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THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

By Rich Baggstrom & Joe Riccio

The Dog Days aren't just when your dog starts panting on a sweltering summer day. These days once coincided with the year's heliacal (at sunrise) rising of the Dog Star, Sirius. Ancient folks thought that the "combined heat" of Sirius and the Sun caused summer's swelter. The rising of Sirius does not actually affect the weather, but for the ancient Egyptians, Sirius appeared just before the Nile River's flood season. They used Sirius as a "watchdog" for that event. Because it also coincided with a time of extreme heat, the connection with hot, sultry weather was made for all time. The Dog Days of summer are traditionally the 40 days beginning July 3 and ending August 11, which coincide with the morning rise of the Dog Star, Sirius. This is soon after the summer Solstice, which of course also indicates that heat will soon set in.

Although in Califon we don't really experience summer's swelter till late August, we can mark our summers beginning with the annual Califon Firemen's Carnival. The sounds of the rides, music, the call of the hourly 50/50 and of course the fireworks let us know that summer is here. Califon has a plethora of summer activities to offer that are sure to keep our residents occupied as the temperature rises. The river that runs through our town and extends into the Ken Lockwood Gorge is perhaps some of the best fishing to be had in the state of New Jersey. The Columbia trail that passes right through our town is a great place to walk, run or ride your bicycle and enjoy the beautiful landscapes that our county has to offer. Califon Summer Fun Days sponsored by the Califon Recreation Committee are just around the corner. The Califon Recreation Committee will be hosting a week of fun activities for children at Califon Island Park. If you are interested in signing your children up or volunteering to help for this event, please feel free to contact us at Borough Hall for more information.

Other towns that surround Califon also have an abundance to offer in terms of summer activities... A few miles down the road High Bridge has "Friday Night Flicks" and "Concerts in the Commons" during July and August. More information can be found at highbridge.org/events. Tewksbury Township also offers movies in the park during these lovely summer months. Visit tewksburytpw.net for more information regarding these events. Also be sure to check the Hunterdon County website for events hosted by the county.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

The Borough of Califon Council has determined that the Califon Municipal Offices will be closed every Friday for the summer months of June, July & August. Friday Hours will resume September 7th. The Municipal Offices will be open Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Please note for your convenience, there is a drop box by the back-entrance door of the Municipal Building for dropping off any paperwork; ie: checks, applications, ect.

The Mayor and Council thank you for your cooperation.

Please be advised that the Council will be meeting on the following dates this summer:

- * July 9th @ 7:30
- * August 6th @ 7:30
- * September 17th @ 7:30

HELP WANTED - CALIFION ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION SECRETARY

The Califon Environmental Commission is looking for a Califon Resident that would be interested in serving as its secretary. This is a VERY part time position which requires setting the agenda for periodic meetings and preparing the minutes of those meetings. The applicant should have some level of interest in bringing environmental issues to the commission's attention. This position is given a small stipend for compensation. If you are interested, please contact Karen Mastro @ kmastro@califonboro.net or 908-832-7850 ext. 204.

CALIFON FIRE COMPANY TO HOLD 98TH ANNUAL CARNIVAL

The Califon Fire Company will be holding its 98th Annual Firemen's Carnival from Monday, July 2 thru Saturday, July 7th at the Firemen's Field behind the Borough Hall at 39 Academy Street in Califon. The Carnival has been held continuously since the Fire Company's founding in 1921 and is the major annual fund raiser for the Fire Company.

Monday July 2, Wednesday July 4 and Thursday, July 5 will be bracelet nights featuring ride all night for one price. Discounted advance bracelet tickets are available from Califon Wine & Spirits, Califon Lumber and at Campys.com. Fireworks displays are scheduled for Tuesday July 3 and Friday July 6.

Amusement rides and games of chance will once again be provided by Campy's Amusements. Three food stands manned by the Fire Company will feature hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage sandwiches, roast beef sandwiches, clams, funnel cakes, french fries, perogies and homemade clam chowder.

Also available at the carnival will be tickets for two raffles. Prizes for one raffle are a Weber grill donated by Califon Lumber and a bicycle. The other raffle is the Fire Company's "Super Raffle" in which only 400 tickets are offered at \$100 each. 50% of the proceeds are paid out to winners and assuming all tickets are sold, the grand prize is \$10,000. The "Super Raffle" has sold out each year and we expect this year to sell out as well. The "Super Raffle" drawing will be Thursday, July 19th.

Parking is available at and near the carnival grounds. On fireworks nights, parking will also be available at the field behind the Rite Aid Store at the corner of Main Street and Route 513. Parking is free at the field although donations are accepted and a shuttle bus will be provided to and from the carnival grounds.

The Califon Fire Company, founded in 1921, is an independent non-profit organization providing fire and emergency services in Califon Borough and Tewksbury Township. The Fire Company owns and maintains it's own fire trucks, equipment and buildings. While annual donations are provided by Califon Borough and Tewksbury Township, 70% of Fire Company's income is obtained thru fund-raising activities such as the annual carnival.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Califon Historical Society will be open on Wednesday - Friday from 8 - 10:00 pm during the Califon Firemen's Carnival. Stop by to see our latest display, entitled "Califon Through the Years", to see

photos, memorabilia & keepsakes depicting Califon's past as the town celebrates its 100th year anniversary. Additional openings include July 1, 15, August 5 and 19th from 2 - 4:00 pm. We are looking to furnish the Nellie Hoffman house and Cabin by the River, so please consider donating old/period furniture or artifacts to the Society (especially if they pertain to Califon's past). Call Don at 832-2012. Finally, new members are always welcome! Our next monthly meetings will be on July 17 and August 21 at 8:00 pm at the Train Station.

HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEAN UP DAY- SATURDAY, JULY 14TH 9-1PM.

Where- Hunterdon County Rt. 12 Complex, 314 State Route 12 East, Flemington. (where library is located.)

SUPPORT UNITED WAY'S TOOLS FOR SCHOOL PROGRAM

Help Hundreds of Hunterdon Kids Be Better Prepared for School through United Way's Tools 4 School Program

Summer may have just started but United Way of Hunterdon County (UWHC) is already planning for back-to-school with its annual Tools 4 School supply drive. The program provides 1,300 school supply kits and/or backpacks to ensure all Hunterdon County students go back to school feeling confident and prepared.

United Way is asking individuals, companies, and organizations to participate in the drive by either donating school supplies or providing a monetary donation to support the program. Any amount of supplies or dollars donated will improve the life of a Hunterdon County student in need. Donations will be turned into basic school supply kits suitable for each student's grade level.

Supplies ranging from erasers and crayons to backpacks and scientific calculators are all in high demand.

Stuff the Bus drop-off days also will be happening at local shopping centers throughout August; specifics will be posted on social media and the UWHC website.

Consider partnering with United Way of Hunterdon County for this program. Community participation is what allows Tools 4 School to exist.

Contact Amy Andersen for details: amy@uwhunterdon.org or 908-237-1689.

To learn more about the United Way of Hunterdon County and how you can be part of the change, vis-

it www.uwhunterdon.org, follow them on Facebook/Instagram or call 908-237-1689. #liveunitedhc

THANK YOU!

The 17th Annual Califon Memorial Day Parade was a great success despite the rainy day! The Memorial Day Parade Committee Chair Amanda Altavilla would like to thank all the participants and volunteers that helped to make the parade and the day's events so memorable.

Thanks to the Califon Fire Company for leading the parade, assisting with road closures and for providing concessions.

With all the donations received for various American Flag stickers and pins we were able to donate \$193 to Operation Chillout a Homeless Veterans Outreach Program based in Long Valley. Also special thanks to Flowers by the River for their donation of the flower arrangement for the memorial at the park.

Thank you to all who helped with this event including Mayor Daniel, Gill Smith, Melissa Nanna, Kim Belsky, Dave Bolles, John Collins, Michael Collins, Alyssa Reaves, Brian Goad, Kieran Cusack, and The Voorhees Key Club. A big thanks to this year's speaker, Thomas McBride a veteran of the US Navy Reserves for sharing his story. And to everyone who contributed to the day in one way or another, THANKS! It is your efforts that help to make Califon uniquely special!

CALIFON BOOK SHOP HAPPENINGS!

Welcome Fall at the Califon Book Shop. Story time continues every second Tuesday of the month at 11am as does Book Lovers, the fourth Thursday beginning at 5 pm.

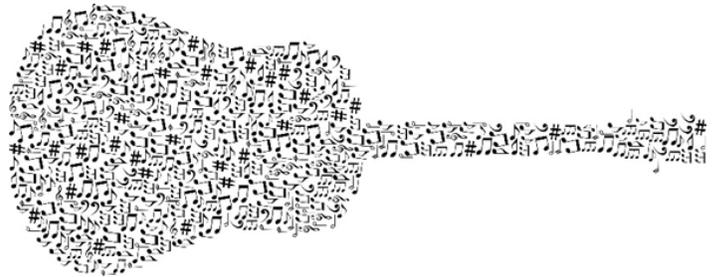
Come see what's new since our book and gift buying trips this summer. We hope to have something for all your gift buying needs!

There will be two signings in September. On the 22nd, New Jersey author Tracey S. Lawrence will be here from 1 to 3 to discuss *Dementia Sucks: A Caregivers Journey- With Lessons Learned*. An established graphic artist, the author becomes a full-time hands on care giver to both of her aging parents. You will hear common challenges along with humor from this highly educated perspective. On September 29 local author Susan Kirsch-Kibler will share and answer questions about her new book *Successful Surrogacy-Your Guide To Realizing Your Dreams Of Parenthood Through Ukrainian Surrogacy*. This talk will empower you to start your journey. Susan will be at the shop from 1 to 3.

Please join us!

IDENT-A-SHRED – FREE SHREDDING SERVICE

The Hunterdon County Sheriff, County Clerk along with the Board of Chosen Freeholders are offering a free shredding service to all Hunterdon County residents. The next shred dates will be: Saturday September 8th 9am to noon, Saturday October 6th 9am to noon and Saturday November 3rd 9am to noon. Shredding will take place behind the Court House on 71 Main St in Flemington. For more information, go to www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/countyclerk.htm or call 908-788-1214.



CALIFON SINGER/SONGWRITERS CIRCLE

- Where: Califon Borough Hall, 39 Academy Street
- When: Fridays- July 13th-August 17th- September 14th 7:30pm- 9pm
- Who should join: String instrument musicians, songwriters & vocalists. Nothing electric, please.
- What will we do: Singer/songwriters will get together in a circle so each can perform their original music and receive supportive feedback in a safe and respectful manner. Each person performs a piece of original music stating beforehand whether they want accompaniment and what kind of feedback they are seeking. After performing, others can share their thoughts and suggestions on how the piece may be enhanced or arranged.

This is not an open mike.

This is not a showcase.

Coffee and tea will be available.

No alcoholic beverages are allowed.

For more information contact:

Dave -908-832-0383 / dirtgroove@gmail.com

JONATHON SLUSER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Jonathan Sluser Memorial Scholarship Foundation has awarded six \$1,000.00 for 2018. The scholarships are awarded to area high school seniors intending to major in journalism/communications.

Originally, the Foundation planned to award four \$1,000 scholarships but changed the number to six when reviewing the many applications with their outstanding essays.

The following students will each receive a \$1,000 award : From Hunterdon Central High School, Lauren Blaser; from North Hunterdon High School, David Lazar; from Voorhees High School Brielle Barozzini; from Mendham High School, Daphne Nydam; from West Morris Central High School, Augusta Modla; and from Mt. Olive High School, Robert Dziejma.

The Jonathan Slusher Memorial Scholarship Foundation was established by Slusher's family following Jonathan's passing from brain cancer in 2010. At the time of death, Jon Slusher was editor of the Hunterdon Review. He was admired not only for his editorial expertise but also for his involvement in the communities he served. He was also passionate about racing since his High School days at Voorhees where he was co-captain of the championship 1982 Cross Country Team and continued racing until September, 2009, one month before he was diagnosed with brain cancer.

The Foundation is funded from donations and from the annual Jon Slusher Memorial 5K Run/Walk event held in Califon annually and partners with the Califon Street Festival. This year's Run and Festival will take place on Oct. 14. Donations can be made to the Jonathan Slusher Memorial Scholarship Foundation (501-c-3 charity), 79 Guinea Hollow Road, Lebanon, NJ 08833.

For online Registration go to: [https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Califon/Jonathan Slusher Memorial 5K](https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Califon/Jonathan%20Slusher%20Memorial%205K)

CALIFON'S CENTENNIAL WEEKEND CELEBRATION - SAVE THE DATES!

2018 marks the 100th anniversary of Califon Borough as an incorporated municipality. In commemoration of this significant milestone, the Califon Recreation Committee is planning a weekend of festivities this Fall. The celebration will be held October 12th through October 14th and will feature the following events:

Friday, Oct. 12

Fireman's BBQ – a cookout in The Fireman's Field behind Town Hall. Bring your lawn chairs for a night under the stars with food, games, fireworks & fun..

Saturday, Oct. 13

Historic tours and open houses, followed by a 100th anniversary ceremony at Califon Island Park with presentations, speakers, the opening of the time capsule, a DJ, games and classic car show.

Sunday, Oct. 14

6th Annual Califon Street Fair and Jon Slusher 5K – Bigger and better than ever! Join us downtown for food, vendors, and entertainment.

More details and a time schedule for the weekend will be released soon!

The Recreation Committee is looking for sponsors to make this celebration a success. There are several ways to participate! Volunteers are needed. Whether it be for one hour or for all three days, any amount of time is greatly appreciated. Sponsors are needed to provide donations of funds, supplies or services. Business and individual level sponsorships are available. Vendors are also needed for the Street Fair on Sunday. For information about sponsorship please contact Jason Beard at jasonbeard@yahoo.com.

For more information or questions about how you can be a part of this historic celebration please contact Amanda Altavilla at altavillaamanda@yahoo.com



CALIFON PUBLIC SCHOOL
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Califon Public School recently held its annual Academic Achievement Awards ceremony. Congratulations to the following outstanding students for attaining straight A's the first three marking periods. From left to right: Gabby Medea – grade 6, Will Keiser – grade 7, Christian Beard – grade 8, Matt Bell – grade 8, and Ryan Firko – grade 8.

4th Annual Califon Classic Car Show

To benefit the Califon Veterans Memorial

Saturday, September 8, 2018 • 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Registration starts at 8:00 AM

Rain Date Sunday, September 9, 2018

Califon Island Park, Bank Street, Califon, NJ

For 2018 - New Additional Classes Added

New! Online Registration ♦ Check out our website!

Winners will be announced at 1:30 PM

New! Express Check-in with pre-registration ♦ Improved Show Entrance

New! Vendor Space Available 10' X 10' \$25.00

Music by DJ DUG ♦ New Food Vendors ♦ T-Shirts \$15.00

Free T-Shirt to first 50 Pre-Registrations

Contact: Bruce Morrow – 47 Academy St., Califon NJ 07830 or Call 862-219-2911 or 908-832-0418

Pre-Registration \$15 Day of Show \$20

Make Check Payable to "F.O.C.I.P." Mail Checks to: 47 Academy St., Califon, NJ 07830

MAKE: _____ MODEL: _____ YEAR: _____

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ Email: _____

FOCIP (Friends of Califon Island Park) is Not Responsible for Damage or Injuries

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Amanda Altavilla, Amy Anderson, Jason Beard, Laura Eidsvaag & Karen Mastro.

Deadline for September/October 2018 submissions: Friday, August 17.