph by Randall Kenneth Photography

What happens when a hippie chick and a gear-head meet and get married? They take their place among five generations of Nutleyites. Linda and Bruno ("Butch") Buset celebrate 50 years of marriage this month and while they are enjoying best wishes and presents, the greatest gifts they already have are family and a town they truly love.

Their story starts in Italy with a big family and a sharp knife.

"My husband's grandparents were Salvatore and Josephine Vitolo who came from Italy and settled into the Milton Avenue section of town," Linda said.

They had 15 children, one of whom would start the second generation of the Buset line.

"Florence Vitolo, my mother-in-law, was the youngest in the family," Linda adds. "She was born in 1915 and went to Lincoln School growing up."

"My father, Bruno Buset, was born in 1910

and lived in Venice, Italy until his 20s when he came to America after hearing the streets were paved with gold," Butch said. "He settled in Little Italy in New York City. One night he came to Nutley with his friends to go to a dance and met my mother, Florence."

Their romance developed rather quickly, thanks to Salvatore and a kitchen utensil.

"My father-in-law would come here from New York City to take her out, and one night he stayed out too late with her," Linda said. "Her father was waiting with a knife and chased him down the street waving the knife and screaming at him in Italian. So, they decided to get married! They had only been dating three months."

That short time of dating turned into a life-long commitment.

"Since my father-in-law worked in New York City, they moved there after they got married," Linda said. "But my mother-in-law missed her

Family spirit ... school spirit ... town spirit! Front row: Nicholas, Samantha, Alexa Back row: Linda, Joseph, Butch who is proudly wearing a Lincoln School sweatshirt made by Julie, his daughter-in-law

family so they came back to Nutley and settled in an apartment so she could be closer to them."

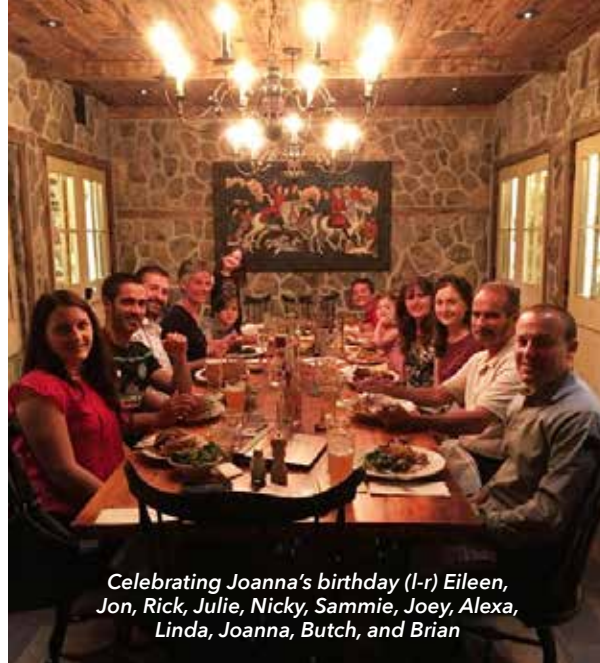
"My father took the train to NYC every workday for 45 years," Butch said. "After they had their third child, they bought a home on Cortland Street in Nutley."

Meanwhile, in another part of town, a girl grew up in the Yantacaw section who would eventually become part of the Buset clan.

"About 52 years ago, when I was 18, my friends and I were cruising the Ave," Linda said. "I picked up a friend I knew, who was hanging with some guys on the corner across from the Dairy Queen. One of the friends, I noticed immediately, was a guy they called 'Clutch.' We drove around for a while then went to the Onyx Room, a bar long gone from Nutley."

A year later, they decided to spend the rest of their lives together.

"We became engaged in the parking lot of Rutt's Hutt with no romantic proposal and no ring," Linda said. "We honeymooned at Howard Johnson on Route 3 and we were back to work the next day. I was working at the *Nutley Sun*, and



Celebrating Joanna's birthday (l-r) Eileen, Jon, Rick, Julie, Nicky, Sammie, Joey, Alexa, Linda, Joanna, Butch, and Brian

he was working at Verizon on Franklin Avenue, then known as NJ Bell Telephone. We had 42 dollars and 72 cents between us."

Since then, their lives have become enriched in many ways.

"We have three children," Butch said. "Rick, who is married to Julie, Joanna, married to Brian, and Jon married to Eileen."

"And we have four grandchildren, who are the fifth generation of Nutleyites," Linda said. "Their names are Joseph, Nicholas, Samantha and Alexa. Joseph is in middle school, Nicholas goes to Yantacaw, and Samantha and Alexa are in Spring Garden."

While family is their greatest treasure, Nutley ranks a close second. The town, the community, and a lifetime of shared memories give this place a vibrant personality that Linda and Butch interact with in many ways.

"We have lived in our home in the Spring Garden section for 45 years," Butch said. "Since we both grew up here in town, we wanted to raise our children here."

"We are a true Nutley story of two kids who grew up in 'The Nut' in the 1950's-60's and never left," Linda adds. "After three kids and four grandchildren, we are still here, and

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Butch's 70th birthday celebration (left). Franklin Avenue, Nutley Rotary Car Show (right).

we still have only 42 dollars and 72 cents between us! Most of our best memories happened in Nutley, New Jersey."

Both Linda and Butch remain active in their quasi-retirement.

"Since I retired from Verizon, I work part time at Auto Zone," Butch said. "Linda semi-retired a year ago and works for Book Auto Leasing as their Lease and Sales Administrator three days a week. She also owns her own business, Virtual Assist LLC."

Their work commitments still give them time to make a positive difference in the community through their volunteer work, interests, and with their membership in local organizations.

"Butch is a lifetime member of the Nutley Elks, the VFW, and the American Legion," Linda said. "He is an avid Giants fan and loves vintage cars. His prize possession is his Oldsmobile Cutlass which is inside the garage with a cover on it."

Linda has been active in the community in diverse ways, volunteering in roles in education, business, and town committees. Currently, she is a member on the board of directors of the Nutley Chamber of Commerce, Nutley Rotary, and the Kingsland Manor. She is an appointed member of the Nutley Municipal Alliance, a past appointee at the Nutley Historic Preservation Committee, and the recipient of the 2017 Nutley Jaycees Distinguished Service Award for Civic Affairs. Additionally, she is an advocate for suicide awareness and prevention through the New Jersey Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

This spirit of community involvement extends to the fourth



Linda and her grandchildren at the Jaycees Award Dinner

Five Things the Buset Family Loves About Nutley

- 1.** Community involvement
- 2.** Our park system
- 3.** The small town feel
- 4.** The amount of volunteerism in the town of Nutley is incredible!
- 5.** The wonderful events in the town that we have all enjoyed, and some which are still taking place since my husband and I were children

and fifth generations as well.

"Our entire family is carrying on the tradition of volunteerism in Nutley, including our grandchildren," Linda said. "They are all involved in volunteer work in town. I love how hard they work and how much they give back to the community."

This generous attitude comes naturally for this family since this town is more than just a place to live.

Linda tells a story about how this community came alongside her at a demanding time in her life.

"When I was the caregiver for my 98- and 96-year-old disabled parents, it was beyond difficult and stressful for me and for my husband. To be honest, I could not have done anything without the support of my family and the good people of Nutley who brought food for my parents, came to visit them, and helped to cheer them up by sending cards, flowers, and little gifts. No matter what crisis our family faced, and there were many, the good people of Nutley rallied around to help. Everyone called me a 'good daughter,' but that good daughter had a great team behind her. A team always in the background, always doing, always running to help, never asking for credit, or even thanks."

"This is the Nutley way," Linda said.

And for the Buset family, the Nutley way is how they have been enjoying their great-grand life, together, and as part of five generations who have called this town home. ■

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Nutley Community

Getting to Know Your Library Staff

By David Wilson

What is your name, position, and responsibilities at the library?

My name is Michelle Salimbene Albert and I was recently appointed Library Director. Some of my responsibilities include community outreach, monitoring library services, purchasing materials, and library programming.



When did you start working at the library and why?

I began working at the library as a part-time library assistant a little over twelve years ago. Prior to becoming a librarian, I was a web developer for a corporate firm. After some time, I was looking to pursue a career where I would be able to incorporate my information technology background with education. Librarianship, and its many diverse skillsets required, wound up being the perfect match for me.

What is your educational background?

I am proud to say I am a Nutley High School graduate. I earned a bachelor's degree in Photo Illustration and a master's degree in Digital Publishing, both from Rochester Institute of Technology. I later earned a Master of Library and Information Science degree from Rutgers University.

Do you have any childhood memories of visiting the library?

My most memorable childhood visits to the library occurred during my high school years. I spent many hours at the Nutley Public Library researching assignments but was particularly fascinated with the microfilm machines and the vast amounts of information stored on tiny pieces of film.

Tell us about your family.

My husband and I are lifelong Nutley residents and have two wonderful daughters who attend Nutley

schools. We have a dog and a cat who are just as much family, and we are blessed to have our parents living in town as well.

What are your hobbies, volunteer work, or other leisure time pursuits?

A few of my favorite leisure time activities are watching my children participate in activities, reading, hiking, and visiting the beach. Over the years I have volunteered for school activities, coaching, and belong to a few organizations in town. Photography is my favorite hobby and recently I have been exploring cooking methods.

What do you enjoy most about working at the library?

The most enjoyable part about working at the library are the people I get to interact with daily. The Nutley Public Library staff are outstanding colleagues, and I am rewarded by all the opportunities the library provides with meeting and helping patrons.

Share a memorable story involving a library patron or program.

Over the years I have had many memorable experiences, but some of my favorite memories were gifted upon me while providing technology outreach services at the Nutley Senior Manor. Once a month, I would visit the residents and assist with questions they asked about using mobile devices, social media, and computer skills. I cherish the friendships I made over the years and I look forward to the Library continuing these visits once the pandemic ends.

What is your favorite book or author?

First published in 1897, Bram Stoker's Gothic story *Dracula* is my favorite book. I have always had a fascination with folklore and the supernatural, and through the character Dracula, Stoker's mastery with using suspense, superstition, and raw horror to instill fear still resonates with me today.

What is your favorite motto or quote?

"If you dare nothing, then when the day is over, nothing is all you will have gained." — Neil Gaiman, *The Graveyard Book* ■

Jake Walsh Named Recipient of the 2021 Diane Greco Sajle Scholarship

By Alana Bonillo



From left: Adam Rose, Thomas Greco, Dan Sajle, Kate Sajle Rose, Jake Walsh, Gloria Greco Smith, and Ralph Greco

Nutley High School senior, Jake Walsh, has been named the recipient of the 2021 Diane Greco Sajle Scholarship.

The annual scholarship, named for the late 1974 Nutley High School graduate, is awarded annually to the football program's 'Most Valuable Teammate,' who, along with displaying athletic abilities, also exhibits the qualities Diane was most known for: compassion, dedication, and selflessness towards family, friends and community.

"It's such an honor to receive the scholarship," remarked Walsh. "I remember when Tyler Genitempo and Dante Contella (previous winners) received the scholarship award; the way they'd carry themselves on the field.

This was really a big deal for me and for my family."

Although he has not made a final decision where he will attend college, Walsh has aspirations to become a sports broadcaster. A two-sport athlete at Nutley High, Jake also participated on the school's baseball team.

The scholarship is funded by members of the Greco family and a close family friend, Glenn Villacari of Parkway Auto Body in Nutley.

"This is our third year of awarding the scholarship," said Thomas Greco, Diane's younger brother and founder of the scholarship. "Jake exemplifies everything we look for in a recipient. I'm sure my sister Diane would be very proud. She loved Nutley and this scholarship is our way of keeping her memory and her ideals alive. A special thank you to Coach Steve DiGregorio, who has honored us by working closely to make sure someone deserving like Jake is chosen."

Coach DiGregorio, who recently announced his retirement as head football coach after 12 seasons, praised Walsh for his commitment to the team, especially since the young athlete had to recover from a knee injury that cost him his junior season.

"Jake fought really hard to get ready for his senior year. It wasn't easy but he got himself ready and he was a major part of our offensive line that was so successful this year. He is a great kid and comes from a great family. He's reliable, tough, and he always does the right thing."

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Light up Your Life

By David Wilson

We can see in old movies and history books how people lighted their homes. Reading or working with illumination from an oil lamp, candle, gas fixture, or fireplace glow seems so quaint and far removed from today's well-lit world. Thomas Edison and others toiled many hours to invent light bulbs and reliable electric to make our lives easier. The evolution of light continues as brighter, more energy efficient methods are produced.

Think about early lamps with wicks requiring trimming and reservoir refilling with whale oil or kerosene. These have now been electrified by specialists to preserve the beauty, yet eliminate all the hazards. Wall sconces and ceiling lights supplied with city gas are now obsolete. Candles have converted to battery power. Limelight and carbon arc projectors in theatres have been converted to safer methods.

Thankfully, we can still use our favorite lamps to provide ambience to a room and stimulate or create memories. That old reverse painted glass lampshade from Grandma's sewing room somehow survived generations of children playing games nearby. A hundred-year-old hand-painted whale oil lamp from great-grandma's living room endured many moves and knocks. That crystal lamp, with a little cleaning and a clear bulb, still makes beautiful light patterns on the bedroom wall. Maybe it is just a simple lamp that a relative or friend spent many hours under reading a book or knitting. Appreciate the chandelier that illuminated so many family dinners and celebrations. Could a valuable Tiffany or high school shop project lamp light up a dark corner?

Bulbs have many forms these days as the old incandescent ones get phased out. The ugly spiral compact fluorescents, light-emitting diodes (LED), the bright, but hot, halogen lamps that caused many fires over the years. We have so many choices in lumens, tones, daylight, soft white, dimmers, shapes, even remote controlled. Edison would be proud. There are many colors of bulbs to further enhance a room's palate or show support for a cause. Spotlights to show off a favorite picture or sculpture. Nightlights and motion-activated lights to make our after-dark excursions safer. Lights in refrigerators and stoves support our gastronomy efforts. Lights in clothes dryers to find that errant sock. Landscape lighting to show off our trees, garden, and home.

Electric streetlights in Nutley date back to 1893. Thomas Nichols and Company supplied electricity to one hundred



Clockwise from left: 1971 Build-a-Lamp 1st place evokes high school memories. Crystal shaded lamp with clear bulb casting dreamy patterns in the bedroom. Oil lamp with hand-painted globes electrified for modern use. Reverse painted lamp shade really pops when lit.

poles using a steam generator located by Nichols Pond. First in the area, these forty-foot wooden poles were installed by men using horses and ropes. The township paid two thousand dollars for this annual service that would be taken over by Public Service in 1898.

When you are out in churches, museums, courtrooms, and other public venues, look for those great wall sconces, entrance way fixtures, and spectacular ceiling chandeliers. Enjoy the many types of glass and diffusers, the metal work, the shadows and light patterns, and the labor that went into creating and installing these grand lighting fixtures.

Whatever your taste is, bright stadium lighting, subdued romantic lighting, or somewhere in between, we can all agree to light up our lives. ■

David Wilson is the author of Fire in Our Lives, a book containing stories, experiences, and advice from his forty-year career in public safety. Available at Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Google Play.

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Central Baseball Program: Fun, Family, and Commitment

By Joyce Corey

As the warm weather slowly arrives, a familiar sight returns to the Nutley East Little League fields. A group of young athletes will be fine-tuning their craft of America's favorite pastime: baseball.

These are all local players training to compete against club teams comprised of the best players throughout the region. The young athletes you will see practicing on our home fields are members of Central, a local travel team, and are led by Coach Mielnicki.

This team of players is also unique.

"It is very rare to find travel teams comprised of players all from the same town competing against club teams and winning," Mielnicki said.

Central Baseball started in the 2013 season with Anthony Mielnicki and a group of fathers who had coached in Nutley's Little League. The team was founded with the intention of providing young athletes the opportunity to increase their level of play through both individual and team instruction, and to prepare them with a solid foundation and knowledge of the game.

"It was our desire to teach youth, not only for the present, but also to introduce them to more advanced training to better prepare them for competing at the high school level and possibly beyond," Mielnicki said.

Central Baseball was built on the premise that success on the baseball diamond is directly correlated to having fun on the field.

"We take pride in the fact that our organization was started by a group of fathers and believe all our accomplishments as a program are the direct results of learning through a family-like atmosphere," he said.

This program started with one team of 10-year-old players and, today, there are multiple travel teams for various age groups.



Standing from left: Chris Pierro, Brian Conte, Sal Intili, Jonathan Valez, Frank Contella, Ryan Gencarelli, Mike Zitola, Chris Lamond
Kneeling from left: Chris Roque, Daniel Reyes, Nick Schroeder, Alex Sanchez, Anthony Mielnicki

"We have played in high level tournaments around the Northeast area including Maryland, Delaware, New York, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina," Mielnicki said. "We have also played in the majority of USABL tournaments in New Jersey along with the extremely competitive Diamond Nation Complex in Flemington, New Jersey."

The recent COVID-19 restrictions impacted this sport, particularly at the high school level where the baseball season was canceled in 2020. But the Last Dance Tournament was created to give high school seniors one last chance to play baseball as a team.

"Many of our Central players who were freshmen and sophomores at the time were deprived of their first opportunity to play high school ball," Mielnicki said. "These were also the players who were on our inaugural team back in 2013."

The Last Dance Tournament allowed these players to compete. The tournament consisted of 222 teams of the best high school players in the state.

"Central Baseball was fortunate enough to receive a bid to play as a co-op team in the tournament," he said. "We entered with two goals in mind: be competitive in every game despite the fact we were competing against players at



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Standing from left: Anthony Raffa, Christopher Jaworski, Mike Beraradesco, Gab Rodriguez, Dom Saladino, Jackson Poole
Kneeling from left: Nick DelTufo, Dallin Smith, Kennan Bolatta, Andrew Raboy, Brady King, Joey Roque

the junior and senior level preparing for college and to try to win at least one game."

Central achieved both goals by playing extremely competitively in all of their games and securing a victory in one of them.

"One of my proudest moments as a coach was seeing these young men, who started Central as 10-year-olds, playing and enjoying the game as high school athletes," he said.

Locally, the pandemic also affected Nutley's youth programs. With all out-of-state play canceled at the youth level, Central's teams for younger athletes turned their attention to local USABL and other regional tournaments.

"Picking up the torch from the Last Dance Tournament players, the teams for the 11-14-year-olds secured eight first



Standing from left: Machi Balsamo, Brandon Gajewski, Damian Pierro, Billy Christie, Nick Benenato, AJ Beraradesco
Kneeling from left: Andrew Clinton, Billy Rodriguez, Ethan Hudson, Ryan Puleo, Joe DelTufo

place finishes," he said. "The 11-year-old squad finished the 2020 spring and summer campaigns with an astonishing 44-2 record."

Yet, the biggest accomplishment of the Central Baseball program is not the numerous wins and championships; it's the fact that it was started by Nutley players who formed bonds at a young age and continued to strengthen those bonds over the years.

"It cannot be emphasized enough how these bonds translated to success," Mielnicki said. "We truly believe the sky's the limit."

Coach Mielnicki uses three words to sum up the baseball program: fun, family, and commitment. Those ideas started the program, remain with the program today, and will continue to guide it into the future. ■

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Five Questions to Test Your Knowledge of Great Nutley Women

By Barry Lenson, Art Director, Nutley Museum

March was Women's History Month. Of course, the knowledge that women are great comes as no surprise to the people of Nutley! Over the centuries, women have been the force that has held just about everything together in our town – from families to schools to civic organizations.

But in today's article, we invite you to test your knowledge of five famous women who have become associated with our town. All questions are based on documents in the Nutley Historical Society.

If you are ready, put on your thinking caps and prepare to be tested.

■ ANNIE OAKLEY was born in Nutley - True or False

The answer is false because Annie Oakley, the famous

sharpshooter, was actually born in Ohio. But she and her husband, Frank Butler, did live on Grant Avenue in Nutley for more than a decade, starting in 1892. Her house is no longer there, but you can learn a lot about her by visiting the collection of her guns and other belongings that are on display at the Nutley Museum at 65 Church Street.

Why did Annie choose to live in Nutley? The most likely reason is that the town's proximity to New York made it a good jumping-off point for her tours to England and Europe. She performed for kings and queens, and then came back home to Nutley.



Annie Oakley

■ MARTHA STEWART was born in Nutley - True or False

This is true. Martha Stewart, whose birth name was Martha Kostyra, grew up in a house at 86 Elm Street, near Yantacaw School, which she attended. She went on to achieve fame as a model and then as a lifestyle icon, but there is no doubt that her formative experiences took place right in our town.

■ JACKIE KENNEDY was born in Nutley - True or False

You have probably been told that Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis was born in Nutley – but she wasn't, and this rumor is false. But like many rumors, this one has a basis in

fact, because her father John Vernou Bouvier was born in Nutley. His childhood home was located at 152 Nutley Avenue. Other members of the Bouvier family lived in town too.

Later in her life, she recalled that when she was a child she drove through town with her father and saw a "skating pond." That pond was surely the Mudhole. But she never lived here.

■ The woman who wrote the screenplay for "IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE" grew up in Nutley - True or False

This is completely, 100% true. She was named Frances Goodrich, and she grew up on Nutley Avenue.

But to explain a bit further, she actually co-wrote the script with Albert Hackett – they were a top Hollywood writing team. By the way, a lot of people believe that the bridge that figures so prominently in the movie was modeled on one of the bridges that runs across the Passaic River from Nutley to Lyndhurst. We don't know if that is true, but we would feel very good if it were!

■ TINA CERVASIO, top sportscaster, was born in Nutley - True or False

Yes, she was! And she is the real deal, having won no fewer than seven Emmy Awards. You can see her at work as a sideline reporter for CBS Sports.

It just goes to show that not all great Nutley women were born during the last century. Our town is still producing powerful, accomplished women. And that tradition is not going to end soon. ■

The Nutley Historical Society is looking forward to welcoming you and your family back to the Nutley Museum soon! For more information, visit www.nutleyhistoricalsociety.org



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Pet Corner

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Submitted by Jersey
Pits Rescue Inc

Doc is an 18-month-old Cane Corso (mix?) who was recently surrendered to our local animal control facility due to landlord issues. He is 150 pounds of puppy goofiness. Even though he is the size of a mini horse, he is so sweet and is a big sensitive baby. We have not formally dog tested him yet as he needs time to decompress, but he hasn't shown any reactivity or aggression towards other dogs in passing. Meet and greets are always required. We have not cat, small dog, or kid tested him and we won't be anytime soon. He has a lot of energy so he will need an active family.



All applicants for Doc must have breed experience or XL breed experience. Applicants must have a fenced yard and be willing to also provide him with daily structured exercise. Applicants must be willing to socialize him, provide structure/boundaries, and work with him on basic training manners. Honestly, you'll also need an SUV that he can fit in! Finally, applicants must be in a household where everyone is at least 14+.

At an absolute minimum, all our animals are fully vaccinated, altered, and chipped prior to adoption.

If you're interested in adopting Doc, please apply at www.jersey pitsrescue.com.

Submitted by Yellow
Brick Road Rescue NJ

Meeet Jack Frost! Jack Frost is a 1-year-old male. He is sweet and would make the perfect addition to any family without young children as he does need time to warm up in his new home. He is cat and older kid friendly and would do okay with mellow dogs but no hyper dogs please. Jack Frost had a rough start to his life, and he needed his front leg amputated. He is doing very well on three legs! He would do best in a quieter home. He is microchipped, FIV/FelV negative, stool tested negative, dewormed, UTD on vaccines, and neutered. \$100 adoption fee and application apply.



To apply for Jack Frost visit <https://yellowbrickroad-rescue.nj.com/cat-adoption-application/> or email us at yellowbrickroadnj@gmail.com. ■

Kanopy: Free Video Streaming of Thoughtful and Thought-Provoking Films

By Nick Van Dorn, Senior Librarian

Are you a fan of Netflix or Amazon Prime? You may want to give Kanopy a try. Kanopy is a free video streaming service, readily available for all Nutley Public Library cardholders. With Kanopy you can browse from a selection of over 30,000 titles ranging from documentaries, foreign films, classic cinema, independent, popular films, and more. Film producers featured in Kanopy include, the Criterion Collection, A24, The Great Courses, and PBS. Kanopy also offers a Kanopy Kids section that has a wealth of educational and engaging videos for children.

Kanopy's platform is dedicated to thoughtful and thought-provoking films. Founded in 2008, Kanopy was established to provide academic institutions with



essential films that foster learning and conversation. In 2016, Kanopy expanded its services to public libraries, and it delivers a diverse collection of enriching films. With an ideal platform for showcasing independent films that fuels life-long learning, Kanopy's mission is to ensure that everyone has access to inspiring films that bridge cultural boundaries, spark discussion, and expand worldviews.

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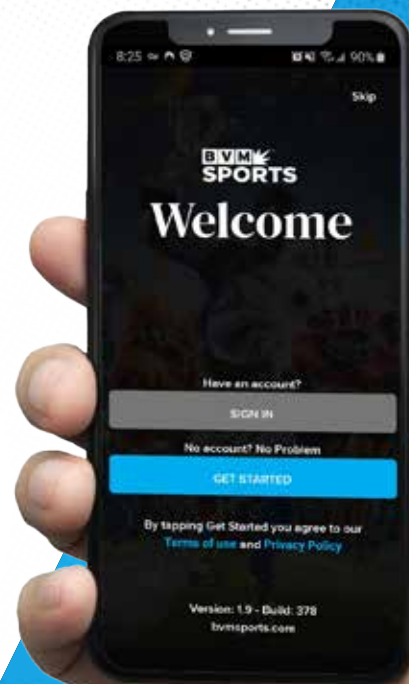
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May Brings Us Memorable Moments

By Michelle Palmer

The warmer weather and the flowers blooming bring us new signs of hope just as much as the colorful creations these children made.



Chef Chloe mixing up a treat for her family

make her nature collection. After gathering some rocks and seashells, she painted them with bright colors and pretty patterns. Her artwork reminds us of sunny days and enjoyable



Matilda's drawing that is proudly framed in the United Kingdom!

experiences spent outdoors.

Matilda, age 5, made a monster drawing in art class that shows off her wonderful imagination. Her use of bright colors and outstretched arms allow us to feel all the happiness she put into her work. The drawing is super special to her family since it helped her stay connected with an uncle in the United Kingdom who had it framed.

Emma and Sophia, 3-year-old twins, made matching trees. They doubled the cuteness as they crafted these blooming hearts onto paper. The sisters had fun making a new masterpiece as

they learned about different shapes, colors, and textures. ■



Twin trees by twins, Emma and Sophia

Bryanna Martins, a freshman at Nutley High School, and her handcrafted blankets

made this tasty and beautiful memory while learning that the most important ingredient is love.

Bryanna Martins, a freshman at Nutley High School, explored her amazing talents and created these blankets. They truly became a work of heart since she gave them as Christmas presents to her family members. Through these challenging times, she was able to design an incredibly special item so that her loved ones could always feel connected.

Naya, a second grader at Lincoln School, discovered how fun and artistic she could

Art comes in all different flavors! Chef Chloe (whose family was featured on the cover of the September 2020 issue) mixed up a delicious treat for her mom, dad, and new little brother. She



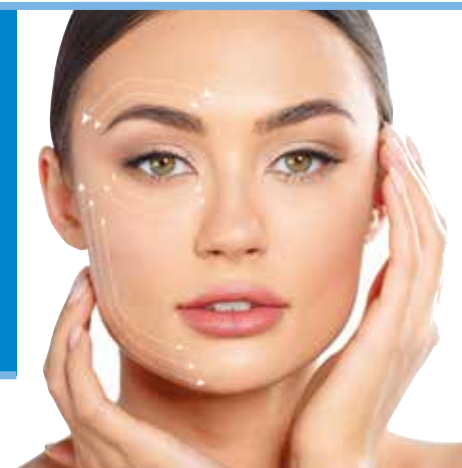
Naya's beautiful nature collection

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EVENTS CALENDAR **MAY** 2021

At the time this magazine went to print, all event times and locations were accurate, but please check event websites for the most current information. Some events may have been postponed or canceled.

May 3, Mon.

"VIRTUAL" DISH! The Monday Night Cookbook Club

@virtual event Nutley Public Library Members will choose, prepare at home, and present a DISH! from a selected cookbook. Then, gather online to discuss each other's recipes, cooking techniques, and share stories. Online registration is required. Once registered, a cookbook will be checked out to you. Pick up the book at the library through the contact-free service or inside at the Circulation Desk. Time: 7pm

For more information email Michelle Albert at albert@nutley.bccls.org. To register visit www.nutleypubliclibrary.org/dish-cookbook-club/

May 3-7, Mon.-Fri.

Arbor Week – Trees & Leaves Arbor Day Exploration

@Essex County Environmental Center; 621-B Eagle Rock Ave. Roseland

This event is part of Arbor Week. All programs are held completely outside. Social distancing and masks required.

Time: 4-5pm

For more information call 973-228-8776 or visit www.essexcountyparks.org/facilities/environmental-center/calendar

May 4, Tue.

Best Colors for Your Skin Undertone

@virtual event Nutley Public Library Learn about skin tone and undertone, and how to discover if yours is warm, cool, or neutral. Then, we will explore the best wardrobe colors suited to each type. This fun and friendly virtual (Zoom) program will be led by Librarian Jeanne Sylvester. Time: 7-8pm

For more information and to register visit www.nutleypubliclibrary.org/bestcolors/

May 4, 18, Tue.

Youth Garden Club

@Essex County Environmental Center; 621-B Eagle Rock Ave. Roseland

For ages 5 and up. Together grow food in a garden plot and learn about everything from soil to seed saving along the way. Participants will get hands-on experience with planting, harvesting, and cooking.

Session themes include soil and composting, seed planting and labeling, thinning, weeding and watering, selective harvest, garden pest, healthy eating, and more! This is a drop-off and pick-up class (children only). Advanced registration required. The program is held twice monthly May-Sept. Time: 4-5pm

Cost: \$10 per child/session or \$80 for the full series

For more information and other club dates call 973-228-8776 or visit www.essexcountyparks.org/facilities/environmental-center/calendar

May 4, 18, Tue.

Board of Commissioners Meeting

@virtual event

The regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Commissioners will take place via Zoom webinar for 2021.

Time: 7pm

For more information visit www.nutleynj.org/board-of-commissioners

May 5, 19, Wed., May 6, 20 Thurs.

Food Pantry Distribution

@Nutley Family Service Bureau, 169 Chestnut St.

For information or to schedule an eligibility appointment call 973-667-1884. All calls and appointments are confidential. Time: 2-5pm Wed., 10am-1pm Thurs.

For more information visit www.nutleyfamily.org/food-pantry/

May 11, Tue.

Jewelry Making Club

@virtual event Nutley Public Library Join to make crystal and pearl earrings. In these virtual (Zoom) programs, learn some basics of jewelry making and design. Then, with virtual assistance, create your own jewelry piece. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email and a follow-up email with details about the program and how to pick up the supplies. All supplies are included and can be picked up starting Apr. 29 at the Circulation Desk. Time: 7-8pm

For more information email jeanne.sylvester@nutley.bccls.org. To register visit www.nutleypubliclibrary.org/jewelry-making-club/

May 15, Sat.

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Cost: \$15 per person
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May 17, Mon.
17th Annual Golf Outing to Benefit Nutley Thriving Survivors
@Francis A. Byrne Golf Course, Pleasant Valley Way, West Orange
Though last year's outing was canceled, NTS continued to provide assistance and support to those fighting breast cancer as they have done since 2003. Luncheon to follow at Nanina's in the Park, Belleville. COVID-19 safety precautions will be adhered to.

Time: 7am grab & go breakfast. 8am start (must be in carts by 7:45am). Cost: \$125 includes 18 holes of golf with cart along with hot and cold luncheon with beer, wine, and soda. \$50 luncheon only. \$65 hole sponsor. To register and pay visit www.nutleythrivingsurvivors.com. For more information call 973-667-6768 or email nutleythrivers@gmail.com.

May 21, Fri.
Relay for Life of Nutley "Walk Through the Park"
@Memorial Park (The Mud Hole), intersection of Passaic Ave. and Vreeland Ave.

This year will be incredibly special in its own unique way! Pre-registration is required to attend. Everyone must follow all safety guidelines, social distancing, wearing masks, and there will be a constant moving, safe flow through the park, with many signs of hope along the pathway. Time: 8-10pm
For more information visit www.relayforlife.org/NutleyNJ

May 22, Sat.
Spring Journaling Outdoor Class
@Essex County Environmental Center; 621-B Eagle Rock Ave. Roseland
For all ages (children under 5

require caregiver supervision). Discover the joy of phenology, the cyclic and seasonal natural phenomena, especially in relation to climate and plant and animal life. Find a special place to write and draw spring discoveries and appreciate the warmth and change of the season. Maybe even partake in some spring birding! This group will also hike the grounds to note seasonal changes and beautiful discoveries and make the journals here on site. Friends and family are encouraged to join! Advanced registration required. Time: 11am-12:30pm



Cost: \$30 per family (up to two adults and two children), or \$10 per child and \$12 per adult
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