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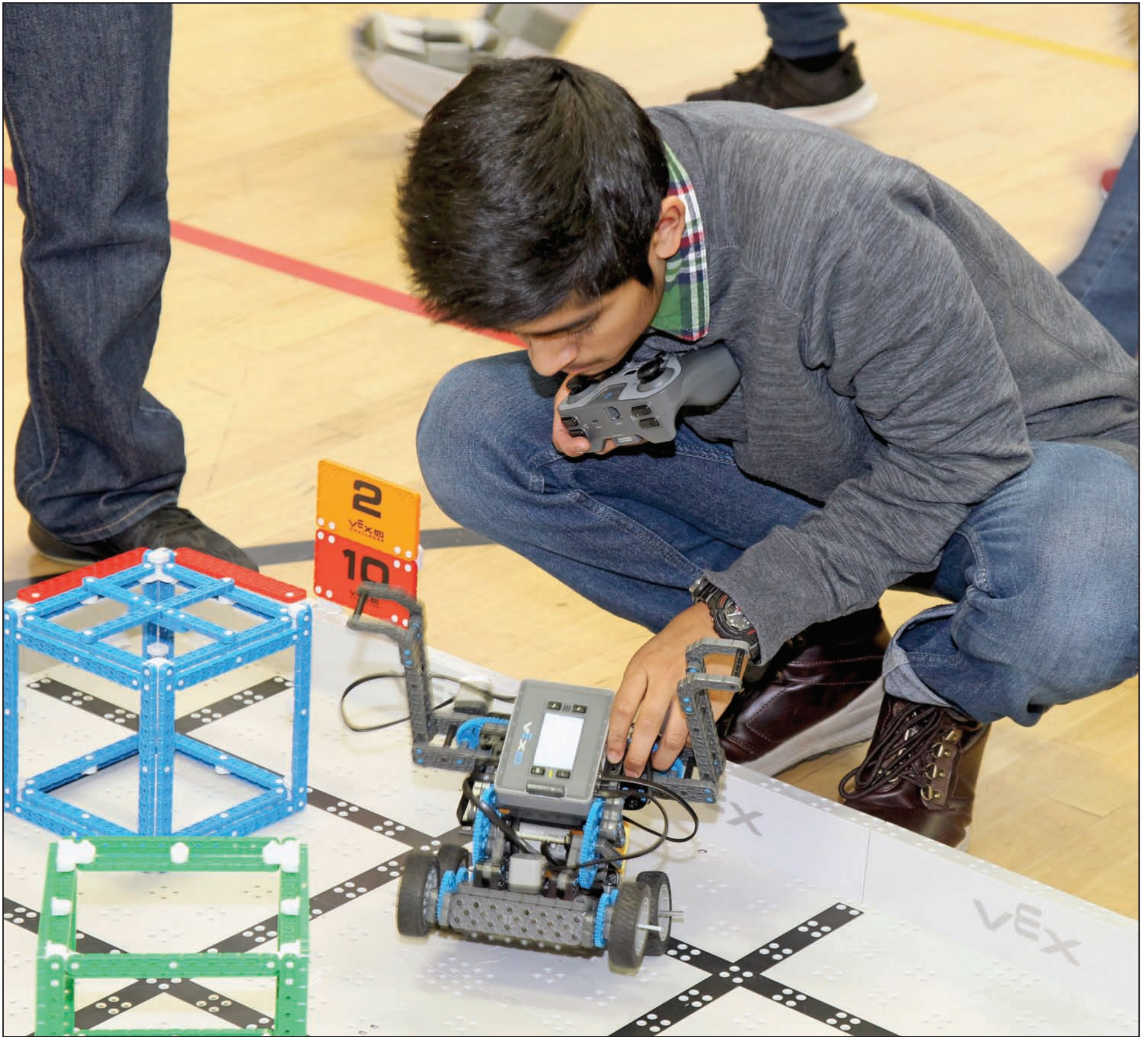
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Wood-Ridge Lions Hold 35th Beefsteak

On Friday January 31, 2020, the Wood-Ridge Lions Club held their 35th Annual Beefsteak Dinner, over 470

attended. It was a special night as Chairman Jack Nagel (center of photo) was stepping down as chairman of the event after

35 years. During that time, the event has raised \$592,000, from the 17,500 plus that have supported

one of the largest Lions Club fund raising events in the state. These funds have been used to help the blind, sight impaired, eye research and many other causes the Club supports. First held in the Assumption School Gym with an attendance of 171, the venue was changed in 1995 to the Three Saints Cultural Center in Garfield to accommodate the growing interest.

Wood-Ridge Police Chief John Korin presented Jack with a plaque from the Wood-Ridge PBA commending him on his efforts in making the dinner so successful, and acknowledging his support of the Wood-Ridge Police Department and his service to the community.

Ken Turtoro and Mike

Roman will be taking over the chairing of this dinner beginning in 2021. In his remarks after taking over, Ken announced that the Club will honor Jack by naming one of the yearly scholarship awards in his name. Jack was humbled by this gesture and was happy that he did not have to actually die first since the other scholarship awards are all "memorial" in nature!

In his remarks, Jack thanked all of the attendees that have been coming for many years. He also recognized the committee members and the Club members for making this event the overwhelming success that it has become. Submitted by: *Dennis Brubaker, Club Secretary. ###*



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Psychic Medium Guest at Seniors' Meeting

Psychic Medium, Karl Petry, does not use a Ouija board, tarot cards or a crystal ball to communicate with those of us on Earth and spirits who have passed on. He was born with this unique ability to see and communicate with the dead, see into the past and help the living who have troubled hearts.

The eighty-six members of the Leisure Club who attended the February 12, 2020 meeting sat in silence as Karl spoke to the group. He has written a book, "Absent Witness" to tell his story of being a psychic medium from an early age to the present. He discussed many of his experiences.

Karl has used his gift to locate missing people, find lost items and help the police solve outstanding cases. He does not charge for his services. Unfortunately, many people do not believe in his gift and do not follow through when given information that could help them.

Karl is known for his ac-



curate clairvoyance, ability to tune into the past, and ability to read objects via Psychometry. His book tells some of the interesting events he experienced. Some of these events were scary yet others very compassionate and still some sad. With paranormal investigators, he has also assisted in the locations of haunted houses.

All who attended the meeting were impressed with his presentation and asked many questions after the program. *Photo and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###*



Civil Rights Commission's Martin Luther King Service

On January 20, 2020, Rutherford's Civil Rights Commission held its annual service for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at Mt. Ararat Baptist Church. We must never forget Dr. King's messages of unity, non-violence, equality, and most importantly, standing up and fighting for justice. The Civil Rights Commission is honored to have had an audience of 160 people listen to speakers and students share the teachings of a great man who this country lost because of his beliefs. *Submitted by Steve Way. Photo by Sami Abuauad. ###*

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Shamrock 5K Run

The 9th Annual 5K Michael Cassidy Shamrock 'N' Run/Walk will be held rain, shine or cold, at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 7, 2020, at Monona Avenue, Memorial Park in Rutherford. Pre-registration ends March 2, 2020. Price is \$30 day of race. Check-in starts at 8 a.m.

First 400 registrants receive a race shirt. Pre-race entertainment and post race refreshments. Race packets, tech shirts and bib numbers may be picked up at Rutherford High School, Thursday, March 5, 2020, between 5 and 8 p.m.

Scenic Rutherford neighborhood event sanctioned and course certified by USATF-NJ.

Timing and scoring by Elite Racing Systems. Race results will be posted at eliteracingsystems.com and RunSignUp.com. Proceeds to benefit National Brain Tumor Society. For details go to www.shamrocknrun5K.org. ###

HH Music Parents Food Drive

Hasbrouck Heights Music Parents Association will be holding a Peanut Butter and Jelly Food Drive, through February 28, 2020. This drive is to benefit Meals with a Mission in Garfield. If anyone would like to make a donation there will be collection boxes located in the Municipal Building and in Corpus Christi Chapel lobby. ###

Springfest

Springfest, at Rutherford United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 28, 2020, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., features unique vendors, a Church flower sale, and a fantastic garage sale.

Get great gifts for Easter, weddings, graduations, and other spring events, from vendors selling hand-crafted jewelry, décor, cosmetics, all-natural body care products, accessories, and more. Pick up your spring flowers for home or gifts. Find bargains on men's, women's, and children's dressy or casual clothing and shoes, as well as plenty of home goods, toys, and more, in the Church garage sale.

Indoor event. Free admission. Street parking. Vendors wanted: call Linda at 201-245-2865. ###

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Aviators Track Meet April 9

The Hasbrouck Heights Track and Field Team will host 40 high schools in the Invitational on Thursday, April 9, 2020, starting at 4 p.m., at Depken Field. This is the 14th track invitational on the new field. The public is welcome. Admission is \$5. No rain date. ###

HH Little League Opening Day Parade

Opening Day for the 2020 Season is scheduled for Saturday, April 4 (*weather permitting*). Players will march from Borough Hall down Central Avenue to Burton Avenue to Washington Place to Ravine Avenue and into the Little League Complex on Oldfield Avenue for the Opening Day Ceremony. The parade steps off at 8:45 a.m. Be sure to come out and cheer on the players and coaches! ###

Around the World Tricky Tray April 30

On Thursday, April 30, 2020, The Church of the Transfiguration is hosting an Around the World Tricky Tray at the Fiesta, Wood-Ridge. Admission is \$50 and includes a three course dinner, dessert, plus one sheet of regular chances.

Advance ticket sales only. No tickets will be sold at the door. Express packs of gift chances \$25 if purchased by April 23, \$30 if purchased at the door. Tickets available from March 1 to April 23, 2020. Doors open at 6 p.m. Auction begins at 7 p.m. For further information, call Dawn at 201-463-1512. ###

Pops Concert March 4

On Wednesday, March 4, 2020, in the Kiefer Auditorium, the Hasbrouck Heights Jr.-Sr. High School will present a Pops Concert. The concert is open to the public. Admission is free.

The Hasbrouck Heights Music Parents Association will be accepting donations of peanut butter and jelly at the concert for their PB&J Drive for Meals with a Mission. ###

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Spring Model Railroad Show

The excitement and "Romance of Railroads," and the enjoyment of building and displaying model trains has kept the Society of Model Engineers going since 1926, making it the oldest model train group in the United States.

The members operate a train museum and two large "Railroad Empires" covering almost 5,000 square feet.

The larger "O" Scale layout is 40 by 70 feet and has almost 20 scale miles of train track, with detailed scenic diorama with realistic track work, roads, interesting structures, bridges and tunnels.

The "HO" Scale layout is approximately 30 by 45 feet. It also, is fully scenic with miles of scale track. Over 50,000 miniature trees have been installed by the members to

depict Northern New Jersey.

Many of the models are one of a kind and were handmade by Society members. Trains of all types, passenger, freight, and circus trains, will be operating continuously.

Also on display will be the Society's collection of historic railroad memorabilia signage, railroad lanterns, steam locomotive bells and whistles, railroad photos, etc.

The Society's Annual Spring train show will be open Saturdays and Sundays on March 14/15, March 21/22 and March 28/29, 2020 from 1 to 6 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$1 for children ages 5 to 11. Children under 4 free. For more information call 201-939-9212 or go to: www.ModelEngineers.org ###

"Spring Forward"

Daylight Saving Time will commence on the second Sunday in March and end on the first Sunday in November.

At 2 a.m., on March 8, 2020, clocks should be set forward one hour ahead of standard time (*spring forward*).

Daylight Saving Time allows us to use less energy in lighting our homes by taking advantage of the longer and later daylight hours.

Daylight Saving Time was instituted in the United States during World War I in order to save energy for war production by taking advantage of the later hours of daylight between April and October.

During World War II, the federal government again required the states to observe the time change. Between the wars and after World War II, states and communities chose whether or not to observe Daylight Saving Time.

In 1966, Congress passed the Uniform Time Act which

standardized the length of Daylight Saving Time.

Daylight Saving Time is four weeks longer since 2007 due to the passage of the Energy Policy Act in 2005.

The Act extended Daylight Saving Time by four weeks from the second Sunday of March to the first Sunday of November, with the hope that it would save 10,000 barrels of oil each day through reduced use of power by businesses during daylight hours.

Unfortunately, it is exceedingly difficult to determine energy savings from Daylight Saving Time and based on a variety of factors, it is possible that little or no energy is saved by Daylight Saving Time.

The idea of Daylight Saving Time was first conceived by Benjamin Franklin in 1784.

A study by the U.S. Law Enforcement Assistance Administration found that crime was consistently less during periods of Daylight Saving Time than during comparable standard time periods. Data showed violent crime down 10 to 13 percent. It is clear that for most crimes where darkness is a factor, such as muggings, there are many more incidents after dusk than before dawn, so light in the evening is most welcome. ###

Be careful when changing your clocks before bed, though - some clocks are smart enough to change the time automatically for DST. If you change the time manually, you may end up an hour off. ###

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Bunco Night March 27

On Friday, March 27, 2020., the Women's Club of Maywood will host Bunco Night at The Maywood Senior Center, 145 Magnolia Avenue, Maywood. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., game begins at 8 p.m. Tickets \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members. For information call Pat at 201-370-6682. ###

Bunco Night March 20

The Woman's Club of Carlstadt is holding their Annual Bunco Night on Friday, March 20, 2020, at the First Presbyterian Church Community Hall on Third Street in Carlstadt. Doors will open at 7 p.m. The games will start promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Admission is \$15 and includes one raffle ticket. Knowledge of the game is not necessary. There will be wine, cheese, snacks, raffles and lots of fun. Seats are limited. To reserve your seat, call Janet at 201-438-5892. ###

Stitch One, Share One

The Stitch One, Share One group will next meet on Sunday, March 29, 2020, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m., at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 92 Burton Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. Stitch One, Share One extends an invitation to members of the community to join us. Meetings are held on the last Sunday of every month unless otherwise noted. Come to learn to knit or crochet; come to advance your skills – come to help with our projects or to work on your own. Stitch One, Share One is currently making sensory (or “fidget”) blankets for Lutheran Social Ministries to distribute to Alzheimer's patients and others who can benefit from them. Written instructions for the “fidget” blankets will be available. We continue to work on scarves, hats and prayer shawls and to offer instruction for those who need or request it. Look for our sign; we are barrier-free! ###

It's Flu Season

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VFW Auxiliary Spring Auction April 24

The Petersilge-Velock V.F.W. Auxiliary to Post 809 will sponsor a Spring Auction (Tricky Tray) on Friday, April 24, 2020, at the Post Home, 100 Main Street, Little Ferry.

The event is open to the public. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Donation is \$10. Proceeds will be used to take care of the needs of our Veteran men and women who reside at Veterans homes and assisting for all Veterans and their families. Call Irma at 201-489-2390 or Adele at 201-641-2298. ###

Park Avenue Toastmasters

Looking to develop speaking and leadership skills? Ace a job interview? Ignite your career? Toastmasters International is a world leader in communication and leadership development. The Park Avenue Toastmasters will meet at The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library on Monday, March 2, 16 and 30, 2020, from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. ###

Hasbrouck Heights Garden Club

The Garden Club meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., in The Library Meeting Room on the second floor of the Municipal Building at 320 Boulevard. There is ample parking and the building is barrier free.

The speaker will be Chris Rubino. He will discuss the new plants that will be available from Monrovia Distributors for 2020. Chris has been a speaker at the meetings and has always given an interesting and informative presentation.

As always, we welcome all those who are interested in gardening from Hasbrouck Heights and surrounding towns. There is no charge for our monthly meetings, refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. For further information, contact Judy Mascis at 201-288-2615.

*Every gun that is made,
every warship launched, every
rocket fired, signifies in the final
sense a theft from those who
hunger and are not fed, those
who are cold and not clothed.--
General Dwight D. Eisenhower*

Art Association of Rutherford

The Art Association of Rutherford will meet on Thursday, March 12, 2020, starting at 7:30. We will be having a watercolor demo from one of our favorites, noted artist, Christine Calandra. She will teach a variety of techniques to improve your painting skills. All are welcome! We ask a \$3 non-mandatory donation from non-members to defray costs.

Tamblyn Civic Center, 30 Woodland Avenue, Rutherford, NJ. Hope to see you there!

Contact Lissanne at lissanneart@gmail.com for more information. ###

College Choir Celebration March 22

Mt. Ararat Baptist Church will host a College Choir Worship Celebration featuring the Choirs of Felician College, Rutherford Campus, Rutgers University, New Brunswick Campus, and Kean University of Union County on Sunday, March 22, 2020, at the 11 a.m. service.

All are welcome to attend Mt. Ararat Baptist Church at 29 Elm Street, Rutherford. For more information, call 201-460-1820 or contact miss-sadie1933@hotmail.com ###

Mothers of Pre-schoolers

Why come to MOPS you ask? Because Mommin' ain't easy, but being part of a MOPS group makes it easier! Moms of kids ages 0-6 from any town are welcome to attend.

Next event on Thursday, March 26, 2020, 7-9 p.m. Please RSVP by March 24 so we have enough yummy snacks for you.

Event hosted by Bible Baptist Church, 31 Passaic Ave, Hasbrouck Hts. Free MOPS Kids childcare provided by RSVP only. Monthly Friday morning get together and outings too. For more info: hasbrouckhtsmops@gmail.com; 862-239-MOPS; Fb – Hasbrouck Heights Mothers of Preschoolers MOPS Moms from any NJ town can come, so would appreciate your posting it in all town/counties you serve. ###

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Hasbrouck Heights Little League Pancake Breakfast

Help the Hasbrouck Heights Little League kick off the 2020 season with our Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 29, 2020, at the HH VFW, Post 4591. A breakfast of pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea and juice will be served from 8 a.m. - noon. The cost is \$5 per ticket and you can pay at the door. All HH Little League players are free including up to 4 family members. Interested in sponsoring our event? You can visit our website at www.Hhlittleleague.com or email us at hhlboard@hhlittleleague.com. ###

Spring Fling Fundraiser March 29

On Sunday, March 29, 2020, members of VFW District 2 Auxiliary will sponsor a luncheon at the Graycliff Restaurant at 122 Moonachie Avenue, Moonachie, from noon to 4 pm. Tickets are \$45 and include a delicious buffet and a cash bar. Back by popular demand, Dave "Bop with the Beas" Beasley will entertain with his songs of the past!

There will be a 50/50 and a Gift Card Raffle. All are welcome. Call Jan for tickets and details at 201-264-8629. ###

The Thrift Shop Opens

The Thrift Shop at the United Presbyterian Church of Lyndhurst, 511 Ridge Road, Lyndhurst, will be open on the following dates, weather permitting, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on March 14 and 28. For information, call 201-939-7920. www.facebook.com/unitedpreslyndhurst ###

Spring Vendor Show March 29

The Elmwood Park/Pater-son Elks Lodge, at 192 Market Street, Elmwood Park, will be hosting a Spring Vendor Show on March 29, 2020, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Purchase gifts for Easter, Mother's Day, and yourself!! Grab a bite to eat at our snack bar. Free Admission! Snack Bar open for food purchases. Call Robin, for more information at 201-315-3991. ###

Designer Pocketbook Bingo May 1

The Woman's Club of Rutherford invites you to join their Designer Pocketbook Bingo event on Friday, May 1, 2020. The location is The Woman's Club of Rutherford's Historic Carriage House Club House at 201 Fairview Avenue (corner of Montross Avenue), Rutherford.

Designer handbags will be awarded to prize winners. Dessert and coffee will be served. They will also have a Tricky Tray and a 50/50 raffle.

Cost is \$30. A ticket entitles players to 10 games. Additional games may be purchased on site. Doors open at 6 p.m. Games are from 7-9 p.m. Tickets Advance tickets only. Send a check for \$30 made payable to The Woman's Club of Rutherford to 201 Fairview Avenue, Rutherford, NJ, 07070.

For more information, contact Sue at 201-893-6866 or Kathy at 201-933-7597. ###

Preparing Your Garden

Before digging, test for dampness. Soil should be fairly dry and crumble when rubbed between your fingers. Lift soil in chunks, turn and shatter with spade or pitchfork. Follow fertilizer instructions remembering less is better. Rake surface smooth. ###

Spring Rummage Sale April 23/24/25

The Annual Spring Rummage Sale at the First Reformed Church, Hasbrouck Heights, will be held Thursday, April 23 through Saturday, April 25, 2020. The hours will be: Thursday and Friday evenings, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Saturday morning, 9:30 to noon.

Contributions will be accepted starting Monday, April 20, 21, 22 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Call the Church office for further information at 201-288-1122. ###

Tricky Tray March 20

St Leo's School HSA Annual Tricky Tray Fundraiser, will be held on Friday, March 20, 2020, at The Graycliff, 122 Moonachie Avenue, Moonachie. Dinner from 7 to 11 p.m. Cost \$65 pp. Prize viewing from 5:30 to 7 p.m. 50/50 drawing. Dinner includes full open bar, all beverages, pasta, dinner with 4 options, and dessert, coffee/tea, and one sheet of prize tickets. No tickets sold at the door. Must be 18 or older to attend. To order tickets, send to Tricky Tray Tickets, St. Leo's School, 300 Market Street, Elmwood Park, NJ 07407. For information, call Maryann at 201-218-1983. ###

Brown Bag Auction April 7

The Woman's Club of Carlstadt will meet April 7, 2020, at the First Presbyterian Community Hall on Third Street and Division Avenue at 7:30 p.m. The program is Brown Bag Auction. Guests are welcome. For more information, call Janet at 201-438-5892. ###

Curb Your Dog

Wallington Fashion Show/ Tricky Tray

On Thursday, March 19, 2020, at 6 p.m., Wallington High School Home and School Organization, will host a Fashion Show/Dinner/Tricky Tray at The Fiesta, at 255 Route 17 South, Wood-Ridge. Admission is \$55 pp. For ticket information, call TJ Calabrese at 201-893-6748 wallington.hso@gmail.com, Joe Brunacki 973-632-3845. No one under 10 permitted. ###

Tricky Tray March 10

St. Irene's Philoptochos of St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church, is hosting its Annual Tricky Tray on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 7 p.m. (snow date, Thursday, March 12), at the Church Hall, 51 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ. Admission is \$15, includes one sheet of tickets, coffee and Greek pastries. Other refreshments available for purchase. Great prizes, 50/50, lottery tickets, money trees, etc. For tickets and information, call Church office 201-368-8881 or 201-391-8742, 201-233-0824. ###

Tricky Tray April 1

Immaculate Conception Church of Hackensack is hosting a Tricky Tray and Dinner on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at the Graycliff Restaurant, 122 Moonachie Avenue, Moonachie. Doors open at 6 pm.

Numbers to be called promptly at 8 p.m.

The evening includes a sit-down dinner and 5 tickets for a Mystery Prize for \$45.

Tickets are available from Sue at the rectory office. Call 201-440-2798 or see our website www.icchackensack.com for more information. ###

PBA Beefsteak March 28

The Wood-Ridge PBA Local 313 will host their Annual Beefsteak Dinner and Tricky Tray at the Assumption Church basement located at Main Avenue and 2nd Street. Entertainment is the "Shake Rattle and Roll Dueling Pianos." Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$65 pp and include dinner, beer, wine and soda. Tickets are available from any W-R Police Officer. ###

FOCAS Holds Flea Market

FOCAS kicks-off its 2020 Flea Market season, Saturday, March 28, and Sunday, March 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the American Legion, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry.

This market features specialty items that make unique gifts, a selection of household items, jewelry, collectibles, linens, games, toys, pet supplies, cds/videos, and more. Refreshments and baked goods are available.

Flea Market merchandise donations clean, gently used or new items are gratefully accepted. (Not accepted are TVs, PC monitors, golf bags and clubs, exercise and sports equipment, clothes or magazines or any items that are broken or not working.)

They may be dropped off at the American Legion on Friday from 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturday (all day) of the Flea Market weekend.

All proceeds benefit homeless animals. For additional information call the FOCAS Help Line at 201-943-4019, email info@focasnews.org, or visit www.focasnews.org ###

Spring Yard Sale April 18

The Ladies Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Carlstadt will sponsor a Spring Yard Sale on Saturday, April 18, 2020, in the Community Hall on Third Street in Carlstadt. Contributions will be accepted starting Monday, April 13, through April 16, from 9:30 a.m. to noon and on Thursday, April 16, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Used appliances, glassware, knick-knacks, toys, books, jewelry and many other attic treasures will be on sale. For information, call the Church office at 201-438-5526 between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. weekdays. ###

Meals with a Mission Comedy Night

Meals with a Mission will host a Comedy Night on Saturday, March 28, 2020, at the Garfield Senior Center, 480 Midland Avenue. The event is sponsored by BCB of Lodi. Featured are Kevin Lee, Ted Daniels and Troy Moore.

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Pasta Dinner March 28

Wallington Lions Club Pasta Dinner Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2020, at Wallington Civic Center from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Tickets \$8 per adult, \$5 children 6-12, children under 5 free. Salad, pasta and meatballs will be served. Dessert, tea and coffee. Take-out available. For information, call 973-580-3634. ###

Pasta Dinner March 7

On Saturday, March 7, 2020, from 4 to 6 p.m., the PNCC of the Transfiguration, 135 Hathaway Street, Wallington, will hold a pasta dinner.

Menu includes salad, pasta and meatballs, Italian bread, cake, tea, coffee and soda. Donation is \$10 adults and \$5 children. Entertainment will be "Songs of the Heart."

For tickets call Barbara at 201-939-3533 or the Rectory 973-779-4329. ###

Lasagna Dinner March 6

The Corpus Christi Rosary Society is hosting their Annual Lasagna Dinner on Friday, March 6, 2020, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., in the school cafeteria on Kipp Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights.

A delicious dinner of meatless lasagna (to observe Friday abstinence during Lent), salad, bread, tea/coffee, soft drinks and dessert will be served. To make the dinner family friendly, ziti is on the menu and take-out is available. The evening will include a Gift Certificate Raffle and 50/50 Drawing.

Donation is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 (*toddlers free*). For information or ticket purchase, call Diane at 201-288-7732. Tickets will be also be available after all masses (*February 29-March 1*). ###

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KC Fish Fry March 28

The Knights of Columbus St. Michael's Council 2861 Lodi, will be hosting a Fish Fry on Saturday March 28, 2020, at Council Hall, at 39 Washington Street, Lodi, NJ, from 6 to 8 p.m. The menu will be Fish and Chips or Chicken Tenders, whichever you prefer, along with coleslaw and dessert.

Take out is also available. Soda and water included with the price of admission. There will be a cash bar. Proceeds will go to various charities. Tickets are \$20 in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call Brad Vaughn at 201-376-3071. ###

Fish & Chips February 28

The Annual Fish & Chips Dinner, sponsored by the Holy Rosary Society of St. Joseph Church, in Lodi, will be held on Friday, February 28, 2020, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the School Auditorium on Spring Street. Tickets are \$16 and can be purchased by calling Gloria at 201-776-8288 or Sharon at 201-920-9071. Tickets will not be sold at the door. ###

Afternoon Tea May 3

Saint Margaret of Cortona's Parish Social Life Committee is sponsoring an Afternoon Tea, from 1 to 4 p.m., on Sunday, May 3, 2020.

\$25 gift card Tricky Tray prizes. Cost is \$15. Tickets will be sold at the door. For information, call Ellie at 201-641-0883. ###

Fish & Chips March 24

The GFWC Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights will hold their Annual Fish and Chips Dinner on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, in Hasbrouck Heights.

Tastefully British Caterers will prepare the best Fish and Chips you ever tasted! Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children under 10 years of age.

Pre-paid take-out is available. No tickets will be sold at the door. Contact Marge at 201-288-8933 for reservations by March 18. Proceeds will benefit scholarships and other service projects.

The Contemporary Club is a member of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs, serving communities one project at a time. For more information, contact Dorothy at 201-288-0495. ###

Fish & Chips February 26

The Rosary Society of St. Joseph's Church, East Rutherford, will be holding its annual Fish and Chips Dinner on Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dinner will be provided by Giresi's of Lodi. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$9 for children under 12. Tickets will be sold in the Church lobby at all Masses. Checks are preferred but cash is accepted. The contact person is Janet, 201-438-5892. ###

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Fish & Chips March 14

Saint Margaret of Cortona's Parish Social Life Committee is sponsoring their 14th Annual Fish and Chips Dinner on Saturday, March 14, 2020.

Cooking will be done by Tastefully British. Dinner will be served from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the St. Margaret's Auditorium on Chamberlain Avenue, Little Ferry (*wheel chair accessible*).

Cost is \$15 per meal, and includes fish, chips, cake, coffee and tea. No tickets will be sold at the door. Take-out orders are available. For information, call Ellie at 201-641-0883. ###

Fish Fry April 10

American Legion Post 310, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, is hosting the Annual Good Friday Fish Fry, Friday, April 10, 2020, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Menu includes fried flounder, potato salad and coleslaw salad, dinner rolls, coffee and dessert. Cost \$12 pp. Proceeds to benefit Veterans and Children's programs. For more information, call 201-807-0470. Dine-in only, No take out. ###

Meatballs and Magic Night March 28

On Saturday, March 28, 2020, at 5 p.m. The United Presbyterian Church of Lyndhurst, 511 Ridge Road, Lyndhurst, is hosting a fun "Meatballs and Magic" dinner. Magicians from the International Brotherhood of Magicians will be performing both, during and after dinner. Dinner will be ziti and meatballs with salad and dessert included. Tickets are \$15 each and are limited to 100. Reservations required. Call Betty Jane at 201-665-1052, if you want to be assured of a ticket. No tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, call the Church office 201-939-7920 or www.facebook.com/unitedpreslyndhurst. ###

Fish & Chips March 28

The East Rutherford Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will host a Fish & Chips Dinner (*chicken available*) on March 28, 2020, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the East Rutherford Civic Center. Catered by Argyle Restaurant, Kearny. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$7 for children. Take out available. For tickets, call Rose at 201-935-5237 or Wendy at 201-394-9850. Tickets sold at the door. ###

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Lions Beefsteak March 5

The Rutherford Lions Club will host a Beefsteak Dinner on Thursday, March 5, 2020, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Woman's Club of Rutherford's Club House, 201 Fairview Avenue.

Includes coffee, tea, soft drinks and water. Bring your own wine or beer. No hard liquor allowed. Cost is \$40 pp with proceeds to benefit RHS Scholarship, local charities and state sight projects. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Contact Mark at 551-206-9601. ###

Beefsteak March 18

Polish Peoples Home T/A Polish American Cultural Center, 1-3 Monroe Street, Passaic, NJ, will hold their Annual Spring Beefsteak, March 18, 2020. Catered by Nightingale's.

Entertainment by Anthony Tabish, 7 pm to ? Doors open at 6. Special surprise to all Patricks, Patricias, Josephs and Josephines. Beef, beer, wine, soda and surprises. Tickets are \$45 pp and can be obtained by calling Polish Peoples Home at 973-473-6619 or Barbara Ann at 973-916-1957. ###

Bockbeer Fest Mar. 15

Bockbeer Fest will be held on Sunday, March 15, 2020 at the Turnverein Hall, 500 Broad Street, Carlstadt, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$45. For information, call 201-438-1050. ###

Lodi KC Pancake Breakfast March 8

The St. Michael's Council of the Knights of Columbus are having their monthly buffet-style Family Breakfast on Sunday, March 8, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, at 39 Washington Street, Lodi. Menu includes: all-you-can-eat fresh scrambled eggs, pancakes, French toast (*to order*), sausage, hash browns, fresh rolls, orange juice, fresh hot coffee, and tea. Adults: \$7; children over 6: \$4; children 6 and under: free. Profits to benefit local charities. ###

Elks Breakfast Sunday March 1

On Sunday, March 1, 2020, Elmwood Park/Paterson Elks Lodge #60 at 192 Market Street, Elmwood Park, NJ will host a Sunday Breakfast from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Breakfast includes: juice, eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, hash browns, toast, hot and cold cereal, muffins and bagels, hot chocolate, coffee or tea.

Cost is \$8 pp, \$4 Children 6-10. Free for children under 6. Open to the public. Reservations preferred. Call Dennis at 201-791-6149. ###

Lions Pancake Breakfast March 1

The Carlstadt/East Rutherford Lions Club will hold its Annual Pancake Breakfast event on Sunday, March 1, 2020, from 8 a.m. to noon, at the East Rutherford Civic Center, located on Vreeland Avenue, East Rutherford. Price per ticket for an adult is \$5 and free for children under 5. For tickets, call 201-933-8550. Walk-ins are welcome. ###

W-R Lions Pancake Breakfast

On Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020, the Wood-Ridge Lions Club will be holding their Annual Pancake Breakfast at the W-R High School cafeteria. This is the longest continuous fundraising activity in the Borough.

Come on out, meet your neighbors and kick off the start of spring! You will enjoy a breakfast of orange juice, hot buttered pancakes with syrup and fruit toppings, sausage, coffee and tea. While waiting for your breakfast to be served, you can enjoy a nice piece of crumb cake.

Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased in advance from any Club member. They will also be available at the door. Children under five are free.

All of the proceeds will be used to help the blind, sight impaired and others in need. We thank you for your continued support! For additional information, call Jack 201-641-2803 or email janpro911@aol.com ###

Free Lunch Saturday

Everyone is invited to the First Presbyterian Church of Moonachie for the "Free Lunch Saturday" program, which will be held on March 7, 2020, at 11:30 a.m. This program is an expansion of the Church's ministry of feeding hungry bodies and hungry hearts. If the economy's got you down, or you want to share a meal with others, come for the food and fellowship. There are no strings attached. A free-will offering is taken.

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Turkey Luncheon March 10

The Ladies Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Carlstadt will be sponsoring their monthly luncheon on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, in the Community Hall on Third Street in Carlstadt. Turkey dinners will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donation is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children/students. Call the Church office at 201-438-5526 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. weekdays, for information or, in case of inclement weather, call between 9:30 and 1:30 p.m. ###

Brunch March 15

The Children's Dyslexia Center of NJ/Hasbrouck Heights Learning Center will host a Brunch on Sunday, March 15, 2020, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Seasons, 644 Pascack Road, Washington Township.

Menu includes delicious array of baked goods and exotic fruits, deluxe antipasto buffet-style table, individual stations hot beverages, soft drinks, and fresh fruit juices. Wine, Beer, Champagne, Mimosas, Bloody Mary and more!!

Reservations only. Tricky Tray tickets sold at event are (cash only), 2 bundle options will be available. Reply by March 5, 2020. Donation is \$70 adult and \$30 children. Tables of 10 may be reserved.

For more information call 201-440-9425 or email: banurge@aol.com ###

Brunch at Fiesta April 5

Carlstadt Mixed Chorus invites you to a Sunday Brunch at the Fiesta, Rt. 17 South, Wood-Ridge, on April 5, 2020, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Music by Werner Goebel. Donation \$45. For reservations call 973-777-6677. ###

Dinner Dance March 1

On March 1, 2020, from 1 to 5 p.m., The Bergen County American Legion, Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary will host a Dinner Dance at the Graycliff.

Menu includes Caesar Salad, Penne w/Vodka Sauce, choice of Prime Rib/Chicken San Marco/Tilapia Francese, dessert, coffee, tea, soda, water and assorted bottled beer.

Cost is \$45 pp. Deadline is February 20, 2020. Reservations only. Ad journal opportunities available. For more information, call Linda and Mike Carroll at 201-933-1814. ###

Movie and Pizza Night

Join the Community of God's Love, Rutherford's Catholic Charismatic Community, for a movie and pizza night on Friday, March 13, 2020, at 7 p.m. The evening will feature "Hidden Figures," the incredible story of three brilliant African-American women who worked at NASA. These female mathematicians served as the brains behind one of the greatest feats in history: the launching of astronaut John Glenn into orbit. The cast received the Screen Actors Guild Award for Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture in 2017. This program will take place at Visitation House, 70 West Passaic Avenue, Rutherford. For more information, call 201-935-0344 or email lampstand@thecgl.org. Free will offering. No reservation required. ###

Lions Pancake Breakfast Mar. 29

The Rutherford Lions Club is holding their Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 29, 2020, at 55 Kip Center, Rutherford, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The cost for this pancake and sausage breakfast is \$6. Proceeds from this event go to the Rutherford Lions Sight Fund to help Lions sight projects and local charities.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.RutherfordLionsClub.com or call Glenn at 201-390-6734. Tickets can also be purchased at the door. Takeouts will be available. The Rutherford Lions Club has been serving the community for 98 years. ###

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Artful Thinking

By Artie Maglionico • Lodi Historian

The town of Lodi may boast the orange and blue but come St. Patrick's Day there is bound to be a wearing of the green by all. By day's end we'll be dancing to the Irish sounds of McNamara's Band. Soon an Irish blessing will find its way into each heart.

"May you live as long as you want and never want as long as you live." I'm sure that it's the same in your town right Moonachie and Wallington?

You've heard the phrase "Paint the town red" have you not? On St. Patrick's Day it changes to "paint the town emerald green." Bars will be serving green beer and those Guinness Stouts will be lined up from here to Tipperary.

Somewhere someone will be singing that Irish classic "Oh Danny Boy" and suddenly a hush will spread across the room and a tear will be shed. Let's not forget the festive board piled high with corned beef and cabbage. You're a vegetarian? Then feast if you will on those boiled spuds and cabbage. Either way it's a gastronomic delight with the emphasis on "Gas" (blame the dog).

St. Patrick's Day has always been a much anticipated holiday. Even the legendary Sherlock Holmes was known to have changed his name to Shamrock Holmes. "Elementary my dear readers!"

Wait a minute folks something is happening even as I write this. The muse is here and is sporting a green derby, carrying a shillelagh. It's poetry time. As if you didn't know.

I Dreamed I was in Ireland

By Artie Maglionico

I dreamed I was in Ireland 'Twas such a lovely scene The flowers grew beneath the sun In fields of Emerald green.

The people there were magical They lived to dance and sing and played their harps and fiddles With eyes as soft as spring.

I remembered open farm land with horses running free. Children playing in the fields were calling out to me.

Come join us if you will dear friend

Come rest beside the stream. Think tenderly of Ireland though it be just a dream.

Hey folks even Lodi's fa-

vorite son, 94 year old Frank Corso Junior, can be seen wearing the green on St. Patrick's Day.

Now here comes a segue that even a Leprechaun would have trouble negotiating.

How does one go from a lighthearted St. Patrick's Day celebration to the ravages of war in the South Pacific? Ready or not here it comes.

I recently had the pleasure of chatting with Lodi's favorite son, 94 year old, Mr. Frank Corso Junior. He spoke about his stint in the Marines during WWII.

Frank, after graduating from Lodi High School in June of 1942 at the age of 16, found employment as a carpenter until March of 43. He then went to work at the Army Air Force depot in Lodi until the following August. At age 17, during the throes of war, Frank enlisted into the United States Marine Corps. At age 18 the young Marine found himself at Paris Island suffering the rigors of boot camp. After returning from a ten day leave Frank entered bridging school until April of 44 when he was shipped to San Diego CA, destination Guadalcanal and more training.

"We were part of the 6th Marine Division" recalled Frank. "At times the temperature was 128 Malaria-filled degrees." By then Frank had become a full-fledged bridge builder. In March of 45, Frank and his division were off to battle-ravaged Okinawa. "Before we left I was put in charge of a cleanup detail to police the beach area," said Frank "We pushed the rubbish into a deep hole that we dug in the sand. It had to be burned so I poured a small amount of diesel fuel over the pile. After lighting it the rubbish blew up causing extensive burns to my hands, body and face." Frank spent the trip to Okinawa in sick bay tending to his wounds. "My nose was one big scab." Said Frank. They had to soak me in a purple solution for days on end."

On Easter Sunday 1945 Frank and his fellow Marines arrived in Okinawa. The Infantry had arrived a few days before thus making it a bit safer for the engineers. No sooner did Frank's division hit the beach when they were met with enemy resistance. "Kamikaze planes were bombing everything in sight including the 1,400 ships at sea." The next morning the entire 6th division went north. The Army

division attempted to make its way south but was stopped in its tracks." Our Infantry advanced through the north and when they came to a river we had to build a bridge for them," said Frank. "We then heard the news of President Roosevelt's death and pushed on harder still. Then the rains came. It rained for 19 days straight. The mud was so thick that even our bulldozers were bogged down."

The Japanese soldiers were dug deep into solid rock with guns five stories below ground. The Infantry could not blast them out so they forced them out into the open with incendiary devices. At one point all but the entire mountain had blown up. "One time we built a foot bridge across a river staring at dawn" recalled Frank. "As the Lieutenant and I walked across, a sniper bullet creased the air between me and the Officer and splashed harmlessly into the water. I knew then that my mother was right when she said "THE BLESSED MOTHER HAD HER CLOAK OVER ME."

The next time it rained Frank's division was dug in behind enemy lines. They were being fired upon by heavy artillery coming from the side of a mountain. After the shelling had ceased Frank and members of his unit went in to inspect the cave from whence the firing originated. "Little did we know that the cave was filled with fleas" said Frank. "I was infested with them. I learned the hard way what dogs go through."

On one narrow river, Franks division had to build a pontoon bridge to get the tanks across. When they completed the north end they turned around and went south to relieve the Army which was being held down. When the Infantry moved on, Frank's division came to the main city of Naha. The main bridge across the river was gone, only columns remained standing. The job for the Marine engineers was to build a steel bailey bridge. At 365 feet long it was the longest bridge of its kind in the South Pacific.

After thunderous enemy resistance the tanks made it safely across. It took 72 hard fought mud soaked days to secure the island. By then the news came that the new presiden, Harry S.Truman, had okayed the dropping of the atomic bomb in Japan, thus ending the war.

Frank was discharged in Bainbridge, Maryland on May

1, 1946.

"As far as our service life went" recalled Frank, "my mother was lucky to have four sons in the service and to have them all return home. Till this day I think of all those months spent in the South Pacific and thank God to be home. May God bless America and all of our service men and women for keeping us safe." ###

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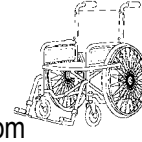
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Leprechaun -- a creature in Irish mythology

In Irish mythology, a leprechaun (Modern Irish: leipreachán) is a type of male faerie said to inhabit the island of Ireland.

Leprechauns and other creatures of Irish mythology are often associated with "faerie forts" or "faerie rings" — often the sites of ancient (*Celtic or pre-Celtic*) earth-works or drumlins.

They usually take the form of old men who enjoy partaking in mischief.

Their trade is that of a cobbler or shoemaker. They are said to be very rich, having many treasure crocks buried.

According to legend, if anyone keeps an eye fixed upon one, he cannot escape, but the moment the eye is withdrawn he vanishes.

Leprechauns rarely appear in what would be classed as a

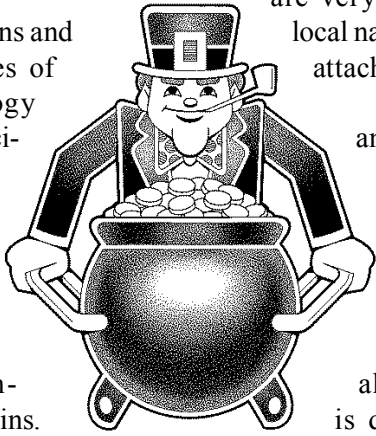
folk tale; in almost all cases the interest of these stories centers around a human hero.

Stories about leprechauns are very brief and have local names and scenery attached to them.

In most tales and stories, leprechauns are depicted as harmless creatures who enjoy solitude and live in remote locations, although opinion is divided as to if they ever enjoy the company of other spirits.

Although rarely seen in social situations, leprechauns are supposedly very well spoken and, if ever spoken to, could make good conversation.

The modern image of the leprechaun is depicted wearing an emerald green frock coat, and bestowed with the knowledge of the location of buried treasure, often in a crock of gold. ###



Beware the Ides of March

Those familiar with history or William Shakespeare's play "Julius Caesar," recognize the reference to March 15, the day of Julius Caesar's assassination in 44 B.C. after declaring himself dictator of Rome for life.

"Beware the Ides of March" is the soothsayer's message to Julius Caesar, warning of his death and has forever imbued that date with a sense of foreboding.

After Caesar's untimely exit, superstitious Romans may well have avoided launching a business, marriage or other important venture on a date so cloaked in doom it eventually entered the lexicon as a metaphor for impending catastrophe.

But in Roman times the expression "Ides of March" did not necessarily evoke a dark mood—it was simply the standard way of saying "March 15."

A Roman saying, "four

Ides," (*meaning four days before Ides*), would be just as clear to other Romans as someone saying March 11.

For ancient Romans, an Ides was merely one of several common calendar terms used to mark monthly lunar events. The Ides simply marked the appearance of the full moon.

Each month has an Ides (*usually the 15th*) and this date wasn't significant in being associated with bad luck or doom. ###

Wacky St. Patrick's Day Celebrations

For many, St. Patrick's Day, celebrated on March 17, is a day to celebrate the patron saint of Ireland with some corned beef and a pint of Guinness. But some places have their own peculiar celebrations.

Did you know that the Chicago River is dyed green every year on St. Paddy's Day?

In Hot Springs, Arkansas, you can find the world's shortest St. Patrick's Day parade -- a whopping 98 feet down Bridge Street. Marchers include Irish Elvis impersonators and a middle-age troupe called Lards of the Dance.

Residents of New London, Wisconsin get into the spirit by dressing as leprechauns and changing town signs to say "New Dublin." Green beer and an Irish Elvis -- now that's a celebration! *SPM Wire.* ###

Woman's Club of Rutherford St. Patrick's Day Dinner Mar. 14

The Woman's Club of Rutherford invites you to a St. Patrick's Day Dinner celebration on Saturday, March 14, 2020. The dinner will be held at the Woman's Club of Rutherford's Historic Carriage House Clubhouse, at 201 Fairview Avenue, from 7 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$35 per person.

Enjoy a delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner provided by Giresi's. Bring your own wine or beer (*no hard liquor allowed*). Soft drinks, etc., will be provided. 50/50 raffle.

For tickets, payments in advance (*no "day of" tickets*). Contact Laura at 201-893-1172 or mail your check, payable to The Woman's Club of Rutherford, to: 201 Fairview Avenue, Rutherford, NJ 07070. ###

Heights Elks St. Patrick's Day Dance March 14

On March 14, 2020, the Hasbrouck Heights Elks Lodge #1962, at 128 Baldwin Avenue, will host a St. Patrick's Dinner Dance from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. All dinners are \$30 per person (Roasted Chicken). Music by "Tommy Dee." For reservations, call Cathy at 1-386-852-4881. ###

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

The Hasbrouck Heights Knights of Columbus will be hosting their Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, March 14, 2020, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., in the Corpus Christi School Cafeteria. Dinner will include corned beef and cabbage and carrots, with Pechter's rye bread, soda and water, plus cake and coffee.

Cost is \$20 adults, kids under 5 free. Event includes a Tricky Tray. Tickets will be available after Mass or by calling Dennis at 201-655-5460. ###

St. Patrick's Day Shenanigans

Let's party like the Irish! at the Moonachie Firehouse, Saturday, March 14, 2020, at 7 p.m. Cost is \$20 in advance, \$30 at the door. For information, call Jim 908-300-0536. Live band, 50/50. Menu: corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, salad, ziti, beer and soda. ###

St. Patrick's Day Party March 14

American Legion Post 310, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, is hosting the Annual St. Patrick's Day Party on Saturday, March 14, 2020, serving from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Donation is \$12 per person and includes all you can eat corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, coffee and dessert. No take-out.

DJ Jack will be spinning the tunes. For more information, call 201-807-0470. Proceeds to benefit Veterans and children's programs. ###

W-R Knights Irish Night March 14

The Knights of Columbus of Saint Anthony Council 11585, in Wood-Ridge, will host their 11th Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday, March 14, 2020.

The dinner will be served from 7 to 10 p.m. and will take place in the Father Patrick Morris Hall in the basement of The Assumption Church.

The menu will consist of mouth watering tender corned beef with flavored potatoes and cabbage. This will be served with both Irish soda bread and rye bread. Catered by Annabella's.

The cost is \$25 per person. Members of the Knights are selling the tickets. ###

HHJWC St. Pat's Party! March 13

The Hasbrouck Heights Jr. Woman's Club is hosting our Annual St. Patrick's Day Party on Friday, March 13, 2020. The Party will be held at the HH VFW Post 4591, 513 Veterans Place, from 7:30 - 11:30 p.m.

Ticket price is \$50 per person and includes Irish Buffet Dinner (*Corned Beef, Chicken, Pasta*), draft beer, including Guinness and Harp, wine and soda. DJ and Irish entertainment will also be featured along with a Tricky Tray and 50/50. Must be 21 years and older. For tickets, visit www.hhjuniors.org (*no refunds*). ###

• *March 17 is Saint Patrick's Day. This is the feast day of the Irish Saint who was reputed to have driven all the snakes from Ireland. It was first celebrated in the United States in 1737. The tradition of a St. Patrick's Day Parade began in New York City in 1766.*

• *Originally, the color associated with Saint Patrick was blue. Over the years the color green and its association with Saint Patrick's Day grew.*

• *Green ribbons and shamrocks were worn in celebration of St Patrick's Day as early as the 17th century.*

• *Saint Patrick is said to have used the shamrock, a three-leaved plant, to explain the Holy Trinity to the pagan Irish.###*

St. Patrick's Dinner Dance March 14

On March 14, 2020, East Rutherford K of C at St. Joe's auditorium, 120 Hoboken Road, East Rutherford, NJ, will hold a St. Patrick's Day Dance starting at 6 p.m. We have the best cooked corned beef and cabbage in the area. Dance to the music of DJ Dick Italiano and Gina DeMaggio, comedian.

Beer and soda are included in your ticket price, bring your own bottle. They will supply the mixers.

Tickets are \$30 pp and can accommodate any amount at a table setting. They recommend that you get tickets early. No tickets will be sold at the door. They look forward to seeing you on the night everyone is Irish.

For tickets or more information, contact Dick Italiano at 201-693-1315 Brian 201-804-8854 ###

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Rutherford resident, Patrick O'Neill, a police officer and member of the Essex County Police and Fire Emerald Society Pipe and Drum Band, approached municipal officials about bringing a parade to Park Avenue.

The Third Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Sunday, March 1, 2020, in Rutherford. It will step off the corner of Woodland Avenue and Park Avenue at 1 p.m. sharp and continue down Park to Ames Avenue and the reviewing stand. Participants will assemble at noon.

Over 50 organizations marching, consisting of 13 bands, civic groups and organizations.

Participants must register with the Rutherford Irish American Association. For more information email: rutherfordirishamericans@gmail.com ###

Erin Go Bragh is a Gaelic phrase used to express allegiance to Ireland. It is most often translated as "Ireland Forever."

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The Dangers of Vaping

Mouth rinse or mouthwash is a product used for oral hygiene. Antiseptic and anti-plaque mouth rinse claims to kill the germs that cause plaque, gingivitis, and bad breath. Anti-cavity mouth rinse uses fluoride to protect against tooth decay.

Mouth rinses are generally classified either as cosmetic, therapeutic, or a combination of the two. Cosmetic rinses are commercial, over-the-counter (OTC) products that help remove oral debris before or after brushing, temporarily suppress bad breath, diminish bacteria in the mouth, and refresh the mouth with a pleasant taste.

Therapeutic rinses have all of the benefits of cosmetic rinses but also contain an added active ingredient that helps protect against some oral diseases. Therapeutic rinses also can be categorized according to use: anti-plaque/anti-gingivitis rinses or anti-cavity fluoride rinses, for example.

Dentists will prescribe special rinses for patients with more severe oral problems, such as cavities, periodontal disease, gum inflammation, and xerostomia (dry mouth). Therapeutic rinses also are strongly recommended for those who can't brush due to physical impairments or medical reasons.

Should I use a mouth rinse?

Whether or not you should use a mouth rinse depends upon your needs. Many dentists consider the use of fluoride toothpaste alone to be more than adequate protection against cavities. Although, anti-cavity rinses with fluoride have been clinically proven to fight up to 50 percent more of the bacteria that cause cavities. Most rinses are effective at curbing bad breath and freshening the mouth for up to three hours.

How should I use a mouth rinse?

Before using mouth rinses, dentists suggest that you brush and floss your teeth well. Then, measure the proper amount of rinse as specified on the con-

tainer or as instructed by your dentist. With your lips closed and the teeth kept slightly apart, swish the liquid around with as much force as possible. Many rinses suggest swishing for 30 seconds or more.

Finally, thoroughly spit the liquid from your mouth. Teeth should be as clean as possible before applying an anti-cavity rinse to reap the full preventive benefits. Consumers should not rinse, eat, or smoke for 30 minutes after using rinses, as these practices will dilute the fluoride and rinse it away.

Are there any side effects?

Yes, and they can vary depending on the type of rinse. Habitual use of antiseptic mouthwashes that contain high levels of alcohol (18 to 26 percent) may produce a burning sensation in the cheeks, teeth, and gums. Many rinses with more concentrated formulas can lead to mouth ulcers, sodium retention, root sensitivity, stains, soreness, numbness, changes in taste sensation, and painful mucosal erosions.

Most anti-cavity rinses contain sodium fluoride, which can lead to fluoride toxicity if taken excessively or swallowed. Because children tend to accidentally swallow mouthwash, they should only use rinses under adult supervision. If you experience any irritating or adverse reactions to a mouth rinse, discontinue its use immediately and talk to your dentist. ###

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Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Association, Inc. will meet on Thursday, March 5, 2020, from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library. All are welcome. No registration required. ###

Drug or Alcohol Issues?

The Englewood Chapter of Families Anonymous meets Friday evenings, at 7:45 p.m., in Room 5503 of Englewood Hospital, 35 Engle Street, Englewood, NJ 07631. Families Anonymous is a 12 step fellowship for the family and friends of those individuals with drug, alcohol, or related behavioral issues. We are here to help. 201-747-1153. ###

Diabetes Alert Day

American Diabetes Association Diabetes Alert Day is on March 24, 2020. Observed annually on the fourth Tuesday in March, Diabetes Alert Day is a one-day "wake-up call" that focuses on the seriousness of diabetes and the importance of understanding your risk.

- Diabetes affects about 30.3 million Americans or about 9.4 percent of the U.S. population.

- Nearly 1 in 4 adults living with diabetes, or 7.2 million Americans, are unaware that they have the disease.

- Another 84 million Americans have prediabetes, a condition in which blood glucose levels are higher than normal, but not high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes.

- Nine out of 10 adults with prediabetes don't know they have it. Source: NIH ###

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Heights Shred-It April 4

Hasbrouck Heights Recycling Program will hold a paper shredding event on Saturday, April 4, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Central Avenue parking lot. Rain or shine. This event is co-sponsored by the Bergen County Utilities Authority.

The Satellite Recycling drop-off will also be available. This disposal site collects the following items for recycling: bottles, cans, plastic bottles, newspapers, cardboard, magazines, junk mail, and E-waste such as computer equipment and TVs. For more information, call 201-288-1072. ###

An old saying about March goes, "In like a lion, out like a lamb." This, of course, refers to the weather. Because of the variable elements of this month it is often described as a battle between old man winter and the young warrior of spring. Inevitably, the young defeats the failing, but still powerful old man. Youth will have its day. ###

Digital Skills for Small Businesses

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights is pleased to host two workshops for budding and seasoned small business owners to take place on Wednesdays, March 4 and 18, 2020, at 7 p.m. Participants will learn how to collect the necessary information on their community, customers and competition in order to write a business plan. In addition, one will work on a financial plan that will determine how much it will cost to start a business. The financial plan will also estimate revenue and profit once you open, so you have an idea

of when your business will be profitable. Attendees will also be given access to the lessons 24/7 online once you receive your class code.

This program is funded by Libraries Lead with Digital Skills, an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) and the Public Library Association (PLA) created so that local libraries can combine their own program offerings with Grow with Google training materials to offer community workshops or other activities aimed at empowering small businesses to grow online or assisting job seekers to prepare for and find work.

Registration is requested. Please call 201-288-6653 or visit our online calendar at <http://hasbrouckheightslibrary.org> to sign up. ###

Blues and Soul Music in America March 8

Join members of the Wood-Ridge Historical Society on Sunday, March 8, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. in the Arnault/Bianchi House, for a program on Blues and Soul Music in America. The talented performer, Yvonne Hassett, stage name, Y-Von, will include a history of that musical genre as well as a vocal presentation. Yvonne, who began her career at the age of sixteen, spent her early years in the Pittsburgh, PA area where the popularity of Blues and Soul singing had its start.

Her many hours of listening to recordings of that type of music resulted in her love for "Blues and Soul" and her ability to lend her own voice to the music and soulful feelings. Y-Von holds a B.S. Degree in Commercial Art and Photography, and during her college years, she spent her summers traveling the country as a performer with hotel bands.

She also lived and settled a while in Cleveland, Ohio where she was asked to sing with the Tommy Dorsey band,

which at the time had four original members in the horn section.

She performed with many artists of that big band era; Doris Day, Vic Damone, Bob Crosby and Vaughn Monroe. She also performed with her own band in the Pittsburgh area and then was asked to come to NYC to perform and record some of her original music. Becoming a member of the New York Musicians Union, opened up the opportunity to sing with and meet people who could help further her career.

Among her contacts there were with the artists and managers of performers such as Madonna, Stacy Lattisaw, and Steely Dan. She performed in all the NYC prestigious hotels and conferences for over 20 years.

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The WRPEF is hosting a 366 Tasting: NJ Craft Beer and Wine Tasting Event, Saturday, February 29, 2020, from 6 to 9 p.m., at Assumption Church's Father Morris Hall, 143 1st Street, Wood-Ridge. There will be prizes, raffle and Tricky Tray. For information, go to WRPEF.org. ###



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Lodi Oldtimers Little League 2020 Scholarship Programs

The Lodi Oldtimers have announced the opening of their annual Scholarship Program for 2020 and the annual Pam Panagiotou Scholarship Award Program. The scholarships are open to high school seniors who have participated in any of the Lodi Little League baseball or softball programs for a minimum of 3 years.

- Three five-hundred dollar scholarships will be awarded. The Oldtimers will award one scholarship to a male and one to a female.

The annual Pam Panagiotou Scholarship Award Program will award one scholarship and is open to both males and females. All applicants must meet the criteria set by the Lodi Oldtimers Little League:

1. Applicants must complete a scholarship application in full.

2. A 500 or more word essay must accompany the appli-

cation stating what their Little League experience has meant to them and what their most memorable event was.

3. The most recent high school transcript, including the fall of 2019 semester must be attached.

4. Applicants must supply a copy of their college acceptance letter.

5. Proof of residency must be included.

Applications can be mailed to: Lodi Oldtimers Little League, PO Box 201, Lodi, NJ 07644-0201 or dropped off at the League Office.

The deadline for applying is April 10, 2020. Winners will be notified by June 12, 2020. Applications can be picked up at the high school Guidance Office, the Little League at 72 Church St., Lodi, NJ. Questions can be directed to the Little League at 973-591-1137. *Robert C. Simpson. ###*



Annie Comes To Heights

Hasbrouck Heights High School will be presenting ANNIE the musical on March 25 and 26 at 7 p.m. in the HS auditorium. Seated is Olivia Myers playing Annie, Louie Rodenberg as Sandy the dog. L to R standing are Nick Zarrillo as Oliver Warbucks, Maria Salmeri as Grace Farrell, Ashley Annachiarico as Miss Hannigan, Steven Kelly as Rooster Hannigan, and Ronni Bish as Lily St. Regis. Admission for Annie: Adults \$10; Seniors and Students \$5. *Provided by Bob Myers. ###*

Wood-Ridge Lions 2020 Scholarships

Applications for the Wood-Ridge Lions Club Annual Scholarships (totaling a minimum of \$6,500) will be available March 19, 2020. There will be a minimum of 4 awards presented.

The number of awards and the dollar amount will be determined by the selection committee. One award is given in the name of Lion Vinny Pascale, and all Charter Club Members, the second is presented in the names of Lions Jim Love Sr., and Phil Rottini, of Wood-Ridge, the third in the name of Lion William J. Nagel, of Moonachie. All of these deceased Club members served the Club and their communities with honor and distinction.

The 4th award will be presented in the name of Jack Nagel. He has been an active member of the Club for almost 40 years. He was recently honored at the annual Beefsteak Dinner when this newly named scholarship was announced.

Any Wood-Ridge or Moonachie resident graduating from an accredited high school may apply for these scholarships. Applications are available at Wood-Ridge High School, The Wood-Ridge Public Library, Assumption Church Friary and at JAN PROMOTIONS INC., 50 Moonachie Road, Moonachie. Deadline for applications is April 27. *###*

W-R Knights Announce Scholarship

The Wood-Ridge Knights of Columbus will once again be awarding the \$1,000 Anthony Giuseffi Sr. Scholarship to any graduating Eighth Grader (public or parochial school) who will be attending a Catholic High School next September. The candidate must be a parishioner of the Church of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady in Wood-Ridge. Applications are available in the Church Friary. The deadline for submission of the application is May 14, 2020, at 3:30 p.m. *PG ###*

VFW Post 3149 Honors Students

On February 27, 2020, at 7 p.m., Schmidt Hoeger Post 3149, Carlstadt, will present "Voice of Democracy Awards" to three Becton Regional High School students at a ceremony at the Civic Center, Fourth Street, Carlstadt. First Place: Jenny Marcinkowski, Second Place: Christina Tripodi, Third Place: Alessandro Benameur, all of Carlstadt.

Family and friends of the winners along with Post members are welcome. *Provided by Commander Robert Nerbetski. ###*

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Literature Resource Center may be accessed either within The Library or remotely with a Wood-Ridge Memorial Library card number through The Library's website at <https://woodridgememoriallibrary.org/> *###*

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Mamma Mia

On March 27-29, 2020, Wood-Ridge Jr./Sr. High School will perform the musical, "Mamma Mia." Directed by Roberta Blender and Ted Colarusso, the cast has been rehearsing since December 2019 and is excited to perform this musical sensation featuring the music of ABBA that has audiences dancing to the beat! This show marks 32 consecutive years of musical performances at Wood-Ridge High School.

On a small Greek island, Sophie dreams of a perfect wedding — one which includes her father giving her away. The problem? Sophie doesn't know who he is! Her mother Donna, the former lead singer of the 1970s pop group Donna and the Dynamos, refuses to talk about the past, so Sophie decides to take matters into her own hands. Sneaking a peek in her mother's old diaries, she discovers three possible fathers: Sam, Bill, and Harry. She secretly invites all three to the wedding, convinced that she'll know her father when she sees him. But when all three turn up, it may not be as clear as she thought!

Showtimes at the Wood-Ridge HS Auditorium are as

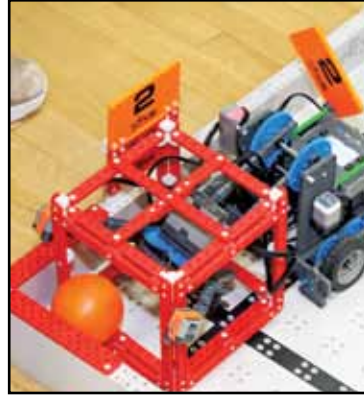
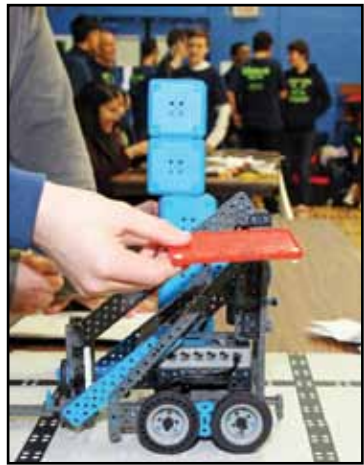
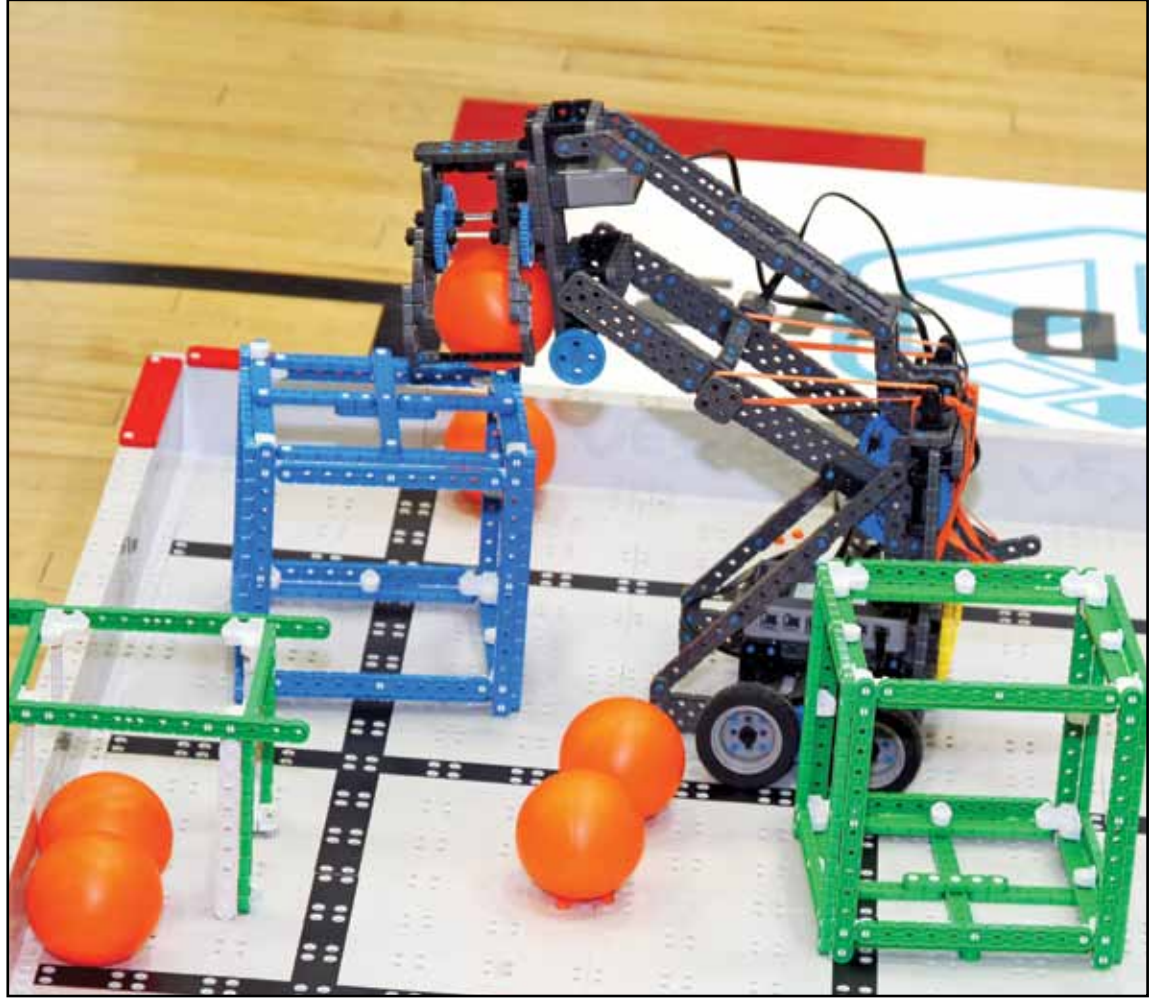
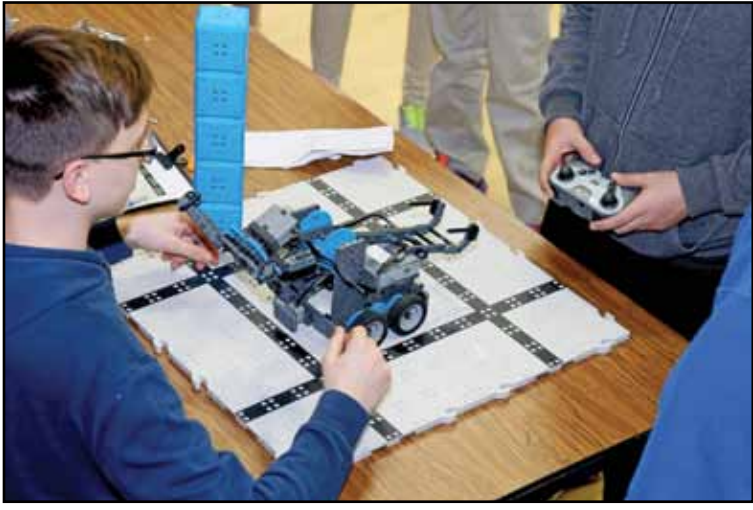
follows: March 27 and 28 at 7:30 p.m. and March 29 at 12 p.m.. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased/reserved by emailing tcolarusso@woodridgeschools.org or purchased at the door. *Provided by Angelo Urato. ###*

Prom Dress Drive March 16

Donate clean, gently used prom or evening dresses and accessories (*jewelry, bags, etc., No Shoes*). Last date to drop off donations is Monday, March 16, 2020, at The Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights. For information, call 201-288-0488.

This event is done in partnership with Operation Prom and Dress Code. Dress donations will be distributed at the giveaway on Saturday, April 18, 2020, from 12 to 3 p.m., at The Johnson Public Library. Any remaining dresses will be donated to Operation Prom and Dress Code. *###*

Practice Random Acts of Kindness



2020 South Bergen Robotics Competition

Moonachie -- January 22, 2020 -- More than 100 middle school students and their robots gathered in Robert L. Craig School's gymnasium for the 2020 South Bergen Robotics Competition.

On the line was the South Bergen District Championship trophy, and ten schools had been working for weeks prior in order to get the chance to take it home. The teams of students were responsible for designing a robot that would excel at playing the VEX IQ Squared Away game, while also making sure that the robots were built strong enough so that they would not

break apart in the process.

"There is a tension at a robotics competition that you just don't feel at other scholastic extracurricular events," says the event's coordinator, Shane Miller. "So much depends upon last minute troubleshooting. Those robots are fickle devices, and they usually pick that final minute to malfunction."

As students did last minute work on their robots, a student from the South Bergen Jointure Commission explained the rules to families in the audience. VEX IQ Squared Away is played on a 4' x 8' rectangular field, with robots working

to score as many points as they can in one minute. Points are earned by moving red, green, and blue cubes to corners or on top of matching colored obstacles. Each school brings at minimum two drivers who control the robots for two rounds of play. Becton High School's Robotic team, the Bectobots, were the officials for the after-school event.

"The annual South Bergen Robotics Competition is always a highlight for all students involved, and this year was no exception," says Josh Frisch, Moonachie teacher and robotics adviser.

This was Moonachie's first year hosting the event, and all eyes were on Frisch's students as the hosting team scored 161 points in the first round alone—more points than all other teams combined. They would go on to win the competition.

The event was organized annually by the South Bergen Jointure Commission, a public school district providing special education services for over 300 students in Autism Spectrum Disorder, Behavioral Disorder, and Multiply Disabled programs. The SBJC formed the South Bergen STEAM League in 2015, coordinating

STEAM-related events by inviting all of their sending districts to participate and providing them with the materials necessary to compete.

Among those that took part in the 2020 Robotics Competition were Carlstadt Public School, East Rutherford Alfred S. Faust School, Garfield Middle School, Hasbrouck Heights Middle/High School, Lodi Thomas Jefferson Middle School, Lyndhurst Public School, Moonachie Robert L. Craig School, Rutherford Union School, and South Hackensack Memorial School. *Story by Shane Miller. ###*

2020 Easter Egg Hunts *Woman's Club of Rutherford Donates Blizzard Bags*

East Rutherford

Check with Borough Clerk.

Hasbrouck Heights

Check with Borough Clerk.

This event is sponsored by the Mayor's Celebration Committee.

Little Ferry

The Easter Bunny visit is scheduled for Saturday, April 4, at Borough Hall, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., for resident children up to age 12. Bring your camera.

A magic show starts at 12:15 p.m. and there will be face painting. Event is rain or shine. This event is sponsored by the Recreation Committee.

Lodi

On Saturday, April 4, Lodi Recreation will have its annual Spring Celebration. This year's event will be held at Washington School, from 10 a.m. to noon, for Kindergarten to 3rd Grade. Lodi residents. The celebration includes two Bounce Houses, Photo Booth, Face Painter to make the day special for Lodi's young residents. The Easter Bunny will also attend for some special photos. Please bring your camera. All children will receive an Easter giveaway and must be accompanied by an adult.

Moonachie

The Borough of Moonachie Annual Egg Hunt will be held 10 a.m., Saturday, April 4 at Robert L. Craig School Gymnasium, rain or shine. Refreshments will be served and the Easter Bunny will be there. Bring your camera. The event is open to all children.

Wood-Ridge

The Transformation Life Church will host a Free Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m., at the Catherine Doyle Elementary School. Games, Prizes, Food and more.

Actual Egg Hunt will begin at 11 a.m. by age group. Register online at <http://tlcassembly.org/>

Wood-Ridge

The Knights of Columbus St. Anthony Council 11585 will hold their Annual Easter Egg Hunt after the "Blessing of the Baskets," at noon on Saturday, April 11, on the Assumption Church grounds for Pre-K through 3rd Grade. Tickets may be obtained at the rectory. In case of rain, the event will be held indoors. Refreshments to follow. ###

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From left to right: Jane Gregory, Ida Borroto, Ann Marie McCarthy, Julia D'Avanzo, Sue Kevra, Rosemary Caulk. Photo Credit: Ida Borroto. Story by Paula Lardiere. ###

Every year the Woman's Club of Rutherford prepares Blizzard Bags for the elderly and home-bound in Bergen County. These bags are filled with food and snacks so that if the weather prevents residents from getting to the food store, they have a small emergency supply of things to eat and drink.

This year the Club prepared 60 bags which will be distributed by Meals on Wheels.

The Woman's Club of Rutherford is a 130 year old organization that has been providing support to local charities and organizations since its inception. For membership information, contact Debra at 201-939-1050.

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Kids on the Corner Performing Arts Program

Care on the Corner announces the Winter 2020 program for Kids on the Corner, a Performing Arts Program for children in Grades 2 to 7.

This session marks the 39th production of Kids on the Corner. The goal of Kids on the Corner is to educate and enlighten children about different art forms and cultural experiences. The children are offered opportunities to learn about history, culture, visual arts, theater production, set design, costume design, music and acting.

The Performing Arts group will meet on Friday, March 20, 2020. Under the direction of Cindy Summers, participants will tell the story of "Shrek."

Then, on Friday, March 20, 2020, at 7 p.m., the group will showcase their hard work with a performance which is open to the public!

Cindy Summers is a 2006 graduate of the New Jersey School of Dramatic Arts acting program. She has been working with children for more than ten years and has been teaching for six years. Six of those years were spent working in a preschool for children with special needs, and for the last four years, Cindy has taught the Ready, Set, Act! program at New Jersey School of Dramatic Arts. In 2010, she introduced the Young Actors Workshop to help further the effectiveness of the children's program. The group will meet at the Parish Hall of St. John the Divine, 229 Terrace Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. Call the Care Center at 201-288-9460 to register, or download an application form from www.careonthecorner.org. Scholarships available. There is a \$35 registration fee. ###

International Dinner and Tricky Tray March 22

St. Philip the Apostle Columbiettes of Clifton are celebrating their 10th Anniversary of their Instituting Ceremony of becoming an auxiliary with their Annual Mary Ellen Valentin International Dinner and Tricky Tray, Sunday, March 22, 2020.

Our International Dinner is held in memory of Mary Ellen Valentin, who organized the first one, due to all nationalities of the members. Chef Todd will be preparing the cultural appetizers and main course.

The dinner will be held in St. Philip the Apostle Auditorium starting at 1 p.m., doors open at 12:30 p.m. There will be a 50/50 and Tricky Tray. Cost is \$25 per adult and \$10 children ages 5-10. Call Diane at 973-897-9378 or Barbara Ann at 973-916-1957. Reservations and Tickets close March 14, 2020.

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The Columbiettes are a service organization composed of Catholic women dedicating their time and talent serving the poor, helping their brother Knights of Columbus. We are open to all Catholic Women 18 and up to join our worthy organization. If anyone is interested in becoming a member call VP Jackie Wozniak @ 973-237-0670 or ask any officer or member at the affair.

This year's officers are: President Denise Attione, Immediate Past President Sharon Festa, Vice President Jackie Wozniak, Secretary Karen Christiaens, Financial Secretary Diane Van Blarcom, Treasurer Sabrina Celestin, Sentinel Karen Rice. ###

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Retiring Sgt. Schmidt Recognized

On January 14, 2020, the Teterboro Mayor and Council presented Sergeant Thomas Schmidt a Distinguished Service Award in recognition for his high standards of excellence in providing 24 years of distinguished police services to the Borough of Teterboro. *Photo provided by Borough of Teterboro. ###*



On his departure, Thomas Schmidt, Sergeant Moonachie Police, made the following comments: "I would like to take this time to inform you that I will be retiring from the Moonachie Police Department on January 15, 2020. I wanted to express my gratitude and appreciation for being able to serve the Borough of Teterboro since 1996 when Moonachie first started providing police services.

Over these years I have served in different capacities which has allowed me to work closely with many of Teterboro's employees. Whether it was the court, DPW, municipal staff or Mr. Busch and now Mr. Saros, every Teterboro employee has been professional, friendly and a pleasure to work with. Thank you for making me feel like one of your own all these years." *Photo provided by Borough of Teterboro. ###*



Teterboro Presents Proclamations

On January 14, 2020, the Borough of Teterboro presented a proclamation to **Dana G. Ramirez**, ("Dana"), who ran her second 26.2 mile in the 2019 Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) New York City Marathon and ran for "Team for Kids."

Team for Kids is a team of adult runners who raise funds for critical services provided by New York Roadrunners Youth Programs.

Dana completed the 2019 TCS NYC Marathon, which set another world record for the number of finishers ever for a marathon with 53,627 runners

The Governing Body of Teterboro, does hereby congratulate Dana on her participation in the 2019 TCS New York City Marathon on behalf of Team for Kids;

The Governing Body does hereby extend its best wishes to Dana for many future "marathons and miles".

On January 14, 2020, the Borough of Teterboro presented a Proclamation to **Juan J. Ramirez** ("Juan"), Councilman of the Borough of Teterboro, an avid runner.

Juan participated in the 2019 TCS New York City Marathon and ran for "Team for Kids."

Team for Kids is a team of adult runners who raise funds for critical services provided by New York Roadrunners Youth Programs.

Juan completed the New York City Marathon in 4 hours, 59 minutes and 33 seconds.

The Governing Body of Teterboro, does hereby congratulate Juan on his participation in the 2019 TCS New York City Marathon on behalf of Team for Kids;

The Governing Body does hereby extend its best wishes to Juan for many future "marathons and miles." ###

Rutherford United Methodist Church 140th Anniversary Celebration

Rutherford United Methodist Church (RUMC), in Rutherford, celebrates its 140th Anniversary on Sunday, March 1, 2020, with a special Communion Worship Service at 10 a.m. followed by a celebration luncheon.

The service will feature a presentation by Church historian, Bill Grindler, sacred dance by Spirit Dance, and a welcome for new and returning members. Luncheon is free and open to all attendees. 56 West Passaic Avenue, Rutherford, NJ. www.rutherfordumc.org ###

Rutherford Free Rabies Clinic

On Saturday, March 28, 2020, The Rutherford Health Department will be conducting its Annual Free Rabies Clinic, at from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Mortimer Avenue Firehouse at the corner of Mortimer and West Pierrepont Avenues.

Registration forms can be picked up in advance of the clinic at 184 Park Avenue between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Proof of prior vaccination will be required.###

Don't Block Intersections

Wallington FD Memorial Observes Tragic Day

Wallington Fire Department will be holding its Annual Memorial Service and Inspection on Saturday, March 7, 2020, at the Johnson Avenue Firehouse on Alfred Ventura Plaza, at 3 p.m.

A special observance remembering Firefighter Alfred Ventura who died in the line of duty, 50 years ago on March 5, 1970, will take place with special presentations in his memory.

The Department once again will be remembering all the members who have

answered their last alarm, especially those during the last year. Families and friends of the departed are invited to attend and receive a Firefighter Flag and flower remembering their loved ones.

The Annual Inspection of the Fire Department, personnel and equipment by the Mayor and Council and Mutual Aid Chiefs takes place following the service.

For information, contact Mark Tomko at 201-983-3249, MWTNNNJ@VERIZON.NET ###

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Stepping Up To The Challenge

Historically Speaking

By James J. Halloran



The Double Whammy of 1999 Part 4 of 5 Parts, Up From The Ashes

Even as vapors of smoke and steam arose from the remnants of Borough Hall and the full extent of the calamity was just setting in, the community was stepping up to the challenge. The Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education offered the use of Franklin Gym. This would become the temporary location of the displaced Borough workers from the offices that had been destroyed.

Over that weekend the Hasbrouck Heights Department of Public Works did yeoman service. Job classifications mattered little, everyone pitched in as needed. They were first tasked with the removal of the parts of the aircraft that crashed, to a hangar at Teterboro Airport, at the request of the NTSB. After the fire, they entered those areas deemed safe in the burnt-out building to remove as much of the Borough's records and equipment that could be salvaged. They also set up office equipment in the gym.

Monday morning would find part of the gym floor covered with plastic tarps. On these tarps were spread waterlogged papers, drying out. The hard drives from damaged computers had to be sent out. They would recover 95% of the data on these. The insurance representatives said that it would be best to send out the rest of the water-soaked records to be freeze dried. This was done. Thankfully, the Borough Council records, dating back to 1894, were spared. To the chagrin of some Borough residents, all the records of the Tax Office were not affected.

Police officers entered the basement and had to wade in over two feet of water to salvage records and equipment of the department. Sadly, many of the Borough's older records were stored in the attic and were totally destroyed.

Phone lines had to be rerouted to the Franklin Gym. This was all done between Saturday and Monday morning. To the credit of Michael Kronyak, Borough Administrator, and Rose Marie Sees, then Borough Clerk, all the affected departments that had been in the Borough Hall, were now up and functioning by Monday morning, in the gym.

The Euclid Masonic Lodge offered their building at 200 Division Avenue. This would become the Borough Council Chambers and the location of the Municipal Court. The first Borough Council Meeting, after the fire, would be held four days later, at the Masonic Lodge. Over four years of meetings would be held here.

Bill Kundert, of Kundert Volvo, offered his garage located at 380 Terrace Avenue. The Fire Department gratefully accepted this offer. All fire equipment was located there. However, the ambulances would be housed in a tent-type structure on Hamilton Avenue. This would be the first of a number of moves for the HHHFD before they settled into the current public safety building.

Bergen County sent their mobile command center for the use of the Heights PD. The basketball court next to the Franklin Gym would hold four trailers that would temporarily house the Police Department. The basement of the gym would become a holding area for the department.

The Borough would hire insurance investigators to deal with ongoing issues. Borough Administrator and Chief Financial Officer Michael Kronyak contacted the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund. This fund is the major insurance carrier for the Borough. His efforts in this endeavor would result in a settlement that was fair to the Borough.

The Mayor and Borough Council passed an emergency declaration. This was to allow the Borough to bypass restrictive state regulations on bidding on needed equipment, supplies and services. Mayor William Torre, Michael Kronyak, Rose Marie Sees, Borough Council members and department heads would meet daily to address many issues, over the next few months.

It was felt that the Franklin Gym could not long house the different departments of the Borough. An empty bank building on the Boulevard was rented. This became the new temporary offices of the various Borough departments.

Engineers would be engaged to determine the rel-

evance of reusing the remains of the building on Hamilton Avenue. The report of these engineers would be considered in planning the future of any new structures.

The major issue would be what type of structures and where would they be located. Architects were hired. A number of locations were proposed and based on the needs of the Borough, finalized down to two locations. These were the Hamilton Avenue site and the Boulevard site.

The first concept of the new municipal building was presented to the citizens of Hasbrouck Heights on August 8, 2000. This would become known as PLAN A. This building would house the Borough administrative offices, Police, Municipal Court, Public Library and the Senior Center, located on the Boulevard. The Fire Department would reuse what was left of the Hamilton Avenue site.

A number of issues were raised, such as traffic on Madison and Central Avenues, eminent domain and tax loss of property needed to build PLAN A. The architects were instructed to revise their plans to take into account the issues from the public.

Two community forum meetings were called for on September 25 and 26, 2000, at the VFW. At that time, PLAN A MODIFIED and PLAN B were presented to the public. PLAN A MOD. would not impact traffic on Madison Avenue and make Central Avenue into a cul-de-sac. The rest of the original plan remained in place.

PLAN B would reduce the proposed size of the building on the Boulevard and move the Police Department, Municipal Court and the Fire Department to a new building on Hamilton Avenue. However, PLAN B would have an increase of \$525,000 over the PLAN A cost. PLAN B was the one finally accepted. Through the efforts of then NJ Assemblywoman, Rose Heck, state grants in the amount of \$777,382 and the insurance settlement were used to offset the total cost.

Construction was begun in February of 2002, on the new Borough Hall. The first Hasbrouck Heights Council Meeting was held in the new building on September 9, 2003. The formal dedication of the Municipal Complex and Senior Center was held on October 18, 2003. Work on the Public Safety Building, on Hamilton Avenue, would begin in November 2003. ###



World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March: March 6, 2020.

The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

World Day of Prayer promotes justice and equality for women through prayer, partnerships, service and celebration.

WDP 2020 theme is "Rise, Take up your Mat and Walk." written by the women of Zimbabwe. For more information: <http://www.wdp-usa.org/> ###

Lenten Invitation

The Community of God's Love, Rutherford's Catholic Charismatic Community, is hosting Lenten discussion groups based on The Universal Christ by Richard Rohr, OFM. The groups will meet on Mondays: March 2 to April 6, 2020, 10:30 a.m. to noon, or Thursdays, February 27 to April 2, 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Participants should read the first two chapters before the initial session. Groups will meet at Visitation House, 70 West Passaic Avenue, Rutherford. Want to register? Email lampstand@thecgl.org or call 201-935-0344. ###

Mid-Week Lenten Prayer Service

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church invites all to its mid-week Lenten Prayer Service at noon every Wednesday in Lent, March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1. Join us as we focus on five psalms for Lent and reflect how they encourage and guide us in our journey of faith. As we weather the storms of life, the psalms give voice to every human emotion—fear, anger, joy, sorrow, doubt and trust. As we prepare for Easter, we will meditate and reflect on these psalms, beginning with a cry for deliverance to a psalm of thanksgiving and trust in God's grace and mercy. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is at 92 Burton Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ. Call the office at 201.288.6889 for more information. ###

Joyful Noise Worship Service

On Sunday, March 8, 2020, at its new time, 12:30 p.m., Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is holding its monthly Joyful Noise Family Worship Service. Joyful Noise Worship is for everyone, but is especially designed for children with Autism, PDD-NOS, ADHD, Down Syndrome and any other developmental/physical challenges.

This 30-minute joy-filled service will bring together children with and without disabilities, giving them the opportunity to learn from one another about God's love for them; all in an atmosphere of understanding and acceptance. Join us at this beautiful worship service and help us to share God's love with all His children as we Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord (Psalm 100:1).

The Joyful Noise Family Worship Service takes place on the second Sunday of every month at 12:30 p.m. Fellowship time will immediately follow worship. Holy Trinity is located at 92 Burton Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. ###

Taizé Evening Prayer Service

Our upcoming evening Taizé prayer service will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at 7 p.m., at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 92 Burton Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. The Taizé service includes 30 minutes of prayer, simple chant and silence; a peaceful respite to the busy demands of everyday life. ###

Purim

Purim begins Monday night, March 9 and continues through Tuesday, March 10, 2020 (March 11 in Jerusalem).

The festival of Purim commemorates the salvation of the Jewish people in ancient Persia from Haman's plot "to destroy, kill and annihilate all the Jews, young and old, infants and women, in a single day." It is celebrated with Megillah readings, gifts of food, charity, feasting, and merriment.

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restocked after the holidays. Unfortunately, hunger knows no season so we encourage you to continue to leave something whenever you walk or ride by, and we will see that it gets to the food banks.

During the months of March and April, we will also be collecting items for Journey Hospice, a Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey located in Egg Harbor Township. They have requested "blessing

bags" which will include new women's nightgowns, sizes medium or large, new men's pajamas or boxer shorts in any size, and no-slip socks for men or women. Also, large print puzzle/word search books will be appreciated.

The Women's ministries (both SWIM and WELCA) of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 92 Burton Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, thank you for your help as together we help to ease the suffering of those at the end of life and remind them they are never alone.

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Rev. Shawn D. Pate Joins Mt. Ararat Baptist Church

Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, Rutherford, will install their Pastor elect, the Rev. Shawn D. Pate, on Sunday, March 29, 2020, at the 11 a.m. service.

Guest speaker for this celebration will be the Rev. Dr. Orlando B. Yates, Sr. Pastor of Union Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The public is welcome to join in worship, fellowship and praise. For information, contact the Church at 201-460-1820. The Church is at 29 Elm Street, Rutherford.

The Rev. Shawn D. Pate is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he attended the Cincinnati Public School system, and graduated from Hughes Center.

Rev. Pate received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Cincinnati. Rev. Pate also has a Master's Degree in Project Management from the Keller School of Management in Cincinnati, Ohio.

In pursuit of a Master's of

Divinity, Rev. Pate attended Cincinnati Christian University Seminary for two years.

He ministered to the less fortunate and the incarcerated at the City Gospel Homeless Shelter and the Hamilton County Justice Center.

Rev. Pate accepted his call to the Gospel Ministry at the age of 28. On September 10, 2006, Rev. Pate was ordained through an ordination of the Western Union District Baptist Association.

He served as an associate minister at Union Baptist Church in Cincinnati. In March of 2017, Rev. Pate accepted the call to serve as interim Pastor of First Hopewell Baptist Church in Newark, NJ.

Rev. Pate comes to Mt. Ararat Baptist Church from Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Newark, NJ. On October 12, 2019, he was called to Pastor Mt. Ararat Baptist Church. *Provided by Sadie Walker. ###*

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South Bergen Public Safety officials remind area residents to observe National Poison Prevention Week, March 15-21, 2020 (*the third week in March*), which is designated to highlight the dangers of poisonings and how to prevent them.

Drug-related poisonings cause nearly 700,000 visits to hospital emergency rooms each year. Poisonings cause more than 35,000 deaths each year.

50% of young people are the most likely to be poisoned, with children under age six accounting for half of all poison exposures.

92% poisoning deaths occur among people over the age of 20.

The five causes of poisoning: painkillers, cosmetics or personal products, household cleaning products, sedatives, and antipsychotics medicine and foreign bodies, toys and other objects.

More than 2 million poisonings are reported each year to the 55 poison control centers across the country. More than 90 percent of these poisonings occur in the home. The majority of non-fatal poisonings occur in children younger than six years old. And, poisonings are one of the leading causes of death among adults.

Most poisonings occur when parents or caregivers are home, but not paying attention.

The most dangerous potential poisons are medicines, cleaning products, antifreeze, windshield wiper fluid, pesticides, furniture polish, gasoline, kerosene and lamp oil.

- Store medicine, cleaners, paints/varnishes and pesticides in their original packaging in locked cabinets or containers, out of sight and reach of children.

- Install a safety latch - that locks when you close the door - on child-accessible cabinets containing harmful products.

- Purchase and keep all medicines in containers with safety caps. Discard unused medication.

- Never refer to medicine as "candy" or another appealing name.

- Check the label each time you give a child medicine to ensure proper dosage.

- Never place poisonous products in food or drink containers.

- Maintain working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Treatment: If your child is unconscious, not breathing, or having convulsions or seizures due to poison, contact or ingestion, call 911. If your child has come in contact with poison, and has mild or no symptoms, call your poison control center at 1-800-222-1222. For more information go to: www.poisonprevention.org ###

Real Estate Insight

By Mary Ellen Courtney



The Secret Sauce of Home Selling

I read an article recently about a scientific study that examines the home-buying mind to find out what turns it on and what turns it off. Its information may be helpful to sellers who can use it to their advantage.

According to the article, selling a home isn't just about slapping down a fresh coat of paint; one needs to delve into the home buyer's brain in order to figure out what makes he or she tick.

From the moment purchasers spot your listing to the instant they walk through the door, what persuades them to make an offer and ultimately to close the deal? Let's examine the psychological data.

With a decision as weighty as a home purchase, one might think that buyers deliberate mightily over all the pros and cons before they decide to sign on the dotted line. True? Not according to the "Psychology of House Selling," a report by which states that 80% of prospective buyers know if a home is right for them within the FIRST FEW SECONDS of stepping inside. How do they know? Researchers theorize that the human mind processes much more information in less time than we think, so lengthy deliberation is often not needed.

[The main take-away for sellers here: spiff-up the area (entrance foyer, living room) that buyers will see in that introductory time frame - the first minute, say. First impressions are, apparently, the ones that count most.]

The report goes on to say that in addition to what home buyers see, what they smell matters a lot, too. This doesn't mean you should fill your home with a mixture of potpourri, scented candles and freshly baked cookies.

No, the psychologists point

out that these "complex" scents can actually backfire for the home seller. Sophisticated consumer studies reveal, for example, that shoppers will spend 32% more in retail stores where a simple orange scent is piped in rather than a multifaceted blend of orange, basil and green tea.

Why is that? Complex scents may be nice, but they're also distracting; people lose focus trying to figure out what they are. Same for home buyers; they're not in your home to analyze the smells. They're there to process whether this is the place where they'd want to live.

[The main take-away for sellers here: go for a scent that's fresh and simple, lemon and pine are usually best recommended, as a quick fix, for example. As a quick fix, splash a little Pine-Sol in the sink. Everyone loves the smell of clean.]

The article goes on to spell out the dangers of pricing, noting that home buyers are particularly wary of the number 9 in a property's price. T-shirts and towels may be priced at \$9.99 because consumers tend

to think that prices ending in 9 are always a better deal. However, with big purchases like homes, this 'charm' pricing is a big turnoff. Why? Because, according to the scientists, these homes appear to be trying to look like a cheap bargain, unbecoming for such a big ticket purchase.

[The take-away here: avoid sleazy 9s and, also, too many zeros (a figure like \$400,000, for example), seems like you pulled this number out of a hat). Instead, a more specific number - like \$412,000, say - makes it look like somebody has really done his/her homework and knows exactly what the home is worth.]

Lastly, staging a home is all the rage today and research here shows that it really works. The study looked at 63 unstaged homes which sat on the market for an average 143 days. Once these houses were professionally staged, they sold, on average, 40 days after their makeover.

[The take-away here: pay very close attention to presentation. It's a proven fact that emotion inspires offers. A staged home creates this emotion by helping buyers imagine themselves living in the space.]

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Safeguard Your Home

BCUA Collects Household Hazardous Waste

While most people are interested in safeguarding their homes, many dangerous and environmentally unsafe materials gather dust in garages and basements, such as batteries, paints, and insecticides.

Hazardous waste can safely be removed from homes and be recycled or disposed of properly at the Bergen County Utilities Authority (BCUA) Household Hazardous Waste Collections.

BCUA will collect household hazardous waste on Saturday, March 7, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the BCUA (foot of Empire Boulevard) in Moonachie -- rain or shine. This service is free of charge for Bergen County residents -- ID is required. (Directions: Moonachie Avenue. Pass Teterboro Airport (on your left) and continue going straight until road ends into BCUA facilities.)

A partial list of acceptable materials for collection

includes: aerosol cans, anti-freeze, batteries, blacktop sealers, disinfectants, fertilizer, fire extinguishers, herbicides, insecticides, mercury switches, paints, pesticides, propane gas cylinders (1 lb. & 20 lb. only), solvents and thinners, used motor oil, varnishes.

A partial list of unacceptable materials includes: unlabeled wastes or containers with unknown contents, regulated medical wastes, radioactive materials and explosives, containers larger than five gallons, compressed cylinders (oxygen or acetylene), pressure treated lumber or railroad ties, computers, electronics and tires.

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AL Post 136 Memorial Fund

Close to 100 members of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary attended the Annual George F. Axt Memorial Fund Dinner Dance on January 24, 2020. The affair took place at the Joseph M. Lane American Legion Post 136 in Lodi.

The dinner dance was to raise funds for the benefit of the annual scholarships awarded to worthy applicants (male or female) who are pursuing nursing careers.

The meal served consisted of roast pork, roast chicken, sausage and peppers, baked ziti, potatoes, and salad. Desert, coffee, tea, water and soda were also available. The meals were prepared by Auxiliary President Sharon Salvacion and Auxiliary Secretary Margaret Frontera. Assisting them were Howard Mosher, Mitch Lopez, Linda Simonaro and Sharon Johnson.

The Tricky Tray was chaired by Margaret Frontera. All funds raised from the Tricky Tray will go toward local Veterans and community programs.

For over 60 years, the Bergen County American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary have been awarding the Nursing Scholarship. Past County Commander Michael Carroll and Past Department President Linda Carroll are chairs of the scholarship.

The speakers for the evening were Past County Commander Michael Carroll and current County Commander and Post 136 Commander Francis Carrasco. *Story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

Culture Grams

Are you a student with a country or state report due tomorrow? Do you love to travel or are you simply curious about the world?

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library now offers Culture Grams, a leading online reference source for concise, reliable, and up-to-date cultural information on countries around the globe. It includes the World Edition, Kids Edition, States Edition, and Canadian Provinces Edition. Culture Grams may be accessed either within The Library or remotely with a Wood-Ridge Memorial Library card number through The Library's website at <https://woodridgememoriallibrary.org/> ###

As Irish as Corned Beef and Cabbage?

Every St. Patrick's Day, thousands of pounds of corned beef are consumed by Americans in the mistaken belief that they are partaking of the food of their ancestors in Ireland. Yet, one would be hard pressed to find this dish in many parts of the Emerald Isle.

The Irish, for over three hundred years, have immigrated to America.

The first St. Patrick's Day parade was not held in Dublin but in New York City in 1762. However, the largest contingent came in the 1840/50s because of the "Potato Famine" or, as it is called in Ireland, the "Great Hunger."

Many immigrants settled in the poorer sections of New York City such as Hell's Kitchen and the Five Points section of lower Manhattan.

From these locations came the vast majority of men who made up the famous 69th New York Infantry Regiment. The regiment was the cause of an international incident in 1860 when their commander, Col. Michael Corcoran, refused to parade the regiment in honor of the Prince of Wales' visit to New York on October 11, 1860. Col. Corcoran was placed under arrest but with the outbreak of the Civil War, all charges were dropped.

A green flag honoring their actions in defiance of the Prince was presented by the Irish citizens of New York. This flag was carried at the Battle of First Bull Run. Confederate General Robert E. Lee was so impressed with their bravery and devotion to duty when he faced them on many battlefields, that he called them "The Fighting Irish."

The 69th was again called to war in 1917. They had their regimental number changed at this time to 165th Infantry Regiment of the New York National Guard and has served in WWI, WWII, Iraq and Afghanistan.

While pork was the meat that these immigrants were most familiar with, it was rather more expensive than the abundant beef here in America.

Their dealings with Eastern European Jewish immigrants in their New York neighborhood introduced them to a cheap cut of meat called corned beef.

This reminded them of Irish bacon; a smoked cured meat similar to Canadian bacon. The corned beef could be cooked in one pot with the

cabbage and potatoes.

The popularity of this dish soon spread to other Irish enclaves in Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago and the rest of America. By the 1860s the dish was so popular that it was served at President Lincoln's inauguration dinner.

The Irish assimilation into American society was marked by their interaction with the other ethnic groups that cohabitated in these slums.

This was not always done in a civil manner. The perpetrators of the "DRAFT RIOTS of 1863" were in large part the inhabitants of Hell's Kitchen who felt the draft was a way the rich could buy their way out of serving in the Army.

As poor men they would be forced into the Army. Orangemen parading up 8th Avenue in July of 1881 were showered with "Irish Confetti" (bricks, cobble stones, full chamber pots, etc.) from the roof tops.

This led to a full blown riot. Shillelagh law was all the rage. The local police could not stop the mayhem. The Militia was called and fired into the mob killing thirty and wounding hundreds more before the riot ended.

There were two things that they were denied in Ireland but were readily utilized here in America.

As poor Irish tenant farmers they had no access to an education. In America, education was open to all.

Here, as new citizens of The United States, they had the right to vote. In Ireland only landed gentry could vote. They took advantage of both.

The term "Narrow Back" was applied to first generation Irish Americans. This indicated that because they were able to educate themselves and improve their station in life, they would not be forced to do menial work as their "Broad Shouldered" parents did.

It was the willingness of these immigrants to work hard to improve their lot and offer loyalty to their adopted country. They advanced to the point in 1961 that an American of Irish descent, John F. Kennedy, became President of The United States.

So when you partake of this dish, think not only of St. Patrick but also of all the men and women of Irish descent who have helped to make a great America. *Story by James Halloran. ###*

Chore Program Helps Seniors

Since 1977, the Chore Volunteer Handyman Service of the Volunteer Center of Bergen County has been helping elderly and/or disabled people, by performing minor household repairs that clients cannot perform themselves.

The Chore Service assists in improving the quality of life of older people who are living independently.

Chore's services include installing grab bars and interior railings, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors; repairing leaky faucets or toilets, replacing broken door locks, installing weather-stripping, changing screens and storms, replacing light bulbs, replacing broken lamps and switches, installing simple electrical fixtures or replacing existing electric outlets and switches.

There are some jobs that are beyond Chore's capacity. Chore cannot service emergencies, and does not do outdoor work, painting, work requiring high ladders, tiling, door or window replacements, heavy lifting, new wiring or appliance repairs, cosmetic repairs or interior decorating.

Chore serves Bergen County residents who are at least age sixty (60) or who are permanently disabled of any age. Chore operates three vans which are staffed by 45 volunteers. Crews, comprised of a driver and two to three volunteers, are on the road every business day year round.

Each year, Chore volunteers make approximately

2,000 home visits, complete over 5,000 repairs, and log in over 10,000 hours of service.

Chore volunteers are also needed. A Chore Handyman volunteer goes on service calls one day a week from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers enjoy being part of a crew of one or two other volunteers plus a driver. Each crew is assigned 4 to 5 service calls each weekday.

Back-up volunteer handymen and women are also welcome.

Prospective volunteers should be able to perform minor household repairs such as those that able-bodied homeowners must do. Ideally, volunteers will be available on a regular basis so Chore can schedule a regular day with the same crew.

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Lodi Senior 2020 Club News

The Lodi Senior Citizens Club begins its 52nd year. The Club meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month.

Every Thursday is "Fun Day." They have a pool table, and shuffleboard. Do what your doctor says, "Keep Moving" with exercise or Bingo, card playing or pool and enjoy a day with friends.

Plus, they usually have entertainment at most of the meetings. For information, call 973-472-6994 and leave a message. ###

2020 Events

- Tuesday, March 10, and all Thursdays in March. Membership Re-up. Entertainment by Lonny Youngblood.
- April 3, Installation Dinner at the Venetian.
- April 28, Entertainment by Pat Long.
- May 12, Mother's Day, pizza at the Club.
- May 26, Entertainment by Nick Dee.
- June 9, Father's Day, pizza in the Club.
- June 23, Point Pleasant, lunch at The Shrimp Box and boat ride.
- July 14, Ice Cream Party in the Club at 1 p.m.
- August 14, Atlantic City lunch and Resorts Casino.
- August 25, Hot dogs in the Club at 1 p.m.
- September 22, Lunch in the Club at 1 p.m. by Santangelo's.
- October 7, Black Forest Inn (Octoberfest) 12 p.m. sharp.
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Redefining Retirement 2020

Redefining Retirement is specifically aimed at older adults who want to volunteer their skills and experience in nonprofit organizations, contribute to their communities, and learn something new at the same time. The Bergen Volunteer Center is actively seeking retirees who are interested in being Redefining Retirement Volunteers to help strengthen the community.

Based on professional experience, work, and interests, retirees seeking purposeful engagement will be connected with nonprofits that depend on volunteers with specific skill sets needed to help them achieve their strategic goals and best serve their communities.

Informal "drop in office" hours are scheduled at Bergen County locations this winter. Individuals looking to get involved in skills-based volunteering can meet with trained Redefining Retirement Matchmakers to find out about getting involved in new opportunities to serve. Sites, dates and times are:

- Englewood Public Library - Tuesday, March 10, 1-3 p.m.
- Hillsdale Public Library - Wednesday, February 26, March 25, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Teaneck Public Library - Tuesday, March 3, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Westwood Community Center - Thursday, March 5, 9 to 11 a.m.

Bergen Volunteers, Hackensack - Wednesday, March 11, 10 a.m. to noon. For more information or to apply to be a Redefining Retirement Volunteer, contact Melissa LaRobardier at retirement@bergenvolunteers.org or call 201.489.9454, extension 206. ###

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Members and their guests attend an informational program at 1 p.m. followed by coffee and conversation. There is a \$3 fee to attend each program or ask about our annual membership dues. For more information, contact Michael or Danny at 201-559-6072. ###

Moonachie Seniors

2020 Events

- **March 11**, the Club will go to Li Greci's Staten Island for the "St. Patrick's Festival from Ireland to America," with Mike Byrne. There will be three menus and a one hour open bar. Cost is \$56 pp. The bus leaves at 9:45 a.m.
- **April 30**, the Club is going to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see "Sherlock Holmes Returns." An all new immersive musical mystery comedy. There are seven lunch selections to choose from, also the famous unlimited dessert buffet. Cost is \$69 pp. The bus leaves at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. The Club is behind the Moonachie First Aid Squad. For information, call 201-641-6472. ###

ER Seniors

East Rutherford Senior Meetings are held at 1 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at the Senior Civic Center, 37 Vreeland Avenue. Refreshments are served. Bingo follows each meeting. New members are always welcome.

Free Blood-Pressure Screenings take place on the 4th Tuesday of the month beginning at 11:30 a.m. For additional information, contact Josephine at 201-460-1989.

• **Caesar's Casino**, every 3rd Monday of the month. Cost is \$35 with \$30 in slot play. Bus leaves from the CVS parking lot on Paterson Avenue at 9:30 a.m. All payments must be made in advance. ###

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Carlstadt Seniors/ Vic's Hoofers

The Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 11 to 3 p.m., at the Civic Center, at 423-433 4th Street, Carlstadt. Refreshments are served. It is a great place to meet your neighbors and other Borough seniors, of Bingo and Jackpot Bingo is played after every meeting. There is no cost to the members. There are free shows at Bergen PAC or NJ PAC and casino trips. Anniversary, Christmas Luncheons and dinners are delicious and fun filled events.

All Carlstadt Seniors 60+ are invited to join the Friendship Club.

The **Vic's Hoofers**, a ladies social group, meets on the first Thursday of the month at the Carlstadt Civic Center on 4th Street. Women from surrounding towns are invited to join. Dues are \$15 per year. Fun activities are planned for each meeting, with refreshments served. ###

AARP Chapter #2015 Events

The AARP Chapter #2015 of Lodi meets at noon the third Tuesday of every month at the Lodi Senior Center, 22 Walnut Place. Each meeting has either a speaker or entertainment as well as light refreshments. New members welcome. Dues are \$10 for the year. For information, contact Marie at 201-566-4431. ###

Having an Affair?

If your organization is having an event that is open to the public, we can help you tell "everybody" about it. Simply provide the following event details: name, date, times, cost, brief explanation of program features, etc., along with contact information. Send these details at least 45 days prior to the event to: fritz@hasbrouckheights.com or drop them off at: **The Gazette Newspaper**, 345 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. ###

RP Annual Casino Night

The Ridgefield Park All Schools Special Needs organization is holding its 8th Annual Casino Night on March 13, 2020, at the K of C Hall, Bergen and Park Street, Ridgefield Park, NJ. Tickets are available on our website at *Casino Night Tickets* or by contacting Bob Lee at 201-206-6010 or Mary Kane at 551-265-3247.

All of the funds from this fundraiser go directly to our special needs classrooms in Ridgefield Park Public Schools. ###

Casino Bus Trips

The VFW Post 4591, Hasbrouck Heights, sponsors bus trips on the last Wednesday of the month. Bus departs at 10 a.m. and returns at about 9-9:30 p.m.

Proceeds are used to help defray building expenses. Call the Post for more information at 201-288-1112. ###

Kip Center Monthly Casino Trip

The Kip Center hosts a Sands Casino Trip the second Monday of every month. Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. from the Kip Center, 55 Kip Avenue, Rutherford. The cost is \$35. You will get \$25 back when you arrive. 55 Kip Members first priority, but spaces are generally available for your friends. Reserve early. New to the Kip Center? Give it a try, there is always something going on. Call 201-460-1600 for information. ###

Casino Bus Trip April 19

Elmwood Park/Paterson Elks Lodge #60 is sponsoring a bus trip to Wind Creek Casino, Bethlehem, PA, on April 19, 2020. Bus leaves the Lodge at 10 a.m. Cost is \$35 pp with a \$25 return. Breakfast at the Lodge at 8:30 a.m. and includes, bagels, muffins, juice, coffee and tea.

Enjoy 50/50, Bingo and snacks on the bus.

For information, call Dennis at 201-791-6149 or Kathy at 973-460-6979. Proceeds to benefit the Convention Committee. ###

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Carlstadt Library March *Lodi Library March*

Carlstadt Library is located at 420 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt, NJ 07072. 201-438-8866 carlstadt.bccls.org

Adult Programs

• **Learning @ the Library-Automatic Renewals**, Monday, March 2, 2020, at 11 a.m. Learn all about what your BCCLS card can do! Find out how to access your account online, place holds, check fines, notification options on item renewals and more!

Plus, take a sneak peek at next month's Library Learning workshop! No computer, no problem! Simply bring your phone or tablet. Be sure to have your valid library card and any passwords or usernames you might need! A repeat class will be held Friday, March 27, at 2:30 p.m. Can't make it? Contact Rebecca at Rebecca.spero@carlstadt.bccls.org or call 201-438-8866 ext 204.

• **Songs From the Great American Songbook**: Wednesday, March 4 at 7 p.m. The Carlstadt Public Library will present singer, Ellen LaFurn, and her musicians, performing music from the Great American

Songbook. Enjoy an evening of popular music from the 20s, 30s, 40s and 50s, with gems of information about the music, composers and entertainers who sang these songs.

• **Movie Tuesday**: March 10, at 1:30 p.m. Join us every second and fourth Tuesday of the month for a feature film, downstairs on our big screen TV! This week we will be showing "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood," starring Tom Hanks. Popcorn and drinks provided. Wheelchair lift is available, if needed.

• **Movie Tuesday**: March 24 at 1:30 p.m. Join us every second and fourth Tuesday of the month for a feature film, downstairs on our big screen TV! This week we will be showing "Dark Waters," starring Mark Ruffalo and Anne Hathaway. Popcorn and drinks provided. Wheelchair lift is available, if needed.

• **Evening Book Club**: Wednesday, March 11, at 7 p.m. Discuss, socialize and grab a goody or two at our monthly Book Club. All books are provided by The Library. This month's selection..."The Wife" by Alafair Burke.

• **Introduction to Paper Quilling Workshop (Part 1)** Wednesday, March 18, at 6:30 p.m. Welcome local Carlstadt resident, Ajita Shah, as she demonstrates the art of paper quilling in this two part workshop. Learn step-by-step basics of paper quilling, and make and take a candle holder made from recycled CDs and colorful strips of paper. All levels are welcome and beginners are encouraged. Beginners must attend this workshop in order to register for the advanced quilling workshop on March 25. All materials are supplied, but spots are limited. Registration required.

• **Advanced Paper Quilling Workshop (Part 2)** Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m. Join us as we welcome local Carlstadt resident, Ajita Shah. Take your paper quilling to the next level with Part 2 of our paper quilling workshop; paper quilling on a picture frame. All materials are provided. Prerequisites: Paper Quilling Workshop Part 1 or prior experience. Space is limited. Registration required. ###

Children's Department

The Children's Department is located at 420 Hackensack St., Carlstadt, NJ. For more information, call 201-438-8866 ext. 204. www.carlstadtlibrary.org

• **Crafternoons**: Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m. Kids age five and up are welcome at this interactive crafting experience! Miss Nina will instruct your child on how to do each craft. Have your child wear play clothes. Caregivers should attend if the child is under the age of 10.

• **Storytime**: Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Bring your little ones for an interactive Story Time! This program is geared for babies to age five, but all are welcome to attend. We'll sing, dance, learn hand movements, and hear stories. Some weeks will include a craft or a special play-time. No registration required; caregivers are required to attend.

• **Candy Bingo**: Thursday, March 12, 3:30 p.m. If you have a sweet tooth, this game is for you! All are welcome to play! Kids can win their choice of full size candy bars. Let the staff know if your child has any allergies before participating. First come, first served.

• **Life Size Scrabble**: (4th Grade and up) Thursday, March 26, test out your skills, with a life size version of Scrabble. Play against your friends old and new!

• **YA Program**: YA Glowing Bouncy Balls, Tuesday March 17, at 7 p.m. Join Miss Nina and make interstellar glowing bouncy balls! (Blacklight flashlight included). Fifth Grade and up! Registration not required.

• **YA Cooking**: Tuesday, March 24, at 7 p.m. Miss Nina will teach you the basics of making Mac'n'Cheese and Hot Dogs. All ingredients are provided. Fifth Grade and up. No registration required. ###

Lodi Library On-going:

• **Adult Computer Classes** Lodi Memorial Library offers one-on-one computer classes. For information on the types of classes offered, please visit our website at <http://lodi.bccls.org>. Sessions last approximately one hour. Appointments must be made at least one week in advance. Appointments are available Tuesdays at either 1:30 or 6:30 p.m. or Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. Please call 973-365-4044.

• **Adult Book Club** Second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Check our website for book titles. ###

One Memorial Drive, Lodi, NJ 07644. 973-365-4044. <http://lodi.bccls.org/>

Children's Special Programs:

STEAM—Monday, March 9, 2020, 4 to 5 p.m. Explore the world of Luminescence with glow sticks, blacklight reactive paint, and more! This program is open to kids in Grades Pre-K-3. Registration is required.

• **DIY** - Thursday, March 12, 4 to 5 p.m. This month we're making pom-pom coasters. This program is open to kids in Grades 3-12. Registration required.

• **Teen Chefs** – Thursday, March 19, 4 to 5 p.m. Make candy sushi in our first Teen Chefs program! This program is open to teens in Grades 6-12. Registration required.

• **New Jersey Makers Day** Saturday, March 21, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Celebrate New Jersey Makers Day with an event full of fun projects including circuits, robotics, science experiments, crafts, button making, and more! Registration required.

• **Family Movie Monday** Monday, March 23, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This month's family movie is "Frozen 2" rated PG. This program is for all ages. No registration required and seats are on a first-come basis.

On-going:

• **Kids Crafters** - Kids in Grades Pre-K to 2nd will have a new arts and crafts project to do every week, Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Registration required.

• **LEGO Build** - The Library provides all the LEGOS

Little Ferry 2020 Library Events

Little Ferry Public Library, 239 Liberty Street, NJ 07643, phone 201-641-3721. littleferrybccls.org

• **Knit Two Purl Two**, does that sound good? Come Wednesday evenings to knit up a sweater! Yarn Barn meets Wednesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Club often donates handmade items to local charities.

• **Computer Instruction** One on One computer instruction every Tuesday night from 6-7 p.m. Reference Room.

• **Friday Movie Program** Noon. Movie participants welcome to suggest movies for future viewings.

• **Looking to take your child out of the house to a program?**

• **Mommy and Me** (0-2 year olds) meet every Monday, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. ###

and will display your creations every Tuesday from 4 to 5 p.m.

• **Pajama Storytime** - Join Miss Libby for our new pajama storytime full of books, songs, and movement. This program is open to everyone, but perfect for parents who are not able to bring their little ones into The Library during the day. Every Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 7 p.m. no registration required.

• **Crafty Wednesdays** - Bring your little ones to The Library for a new craft every week. This program is open to children ages 2-4. Every Wednesday from 11 to noon, no registration required.

• **Storytime and Play Group** - Join Miss Libby for a storytime full of books, songs, and movement. Play time will follow immediately after storytime. Every Friday from 11 to noon, no registration required.

• **Anime Club** - Meets the first Thursday of every month from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., for anime movies, discussions, crafts, and snacks.

• **Board and Card Games** - Play UNO, Battleship, Connect Four, Monopoly and many other favorites every Friday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. ###

Wallington 2020 Library Events

The John F. Kennedy Memorial Library, 92 Hathaway Street, Wallington, 07057, 973-471-1692. wallington.bccls.org offers free programs and events for children, teens, and adults!

Children's

Weekly Events:

• **Afternoon Crafts**: Kids age 5 and up are invited to stop by for a fun make-and-take craft every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

• **Morning Storytime**: Join us every Tuesday at 11 a.m. for stories and songs at Tiny Tots storytime!

• **Puppy Dog Tales**: Read to a Dog: Our favorite therapy dogs, Rodney and Baby Ruth, will be at The Wallington Library for a special Puppy Dog Tales storytime! Young readers (*and almost-readers*) are welcome to stop by and share a story with these great dogs.

Adult Programming:

• **Coloring for Adults**: Sit back, relax, and color at The Library on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month.

• **Computer Coach**: Need help with the computer? Make an appointment for basic skills computer coaching. Call ahead to reserve a session; coaching is by appointment only. ###

Tracing Family Trees

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library offers two resources to make tracing family trees easier: Ancestry® Library Edition and HeritageQuest Online. Ancestry® Library Edition delivers billions of records in census data, vital records, directories, photos, and more.

The world's most popular consumer online genealogy resource is now available for in-house use at the Wood-Ridge Memorial Library. Sign up at the Circulation Desk to use a library computer, or bring your own laptop or tablet to access Ancestry® Library Edition via the Library's Wi-Fi. HeritageQuest® Online is a comprehensive treasury of American genealogical and historical sources, with coverage dating back to the 1700s.

It features the U.S. Federal Censuses from 1790 through 1940, city directories, Revolutionary War records, Freedman's Bank Records, and more. HeritageQuest® Online may be accessed either within the library or remotely with a Wood-Ridge Memorial Library card number through the library's website at <https://woodridge-memoriamlibrary.org/> ###



Deadline for the April Gazette is March 5th

Read to Your Child

Rutherford Library March 2020

Rutherford Public Library, 150 Park Avenue, Rutherford NJ. 201-939-8600. rutherfordlibrary.org, [facebook.com/rutherfordpubliclibrary](https://www.facebook.com/rutherfordpubliclibrary) and [twitter@Rutherford_pl](https://twitter.com/Rutherford_pl).

• Spring Cookie Decorating- The Rutherford Public Library will once again host local resident, Bailey McGinty, professional cake and cookie decorator, on Wednesday, March 25, at 6:30 p.m. Bailey will be teaching us how to decorate cookies for spring. Registration is required and begins Wednesday, March 4, at 11 a.m. Preference is given to Rutherford residents.

• Monday Evening Book Group: On Monday, March 16, at 6:30 p.m., the Monday Evening Book Group will meet to discuss "Underground Airlines" by Ben H. Winters. Copies of the book are available at the Main Desk.

• Knit One, Read Two: On Tuesday, March 3, at 6 p.m., the Knit One, Read Two Wednesday Night Reading Club will meet to discuss "Beloved" by Toni Morrison. Copies of the book are available at the Main Desk.

• Kip Daytime Reading Group: On Friday, March 27, at 1:30 p.m., the Daytime Reading Group will meet at 55

Kip Center in Rutherford. They will meet to discuss "A Piece of the World" by Christine Baker Kline. Copies of the book are available at the Main Desk.

• Adult Cook-A-Book Club: On Tuesday, March 10, at 6:30 p.m., the Adult Cook-a-Book Club will meet. This month, the club will bring in recipes from "Gooseberry's 5 Ingredient Family Favorites." Copies of the book are available at the Main Desk. Let us know which recipe you choose ahead of the meeting time.

• Film Screening: On Monday, March 30, at 6 p.m., The Friends of The Library of Rutherford will present a free film screening at the Rutherford Public Library.

• Basic ESL: Basic ESL class on Monday and Wednesday from 6:15-7:15 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This is a basic English instruction class for beginner adult students taught by a certified ESL teacher.

• Intermediate ESL: Intermediate ESL class on Tuesday and Thursday from 10:15-11:15 a.m. Students who take this class should be able to do the following in English: describe themselves, their experiences at

school/work, their personal and family information, their routine, and express their feelings.

• Advanced ESL: Advanced ESL classes are held Saturdays from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. This class will be held weekly. This class is for students who speak, understand, read, and write English at a high intermediate level but are looking to do one or more of the following: get a better job; improve pronunciation and master sounds not in their native language; express complex ideas; prepare for the TOEFL exam; help their children with their writing homework, perfect their grammar syntax; learn to use business language; and learn more about American culture. Registration is required for this free class. Registration forms are available at the Main Desk.

• English Conversation Group: English language learners are invited to attend the English Conversation Group. The group meets on Monday from 10:30 a.m. - noon and Thursday from 1 - 2:30 p.m. The group provides a good opportunity to practice spoken English in an informal setting. This is a free program and all are welcome.

• Origami Club: Origami Club meeting on Monday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m. Learn how to make origami with resident and origami enthusiast, Kira Wallisch. All adults are welcome to join. Future meetings will typically be held the last Monday of the month.

Children's Department

• Drop-In Storytime: Drop-in storytime Wednesday, March 11, 18, and 25, and Thursday, March 5, 12, 19, and 26, from 10:30-11 a.m. All children from infants to 5-year-olds and their caregivers are warmly invited to stop by for stories and fun. Make some new friends and get ready for reading.

• After-School Storytime: After-School Storytime on Tuesday, March 24, at 4 p.m. All children from infants to 5-year-olds and their caregivers are warmly invited to stop by for stories and fun. Make some new friends and get ready for reading.

• Musical Mornings: Musical Mornings will return in March. Miss Fran will visit with her guitar on Friday, March 6, 13, 20, and 27, at 11:15 a.m. Music is for children up to age 5.

• Family Cook-A-Book Club: Will be held on Tuesday, March 3, at 6:30 p.m. We choose the cookbook, you pick the recipe to make and bring

it to the club meeting at The Library. You will need to visit The Library to borrow a copy of the cookbook. The Club is open to one child age 8-11 and one adult guardian.

• Paws to Read : The Rutherford Public Library welcomes back Yogi and Rodney for our Paws to Read program. Yogi, a registered bright and beautiful therapy dog, will visit Tuesday, March 10, at 4 p.m. Rodney, also a registered bright and beautiful therapy dog, will visit our library with his owner on Monday, March 30, from 4 to 5 pm. Children who are able to read at least a little bit and would like to be able to practice their reading skills are invited to sign up for a 15-minute time slot with Rodney or Yogi. Parents may of course accompany their child during their time with the dog. Registration is required and can be done by contacting Mrs. Tarantino.

• Festival of Colors Program: Festival of Colors program on Tuesday, March 3, at 4:30 p.m. This program is offered to ages 5-11. The event will include an interactive story hour, a craft, a slide presentation, and a dance workshop. Registration is required.

• Festival of Colors Storytime: "Festival of Colors" storytime on Thursday, March 5, from 4 - 4:45 p.m. This program will include a festival of colors-themed craft and stories. It will be for ages 2-4. Registration is required.

• Juggling Club Workshop: Juggling Club workshop on Friday, March 13, at 4 p.m. This program is offered to ages 6-12. Registration is required and begins Tuesday, March 3, at 11 a.m.

• St. Patrick's Day Craft: St. Patrick's Day craft on Tuesday, March 17, at 4 p.m. The craft is for ages 3-11. Registration is required and will begin Tuesday, March 3, after 11 a.m.

• Building with LEGO Blocks: The Rutherford Public Library will host Building with LEGO Blocks on Wednesday, March 25, at 4 p.m. We provide the LEGO blocks, you bring your imagination! This program is offered for ages 4 and up. Registration is required and will begin Tuesday, March 3, at 11 a.m.

• Family Juggling Show: Michael Karas will present a family juggling show on Friday, March 27, at 4 p.m. ###

W-R Library March 2020 Events

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library, Hackensack Street, Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075. 201-438-2455. <https://woodridgememoriallibrary.org>

• Music with Miss Nita: Free music-and-movement classes with Miss Nita on Wednesdays, March 4 and 18 at 9:15 a.m. and 10 a.m. Come share the joys of making music! Children ages 5 and under and their caregivers are warmly invited to attend and may register for one session on each date. Classes will be held at the Wood-Ridge Civic Center. Registration is required; registration opens three weeks prior to the program.

• PAWS To Read: Young readers wanted! On Mondays, March 9 and 23 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., children are invited to The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library to read to Rodney, an award-winning certified therapy dog. Children ages 5 and older may register for a 15-minute session. Therapy dogs provide a safe, nurturing experience for emergent readers to practice their literacy skills.

• Chess Club: On Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18 and 25, Free Chess Club for learners of all ages. Children meet from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. and adult beginning players meet from 4 to 4:30 p.m. Designed for all ability levels, the Chess Club is led by a coach who can teach new chess players the basics, and help experienced players sharpen their skills.

• Wood-Ridge Memorial Library Book Club: On Tuesday, March 17, at 7:15 p.m., join your neighbors and friends to discuss "The Tattooist of Auschwitz" by Heather Morris. The meeting will be held at the Wood-Ridge Civic Center. Copies of the book are available at the Circulation Desk.

• ESL Classes: English as a Second Language classes for adults at no charge. Classes meet every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday morning at 10:15 a.m. ###

Preparing Your Garden

Before digging, test for dampness. Soil should be fairly dry and crumble when rubbed between your fingers. Lift soil in chunks, turn and shatter with spade or pitchfork. Follow fertilizer instructions remembering less is better. Rake surface smooth. ###

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HH Library March 2020

Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. 201-288-0488, <http://hasbrouckheightslibrary.org>. Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.

For Children

• **Spring Storytime Registration** - Starts on Monday, March 2. Classes begin Tuesday, March 24 and will run for six weeks. **Registration is required.**

• **Tiny Tots** - Ages: Birth to 2-1/2 and their caregiver. Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m., Thursdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

• **Preschool** - Ages: 3 1/2 to 5, Tuesdays, 1:15-2 p.m.

• **Book Buddies** - Ages: 2 1/2 to 3 1/2, Wednesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

• **Stuffed Animal Sleepover** - Our 9th Annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover will take place on Friday, March 6, from 6:30-7:15 p.m. and Saturday, March 7, from 10 a.m. until 12 Noon. Bring your best stuffed friend to The Library for a visit and leave them with us for a night of fun! Come back the next morning to pick them up and see what adventures they may have had over breakfast. Ages 3-6.

• **Pajama Story Time** - Join us for an evening story time. Wearing pajamas is encouraged! We will be meeting on Wednesday, March 11 and Monday, March 23 starting at 7:30 p.m. For all ages.

• **St. Patrick's Day Craft & Story Time** - Join us for a lucky craft and story time! Tuesday, March 17., at 3:30 p.m. For ages 5-12. We will be reading some great books and making a craft to take home.

• **Lego Club** - Join the Hasbrouck Heights Lego Club! Show off your architectural talents and come build with us. Legos will be provided. Tuesdays, March 10 and 24 starting at 3:30 p.m. For ages 5-12.

• **Book Bingo** - Join us and win prizes. We will be meeting on Thursday, March 26 starting at 3:30 p.m. For ages 5-12.

• **Book Clubs for Kids** - Join one of our two book clubs for kids., from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Books for both groups, along with more information are available at the Children's Desk.

• **Best Books** - is for students in Grades 2-3, and meets on the first Friday of each month.

• **Critics' Choice** - is for students in Grades 4-6, and meets on the third Friday of each month.

For Teens

• **Teen Readers' Club Meets** on the first Monday of the month to discuss a book, eat snacks, and play games. Copies of each month's book will be available for checkout at the front desk. Next meetup is March 2, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. (new time) we will discuss "Anne Frank's Diary:" The Graphic Adaptation by Ari Folman.

• **Wednesdays with Friends** - Spend Wednesday afternoons with Friends. Teens in Grades 6 and higher are welcome to watch a few episodes of your favorite friends on screen and off. Refreshments will be served. Upcoming meetings are March 4 and 25, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

• **Teen Advisory Board** - Make your voice heard. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. Teens can participate in community service projects, learn about upcoming volunteer opportunities, have a say in teen programming at The Library, and make suggestions for books to add to The Library's YA collection. The next meeting is Thursday, March 19, from 4 to 5 p.m.

• **Crossed-Generational Spring Craft for Teens & Adults** - A fun-filled craft event has been planned for teens and adults to decorate their very own flower pot in preparation for spring and for Mother's Day. This craft project will be held on Wednesday, March 18 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in The Library's conference room.

For Adults

• **Fly Fishing Sport on Display** - For the month of February, an exhibition of photographs, books, equipment, and other items related to fly fishing has been provided by Doug Penna, the educational director of East Jersey Trout Unlimited.

This organization is dedicated to the preservation of America's cold water fisheries. This local chapter focuses on improving rivers in Northern New Jersey. It places emphasis on conservation and education. Results of the organization's activities are captured in pictures on display and include the Ramapo River Restoration Project, educational partnerships with school children, stream clean-ups, tree plantings, trout stocking, and much more. The organization's website is www.njtu.org

A free demonstration and seminar at The Library is planned for Spring 2020.

Have a favorite hobby or special collection you'd like to

share? Sign up by calling the Reference Department at 201-288-6653 to have your collection displayed for one month at The Library.

• **Crafts-to-Share Club** - Join us on the first Tuesday evening of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and the third Wednesday of every month from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Here's an opportunity to learn how to crochet or knit and meet others with similar talents. The next evening meeting will be March 3, and the next afternoon meeting will be March 18. The Library is pleased to accept donations of yarn on behalf of the club. Newcomers are always welcome.

• **Writers Wanted at the Library** - Writers from all walks of life are invited to join the Authors and Writers Group. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is scheduled for March 10 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Large Meeting Room. Participants can bring their work for review and critique, or come to listen and give advice to others. As time permits, discussions will be held on topics such as publishing trends and marketing. No registration is required.

• **Thursday Afternoon Program** - *Women of New York* Join us on Thursday, March 12, as guest speaker, Marty Schneit, provides a detailed history of fourteen women who made significant contributions to New York and the world at large at a time in United States history when full equality for women was not yet recognized. Mr. Schneit will talk about the many talented and dedicated women of New York City who made a difference then that still affects us all today and have left a lasting imprint on the modern era. Some of the women that Marty will discuss are Rose Schneiderman, Emma Lazarus, Jane Jacobs, Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney, Abby Aldrich Rockefeller, Bess Myerson, Alva Smith Vanderbilt, Rosalie Ida Straus, and Mae West. This event will take place in The Library's conference room starting at 3 p.m.

• **Adult Book Group** - Join in the conversation and hear from others as to what they thought about the book on the fourth Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is March 24 at 7 p.m. to discuss "Light Over London" by Julia Kelly. A young woman is working for an antiques dealer when she discovers a mysterious journal that tells the story of a wartime secret. Copies of the novel are available at the front desk. ###

Suspected Mailbox Thieves Apprehended

Chief John Korin and the Wood-Ridge Police Department announced the arrests of three individuals responsible for the theft of approximately \$50,000 in checks from the mailboxes in Wood-Ridge.

George A. Lyons, 53, of Bronx, NY, Glen J. Myers, 30, of Harlem, NY and Brandon Blake, 21, of Harlem, NY were arrested by the Wood-Ridge Police Department, United States Postal Inspection Service and the United States Postal Service-Office of Inspector General.

The arrest warrants were generated by the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York based on the collaborative investigations conducted by the Wood-Ridge Police Detective Bureau and Investigators from the USPIS and the USPS-OIG.

Beginning in August of 2018, all three defendants stole mail containing checks from the mailboxes in the Borough of Wood-Ridge either by a fishing device or having a USPS arrow key.

The stolen checks were then altered by the defendants and deposited into bank accounts of unintended recipients.

The defendants would then create fraudulent identifica-

tions to obtain a debit card, thus taking over the account and withdrawing thousands of dollars.

Lyons was observed on video surveillance depositing checks and withdrawing money in Carlstadt and Paterson, NJ bank locations while Blake and Myers were observed on surveillance video depositing and withdrawing money in multiple bank locations in Harlem, Bronx and Manhattan, NY.

All three defendants have already been arraigned in the aforementioned court and are pending trial for the following crimes, Aggravated Identity Theft, Conspiracy to Commit Bank Fraud and Theft.

Chief Korin would like to commend Detective/Sergeant Joseph Biamonte, Detective Matthew Mueller, Detective David Marchitelli, Bergen County Prosecutor's Office, USPIS and USPIS-OIG on a job well done.

He would also like to thank all law enforcement involved for their collaborative effort in the investigation and arrests of the three defendants.

Chief Korin would like to remind the public that all defendants are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. *Provided by the WRPD. ###*

Full Worm Moon

The March full moon will appear on Monday, March 9, 2020, at 1:48 p.m. It is called the "Full Worm Moon."

According to the Farmer's Almanac, as the temperature begins to warm and the ground begins to thaw, earthworm casts appear, heralding the return of the robins.

Northern tribes also referred to this Moon as the "Full Crow Moon" when the cawing of crows signaled the end of winter; or the "Full Crust Moon," because the snow cover becomes crusted from thawing by day and freezing at night.

The "Full Sap Moon" marks the time of tapping maple trees in another variation. To settlers, it was also known as the "Lenten Moon" and was considered the last full moon of winter.

The Native American Indians of the northern and eastern United States kept track of the seasons by giving a name to each recurring full moon. European settlers followed the custom. ###

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Carlstadt Chief of Police Thomas Berta

On December 16, 2019, Acting Chief of Police Thomas Berta was sworn in as the 13th Chief of Police of the Carlstadt Police Department by Mayor Craig Lahullier.

Chief Berta joined the Carlstadt Police Department on April 1, 1983. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2000, Lieutenant in 2006, Captain in 2011 and Deputy Chief in 2016.

He is a graduate of the New Jersey State Chiefs of Police Command and Leadership Program in 2007. He is a Certified Public Manager, having attained his CPM designation from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 2010.

Chief Berta succeeds Chief Thomas Nielsen whose retirement became effective July 1, 2019 after serving 42 years of dedicated service to the Borough. Pictured: Son, Justin Berta and wife, Joanne Berta. *Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*

Little Ferry Chief of Police James Walters

Mayor's Speech Nominating James Walters

Ladies and Gentlemen, Members of the Council- After nearly 17 years of dedicated service as Chief of Police of the Little Ferry Police Department, Ralph Verdi officially retired on January 31, 2020. In light of this vacancy, the Borough Council must appoint a Chief of Police that will lead this department into this new decade.

As you know, Little Ferry is blessed to have a strong, diverse police department of over 26 officers, 6 special police officers and 7 dispatchers. These men and women are hired based on vigorous and thorough testing procedures and they are promoted based on the highest criteria.

The department now needs a leader who will continue to keep our community safe, ensure that we meet the highest law enforcement standards, work in collaboration with all emergency service departments, and reach out to the

men, women and children of our Borough to create a sense of community policing. We need a Chief of Police who will work with the governing body to continue to make certain we are prepared and ready to tackle any challenge that may come our way.

I believe the person who is best equipped with the temperament, knowledge, skill, experience, and character to meet these goals is Captain James Walters. Captain Walters was born and raised in Little Ferry. He graduated from Ridgefield Park High School in 1985, and then in 1991 he graduated from Jersey City State College earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. While at Jersey City State, he was the Captain of the baseball team. Jim joined the Little Ferry Police Department in February of 1993. In 1997 he was assigned to the Detective Bureau for a year before returning to patrol. In 2002 he became the department's first

Certified Training Officer. In 2006 he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. In 2014 he was assigned to Administration as the Patrol Supervisor. In 2016 he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and in 2018 to the rank of Captain. Since October 1st of 2019, he has been acting as the Officer in Charge effectively leading the department. He is the proud husband of Nicole, and the devoted father of Joseph, who served in the United States Marine Corps for four years, Matthew who is attending James Madison University, and Jenna, who currently attends the University of Delaware. In his spare time, Jim volunteers to organize and raise money for the Special Olympics and to collect toys for the annual PBA toy drive.

For these reasons and more, I ask the Borough Council tonight to vote on the appointment of Captain James Walters to be the 10th Chief of Police of the Little Ferry Police Department. ###

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Carlstadt FD Recognition Sunday

On Sunday, December 15, 2019, The First Presbyterian Church, led by Pastor Donald M. Pitches, held their 26th Annual Fire Department Recognition Sunday Service for the Carlstadt Fire Department and Auxiliary. The service

was open to area Mutual Aid Departments.

The service opened with the Department marching into the Church. The opening Hymn was "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There was recognition

and presentation of symbols of service with Pastor Pitches presenting Carlstadt Fire Chief Tony D'Amico with a symbolic key. *(In the 1880s, before whistles and pagers and plectrons, fire chiefs were given the Church key to ring the bells for a fire alarm. Starting in 1994,*

the practice was revived by Rev. Pitches with Chief Richard Foy, Jr). The program included a brief history of the Department, and recognized the 2020 Fire Officers and former Chiefs of the Department.

As this was the last "Key Ceremony" by retiring Pastor

Pitches, he received several presentations of gratitude for his work with fire service.

Following the service, brunch in the Community Hall was provided by the Department. *Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*

Ex-Chief Henry Riveros Honored

On February 8, 2020, the Carlstadt Fire Department held a Testimonial Dinner in honor of Ex-Chief Henry Riveros at the Graycliff.

The program began with welcoming remarks by Master of Ceremonies, ex-Chief John J. Ondrof, an Invocation by Carlstadt Fire Department Chaplain Reverend Donald Pitches and a toast to Chief Tony D'Amico.

There were introductions of the 2020 Chiefs, Mayor and Council, Borough Family, guests, new Department members and Mutual Aid Chiefs and Officers. Remarks were made by Mayor Robert Zimmerman, Fire Commissioner David Stoltz. Retired and Honorary Members were recognized.

Presentations were made to former Mayor Craig J. Lahullier and former Fire Commissioner Richard Bartlett.

Following the presentations of gifts to Henry Riveros, the honoree spoke. The Carlstadt Fire Department was organized in 1872. *Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*





HHFD 2020 Installation

The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department held its Installation Dinner for Chief David Gumbrecht and the Department Officers at The Graycliff on Saturday, January 18, 2020.

Master of Ceremonies was FF Robert Salerno, First Assistant Chief Timothy Moots led the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a moment of silence for all departed Department members to include Harry and Audrey Maisch, Ethel Ball and Edward Chermak. The Invocation was given by Fire Department Chaplain Pastor Eric Dammann. Mayor Jack De-

Lorenzo swore in the Officers. MC Salerno acknowledged Borough Officials, Mutual Aid Chiefs, retirees, ex-chiefs, etc., and visiting dignitaries who were in attendance. There was an introduction of Chief David Gumbrecht and Officers.

The traditional toast was given by Second Assistant Chief Pat Hayes.

Mayor Jack DeLorenzo, Councilman Ronald Kistner, Councilwoman Josephine Ciccia and Chief Gumbrecht spoke.

Presentations of ex-officer's badges, 25 year members

Edmund Carter III and Robert Knobloch and 35 year member Ex-Chief Michael Ratkowski.

A presentation was made to Fritz Rethage recognizing his continuing support.

Floral bouquets were presented to the Chiefs' ladies and Fire Chief's Secretary, Nancy Halloran (*who received a standing ovation*). Presentations were made by Mutual Aid Fire Departments.

Special recognition was given to Ex-Chief Angelo Roccamo for his 39 years of service. A slide show concluded the program. ###

Guild Assembles Health Kits

The Guild of Reformed Church Women at 300 Washington Place, will collect and assemble Health Kits as a Lenten project for Church World Service, February 26 to April 12, 2020. These kits consist of washcloth, hand towel, bath-size soap, toothbrush (in original packaging), nail clipper, wide-tooth comb and 6 band-aids.

Donations of any of these products in any quantity would be appreciated. These items are assembled in zippered plastic bags and distributed by Church World Service. Cash donations to assist in the shipping and handling of these kits are always welcome. All items/kits may be brought to the Church Monday through Thursday and Sunday morning. Call 201-288-1122 for more info. ###

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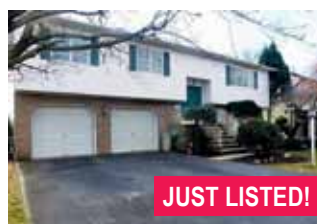


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