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## LINCOLN SCHOOL HAVE OUT OF THIS WORLD EXPERIENCE

The Near-Space Team from Lincoln School in Garwood, NJ successfully launched a high altitude balloon (HAB) on Tuesday, June 5, 2018. The team, which is composed of fifth, sixth and seventh grade students, has been working together over the past few months with the team's advisor, Ms. Denise Cafiero to research, plan, design, construct, launch and track the HAB.

The entire student body gathered for the countdown which launched a 1200g weather balloon into the upper stratosphere. A chase team was able to track the balloon as it traveled upwards to near-space and then 105 miles east of the launch site. The balloon reappeared on the GPS tracker after a 3 hour flight when it landed 2 miles off the shore of the Long Island Sound in Calverton, NY. The Dive and Rescue Team at the Riverhead Police Department stepped in and retrieved the payload 27 hours after landing and Cafiero brought the payload, Mustang 1, back home to Lincoln School on Thursday, June 8th. Mustang 1 carried a GoPro camera, Spot GPS tracker, science experiments and a flight computer. Lincoln School's Near-Space Team captured some of the most amazing photos of the



(above) Lincoln School's Near-Space Team gather before countdown with Supervisor of Building and Grounds, Tom Spera, and team advisor, Denise Cafiero.

curvature of the Earth and video footage of the flight.

To complete the project, Cafiero applied and received a grant through the Education Foundation of Garwood, a tax-free volunteer run organization that seeks to partner with the schools and the community in pursuit of educational excellence. In addition, the Near-Space Team received funding through DonorsChoose.org, a nonprofit website that allows individuals to donate directly to public school classroom projects. Both sources allowed Ms. Cafiero to expose the students of Lincoln School to a high quality STEM education.

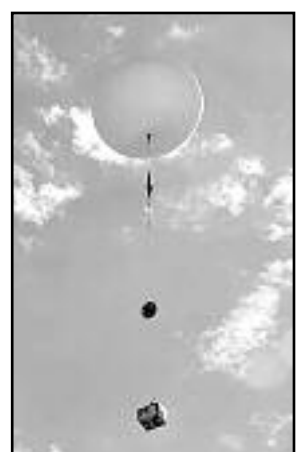
Cafiero credits the amazing educators she met during Honeywell Educators at Space Academy program at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center last June with the inspiration for the project.



(above l, r) Lieutenant Lessard, PO Lefebvre, PO Anderson of the Riverhead Town Police Department, and Garwood Public School Teacher Denise Cafiero with Mustang 1, the payload that was recovered off the shores of the Long Island Sound.



(above) The Dive and Rescue Team of the Riverhead Town Police Department use GPS signal from Mustang 1 to aid in recovery.



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## KINGS SUPPORTS WESTFIELD'S VVA CHAPTER

The Vietnam Veterans of America's Chapter #688 of Westfield is fully immersed in the community, working to promote and support issues important to Vietnam-era veterans.

The service organization invites those who served in Vietnam between February 28, 1961, and May 7, 1975, or were in any duty location between August 5, 1964, and May 7, 1975, to join them in creating a new identity for this generation of veterans and to change the public perception of Vietnam Veterans.

Some of the activities the Westfield VVA chapter takes part in include making visits to veterans hospitals, supporting veterans memorials and observances, assisting disabled and needy veterans and their families, sponsoring programs for homeless veterans, and presenting patriotic and historical projects in schools.

The VVA also offers Veteran Services, including medical and benefit claims assistance and financial management. Joining VVA allows veterans to connect with other veterans and stay up with the latest news and special events. You will also receive a free subscription to the VVA

Veteran newspaper.

Whenever the VVA's Westfield chapter is seeking a helping hand with fundraising and recruiting efforts, Kings supermarket of Garwood has been there for them.

Chapter president Rick Harrison of Roselle says Kings has been a generous supporter of the organization and has regularly allowed the group to set up stations in front of their store at 300 South Ave. in the Garwood Mall.

Kings is also known to support the hunger relief efforts of a number of organizations in Union County, including St. Teresa of Avila Soup Kitchen, Westfield Food Pantry, and more.

The Westfield VVA chapter celebrated its 25th anniversary with a catered barbecue party on Saturday, June 30, 2018 at the American Legion Post #328 in Clark.

Meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the American Legion Post #3 at 1003 North Avenue West in Westfield. The Westfield chapter can be reached by calling 908-416-5930 or emailing rickvva688@aol.com.



(above) Vietnam Veterans of America's Chapter #688 of Westfield recently set up a fundraising and recruiting station at Kings supermarket in Garwood. From left to right are John Ferry of Rahway, George Stakovich of Matawan, Ed McElroy of Elizabeth, and Chapter President Rick Harrison of Roselle.



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## LIEUTENANT DAVE PERROTTA



The Garwood Police Department is proud to announce the promotion of Sergeant Dave Perrotta to the rank of Lieutenant.

Lt Perrotta grew up in Garwood and was sworn in as a Patrolman in December of 2006. Prior to that, Lt

Perrotta spent a year as a police officer with the Warren Township Police Department. Lt Perrotta has spent his career as a patrol officer and reached the rank of Sergeant in November 2013 and stresses the importance of community relations to the people that work with and under him.

Lt. Perrotta is a third generation law enforcement officer, succeeding his Father, Gene Perrotta (Ret) from Union PD, his Uncle, Garwood Chief William Legg (Ret) and Grandfather, Retired Garwood Lieutenant Donald Legg.

(above) Newly promoted Garwood Police Lieutenant Dave Perrotta.

## 5TH GRADERS HAVE LESSON ON PHILANTHROPY

Students in Mrs. Del Conte's 5th grade 21st Century Skills class were challenged with the task to be Entrepreneurial Philanthropists. Their assignment was to brainstorm and then research ways they could donate their time, talents, and resources to help others. Working individually and in small groups, they created and implemented their very own philanthropic plans

from start to finish in which they donated to organizations and individuals in their community, all the while exploring how they could make a positive difference in other people's lives. Some of the groups which benefited from their efforts were St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Animal Rescue Shelters, and Newark Beth Israel Hospital.



(above) Mrs. Del Conte's 5th grade 21st Century Skills class learning about philanthropy.



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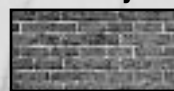
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# CHURCH VOLUNTEERS BRING SMILES TO CENTER FOR HOPE RESIDENTS

Submitted by Caryn Starr-Gates, Center for Hope Hospice, Inc.

Residents at the Center for Hope Hospice were delighted by a recent visit from the Christ Centered Crochet Club (4Cs) of St. Helen's Church in Westfield, New Jersey. Club members, who come from many towns, entertained the residents at Peggy's House in Scotch Plains—one of two Center for Hope residences—by showing them how to crochet hats, which they donate to area hospitals, and talked to them about the club. The 4Cs donated 25 hand-crocheted hats to the Center for residents to use, as a memento of their time spent together.

"It was an amazing afternoon with the residents at the Center for Hope," said Alesia Porter, who heads the club. "We especially enjoyed the belly laughs of one resident who watched us work; the joy she expressed being with us was so heartwarming."

The 4Cs was started in October 2014 when then-third-graders Kaeley Yurchak and Isabel Cortese of Garwood, parishioners of St. Helen's Church, brought the idea to Porter as a fun activity that also served as a community service project. The club has grown to nearly 30 members, ranging in age from 3 to 86. They meet

at St. Helen's twice a month to make hats for premature babies, children and adults in hospitals and medical facilities throughout central and northern New Jersey. They also participate in the American Heart Association's Little Hats, Big Hearts™, which provides handmade red hats to babies born in February for American Heart Month.

St. Helen's Church shares a special connection to Center for Hope Hospice. The Center's founder, Father Charles Hudson, said Mass every Sunday at the church; parishioners honored Hudson in early February at a program celebrating his life and his messages of love, peace and hope. Yarn donations are being accepted by the Center of Hope to support the 4C's Ministry.

The Center for Hope Hospice offers hospice and palliative care at Peggy's House in Scotch Plains and Father Hudson House in Elizabeth, in patients' homes, and in other medical and long-term care settings. Organizations interested in partnering with the Center for volunteer opportunities can contact Stacy Kaplan at [skaplan@cfhh.org](mailto:skaplan@cfhh.org) or (908) 288-9111.

## ABOUT CENTER FOR HOPE HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE, INC.

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Center for Hope welcomes all terminally ill patients, their families and loved ones without concern for race, ethnicity, religious affiliation or ability to pay. It also offers pain and symptom management for chronically ill and seriously ill patients through its palliative care program. Center for Hope operates two facilities, Peggy's House in Scotch Plains and Father Hudson House in Elizabeth, which provides nearly \$3 million a year in charity care.

For more information, visit [www.cfhh.org](http://www.cfhh.org).



(above) 4C members dressed a doll with one of their hats, which brought shared laughter with Center for Hope residents.



(above l-r) Volunteers from St. Helen's 4Cs who visited the Center for Hope Hospice in Scotch Plains (front row) Annabel Lang, Katie McDermott, Annika Schnatz, Meagan Postaski and Maricar Postaski from Westfield; (back row) Ashely Postasksi, Judy Lang and Natalie DuHaime (Westfield), Marcie Kenny from North Plainfield and Alesia Porter of Scotch Plains.



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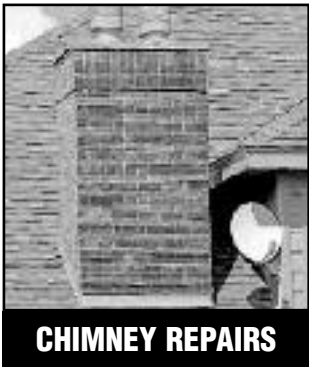




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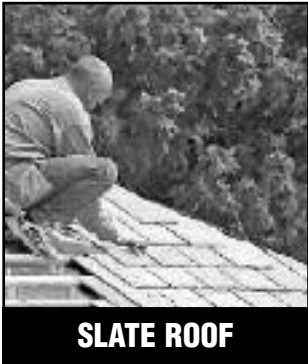
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## GARWOOD ROCKED ON SUNDAY JUNE 3RD

The fifth annual Garwood Rocks street fair, hosted by the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce (GWACC), was held on Sunday, June 3, 2018 in downtown Garwood, New Jersey.

Center Street was closed to traffic from South Avenue to Unami Park. Gene Jannotti, Executive Director of the GWACC stated "This year was our largest attended event with people coming from as far away as Morristown, Staten Island, Bridgewater, Carteret, and Manalapan, as well from all of our local towns.

The free event featured a classic car show

hosted by Hot Rod Mike, and an all-day live stage, entertainment, vendors, and festival food including many area favorite food trucks, and a beer and wine garden.

There was also a KidZone featuring a petting zoo, pony rides and an interactive demonstration using fire hoses by the Garwood Fire Department.



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Dear Editor,

On behalf of The GWACC, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the thousands of attendees who have helped make our 5th Annual Garwood Rocks event in downtown Garwood such a great success. This year was our largest attended event with people coming from as far away as Morristown, Staten Island, Bridgewater, Carteret, and Manalapan, as well from all of our local towns. The event director and GWACC Board member, Carol Kearney, spent months coordinating all the behind the scenes activity to bring this event to Garwood.

A big thank you goes to the Borough of Garwood, the Mayor and Council, Borough Administration, the Chief of Police, the Fire Department, the First Aid Squad and the Department of Public Works for all of their efforts to keep the event safe and clean. Union County Police and the Sheriff's Department also assisted during the event. Our Garwood Rock's sponsors, Marano & Sons, The Crossroads, Shopping Blitz, Gold Medal Fitness, Quick Copper, Spencer Savings Bank, The Station and the Westfield Y are much appreciated for their support. The classic car show had over 130 vehicles on display and the Westfield Y hosted the Kids Zone. The stilt walker and the unicyclist entertained the crowd all day long. The music and the beer and wine garden were brought to us by The Crossroads.

GWACC's next event will be the Summer FanJam at LaGrande Park in Fanwood on July 8th from 11 am to 7 pm with 20 food trucks, a classic car show, kids zone, beer and wine garden and all day music festival in the park. The entertainment will be provided by The Alan Grant Band (classic rock), Zero Hour (hits from the 80's to today), Bryan Hansen Band (adult alternative), Groove Gangstas (funk), Riff Raff (AD/DC Tribute) and the headliner of the day, Unforgettable Fire (U2 Tribute Band). We hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Gene Jannotti

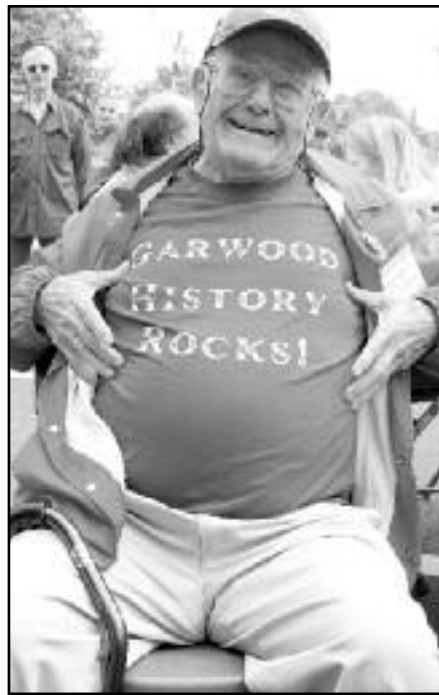
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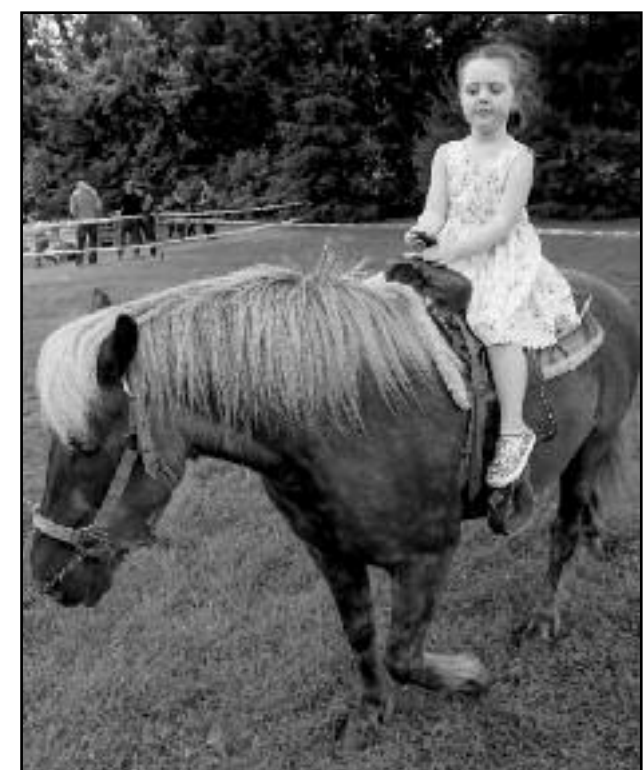
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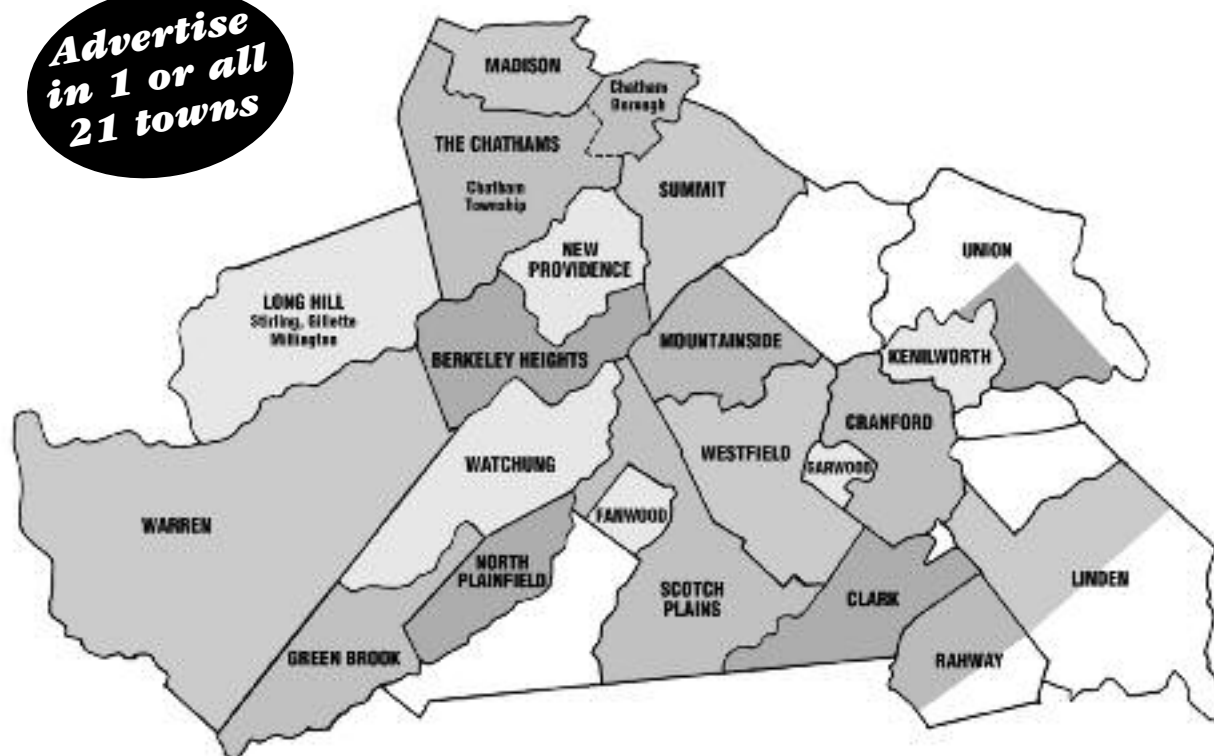
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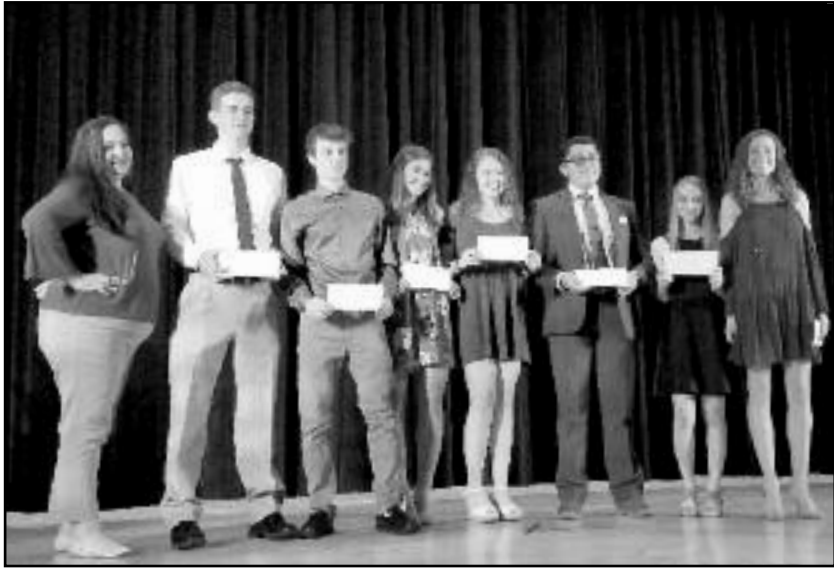
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