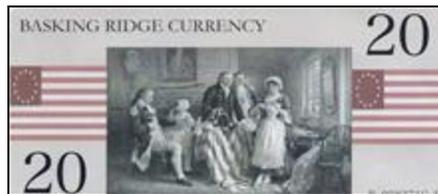


# Bernards Township 250th Anniversary

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## “Bernards Bucks” to be buried in Time Capsule on November 13



“Bernards Bucks” are still available for purchase at Town Hall. For a \$20 donation, you’ll receive a set of 7 different Bernards Bucks, plus an additional one on which you can write a “message to the future” to be included in the **250 Anniversary Time Capsule**. The commemorative currency was designed by Ridge High School graphic art students.

Throughout the 250 Anniversary year, civic and school groups have collected and donated memorabilia to be sealed in the metal container, which **will be opened in 100 years**.

Residents are invited to attend the Time Capsule burial ceremony, **Saturday, November 13 at 11:00 a.m.** in front of Town Hall. The program will feature the Ridge High School Band and appearances by State Representative Denise Coyle, Senator Kip Bateman, and other elected officials. The contents of the capsule can be viewed beginning at 9:00 a.m., and Bernards Buck messages added up until 10:00 a.m. Come and take part in this unique opportunity to be a part of your town’s history!

## “Memories of Bernards and Ridge High School” Offers Glimpses of the Past

Music, drama and oral history came together on October 15 and 16 at the Ridge High PAC as school groups and residents presented a celebration of both the Township’s 250th and Ridge High School’s 50th Anniversary.



*Kelly Scharff played the role of Mary Lewis Kinnan in a re-enactment of the colonial Basking Ridge resident’s abduction and eventual rescue.*

### Save the Date!

#### Sunday, December 12:

The Trilogy Repertory Theater will produce a Revolutionary War Reenactment of the arrest of General Charles Lee at Widow White’s Tavern. The event is scheduled from 2:00—2:45 p.m. and will be held at Astor Field, behind the Bernards Township Municipal Building.

### Banners for Sale

A limited number of the 250 Anniversary Banners which have been proudly displayed in town throughout the year will be available for purchase after January. Stay tuned for details on how to purchase one of these commemorative flags.



### Did you Know . . . ?

Three new schools were built in Bernards Township between 1903 and 1906 as a result of pressure from Progressives at the turn of the 20th century to improve education — the schools included Maple Avenue, Liberty Corner and Olcott. Board of Education member William Childs was influential in initiating the expansion, which represented a move from one-room school houses to bigger, multi-room schools. The favorable response by the community to these improvements was evident in 1906 when voters approved **doubling** the local school tax! Bernards Township was the first community in Somerset County to make this investment in larger school buildings.