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AL VOLPE INDUCTED INTO THE EAST ORANGE HALL OF FAME

Submitted by: June Lazaro, Kiwanis Club of Linden

Al Volpe, a 1959 East Orange High School graduate, was a member and captain of the 1958 New Jersey State Championship Football Team. Earning All-State honors Al was appointed to the Scholastic Coach All-American Team. Al received an athletic scholarship and obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree from Purdue University followed by a Master's Degree from Kean University. Al also served in the United States Navy.

Al was employed by The City of Linden for 41 years and retired as the Director of Recreation, Public Property and Community Services. He served on the Planning Board and was also a CETA Coordinator and Community Development Representative. Al was inducted into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame, Linden Athletic Hall of Fame, and is currently Chairman for the Linden Boxing Association. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Morris County Chapter of the National Football Foundation. Though the years his involvement has resulted with raising over \$700,000 for public and youth athletics and activities.

Even in retirement, he still serves his community. His love of cooking always contributed to our The Kiwanis Club of Linden's Pancake Breakfast, but especially our Pasta Dinners. His special sauce is a secret shared with a select few and is so delicious! Al joined Kiwanis in 1976 and has served in many roles. He is a key reason of why our club still survives. Al received the deserved honor of being a 'Distinguished Past

President of the Kiwanis Club.'

Our Club was chartered in 1947 and needs youthful-minded individuals to re-spark us. From sponsoring the K-Kids programs in the elementary schools, raising money for scholarships and gift cards, supporting Children Specialized Hospital along with International causes, our Club has passion and dedication. Our signature projects include raffles, Pancake Breakfasts, Pasta Dinners and, for the past five years, "The Taste of Linden." The K-Kids and our Club raise money for others, inclusive of Children Specialized Hospital, during a K-Kids Halloween Walkathon. Our community children learn leadership and community service through the K-Kids programs. They participate in so many school-related projects, ranging from sending cards and candy to the military, singing, and visiting the elderly, and serving community with heart-filled breakfasts to just in general sharing their genuine love for others.

As a Kiwanian since 2005, I have been privileged to have a School 9 K-Kids Treasurer as a son and cherished so many smiles from seeing the greatness within our youth and community. Now, more than ever, our Club needs to grow. Please contact me, June Lazaro, Secretary at 908 930-8310, junlazaro@verizon.net, or via our Facebook page. Join us for lunch, feel Al's warmth, and together our traditions will continue. Special thanks to Al for sharing his time and dedication!



(above l-r) Principal School #4 Anthony Cataline, K-Kids Advisor Danielle Piscino, School #4K-Kids, Bruce Bakos formally of Phillips 66, and Kiwanians June Lazaro and Al Volpe during the Heart Tea Breakfast.

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‘AN EVENING OF SHINING STARS’ 7TH ANNUAL SPECIAL NEEDS TALENT SHOW

Submitted by Michael P. Curci

One of the area's most anticipated events, "An Evening of Shining Stars," featuring members of the special needs community from around Union County, will take place on Friday May 4, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Founded by Cranford resident Sally Curci, the 7th annual showcase will feature "Music from the Decades" with the cast set to sing and dance their way into your hearts as they show off their amazing talents.

And for the very first time, the "Shining Stars" cast will take the professional stage at the beautiful and historic Union County Performing Arts Center, where many of America's biggest names have performed.

"We are so excited to give our special cast the chance to perform at such a great venue," noted Sally Curci. "Our audience has grown each and every year, and our cast continues to grow as we spotlight talent from around Union County. It's going to be a night to remember."

When the lights will go up, the "stars" will shine, entertaining you with music from the '20s through today, with solo acts and full cast dance choreography, which is one of the highlights of the show.

Adam Fleissner, who has performed in every show, can't wait to take the stage again, as he prepares to sing "Help!" by the Beatles.

"We meet so many great people," said

Fleissner. "We get new people in every year and everyone has a good time meeting each other and performing. All of it is just fantastic."

Caitlin Madden is also excited to team with volunteer buddy Mark Lynch on the Elton John song, "Don't Go Breaking My Heart," with rehearsals in full swing.

"I'm very excited for the show, I like my number," said Madden. "I like all the years I've been doing it. It's fun. Come see us!"

Tickets are on sale now at UCPAC.org/events. Find the Shining Stars logo, select your seats and you'll be in for one of the best nights of the year!

"An Evening of Shining Stars" is presented by Shining Stars Network, Inc., a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Union County that shines the light on the special needs community by creating inclusive events such as their annual talent show, dances at local high schools, and our Ambassadors basketball team, which travels to play local first responders to promote friendship and understanding.

SSN will also host their 2nd annual two week performing arts camp, "Camp Shine," from August 20 through August 31 in Scotch Plains. To reserve your spot, or for more information on any of these programs or events, email shiningstarsnetwork@gmail.com, or check out their website at ShiningStarsNetwork.org.



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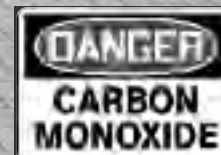
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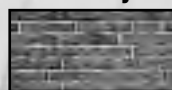
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LUCAS AND VINCENT OSIECKI COMPETE IN SCOUT CHESS TOURNAMENT



(above) Lucas Osiecki



(above) Vincent Osiecki

Linden brothers Lucas and Vincent Osiecki, from Munsee Troop 330, participated in The Munsee District of Boy Scouts 5th Annual Chess Tournament.

The tournament was held at the Cranford Community Center, Cranford, New Jersey, on February 24, 2018. Sponsored by Renna Media, trophies were awarded to first, second, and third place finishers. The tournament met the 6a requirement for earning a Chess merit badge.

First Place prizes were chess sets in traveling cases.

Thirty-six contestants participated, with players coming from as far as Franklin, Lake Hopatcong, and Rockaway. The owner of Big Apple Pizzeria on Walnut Avenue, Cranford, donated lunch for all participants and spectators.

Last year's winner, Linden resident, Youssef Diakite returned as a volunteer and assistant tournament director.



(above, l-r) Sponsor Joe Renna of Renna Media; Second Place finisher Joshua McDonald of Raritan Valley Troop 90; First Place winner Vibhav Chaturvedi of Watchung Mountains Troop 368; Third Place finisher Miguel Aguirre of Raritan Valley Troop 90; and Jim Parlapiano, Cranford Troop Volunteer.

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ROWE-WOODS SIGNS LETTER OF INTENT TO PLAY FOOTBALL AT VIRGINIA MILITARY INST.

Submitted by Gary Miller

Linden High School football player Khalil Rowe-Woods recently signed his National Letter of Intent to continue his academic and football pursuits at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia.

Rowe-Woods, who played outside linebacker for the Tigers, signed the letter in the office of LHS Principal Yelena Horre and celebrated with his mother, coaches and teammates.

The VMI Keydets compete in the Southern Conference of the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision.

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(above) Linden football head coach Al Chiola, assistant coach Terrence Brown, teammate Terrell Johnson, Khalil Rowe-Woods, mother Tashika Woods, teammate Lawson Paden, and Principal Yelena Horre.

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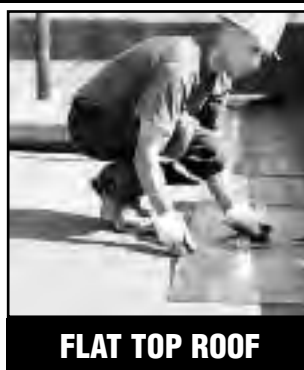
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The Fire Department Cook-off is part of a

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MICHAEL RICHMOND PROMOTED SERGEANT

Officer Michael Richmond, an 11-year-veteran of the force, was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on March 1, 2018.



(above, l-r) Chief David Hart, Sgt. Michael Richmond, and Mayor Derek Armstead.

LINDEN LIONS ANNUAL FISH FRY

The Linden Lions Annual Fish Fry will be held on Friday, April 27, 2018 at JTG Recreation Center, 330 Helen St., Linden, NJ, from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults; and \$7 for children under 12. There will be a raffle and prizes. For tickets call 732-815-3280 or 908-925-7242.

The winners of the Linden Lions Raffle drawn on February 6, 2018, were First Prize of \$719 to Diodato Villani. Second Prize of \$205 to Anne Servey. And Third Prize of \$103 to Peter Renna. We thank all who participated.

Our meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at the JTG Recreation Center and new members are always welcome. Call the above phone numbers for more information.

JOIN THE CIRCUS WITH MYSTIC VISION PLAYERS

Cartwheel into this scholarship season by helping Mystic Vision Players, the resident community theatre of Linden since 1992, provide scholarships for graduating Linden High School seniors!

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Join us on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at The Waiting Room, 66 E. Cherry Street, Rahway, New Jersey at 6:30 p.m. Admission: \$10 per person (ages 6 and up). Order what you like from the menu; two-item minimum. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

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GLORIA NISKY NAMED 2018 OUTSTANDING SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



(above) Gloria Nisky

Gloria Nisky, resident of Linden since 1962, has been chosen Linden's 42nd Annual Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year. This award is bestowed annually by the Linden Department of Public Property and Community Services Recreation Division upon the Senior Citizen who displayed the most exceptional service to the Community.

Retired since 1996, Gloria thought the years to come would be ones spent reading good books and taking long walks. She was wrong! Gloria started to fill her days and nights volunteering.

First was the Ann Ferguson Senior Club where she coordinated entertainment for events and set up flea markets for 10 years. At the same time her evenings were filled for 16 years being a member of Linden Chapter 595 Women of the Moose. Here Gloria was Guide, Assistant Guide, secretary/treasurer, and chaplain. She also did whatever was needed to set up, take down, serve food, and sell tickets.

Gloria also volunteered for 13 years at St. Elizabeth of Hungry Church with Pre-cana classes. And if you belonged to Linden's AARP and saw it was snowing, you could count on a call from Gloria. She was chair for three years of the telephone squad.

Being a valued member of the Linden Citizens

Association for the past three years, Gloria volunteered as chaplain this year. Chaplain must be in her blood because she has been and is currently the chaplain in the Retired Men's Club of which she has been a member for 16 years. Here she has also been chair of the committee which serves weekly refreshments and special parties and holiday celebrations.

Gloria has also received the Senior Citizen's Council-Special Person Award-2014. This award was presented from the Linden Retired Men's Club to Gloria at L'Affaire Restaurant where Gloria was asked to model in Union County's Generation and Style Fashion Show which she has done for the past three years.

So, you can see, Gloria has worn many hats during her Linden years, never once shirking from any responsibility and always ready to multi-task at a moment's request. One can well comprehend that the above accomplishments point to a woman worthy of the title 'Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year.'

All residents are invited to attend the celebration honoring Gloria Nisky as Linden's JTG Recreation Center's "Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year." Please join us Friday, May 4, 2018 at 1:00 p.m., 330 Helen Street, Linden. Refreshments will be served.

OBITUARY ROSALIE BOSCO (NEE VILLANI)

Rosalie Bosco (nee Villani) of Linden, died peacefully at home on January 25, 2018, a day after her 89th birthday.

She was born and raised in Linden, one of seven children and the eldest daughter of Frank and Palma (nee Frangella) Villani.

Rosalie graduated from Linden High School 1946 and earned a BS in education from Boston University in 1950 and an MA from Kean University in 1988. She was a well-known and much-loved kindergarten teacher at McManus School and then School 9.

In 1952 she married Pat Bosco of Monessen, Pennsylvania. By 1963 they moved to Europe, where they lived with their three children; first in Frankfurt and then London.

One of Rosalie's defining characteristics was her love of travel, adventure, and antiques. And she loved the opportunities life in Europe gave her to combine these interests, visiting much of Britain, Ireland, western and eastern Europe, Russia, North Africa, and the Middle East.

The family returned to the U.S. in 1982 when she began teaching kindergarten at School Six until her retirement at age 70 in 2000. She was honored by the State of New Jersey and the NJEA for her long and distinguished teaching career.

Rosalie was well-known throughout her community for her sociability, talkative nature, generosity, eccentricity, devotion to the Catholic Church and remarkable ability to maintain friendships over decades and continents.

She was a member of the Linden Lions Club, a former committeewoman of the Third Ward Democratic Club, the Linden City Democratic Club, the NJEA, and the Linden's Men's

Retirement Club.

Rosalie is survived by three daughters, Patti Taibl, Maria Bosco, and Francine Bosco; five grandchildren, Julia Taibl, Sophia Taibl, Martha Bosco Brown, Jacob Bosco Brown, and Ali Soufraki; five siblings, Joanna Colucci, Carmella Sadry, Aida St. John, Diodato Villani, and Frank Villani. She was predeceased by two brothers, Carmine and Francesco Villani; and sister Clara Troiano.

She was a longtime supporter of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Smile Train charities.



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Submitted by Mathew J. Pribish, Fire Department Administrator

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firefighter must use the kit, they hook into the window frame and bail out the window using the descender to slowly lower to the ground. In addition to the equipment each member also is receiving proper training in the use of the equipment, in this training they are all required to bail out of a window nine times to be qualified to use the kits.

Linden Fire Chief Joseph Dooley said, "Not having this equipment and training has been a significant gap in our preparedness. We have

been trying for years to get grants for the equipment. Phillips 66 has closed this gap, now every member of the Linden Fire Department has a way out if they get trapped by fire."

The Linden Fire Department would like to thank Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery for their donation, Phillips 66 has always taken a great interest in training and safety of the Linden Fire Department so that we can continue to deliver the highest level of safety to the citizens and businesses of Linden.



(above) Linden Fire Department.






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LINDEN HS STUDENTS TAKE A SPIN OUTSIDE GYM CLASS ROUTINE

Submitted by Gary Miller

A stationary bike doesn't move, but it sure can take you places.

Linden High School students are learning that lesson in a state-of-the-art spin studio that debuted in September just outside the main gym. So far, the reviews are positive all around.

"We kind of hit a home run here," said Steven Viana, the district's director of health and physical education.

The room is the latest "breakout" room offered to physical education students, meaning it gives them alternatives for workouts aside from typical gym-class activities. The students also have access to an expansive weight room and a multifaceted fitness room, which offers yoga, Pilates, kickboxing, and other activities. Because exercise bikes are among the most popular equipment in the weight room, it seemed natural to expand the offering.

It's a unique program that helps solve a common problem for large school districts: trying to put on the best possible physical education program in a limited amount of space.

"But I don't know another school in the area that's doing something similar," said Viana, who credited Superintendent Danny A. Robertozzi, Business Administrator Kathleen Gaylord, Principal Yelena Horre, and the support of the Board of Education for making the project happen.

"When we first heard this idea from Mr. Viana, we knew it was worth our time and effort to get it done," Robertozzi said. "It's a great way to maximize our resources while giving the students something unique and valuable. It's a win-win."

The spin studio consists of 26 bikes, two of which are Peloton bikes that are equipped with on-demand instruction programs with a real instructor that the user can view on a screen. The instructor gives users instructions and encouragement and keeps the workout interesting and challenging.

But Linden High School takes it a step further by taking Peloton's instructor video and broadcasting it from a big-screen television at the front of the room so that everyone can get the full experience.

"We wirelessly push the signal from the Peloton bike up to the seventy-five-inch tv set so every student is getting that Peloton experience," Viana said. "We're using the Cadillac of spin bikes in the Peloton and using it for everyone else in the room. We're using our technology to the fullest extent."

The Peloton experience includes 200,000 different videos to choose from, with different kinds of background music, different instructors, and different levels of difficulty and intensity.

"We have a whole myriad of options available," Viana said.

Coupled with the two Pelotons are 24 Life Fitness spin cycles, all of which are fully customizable for each student. All the bikes allow students to track their progress with real data, including calories, cadence, and other measures, which allow students to track their progress and compare it with others. For example, physical

education teacher Michael Firestone had his class in the spin studio for a rotation in December. Freshman Edgar Saint-Val burned 178 calories during a 20-minute workout to lead the class.

"The spin studio at Linden High School is an innovative and exciting new experience for the students as well as the physical education staff," said Barbara Brady, the Health & Physical Education Department chair, who was speaking on behalf of the physical education staff. "It is a great alternative to a traditional physical education class. The students can focus on individual exercise goals and they can monitor their own progress. The spin classes also offer the students the opportunity to experience a lifelong fitness activity."

Besides diversifying the students' options, the spin studio and other breakout rooms serve another purpose. Each gym class has 100 to 150 students, which can complicate lesson planning. The breakout rooms give teachers the option to place 85 students in activities outside the main gym.

"That leaves fifty to seventy behind, which is a very good number to do a formal activity in the gym, whether we're playing badminton, or floor hockey, or volleyball," Viana said. "Whatever we're doing, we have so much more space and the students are getting a much better class experience because we're basically reducing the class sizes and providing more individualized instruction."

"Teachers love it because it's so much more manageable. It's so hard to do an organized physical activity for 150 students in one small area."

Student rotate through different rooms every two weeks or so, so that everyone gets the chance to try different activities.

"We're doing new things, creative things, to expand the physical education opportunities with a limited space," Viana said. "We're always trying to give students new opportunities and the spin studio is just one venue in which students can get physically active."

"It's new, it's creative and the kids love it."



(above) Students in Michael Firestone's physical education class at Linden High School using the school's spin studio, which varies students' activities and makes creative use of limited space.



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Submitted by Joe Seebode

All volunteers are invited to celebrate Earth Day with Boy Scout Troop 330, Cub Scout Pack 30, and members of the Rahway River Watershed Association, Rahway Environmental Commission, and Clark Environmental Commission in a clean-up of the Rahway River on Saturday, April 21, 2018, (with a rain date of Sunday, April 22nd). The clean-up will focus on areas upstream and downstream of the dam at Winfield Park, New Jersey. It is our hope to have enough folks participate that we can have teams work as far upstream as the Garden State

Parkway and downstream through Rahway River Park in Clark, Linden and Rahway all the way to Elizabeth Avenue.

Plans are to meet at the parking area adjacent to the waterfall of the Rahway River by the dam at Winfield Park at 8:45. This is a great way to celebrate Earth Day and if you haven't participated in an event like this before, you will find it invigorating, and you will feel good about what you have accomplished...it is also a lot of fun...especially for scouts and young adults as they always find something interesting. This adds both education and adventure to the event.

The clean-up will generally be between 9 a.m. and noon, but any amount of time or effort that folks can volunteer is appreciated. There is always a large volume of floatable debris to pick up. This includes tires and of course floatables (cans, bottles, plastics, etc.). The County of Union generously supplies gloves and garbage bags, and we solicit material donations (donuts, bagels, coffee, bottled water, paper towels, hand-wipes, etc.) for all volunteers.

Last year, nearly 150 folks participated, including Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, fishermen, local activists and citizens, and we pulled some amazing things from the river. Sponsors came through with coffee, bagels, Danish, donuts, cookies, bottled water, and juice boxes, and we had grilled hot dogs for lunch. We also had other giveaways for the participants.

All participants should wear jeans, long-sleeved shirts, gloves and boots, and waders are welcome for folks who like to get a little wet. Each participant should bring a standard five-gallon carry bucket with a handle (put your name on the bottom). This makes for easy carrying of "stuff" for transfer to the large garbage bags. When we complete the event, we do a basic inventory of the "big stuff" that we removed and within approximately 24 hours Union County Parks removes and disposes of all the trash.

There is no RSVP required but if you need more information or think you will attend please let us know by e-mail at rivercleanup@comcast.net

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LINDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS WORK OF HUMANITARIANS

Submitted by Gary Miller

Hanging in a second-floor hallway near the main entrance to Soehl Middle School in Linden is a monument to those who have used their lives for the betterment of humanity – and who stand as an inspiration to students.

“Piece by Peace” is a patchwork quilt of 120 cards, each of which highlights the achievements of a notable humanitarian of the past or present – from Susan B. Anthony, to Rosa Parks, to Bill Gates. The cards were created and strung together by students in the seventh-grade language arts classes of Jennifer MacDonald and Jamie Pierson as part of a larger project.

“The ‘Piece by Peace’ quilt has generated a lot of meaningful discussion as it hangs proudly in our hallway,” said Principal Richard Molinaro.

The project got started around Martin Luther King Day, when students were discussing the civil rights leader’s humanitarian works.

“The kids were totally unfamiliar with what that meant and with what contributes to being a humanitarian,” MacDonald said. “So, we thought it would be fun for them to become a humanitarian.”

The teachers came up with names of 30 humanitarians and students were randomly assigned one name to learn about.

“So, the students did research on what they did, what their impact on society was, or still is to this day,” said MacDonald, who was named Soehl’s Teacher of the Year in January. “And students thought about what we can do to be a good humanitarian, without the fame, without the money. So, the kids familiarized themselves with how they can be a productive humanitarian.”

Some of the ideas the students came up with were holding fundraisers at the school, collecting plastic to recycle, reducing use of paper, reducing food waste, and organizing clothing drives for the poor.

“It opened their eyes to how great an outcome it can turn into from something so simple,” MacDonald said.

Superintendent Danny A. Robertozzi was impressed by the work of everyone involved.

“It’s such a creative project and teaches the students about these prominent figures in a way that will truly stick with them,” he said. “Their ‘Piece by Peace’ display serves as an inspiration to other students and everyone who visits Soehl. Hats off to Miss MacDonald and Miss Pierson.”

Student Natalia Silva-Miceli said she learned a lot through the research and class presentations.

“It really helped to show us that as we grow older we can make a change no matter who we are,” she said.

Natalia’s humanitarian was Mother Teresa. At first, she considered trying to trade to get a different name, but she’s glad she stuck with her original pick.

“She was interesting to learn about and she did a lot in the world,” she said. “She helped those in poverty and she always fed people who needed food and tried to arrange clothing for them and visiting them to bless them.”

Some of the names were more contemporary. Ezinne Amadi got Brad Pitt.

“Actually, I had never heard of him,” she said. “But he’s done a little bit of everything. He has like thirty-six different causes. He tries to use his fame and his money for the benefit of others.”

In some cases, the project helped change the students’ perceptions of some famous people. Jean-Charles Precois was assigned to research Bill Gates.

“I always thought he was just some rich

After students researched their humanitarian and did a classroom presentation, the “Piece by Peace” quilt was put together in mid-February as the final step. Each student created a card for their humanitarian, then everyone worked together to attach and hang the project.

The final piece is an impressive example that shows what can be accomplished when a class – or humankind – works together.



(above) Language arts teachers Jennifer MacDonald, left, and Jamie Pierson, right, with some of their students in front of the “Piece by Peace” quilt that hangs at Soehl Middle School in Linden. (Students from l-r) are Sophia Molina, Fabiana Lopez, Natalia Silva-Miceli, Ezinne Amadi, Jan Zasowski, and Jean-Charles Precois.



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LINDEN HS POETRY STUDENT GROUP AT LIBRARY APRIL 11

Submitted by Jeff Wayne

In recognition of National Poetry Month during April, the Linden Public Library is proud to present the Linden Out Loud Poetry Club from Linden High School in a poetry reading event. These local students will present their original works of poetry at the library on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, at 7 p.m. The event will be held

in the Columbia Bank Room.

The library offers free, off-street parking. The general public is welcome. Light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Linden Library.

Founded in 1928, the Linden Public Library celebrates its 90th anniversary in 2018.

'WAR OF THE WORLDS' PRESENTED AT LIBRARY

"The War of the Worlds! Live! A Staged Presentation" by Ranconteur Radio will be presented at the Linden Library, 31 E. Henry Street, Linden, New Jersey, on Monday, April 9, 2018, at 7 p.m.

First performed in 1938, this radio drama by Howard Koch, adapted from the classic H. G. Wells novel, is set in Grover Mills, New Jersey, and begins as a musical broadcast intermittently interrupted by news flashes about strange explosions on Mars and the landing of a cylindrical spacecraft on Earth. The simulated "news bulletins" of the original broadcast, narrated by Orson Welles, suggested to many contemporaneous listeners that an actual alien invasion was currently in progress and, as a result, there were instances of panicked evacuation throughout the United States, especially in New Jersey!

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The Linden Friends of the Library Book Sale will take place from April 18 to 21 on 31 E. Henry Street, Linden, New Jersey. Donations of books, books on tape, CDs, and DVDs are being accepted and can be dropped off at the Linden Library circulation desk. We do not accept encyclopedias, Readers Digests, textbooks, magazines and outdated instructional manuals and travel guides.

Book Sale Dates & Times:

Wednesday, April 18: 6 to 8 p.m. (Preview for Friends Only. Non-members can join at door).

Thursday, April 19: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday, April 20: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 21: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Bag Day; fill a provided bag for \$4)

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Feature films.

Like the Academy Awards themselves, the Linden Public Library celebrates its 90th anniversary in 2018. The library is located at 31 East Henry Street in Linden, New Jersey.

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Smirnoff Vodka (80 proof)	750ml	\$11.99
Smirnoff Vodka (80 proof)	1.75L	\$19.29
Sobieski	750ml	\$11.99
Sobieski	1.75L	\$18.99
Soplica	750ml	\$ 9.95
Stolichnaya (all types)	1.75L	\$29.09
Svedka (all types)	750ml	\$11.99
Svedka (all types)	1.75L	\$19.29
Tanqueray Sterling	750ml	\$19.99
Tanqueray Sterling	1.75L	\$30.99
Three Olives (all types)	1L	\$19.99
Three Olives (all types)	1.75L	\$24.99
Traveler's Vodka	1.75L	\$11.99

CORDIALS

Bailey's Irish Cream	750ml	\$21.99
Bailey's Irish Cream	1.75L	\$39.99
Kahlua	750ml	\$19.99
Kahlua	1.75L	\$36.99
Krupnik	750ml	\$13.99
Licor 43	750ml	\$20.99
Licor 43	1.75L	\$39.99
Patron XO Café	750ml	\$22.99
Patron XO Café	1.75L	\$29.99
Southern Comfort (80 proof)	750ml	\$19.99
Southern Comfort (80 proof)	1.75L	\$28.99

RUM

Bacardi Light & Gold	750ml	\$11.99
Bacardi Light & Gold	1.75L	\$19.19
Captain Morgan Spice	1.75L	\$25.99
Malibu	750ml	\$17.99
Malibu	1.75L	\$25.99

TEQUILA

Avion Silver	750ml	\$38.99
Casa Noble Silver	750ml	\$34.99
Deleon Blanco Tequila	750ml	\$29.99
Deleon Blanco Tequila	1.75L	\$59.99
Jose Cuervo	750ml	\$18.99
Jose Cuervo	1.75L	\$33.99
Patron Silver	750ml	\$39.99
Patron Silver	1.75L	\$82.29

BEER

Becks (12oz) 24pk	24pk	\$23.99
Bud and Bud Lite cans	30pk	\$21.99
Bud and Bud Lite loose bottles	24pk	\$18.99
Coors Lite (24oz) cans	12pk	\$13.99
Coors Lite/Miller Lite loose bottles	24pk	\$18.99
Coors Lite/Miller Lite	30pk	\$21.99
Corol Beer	24pk	\$17.99
Corona/Corona Lite loose bottles	24pk	\$27.99
Dab (16oz) cans	24pk	\$21.99
Heineken/Heineken Lite bottles	24pk	\$27.99
Land Shark	24pk	\$23.99
Lech (500ml)	20pk	\$28.99
Modelo Especial cans	24pk	\$24.99
New Belgium Fat Tire	24pk	\$31.99
Pabst Blue Ribbon cans	30pk	\$17.99
Pilsner Urquell	24pk	\$28.99
Sam Adams Boston Lager	24pk	\$30.99
Stella Artois loose bottles	24pk	\$27.99
Dogfish Head 60 min.	24pk	\$33.99
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Andre (All Types)	750ml	\$ 5.99
Apothic Red	750ml	\$ 9.29
Avalon (Cabernet Sauvignon)	750ml	\$ 9.99
Barefoot All Types	1.5L	\$10.39
Bartenura Moscato	750ml	\$11.99
Barone Fini (Pinot Grigio)	750ml	\$11.99
Beringer White Zinfandel	750ml	\$ 4.99
Beringer White Zinfandel	1.5L	\$ 8.69
Black Box (All Types)	3L	\$19.99
Blackstone (All Types)	1.5L	\$12.99
Bogle (Chardonnay and Merlot)	750ml	\$ 6.99
Bolla	1.5L	\$12.99
Caymus Napa Valley (Cabernet Sauvignon)	750ml	\$75.99
Carlo Rossi (Chablis, Burgundy, Sangria, Blush)	4L	\$13.99
Carnivor (Cabernet Sauvignon)	750ml	\$10.99
Casal Garcia Vinho Verde	1L	\$ 5.99
Cavit (All Types)	1.5L	\$13.99
Chateau ste Michelle Columbia Valley Cabernet and Merlot	750ml	\$13.99
Chateau Ste. Michelle Columbia Valley Chardonnay	750ml	\$ 9.95
Chateau Ste. Michelle Columbia Valley Riesling	750ml	\$ 8.99
Clos du Bois Chardonnay	1.5 L	\$19.99
Clos du Bois Cabernet, Merlot	750m	\$ 9.95
Cockburns Ruby and Tawny Porto	750ml	\$10.99
Concha Y Toro Frontera	1.5L	\$ 8.99
Coppola Diamond Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot	750ml	\$13.99
Coppola Diamond Chardonnay	750ml	\$11.99
Corbett Canyon (All Types)	1.5L	\$ 7.99
Cupcake (All types, except Prosecco and Moscato)	750ml	\$ 8.99
Dom Perignon	750ml	\$149.99
Dreaming Tree (All Types)	750ml	\$11.99
Ecco Domani (Pinot Grigio)	750ml	\$ 8.99
Fish Eye (All Types)	1.5L	\$ 9.99
Flip Flop (All Types)	1.5L	\$ 9.99
Franzia (Crisp White, Blush, Sangria, Chilable red)	5L	\$13.99
Freixenet (Brut, Extra, Rose, Sweet)	750ml	\$ 9.99
Gato Negro (All Types)	1.5L	\$ 9.99
Gazela Vinho Verde	750ml	\$ 5.99
Ghost Pines (Merlot and Red Blend)	750ml	\$15.99
J. Lohr Cabernet Sauvignon	750ml	\$11.99
Josh Cabernet Sauvignon	750ml	\$13.99
Joseph Carr Cabernet Sauvignon	750ml	\$22.99
Kendall Jackson Vintners Chardonnay	750ml	\$12.09
Kim Crawford (Sauvignon Blanc)	750ml	\$13.99
Korbel (All Types except Natural and Organic)	750ml	\$11.99
La Crema Sonoma Pinot Noir	750ml	\$16.99
Liberty Creek (All Types)	1.5L	\$ 7.99

Louis Jadot Beaujolais	750ml	\$ 9.99
Louis Jadot Beaujolais Villages	750ml	\$ 10.99
Louis Jadot Pouilly Fuisse	750ml	\$21.99
Luna di Luna (All Types)	1.5L	\$13.99
Mark West Pinot Noir	750ml	\$ 9.39
Mark West Pinot Noir	1.5L	\$17.99
Martini & Rossi Asti	750ml	\$11.99
Menage a Trois Red	750ml	\$ 8.99
Merry Vale (Cabernet)	750ml	\$49.99
Mezzacorona Pinot Grigio	1.5L	\$12.99
Mi Amore Red	750ml	\$ 8.99
Moet Imperial Champagne	750ml	\$39.99
Noble Wine 337, 667	750ml	\$10.99
Papi (All Types)	1.5L	\$10.98
Real Sangria	1.5L	\$10.99
Rex Goliath (All Types)	1.5L	\$10.99
Robert Mondavi Private Select	750ml	\$ 8.99
Robert Mondavi Private Select	1.5L	\$16.99
Rodney Strong Sonoma Cabernet	750ml	\$16.99
Rodney Strong Sonoma Chardonnay	750ml	\$11.99
Rombauer Chardonnay	750ml	\$30.99
Ruffino Chianti	750ml	\$ 7.99
Ruffino Chianti	1.5 L	\$13.99
Ruffino Pinot Grigio	1.5L	\$11.99
Ruffino Chianti Gold	750ml	\$30.99
Ruffino Tan label	750ml	\$19.99
Santa Margerita Pinot Grigio	750ml	\$20.29
Senor Sangria (All Types)	1.5L	\$11.99
Silver Oak Alexander Valley Cabernet	750ml	\$70.99
Simi Chardonnay	750ml	\$12.09
Sonoma Cutrer Chardonnay	750ml	\$20.99
Sutter Home (All Types)	1.5L	\$ 8.99
Tom Gore (All Types)	750ml	\$ 9.99
Woodbridge (All Types)	1.5L	\$11.99
Yago Sangria	3L	\$14.99
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