Sacred Steel from the Twin Towers during dedication and remembrance service on the 10th Anniversary of 9-11 at the Hasbrouck Heights Firemen's Memorial. See the story about these twin beams on page 2. See scenes of our areas’ remembrance services on pages 20-21.
Sacred Steel

On August 11, 2011, the Hasbrouck Heights DPW with Police escort, went to Hangar 17 at JFK Airport to accept two, 8-foot, 350 pound steel beams retrieved from the Twin Towers. Deacon Paul Carris blessed the artifacts and DPW reverently covered them with an American Flag.

After passing the Firemen’s Memorial, they were taken to Borough Hall for a brief viewing by officials. The beams were transported to the DPW garage, where Steve Daus fabricated a 300 lb. base.

On Friday, August 19, the DPW transported the “Twin Beams” to their resting place.

About 16,200 lbs. of concrete was poured to secure the base. The dedication of The Memorial was held during the evening of September 11, 2011.

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Offer expires October 31, 2011

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MDA at VFW -- End of an Era

Thank You Party Was Held September 4

Hunter’s Moon

The October full moon appears on Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at 10:07 p.m. It is called the “Full Hunter’s Moon.”

According to “The Farmer’s Almanac,” with the leaves falling and the deer fattened, it is time to hunt.

Since the fields have been reaped, hunters can easily see fox and other animals which have come out to glean.

Other names for this moon include “Full Travel Moon,” and “Full Dying Grass Moon.”

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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The 46th Muscular Dystrophy Telethon squeezed 21-1/2 hours into six prime-time hours on Sunday night, September 4, 2011, from 6 p.m. to midnight. MDA converted their regional phone pledge service to a central location -- thus eliminating the need for the VFW Post 4591 operation which has served Northern NJ, Monmouth and Ocean Counties, Manhattan and Staten Island for 40 years.

The Ciavaglia Family and VFW Post 4591 hosted a “Thank You” farewell party on September 4 which was attended by several hundred volunteers and supporters.

The Hasbrouck Heights Garden Club will be meeting on October 20, 2011, at 6:45 p.m. in the Municipal Building located at 320 Boulevard. The meeting is held on the second floor in The Library Meeting Room. They have several members from other towns who have joined.

The public is always welcome as guests or to become members. The programs, speakers and day trips have always been a great success.

The meetings have been well attended, so please feel free to come and join them and bring a friend. For further information, please contact Judy at 201-288-2615. ###
Veterans Dance November 4
VFW Post 809 and American Legion Post 310 will host a Veterans Dance on Friday, November 4, 2011, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. $25 per person and includes DJ, food, beer, wine and soda. The event will be held at the VFW Post 809, 100 Main Street, Little Ferry. Help us open the facility to meet one another and for the community to thank those who helped protect our country. For more information call 201-641-9740 or 201-641-9774. ###

Turkey Dinner November 15
Bring your friends and enjoy a delicious homemade dinner including turkey, stuffing, cranberry relish, mashed potatoes, candied sweets, vegetable du jour, pumpkin dessert, coffee, tea, and cold drinks on Saturday, October 15, 2011, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The buffet style, all-you-can-eat dinner is sponsored by The Guild for Reformed Church Women of the First Reformed Church. Cost is $15.00 for adults and $5 for children under 10.

PTO Carnival October 15
On Saturday, October 15, 2011, from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m., the R.L. Craig School PTO will host a Carnival behind the gym. There will be rides, games, food, baked goods, pumpkin decorating, etc. Entertainment will include bands "Fastforward" and "Calm B4 the Storm." ###

Tricky Tray to Benefit Little Ferry First Aid Corps
The South Bergen Rotary will be having a Pasta Dinner/Tricky Tray fund raiser on Friday, October 14, 2011, at the Little Ferry VFW.

FOCAS Flea Market
FOCAS will hold a Flea Market on Saturday, October 22, 2011, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, October 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the American Legion, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry. This market features specialty items that make unique gifts, a selection of household items, jewelry, collectibles, electronics, linens, games, toys, pet supplies, cds/videos, and more. Refreshments and baked goods are available.

AC Bus Trips
The VFW sponsors Atlantic City Bus Trips on the last Wednesday of the month. Bus departs at 10:30 a.m. and returns at about 9:00-9:30 p.m. Proceeds are used to help defray building expenses. Call the Post for more information at 201-288-1112. ###

Beefsteak/Auction October 14
The Annual Carlstadt Soccer Benefit Fundraiser Beefsteak/Auction will be held on Friday, October 14, 2011, starting at 7 p.m. at The First Presbyterian Church in Carlstadt.

Beefsteak Dinner on Saturday, October 15, 2011.
2 a.m. Tickets are $25 per person and includes Oktoberfest. For more information call Massimo at 201-456-3445 or Kelly at 201-334-2408. The event will benefit the St. Jude's Children Hospital. ###

Pancake Breakfast October 9 at VFW
Enjoy pancakes, eggs, sausage, hash browns, rolls, juice, coffee and tea on October 9, 2011, from 8 a.m. to noon. Hosted by VFW Post 2867, 340 Outwater Lane, Garfield. Donation is $6 at the door. For more info call 973-546-9790 on 973-772-4696. ###

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ICHS Class of '61
Reunion Oct. 2

The Class of 1961 of Immaculate Conception High School in Lodi will hold a 50th reunion on Sunday, October 2, 2011. The reunion will begin with a 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Felician Sisters’ Chapel followed by a tour of the school. A brunch will be held in the early afternoon at the Ivy Inn Restaurant in Hasbrouck Heights. Cost is approximately $20.

For more information call Nadine Mooers, Director of Institutional Advancement, at 973-472-7231 or nmooreoa@ichslodi.org.

Nadine Mooers, Director of

WRHS Reunion Class of 1976

Wood-Ridge High School Class of 1976 will hold their 35th reunion on Friday, November 25, 2011, at the Fiesta. The cocktail hour is from 7 to 8 p.m. and dinner, dancing and DJ is from 7 p.m. to midnight.

Cost is $75 per person and due by November 1. Make checks payable to Mary Tomat, 78 Hackensack Street, Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075.

Any question call Mary at 201-933-2361, or email: mine4ve@aol.com.

Two Local Square Dance Clubs Merge

The Western Wheelers square dance club of Oradell and His & Chix of Elmsford Park merged on September 24, 2011. They will remain as a single member of the Northern New Jersey Square Dancers Association (NNJSDA) under the name Western Wheelers/Hix & Chix.

Square dance has been the official dance of New Jersey since 1983.

The Club offers beginner lessons for a nominal fee. For those who cannot commit to weekly lessons, the NNJSDA is offering a “blast class weekend” November 4-6 at The Liebenthal Resort in Morris County.

Once the movements are learned, dancers can participate in events throughout the country and the world, because all dances are called in English using standard terminology. Western square dancing has evolved over the years.

Callers (dance leaders) now use all genres of music including country, folk, movie themes, and Broadway show tunes. Dance dress for women covers the gamut from traditional full skirts to prairie dresses, and slacks. Square dancing still offers great exercise and good friends at a modest fee.

For more information about square dance lessons and local clubs, visit www.NNJSDA.org.

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Starless Concert
October 22

Lodi Memorial Library will be hosting an outdoor performance by the band "Starless" on Saturday, October 22, 2011, from 3:30-5 p.m. as part of their Local Band Night performance series. Starless is a local progressive rock band that performs shows all over New Jersey. The show is free and refreshments will be provided. No registration is necessary. For more information, please call Christina Park at 973-365-4044 ext. 5.

Matinee Films at Lodi Library
Lodi Memorial Library will be running Wednesday Matinee Films for Adults in October, featuring free movies and refreshments. No registration is necessary. The film calendar is as follows:

• Wednesday, October 12, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.: "Horrible Bosses," Rated PG-13
• Wednesday, October 26, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.: "The Trip," Unrated.

Rotary Holds Beefsteak & Auction

The Mid-Bergen Rotary Club will hold their Annual Beefsteak and Charity Fundraiser on Thursday, November 17, 2011, at The Hasbrouck Heights Holiday Inn. The public is invited.

The doors open at 6:30 p.m. for Tricky Tray ticketing of auction prizes. Last year’s prizes included televisions, DVD players, household items, food baskets, artwork, gift certificates, computers, etc.

At 8 p.m., participants enjoy a beefsteak dinner, music, dancing and prizes galore. Tickets are $50.00 per person.

This is their 2010-2011 Annual Fall Fund Raiser for the Gift of Life and other community projects such as the

Dictionary Project (awarding dictionaries to local 3rd Grade students), Habitat for Humanity (Paterson), Bergen County Boy Scouts, Faith Foundation (Hackensack, NJ Advocate for the local homeless), Clean Water Projects (helping needy countries have fresh drinking water), etc.

Cash and gift item donations of $25 or more are welcome. For ticket information or to arrange a donation pick up, call Charlie Paduch at 201-288-9600 ext. 7700, Ruth Nebiar at 973-699-7419, or Carl Hassett at 201-896-4800.

The Mid-Bergen Rotary Club meets 12:15 p.m. every Tuesday at the Holiday Inn, 233 Route 17S, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ.
22nd Annual Lego Contest

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights is celebrating its 22nd year of “Leggo my Lego,” a building contest for families. This special annual event will be held on Friday, November 4, 2011, from 7-9 p.m., in The Library at 320 Boulevard. All ages are welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult. There will be professional architects and local “celebrities” on hand to judge the contests. Entries must be original (no instructions or kits) and built in the Library on Lego Night. Participants may work in groups of up to 6 people, and will be judged in several age groups. Participants must bring their own Legos. Entertainment and prizes are being provided by The Friends of The Hasbrouck Heights Library. Registration for the program began on September 19. You are welcome to register in person, by phone 201-288-0488 or online at www.hasbrouckheights.bccls.org.

Don’t miss this night of creativity and fun! ***

Teens who are enrolled in Grades 7 through 12 are invited to participate in the Teen Reader’s Club at The Hasbrouck Heights Public Library. This club meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 7-8:30 p.m. and provides teens with an opportunity to talk about books, eat snacks, play games, and make new friends.

Celebrate Teen Read Week!

The Hasbrouck Heights Public Library will celebrate Teen Read Week (October 16-22) with programs and events aimed at encouraging area teens to read for the fun of it. Thousands of libraries, schools, bookstores across the country will hold similar events centered on this year’s theme, Picture It! @ Your Library, which encourages teens to explore the variety of materials, including graphic novels, movies, books about photography, and more.

A special showing of “Birthmark,” featuring Alex Pettyfer, Vanessa Hudgens, and Dakota Johnson will be shown for teens after school on Friday, October 21 at 3 p.m. The regularly scheduled Teen Reader’s Club, a book discussion and social event for teens will meet on Tuesday, October 25 from 7-8:30 p.m.

Career Transition Support and Networking Group

Lodi Memorial Library will be hosting a Career Transition Support & Networking Group, called Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors, every Monday night from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors is a weekly support and networking group for people conducting job searches that meets at local public libraries around Bergen County. For more information, please email John Fugazzie, the group coordinator, at johnfugazzie@aol.com, or call the Library Director at 973-365-4044 ext. 7. ***

Computer Workshops

The Lodi Memorial Library will be offering free computer and online job searching classes. Starting October 20, 2011, four four-hour classes will be taught at The Library on Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. by a professional computer instructor from Bergen Community College. No previous computer experience is necessary and computers will be provided.

To register, please email lodefrc@bccls.org or call Lodi Reference Librarian Christina Park at 973-365-4044 ext. 5. Participants are asked to stop in to The Library to provide a refundable $5 deposit before the start date to confirm their registration. The class series is scheduled as follows:

• Thursday, October 20, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., The Basics, Part One
• Thursday, October 27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., The Basics, Part Two
• Thursday, November 3, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., MS Word 2010, Part One
• Thursday, November 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., MS Word 2010, Part Two.

Lodi Memorial Library offers one hour computer class workshops for beginner and intermediate computer users. Workshops are offered weekly on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons to small groups. Classes are limited to four people per class, and preference will be given to Library members.

Please visit http://lodi.bccls.org/computer-classes.html to view the full class schedule. To register for workshops, please supply a $5 registration deposit with Christina Park at The Reference Desk, or call 973-365-4044 ext. 5. ***

Hasbrouck Heights Book & Bake Sale

The Friends of The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights is pleased to announce its Fall Book and Bake Sale on Saturday and Sunday, November 19 & 20, 2011, in the Senior Center located on the first floor through midday. Entrance is on Central Avenue.

Gently used books and media along with delicious homemade baked goods will be available for purchase. Hours are as follows: Saturday: 9 to 4 p.m. and Sunday: 11 to 4 p.m. Hardcover/Trade paperback books $1.00, Paperback books $.50, Media $1.00 and some specialty items individually priced.

Donations of books in good condition are now being accepted. Call The Library for details at 201-288-0488. ***

Lodi Library Book Sale

On Saturday October 15, 2011, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., The Friends of Lodi Memorial Library host their annual fall book sale.

The sale offers a large selection of gently used books, DVDs and CDs. Children, for all ages.

Lodi Library is located at One Memorial Drive in Lodi.

Proceeds from the sale support Library programs such as a Lodi High School graduate scholarship, the free Intrepid Museum pass, summer reading events and the purchase of special equipment.

Donations may be brought until Wednesday October 13, 2011, to the front desk. For more information call 973-365-4044. ***

Carlstadt Library Children’s Programs

The Carlstadt Public Library has started its craft and storytime programs:

• Lapsit - Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. for babies & toddlers.
• Storytime - Thursday at 10:30 a.m. for 1 & under. Thursday, 1 p.m. for Pre-K. Also, the annual Halloween parade will be held on Friday, October 28 at 3:30 p.m. (thru age 6).
• The Library will hold a “Country Hoedown” on Tuesday, November 16, 2011, at 3:30 p.m. This event will include banjo, dancing, and cowboy rope tricks! ***

Cooking with Miss Nina at The Carlstadt Library

For young adults, The Carlstadt Public Library will host "Cooking with Miss Nina" on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 7 p.m. Registration is required. ***

Little Ferry Public Library Children’s Fall Programs

• Princess Ball - All Girls 5 - 7 Years old, Scout Sunday, Every Tuesday - September 27 - 3:45 p.m.
• Story Hour - Ages 3 - 5 Years, Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m., September 27 to November 15
• Story Hour - Grades K - 3, Thursdays at 3:45 p.m., September 27 to November 17
• Mommy & Me - 0 - 2 Years, Thursdays at 11 a.m., September 28 to November 16
• Game Days, Wednesdays at 3:45 p.m., October 5, November 2
• Kids Movie, Wednesday at 3:45 p.m., October 12, November 2
• Halloween Sidewalk Art, Thursday, October 25 at 3:45 p.m.
• Halloween Craft - Grades K-4, Wednesday - October 26 at 3:45 p.m.
• Thanksgiving Craft - Grades K-4, Wednesday - November 22 at 3:45 p.m.

Registration required for all programs except movies and games at The Library or call 201-641-3721.

W-R Friends Book Sale

On Saturday, October 8, 2011, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., The Friends are holding a Book Sale at the Wood-Ridge Senior Center, adjacent to The Library.

The selection is large and varied; the quality is superb, and the prices are always low at The Friends’ Book Sale.

The Friends will hold meetings at The Library on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. on October 17, 2011 and November 14, 2011. All are welcome.

Delivery Dane

On Wednesday, October 12, 2011, from 7-8 p.m., The Carlstadt Public Library, 420 Hackensack Street, will hold their monthly Book Discussion Group meeting.

This month they will discuss “The Physiology of Deliverance Dane” by Katherine Howe. While looking through her grandmother’s house, Connie Goodwin discovers a key to an attic and a scrap of parchment bearing the name Deliverance Dane. In her quest to discover who this woman was and where the book went, Connie senses that she also may be tied to Salem’s past. Copies of the book are available at The Library for patrons to take out. Refreshments will be served, and all are welcome to attend! ***
Teterboro Composite Squadron Hosts Open House

Teens and adults interested in joining the Teterboro Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol held an Open House on September 6, 2011 at their Headquarters at Teterboro Airport.

The Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a non-profit organization with 58,000 members nationwide. CAP performs inland search and rescue missions, homeland security and disaster relief missions, etc. They members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to the more than 23,000 young people currently participating in CAP cadet programs.

For more information, visit www.njwgcap.org or email k_sands@msn.com.

Student Delegates Share Their Experiences

During the American Legion Post 97 meeting on Thursday, September 13, 2011, at the Wood-Ridge Senior Center, delegates from Boys and Girls State were present to speak about their experiences.

Their week at Rider College, from June 19 to 24, 2011, gave them the opportunity to not only learn about, but try to find solutions to the real life problems facing their municipalities, counties and the state as a whole. They heard councilmen, mayors, freeholders, county executives, assemblymen, senators, and Governor Chris Christie who all discussed the issues of their positions.

Corpus Christi School Welcomes Students for the 2011-2012 School Year

With the first few weeks of school now over, Corpus Christi students are back in the swing of things and are looking forward to an exciting new school year.

First Friday Mass will take place on October 7 at 9 a.m. Followed by a 12 noon dismissal and an Archdiocesan Back to School Mass at 2 p.m.

School will be closed on October 10 in observance of Columbus Day. School pictures will be taken on October 11 for Kindergarten through 7th Grade students.

Corpus Christi’s monthly Spirit Day will be held on October 12. Students are asked to wear pink and donate $1 toward Breast Cancer Awareness.

Parents gathered at Back to School Nights in September. They are encouraged to attend all Home School meetings during the school year, the next of which is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. These meetings offer a great opportunity to make suggestions, ask questions and be involved.

One of the best ways to get a true feel for a school is by visiting it. Preview Day on October 20 from 9 to 11 a.m. and again from 1 to 2 p.m. is a special Open House that allows parents to visit a class, meet with teachers, get all your questions answered, and tour both buildings.

School will be closed on Friday, October 21 for Deanery Faculty In-service.

Corpus Christi will be hosting a comedy night at Bananas Comedy Club in Hasbrouck Heights on October 21. This evening is sure to be fun for all who attend.

The month ends with a Halloween Parade on October 31 for the children in Pre-K through 2nd Grades.

For more information call the school office at 201-288-0614 or visit the school website at www.corpuschristischool.net. Story by Maria Grace Billings.

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There's still time to register for fall 2011 classes at Bergen Community College by taking advantage of "flex start" dates at the Philip Garzo Jr. Learning Center, 355 Main Street, Hackensack, and Bergen Community College at the Meadowlands, 1280 Wall Street West, Lyndhurst.

For assistance in registering for classes, visit with our professional counselors and registration staff in room A-129 at the main campus, 400 Paramount Road, Paramus.

"FLEX START" FALL 2011 SCHEDULE

Meadowlands: October 3 – December 23
Hackensack: October 26 – December 23

Visit www.bergen.edu/fall2011 to learn more.
Boy Scout Troop 181 of Wood-Ridge attended Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco in Blairstown, NJ for a week in July. This was the 11th summer the troop has gone to summer camp. Fifteen Scouts, ranging from 11 to 17 years old attended, with four adult leaders.

Each day was filled with various activities but the main focus of summer camp is earning merit badges (while having fun). The Scouts choose which badges they want to work on while still at home and spend the week filling the requirements for those badges. The Scouts also work on other requirements for awards they can earn.

Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco has a lot to offer during this week-long program. The Scouts learned to function as a team by competing in various Scout games involving knot tying, lashings, first aid, swimming, and canoeing. Every year the camp program is based on a theme; this year’s theme was “Super Heroes.” The Troop created their own costumes with the Wood-Ridge t-shirt created their own costumes and the new members of the Troop from the scavenger list. This means that the main Super Hero (actually one of the camp employees) became their waiter for the evening dinner, serving a whole roasted turkey.

During each competitive game, the Scouts had to demonstrate Scout spirit, Scout spirit, and Scout sportsmanship. One of the fun events was to create a rocket made from a 1 liter plastic soda bottle. Assistant Scoutmasters Eagle Scout Chris Luna and Eagle Scout Daniel Albano created a replica of the Space Shuttle Atlantis. Cub Scout colors of yellow and blue with the Boy Scout Troop number were chosen to honor the new members of the Troop that came from Wood-Ridge Cub Scout Pack 183. Thanks to the effort put in by the Troop, it won second place.

The members of Troop 181 earned a combined total of 39 merit badges, half of which are required to earn the Eagle Scout award.

- Francis Agudelo earned Archaeology, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the World, and Communications.
- Matthew Clerkin earned Archaeology, Scouting Heritage, American Heritage, and Art.
- Cory Diuro earned Swimming, Small Boat Sailing, and Archery.
- Jared Kostialik earned Mammal Study, and Nature.
- Matthew Kribs earned Rowing, Small Boat Sailing, Canoeing, and First Aid.
- Gerard Londino earned First Aid, Camping, Small Boat Sailing, and Shotgun Shooting.
- Louis Moccia earned Swimming, and Small Boat Sailing.
- Dylan O’Byrne earned First Aid, Camping, Citizenship in the World, and Communications.
- Sean Porteous earned Small Boat Sailing, and Wood Carving.
- Matthew Rojas earned Camping, and Shotgun Shooting.
- Nicholas Sancillio earned Small Boat Sailing, Swimming, and Archery.
- Yovany Tamargo earned First Aid, Wood Carving, and Horsemanship.

Like other Boy Scout Camps, Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco is enriched with values of Scouting. The Scouts slept in 2-person tents and enjoyed the outdoor camping experience. They swam in the lake, went to the rifle range, practiced archery, hiked through the woods, enjoyed the campfires. One Scout, Matthew Kribs, and one adult, Assistant Scoutmaster Chris Luna, completed the Mile Swim, for which they earned an award.

Each Scout brought home memories that will last a lifetime.

If you are interested in joining the Scouting program, call Luis Agudelo 201-438-2113. Scouts meet every Wednesday night from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the Wood-Ridge Civic Center. Story and photos provided by Barry Goldman.
Exciting and Innovative Changes at Immaculate Conception High School!

Immaculate Conception High School (ICHHS) has recently experienced many new and exciting changes. Mr. Joseph Azzolino will now serve as the President and Principal of ICHHS.

Mr. Joseph Azzolino is an alumnus of Don Bosco Prep (1988), Davidson College (1992-Bachelor's Degree in History), and Saint Peter's College (1995-Master of Arts in Teaching). He started his career at ICHHS in September 1995 as a teacher.

In September 1997 Mr. Azzolino was named Vice-Principal. He became the Business Administrator in 1999, Principal in 2010, and President/Principal in 2011. Mr. Azzolino coached Varsity Basketball from 1996 to 2000 and Varsity Softball from 2000 to 2007. Mr. Azzolino's appointment brings great energy to the school. This new energy is transparent even before entering the building with a new digital marquee sign flashing brilliantly along South Main Street in Moonachie.

Inside, a brand new Media Center is equipped with 20 new Lenovo All-in-One Computers. Lockers have been upgraded with new Lexan handles, the auditorium stage was refinished, and the gymnasium and other public areas have been freshly painted and polished.

Another exciting and progressive change is the new block scheduling commencing with the upcoming school year. Block scheduling enables teachers to use a variety of instructional approaches, and it decreases the number of class changes for students enabling teachers to develop closer relationships with their students. Block scheduling will also allow students to participate in internships to engage in experiential learning, as well as increase elective opportunities.

Immaculate Conception High School's affiliation with the Felician Sisters, as well as its Collegiate Academy Program with Felician College, makes it a progressive institution in High School Education in Bergen County. ICHHS educates and transforms students into young women of competence, compassion, and commitment in a Catholic Felician-Franciscan tradition of leadership and service.

The next Open House is on October 23, 2011 at noon. Please contact Mrs. Sara Simon, Director of Enrollment Management, at 973-773-2665 or s Simon@ichlodi.org. If you would like more information about ICHHS please contact Nadine Mooers, Director of Institutional Advancement, at 973-472-7231. ###

Moonachie School District 100 Years of Pride

(Editor's Note: In celebration of the Robert L. Craig School's 100th Anniversary, over the course of the next few issues, The Gazette Newspaper is providing a multi-part reflection. The following is a reflection by Allan Weissman who served the district from 1969 to 2008.

Moonachie Over the Years

Arriving here in 1969 with the late Mr. Floyd Henderson, we began teaching at the James A. McKinney School, a four-room school house, located across the road from a yard with a chicken coop.

Our teaching companions were Mrs. Lolita Hanniver and Mr. Francis Raftery (later Superintendent in the District). Mentored by Mr. Edward G. Terragni, Sr., we began to learn the profession and the personality of the town, which was tough, traditional working class, but fair.

For the first few years, our gymnasium was the asphalt playground for softball and soccer. Mrs. Carol Walters would arrive a few weeks later with his AV cart, dubbed the Art Cart. Children went home for lunch, unless they were bus students. At graduation, the 8th Graders were awarded their diplomas outside Mrs. Martin's kindergarten room at the Craig School, with Miss Jane playing the piano, as long as it was not a spinet.

Modernization arrived a few years afterward, as a gymnasium was added to the end of the Craig School and the entire school was now under one roof on West Park Street. Mr. Dante P. Zirpoli, the original principal of the district, had retired.

We of the McKinney School adjusted to our new situation among the larger Moonachie faculty, sometimes missing our autonomy in the old building.

Over the years the district grew from a rural town with factory lots (and the accompanying low taxes) to a suburban town sandwiched between Teterboro Airport and the newly named Meadowlands. Yet during those years, the opportunity to know the families personally made the school part of the fabric of the town. It was, indeed, one big family. Those children who were in those first classes of the late 1960s are the adults who today are the town elders. ###

School's Open Drive Carefully

Homework Club

Care on the Corner announces the Homework Club for children in grades Kindergarten - 5. Classes will be offered on Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; began September 22, 2011 (classes will not be held on school holidays). Students are asked to bring current Language Arts (Reading, Spelling and Phonics), Math, Social Studies and Science (other than experiments) homework assignments in which help is needed.

The group meets at the Care Center, 333 Franklin Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. Call the Care Center at 201-288-9460 to register. There is a $15 registration fee. Scholarships are available. Jean R. Giarrata (NJ Certified Teacher) will be the coordinator. ###

Art Through Fun

Care on the Corner is offering an art program for children in Grades 2 - 5.

Art Through Fun, imaginative and colorful projects, do not require good drawing or cutting skills.

Learn about mixing colors; create masks, tissue collages and cityscapes. The program will develop better art skills and confidence.

Preview of projects are on display at the Care Center, 333 Franklin Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ. The group meets on Fridays from 3:30 p.m. – 6 p.m. beginning October 14, 2011, through November 18.

Everyone is invited to the exhibition on Friday, November 18 at 7:30 p.m. The group meets at the Care Center. Call the Care Center at 201-288-9460 to register. There is a $25 materials fee. Scholarships are available. ###
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Dr. Jill Mortimer, the Superintendent/Principal of the Robert L. Craig School, is planning some new initiatives for the 2011-2012 school year. “I am very excited about my new position, and I look forward to working with all of the stakeholders. My entry plan centers on two main, systemic changes that will support increased student achievement. I want to make changes that are transformative, not additive. School improvement does not necessarily arise out of innovations or new programs. I am in the process of examining the school’s testing data to uncover patterns. I will then identify instructional priorities based upon this information,” Mortimer said.

The district goals that are planned include the following:
1. Develop and implement a proactive, systemic system for assisting students who are struggling with academic achievement.
2. Continue the process toward the full implementation of the Reading and Writing Workshop Model in Grades K-8.
3. Ensure that our curricula meet the requirements of the new common core standards.
4. Engage in formative assessment training for staff and increase the frequency of its use.
5. Develop a plan to maximize the efficiency of the master schedule and staffing assignments.
6. Improve student, staff and community access to technology.

The school goals planned include the following:
1. Implement a School Safety Team and meet all of the requirements set forth in the revised Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Policy.
2. Establish a School Discipline Committee to review the consequences for misbehavior and make recommendations for improvement.
3. Implement the use of small group instruction based upon students’ individual needs.
4. Infuse the 21st Century Life and Careers and Technology core curriculum content standards into the curricula.

Mortimer said, “As Superintendent and Principal, I plan to continually develop the capacity to create the district’s desired future. Every school, and organization, for that matter, is set to achieve exactly what it is achieving. They key is to examine those structures and modify them, if necessary.”

Several new staff members have joined the school this year. A description of each person follows.

• Lauren Odoksa – Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction: Odoksa comes from the Upper Saddle River Schools, where she taught for six years. Last year, she was the Basic Skills/Enrichment teacher and prior to that, she was both a first and second grade teacher. Odoksa was a Reading and Writing Workshop Model classroom teacher. Representatives from visiting districts came to her classroom to see how to implement the program effectively. That same program is in use in our school. She has a Master of Education in Educational Leadership, a Master of Arts in Teaching, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Law and Society.

• Linda Mikulka – middle school Language Arts: Last year, Mikulka was a middle school Language Arts teacher in Scotch Plains and Allenade. Prior to that, she taught 7th grade Language Arts in both River Edge and Ridgefield. Mikulka also has been formally trained in the Reading and Writing Workshop Model. She has a Master of Science in Literacy and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology.

• Joanne Talamini - middle school Math: Talamini just spent three years working as a research analyst for Dow Jones & Company. Prior to that, she was a middle school Math teacher in Hawthorne for two years. She is also a graduate of the Robert Craig School. Talamini has a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics.

• Daniel Johnson – Music: Johnson comes from the Burch Charter School in Irvington, where he taught Music for the past three years. Prior to that, he worked in the Little Ferry school district as a Music teacher for 16 years. He also teaches private drum lessons. Johnson has a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Jazz Performance.

• Kim Samarelli – One to One Aide: Samarelli has been a substitute teacher at our school for the past two years. She has experience as a first grade teacher as well. She has a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology.

• Melissa McGorry – Pre-school Disabilities: McGorry has worked at the Robert L. Craig School since September 2007 as a reading specialist in the Pre-K and Multiply Disabled K-3 classes. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and was part of the Bloomfield College Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society in Education. McGorry is State certified in both Pre-school through Third Grade and Special Education. She is well versed in the Curiosity Corner curriculum that is in place in the Pre-K class.

• Laura Simpson – Reading Specialist: Simpson will be working in the district as a Reading Specialist. She has worked with students who struggle with literacy for the past 18 years. Most recently, she was a reading specialist in the Dumont School district. Simpson has a Master of Science degree in Reading and a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and Special Education.

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• Jessica Greco – Paraprofessional: Greco has experience as an inclusion teacher for Language Arts and Math in Closter and as an in-class support teacher in Englewood Cliffs. She has a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology. She is certified as an Elementary Education teacher and a Teacher of Students with Disabilities.

• Michael Formisano – Teacher of Students with Disabilities: Formisano is an employee of the South Bergen Jointure Commission, and she will be providing Speech services. 

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Halloween In The Park

Woodland Park will be invaded by ghosts, goblins, aliens and assorted scary characters on the evening of Tuesday, October 18, 2011 (rain date: Thursday, October 20). Last year, over 600 participated in this event. Halloween in the Park will begin at 6 p.m. and conclude at 9:30 p.m. Every 15 minutes, two hayride trailers will take turns collecting riders at the Harrison Avenue end of the pavilion and go around to the back section of the park where they will be frightened by a variety of terrifying citizens of the night. Youngsters should sign up for the earlier time slots as the frint stages will be less scary.

After the horrific experience ride, they can escape at the Roosevelt Avenue end of the pavilion — where they will be treated to cider and cookies. The pavilion fireplace will be warm and glowing. Music will be provided by “Fun Time Entertainments.” Organizations are invited to “set-up” and operate a fright station. Call Rob Brady at 201-288-4143 for details.

The event is sponsored by the Halloween Heights Recreation Department. Tickets are $5. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information call 201-288-4143.

Pumpkin Patch October 16

The Junior Women’s Club of Hasbrouck Heights invites all to attend the Pumpkin Patch, on Sunday, October 16, 2011 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Woodland Park. Children up to age 7 (in costumes or Halloween attire), can pick and decorate a pumpkin. There will be trick or treat stations, face painting, crafts, sand art, refreshments, etc. Cost is $10 per child. Ticket required to participate. Contact Lori at 201-321-5274 or ljef@aol.com.

Rain location is the Senior Center of the Hasbrouck Heights Municipal Building. All proceeds help fund local charities and scholarships.

18th Annual Boulevard Window Painting Contest

Area residents can stroll The Boulevard during late October 2011 where local businesses, in conjunction with the three grammar school PTAs, will sponsor the 18th Annual Halloween Window Painting Contest.

On October 19, 2011 (rain date: October 21), over 300 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade students will paint a Halloween themed illustration on a space provided by Boulevard businesses.

Graphics will be judged upon originality and artistic expression.

Winners from each grade will receive 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Ribbons. All participants receive ribbons.

Event is sponsored by: Hasbrouck Heights Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the 2011 Home School Association (Corpus Christi), and Lincoln and Euclid PTAs.

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Halloween Treat Tip
Children shouldn’t snack while they’re out trick-or-treating. They should wait until they get home and parents have had a chance to inspect the goodies. To help prevent children from munching, give them a snack before they go. ###

Halloween Crafts for Teens and Adults
The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights will sponsor a fun-filled afternoon for teens and adults to create a special Halloween-themed craft. Using mini pumpkins as a base, you will create imaginative results with shapes from felt, feathers, glitter, paint, and even candy. The craft project will be held on Wednesday afternoon, October 19, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Halloween is right around the corner so here is an opportunity to get in the mood. This craft activity for teens and adults will immediately follow the regularly scheduled “Crafts-to-Share” Club.

To join in this event, please register by calling 201-288-0485 or log on to http://hasbrouckheights.bccls.org and go to calendar. ###

Fictional Meeting of Bram Stoker and Edgar Allan Poe
On Wednesday, October 26, 2011, from 7-8 p.m., The Carlstadt Public Library will host the Traveling Literary Theater who will prepare you for Halloween by acting out a fictional meeting of Bram Stoker and Edgar Allan Poe. Refreshments will be served, and all are welcome to attend! Call 201-438-8866 for more information or check the website, www.carlstadt.bccls.org.

The Carlstadt Public Library is located at 420 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt, NJ. ###

Kids on the Corner Performing Arts Program
Care on the Corner announces Kids on the Corner, a performing arts program for Grades 2 – 5.

Under the direction of Cindy Summers and choreographer, by Joan Columbo, participants will tell the stories of “Henny Penny” and “It’s Perfectly True.”

Cindy Summers is a 2006 graduate of the New Jersey School of Dramatic Arts acting program. She has been working with children for more than ten years and has been teaching for five years. She spent six years working in a preschool for children with special needs and she has taught the Ready, Set, Act! program at New Jersey School of Dramatic Arts for the last three years.

In 2010, she introduced the Young Actors Workshop to help further the effectiveness of the children’s program.

The group meets on Fridays from 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. beginning October 14, 2011, through November 18. Everyone is invited to the performance of these stories on Friday, November 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Note: This Halloween event may not be suitable for young children.

Honeydewons October 1
Enjoy “The Honeydewons,” Ralph’s surprise birthday party with audience participation, comedy, dancing, singing along in an up-tempo interactive rhythmic comedy where the audience joins Alice Camden in her hairbrained scheme to surprise Ralph.

Learn to dance “The Hucklebuck,” party with Ralph, Alice, Ed Morton and Trixie, and see the hilarious Hedgehog Lodge induction ceremony.

Presented by the St. Joseph’s Rosary Altar Society (East Rutherford) at 6:30 p.m. on October, 1, 2011, in the school auditorium.

Donation is $40 and includes hot buffet, soda, coffee and cake. For tickets, call Dolores at 201-939-5163. ###

Open Cockpit Day October 1
On Saturday, October 1, 2011, the Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum will open all aircraft and their cockpits for visitors to sit in, pretend to fly and experience real “hands on” cockpit understanding.

People, young and old, learn from qualified pilots; the history of these special aircraft, how the flight systems work, how pilots fly and what the controls and instruments do.

Aircraft include the cockpits of a unique 1950 Martin 202 airliner, a rare Lockheed-designed Bush Plane, a Cobra gun ship helicopter, a Sikorsky Coast Guard rescue helicopter and the control cab of an Airport Rescue and Fire-Fighting truck.

Admission is adults: $7/ children and seniors $5. ###

Sokol’s Haunted Hall
Be scared... every Halloween the Hall becomes even more gruesome and dangerous than before. Down the twisting corridors of the Lost Maze, Deadly Dungeon, Swamp of Bodies and the new Dark House... you may never return. This Halloween event may not be suitable for young children.

The event is scheduled for October 28, 29, 30 & 31, 2011, from 7:30 p.m. – 10 p.m. at American Sokol Hall, 14 Garden Street, Little Ferry. Further information, call 201-641-2233. ###

BYOP: Bring Your Own Pumpkin
BYOP to The Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library on Monday, October 24, 2011, from 7-8 p.m. for Pumpkin Painting.

Families can come and get creative with this great fall tradition. There will be plenty of paint and ideas. Space is limited, so please register by calling 201-288-0485 or log on to http://hasbrouckheights.bccls.org, or in person at 320 Boulevard. First preference is given to students of Hasbrouck Heights and their families. ###

Pumpkin Pick
On October 15, 2011, children up to Grade 4 can pick, paint and take home a pumpkin at the Little Ferry First Aid Building at Pickens and Main. Event is free to Little Ferry residents and includes a candy apple and goodie bag. Rain or shine. Sponsored by the Mayor and Council. ###

Halloween Photos Available
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Hasbrouck Heights, Oct, 2011: A local Bergen County real estate agent, who has been working with the banks has been able to have the banks accept less money than people owe on their mortgage. Manal Amer of CENTURY 21 Eudan Realty in Hasbrouck Heights, having been certified as a Certified Distressed Property Expert (CDPE) from the Distressed Property Institute, tells it like it is when she says: “There is NO REASON to give your house to the bank…Unless it’s on your terms!”

Ms. Amer works with home owners who may be facing foreclosure. In her time as a real estate agent and a CDPE, has had a very high success rate. Regardless if you have equity in your home or not, her skills in working with banks, are tremendous.

If you have equity in your house, she will sell your house at a discounted fee. (restrictions apply). If you do not have equity in your house, Amer will negotiate with the bank and let them accept less money than you owe. The property will be sold. With her efforts and expertise as a CDPE, it is possible to get your debt, on conclusion of the short sale process, reported as “paid as agreed.” You will, in most cases, owe the bank nothing. Also, the bank will pay her fee and possibly your attorney’s fee. This will preclude a foreclosure from being on your credit report for a long time, maybe even 10 years and you may not owe the bank any fees for deficiencies or losses that they have incurred.

For more information you can contact Manal via e-mail at manal.amer@verizon.net or phone her at 201-336-1565 for a no obligation professional, confidential and courteous consultation. All of your rights will be explained to you as well as detailing your options and provide you with solutions. As in all cases, you must also consult with an attorney as well as an accountant. (Please be advised that this is not or pretend to be a legal service)

The longer one waits the more difficult it is to work with a bank!
Protect Your Family From Fire
Fire Prevention Week October 9 - 15

What’s the best way to protect your family from fire? Be ahead of the game, of course. Area Fire Departments are teaming up with NFPA during October 9-15, 2011, to let our community know: “It’s Fire Prevention Week. Protect your Family from Fire!”

This year’s campaign focuses on preventing the leading causes of home fires – cooking, heating and electrical equipment, as well as candles and smoking materials. Additionally, it urges people to protect their homes and families with life-saving technology and planning.

“In 2009, 2,565 people died in home fires. Nearly all of these deaths could have been prevented by taking a few simple precautions like having working smoke alarms and a home fire escape plan, keeping things that can burn away from the stove and always turning off space heaters before going to bed,” says Hasbrouck Heights Fire Chief Kevin Todd. “Fire is a dangerous opponent, but by anticipating the hazards, you are much less likely to be one of the nearly 13,000 people injured in home fires each year,” added Wood-Ridge Fire Chief Paul Clemente.

Moonachie Fire Chief Victor Migliorino offers the following tips for protecting your home and family from fire:

• Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
• Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
• Have a three-foot “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.
• Replace or repair damaged or loose electrical cords.
• If you smoke, smoke outside.
• Use deep, wide ashtrays on a sturdy table.
• Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed.
• Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.
• While preventing home fires in our area is always our number one priority, it is not always possible,” Lodi Fire Chief Anthony Maioio continued.

Cordasco offers following tips for making sure everyone in your home knows how to respond if the smoke alarm sounds.

• Pull together everyone in your household and make a plan. Walk through your home and inspect all possible ways out. Households with children should consider drawing a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors.
• If you are building or remodeling your home, consider installing home sprinklers.
• Make smoke detectors a part of your escape plan.
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Welcome Theresa
The Moonachie First Aid & Rescue Squad delivered a baby inside a car on Industrial Avenue across from Teterboro Airport, the day after Hurricane Irene, September 5, 2011.

Working the scene was Captain Frank Smith, EMTs Megan Dwyer, Michael Tricoli, John Nisi, Nick Kida and Emily Yam, Moonachie Police Officers Edward “Jerry” Mellar, and Scott Lemongello. Hasbrouck Heights EMS also assisted. Photo provided by Moonachie EMS and Rescue Squad.

Fire Engine Rides are coming to W-R
Join the Wood-Ridge Fire Department on Sunday, October 2, 2011, from 1-4 p.m. at the Wood-Ridge firehouse located at 85 Humboldt Street.

According to Fire Commissioner and Councilman Tom Connella, children ages 5-13 will be treated to donuts and apple cider, see a short film on fire prevention and then take a ride around town on an actual fire truck! A parent or guardian will have to present the day of the event to sign a permission slip for their child to participate.

Join your neighbors for a day of fun that your child will never forget!

Fire Engine Rides

Looking for interesting and exciting work?
JOIN THE TEAM
Join the action today. Join your Fire Department!

Free Smoke Detectors
The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department has started a program, in conjunction with the State of New Jersey, to supply smoke detector(s) to families who can’t afford to buy them. If you can’t afford a smoke detector, call the Fire Chief’s Office at 201-288-0082.

HHFD Fund Drive
The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department began their annual fund drive late September 2011. Fire Department members delivered their appeal letters to each household. Donations may be made by sending a check in the enclosed return envelope.

Residents not receiving an appeal letter may send their contribution to HHFD, PO Box 492, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ, 07604. This is the Department’s only fund drive.

LFFD Holds Annual Inspection
The Little Ferry Fire Department held their annual inspection on Saturday, September 10, 2011 at the Fireman’s Memorial Park on Marshall Avenue. The Department was in full dress uniform and available to answer any questions. Led by a bagpiper and Col. Moore added, “Area residents need to provide the best protection to keep their homes and families safe in the event of a fire. This can be achieved by developing an escape plan which you practice regularly and equipping homes with life-saving technologies like smoke alarms and home fire sprinklers.”

Little Ferry Fire Chief Rob Cordasco offered following tips will help keep your family safe if there is a fire in your home:

• Install smoke alarms inside each bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home (including the basement).
• Interconnect all smoke alarms in the home so when one sounds, they all sound.
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Aviation History Comes

There was magic in the air, and a puff of smoke, when the B-17 Flying Fortress cranked-up the distinctive sound of each of their four Wright-R- Cyclone turbo supercharged radial engines (made at Curtiss-Wright, Wood-Ridge).

The Yankee Air Museum (www.yankeeairmuseum.org), based in Michigan, flew into Teterboro with the Yankee Lady, a World War II B-17 Flying Fortress bomber. For a fee of $450, the B-17 offered unforgettable rides to 12 “crew members” at a time. When not flying, visitors had the opportunity to go on board and explore this heavy bomber during Wings & Wheels.

Aircraft featured included:
- **F/A-18 Hornet**, in adversary colors and used in air-to-air training was displayed. The F/A-18 has been accepted into the Blue Angels since 1986.
- **E-2C Hawkeye**, known as the Airborne Early Warning System can track more than 600 targets and control more than 400 intercepts at one time.
- **B-25 Mitchell** twin engine bomber, famous for the Doolittle Raid over Tokyo.
- **F4U Corsair** was the fastest Navy fighter in the Pacific theater at over 400 mph and made popular on the TV series “Seabiscuit.”
- **L-12 Electra** similar to the model flown by aviatrix Amelia Earhart. The model on display was used in the Movie “Amelia,” and displayed with a Cord automobile.

There were also a variety of aviation and military memorabilia vendors, etc. A full program to include The Army Air Forces Historical Association provided an extensive educational display dedicated to preserving the history of the United States Army Air Forces during World War II. Various organizations provided displays to include Civil Air Patrol, U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Parasams Flying Club, Great Dane Rescue, etc. Trophies for all the winners. The Hasbrouck Heights Men’s Association provided refreshments. The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department EMS was there for any emergency. The Civil Air Patrol, NJ Wing, Teterboro Composite Squadron and U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Iwo-Jima (LHD-7) Division provided extensive perimeter security and parking management.

Many sponsors, Teterboro Airport FBOs, AvPorts, Port Authority, etc., provided much support to make this event a huge success.

About 4,000 attended the Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum Wings & Wheels Expo 2011 held at Teterboro Airport on September 10 & 11, 2011. This year’s event was a “Salute to Veterans.” Veterans wearing their VFW or American Legion cap were admitted free. Selected photos by John J. Maene Jr. #99
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Over 20,000 Attend
The 97th Annual St. Joseph Festival opened Friday, September 2, 2011, at 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., with rides, games, entertainment, hourly 50-50, a Super 50-50 and the “Best Italian Food.” The Feast continued Saturday and Sunday from 4 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. and Monday from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.

On September 3 and 4, starting at 10 a.m., and September 5, at 9 a.m., the St. Joseph Society, accompanied by the Metropolitan Feast Band, marched with a banner of Saint Joseph throughout Lodi, Garfield and Hasbrouck Heights. The Feast then opened at 2 p.m.

Each group went out with a “stenardo” (banner) of Saint Joseph and held Processions starting at various points in Lodi, covering a majority of the streets in Lodi and surrounding towns such as Garfield and Hasbrouck Heights.

Each door bell at every house was rung and the band would play favorite songs such as “Mamma,” “Oh Marie,” “Santa Lucia,” etc. The festival then opened at 2 p.m. On Labor Day, at 3 p.m., members of The Society removed the St. Joseph statue from the Church and secured it on an ornate hand carved base constructed in 1915.

From 1915 to 1937, the statue was supported by long poles and carried on the shoulders by the Society. Since 1937, the base and statue sit on a float surrounded with flowers, ribbons to hold donations, and children in First Communion dress.

The float is pulled by the Society. Float handling positions have been passed down generations.

New Procession Route

The streets covered were: East Place, Liberty Street, Prospect Street, James Street, Woodside Avenue, Hunter Street, Prospect Street, Kipp Avenue, Roosevelt Avenue, Central Avenue, Hillcrest Avenue, Grove Street and Spring Street.

The Processions concluded with a Benediction in the Church.

Organizers stated that over 20,000 attended this family oriented festival and there were no incidents.

The Festival was originally founded by the Society and then passed onto the parish in the 1970s as a result of not enough Society members to run the event alone.

The Society today is still responsible for the Processions throughout the weekend, and the Solemn Procession with statue on Labor Day.

Proceeds collected from the Processions go toward helping the less fortunate, Scholarship Fund, Food Pantry, among many other charities.

The Festival has been a parish affair since the ’70s. The food court, games and raffles are organized and operated by the parishioners, with all of the profits donated to the Church.

These booths have been family operated for generations. There are a few outside vendors and the amusements are contracted.

Entertainment Schedule

• Friday: DJ Express Entertainment; Paul Belansich - Accordion Player, and Metropolitan Festival Band strolling through the Feast
• Saturday: Moving Faith Band; I Forestieri - Accordion and Guitar Players
• Sunday: DJ Express Entertainment; I Forestieri - Accordion and Guitar Players
• Monday: DJ Express Entertainment; Hoboken’s Frank Sinatra Idol - Eric De Lauro

Note that all entertainment was in the evening at 7:00 p.m. Approximately 20,000 attended. Last year’s Super 50-50 winner received over $10,000.

This annual program benefits the St. Joseph Church operating fund.

For more info: www.saint-josephsociety.org

97th St. Joseph Festival
Moonachie Annual Town-Wide Food Drive

First Presbyterian Church of Moonachie joyfully announces its 7th Annual Town-wide Food Drive, to be held at the Church on October 14 and 15, 2011.

In a time when so many people are in need, it is good to find ways to help out, and even a single can or boxed item can make a difference in fighting hunger.

According to the workers at the Center for Food Action, the need is higher than ever this year, and they are having a hard time keeping enough food on the shelves. Most needed items include: canned meat, canned tuna, canned chicken, canned beef stew, Parmalat, 100% fruit juice, macaroni and cheese, canned pasta, peanut butter and jelly, canned fruit, pancake mix and syrup, canned soup, rice, baked beans, cleaning supplies, paper goods and large-size disposable diapers.

Bring your contributions to the First Presbyterian Church of Moonachie on October 14 and 15, 2011, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. You may also drop items off at the parish office, 190 Valley Boulevard in Wood-Ridge, any weekday between 9:00 a.m. and noon. Or, if you would like to donate but do not have transportation, please call Linda at 201-641-1272.

Assumption Church Events

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Wood-Ridge is planning two big parish celebrations for early fall 2011.

• On Sunday, October 2, Fr. Richard Mucowski will be formally installed as the new pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption Church at the 11:00 Mass. Following Mass they will have the annual blessing of the animals followed by a parish barbecue. Hot dogs, hamburgers and other assorted “goodies” will be served in the Fr. Pat Hall. All parishioners (especially children) are invited to celebrate the official beginning of Fr. Rich’s tenure as our pastor.

• The next event will be the good-bye and thank you party for Fr. Paul Sinnema who retired in June. He had been at Assumption for 14 years serving in many capacities. Following the 11:00 Mass on November 20, 2011, he will meet and greet his many friends in the Fr. Pat Hall where a light lunch will be served.

At 1:00 a pasta luncheon will be served in the school cafeteria by the Knights of Columbus. This luncheon will be limited to 200 guests. Tickets will be distributed on a first request basis and will be available after October 8.

The committee is looking forward to overseeing these events. Committee members are Deacon Nick Valdez, Deacon Frank Materia, Leta Mattier, Bree Meaney, Don and Ellen Boman, Elaine Mcbreen, Patsy Baghdo, Erin Morano, Don Callahan, Russell Petrocelli, Joe Masbeth, Denise Love Nagel and committee chairman Jack Nagel.

Additional adult volunteers (barbeque cooks, set up help, etc.), for the actual events are needed. We also encourage any Confirmation candidates or Catholic high school students that need project volunteer hours to contact Jack Nagel 201-641-2803, e-mail janpro911@aol.com or any other committee member.

Obviously, in order to properly plan, we need to have some idea as to how many people will be attending. Please make your reservations by contacting the above or by simply dropping off a note at the Friary indicating the event and the number of people. Additional details and reservation forms will be published in the weekly bulletin. The committee expresses their sincere thanks to John Podesta of Kohler Funeral Home for his generous financial support of these events. Story by Jack Nagel.

4th Annual "Night of Sacred Music"

On Sunday, October 23, 2011 at 7 p.m. at the Ramapo Valley Baptist Church, 130 Franklin Avenue, Oakland, NJ, there will be a joy filled night of Christian music. Scheduled to perform are choirs and soloists from: First Baptist Community Church (Parsippany), Most Blessed Sacrament R.C. Church (Franklin Lakes), Good Shepherd Mission (Paterson), North Jersey Chorus, Ramapo Valley Baptist Church (Oakland), and the Preakness Baptist Church (Wayne). A free will offering will be taken to support a local mission project. For more information call 201-337-6665.

Assumption Church in Wood-Ridge will be offering a full day pre-cana program on Sunday, October 16, 2011.

Engaged couples who participate will attend the 11 a.m. Mass where their engagement rings will be blessed. At the end of the Mass they go to the Hayes Center where a light lunch will be served.

Throughout the remainder of the afternoon the couples will have an opportunity to discuss honestly with each other their strengths and weaknesses in family living, communication, finances, Christian sexuality, problem solving, the Sacrament of Matrimony and their role in the Church and society, all under the supervision of married couples.

The pre-cana program ends at approximately 7 p.m. All engaged couples who will be married within the next year should consider attending. For more information call Maire at 201-288-0276.

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Bible Baptist Church Sends Mission Team to Ghana

In this day and time few people have to be told about the financial status of the average American home. So, when God began to move over a year ago upon the heart of Pastor Bill Hegedus and Ray Cabrera, the church Youth Director, to return with a mission team to Ghana, it is understandable that Pastor Bill felt a little intimated at the financial challenge he would face. Bible Baptist Church is an average church with ordinary people and no huge financial resources. God was asking ordinary people to do an extraordinary thing and raise nearly fifty thousand dollars to finance a trip to Ghana.

Ghana is an impoverished country in West Africa. Many villages do not have running water or sanitary conditions that Americans take for granted. Electricity is available, but not very reliable. The team visited hadn’t had running water for two and half years! The electricity can be off for days at a time.

The average annual income in Ghana is about $1500 ($125 a month). A Ghanaian child does not have several outfits to wear to school. A disabled Ghanaian child is often shunned and does not receive an education at all. Over six years ago God moved in the hearts of Andrea Linder Jehu-Appiah (an American physical therapist) and her Ghanaian husband, Pastor Joseph Jehu-Appiah. Together they provided by the Bible Baptist Church what God had laid on their hearts.

In spite of Pastor Bill’s misgivings, he shared with the Church what God had laid on his heart. Nine members of the previous team signed up for a return trip. An additional five members also joined the team. The team consisted of Pastor Bill Hegedus to Chay C.; Ray Cabrera, Delaney and Cortnee Callahan (husband and wife), Jaime Crist, Ken Dolph, Al Marinelli, Pauline Tutelo, and Joe Watkins. Teens also joined in for the trip. They were Elizabeth Arias, Tim Hegedus, Allison Rodriguez, Katie Watkins, and Melanie Watkins.

When Pastor Bill shared his vision with Joe and Andrea Jehu-Appiah they were thrilled to have the team return. Before long 25 local churches in Ghana were also anticipating their coming.

After much hard work, fund raising, and God’s abundant help, the team found themselves flying out of Dulles International Airport in Washington, D.C.

Arriving Friday evening about 6 p.m. in Accra, Ghana on August 5, 2011, the team then traveled an additional three hours to get to the Mephibosheth Training Center. Saturday, a meeting with the Ghanaian workers was held to prepare for the week long Vacation Bible Schools that would be held at two different outdoor locations. There was one Vacation Bible School held in the morning and one held in the afternoon. The Vacation Bible Schools started with a total attendance of 1,500 but rose to over 3,000 children by the end of the week.

All of these children were given the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but also were daily given a treat and drink.

Many were given tee shirts, toys, and sports equipment, like soccer balls.

School items that were cherished were books for the Training Center and pencils. The small kid size pencil sharpeners that can be carried in a pocket or hand were especially popular because most children had never seen their pencils with a knife.

In the evenings there were youth rallies reaching over 300 teens held in the local churches. The team also ministered to four different Churches on the two Sundays that they were there.

As the weary team traveled in the airplane home the one thing they were most impressed by was the joy of the people.

The team had gone to Ghana to serve and bless them, but they came home with a new found appreciation for the abundance they have in the United States.

Many of the team members came home to be personally affected by the devastation of Hurricane Irene.

One teen team member lost her home, the family car and other personal belongings.

Yet, each of the team members felt as if God was preparing them for these losses. They had learned that joy is not found in things, but in service. If joy can be experienced in the midst of the constant poverty seen in Ghana, God can provide peace and comfort in the midst of temporary setbacks here. The team members truly learned that giving is so much more rewarding than receiving.

Story by Pastor Bill Hegedus. Photos provided by the Bible Baptist Church.
Chicken and Chips Dinner is Back!

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will host a Chicken and Chips Dinner on Monday, October 3, 2011, from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Tastefully British Caterers will again prepare the tastiest chicken you ever had! Tickets are $14 per person ($8 for children under 10).

Proceeds will benefit the youth trip to the Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2012. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is located on the corner of Burton and Hamilton Avenues, Hasbrouck Heights.

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Reflections

Change is in the air
Rev. Veronica M. Pearson
Evangel Christian Church, Little Ferry

Once again we have reached that time of the year that denotes change. From ocean breezes to the smell of wood burning stoves, kids back at school. Soon summer clothes will be folded and stored away as we feverishly look for those winter woolies, heavier coats and storm windows.

Change is constant and unstoppable and while some change is often pleasant and welcome, some is not so welcome. This year, the people of New Jersey have witnessed unusual weather changes with some of the hottest summer temperatures on record, as well as an earthquake and a hurricane that brought devastating floods causing chaos and heartache for many.

America itself is experiencing constant upheaval as unemployment increases, financial upsets affect many, and reports of criminal behavior continue to increase.

On the world stage, we are seeing changes in the Middle East, unimagined only a couple of years or so ago, as dictators are toppled and people crave change and freedom from autocratic rule.

This is the information we are exposed to day after day, night after night as we read, watch or listen to news that is available almost instantly and constantly in this Information Age.

Not many are able to be consistently exposed to disturbing news that is out of our control without becoming negatively affected and stressed out. One does not have to be a skilled professional to recognize this trait in our society.

Now, if you think I’m for ‘burying my head in the sand’ like the ostrich to deny or protect me from all that is happening around me, you would be wrong. I am in favor of keeping well informed on local and world events because I believe Jesus taught us to watch for the ‘signs of the times.’

I am also strongly in favor of balancing the bad news with the Good News. The Good News tells us that there is something and someone that we can hold on to in ‘best of times and the worst of times.’

In the book of Malachi, God tells the Israelites, “I am the Lord, I change not.” In other words, you can rely on Him and what He has said for He never changes.

The apostle James reiterates this in the New Testament as he writes, “All good and perfect gifts comes down from the Father of lights who causes no shadow of darkness by His turning.”

King David describes God as ‘the Rock of my salvation’ and Jesus, Himself, taught us that nothing can sway a house that is built on a rock.

The trouble is that many of us do not know what God has said and so are unable to gain strength and comfort from His word.

Many are only too willing to give attention to the world news, but not to God’s Good News.

The Good News that says, “God so loved us that He sent His only Son that all who believe in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.”

The Good News tells us, “He will never leave nor forsake us” and is an unstoppable foundation in the midst of upheaval.

The Rock that we can and must build on and trust is God’s eternal word. Not for one hour a week as we attend worship services, but as our spiritual nourishment every day to renew our minds and restore our souls.

We cannot stop change, good or bad, and we live in a world where we hear constantly of the things seemingly outweighing the good.

But if we will balance this with the fact that the many things that are out of our control are in fact in the control of the One who is even greater and does not change according to His word, we may then rest a little easier even in the bad times.

Rosary Society News

The Rosary Society Annual Communion Breakfast is Sunday, October 2, 2011, at The Fiesta following ten o’clock Mass in the Chapel. We are privileged to have as our Guest Speaker Reverend Monsignor John A. Radano who has recently returned from Rome where he served for more than 23 years on the Vatican’s Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. Monsignor is currently an Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology at the Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology at Seton Hall University.

A donation for the Communion Breakfast is $18, and we invite the women of the parish to join us for what promises to be an informative and inspiring experience. Please call Chairperson Dee Sullivan at 201-288-7415 to reserve your place.

Please mark your calendars for our fall General Meetings: October 6 (induction of new members and our Brown Bag Auction for the benefit of the programs of the National Council of Catholic Women) and November 10 (preparation of Christmas stockings for local children - new and unwrapped gifts). Our Christmas celebration is scheduled for December 7 at six o’clock at The Graycliff in Moonachie. The Good News that tells us, “He will never leave nor forsake us” and is an unstoppable foundation in the midst of upheaval.

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There’s Something About Mary . . .

A Bible Study of the 7 Marys of the New Testament at will be held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Hasbrouck Heights.

Mary must have been the most popular girl’s name of first century Palestine since seven different women bear the name of Mary in the New Testament – one for each day of the week! From the beloved and familiar to the obscure and little known, these seven women offer us ancient spiritual wisdom, insight and encouragement that is still fresh and timely for today.

Get better acquainted through scripture, music and art with Mary, the mother of Jesus; Mary of Bethany (sister of Martha and Lazarus); Mary of Magdala or Mary Magdalene; Mary, the wife of Cleophas; Mary, the mother of James and Joses; Mary of Jerusalem; and Mary, a co-worker with Paul.

Studies will take place on three Monday evenings in October: October 10, 17, and 24; and three Monday evenings in November: November 7, 14, and 21 in the multipurpose room at Holy Trinity from 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Call 201-288-6889 for more information.

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Field of Flags: October 8-27

On Friday, October 7, 2011, "Field of Flags" will be placed on the grounds at the First Presbyterian Church of Moonachie. A dedication will be held October 8 at 10 a.m. They will be honoring the Gold Star families of our local community.

The flags will remain until October 27. About 6,278 flags are included in this display. During this event, "Taps" will be played every evening at 5:30 p.m. and a laminated name board (updated on October 7), will display the names of those fallen: by conflict/state/name.

This memorial is sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Moonachie, First Presbyterian Church of Carlstadt and the Nam Knights. The original "Field of Flags" program was dedicated on Sunday, October 23, 2005, at the Somers Congregational Church in Somers, Connecticut. Members of their Memorial Garden Committee placed 2,231 American flags, one-by-one, for each American casualty in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The flags were placed to honor those who have given their lives and to demonstrate that they are remembered in prayer. "Field of Flags" is a silent, patriotic and poignant reminder of the cost of war. Each flag represents not simply one casualty, but all the family members and friends who have been touched by that life now gone. They represent our respect for those who have served and are currently serving in the military and our hope for peace in the future, for a time when no one is called upon by our country to give the greatest sacrifice.

Please continue to pray for the safety of all of our troops and for the families of the fallen heroes.

Although the Somers Congregational Church provides the expertise, tools and equipment that are needed, the setup and dismantling is done by local volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, call John at 201-852-7514.

If you would like to support the work of the "Field of Flags," there will be a donation box next to the name board, or you can send a contribution to First Presbyterian Church of Moonachie, Moonachie Road and Carol Place, Moonachie, NJ 07047. Please note "Field of Flags" in the memo line. Donations are used only to replenish materials.

The next location of this tribute will be at the Preakness Baptist Church in Wayne, starting November 5, 2011. This program is only available to Churches. It has been displayed at about 50 Churches in eight states from Florida to Maine and out to Tennessee. There is a two year waiting period for Churches interested in this traveling memorial.

Kearny Federal Savings Happrer Holidays Start at Kearny Federal Savings Bank!

Kearny Federal Savings Bank is currently offering their 2011/2012 Holiday Club account. This account is a convenient and easy way to save money for next year’s holiday expenses while earning interest. With as little as $5 a week, a Holiday Club account can help ease the stress of holiday shopping for the following year. Automatic weekly deductions are available from a KFS checking, savings or money market account.

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Harmonica Group Entertains AARP Members

An ensemble from the Garden State Harmonica Club entertained the members of the Central Bergen Chapter #418, AARP at its meeting on September 9, 2011. The club is one of the nation’s leading harmonica organizations and was founded in 1971. The members played a variety of favorites such as “Ain’t She Sweet,” “Peg O’ My Heart,” “Baby Face,” “I’m Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover,” and many more familiar songs. The AARP members enjoyed singing along.

Harmonica playing seems like a lost art, however, the harmonica is probably the first musical instrument many people born in the 30’s and 40’s played. First, it was inexpensive and second, you didn’t have to take lessons to play it.

The program presented by the Garden State Harmonica Club was relaxing, entertaining and was enjoyed by all at the AARP meeting.

At their next meeting on Friday, October 14, the Central Bergen Chapter #418, AARP will have Linda Cross from the Bergen County Department of Human Resources as their speaker. She will speak about the changes in Medicare for the year 2012.

Membership is open to all AARP members who reside in the surrounding areas of Hackensack, Hasbrouck Heights, Maywood, Rochelle Park, Little Ferry, South Hackensack, Wood-Ridge, Moonachie and Lodi.

The chapter meets the second Friday of each month at 12:30 p.m. at the M&M Building, 116 Holt Street, Hackensack. Photo and Story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###

HH Leisure Club Informed on Sump Pump Use

At the monthly meeting of the Leisure Club held on September 14, 2011, Hasbrouck Heights Councilman Russell Lipari explained the proper use of a sump pump.

He stated that the sump pump is used when basement flooding happens regularly where the water table is above the foundation of a home. He stressed that many homes had to use them during the recent storm.

Councilman Lipari stressed the need to use these pumps to send water away from a house to any place where it is no longer problematic, such as a municipal storm drain or a dry well. This can be done by using a hose that sends the water to the street.

Water should not be pumped into sinks, toilets, showers or wash tubs. Water from these outlets is sent to the Borough’s sanitary sewers. Sanitary sewers are operated separately and independently of storm drains, which carry the runoff of rain and other water which wash into city streets. When the sanitary sewers are overwhelmed with excess water from other sources, sewerage will back up into homes. This happened during the last storm and has caused much damage to many homes.

Councilman Lipari emphasized that it is against the law in Hasbrouck Heights to pump water from sump pumps into the sanitary sewer. After his presentation, the club members were entertained by Anthony Sorbera and his son Michael, an excellent vocal duo. Story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###

Moonachie Seniors

The Moonachie Seniors are hosting a trip, “San Gennaro Festival,” featuring Andre and Cirell and Sinatra Dean Martin Singers on Thursday, October 13, 2011. Cost is $47 pp. and includes wine and soda during dinner and one hour open bar. Departure time is 10 a.m. from the senior center. For more information call Audrey at 201-641-4334. ###

Lodi Seniors

The Lodi Senior Citizens Club’s 2011 itinerary is as follows:

- October 12-14 – Lancaster, PA.
- December - Christmas Party at The Venetian. (Date to be announced.)

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Refreshments are served. For information, call the Club during the times it is open at 937-472-6994.

A senior bus is available for those that do not have transportation to and from the club. For information on the bus route, call Rene at 201-982-0051.

Any Lodi resident over the age of 62 is welcome. The membership fee is $10. ###

Bergen County Surrogate Comes to the HH Library

Michael Dressler, Surrogate of Bergen County, will be at The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights on Tuesday evening, October 18, 2011, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Essential facts will be provided to help people plan for the assets they own, and properly managed. He will discuss the importance of wills, administering of estates, living wills, powers of attorney, probate procedures, medical directives, guardianships, and estate planning. Anyone over the age of eighteen is encouraged to attend. This seminar is free.

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IHOP Hasbrouck Heights

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Come hungry. Leave happy.
IHOP Celebrates 30 years in Hasbrouck Heights

The IHOP Restaurant on Route 17, is celebrating 30 years in Hasbrouck Heights under the original owners Joe and Charles Costa. Originally named International House of Pancakes, the name was changed to IHOP now open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

“Someone had suggested we eat at an IHOP to see what the restaurant was like,” Joe explained. “We really enjoyed it and thought it might be something we would want to invest in. I worked for my aunt’s lunchroomette in Red Bank years earlier so I was familiar with the restaurant business.”

Joe found the space in Hasbrouck Heights and thought it might make a good location.

“We opened the Hasbrouck Heights branch on October 1, 1981, the day of my wedding anniversary. My wife and I didn’t get to celebrate much the anniversary. My wife and I have been here for over 20 years and have their share of regulars,” Joe explained.

We have a lot of local people and repeat customers and we enjoy our relationship with them.” Joe went on to say with the close proximity to Giants Stadium, game days are very busy.

Weekends, especially Saturday days, when there are sporting events and Sunday breakfast when a lot of families come out to eat, have a real affect on the business. The menu has a lot to do with repeat business as well. We carry a lot more than pancakes, even though that is what we are known for;” Joe said. “We have a lot of popular national programs like the Rooty Tooty Fresh ‘N Fruity’ campaign, which is two eggs, two pieces of bacon, two sausages and two buttermilk pancakes with a fruit topping and whipped cream. All of that for $8.29 is a good deal for a family on a budget.” Joe explained that omelet and pancake platters are also available.

And in the evenings, we offer home-style dinners like shrimp, T-Bone steak, pot roast, liver, pork chops, etc. In addition, we run lunch and dinner specials every day of the week.”

On Friday nights, from 4 to 10 p.m, we offer “Kids Eat Free” (with each adult entree). To 10 p.m., we offer “Kids Eat Free” (with each adult entree). In addition, we run lunch and dinner specials every day of the week.

The restaurant also has a low calorie “Simple & Fit” menu under 600 calories, a wonderful selection of children’s items for breakfast and lunch as well as a Senior Specials menu. “This way our senior customers don’t have to depend on a special discount. We have a large selection of items that are at a special price and portion size to cater to their appetites.”

Special seasonal menus are offered such as, “Trick or Treat”- All you can eat pancakes.

“We enjoy serving our customers and seeing them every day. It is nice when you can build a relationship with people like that. Our business depends on a lot of factors. Since we do half of our business in the mornings, we try to meet the customers’ needs and hope that they come back with their families at a later time in the week.”

In 1986, we expanded our waiting room area, we put an atrium on the front and enlarged it. We also added 28 seats in the dining area.

In 1991, we added onto the south side with a new glass atrium and another 64 seats,” Joe stated. “Everybody wants to know about the train we continuously run above the tables. The train was put up as a Christmas decoration about 15 years ago. Around February of the New Year, the IHOP regional manager asked when we were going to take it down.

The following month I attended an IHOP convention and, in front of approximately 500 attendees, the president opened his remarks by saying ‘Joe, I just love those trains.’ I then received approval to leave the train running.”

He continued, “We are also part of the community and contribute to many organizations such as the Hasbrouck Heights Little League, Hasbrouck Heights/Teterboro Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast, Hasbrouck Heights Lions Club Fireworks Program, Hasbrouck Heights Police Department D.A.R.E. Program, Lodi Boys & Girls Club, Kids Meals for kids reading 10 books at The Hasbrouck Heights Library, provided breakfast for the annual MDA Telethon volunteers at the VFW for 29 years, breakfast for the cadets working Wings & Wheels, etc.” For organizations, IHOP offers Family Night fund raisers.

We give flowers to every mom on Mother’s Day, and Santa visits Saturday and Sunday during the Holidays.

We also support the Children’s Miracle Network on National Pancake Day on Shrove Tuesday, where we offer a free short stack of buttermilk pancakes and request a donation for this cause.

A segment of The Sopranos was filmed at this location.

Joe concludes, “We hope to continue to serve everyone in the community the best way possible and hope to be here another thirty years.”

Justin Watrel contributed to this article. ###

Bill O’Shea’s Florist promoted Good Neighbor Day on Thursday, September 15, 2011. Owner John Kosakowski said that they gave out about 400 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 Bank netting about 50 bags of food and $100 in donations. ###

“Swirls” held their grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony on September 6, 2011. Their frozen yogurt treats are offered in 10 flavors daily, with 36 toppings and seasonal flavors. They also feature two flavors of ice cream each month, smoothies and four flavors of coffee. Photo above is the Wood-Ridge Council welcoming them to the neighborhood. ###
Wood-Ridge Mayor's 5K

Wood-Ridge Mayor Paul Sarbo and the Borough are sponsoring a USATF-NJ Certified 5K run on Sunday, October 9, 2011, at 10 a.m. with a start/finish at the Wood-Ridge High School. This event also includes a Kids Fun Run: under 5 years/50 yards, 6-9 years/100 yards and 10 years and older/1/4 mile dashes.

Awards for the top three male/female overall, first Wood-Ridge male/female finishers, 15 age-group division certificates, finisher medals for Fun Run participants, and team participation awards. There will be SuperTech “T” shirt, live music and Outland DJs. Walkers & families welcome.

Cost for the 5K is $20 (518 USATF), race-day registration is $25, and Fun Run is $5. Proceeds to benefit Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

To register online go to: www.raceforum.com/wood-ridge. For more information call 551-486-6805 or visit www.njwoodridge.org/5krace

Carlstadt vs. E. Rutherford

On Sunday, October 16, 2011, the Carlstadt Recreation Soccer League will be having the 2nd Annual Benefit Soccer Match between the Carlstadt Recreation Soccer Coaches (THE PRETENDERS) and the East Rutherford Recreation Coaches (THE WARRIORS) at Lindberg Field. Also, there will be an exciting exhibition match between Carlstadt and East Rutherford Pee-Wee teams (4-6 year old level). Come and support the coaches as they attempt to redeem themselves from last year’s loss.

There will be 50/50, great food, a DJ and lots of fun. Themed baskets will be raffled off and all proceeds will go to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Each team will be responsible for making a themed basket and each player is to bring one theme item by October 10. For more information contact Kelly at 201-334-2408 or Massimo at 201-456-3445.

Annual Blood Screening Program

The Hasbrouck Heights Board of Health will be offering their Annual Blood Screening Program at the Borough Hall on Thursday, October 20, 2011, from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. Cost is $20 (cash only) for a Blood Chemistry Profile, consisting of a Chem. 23, Lipid Profile, CBC and T4 (thyroid). A copy of the results will be sent directly to your medical doctor and another mailed to you.

Additional screenings: PSA for detection of prostate cancer for male participants at $30 (cash) and a Vitamin D25, OH, Total Screening cost $30. Available to everyone. Registration and payment in advance at the Hasbrouck Heights Health Dept., 320 Boulevard, Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

At time of registration please bring two large stamped envelopes, your name and address on one and your physician's name and address on the other. No one will be tested unless they furnish the name and address of their medical doctor.

A 42-hour fasting period is required prior to appointment time on October 20. Refreshments will be served. If you have any questions call 201-288-1838. ###

Wood-Ridge Mayor's 5K

(l-r) Carlstadt Mayor William Roseman, Councilman Dennis Richie, Contest Winner Kim Bolwell, Ripken Contest Representative Dan Taylor and Carlstadt Girls Softball President Paul Squeo. ###

Carlstadt "Softball Mom" Wins Contest

Carlstadt resident and "Softball Mom" Kim Bolwell, entered the Chevrolet “Diamonds and Dreams” contest and won. Carlstadt was one of the 100 communities across the country that will receive a free field renovation. On September 15, 2011, Dan Taylor of Ripken Designs met with Carlstadt representatives to discuss the Lindberg Field makeover. Reconstruction of the field will begin in early October 2011. Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###

5K Walk Oct. 15 at Depken Field

The Children’s Dyslexia Center of NJ, located at 301 Division Avenue will sponsor its 6th Annual Hasbrouck Heights 5K Walk to help support Dyslexic children on Saturday, October 15, 2011, at Depken Field. The course is 5K (3.1 miles). The Walkathon will be held rain or shine. Registration starts at 9 a.m. and the Walk begins at 10 a.m. Registration is $15 for adults and $5 for children under 12 years of age. Participants who register prior to the event will receive a commemorative “T” shirt at registration. Refreshments will be available.

Proceeds go directly to the cost of training tutors and tutoring children. Make checks payable to: Children's Dyslexia Center of NJ, indicating Hasbrouck Heights on the memo line. Send to Ms. Jo Dobbs, Hasbrouck Heights Learning Center, 301 Division Ave., Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604 or call 201-288-1183. ###

Bergen County Announces Disaster Relief Employment Program

The County of Bergen announced a temporary employment program centered on assisting disaster relief and clean-up. These positions were created through a partnership between Bergen County’s Workforce Investment Board (WIB), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the Bergen One-Stop Career Center, with funding provided by a United States Department of Labor National Emergency Grant.

The Disaster Relief Employment Program employs workers for six months or longer to assist with projects that provide food, clothing, shelter and other humanitarian assistance for disaster victims.

The work will be done through public and private agencies and organizations engaged in such projects. The maximum wage to be paid to any one program participant is approximately $12,000. Those eligible to employment under this grant would be:

• Workers who have been temporarily or permanently displaced as a result of the disaster
• Eligible displaced workers who are unemployed and not receiving unemployment compensation or other types of income support
• Long-term unemployed individuals

After the initial six month employment period, the New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development will reassess conditions to see if additional help is needed.

If you are qualified to work for Disaster Relief Employment Program and would like to participate, please visit the Bergen County FEMA office, located on the 4th floor of One Bergen County Plaza in Hackensack, or call the Workforce Investment Board office at 201-329-9600, ext. 5527. ###

Dog Show

FOCAS will hold their Annual Dog Show on Sunday, October 2, 2011 at the American Legion Post, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, rain or shine.

All dogs on a leash are welcome. All shots must be up-to-date.

Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. and judging begins at 1:30 p.m.

Admission is $5 for the first dog and $3 for each additional dog. For additional information, call 201-943-4019.

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Medicare Part D 2012

Important Changes

Whether you are approaching the age of 65 or already enrolled in Medicare, the annual enrollment period for next year's prescription drug plans is right around the corner and it's starting a month earlier. This is the first of three important changes that are taking place under the health reform law.

The dates for the annual enrollment period changed this year and run from October 15 to December 7 in 2011. Your plan will still take effect January 1, 2012. An extra 7 days has been added, but it means for those that wait until the end of the year, you can not procrastinate.

For the over 400 of you that I assist with Medicare Part D, expect a call earlier so we can assist with Medicare Part D, please do not hesitate to call and schedule a free one on one consultation.

I have had many beneficiaries who switched to a different plan every year and their out of pocket expenses have been less year over year. You have nothing to lose for a little piece of mind.

Sam Papasavas, RPh, is owner and Pharmacist at Be-Jay Drugs, 450 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ, 201-288-0404, www.bejaydrugs.com

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Filling You In

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

People with Diabetes at Higher Risk for Developing Gum Disease

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, diabetes affects nearly 24 million people in the United States. The Academy of General Dentistry encourages those with diabetes to pay extra attention to their oral health.

Studies have shown that those with diabetes are more susceptible to the development of oral infections and periodontal (gum) disease than those who do not have diabetes, in addition, oral infections tend to be more severe in people with diabetes than in those who do not have the condition.

"We urge individuals with diabetes to take care of their mouths and have dental infections treated immediately," says AGO spokesperson E. Mac Edington, DDS, MAGID, ABGD. "People who receive good dental care and have good insulin control typically have a better chance at avoiding gum disease."

Because diabetes reduces the body's resistance to infection, the gums are at risk for gingivitis, an inflammation usually caused by the presence of bacteria in plaque. Plaque is the sticky film that accumulates on teeth both above and below the gum line. "Without regular dental checkups and cleanings," says Dr. Edington. "If your blood sugar is not under control, talk with both your dentist and physician about the possibility of receiving dental treatment beyond routine checkups and cleanings."

It is recommended that patients with diabetes schedule their dental appointments for the morning hours, because blood glucose levels tend to be under better control at that time of day. Patients should eat and take their medications as directed prior to a dental appointment. Ref: 2010 Academy of General Dentistry.

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Kiwani Awards Good Neighbors

Established in 1939, the Hasbrouck Heights Friendly Neighbors has had a long tradition of assisting the welfare of the Borough by helping local neighbors in need. They provide the needy with Thanksgiving baskets, toys for children at Christmas time and Easter baskets. Their gifts of food, clothing, services and money have helped many people. The ten women who are the Friendly Neighbors are from five Churches in our community. The two representatives from each Church are Ethel Ball, Pat Boer, Arlene Geary, Michele Meli, Lois Nits and Elise Sternbach.

Hasbrouck Heights Garden Club has done much to improve our Boulevard. The idea of placing planters with attractive plants along the Boulevard was made by Past President Ann Lustberg. The Chamber of Commerce and the Borough officials approved the plan when it was presented to them in 2005. The group then raised the funds so that in 2006 they were able to place the first 40 planters along the Boulevard. In the past five years the “Boulevard in Bloom” project has made our Boulevard one of the most attractive business districts in the County.

“ACC Meals with a Mission” is a joint ministry associated with Assumption Church in Wood-Ridge and Corpus Christi Church in Hasbrouck Heights. The ministry was originated by Joe Blyth, a parishioner at Corpus Christi. The volunteers cook and prepare meals or sandwiches and deliver them to the shelters and groups that help feed the hungry. Teams cook and prepare the meals at the Corpus Christi School kitchen. They also prepare individual dinners (TV Dinners) and provide them to local food pantries as frozen dinners to take home. ACC Meals with a Mission is completely run by volunteers from both Assumption and Corpus Christi Churches.

Lillian Romano underook the chair of the local “Relay for Life” fundraiser. The event took place from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. June 11, to June 12, 2011. Lillian lost her mother to cancer five years ago and also has several friends who have been affected by or are currently battling the disease. Many local survivors worked with her to have a successful fund raiser.

Over 500 participated in the Hasbrouck Heights “Relay for Life,” about 50 of them were survivors. They even exceeded its goal of $55,000 by about $10,000.

Thomas and Michele Meli founded “Mickey’s Kids” about five years ago. They hoped that through this foundation they could generate greater financial support for organizations that assisted children with special needs or handicaps. They first supported the Audrey Hepburn’s Children’s House in Hackensack.

In 2010 they became aware of “Canine Assistants,” an organization which pairs children who suffer from illnesses such as epilepsy and muscular dystrophy with specially trained dogs who serve as their companions. The dogs are trained to recognize the early signs of seizure and know how to immediately alert the parents. It costs $25,000 to sponsor one of these dogs. Tom and Michele Meli raised $30,000 this year and are already planning to raise more in 2012. Story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###
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Real Estate Insight
By Mary Ellen Courtney
Selling Real Estate in the 21st Century
Before an open house, agents these days run through a mental checklist: make sure the clutter is gone, put out the glossy brochures, turn on the lights and, oh yes, compose an enticing Tweet. Only a few years ago, no one used Twitter to sell real estate. But it’s fast becoming a must-have element in the increasingly Internet-enabled toolbox of savvy real estate brokers.

Internet marketing today is really where it’s at; buyers want information and they want it almost instantaneously. The fact is, the speed with which we realtors can get information into a prospective buyer’s hands is almost that fast.

Most print ads, business cards, for sale signs and brochures will now include QR (“quick response”) codes (see the back page of this paper for examples). When scanned by smart phones, these codes will upload a combination of photos, video and text about the property or the agent representing it. Additionally, lawn signs now appear that say “Google this address” which, when done, gives the searcher a YouTube tour of the house among their top results.

Why all this online effort? Because, in this new age, nearly 90% of home buyers conduct their real estate research online. To give customers the kinds of information they now demand, we brokers have had to build up on our online presence — by blogging, Tweeting, creating Facebook pages for ourselves and our offices and, in some instances, creating individual websites for our listings where buyers can link to information about the town, its schools, services, etc.

And increasingly, the critical element of online information sharing is good quality digital photos. Lots of them — since photos left off a website say as much about a home as that piece of fabric that is on it. More often than not, if buyers don’t see the kitchen and bath pictures online, they automatically presume something’s wrong. Which means that, even in dire need of a maker, these areas should be shown.

Prospective buyers like/need to know upfront, what they’re getting into. That way, when they walk in the door, they’re already pretty much fully aware of what the house looks like. It gives them, I feel, the freedom to use the visit to gauge their reaction, confirm or disprove their virtual impressions and make rational decisions.

The purpose of advertising used to be simple: Entice buyers into the open house. That was when there was a lot more impulse buying; when buyers would just fall in love with a house and then sign the contracts. But since so many buyers now do their due diligence before a showing, we’re now putting as much information as possible online — to minimize the chance that a prospective buyer will encounter a deal breaker of a nasty surprise.

That can include uploads of such things as plot plans, warranties, lists of improvements to a home, etc.

Of course, online marketing can only accomplish so much (price and condition — in that order — still take precedence) but it is already essential to the new practice of real estate.

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

Moonachie Leaf Collection
Starting October 3, 2011, for the leaf season, free leaf bags will be given out to Moonachie residents at Borough Hall. The DPW will no longer pick up piles of raked or loose leaves.

Moonachie residents can put their leaves out in paper bags or garbage cans. No leaves will be picked up in plastic bags. Leaves are not to be blown or raked into the street. Delbros will pick up on Wednesdays until November 30, 2011.

Twigs and branches must be bundled into 4 foot lengths and kept separate from leaves. The DPW will pick up the bundles on Wednesdays.
"Lake Teterboro"

Note that aircraft at Teterboro Airport departed and preparations were made before Irene struck.

View facing east from Webb Place, Hasbrouck Heights. Photo by Arnold Steinhauff

Airfield view facing west.

Airport ramp view facing south.

Industrial Avenue at Rt. 46 facing south. Photo provided Teterboro DPW.

Industrial Avenue at Malcolm Avenue facing south. Photo provided Teterboro DPW.

Malcolm Avenue at Industrial Ave. facing east towards Rt. 17. Photo provided Teterboro DPW.

Mid-airfield view facing southeast.

Airfield view facing east.

ARFF vehicles moving to higher ground. East ramp view facing south.

Airfield facing east. Note Empire State Building in background.

Hollister Road facing north at Rt. 46. Photo provided Teterboro DPW.

North Street facing north at Agfa entrance. Photo provided Teterboro DPW.

North Street facing west at entrance to Rt. 80. Photo provided Teterboro DPW.
Hurricane Irene slammed the Boys and Girls Club in Lodi, NJ. And as they were assessing the damage It was slammed again by Tropical Storm Lee.

With Irene, there was 22 feet of water that came up to the first floor windows. After Irene, they had to plow the parking lot of debris and power wash it with a sanitizing solution. Then Lee hit, bringing water to the front door, and they had to do it over again.

The elevators and escalators are down. The pool is unusable. The Club lost furniture, games, computers, gym floor, pool tables, etc.

It took the Lodi Fire Department three days to pump out the swimming pool because the pool pumps were destroyed.

Walls on the first floor were stripped down and studs sanitized and new sheet rock installed.

The school system allowed the use of the gyms at Columbus and Roosevelt schools until October 31, 2011 to continue certain programs. Wal-Mart has donated supplies. Bingo revenues were lost.

Director Michael Nardino placed initial damage at over $1,000,000. Insurance may cover about half the cost. To sanitize the facility could cost over $100,000. Half of the staff was laid off.

In preparing for Irene, the staff did manage to move some operations to the second floor.

To make a donation go to bgcoclodi.org or send your contribution to Lodi Boys & Girls Club, 460 Passaic Avenue, Lodi, NJ. The Club is looking for groups, contractors, individuals to volunteer to help clean up, paint, etc. Call 973-473-7410.

Nardino said, “We have 753 members -- where are they going to go? We will rebuild again!”

To view the Club before Irene, see The Gazette Newspaper, August 2011, page 21. # # #
Lodi OEM Ready for Hurricane Irene
LODI OEM HQ — At 22:30 Saturday, August 27, 2011, there was a briefing of key officials and departments, led by Lodi Office of Emergency Management Coordinator Bob Cassiello, who has held this position for 21 years.

• Goal is to be self sufficient for 72 hours.

• The weather overview was winds 5-10 mph, gusting to 75 mph with 5 to 10" of rain. The Saddle River crests at 13', but could go higher. River expected to crest at 2 a.m. Floyd was 13' 9".

• Mayor made announcements on cable channel.

• Bella Vista was sand bagged and they stayed although notified.

• All preparations were made, with 400 evacuated. OEM concerned about the trailer parks.

• Departments reviewed: protect your equipment, safety first. Be sure to keep documentation for the government.

• DPW moved equipment to higher ground, garage doors opened to avoid buckling.

• Specific issues discussed.

• Disaster has been declared and OEM is central control.

00:20: Lodi Fire Department abandons Main Street HQ as a precaution.

00:30: First Street, Mata Lane closed for flooding. Slow lane of Rt. 46 at Savoy flooded -- DOT notified.

01:20 a.m.: Official flood -- river went over 6'. Floods gauged at minor, moderate, major.

Relatively quiet evening with road closures.

01:45: Main Street from Union to Garabaldi was closed.

01:50: Boys Club water up to first step.

• All vehicles fueled before DPW goes under water.

• Manholes overflowing on Passaic Street.

02:30: First call for water rescue of vehicle on Rt. 46 E by BP Station.

02:35: Reports of swimming in Boys Club parking lot. DPW shuts down gas pumps.

02:50: Bridges almost covered.

02:55: Greg Street flooded at Rt. 17.

03:05: Massey Street starts to flood.

03:07: Rt. 46 W starting to flood.

03:20 Boys Club water up to the gate.

04:30: Rt. 46 car stuck with occupants across from Amoco station.

07:45: Route 46 closed in both directions. Resources are scarce with County, Sheriff, etc. DOT cannot assist. Reports that Walgreen's has mandatory opening -- employees having difficulty to go to work.

08:10: Lodi starts to split up into three sections due to road closures.

• Artificial field at Memorial Park starts to bubble and down grade is watched from OEM; drainage pipes at capacity. (Note that field was lost costing over $1,000,000).

08:15: Heights responds to closing Baldwin at Rt. 46.

08:25: Arnot and Passaic bridges are closed.

• Discussion about calling in National Guard.

• Rochelle Park sewer system shuts down -- Lodi may have to sanitize.

• Saddle River status is monitored regularly on internet. Estimates crest at 13'.

• General feeling that they dodged the bullet with flooding only, no loss of power and not a lot of rain on the back end of the storm.

08:50: Discussion about expanding evacuation.

09:00: Explored National Guard option. Doesn't look good.

09:10: Meeting with officials and departments to review situation. River expected to crest a 14:00 at 12' 9" (same level as 2007; Floyd was 13'). Expect by evening water will recede to banks. 6 to 12" precipitation. Wind at 40-60 mph gusting to 80 mph to afternoon when conditions will improve rapidly. Should break by 10:00.

• National Guard could possibly provide 1 high water vehicle assigned to LFD; will not get NJ manpower. NG working Bound Brook.

• LFD provides Wallington with boat (Lodi has 3).

• Expanded evacuation considered.

• Rochelle Park pumps down. Sewerage goes into river. Discuss tetanus shots. Advise all to scrub up.

• Big need for cones, barricades and try DOT.

• Notified that Rochelle Park pumps expected to be off line for 12 hours. Lodi concerned about their pumps holding.

10:05: National Guard vehicles (small Humvee and 2 high-water vehicles are used by Lodi, Rochelle Park and Maywood).

10:10: Weather improving.

12:00: Boaters on Main Street with 4 occupants. Boat overturned. Two rescued. Marine craft search for the other two.

14:35: Reported that river crested at 13:15. Rain stopped, spotty showers. Expect river to go back to banks about 19:00.

• Discovered that some people were hiding from evacuation.

• OEM goes into recovery mode, although State of Emergency will be in effect until all departments are okay.

• Garbage contractor to make extra pick-ups. Lodi has an outside service that cleans up raw sewerage and is covered by the Borough's insurance.

• Lodi FD will do pump outs and will begin after rescue operations. Residents must call for appointment for scheduling.

• DPW will sweep streets with disinfectant, clear trees, etc., on Monday. ###

Hurricane Irene dropped about 7" and Tropical Storm Lee gave us 5" -- that totals 12" of rain. At a 10:1 ratio, that would produce 120" of snow.

Warmer air usually produces greater precipitation amounts, so the comparison is technically not "fair." Insight provided by Dan Ventola, The National Weather Station. www.nationalweath-erstation.com
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