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Little Ferry Pumpkin Pick October 16, 2021

Our Decisions

Seeds of doubt. Acrimony. Prejudice. Arrogance. Hypocrisy. Alternate facts. Politics. Hostility fed by social media and cable news to comic absurdity. Diminish democracy OR enhance democracy. Let us not lose sight of diverse communities coming together and celebrate what we have in common. Local neighborhood events bring us together. Innocence abounds with children eating ice cream, playing in bounce houses, picking pumpkins while adults listen to live bands, peruse craft vendors and eating festival food. How we enjoy the autumn with crisp evenings, colorful leaf bouquets, cheery fireplace, football and grand holiday meals. Observe the contrast between the two Americas of today. When we grew up, there was respect for law and order with a sense of fair play. Truth and justice was the American way.

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**Blessed
Thanksgiving**



Eagle Project: Sensory Hallways

On August 18, 2021, another Scout from Troop 17 Hasbrouck Heights, Brian Gaffney, completed an Eagle Project to benefit the greater Hasbrouck Heights community. The project consisted of raising money, purchasing and installing a sensory hallway in Euclid and Lincoln Schools. The sensory hallway will help special needs students get their energy out and return to class calm, focused, and ready to start the next lesson. It is supposed to give children with ADHD an area to focus and use up their energy and go back to class. They are supposed to jump on the floor markings. Brian loves helping students and wishes to become a teacher in the future. *Provided by Mario Fanego. ###*

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Raffling Handmade Afghans

The members of the Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights worked together to create Cancer Comfort pillows which they donated to the Cancer Center at Hackensack Hospital during October for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The members are con-

Black Friday is the Friday after Thanksgiving in the United States, where it is the beginning of the traditional Christmas shopping season.

tinuing to sell chances on 5 beautiful handmade afghans to benefit Operation Chillout for their small home project.

Call 201-288-6685 if you want to buy a ticket or make a donation to the project. The drawing will be on Monday, November 8, 2021 at the Club meeting at 7 p.m. Interested in the raffle or one of our projects, come to the meeting room in the Municipal Building. We'd love to see you there. *Provided by Dorothy Bernice. ###*



Mum's The Word

The Moonachie First Aid & Rescue Squad held its 15th Annual Mum Sale on Saturday, October 2, 2021, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 121 Moonachie Avenue, Moonachie, NJ. Beautiful


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Roses Benefit Food Pantry

Bill O'Shea's Florist promoted Good Neighbor Day on Wednesday, October 13, 2021. Owners, John and Linda Kosakowski, said that they gave out about 80 bunches of roses with the stipulation recipients keep one rose and pass along the others. During the event, food donations were collected for the Hasbrouck Heights Food Pantry, netting about 75 bags of

food, plus cash donations. It is believed that the first Good Neighbor Day was started by the late Brook Jacobs, owner of Greenbrook Flowers in Jackson, MS, in 1994. It was adopted and promoted by FTD nationally, with Bill O'Shea's Florist joining the program and continuously participating since 1995. ###



On October 2, 2021, Carlstadt Public School 8th Graders held a car wash at the Carlstadt Firehouse on Jefferson. *Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ##*



RPD Earns Gold Award

In 2020, the Rutherford Police Department Traffic Bureau continued with their pedestrian safety standard of excellence.

While Covid-19 brought about many changes to how the students of Rutherford attended school, the Rutherford Police Department took that time to assess our current practices.

Our continued safety enhancements resulted in Lisa Lee, Deputy Director, Bike & Pedestrian Programs, of EZ Ride to use the Traffic Police Track to nominate the Rutherford Police Department for the GOLD LEVEL of RECOGNITION FOR THE NEW JERSEY SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROGRAM.

Officer Bachmann, Traffic Coordinator, conducted our annual crossing guard training program. This training assists crossing guards with uniform and comprehensive training, allowing our crossing guards to perform their duties more



effectively and safely.

Officer Bachmann also monitored and made changes if needed at 5 busy intersections where the Rutherford Police Department has crossing guards assigned. Once completed, he submitted proof training records and 5 “Intersection Reports” to Sergeant Julie Ann Zeigler.

Sergeant Julie Ann Zeigler designed the annual Community Window display at 11 Park Avenue. The display promoted healthy walking and bicycling safely throughout the community. Families were encouraged to take an active

role in teaching their children the rules of the road by practicing age-appropriate distanced walks and bike rides.

Rutherford Mayor Frank Nunziato submitted a Letter of Support regarding the continued efforts of the Rutherford Police Department. This letter was included in the submitted application for the Safe Routes to Schools award.

With the completion of training and intersection reports, the Community Window display, Letter of Support from Mayor Nunziato, comprehensive Crossing Guard Policy, and Compete Streets Policy adopted, the Borough of Rutherford is one of EZ Ride's 6 Gold municipal awardees in 2021; term of award 2021-2023. There are only 9 Gold municipal awardees in all of New Jersey in 2021. Five of the Gold municipal awardees are from Bergen County (Leonias, Maywood, Fair Lawn, Garfield, and Rutherford). Down from the 28 Gold winners presently (2019-2021) – in 2019, we were awarded the Gold as well.

Our current Traffic Bureau consists of: Officer Anthony Bachmann, Traffic Coordinator, Officer Steven Villareale and Officer Bruce Reed.

The work we completed in achieving the Gold Award allows the Rutherford Green Team use of the Safe Routes To Schools GOLD award to get action points for Sustainable Jersey grants. *Provided by RPD Sgt. Julie A. Zeigler. ###*

November Birthstone
Topaz



Display Promotes Anti-Fraud

A top priority of the Rutherford Police Department is keeping our residents, especially our seniors, and business owners safe from fraud and identity theft.

With the increase in scams, we partnered with valuable stakeholders at the Bergen County Consumer Affairs - Investigator Denis Niland from the Office of Consumer Protection, Better Homes and Gardens Coccia Realty, and Impressive Printing to raise fraud and identity theft awareness.

Each year, the Rutherford Police Department displays a valuable community message in the Community Windows located at 11 Park Avenue for the month of September. The Community Window display is a project run by Bea Goldberg and it provides a way for agencies and or organizations to connect with our community while providing education and resource information.

Stop by and enjoy the creative display while learning how to protect yourself against identity theft and scams. This year's display was a collaborative effort from both Investigator Denis Niland and Rutherford Police Sergeant Julie Ann Zeigler.

On display you will find a message from Police Chief

John R. Russo, common scams, definitions, ways to protect your identity, tips to keep you alert regarding frauds, and how to report being a victim.

If you or someone you know is or has been a victim, contact your local police department. The officers will help you determine whether you are a victim if you are uncertain. Make sure to close or cancel any compromised accounts in order to quickly mitigate any financial loss. Apply for and obtain a copy of your credit report. And keep all reports and documents supporting your case in a safe location.

We are always available to assist our community – 201-939-6000 Ext. 1

Another valuable resource is: Division of Consumer Affairs, Office of Consumer Protection, E. 220 Ridgewood Avenue, Paramus, NJ 07652. 201-336-6400 Office. *Provided by RPD Sgt. Julie A. Zeigler. ###*

MSH Cash Raffle Dec. 4

The Rosary Confraternity of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 127 Paterson Avenue, Wallington, is sponsoring a “St. Nicholas Surprise Cash Raffle.”

As St. Nicholas makes his annual visit to Most Sacred Heart on Saturday, December 4, 2021 after the 5 p.m. Mass, he will be pulling the winning tickets. The 1st prize is 25% of the proceeds of the ticket sales, 2nd prize is 15% of the proceeds and 3rd prize is 10% of the proceeds. All tickets are sold for a \$5 donation.

Tickets are on sale now. Tickets are available at the Rectory during regular business hours or from Rosary Confraternity members.

Checks are to be made payable to MSH Rosary Confraternity. Please place your check or cash with the completed ticket stub in an envelope marked Rosary Confraternity Raffle. All returns can be placed in the Sunday collection basket or dropped in the mailbox outside of the rectory. Please return all ticket stubs and money by Thursday, December 2, 2021.

All proceeds of this raffle will be utilized to support the activities of the MSH Rosary Confraternity and MSH Parish.

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The Art Association of Rutherford will be meeting at 8 p.m. on Thursday, November 11, 2021, at the Tamblin Civic Center, 30 Woodland Avenue, Rutherford, NJ.

We will be having a demo on pastels from Judith Leeds. She is an award winning and nationally known portrait artist with decades of professional credits. All are welcome! We ask for a \$3 non-mandatory donation from non-members to defray costs.

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Next event on Thursday, November 18, 2021, 7 to 9 p.m. Please RSVP by November 16.

Event hosted by **Bible Baptist Church**, 31 Passaic Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights.

Limited KidLife childcare available by RSVP only and medical form required. Monthly Friday morning get together and outings too.

For more info: hasbrouckhtsmomlife@gmail.com; 862-239-6677; Fb – Hasbrouck Heights MomLife ###

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unattended.**

Veterans Dance November 5

The Bergen County American Legion will host a Veterans Dance fundraiser on Friday, November 5, 2021, at American Legion Post 147, 1 Legion Place, Elmwood Park, NJ, starting at 6 p.m.

Grab your dancing shoes and enjoy the music. Cost is \$25 pp and includes DJ, Hot Buffet and draft beer. Event open to the public. For more information, contact Sophia Dmoch at 201-859-0921. ###

Super 50/50 Raffle Nov. 25

St. Francis de Sales Church will host their Thanksgiving Super 50/50 on Thursday, November 25, 2021, after 9 a.m. Mass.

Tickets \$2 each/Book of 10 for \$15. Contact the Church for tickets. St. Francis de Sales Church, 125 Union Street, Lodi, NJ 07644, or call 973-779-4330. Winner need not be present. Must be 18 years or older to participate. ###

Friday Night Dancing

The Hasbrouck Heights Elks Lodge 1962 will host dancing every Friday night from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. with DJ Gerri. Cost is \$10 at the door. Coffee included. Cash bar. For more information, call Cathy at 386-852-4881. ###

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Roast Beef Dinner Nov. 6

The First Reformed Church in Hasbrouck Heights is sponsoring their annual Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, November 6, 2021, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Cost is \$18 pp, under 10 is \$5. Take-out available. For more information, call the Church Office at 201-288-1122 at 201-288-2923 or Nancy at 201-288-3963. ###

Tricky Tray November 5

The Felician School for Exceptional Children will host a Tricky Tray on November 5, 2021, starting at 6 p.m., at the Immaculate Conception High School. Organizers are seeking suitable prize donations. For more information, call Joanne at 973-777-5355 x 11 or email: jpotenzone@fsec.org 973-777-5355. ###

Lodi KC Pancake Breakfast Nov. 14

The St. Michael's Council of the Knights of Columbus are having their monthly buffet-style Family Breakfast on Sunday, November 14, 2021, 8:30 a.m. to noon, at 39 Washington Street, Lodi.

Menu includes: all-you-can-eat fresh scrambled eggs, pancakes, french toast (*to order*), bacon, sausage, hash browns, fresh rolls, orange juice, fresh hot coffee, and tea.

Adults: \$7; children over 6: \$4; children 6 and under: free. Profits to benefit local charities. ###

**November Flower
Chrysanthemum**

FOCAS Holds Flea Market November 20

The FOCAS Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday, November 20, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the American Legion, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry.

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

Flea Market merchandise donations of 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 soiled.*)

They may be dropped off at the American Legion on Friday, November 19, 2021, from 3 to 6 p.m. **No donations will be accepted on Saturday.** 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 ###

Free Lunch Saturday

Everyone is invited to the First Presbyterian Church of Moonachie for the "Free Lunch Saturday" program, which will be held on November 6, 2021, at 11:30 a.m. This hot lunch features "Turkey." This will be a "to-go" event. No sit down table service.

This program is an expansion of the Church's ministry of feeding hungry bodies and hungry hearts. If the economy's got you down, or you want to share a meal with others, come for the food and fellowship. There are no strings attached. A free-will offering is taken. ###



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Bags may also be brought to the Hasbrouck Heights Food Bank. This program provides community service within our own neighborhood and is part of the Good Turn for America, “helping others at all times” program. Please consider making a donation. For further information, call Mario at 201-450-0999. ###

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 and also on Zoom on Mondays, November 1, 15 and 29 at 6:30 p.m. Vaccinations required for in person meetings. ###

Orchids

Hasbrouck Heights Garden Club welcomes Mark Hachadourian, Senior Curator of the NY Botanical Gardens Orchid Collection. He is also the author of “Botanica Magnifica: Portraits of the World’s Most Extraordinary Flowers and Plants.” His latest book is “Orchid Modern.” He has also appeared as a guest on the Martha Stewart Show. His fascination with orchids started as a young child! The meeting will be held on November 17, 2021 in the Library Meeting Room, 320 Boulevard. Lite refreshments will be served at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 6 p.m. All are welcome to join us at our meetings! We will follow all CDC guidelines! ###

Open Cockpit November 6

The Aviation Hall of Fame will host an Open Cockpit Day on Saturday, November 6, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors will have the opportunity to sit in the cockpit

Roast Beef November 2

The Ladies Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Carlstadt will sponsor a Roast Beef Luncheon on Election Day, Tuesday, November 2, 2021, in the Community Hall on Third Street, Carlstadt. Roast Beef dinners will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Donation is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children/students. Please call the Church office at 201-438-5526, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., M-F for further information. Take out orders are available. ###

Civil War Roundtable Holiday Dinner December 4

The Phil Kearny Annual Holiday Dinner is Saturday, December 4, 2021, at 4 p.m., at The Bistro, 107 Cucina, 107 Moonachie Road, Moonachie, New Jersey. Special guest speaker: renowned Civil War author, historian, lecturer, Battlefield Tour Guide & Battlefield Preservationist, Eric J. Wittenberg. His award winning published works have focused primarily on the cavalymen and cavalry battles of the Civil War. Cost is \$45 per person. For reservations, send check to: Phil Kearny Civil War Roundtable (PKCWRT), C/O Norm Dykstra, 77 Walray Avenue, North Haledon, New Jersey 07508. Email: Normandy1@verizon.net Phone is 973-423-3423. Questions? Contact Dennis Buttacavoli email at: Den-nance@aol.com and phone is 201-288-8812. ###

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Also popular with young people is our official Airport Rescue Firefighter Truck! For young astronauts, we have our working display of the International Space Station (ISS) along with uniforms and items used by the many Astronauts like Buzz Aldrin, Scott and Mark Kelly, to name just a few. Admission: \$12 for adults, \$9 for seniors and children. Children under 2 are free.

The Museum is located at 400 Fred Wehran Drive, adjacent to the Teterboro Control Tower. Come see why our Museum has been named as “One of the 10 Best Museums in the State of NJ.” ###

A Taste of Southern Bergen County

Enjoy a selection of food items from a variety of southern Bergen County food establishments, all in one sitting! Join The Woman's Club of Rutherford on Thursday, November 11, 2021, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., for this annual event. Tickets are \$30 per person. Ticket orders and checks should be made out to The Woman's Club of Rutherford, 201 Fairview Avenue, Rutherford, NJ 07070. There will be no "day of" tickets available, so order now! ###

Damage from Ida • Support Local Heights Flower Shoppe Fundraiser

A fundraising event will be held at The Fiesta on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, from 6 to 10 p.m. Proceeds to benefit Heights Flower Shoppe which suffered severe damage from Hurricane Ida. Tickets are \$40 pp by November 3 (\$50 at the door). Includes DJ, dancing, 50/50, raffles, prizes and comedy. The menu includes garden

salad, penne vodka, choice of Chicken Francaise or grilled salmon with lemon and butter, ice cream dessert with coffee and tea. Unlimited soft drinks. Cash bar with a portion of the bar tab going to Heights Flower Shoppe. For tickets go to: www.taylorentgroup.com. For info email: events@taylorEvent-Group.com ###

Thriving Beyond the Pandemic: Arts in Triumph

Here is the Challenge: submit a performing arts or applied arts piece that expresses how you felt or coped, or what you experienced during the Pandemic. Whether in response to volunteering, to someone being ill, to you being isolated, or to remote learning – from a single voice or brush stroke, to a dance or a poem – ARTS Today in NJ would like to showcase your artistic expression. Submissions should be sent to Care on the Corner by December 31, 2021. This program is open to all students through high school. This project is being mentored by Jennifer

Ashline and Thareesa Saekoo. Jen has a Master of Arts degree with a high concentration in Popular Culture. She has also developed a program for Sunday School which teaches children about the Bible through film and television. Thareesa has a Bachelor's Degree in Film and Video Studies from George Mason University and has a true passion for the arts with a focus on film and photography. She is hoping to start her own company soon and is excited to be part of ARTS Today in NJ. For more information on how to create your video, call the Care Center at 201-288-9460. ###

Veterans Day Services

Carlstadt and Wood-Ridge will hold their service on November 11, 2021, at 11 a.m., at Memorial Park, at Hackensack and Division. Hasbrouck Heights and Moonachie will each hold brief Veterans Day services on Wednesday, November 11, at 11 a.m., at their respective monuments. ### Little Ferry will hold brief Veterans Day services on November 11, at 11 a.m., at Veterans Park, (corner of Main and Pickens). Refreshments follow at VFW Post 809. ### The Rutherford Veterans Alliance has announced that they will gather at the World

War I Monument at 11 a.m., on Thursday, November 11, 2021, on Park Avenue, World War I Spire, across from Lincoln Park. All are invited to attend. The Veterans Alliance remembers that our freedom did not come easy, but on battlefields around the globe. America’s finest men and women have shed blood and tears. We are forever thankful to those who served and those serving today. Wallington VFW Post 2640 will have a service at Veterans Monmument (Pater-son and Union Boulevard) 11 a.m. on Thursday, November 11, 202. All are welcome. ###

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Let's Go Traveling!

By Rick Ardis

Hub and Spoke Vacations

Living out of a suitcase is frequently cited as one of the most annoying hassles of traveling. Ocean and river cruise lines usually list unpacking only once as a benefit of their modes of travel. Vacations to beach destinations are also the type of travel where one can stay in a single hotel for the length of the trip.

But what if you are more interested in a cosmopolitan journey? Then the Hub and Spoke Vacation is the adventure for you!

You can easily visualize how this works, by picturing the wheel on a bicycle. You choose a central location for one hotel where you will remain for your entire stay. This is your hub.

Most often the lodgings will be in a city center where transportation is easily available.

Alternately, it could be a suburban or rural area near numerous attractions. These spots are best when using your own car or a rental. For the urban locations, there will be many attractions in the immediate surroundings of your doorstep.

The spokes are the daily adventures you will endeavor

radiating from the hub. In European cities, the explosion of high-speed rail lines has made it extremely easy to visit locales in neighboring countries as a day trip.

London is an extremely popular single-stay destination. The UK's capital city features top museums, live theater, marquee sporting events and the pageantry of the British Royal family. Public transportation within London is easily accessible to the traveler with the Oyster Card.

The card, with an RFID chip, features touchless payment on the public buses, the Tube (*subway*), London Overground and other modes of transportation in and around the metropolitan area.

There are dozens of rail lines emanating from Central London to nearby cities for day trips to other sights.

Travelers can elect to visit the college towns of Oxford or Cambridge or nearby castles and palaces. Warwick Castle, Hampton Court Palace and Blenheim Palace are popular attractions.

A favorite trip for Anglophiles is the town of Windsor where Queen Elizabeth feels most at home at the oldest royal palace still in use. For the movie buffs and kids, a visit to the

studios used to film the Harry Potter series is a highlight.

As previously mentioned, Europe's high speed rail network has made visiting other countries possible as a day trip.

The travel time between London and Paris is now just 2 hours 16 minutes. That time is shorter than the three-hour trip when I traveled on the Eurostar train under the English Channel in 2002.

Like London, Paris offers the same opportunity for local and regional sightseeing.

The Belgian capital city of Brussels markets itself as the perfect hub. London, Paris, Amsterdam, and Cologne are each about 2 hours or less from Brussels-Midi Station.

Imagine visiting five different nations (*six if you make it Luxembourg*) and sleeping in the same bed each night. These day trips are in addition to the gastronomic wonders, chocolate genius, and beer-making craftsmanship of the Belgians! Did you know, French Fries are really from Belgium?

Hub and Spoke vacations are not limited to European destinations. Las Vegas, Los Angeles, and San Francisco lend themselves nicely to this vacation genre. Radiating from Las Vegas, the spokes can take you to Grand Canyon National Park, Red Rock Conservation Area, Valley of Fire State Park, Hoover Dam, and Lake Mead. The sprawling Los Angeles area offers a multitude of adventures. The entertainment industry is front and center with the newly opened Academy Museum of Motion Pictures. No other city offers beaches and ski slopes a short drive away on the same day. San Francisco is the quintessential urban destination with dozens of choices nearby. Day trips can be easily arranged to the wine making regions of Napa, Sonoma, and Monterey, along with several national and state parks. Each of these cities is renowned for their varying cuisines, this provides the opportunity of a world-class culinary exclamation point to your day's adventures.

Hub and Spoke Vacations are a convenient, interesting, fun, and diversified way of travel. When all is said and done, isn't that what leisure time is all about?

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Artful Thinking

By Artie Maglionico • Lodi Historian

Artful November 2021

I will begin this Thanksgiving column by sending a heartfelt thank you to Lodi Library director Karyn Gost and staff for holding down the fort during the ravages of the pandemic. For me personally the Library is a valuable source of knowledge, discovery, and much joy as well as lasting friendships. Thank you Lodi Library.

The following paragraph was taken from an article published in the Lodi Bulletin in November of 1930 during the Great Depression.

"The wave of depression which has spread over the country perhaps leaves us with little to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. Be that as it may we should be grateful and thankful for that which we have for it could always be worse. When we sit down at the dinner table this year let us endure this economic depression and pray that we shall have much more to be thankful for come next Thanksgiving."

Well folks, next Thanksgiving is here and it caught me off guard. Do we have more to be thankful for? I guess that depends on who we ask.

We'll most likely receive mixed reviews on that question. I'll have to get back to you on that one. In 1930, our country had little reason for celebration. Families were being forced out into the streets while children were going without food and clothing. Mothers and fathers faced day after agonizing day of hardship. These were strong, able bodied men and women whose American dream was fast becoming a living nightmare. No work, no food, and no hope.

The Borough of Lodi followed the lead of surrounding towns by passing "emergency legislation" so as to create much needed work for the vast number of its unemployed.

The Borough accomplished this by the implementation of what Mayor Frank Gugliotti termed "Public Improvement Work."

In September of 1930, no less than 250 men whose families were facing starvation were immediately put to work. Their jobs included the installation of water mains and sewer lines throughout the community.

The passing of the legislation, spearheaded by Councilman Michael "Packy" Cavallo, served Lodi a dual purpose. Under the supervision of the DPW the endeavor would not only be aiding the increasing number of the unemployed, it would also be fulfilling the need for additional water facilities. In 1930, not everyone had running water. The new water mains changed all of that.

During the winter of 1930, the Bergen County Board of Freeholders hired 800 men to widen streets, build highways, remove garbage and paint signs along country roads. Their salary was \$15 a week, seven hours per day, including transportation to and from work. A full course meal was also provided during the course of the day. Among those workers were men and women from the Borough of Lodi.

On a Tuesday night in early November of 1930, American Theater owner, Michael Basile, gave away as many as ten 18 pound turkeys during a showing of "Sweet Hearts and Wives" starring Bill Dove and Olive Brooks. The birds were given to those families in need who were in attendance.

In early December of 1930, the Mayor's relief committee was established. It was a good idea since it proved to be the difference for those struggling families who would have otherwise been facing a dark and desolate Christmas. The group consisted of Mayor Gugliotti, Councilman Cavallo, David Arnoldi, Police Chief Henry Witte, Joseph Pacella, John Butler, George Berardinelli and a warm hearted and generous community.

Their efforts made it possible for those less fortunate neighbors who were suffering the ill effects of economic doom to enjoy an abundance of food and clothing that would last through Christmas and beyond. On December 9th of that year, construction of Borough projects began. With it came employment for 400 Lodi workers whose lives were saved. So, too, was saved the American Spirit.

Happy Thanksgiving and God Bless America.

NOTE: Birthday Greetings are the order of the day to former Lodi Mayor, Mr. Joseph Cuccio. The popular Mr. Cuccio celebrated his 102nd Birthday on August 21, 2021. He is known for his unwavering dedication to the welfare of this community. ###

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Assumption Parish Installs New Pastor

Reflecting on a year of change and new beginnings as Wood-Ridge's Assumption Parish prepares for the formal installation of Fr. Ronnie Nombre as Pastor.

Who would have imagined that a parish community that has forged through a year of constant pandemic directives, transformation and clergy changes would come back thriving in a new bright light of hope?

The Church of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady did precisely that under the direction of Fr. Ronnie Nombre. Fr. Nombre, who was assigned by Cardinal Joseph Tobin, Archbishop of Newark, to the parish September 1, 2020, hit the ground running in an effort to guide the parish through these challenges. Learning and becoming familiar with a new

parish community is already challenging.

However, doing so with the complicated layers of a post covid world and the recent farewell to the Franciscan Friars who had run the parish for 94 years is an entirely more complex task. From rescheduling sacraments and memorial masses for loved ones who passed during the lockdown, to making careful safety protocol decisions, the transition this past year has been an incredible journey. Unwavering, Fr. Ronnie prevailed.

Not only has the parish tackled these issues, the parish also successfully reached their

Archdiocesan Appeal goal for the first time in the history of the parish and celebrated an outstanding feast day procession on August 15 and gathering filled with smiles, hope and many new parish members celebrating the Church's 95th anniversary. The future is bright and blessed at Assumption Parish with its new shepherd leading the way.

The Installation Mass will be on Sunday, November 7, 2021 at the 11 a.m. Mass celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Michael Saporito. Call the Rectory at 201-438-5555 to register for the celebration. *Story by Rose Lepore, Parish Staff. ###*

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Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3x). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3x). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal.

You who gave me the gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me, I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. thank you for you your mercy toward me and mine.

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Pet Photos with Mrs. Claus

FOCAS (*Friends of the County Animal Shelter, Inc.*) will be hosting holiday pet pictures with Mrs. Claus and a Special Holiday Gift Fair on Sunday, December 5, 2021, at the American Legion, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, from noon to 3 p.m. The cost per photo is \$10. All pets are welcome. Pets should be up-to-date on all shots and appro-

priately restrained. There will be refreshments, fabulous holiday gifts on sale for pets and people. Drawings for FREE surprise gifts (*must be present to receive*).

Let FOCAS put some "cheer" in your holiday!

The annual event benefit veterinary care for sick, homeless, and abandoned animals. ###

Kip Center 28th Annual Festival of Trees, Wreaths and Centerpieces

On November 9, 2021, a favorite tradition in the community, The Festival of Trees fundraiser, is the perfect venue to enjoy a beautiful holiday display of trees, wreaths, and centerpieces that are decorated by local individuals, organizations and businesses.

Raffle tickets go on sale Tuesday, November 9, 26 tickets for \$10. The winning tickets will be pulled on December 11. For more information, call Cathy at 201-460-1600. ###

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Santa, Trains and Music

Santa and Mrs. Claus are scheduled to arrive on their sleigh with a Fire Department escort at Little Ferry Borough Hall (215 Liberty Street) on December 3, 2021, at 6 p.m., for the town's annual tree lighting and VISIT WITH SANTA!

This year the "Raritan Valley Hi Railers Club" will again present their world class "O" gauge model railroad in the Council Chambers as part of this year's "SANTA LAND - 07643" celebration.

Holiday music is scheduled to be provided by the "Patriot Brass Ensemble" from New York City.

Santa and Mrs. Claus, along with their elves, will be available for visits and photos from 6 to 9 p.m., so don't forget to bring your camera and holiday wish list for special North Pole delivery! ###

HHMA Christmas Tree Sale

The Hasbrouck Heights Men's Association will be selling Christmas Trees this Holiday Season beginning Saturday, November 27, 2021, at St. John the Divine, at the corner of Franklin and Terrace.

They will be carrying an array of trees of various sizes and prices. This sale has been a Hasbrouck Heights holiday tradition for over twenty years.

The money raised goes to the HHMA Scholarship Fund that benefits graduating high school seniors from Hasbrouck Heights who want to attend college. The Hasbrouck Heights Men's Association wants to thank area residents for their on-going support of their sale. They wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season. ###

Wallington FD Breakfast With Santa

Wallington Fire Department, Park Row Hose Co. 3, will be hosting their annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 5, 2021, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, at the Wallington Civic Center, 24 Union Boulevard, Wallington. There will be pictures with Santa. Donations, \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids ages 4 to 12. Tickets are available at the door. ###



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Heights Friendly Neighbors Kick Off Annual Fund Drive

The members of the Friendly Neighbors will officially begin their annual campaign on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 2021. It will continue through New Year's Day. This charitable organization has been serving the residents of Hasbrouck Heights for 82 years. They work to maintain the anonymity of their clients in order to serve them with dignity.

The members of the group are from Christ First United Methodist Church, Corpus Christi Roman Catholic Church, First Reformed Church, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and St. John the Divine Episcopal Church.

They donate their time in an effort toward raising money, to purchase food and supplies for needy local families. No expenses are taken and all funds go toward helping town residents.

At present we are serving eight families with 12 children. These families are struggling more than ever to meet their financial obligations. It has been a very difficult year and continues to be for many. If you are able to share with another family to make their lives a little better, please make your check to Friendly Neighbors and mail to Elsie Sternbach, 133 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. ###

Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 25

The First Presbyterian Church of Rutherford, Karen Kaiser Parish House, at 32 Ridge Road, Rutherford, will hold its free Thanksgiving Dinner on November 25, 2021, from noon to 2 p.m. All are welcome! A complete turkey dinner will be provided with all the fixings.

Due to Covid-19, meals will be "to go packages." A tent will be set up outside for guest pick up.

Reservations requested. Call the Church Office at 201-438-3569 or Bill at 201-481-7762 no later than Friday, November 22. ###

Assumption Church Advent Concert December 12

The Adult and Children's Choir of the Assumption Church in Wood-Ridge will hold its Annual Advent Concert on Sunday, December 12, 2021. The concert will be held in the Church at 3 p.m.

Features brass quintet and adult and children's choir groups.

All who enjoy good traditional Advent Music are encouraged to attend. It is hoped that the program will bring back memories of joyful experiences with your families and friends. ###

ER KC Winter Coat Drive

East Rutherford Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a coat drive for the needy. Drop off new and gently used seasonal coats November 7 and 14, 2021, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at 120 Hoboken Road, lower parking lot.

Donations will be forwarded to Mother Theresa House in Newark and St. Francis in Philadelphia, PA.

For more information, call Joe at 201-842-9262. ###

Gift Auction November 7

On Sunday, November 7, 2021, The Church of The Transfiguration, at 135 Hathaway Street, Wallington, will hold a Gift Auction. Admission \$10, tickets at the door and includes 1 sheet of tickets, coffee and cake. Doors open at 1 p.m. Auction starts at 2:30 p.m. For information, call Linda at 201-791-9272. Proceeds to benefit Church maintenance fund. ###

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Children meet one-on-one, privately. There are no lines, pressure, crowds, loud music or flash photography.

CVAC can provide a photographer to take pictures of your child with Santa, free of charge. You can take your own pictures as well.

There will be snacks and crafts and a chance to explore our ambulance. Due to COVID-19 protocols, social distancing will be adhered to, and masks must be worn except during pictures. Call 201-741-3285 or, email headelf@carlstadtambulance.com ###

Wreath Making Workshop Nov. 20

The New Jersey Botanical Garden (*Ringwood State Park*) will host a Wreath Making Workshop on November 20, 2021 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Reservations required. \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members.

In these two workshops, you’ll learn how to assemble and decorate wreaths to grace your home, using a variety of fresh and dried materials.

As you learn, you’ll make a wreath to take home with you. Materials provided; bring clippers and any special ribbon or decorations you might wish to use. Reservations required.

Questions? Contact the NJBG office at 973-962-9534.

All orders are subject to availability. You will receive a separate confirmation from NJBG regarding the availability of the date and quantity you’ve requested. For more information about the NJ Botanical Garden go to: njb.org ###

Toys for Tots

American Legion Post 136, 41 Union Street, Lodi is a drop off point for the Toys for Tots program. Donate new, unwrapped toys or donate cash to buy new toys until December 20, 2021. Drop off Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. or call Howie at 551-404-3622, Sharon at 201-906-0213 or Post at 973-614-0100 to set up an appointment. ###

Winter Christmas Show Model Railroad Exhibits

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

installed by the members to depict Northern New Jersey.

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

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

The Society’s Annual Winter Christmas Show will be Saturdays and Sundays, December 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, from 1 to 6 p.m., at 341 Hoboken Road, Carlstadt. Donation is \$7 for adults, \$1 for children and five and under free.

For more information, call 201-939-9212 or go to: modelengineers.org ###

Wallington Fire Department Annual Parade Nov. 27

The Wallington Fire Department announced the return of its Holiday Parade on Saturday, November 27, 2021 at 6 p.m.

This 2-mile parade is America’s oldest nighttime firefighter’s holiday parade of lighted and decorated fire trucks and floats, featuring 2,500 participants and over 250 fire trucks from the Tri-State area, which weaves through the streets of Wallington where many residents kickoff the Holiday Season with front yard tailgate parties with family and friends.

The pandemic has affected everyone in one way or another and we hope the return of the Holiday Parade will continue to pave the road back to normalcy.

It has been two decades and right after 9/11 since the concept of ushering the holiday season was conceived.

Marking these solemn milestones of the 20th Anniversary of 9/11 and the Wallington Fire Department’s first major event since the beginning of the pandemic, we hope all can reflect on how our society has changed and remember all of

the loved ones lost.

Richard Pelcher, the parade’s Co-Chairman states, “The original idea was to lift the spirits of everyone post-9/11 and it echoes similar sentiments today, post-pandemic.

We want to bring the spirit of the holidays back for everyone and most importantly, the children of our community that have become accustomed to this tradition for many years.” The parade begins at the intersection of Mt. Pleasant and Azalea Avenues, and concludes with a post parade celebration of refreshments, music and awarding of parade trophies.

Any organization, business, or community member who wishes to participate in the parade is encouraged to register, but must decorate their floats with themes that celebrate the holiday season.

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The Manor will be decorated floor to ceiling for “An Artist Holiday” to celebrate the sparkle and spirit of the magical season. It’s a warm and welcoming start to the holiday season with a totally different look every year! Gift Shop and Holiday Café, too.

• December 2 - December 5 (Thursday-Sunday), 10 a.m.-4 p.m. **Daytime Tours.** Enjoy a self-guided tour of the splendid decorations at your own pace. No baby strollers allowed in the Manor. Last ticket sold at 4 p.m. \$10/adults; \$8/seniors; \$5/children 6-12; under 6 free.

• December 2 and December 3 (Thursday & Friday), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Group Tours.** Bring your group to enjoy this holiday delight together. Please call 973-962-9534 for details.

• December 3 and 4 (Friday and Saturday), 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. **Holiday Open House - Evening Reception.** The Manor will be yours for a leisurely stroll with champagne, light refreshments and valet parking. Reservations required. \$45/members; \$50/guests and non-members. Individual, senior and student members may buy 1 ticket for any evening at the special member price. Family and other member categories may buy 2 tickets at the special member price. Tickets will be available at 973-962-9534 and online at www.njb.org. ###

HH School Holiday Concert

The Hasbrouck Heights Jr./Sr. High School Holiday Concert is Wednesday, December 22, 2021, at 7 p.m., in the auditorium. Open to the public with free admission and open seating! All are welcome to hear the joyous sounds of the Holidays. ###

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At press time, the parade line-up is as follows:

The Hasbrouck Heights Police Department Honor Guard will lead the parade, along with Honor Guards from the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department and the Boy Scouts.

The Bergen County Fire Fighters Pipe Band will lead local Officials, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and various sport teams on small floats.

Community organizations are invited to create floats for the parade.

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The Hasbrouck Heights High School Marching Band will lead Santa's personal float (*sponsored by Otterstedt Insurance Agency*) down The

Boulevard. The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department will then follow.

At The Circle, a brief Annual Tree Lighting ceremony will take place. Santa will meet with children at TD Bank at The Circle for photos and treats.

The event is sponsored by the Hasbrouck Heights Chamber of Commerce. Would you like to be part of the excitement? The Chamber welcomes volunteers to help with the parade. Call Ray at 201-288-5464 for more information. ###

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Additional entertainment and inflatables were provided by Funtime Entertainment. The Academy of Holy Angels Dance Team performed. There was live music from NJ's premier cover band, Big Bang Baby.

About 36 town organizations set up displays. Over 2,000 recycled tote bags w/leaf bags were distributed. The event was run by Rob Brady, Director of Recreation. ###



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Lodi celebrated the season with thir 2nd Annual Fall Fest, on Sunday, October 17, 2021, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., along Memorial Drive.

Family and friends enjoyed a day of shopping at a variety of vendor stands, eating from local restaurants and food trucks, and drinking in the beer garden, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the Mission of Honor program. There were bounce houses, climbing wall and a petting zoo.

There was live music from The Glimmer Twins - Classic Stones Live Tribute 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the Memorial Drive Stage and Mighty Spectrum Band on the Memorial Field Stage 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. A fireworks display concluded the event.

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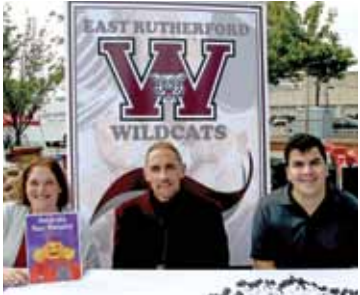
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East Rutherford Fall Festival



East Rutherford Civic Pride Association held a Fall Festival Street Fair on Friday, October 8 ,from 5 to 10 p.m., Saturday, October 9 from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, October 10, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., on Park Avenue next to the Rutherford Train Station. This event featured 20 different food vendors, 10 bands, pony rides, free petting zoo, pumpkin patch, children's village, craft vendors and a Super 50/50. For more information, call John at 201-951-5189. ###





The Borough of Little Ferry hosted their Annual Pumpkin Pick on Saturday, October 16, 2021, at Willow Lake Park (*Main & Pickens Street*). The event included games, corn maze, donuts, juice and gifts. ###



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The Kindness of Strangers will be the theme of Rutherford Community Blood Bank's fall blood drive, to be held at 55 Kip Center, from 2 to 8 p.m., on Monday, November 1, 2021.

The drive will honor the phenomenal volunteer effort of Facebook group, Rutherford Covid Updates, which resulted in more than 1,000 area residents receiving the lifesaving Covid-19 vaccine.

The initiative was led by Erika Twist and Rosanna Pizza, who had spent many hours researching the various vaccination websites, the main source of appointments.

Through social media and by word-of-mouth, the news of their work spread. "We didn't plan what happened, the whole thing evolved organically," said Rosanna. They used Facebook, texts, email, and the phone to schedule appointments. Most often, it was all done "virtually," said Erika. "We didn't meet people, or even talk to them."

Most successful schedul-

ing occurred at night during the wee hours when, counterintuitively, available timeslots were usually posted. "There were many roadblocks to getting appointments, but we were determined," said Rosanna. The rewards far surpassed the challenges, she said. "I will never forget the elderly gentleman — a complete stranger from out of the area—who told me that because I got him an appointment he could be with his wife who was in a memory home."

Numerous area residents eventually pitched in, including Erika Bogdan, Erika Carvalho, Lisette Delgado, Kristen McPhie, Joan Macri, Beth St. Hilaire, Stephanie Beatini Valdes and Janelle Zdon. "There also were people who heard about what we were doing and reached out to help others connect with us," said Rosanna.

"We are proud to honor our fellow neighbors, who went above and beyond in volunteering their time to so generously serve others," said Carol Hsu, blood bank chairperson.

For more information on donating blood or to pre-register online, visit <https://www.vitalant.org>. Walk-ins are welcome. A parental consent form for 16-year-olds is required.

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GERD and the Holidays

The holidays are back, and many have been waiting to see family and friends that we have been social distanced from for the past two years.

As we prepare to resume enjoying the holidays with pleasurable indulgences, some may resume some of the gastroesophageal symptoms which accompany our favorite indulgences.

So, there are some considerations and precautions which may help navigate the holiday season.

It's common to experience gastroesophageal reflux — otherwise known as acid indigestion, acid reflux or heartburn — every so often.

But heartburn also is a symptom of a chronic condition known as gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), which affects about 20 percent of the U.S. population, according to the National Digestive Diseases Information Clearinghouse.

What is acid reflux and GERD?

Acid reflux occurs when muscles of the lower esophagus relax and allow stomach acids to flow upward into the esophagus and even the mouth.

These stomach acids can cause irritation and inflammation of the esophagus. Acid reflux may progress further, developing into GERD. In patients who have GERD, the esophageal muscles are unable to keep stomach acids from flowing upward, causing corrosion of the esophageal lining and the uncomfortable

burning sensation associated with heartburn.

What are the signs and symptoms of GERD?

- Heartburn
- Difficulty swallowing
- Regurgitation
- Burning sensation in mouth
- Sore throat
- Nausea, vomiting and belching
- Chronic coughing
- Erosion of tooth enamel
- Tooth sensitivity
- Chipping and discoloration of teeth
- Halitosis (*bad breath*)

Consult with your dentist or physician if you are experiencing any of these symptoms more than twice a week, as this could be an indicator of a chronic condition.

How is GERD treated?

Although GERD is a chronic condition, its symptoms can be treated using medications and by making lifestyle modifications.

In addition to taking over-the-counter antacids and prescription H2 receptor blockers, you can reduce GERD symptoms by:

- Avoiding beverages such as alcohol and coffee, as well as chocolate and spicy/greasy or tomato-based foods.
- Quit smoking; smokers are more likely to develop GERD.
- Avoiding eating several hours before bed, or lying down two to three hours after eating.
- Losing weight if you are overweight or obese.
- Not wearing tight-fitting clothing.

How does GERD affect my oral health?

In addition to damaging the esophagus and increasing

your risk of esophageal cancer, over time, GERD can erode tooth enamel.

Research indicates tooth enamel begins to erode at a pH, or acid level, of 5.5.

With a pH of less than 2.0, your stomach acid can easily damage tooth enamel and cause increased tooth sensitivity, decay, discoloration and chipping.

How can I protect my teeth against acid reflux?

Practicing good oral hygiene is the best way to prevent acid reflux or GERD from damaging your teeth and causing decay. In addition to brushing for two minutes twice a day, you can:

- Visit your dentist regularly for a tooth enamel evaluation.
- Use a toothpaste that's formulated for sensitive teeth.
- Do not brush your teeth for one hour after you consume acidic foods or drinks.
- Dissolve baking soda in water and swish the water in your mouth after you experience acid reflux.
- Ask your dentist about fluoride treatments to strengthen your teeth.
- Ask your dentist about wearing a mouthguard at night to prevent acid from damaging your teeth.
- Avoid over-the-counter antacids that have a high sugar content.

If you believe you may be at risk for acid reflux or GERD, speak with your dentist and physician.

Reference: 2017 Academy of General Dentistry

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Moonachie Free Rabies Clinic

Moonachie's free Rabies Clinic will be held on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, from 7 to 8 p.m., at the Moonachie Civic Center, 125 Moonachie Road.

You do not have to be a resident of Moonachie to attend the Clinic. Cats and dogs only. Pre-registering is preferred, and can be done online at moonachie.us/board-health/rabies-clinic-signup. If you have more than two pets to be vaccinated, contact the Board of Health directly at 201-641-1813 ext. 6.

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The Rutherford Public Library continues to offer a mix of virtual and limited in-person programming for children and adults. Visit RutherfordLibrary.org and click on the Calendar tab to learn what's coming up. You can also call us at 201-939-8600 for more information.

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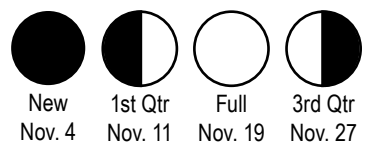
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Beaver Moon

Winter is coming when the Frost Moon rises on Friday, November 19, 2021, at 3:58 a.m. and is called the "Full Beaver Moon." According to "The Farmer's Almanac," this is the time to set beaver traps before the swamp freezes, to ensure a supply of warm winter furs.

Another interpretation suggests that the name "Full Beaver Moon" comes from the fact that the beavers are now actively preparing for winter. Other names for this moon include "Full Frost Moon."

Winter is coming when the Frost Moon rises on November 19 at 3:58 a.m. Eastern.

This year, the Frost Moon features a partial Lunar Eclipse peaking at 4:04 a.m. Eastern. The entire eclipse event will last for 3 hours and 28 minutes. It will be visible from the Americas, northern Europe, east Asia, Australia, and the Pacific

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

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Special Programs
• **Adult Grab & Go Craft.** Fall Leaves Mason Jar Candle Holder. These fall jars make a great table centerpiece, table/shelf decoration, or would make a great gift as well!

Add a candle, and you have a beautiful, cozy ambiance for fall! Supplies are limited so register by November 10, 2021. You can pick up your craft starting on November 15. Call the Library to register at 973-365-4044 ext 2.

• **TuesdayNightBook Club.** Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 6:30 to 7:30 on Zoom. November's book is "The Good Earth" by Pearl S. Buck - 357 pages. Contact Karyn Gost at director@lodi.bccls.org for more information about our virtual book club meetings. ###

Children Special Programs
• **Tasty Treats for Kids.** Pickup starts Wednesday, November 10. Take home a tasty treat you can put together yourself! This grab & go program is open to kids in Grade Pre-K-3rd. Registration is required.

• **Grab & Go Crafts: Grades 3-12.** Pickup starts Monday, November 8 and Monday, November 22. For kids and teens in Grades 3-12. This month we are making stress balls and loofah soap! Registration is required.

• **Grab & Go STEM Project.** Pickup starts Tuesday, November 16. Follow along with Miss Emily from home as we do a STEM activity! This grab & go program is open to kids in Grades Pre-K-2. Registration is required.

• **Creative Cooking Grab & Go.** Pickup starts Wednesday, November 17. Each month we will have a different recipe for you to take home and create! This grab & go program is open to patrons in Grades 4-12. Registration is required.

On-going
• **Grab & Go Kids Crafts.** Each week the Library will have a new craft that you can take home and make! Bags are first come, first served so be sure to show up early in the week. Toddlers – Grade 2. No registration required.

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The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library is open to the public at 100% capacity. Computer time is limited to sixty minutes, no advance reservation required. The Book Drop is open for returns. Porch pickup is available upon request. Check website for updated information.

- **Music with Miss Nita.** Miss Nita is back with her music and movement classes on the Library Lawn on November 3, 10 and 17 at 10:30 a.m. (*weather permitting*) Join us as we share the joys of making music. Check our website Events Calendar for registration.
- **Storytime with Miss Jennie.** Do you like to read? We do! Join Children’s Librarian, Miss Jennie, for exciting stories and songs. Storytime will be held on November 5 and 19 at 11 a.m. in the Children’s Room. Check our website Events Calendar for registration.
- **Children's Crafts-to-Go.** Every Tuesday will feature a new craft kit complete with all necessary materials. Video instructions will be posted to our Youtube and Facebook pages. To reserve your kit for porch pickup call the Library or email Miss Jennie at jennie.sudia@woodridge.bccls.org
- **Boredom Busters for Children.** Bored at home? Can’t think of anything to do? Then check out our monthly Boredom Busters for a STEM based activity! You can find this month’s on our Event Cal-

endar website and Facebook and Instagram pages on November 1.

- **English as a Second Language.** Classes for adults at no charge meet online every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m. For more information, please check our website. Check our website Events Calendar for registration.
- **Crafts for Grown-Ups with Miss Rebecca.** Miss Rebecca will be returning to do a cozy fall craft for adults! Check our website Events Calendar for registration.
- **It’s All Relative : Building your Family Tree:** Join Eric Migdal, owner of It’s All Relative LLC, and discover how to build and understand your family tree, including learning the difference of pedigrees and family group trees, gathering accurate information and analyzing and understanding relationships. Class will be held on Wednesday, November 3 and 10 from 7 to 8 p.m.
- **Book Club:** We’ll be holding our hybrid online/in person Book Club on Tuesday, November 9 at 7 p.m.! Sign up on our website to receive a free copy of the book (*while supplies last*). If attending in person, you must wear a mask. Held in the conference room and on Zoom.
- **Why Do Cats Do What They Do?** Tuesday, November 16 at 7 p.m. Join a cat behaviorist to explain our favorite fuzzy animals! Stephen, the Cat Behaviorist, will explain all of the curiosities of our feline friends.
- **Databases:** The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library offers many entertaining and educational databases, including, but not limited to, Gale LegalForms, CultureGrams, Ancestry and Biography in Context. We also offer a film streaming service through Kanopy. ###

Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library

Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. 201-288-0488, <http://hasbrouckheightslibrary.org>.

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights is open for in-person browsing and computer use.

In accordance with the recently published CDC guidelines, masks are to be worn for all individuals when visiting the Library. Any minor, 13 years old and under, must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who will be responsible for their supervision.

The Hasbrouck Heights Library continues to offer virtual and in-person activities for the whole family and for the life-long learner. Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted. Visit the Library’s website and click on “Calendar.”

WHOLE FAMILY

- **Bundle Up** is a specially curated book recommendation service available for all ages. Each bundle will come with three options. Visit our website to fill out a Google form.

- CHILDREN**
- **Bundle-Up Storytime** at Central Avenue Playground, Wednesdays, November 3 and November 10 at 11 a.m. Put on a sweatshirt and join Ms. Maureen for storytime in-person. Registration is limited to 15 children to allow for social distancing. Bring a blanket or chair for your child to sit on. Program subject to cancellation in case of inclement weather.
 - **Little Artists** - World Kindness Day Craft, Friday, November 12 / Saturday, November 13. World Kindness Day, celebrated on November 13, is a global event that promotes the importance of being kind to each other, to yourself, and to the world. We’ll be making “Kindness Cloud” crafts that you can share to let someone know how special they are! Pick up inside the Library on Friday or Saturday. Best for Grades K-5.
 - **Wednesday Workshop at Home:** Cranberry Secret Messages. Wednesday, November 17. Science is fun! Register to pick up a simple chemistry experiment you can do at home writing invisible ink messages and decoding them with cranberry juice! Supplies available on Wednesday and a how-to video posted on YouTube. Best for Grades 2 and up.
 - **Holiday Bonus Craft-to-Go:** Beaded Calico Corn. Monday, November 22. Pick up a calico corn craft to take home using pipe cleaners and pony beads. ***Not recommended for*

*children under 3 as pony beads can be a choking hazard**.* Craft bags available during Library opening hours, 10 a.m to 6 p.m.

TEENS

- **Teen Craft-to-Go** - World Kindness Day Cardigan Backpack Hangers. Tuesday, November 23, pickup from 2 to 8 p.m. Celebrate World Kindness Day every day with a Mr. Rogers-inspired cardigan backpack hanger (or keychain). Supplies will be available for pickup in the YA area of the Library from 2 to 8 p.m.

ADULTS

- **Cross Stitch for Beginners.** Wednesday, November 10 at 6 p.m. Do you want to learn how to cross-stitch? Want to make a thoughtful gift for the holidays? Join Robin Lasky, Adult Services Coordinator, and learn how to cross-stitch for fun! This program will be in person. Seats are limited.

- **Transitioning into Adult Life Services** for Individuals with Disabilities. Thursday, November 18 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. This webinar will provide valuable information to better prepare individuals with disabilities and their families for the transition into adult life services. Topics will include the step-by-step transition process, Medicaid eligibility, support coordination, choosing the right support coordination agency, and much more!

- **Crafts-to-Share Club.** Tuesday, November 9 from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, November 24 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Enjoy getting to know other crafters in your community while you knit, crochet, embroider or craft anything! We have donated yarn for any crafters looking to create for a good cause. In-person and on Zoom.

- **Adult Book Club.** 4th Tuesday of each month. November 23 at 7 p.m. "American Dirt" by Jeanine Cummin. Join for an evening of fun, literary discussion! Pick the book up at the Library or use the Hoopla or Libby app to enjoy the ebook or eAudiobook on your smartphone or tablet. In-person and on Zoom.

IN DECEMBER

- **Christmas in WWII.** Saturday, December 11 at 1 p.m. via Zoom. Learn about the World War II home front. Hear talks about the men and women serving in the war in the US as well as the families that stayed at home. Take a peek into how rationing, blackouts, bond drives affected civilian life, and how customs such as Christmas decorations, gifts, food preparation, and ingredients were changed because of shortages. ###

Carlstadt Public Library

Carlstadt Library, 420 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt, NJ 07072. 201-438-8866, Handicap accessible. carlstadt.bccls.org or www.carlstadtlibrary.org

- **Afternoon Crafts for Crafters - Live!** The Carlstadt Library welcomes fellow crafters, live, at the Carlstadt Civic Center on Wednesday, November 10 at 6:30 p.m. Come experience the fun of diamond painting! All kits are provided by the Carlstadt Library. This program is for adults ages 18 and older. The Carlstadt Civic Center is located at 425 4th Street in Carlstadt. Masks are required. Please register,
- **As the Page Turns - Book Club.** Calling fellow bookworms! Discuss the novel "Good Company" by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney on Wednesday, November 17 at 7 p.m. This meeting will take place on Zoom. A Zoom link will be e-mailed after registering.
- Copes are available at the Circulation Desk. Carlstadt residents can access the eBook or audiobook on Hoopla and Libby! Please register.

- **Make-It-and-Take-It - Crafts for Kids.** The Carlstadt Library welcomes children of all ages for a monthly make-it-and-take-it craft. This month’s pick-up is an adorable turkey banner. Kits will be available at the Library from Monday, November 1 through Tuesday, November 30, while supplies last. Call 201-438-8866 for more information.

- **Music with Miss Nita.** The Carlstadt Library welcomes Miss Nita at the Carlstadt Village Green on Thursday, November 4 and November 18 at 10:30 a.m. for songs, rhymes, movement and instrument play. This event is weather permitting. In the case of inclement weather, enjoy this event on the Carlstadt Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/carlstadt07072/>

This program is for ages 6 months to 5 years. Please register for each session.

- **Hoopla.** The Carlstadt Library offers its patrons free access to Hoopla, a free digital media service. Patrons may borrow movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics and TV shows with no waiting, and watch them on phones, tablets or TVs. With the convenient Hoopla Digital app and channel, and thousands of titles to choose from, the public library is available 24/7! For more information on how to access this service, please visit carlstadtlibrary.org ###

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

A partial list of unacceptable materials includes: unlabeled wastes or containers

with unknown contents, regulated medical wastes, radioactive materials and explosives, containers larger than five gallons, compressed cylinders (*oxygen or acetylene*), pressure treated lumber or railroad ties, computers, electronics and tires.

For detailed information log onto www.bcua.org or call 201-807-5825.

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Historically Speaking

By James J. Halloran



The Halloween Connection

New Jersey is alleged to have a number of supernatural phenomena, ranging from the Jersey Devil of Smithville to Hookerman in Flanders.

However, the State is best known for two now famous locations. Camp Cristal Lake, of the movie "Friday the 13th," was filmed at Camp NO-BE-BO-SCO in Hardwick. The other location is the town of Grovers Mill, in the Township of West Windsor. You possibly have never heard of this place. However, on Halloween Eve of 1938, it drew the attention of over one million people.

In 1938, before television, the Internet, YouTube and the iPhone, the radio was the main form of home entertainment. A young radio personality, named Orson Welles, had a program, on CBS radio, called the "Mercury Theatre on the Air." This was a live program.

Mr. Welles wished to do an updated version of the sci-fi classic "War of the Worlds."

One of his writers was Howard Koch. It is alleged that Howard put a road map of New Jersey on the table and closed his eyes, then stabbed the map with a pencil. He hit Grovers Mill. This became the location of the onset of the Martian invasion.

The program began at 8 p.m. with supposed orchestra music from a ballroom of a

plush New York hotel. The program was interrupted with a news bulletin from an observatory claiming activity on the planet Mars.

This was later followed up with a report of a landing of a strange object at Grovers Mill. On scene reports were describing the object disgorging another object with long legs. Additional news flashes described the annihilation of units of the New Jersey National Guard and the spreading of a black poisonous fog.

A number of people tuning in late to the program did not realize this was just a radio drama. Police switchboards began to become overloaded with frantic calls, some of which were reports of people seeing little green men. It was reported that there was a traffic jam in both directions on US Route 1. This was because people were fleeing in one direction and others were going to see the Martians!

Because this was broadcasted nationwide, people in New York, Philadelphia and Boston started to panic. Firearms were loaded by grim homeowners to protect family and property. The water tower in Grovers Mill was found to have been riddled with bullet holes, fired at it in the mistaken belief that it was a Martian attack device.

Mr. Welles swore to the press that it was only an innocent mistake. However, in later years, he hinted that this was his Halloween prank. ###

Many a small thing has been made large by the right kind of advertising. Mark Twain.

Real Estate Insight

By Mary Ellen Courtney



Housing Market – Returning to Normal?

Earlier this year, buyers eager to flee NYC and other big cities were making full-price, contingency-free offers on homes without even bothering to see them. That seems to be much less the case in today's real estate marketplace and researchers say that the metro exodus trend appears to have largely spent itself out altogether.

Also less frequent are the bidding wars that were so commonplace only a few months ago. According to Zillow analysts, the typical buyer these days is making just two offers before one was accepted. And most buyers, 88% - again, according to the Zillow report - also added an inspection contingency to their contract. That makes us all breathe a little easier!

"Our 2021 survey of buyers found buying a home got more challenging in the past year, but many buyers were ultimately successful in landing a home without taking unnecessary risks," said Manny Garcia, a Zillow population scientist. "Most buyers continue to get inspections, and sellers appear to prioritize higher offers over waived inspections."

Sellers, though, are continuing to get higher prices. The S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller Index shows that home prices rose a record 19.7% year-over-year in September, mainly because the supply of available homes has fallen to record lows.

Despite the continuing shortage of available homes, Zillow's spokesperson Garcia said most buyers are able to purchase a home by doing their research, making trade-offs, and "considering a diverse array of options."

The Zillow report also showed that repeat buyers are having an easier time navigating the current market than people buying their first homes, mainly because of record-high home prices. Repeat buyers have thousands of dollars in equity from the sale of their previous house to fund their down payment.

Unfortunately, first-time buyers often struggle to accumulate enough cash for a down payment. They also are - sadly less successful in submitting a winning bid. About two-thirds of first-time buyers submit more than one offer, say the experts, compared to 54% of repeat buyers.

Like the auto industry, real estate adapted quickly during the first months of the pandemic. Agents quickly emphasized online video tours of homes to overcome COVID-19 fears of both buyers and sellers. This year, most buyers personally visited a home before putting in an offer and were much more likely than in 2020 to attend an open house. In fact, this year's typical buyer visited three open houses, an increase from 2019.

But, as we in the industry constantly stress, it's important to remember that all real estate is local. Conditions in one housing market may not apply

in another, even when they're only a few towns apart (Bergen County - a prime example). A great many buyers hear horror stories from friends and family about the "general" housing market which makes it vitally important for us to educate buyers about our local market. This is the only way that they can make the best decision for their family.

Buyers still strongly prefer in-person tours, but the technically advanced virtual ones have gained permanent popularity lately; they will continue to be an effective tool that is favored by both buyers and sellers. There's no doubt that watching a video tour of a home helps a buyer narrow down the list of potential houses to be visited in person. And that's a good thing in today's still pandemic wary environment...

Mary Ellen Courtney is Broker Sales Manager, Terrie O'Connor Realtors -- The Gateway Group ###

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Leisure Club
Learns About
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On October 13, 2021, Hasbrouck Heights Leisure Club welcomed Bergen County Prosecutor, Mark Musella, accompanied by Lieutenant Jason Horstra.

The topic was about scams played on vulnerable seniors. Why: Seniors are part of the Greatest Generation, they are trusting, hard working and have sacrificed. And an easy target for scammers.

Some of the scams are perpetuated by telephone, Internet, repair contractors and many others.

Mark cautioned seniors to never give out any personal information to anyone soliciting or, allow anyone with a uniform or badge to enter the home for any reason. Call the Police or company they supposedly represent.

Solicitors must register with the local Police Department. It's the law!

Legitimate organizations such as Social Security or IRS will never call on the telephone.

These days so many charities are asking for donations; If you choose to donate, call the organizations directly.

Mark really gave lots more great examples, too numerous to list. Leaflets were available with all the information and examples of scams, and phone numbers to call if anyone believed he or she was a victim of fraud.

President June Raymond thanked Mark for a very interesting and informative afternoon.

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, November 10, 2021, Annual Thanksgiving Dinner provided by **The Costa Family**, at the Senior Center.
- December 8: Christmas Party at The Venetian, 546 River Drive, Garfield, from noon to 4 p.m. Music provided by DJ Jimmy Dee. Put on your dancing shoes and let's celebrate. Details to follow. Stay well! *Provided by Gladys Gamble. ###*

Carlstadt Senior
Friendship Club

This is a really interesting place to meet new and old friends and neighbors and make connections. You will not be disappointed, guaranteed.

We have lined up interesting events at our regular meeting days by inviting veteran guest speakers to give updated information and entertainment too. We follow protocols of CDC to be on safe side.

We are planning for more varieties of programs, such as cultural events, hands on art and craft, musical events and much more. Please do not hesitate to make suggestions for future activities. *Provided by Yogi Shah. ###*

ER Seniors

Any East Rutherford senior resident interested in joining the Club, meetings are held at 1 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at the Senior Civic Center, 37 Vreeland Avenue. Refreshments are served. There are special events and parties throughout the year. Free blood-pressure screenings - on the 4th Tuesday of the month beginning at 11:30 a.m. Membership is \$10 per year. Contact Debbie for membership at 201-803-4708 and Josephine for trips at 201-981-6284.

• **Resorts World Catskills Casino**, Monticello, NY. \$35 pp. includes casino voucher. November 3, 2021. Bus leaves 9:30 a.m. *###*

The only way to keep your health is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like, and do what you'd rather not. *Mark Twain.*

Moonachie
Senior Citizens
Club is Open

The members of the Moonachie Senior Citizens Club are a wonderful group of young at heart resilient people, who continuously look on the bright side of life, a future filled with happiness and good health.

Any seniors living in Moonachie, who are at least 60 years young, may join our Club. The dues are only \$10 a year, payable at our first meeting in January of every year.

At several of our meetings, we will have speakers on interesting topics and some form of entertainment. After every meeting, you will receive a small, tasty Club sandwich, a cup of tea or coffee, and some pastry. At the end of the year, you will also enjoy a Christmas party, at a local restaurant. Attending our monthly meetings, with your friends and neighbors will be a lot more exciting and entertaining than staying home and watching boring television.

Anyone from Moonachie who might be interested in joining our Club, please call Roxane at 201-807-1085. *Provided by Charles Pallas. ###*

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Citizens Club
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Every Thursday is Fun Day. We have a pool table, shuffleboard and Bingo.

Plus, we usually have entertainment at most of the meetings.

We are located at 22 Walnut Street, Lodi. For more information call 973-472-6994. Hope to see all you Lodi Seniors. *###*

Woman's Club
of Carlstadt

The Woman's Club of Carlstadt will meet for "Friendship Night," on November 5, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., at the Carlstadt Presbyterian Church Community Hall, Division and Third.

Guests are welcome. Come and learn more about our Club. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

For more information contact Janet at 201-438-5892. *###*

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Lodi House Fire Draws 3 Alarms

Just before 6 p.m. on Monday, October 18, 2021, the Lodi Fire Department responded to a house fire on Westervelt Place, Lodi. Upon arrival, there was

heavy fire on the first floor of the house. Several animals were rescued from the house and all are ok. It quickly became two alarms with a third

for coverage.

Mutual Aid assisting on the scene were Hasbrouck Heights and Wallington Fire Departments.

Companies from Saddle Brook, Rochelle Park and Wood-Ridge covered Lodi Fire Headquarters. No injuries reported. *Photos provided by Damien Danis. ###*



Fire Prevention Night

On October 1, 2021, it was Carlstadt Fire Prevention Night at the Jefferson Street Firehouse. There were information-

al handouts, displays, hands-on training, smoke house and plenty of hot dogs. *Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



Patti Bonczkowski, Wallington resident and author of "Alzheimer's, My Mother and Me - A Daughter's Memoir" participated in the Bergen-Passaic Alzheimer's Walk on October 17, 2021.

Her book provides advice on how to deal with your stressful daily situation of taking care of a loved one with Alzheimer's.

The book is available on Amazon.com ###



Halloween scenes from Lodi. *Photos by Patti Bonczkowski. ###*





WRFD Annual Inspection

The Wood-Ridge Fire Department held their Annual Inspection on October 2, 2021. Department personnel were in full dress uniform.

The program began with the Salute to the Flag, and roll call by Department Secretary Gregory Gorab.

Firefighter Vincent Giordano received the Meritorious Service Medal for assisting in the rescue of a firefighter, preventing him from falling through a large hole in the second floor.

Lt. Daniel O'Beirne received two Exceptional Service Medals: One for pulling a driver from a burning truck on the NJ Turnpike and extinguishing the flames on the driver. The second for assisting in the rescue of three women who were trapped in an SUV that struck a tree and tumbled down a hill on the NJ Turnpike. He, along with other first responders, removed the victims from the vehicle and provided immediate medical care.

Remarks were made by Fire Chief Ken Schulz, Mayor Paul Sarlo and Councilman Ezio Altamura. The equipment and headquarters were presented for inspection and Department personnel were available to answer any questions.

The Department was dismissed. The event was attended by local officials and several Mutual Aid Chiefs. ###

W-R Kids
Enjoy Fire
Engine Rides

On Sunday, October 10, 2021, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Wood-Ridge Fire Department Headquarters, over 300 residents enjoyed fire engine rides around town on an actual fire truck. Visitors were treated to donuts and apple cider, and saw a short film on fire prevention. ###



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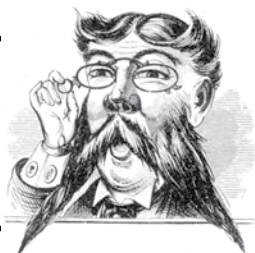


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