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LINDEN CHAMBER'S ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AND BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARDS DINNER

The Linden Chamber of Commerce held their sixteenth annual scholarship and business awards dinner on June 7, 2017. Four scholarships were awarded to Linden High School seniors. Mayor Derek Armstead made opening remarks and thanked the chamber for everything they do for Linden stating in part "The most important thing the Chamber does is award scholarships annually."

The scholarship recipients were: Mihalia Sarris who will pursue a career in Physical Therapy; Joseph Krempa who will attend Carnegie Mellon University and will pursue a degree in Mechanical and Biomedical Engineering; Gabrielle Rampo will attend New Jersey Institute of Technology; and Zeke Modrak who will attend the Union County College American Honors Program. Zeke is interested in engineering and automotive technology.

The Linden Business of the Year Award was given to Chevys Fresh Mex. Chevys Fresh Mex, located in Aviation Plaza, came to Linden in 2005 and is the home of Award Winning Ribs. Chevys Fresh Mex resembles a Mexican border town café or cantina with a vibrant contemporary décor. Mayor Derek Armestead had this to say "I am truly grateful for all of Chevys' contributions to city events. They are so deserving of this award." General Manager Jorge Rojas stated "Our company prides itself on giving back to the community."

Morning Star Community Christian Center was awarded the Member of the Year award. Morning Star, located at 1009 Chandler Ave, Linden, was founded in 1967 by the late Bishop Irvin Evans, along with his wife Constine, and has evolved into lives being restored and destinies fulfilled. In 1999, their son, Dr. Therman Evans took over the pastorate and is currently the senior pastor. The message of "wholeness" in mind, body, and spirit, and helping people find their way back to God has contributed to Morning Star's increased 800+ memberships under the visionary leadership of Dr. Evans.

Morning Star has established several other initiatives to help serve people and meet their needs. Some initiatives include: Weekly youth activities and mentoring program; Annual scholarships for high school seniors going to college; Senior citizen program and activities; Bereavement counseling; Child Care services; A Center for Employment, Education and Training.

Dawn Victor-Beviano was named Person of the Year. Dawn has been an active member of the Linden Community



Scholarship Winners (above) Linden Chamber of Commerce Co-Presidents Janet Miller and Angie Tsirkas flank scholarship winners Mihalia Sarris, Joseph Krempa and Zeke Modrak. (not pictured) Gabrielle Rampo. (Additional photos on page 4)

for over 15 years and has been married to fourth generation resident Todd Beviano for over 20 years. She is the proud mother of National Honor Society member Christina Beviano, and of LHS NJROTC Petty Officer First Class Jaclyn Beviano. As a longtime resident of Linden, Dawn is the definition of being a "concerned citizen" by being involved in the wellbeing and development of not only her family but also of her community.

Among her accomplishments, Dawn has been a Religious Education Teacher at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church since 2005, where she has guided many students on their Faith development. Dawn has also been an advocate for the children of our city for over 10 years as a Linden Board of Education Member. Since 2012, Dawn has served as the President of the Friends of the Linden Library.

A special recognition award was given to Elaine Lomax who recently retired from the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce after 45 years of service, her entire career. Elaine was the glue that bonded all the various arms of the Gateway Chamber together. She is greatly loved, admired and respected by not just her colleagues but also all of her Chamber members. Linden Chamber of Commerce president Janet Miller stated "She's done so much for the Chamber and especially the Linden Chamber, and I love you."





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the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run which was held on June 9. They joined with over 3,000 law enforcement officers from over 300 New Jersey police departments. They each take a turn running one of 26 separate legs carrying the "Flame of Hope," the Special Olympic torch, throughout the day which began at 4:45 a.m. and

The Linden Police Department participated in snakes through more than 300 towns. The run ends in the evening on the same day at the Special Olympics New Jersey summer games opening ceremony held at The College of New Jersey. The event started in 1984 to join a national effort. Its goal is to raise money and awareness for Special Olympics New Jersey. You can learn more and donate by visiting www.sonj.org.



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BUSINESS OF THE YEAR CHEVYS FRESH MEX



(above) Francis Gonzalez, Janet Miller, Jorge Rojas, and Ingrid Andrade.

MEMBER OF THE YEAR MORNING STAR COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CENTER



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

(above) Linden Chamber of Commerce Co-Presidents Janet Miller and Angie Tsirkas flank scholarship winners Mihalia Sarris, Joseph Krempa and Zeke Modrak. (not pictured) Gabrielle Rampo.



(above l-r) Senior Pastor Dr. Therman E. Evans, Jacqueline Jenkins-Irick, First Lady Constine Evans, Linden Chamber of Commerce Co-Presidents Angie Tsirkas and Janet Miller.

(above) Person of the Year Dawn Victor-Beviano (center) and her family.



(above l-r) Jerry Bishop, Jm Coyle and Mayor Derek Armstead

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LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PERFORMED AT THE DINNER.



PERSON OF THE YEAR DAWN VICTOR-BEVIANO



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SIX SCOUTS FROM ONE PATROL EARN SCOUTING'S HIGHEST RANK

On June 12, 2017, Mr. Fredy Reyes, Scoutmaster of Troop 330, and Mr. Joseph Chrobak, committee chair, bestowed certificates of commendation to six Eagle Scouts from the same patrol at the troop's annual Court of Honor Picnic. Over the course of the 2016-2017 scouting year, the boys completed their requirements for the rank of Eagle. The rank which is earned by less than 4% of all scouts nationally requires a number of achievements, including earning a minimum of 21 badges, providing leadership to the troop and completing an Eagle project approved by the troop adult committee and the regional council.

The new Eagle Scouts are Linden residents Michael Palay, Brian Vieira, and Clark resident Conor Flood.

Nicholas Reyes, Joseph Chrobak Jr., and Kevin Micheludis.

While the troop, chartered by St. John the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Linden-Clark, has had 108 Eagle Scouts since its inception in 1951, this is the first time since 1966 that six scouts from the same patrol have earned the rank. Moreover, they are the entire patrol. The six Eagle Scouts also received Eagle Charge coins from the two leaders. "It is highly unusual to see this many Eagles from the same patrol," said Mr. Chrobak, the committee chair.

Both adult leaders have been with the boys since they joined Cub Scouts at the age of seven in Pack 30 also out of St. John the Apostle. When they became Boy Scouts seven years ago, the boys named their group the Cobra Patrol, and they've been together ever since. As they matured they became a central part of the leadership of the organization, serving in a number of positions including senior patrol leaders, patrol leaders, quartermaster and den chiefs. "These six young men became central to the running of the troop for several years. They were always enthusiastic and committed to living to the Scout Oath and Law," said Mr. Reyes.



(above l-r) Adults Fredy Reyes, Scoutmaster, Joseph Chrobak Sr. Committee Chair. Eagle Scouts Top: Michael Palay, Brian Vieira, Conor Flood; Bottom: Nicholas Reyes, Joseph Chrobak Jr. and Kevin Micheludis.





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The Linden Cultural Heritage Committee is Linden High School Theatre Auditorium. proud to present Mystic Vision Players in the highly acclaimed musical "Hairspray." Directed by Letitia Townes, musically conducted by Khy Garner, and choreographed by "O," this amazing production is for the entire family.

Show dates are July 21st and 22nd at 8:00pm; July 23rd at 3:00pm; and July 27th, 28th, and 29th at 8:00pm. All shows will take place in the

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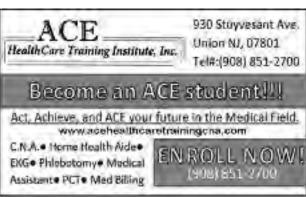
FILMMAKERS AND LINDEN FD PRESENT **"AFTER THE FIRE" TO LHS SENIORS**

Alvaro Llanos and Shawn Simons showcased their documentary titled "After the Fire, A True Story of Heroes & Cowards" to the senior class at Linden High School. Simmons and Llanos were two of the most critically burned students from the Seton Hall University fire on January 19, 2000. The two men, along with the Linden Fire Department, wanted seniors to watch this life changing story and learn about the importance of fire safety, and also become inspired by the strength of the survivors and their will to live.

The documentary covers an overview of the tragic event and its media coverage, as well as family reactions and the trial that aimed to put the arsonists behind bars. The message of the documentary is about more than just fire safety; it concerns the power of the human spirit and the importance of community. This documentary exhibits the strength of the families, the comradery between them, and reveres nurses, doctors, and firefighters for their dedication. More information on the movie can be found at this online address www.afterthefiremovie.com



(above) Linden Fire Deputy Fire Chief Larry Kolesa speaks to the students at Linden High School regarding the film "After the Fire".







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LINDEN H.S. "EAT RIGHT, MOVE MORE" WINNER

along with New York Jets linebacker Josh Martin visited Linden High School on June 2nd to honor the school as one of the "Division Champions" for the New Jersey Department of Agriculture's Jets PLAY 60 "Eat Right, Move More" program.

The Jets PLAY 60 "Eat Right, Move More" program, a partnership between the Jets, the Department of Agriculture, and the American Dairy Association North East, encourages New Jersey school children to take advantage of healthy foods in their school cafeterias and become more active.

The program reinforces schools' efforts to teach children to make healthy choices, whether it is eating more fruits and vegetables or getting



(above) NJ Jets Player Josh Martin addresses the student body of Linden High School about being healthy.



The New Jersey Department of Agriculture more exercise," said Rose Tricario, NJDA Division of Food and Nutrition Director. "We congratulate Linden High School for creating an environment that encourages access to nutritious foods and opportunities to be more active."

> Martin visited the school for a fun and educational program and presented the school with a \$5,000 grant to improve school food service and physical education programs, made possible by the Jets and the American Dairy Association North East. "Prioritizing healthy foods and being active is so important for my daily routine to be successful on and off the field," said Martin.

> Schools were judged on their outstanding efforts to provide children with fresh produce, healthy foods, nutrition education and opportunities to increase physical activity. They also were required to have at least 100 students participate in the Jets Play 60 Program during which students must log one hour a day of activity for a week.

Linden High School offers fresh fruits and/or

vegetables with school lunch on their daily Farm Stand. Some of their most creative menu items include theme days such as Caribbean Day and Smoothie Promotion Day, as well as Fruit and Vegetable of the Month features. In addition, over 100 students participated in and completed the Jets Play 60 portion of the program.

"The Linden Public School District couldn't be more honored to receive this prestigious award. Our district is continually educating our students and staff about the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle and making smart nutritional decisions," said Athletic Director Steven Viana. "This award will allow us to broaden the spectrum of physical activity offerings that we provide for our students. We cherish the opportunity to engage in a variety of fitness experiences in the physical education class and encourage students and families to adopt healthy lifestyles, both in and out of school."

The school plans to use some of its prize money to help create a spin studio at Linden High School. Photos by Christine Hudak/Linden Public Schools.



(above) The New Jersey Department of Agriculture's Jets PLAY 60 "Eat Right, Move More" program officially presented a check to the Linden Board of Education members, Pomptonian Food Services and Linden administrators.



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Submitted by Linden Police Department

Linden Police Officer Daniel Kuczynski, 45, passed away June 12, 2017. He was born March 19, 1972. His work with kids began as a teenager, and he spent his summers working as a Park Director for the Linden Recreation Summer Park Program. He graduated from Linden High School in 1990, and earned an Associate's Degree from Middlesex County College. He continued his education at Monmouth University, where he played NCAA Division I baseball until graduating with a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice in 1996. He joined the Linden Police Department in January 1997 and graduated in the 76th class of the John H. Stamler Police Academy later that year.

Danny spent eleven years assigned to the Patrol Division, and was commended dozens of times. Most notably, he was among a group of officers named Officer of the Year in 2000 for their actions during the pursuit and arrest of

OFFICER DANIEL KUCZYNSKI

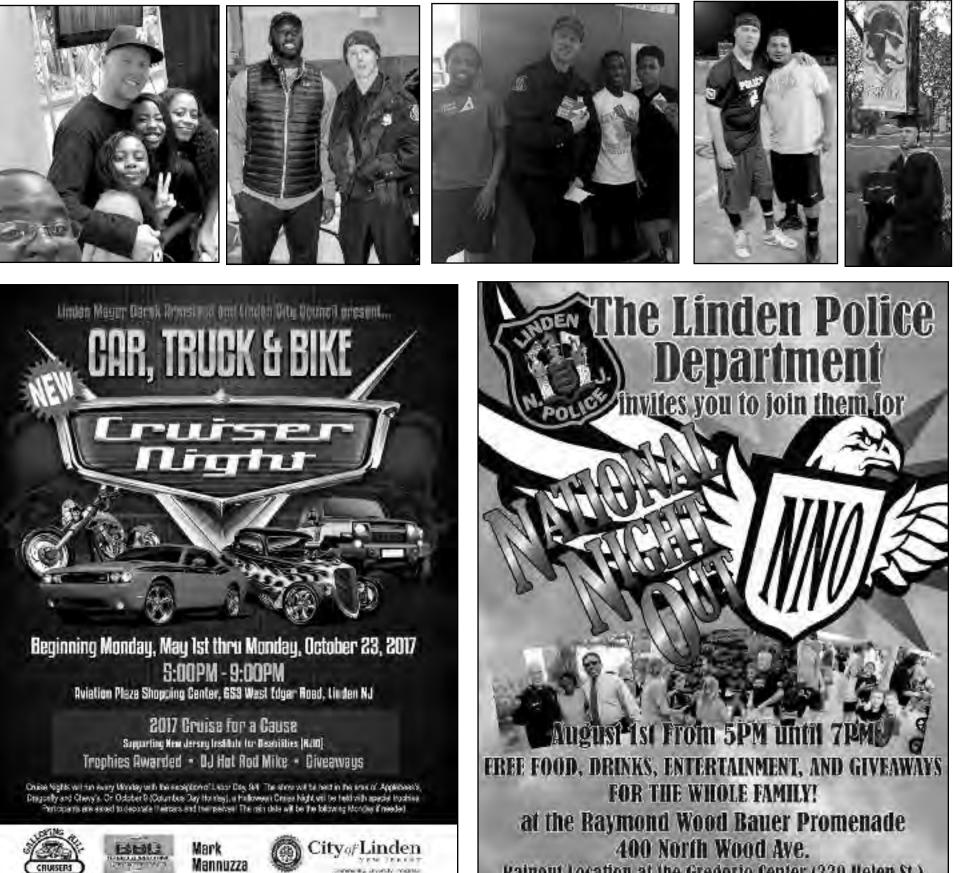
multiple murder suspects. He earned the award again in 2001 after he and other officers arrested multiple armed robbery suspects. Officer Kuczynski was also recognized for his extensive participation in community events. Despite his effectiveness as a Patrol Officer, Officer Kuczynski was well respected by the community, and on several occasions citizens wrote letters to thank Officer Kuczynski and commended his compassion, particularly with youth.

Officer Kuczynski was assigned to the Linden Police Juvenile Bureau in 2008, and served as Director of the Linden Police Athletic League for the next nine years. He was lovingly called "Officer DK" by the kids, and he, in return, was relentless in his efforts to create new opportunities for them. League participation more than doubled during his tenure as director, and he significantly expanded the programs offered. He added new leagues and new sports, expanded programs to include children of more

ages, and sponsored clinics and summer programs. In 2009 he started the Wanda Green "Battle of the Badges" football game, which has grown into a yearly tradition that starts the league's flag football season. This year he expanded the tradition with the inaugural "Battle of the Badges" basketball game.

Danny continued his education, and earned his Master's Degree in Human Resources and Development from Seton Hall University in 2016. Of all his accomplishments, however, Danny was particularly proud of the "Real Talk" series he began earlier this year. Danny recognized how difficult it was to be a kid today, and the program featured members of the community speaking directly to kids and setting them on the right path.

Danny is survived by his father, John, his mother, Eleanor, and his brothers, John and Adam. A funeral service was held at St. John the Apostle Church on Monday June, 19th.





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On May the 25th Kiwanis Club of Linden members attended a luncheon at School #5. Joann Peterson-Tyler and Laura Cuttia the K Kids advisors, along with Mr. Walter Tyliki, a Kiwanian, coordinated this inspiring affair.

The K Kids ran the meeting and shared what being a citizen means to

them. Once again our club achieved their mission. Changing the world; one child, one community at a time. Listening to the K Kids truly reinforces why our club exists - for information on learning more about our club please contact us via our facebook page or email me, June Lazaro, at junlazaro@verizon.net.







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THE GATEWAY FAMILY YMCA SUPPORTS 7TH GRADE STUDENTS WITH FREE MEMBERSHIPS

memberships for all 7th Grade students as part of the NJ YMCA 7th Grade Initiative, a state-wide program designed to support and encourage teens to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Providing services for Eastern Union County and Northern Middlesex County for over 100 years, The Gateway Family YMCA has 5 YMCA branches in Elizabeth, Rahway and Union, NJ. 7th Grade students from the surrounding areas are invited to visit the YMCA and sign up for this complimentary membership.

The goal of the 7th Grade Initiative is to increase physical activity and support teens in the development of lifetime healthy habits while providing a safe and supportive environment at the YMCA. "We recognize that 7th grade is a pivotal time in youth development, where sports become more competitive and many teens begin to become less active," stated Krystal. R. Canady, CEO, The Gateway Family YMCA. "We believe in providing these students with a positive environment, where healthy habits can be learned and reinforced, where new friendships can be made, and where positive programs and role models are part of the daily routine," added Melynda A. Mileski, EVP/COO.

Local students are invited to visit The Gateway

The Gateway Family YMCA provides free Family YMCA with a parent/guardian and proof of grade to sign up for the free membership. Students are invited to participate in programs and services offered by the YMCA, and are provided with a complimentary Full Privilege membership including health and wellness options, swimming, group exercise, as well as teen programs. "Our goal is to provide support for 7th grade students, allowing them to strengthen healthy behaviors, increase activity, gain a better understanding of nutrition and the importance of continuing these habits into their adult lives," stated Thomas Galuppo, Director of Healthy Living, Five Points Branch.

The Gateway Family YMCA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, health and community service organization of caring staff and volunteers dedicated to strengthening the foundations of community and stands For Youth Development, For Healthy Living and For Social Responsibility. The Y provides quality services to people of all ages, races, faiths or incomes.

For more information about The Gateway Family YMCA or the 7th Grade Initiative, please visit www.tgfymca.org or contact the Elizabeth Branch at 908-355-9622, Five Points Branch at 908-688-9622, Rahway Branch at 732-388-0057 or Wellness Center Branch at 908-349-9622.





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UCPAC's Wine, Cheese & Chocolate Party of the Year was held on Friday, June 2nd. Participants got to sample wine, generously donated by Metro Liquors of Linden and Witty's Fine Wine and Liquors of Rahway, and cheese from around the world, donated by ShopRite, and delicious chocolate at Hamilton Stage.



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CINDERELLA AROUND THE WORLD

Multicultural Literacy Night has been one of the many community and family-centered events organized and hosted by the teachers and staff at School Two. The School No. 2 learning community, with the support of their local union, the Linden Education Association (LEA), were awarded a FAST (Families and Schools Together) grant from the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) to fund the cost of the event.

More than 150 School No. 2 families took a trip around the world, completing literacy-related activities linked to many of the multicultural versions of the traditional Cinderella fairy tale. Using a splendid castle as the magical doorway to distant lands, they traveled to such destinations as France, Greece, China, Egypt, India, Mexico, the United States, and the Caribbean with their passports in hand. While experiencing the diversity within the different Cinderella tales, the families completed story retells, sequencing activities, vocabulary builders, comparisons of the different tales, made text-to-self connections, and more as they listened to the various tales read aloud by School Two teachers and student volunteers. Each destination was decorated in the spirit of the country of the Cinderella tale and many of the teachers wore traditional clothing of that culture so that guests could discover the essence of each land along with its literature. Guests were then regaled with a generous buffet of each country's food, allowing for a true "taste" of the different sociti. A School Two communitywide celebration of diversity through the exploration of multicultural literacy was had by all!

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CELEBRATES 75 YEARS

On Saturday June 17, 2017 the Linden Council 2859 Knights of Columbus celebrated their 75th anniversary with a Mass at St. Elizabeth's Church, and a luncheon that followed.

Linden Council 2859 received its charter on June 21, 1942. St. Elizabeth's Church was its sponsor. Pat Hennessy, who received the Distinguished Service Cross for valor in World War 1, was its first Grand Knight. In the past 75 years Linden Council has been very active in the city of Linden. Just to name a few of the activities the Council has been involved in over the past 75

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years: Sponsoring Little League Baseball and Basketball, honoring the firemen and policemen of the year, and raising more than half a million dollars for the handicapped. The Council has been involved in myriad other activities over the last 75 years: they participated in the Right to Life march in Washington, DC; they hosted annual picnics, Easter egg hunts, Ethic nights, Benefit Dinners, and a bowling league on Friday evenings; and they held May Crowning, children's Christmas parties, Widows and Nuns Dinners, and Mass for their deceased members.

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(above) The Choudhry Family along with Sch. 2 Pre-K teachers Fran Pszenica and Evelyn Rivera get ready to travel the world.



(above lr) Sch. 2 teacher Sophia Sanchez and Sch. 2 second grader Claudia Dolan make a pretty flower in Mexico after learning about Cinderella's adventures.



(above) Cinderella herself, Layla Kupka, stopped by for a quick "Hello!" and visited the countries.



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On Wednesday, May 17th, family and friends gathered in the Municipal Courtroom to celebrate as two of Linden's Finest were promoted. The promotions of Sgt. John Mekovetz to the rank of Lieutenant and Officer Anthony Lordi to the rank of Sergeant were unanimously approved by the City Council at the at the May meeting. Lt. Michael Babulski, President of the Linden Police Superior Officers Association, thanked the Mayor and City Council for their continued support. "Their support of Chief Parham and the Command Staff is vital in continuing the growth and progress we have seen in the Police Department."

John Mekovetz was hired by the Linden Police department In January of 1997. He has a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Kean University. In 1998 he awarded the Excellent Police Duty Medal for his actions leading to the arrest of five suspected carjackers from Staten Island who pistol whipped and beat a woman with an aluminum bat. His work in the case led to the conviction of all five suspects and solved two additional Linden carjackings. In 2001 Ofc. Mekovetz attended the prestigious Institute of Police Management and Technology at North Florida University and was appointed a Field Training Officer in the Patrol Division. In 2006 was appointed to Detective, and while assigned to the Juvenile Bureau he led a multi-agency investigation involving sex trafficking of juveniles across state lines. His work in this case

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led to the arrest and conviction of several known gang members in Federal Court. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2009 and returned to the Patrol Division where he is currently assigned.

Anthony Lordi worked as a supervisor with the Middlesex County Park Ranger Division until he was hired by the Linden Police Department in January 2004. He has spent his career serving in the Patrol Division and in 2011 he was appointed as a Field Training Officer. He has been a member of the Linden Police Honor Guard since its inception in 2009. He is also a member of the Crisis Intervention Team and is a trained Crisis negotiator. During his career he has been awarded numerous medals and citations, two of which were awarded for his actions that prevented a citizen from committing suicide.

"These Officers have been leaders their entire careers. Their Leadership and experience will have an immediate impact, and I am certain they will excel in their new roles." Said Police Chief Jonathan Parham



(above l-r) Linden Police Chief Jonathan Parham, Sgt. Anthony Lordi, It. John Mekovetz, and Mayor Derek Armstead. Photo by Linden Police Department.

LINDEN'S NEWEST POLICE OFFICERS

Vasquez, Michelle Bonilla, and Ryan Zaccaro were hired by the Police Department in December 2016. On June 1st, during a ceremony in front of family and friends, they were sworn in by City Clerk Joe Bodek. On Wednesday, June 7th, they completed their recruit training and graduated from the 116th class of the John H.

Officers Paulina Pereira, Mikael Diaz, Victoria Stamler Police Academy. "We are very proud of these Officers. Their performance during recruit training was exceptional, and I have no doubt they will continue to represent the department well." Said Police Chief Jonathan Parham. The Officers have been assigned to the Training Division for specialized departmental training.

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(above) Chief Jonathan Parham, Officers Diaz, Zaccaro, Pereira, Bonilla, and Vasquez.

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I SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM SUMMER LEARNING

Students and families of Linden School No. 4 screamed for summer learning on May 31st, 2017. It was a sunny, spring evening that brought out a total of approximately 120 community members, including students, parents, and local dignitaries.

In an effort to involve families in the learning community, School 4 teachers applied for a grant through their local union. The event was coordinated by the Instructional Coaches, Suzanne Olivero and Margaret Zucosky. School #4 was the recipient of a FAST (Families and Schools Together) grant, which provided the funding to cover the entire cost of this event.

Research has shown that children fall behind an average of 2 months in reading during the summer. This is referred to as "summer slide." Summer slide is the tendency for students, to lose some of the achievement gains they made during the previous school year. Summer slide is cumulative, with these learning losses building up each summer. Teachers in the Linden Education Association, in collaboration with the Instructional Coaches, planned educational, fun enrichment activities that parents could use to

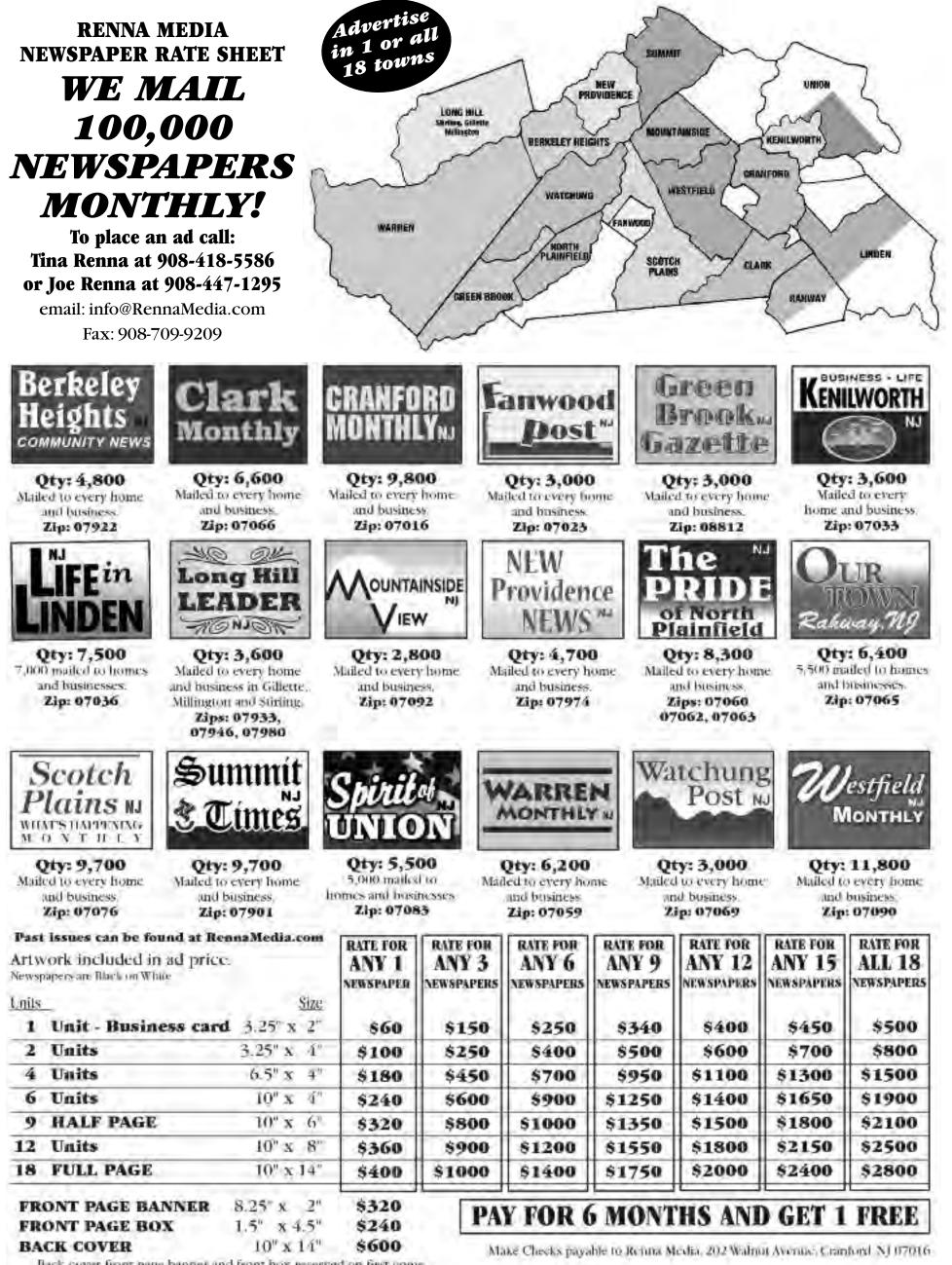
assist their students throughout the summer. Families visited a Math Obstacle Course, went on a Book Walk, and played various Math games. In addition, they received Summer Writing and Math journals as well as books for Summer Reading. Members of the Linden Fire Department, Linden Police Department, and Office of Emergency Management attended and provided safety resources for all families. The Linden Public Library also shared free resources available to all Linden families. At the conclusion of the event, families gathered in the cafeteria to enjoy ice cream, while the grand prize raffle winners were announced. Two bikes, donated by the Linden Housing Authority, were given away, along with educational board games.

We would be remiss not to mention the dedicated teachers and staff members of the School No. 4 faculty as well as the support from building principal Anthony Cataline, who helped make this event possible.

Families and students beamed as they exited the event, with new books and resources in hand and an ignited passion for learning!

Photo by Linden Police Department.





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LHS BASKETBALL TEAM CELEBRATION CONTINUES

the Linden Basketball team to lunch at the Flaming Grill.

Thanks to Al Volpe, a Kiwanian, medals of recognition were given in celebration for once again a very successful season. Our club applauds

On June 2nd Kiwanis Club of Linden treated their team effort under the leadership of their coach Phil Colichio and supports the learned life skills that this team accomplished and exemplified. Please like our facebook page and message us or email me, June Lazaro at junlazaro@verizon.net.



JOSEPH E. SOEHL MIDDLE SCHOOL RECEIVES 21ST CENTURY GRANT AWARD

Public School District, recently received the 21st Century Grant Award. This is the 12th year in a row that the district has presented the grant to Soehl Middle School.

21st Century Community Learning Center grantees provide after-school programming for students; there are 57 of these grantees in the state

Joseph E. Soehl Middle School, of the Linden of New Jersey, one of which is Soehl Middle School. When the regular school day has ended, the after-school program supplies middle school students with homework help, enrichment classes, and recreational activities. Over 2,400 students have participated since the start of the 21st Century Community Learning Center at Soehl Middle School.

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| Sun. July 23, 2017NJ Shakespeare's Theater presents "Taming of the Shrew" | |
| Tue. July 25, 2017Human Wheels | 7:30pm |
| Tue. Aug. 1, 2017National Night Out Against Crime (4 pm-7 pm) | |
| Tue. Aug. 1, 2017Rob Paparazzi Band | 7:30pm |
| Fri. Aug. 4, 2017Dara and Frank | 7:30pm |
| Tue. Aug. 8, 2017Route 80's Band | 7:30pm |
| Tue. Aug. 15, 2017100 Proof Band | 7:30pm |
| Fri. Aug. 18, 2017Billy the Kid | 7:30pm |
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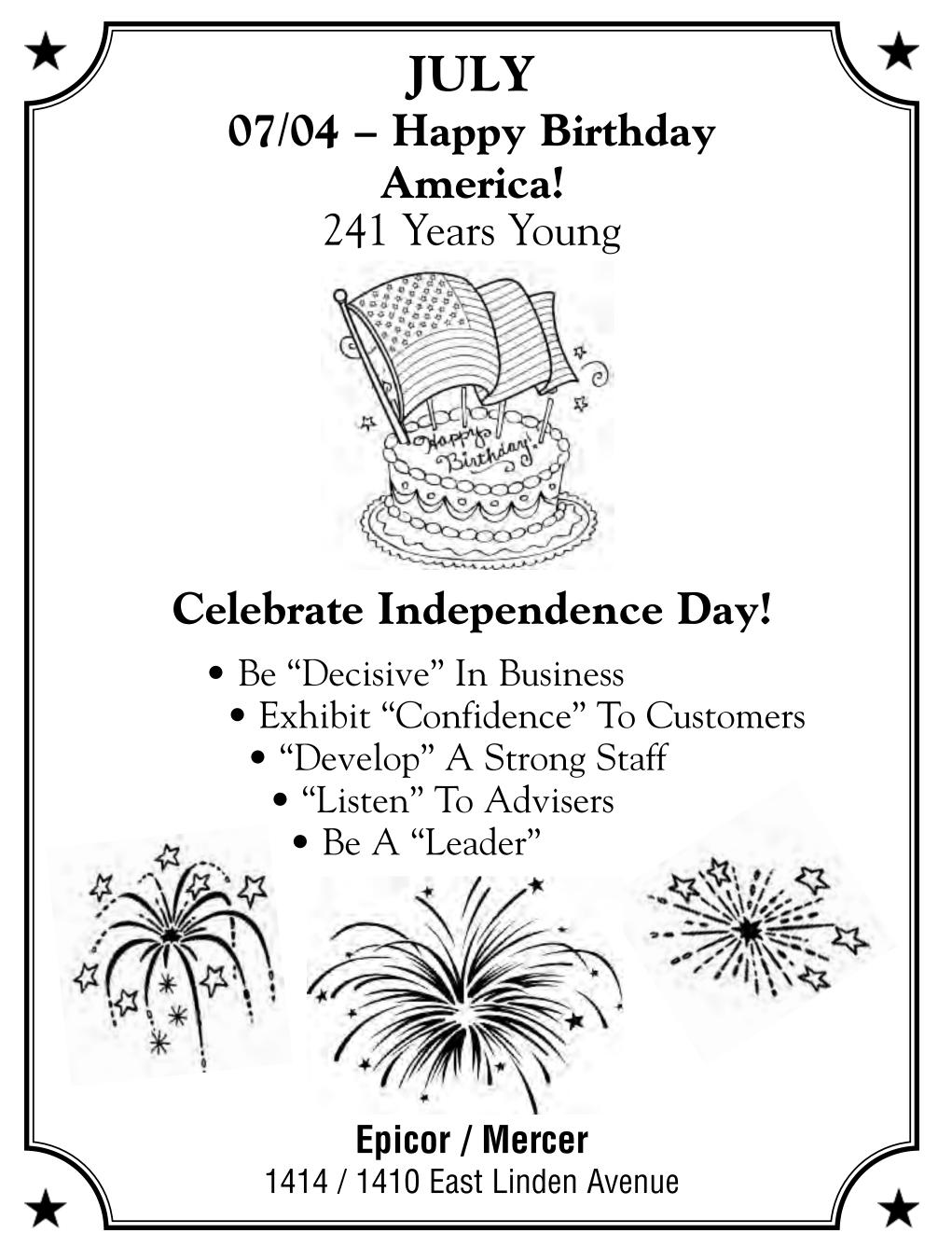
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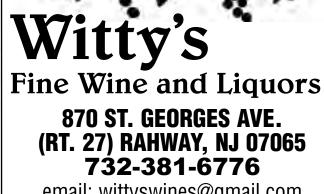


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