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(See page 15 for 2020 South Bergen Robotics Competition.)
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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.

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 accurate 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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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 invitation 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 into 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!!!

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, decor, cosmetics, all-natural body care products, accessories, and more. Pick up seeds to benefit Gardens for home or gifts. Find bargains on men’s, women’s, and children’s dressing or casual clothing and shoes, as well as plenty of home goods, toys, and more, in the Church garage sale.

Breakfast Sunday, Mar. 1
Elmwood Park/Paterson Elks Lodge #660, at 192 Market Street, Elmwood Park, will host a Breakfast, Sunday, March 1, 2020, from 8 to 11:30 a.m. $7 pp, $4 children 6-10, free for children under 6.
Breakfast includes: juice, eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, hash browns, toast, hot and cold cereal, muffins and bagels, hot chocolate, coffee or tea. Open to the public. Reservations preferred. Call Dennis at 201-791-0449.

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 personal or new领域的。这表明这种相同的简单模式在各种性质上具有高度的一致性。
**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.

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**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 also 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!

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**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.

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**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.

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**VFW Auxiliary Spring Auction April 24**
The Petersilege-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 201-641-2296.

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**College Choir Celebration March 22**
Mt. Ararat Baptist Church will host a College Choir Workshop 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.

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**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.

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**Mothers of Preschoolers**
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.

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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 9 a.m to 4 p.m. 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! Beas’ Beasley will entertain. Call Jan for tickets and a Gift Card Raffle. All are welcome. For more information, contact Sue at the rectory office. Call Church office 201-893-6748 wallington. ###

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, furniture, clothes or magazines, or any other attic treasures will be on sale. For information, call the Church office at 201-438-5526 or visit www.focasnews.org. ###

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

The Thrift Shop
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 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 Thursdays and Friday evenings, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Saturday, 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. ###

Meals with a Mission
Comedy Night
Meals with a Mission will host a Comedy Night on Saturday, March 28, 2020, in the Garfield Senior Center, 480 Midland Avenue. The event is sponsored by BCB of Lodi. Featured are Kevin Lee, Ted Daniels and Troy Moore. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. Admission is $40 pp. Bring your own food and drink. For tickets, contact Alisa at 201-280-7176. ###

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, movie, trees, etc. For tickets and information, call Church office 201-368-8881 or 201-391-8742, 201-233-0824. ###

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 P-B-P 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 great 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. ##

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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, meatballs will be served. Dessert, tea and coffee. Take-out available. For information, call 973-580-3634. ###

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 age 12.

Pre-paid take-out is available. No tickets will be sold at the door. Contact Marge at 201-288-8935 for reservations by March 18. Proceeds will benefit scholarships and other service projects.

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

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. Dinner 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. ###

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 (ticket free). For information or ticket purchase, call Diane at 201-288-7732. Tickets will be available after all masses (February 29-March 1). ###

Afternoon Tea May 3

Saint Margaret of Cor- tona’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. ###
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 Women’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 with proceeds to benefit RHS Scholarships, 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 Cen-
ter, 1-3 Monroe Street, Passaic, NJ, will hold its Annual Spring Beefsteak, March 18, 2020, 6-10 p.m. Cost is $40. For infor-
mation, call Nightingale’s at 201-641-1030. Entertainment by Anthony Tabish, 7 p.m to 7:30. Open at 6. Special surprise to all. Tickets are $45. Tickets and can be obtained by calling Polish Peoples Home at 973-473-6619 or Barbara Ann at 973-916-1957. ###

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 (no order), sausage, hash browns, fresh rolls, orange juice, fresh hot coffee, and tea. Adults: $7; children 6 to 12: $4; children 6 and under: free. Profits to ben-
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W-R Lions Pancake Breakfast
On Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020, the Wood-Ridge Lions Club will be holding their An-
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Elks Breakfast Sunday March 1
On Sunday, March 1, 2020, Elmwood Park/Paterson Elks Lodge #660 at 192 Market Street, Elmwood Park, NJ, will host a Sunday Breakfast from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Breakfast includes: eggs, juice, pancakes, bacon, sausage, hash browns, toast, hot and cold cereal, muffins and bagels, hot chocolate, coffee or tea. Cost is $8 pp, $4 Children 6-12. Free for children under 6. Open to the public. Reserva-
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Lions Pancake Breakfast March 1
The Carlstadt-East Ruther-
ford 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 Veeland 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. ###

Turkey Luncheon March 10
The Ladies Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Carlstadt will be sponsoring a monthly luncheon on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, in the Community Hall on Third Street in Carlstadt. Turkey din-
ers 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 in-
clemence 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 and $30 children. Tables of 10 may be reserved.

Wednesday for adults and $5 for children/
Table tickets sold at event are
For more information, call 201-440-9425 or email: limeah91@aol.com. ###

Brunch at Fiesta March 8
Fiesta, Rt. 17 South, Wood-Ridge, on April 5, 2020, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Music by Werner Goeble. Donation $45. For reservations call 973-777-6677. ###

Lions Pancake Breakfast March 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 proj-
ects 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 Ruther-
dorf Lions Club has been serving the community for 98 years. ###

Movie and Pizza Night
Join the Community of God’s Love, Rutherford’s Catholic Charismatic Com-
munity, 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, Ruther-
dorf. For more information, call 201-935-0344 or email lampland@theclg.org. Free will offering. No reservation required. ###

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 Frances, dessert, coffee, tea, soda, water and assorted beverages.

Cost is $45 pp. Deadline is February 20, 2020. Res-
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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.

We will also collect food and non-perishable items for the Center for Food Action (CFA). ###

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The town of Lodi may boast the orange and blue gate 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 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 bush will spread across the room and a tear will be shed. Let’s not forget the festive beer and 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 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 favorite 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 light-hearted 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 Okinawa. The Infantry could not blast 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 on 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 president, 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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**Leprechaun -- a creature in Irish mythology**

In Irish mythology, a leprechaun (Modern Irish: leath-chéinn) 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) earthworks 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 solitare and live in remote locations, although opinion is divided as to if they ever enjoy the company of mortals.

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.

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**Beware the Ides of March**

Those familiar with history will 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.

"The Ides of March," is the soothsayer's message to Julius Caesar, warning of his doom. And this date (usually the 15th) is considered to be harmful 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 about the 15th), this date wasn't significant in being associated with bad luck or doom.

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**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 "New Dublin." Green beer and an Irish Elvis -- now that's a celebration! [SPM Wire.](#)

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**St. Patrick'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. This event 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 $50 per person. Enjoy a delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner provided by Grieses'. 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. ***

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**Heights Elk St. Patrick's Day Dance March 14**

On March 14, 2020, the Hasbrouck Heights Elks Lodge #1062, 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. ***

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**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. ***

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**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, comedians.

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

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 DJ Dick Italiano at 201-693-1315 Brian 201-804-8554 ***

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**St. Patrick's Day Parade**

Rutherford resident, Pat O’Neill, a police officer and member of the Essex County Police and Fire Emerald Society’s Pipes and Drums 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: ruthfordirishamericans@gmail.com ***

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

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, En- glewood, NJ 07631. Families Anonymous is a 12 step fellow- ship for the family and friends of individuals with drug, alcohol, or related behavioral issues. We are here to help. 201-747-1153. ###

Diabetes Alert Day

American Diabetes Asso- ciation 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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Filling You In

By Jeffrey E. Mason, D.M.D.

The Dangers of Vaping

Mouth rinse or mouth- wash 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 re- move 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 dis- eases. Therapeutic rinses also can be categorized according to use: anti-plaque/anti-gingivitis rinses or anti-cavity fluorides 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 medi- cal reasons.

Should I use a mouth rinse?

Whether or not you should use a mouth rinse depends upon your needs. Many dentists con- sider 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 bacte- ria 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 ef- fects?

Yes, and they can vary depending on the type of rinse. Habitual use of antiseptic- mouth washes 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, sodi- um 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 swal- lowed. Because children tend to accidentally swallow mouth- wash, they should only use rinses under adult supervision. If you experience any irritat- ing or adverse reactions to a mouth rinse, discontinue its use immediately and talk to your dentist. ###

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DANGER TO THE JUBILEE

Joseph 17:17-19

A woman who is sufficient to the service of God, and is the life of a man.

Let us now praise famous people, and work hard.

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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 Arnaud/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.

Don’t miss the opportunity to enjoy some unique entertainment! Light refreshments will be served following the program. There is no admission fee. Donations will be gratefully accepted. ***

NJ Craft Beer and Wine 366 Tasting Feb. 29

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. ***
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.
- Applicants must complete a scholarship application in full.
- A 500 or more word essay must accompany the application stating what their Little League experience has meant to them and what their most memorable event was.
- Three recent high school transcripts, including the fall of 2019 semester must be attached.
- Applicants must supply a copy of their college acceptance letter.
- 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 Church St., Lodi, NJ. Questions can be directed to the Little League at 973-591-1137. Robert C. Simpson. ###

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 name 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 should 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 Benenure, all of Carlstadt.

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

Literature Resource Center

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library now offers Literature Resource Center, the online destination for literary criticism, author biographies, reviews, and more.

It is the world's most current, comprehensive, and reliable online literature database, covering more than 150,000 writers in all disciplines, time periods, and regions of the world.

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/ ###

Center for Food Action

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Join Your EMS Squad

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
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. WWW
2020 Easter Egg Hunts

**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. ###

*Good manners are always in style*

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**Woman's Club of Rutherford Donates Blizzard Bags**

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.

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

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 Valentini International Dinner and Tricky Tray, Sunday, March 22, 2020.

Our International Dinner is held in memory of Mary Ellen Valentini, 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.

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 Attionese, Immediate Past President Sharon Festo, Vice President Jackie Wozniak, Secretary Karen Christiansen, Financial Secretary Diane Van Blaricom, Treasurer Sabrina Celestin, Sentinel Karen Rice.

We also have a wide selection of Greeting Cards • Books • Rosaries • Bibles Prayer Cards • Novenas • Mass Cards • Statues • Patron Saint Medals • Jewelry Children's Items • Graduation Gifts • Mother’s Day • Baptism • Confirmation Wedding • Anniversary • Many gift items under $10 • Gift Certificates Free Gift Wrapping • We Ship Anywhere • Major Credit Cards Accepted


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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. ###

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”.

Rutherford United Methodist Church 140th Anniversary Celebration

Rutherford United Methodist Church (RU/UMC), 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 ###

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, MWTNNJ@VERIZON.NET ###

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.###

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Historically Speaking
By James J. Halloran

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

The Euclid Masonic Lodge offered their building at 200 Division Avenue. This would become the Borough Council Chambers and the location of the Municipal Council. 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 HIFD 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 Financ- Officer Michael Kronyak contacted the New Jersey Inter- governmental 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 Taylor, Borough Administrator, 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 house 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 receive 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 architec- ts 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 im- pact traffic on Madison Avenue and make Central Avenue into a cul-de-sac. The rest of the original plan remained.

PLAN B would reduce the proposed size of the building on the Boulevard and move the Police Department, Mu- nicipal Court and the Fire Department to a new building on Hamilton Avenue. How- ever, 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 No- vember 2003. ###

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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 acceptance 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@theclc.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 on 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. 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.

For more information go to: https://www.chabad.org/holidays/purim

Bible Baptist who brought you the “Jesus Story for 25 years announces their 2nd presentation of “His Hands”

Saturday April 4

Good Friday (Apr 10)

Saturday April 11

From the Porch

Thank you to everyone who participated in our outreach to Straight and Narrow by donating sweat pants and sweat shirts to help replace all the items lost in their recent fire. Also, thanks to all who are leaving food donations in the box on our porch throughout the winter. The area food pantries are always particularly grateful to have their shelves 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.

For more information, call 201-288-6889 or go to: www.holytrinityhasbrouckheights.com

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 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 accepted a call 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. 

Rev. Shawn D. Pate

Mt. Ararat Baptist Church

Rutherford, NJ

For more information, call 201-288-1362.
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 ingestions, 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.poisontvention.org

The Secret Sauce of Home Selling

I recently wrote 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 him 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 the home purchase, one might think that buyers deliberate mightily over all the pros and cons before they decide to sign the dotted line. True?

Not according to the “Psychology of House Selling,” a report by researchers 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 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.

Mary Ellen Courtney is owner of Real Living Gateway Realtors, 201-288-0004, www.GatewayToHomes.com

Safeguard Your Home

BCUA Collects Household Hazardous Waste

While most people are interested in safeguarding their homes, many dangerous and environmentally unsafe materials are forgotten in garages and basements, such as batteries, paints, pesticides, gasoline cylinders (1 lb. & 20 lb. only), solvents and thinners, used motor oil, varnishes.

A partial list of unaccept-able materials includes: unabused batteries 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.

For detailed information log onto www.bcuawaste.org or call 201-807-5825. (Businesses must pre-reg-ister prior to attending BCUA sponsored collection events). A disposal fee will be charged and collected. Call 201-807-8996 for details.)

The public may register at no-charge for email notifications for Bergen County residents – ID is required. (Directions: This item is available at Pass Te-terboro Airport (on your left) and continue going straight until road ends into BCUA facilities.)

A partial list of accept-able materials for collection includes: aerosol cans, anti-freeze, batteries, blocktop sealers, disinfectants, fertilizer, fire extinguishers, herbicides, insecticides, kerosene, mercury switches, pesticides, insecticides, paints, pesticides, gasoline cylinders (1 lb. & 20 lb. only), solvents and thinners, used motor oil, varnishes.

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The public may register at no-charge for email notifications and/or to save their search criteria/keywords of interest.
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 have to press hard 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 1872. However, the largest contingent came in the 1840s/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 protect the relief ship in honor of the Prince of Wales’ visit to New York on October 11, 1860. Col. Corcoran was placed under arrest with the outbreak of the Civil War, all charges were dropped.

A green flag honoring their actions in defiance of the Prince of Wales 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 the exception 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 Irish 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 forcibly conscripted into the Hell’s Kitchen who felt the draft was a way the rich could buy their way out of serving in the Army.

As poor Irish tenant farmers they had never had 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 adoptive country that 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 great America. Story by James Halloran. ###

Chore Program Helps Seniors

Since 1977, the Chore Volunteer Handymen Service 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 outlets and switches.

There are some jobs that are beyond Chore’s capacity. Chore cannot service emergencies, and does not do outdoor work, painting, removing Tarps, lifting, roofing, trimming, window replacements, heavy cleaning, 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 of the year.

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 Handy-person 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 to 4 or 5 service calls each weekday.

Back-up volunteer handy-men and women are also welcome.

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

Chore provides service without charge; the only cost to the client is for parts necessary to complete the repair. To schedule a repair, or become a Chore volunteer, call 201-489-7790. For info: http://bergenvolunteers.org/ ###

Casino Bus Trips

VFW Post 4591 Casino Trips
Last Wednesday of the month
Resorts or Sands Casino
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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 skills 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.

Moonachie Seniors

2020 Events
- March 11, The Club will go to Li Greci’s Staten Island for the “St. Patrick’s Festival for Adults” beginning at 11:30 a.m. with Mike Byrne. There will be three menus and a one hour open bar. Cost is $55 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 buffet. Cost is $69 pp. The bus leaves at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. The Club pays for the “St. Patrick’s Festival.”
- May 12, Mother’s Day, pizza at the Club.
- June 23, Point Pleasant, Atlantic City lunch and lounge at The Shrimp Box and pizza at the Club.
- July 14, Ice Cream Party in the Club at 1 p.m.
- August 15, Atlantic City lunch and lounge at The Shrimp Box and boat ride.
- September 19, Fishing trip on Paterson Avenue at 9:30 a.m. The bus leaves from the CVS parking lot on Paterson Avenue at 9:30 a.m. Refreshments are served. Binoculars are available. Cost is $35 pp. The bus leaves at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome.
- October 7, Black Forest Inn, 10 a.m. to noon.
- November 11, Veterans Day, 10 a.m. to noon.
- November 20, Thanksgiving Buffet. Cost is $69 pp. The bus leaves at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome.
- December 4, Christmas Luncheons and dinner at Bergen PAC or NJ PAC and casino trips. Anniversaries, Christmas Luncheons and dinners are delicious and fun filled events.
- December 24, Christmas, with friends.

ER Seniors

East Rutherford Senior Meetings occur the 1st week of the month 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 201-460-1899.

Casino Night

The Kip Center is holding its 8th Annual Casino Night on Saturday, April 30, 2020, at the K of C Hall, Bergen County, beginning at 11:30 a.m. and running until 5:30 p.m. The cost is $35 per person. The night includes a buffet, open bar, and entertainment.

Tickets are available at the Kip Center, or by contacting Bob Kane at 551-265-3247 or by visiting the website at kipsfoods.com.

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.

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 and 4th Street, Carlstadt. Refreshments are served. It is a great place to meet your neighbors and other Borough seniors, of Bingo and Jackpot Bingo. It is open to all members. There is no cost to the members. There are free shows at Bergen PAC or NJ PAC and casino trips. Anniversaries, 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.

ARAP Chapter #2015 Events

The AARP Chapter #2015 of Lodi meets on the third Tuesday of every month at the Lodi Senior Center, 22 Walnut Street. Each meeting has a speaker or entertainment as well as light refreshments. New members welcome. Dues are $10 per year for information, contact Marie at 201-566-4433.

Riding 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 201-206-6101 or Mary Kane at 351-265-3247.

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 leaves at 10 a.m. and returns at about 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. The Kip Center meets the first Monday of the month, 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 $5 return. The bus will return to 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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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 in-house use at the Wood-Ridge Memorial Library. Sign up at the Circulation Desk to use a laptop 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 genealogy and historical sources, with coverage dating back to the 1700s.

It features the U.S. Federal Censuses from 1790 through 1940, city directories, Reformation records, secondary sources such as indexed New Jersey Bank Records, and more. HeritageQuest® Online may be accessed either within the library or via a public internet access at the Wood-Ridge Memorial Library card number through the library’s website at https://woodridge-memoriallibrary.org/ ###

Lodi Library March

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’ll make circuit cards! This program is open to kids in Grades 3-12. Registration required.

Teens – Thursday, March 19, 4 to 5 p.m. Make candle sushi in our first Teen teens 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 March, May, Monday, 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 Crafternoon - Kids in Grades Pre-K to 2nd will have a new arts and crafts project to do every Tuesday, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Registration required. • LEGO Build - The Library provides all the LEGOS for children, teens, and adults! • Crafty Wednesdays - Wednesdays at the Library for a new craft every week. Children, teens, and adults! 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.

Deadline for the April Gazette is March 5th

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 every Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. no registration required.

• Crafty Wednesdays - Bring your little ones to The Library for a craft new 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.

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

Carlstadt Library March

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

Adult Programs • Learning at the Library

Auto-Runes, Monday, March 2, 2020, at 11 a.m. Learn all about what your BCM and how to 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 and 40s with, gems of information about the music, composers and entertainers who opened the 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 goodie 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 card or table setting. 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. ###

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• Mommy and Me Storytime: Monday, March 2, at 10 a.m. Bring your little ones to our Morning Storytime! We will sing, dance, learn hand movements, and take a craft. This program 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 candy bars. Let the staff know if your child has any allergies before participating. First come, first served.

• Life Size Scrabble: (4th Grade or 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 Glow Bouncing Balls, March 17, at 7 p.m. Join Miss Nina and make interstellar glowing bouncing balls! (Blacklight reactive included). Fifth Grade and up! Registration not required.

• YA Cooking: Tuesday, March 17, at 4 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, contact us at 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. ###

Little Ferry 2020 Library Events

Little Ferry Public Library, 239 Liberty Street, North, New Jersey 07643, phone 201-641-3721. littlefer-rybccls.org

• Knit Two Purl Two, does that sound good? Come Wednesday evenings to knit with our Great/Yarn Guru every 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! Please make your reservation through the Library for a new craft every month.

• Crafty Wednesdays - Wednesdays at the Library for a new craft every week. Children, teens, and adults!

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

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

Wallingtown 2020 Library Events

The John F. Kennedy Memorial Library, 92 Hathaway Street, Wallington, 07073, 973-471-1692. wallington.bccls.org offers free programs and events for children, teens, and adults!###
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Rutherford Public Library, 150 Park Avenue, Rutherford NJ 07070-3966. rutherfordpubliclibrary.org/facebook.com/rutherfordpubliclibrary and twitter@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.

• 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 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. Registration is required for this free class. Registration forms are available at the Main Desk.

• Intermediate ESL: English as a Second Language classes for beginner adult students taught by a certified ESL teacher.

• 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 players the basics, and help experienced players sharpen their skills.

• Family Juggling Club: 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.

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**For Children**
- **Spring Storytime Registration**
  - Begins Monday, March 2. Classes begin Tuesdays, 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 to 5.
  - Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- **Book Buddies**
  - Ages: 2/1 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. Sometimes the adventures they may have had overnight.

**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.

**St. Patrick’s Day Craft & Story Time**
- Join us for a lucky craft and story time! Tuesday, March 17, at 3:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 21, at 11:30 a.m. You will be reading some great books and making a craft to take home.

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

**Book Clubs for Kids**
- Join us at the 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.

**Adults**
- **Flying Sport on Display**
  - For the month of February, an exhibition of photographs, books, equipment, and other items related to flying fish is being held 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 the conservation and education of trout.
  - Please be sure to sign up by calling the Library at 201-288-6653 to have your collection displayed for one month at The Library.

**Adult Book Group**
- Join us 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 Aric Fröman.

**Wednesdays with Friends**
- Spend Wednesday afternoons with Friends. Teens in Grades 4-6 are invited to come 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 Monday of each month. Teens can participate in community service projects, learn about upcoming volunteer opportunities, have a say in teen programs, 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 Thursday of each month. Teens and adults are invited to bring their very own flower pot in preparation for spring and for Mother’s Day. This craft project will be held on March 18, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in The Library’s conference room.

**Spring Full Moon Moon**
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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.

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**For Teens**
- **Teen Readers’ Club**
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**W-R Library**
- The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library now offers eLibrary®, a user-friendly general reference tool that simplifies the research process, empowering novice researchers to more easily and efficiently choose their research topic and find authoritative information to support their research claim.

Organized by topic, eLibrary® delivers one of the largest general reference collections of periodical and digital media content designed to support every range of user, including elementary students, high school students, college-level researchers, and professional educators.

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Mayor’s Speech Nominating James Walters

Ladies and Gentlemen,

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.

I ask the Borough Council to provide a qualified candidate. 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 to recognize Captain James Walters to be the 10th Chief of Police of the Little Ferry Police Department.
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 pectors, 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. ###

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. ###

Ex-Chief Henry Riveros Honored
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 Chermark. The Invocation was given by Fire Department Chaplain Pastor Eric Dammann. Mayor Jack DeLorenzo 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 Ciocia 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 201-284-1122 for more info. ###

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