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STUDENT BROADCASTERS STAY ON THE AIR FROM HOME

Journalists around the world have had to learn to cope with working separately to get their jobs done during the COVID-19 outbreak.

The student broadcasters at Linden High School are no different.

Students in the school's TV/Digital Media advanced class – along with all of their schoolmates – have been learning from home since March 16, when schools were closed because of the coronavirus. After a week of getting acclimated to the unprecedented situation, they decided it was time to get the news cameras rolling again for their TNT News. (TNT stands for Tiger News Today, named for the school mascot.)

But it wouldn't be easy. All of their equipment, including cameras, microphones, sound board, teleprompters, professional editing software, and their TV news set, were locked up inside "Studio 301A," named for the room number at Linden High School. And social distancing prevents students from interviewing classmates in person. But they made it work.

"I am so proud of how all of the students worked together to get the news show done," said teacher Chris Paskewich.

"It was definitely a group effort. While working in the classroom, we like to have control and we can oversee the progress of how the news show is coming together. This was nerve-racking for me because of having to wait to see the finished product, but overall I was impressed with how well the students completed the show."

The first show was posted to YouTube on March 31 and shared with staff and students at the high school by Principal Yelena Horré.

"I am so proud of our TV/Digital Media students that are still producing shows, even in this new learning environment, under the leadership and guidance of Mr. Miller and Mr. Paskewich," she said in her message to staff.

The show included features on how to stay safe from COVID-19, how to cope with remote learning, and the district's initiative of inviting families to post uplifting artwork in windows and doors for the community to see.

"We just gave them a very general idea on what to make their news segments about because we weren't sure exactly how well this would work," said co-teacher Gary Miller, who is also the district's communication coordinator. "They came

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(above) Students in Linden High School's TV/Digital Media advanced class in their "Studio 301A" classroom earlier in the school year. The students have been working on their student news show from home since the district started remote learning on March 16.

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up with their own ideas, filmed them, edited them, and it came out great. We were so happy with how it turned out.

Students filmed with their own phones and cameras and edited with iMovie, software that is provided on MacBook Air laptops that the school district gives to all students at the high school. (Elementary and middle school students all get iPad tablets.)

The teachers and students ran into some technical hurdles while getting the first show done, but learned from the experience. They hope things are a little smoother as they work on a second show, which may cover topics

including teachers' experiences with remote learning, talking electronically to athletes who have had their sports put on hold, and highlighting cast members from the school play that was canceled.

"I am so proud of our TNT News students and how dedicated they are to producing this show," Paskewich said. "The students definitely stepped up to the plate, from coming up with their ideas, filming and editing the segments together, and even hosting the show. They helped each other and worked together as a team to get the show done. They certainly amazed me."



(above) In a screenshot from the first episode of Linden High School's student news show since remote learning began, host Ryan Sautner, a senior, jokes with the audience.



(above) In a screenshot from the first episode of Linden High School's student news show since remote learning began, a segment produced by junior Shania Rivera discusses ways to keep busy when stuck at home.



(above) In a screenshot from the first episode of Linden High School's student news show since remote learning began, junior Katherine Flores shows proper hand-washing technique.



(above) In a screenshot from the first episode of Linden High School's student news show since remote learning began, senior Amir Williams wishes everyone well as he signs off.

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The Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery has pledged to donate \$6,000 toward costs associated with Covid-19 emergency response. The Police Department used the grant to purchase a portable UV-C generator.

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“Our community has faced unprecedented challenges during this pandemic,” said Police Chief David Hart. “Generous and engaged local partners like Phillips 66 ensure that we can adequately protect our emergency responders and effectively continue to serve our community.”

“Bayway Refinery truly appreciates the services provided by the Linden Police Department. A true partnership has developed over many years through collaborative projects that help protect these first responders and provide benefits to the community. We are very pleased to support the purchase of equipment that will help protect Linden Police. This support is reflective of the Phillips 66 core values of Safety,

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Phillips 66 has donated more than \$50,000 to the Police Department since 2018 for items such as an interactive touch monitor, computer and

printer for the Linden Police Training/Muster Room, Solar Speed Display and Dangerous Curve signs for Park Avenue, and Radar Speed Displays to help reduce speeding around schools, in conjunction with School Speed Limit signs, and crosswalk repainting and striping.



(above, l-r) Pictured with the portable UV-C generator are Police Chief Dave Hart, Captain Joe Cacioppo, Lt. Andy Bara, and Captain Don Geisheimer.

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With the support of her mother, Gabriela used the money to buy food to help families affected by COVID-19 in her hometown of Linden, NJ. Gabriela is helping the town with their COVID-19 Emergency Food Relief Program. Gabriela was so excited when Mayor Derek Armstead paid her a special visit.



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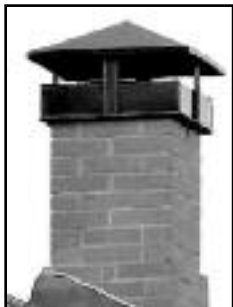
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LINDEN HEAD NURSE NAMED COUNTY SCHOOL NURSE OF THE YEAR

Submitted by Gary Miller

Linden Public Schools head nurse Joyce Hirsch has been honored as Union County School Nurse of the Year.

The choice was made by the Union County School Nurses Association, which gives the award to someone who has demonstrated excellence in both school nursing practice and leadership in school health.



(above) Joyce Hirsch, head nurse for Linden Public Schools, has been chosen as Union County School Nurse of the Year.

Photo by Linden Public Schools

“It comes as absolutely no surprise to me that Joyce has been recognized with the Union County School Nurse of the Year Award,” said Steven Viana, director of health, physical education, medical services, and athletics. “Every single day when she comes to work, she brings her passion, her expertise, and her professionalism all to the table. In my opinion, she is not just the school nurse of the year this year, but every year. Congratulations on this prestigious and amazing achievement.”

Hirsch was scheduled to be surprised with her award at the association’s virtual meeting on May 4, which was attended by more than 100 nurses. But she spotted the announcement in an errant email about the meeting’s agenda. She was, however, surprised with a tribute video put together by several of Linden’s school nurses who serve under her.

“In retrospect it was probably better for me to have the time to process it ahead of the meeting,” she said. “I have yet to fully process the video though. I will cherish it for a long time to come. This award and video mean more to me than I can possibly express because it comes from the very people I have worked with day in and day out for years. We are a small department, but we are unique in our roles and the contributions we bring to Linden Public Schools.”

Hirsch has been working in health care for 40 years and has been with Linden Public Schools

for the past 23 years. She started as a school nurse at School No. 9 in 1997, then moved to Linden High School in 2013.

“Having moved from elementary to the high school gave me the opportunity to follow so many of them right through their school careers,” she said. “I’ve seen them mature and grow in their self-reliance – especially the students with chronic illnesses – and self-confidence. I love being a part of their story and having them be part of mine.”

Interim Superintendent Denise Cleary called Hirsch “a shining light.”

“I couldn’t be more proud to say she is my colleague,” Cleary said. “This distinct honor is so well-deserved and I have to say that Linden is lucky to have her.”

Before becoming a nurse, Hirsch worked as a medical assistant and as a hospital staffing supervisor. She became head nurse for Linden Public Schools in 2015.

“Linden has been my work home for 23 years and I’ve probably seen just about everything,” Hirsch said. “I’ve been so fortunate to have had wonderful administrators, faculty, and staff to work with over the years. When I look back on my career, I’ll remember the challenges and rewards, the co-workers and the families. But most of all I’ll remember the children. They have been some of the biggest challenges and greatest rewards for me. Some I will remember forever.”



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2 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS HONORED AS OUTSTANDING SCHOLAR ATHLETES

Two Linden High School senior athletes are being honored for their excellence on the field of play and in the classroom.

Chisom Uzor, a standout high-jumper and sprinter on the girls track and field team who is ranked No. 3 in the Class of 2020, has been chosen as a scholar athlete of the year by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association as well as the Union County Athletic Conference.

Dami Awoyinfa, a dominant defensive end on the football team who is in the Top 5 percent of the class, is being honored as a male scholar athlete of the year by the Union County Athletic Conference.

“We couldn’t ask for two better representatives of our Athletic Department and our district,” said Athletic Director Steven Viana. “Dami and Chisom are the very definition of a student-athlete, as well as fine young adults. They have accomplished so much at Linden High School and will surely carry that success on to college and through the rest of their lives.”

Each is being awarded a scholarship of at least \$1,000 for their honor from the Union County Athletic Conference.

Chisom Uzor has been on the winter and spring track teams for four years, as well as two years on the cross-country team and a year on the volleyball team. She placed third in the high jump at the Union County Championships as a junior and senior and took third in the North Jersey Section II State Championship as a junior and second as a senior.

Uzor has accepted a full academic scholarship to Georgia State University, where she plans to major in nursing. She hopes to one day go to medical school to become a trauma surgeon.

Considering her athletic prowess, it is not surprising that Uzor’s favorite class at LHS was Sports, Exercise, and Health Science, which is part of the International Baccalaureate program, the school’s most rigorous and challenging course of study.

Her hard work translated to the track team as well, which she said was just as important to her as her classwork. She intends to continue with

track at Georgia State as a walk-on.

Dami Awoyinfa was on the football team for four years, as well as the spring track team for three years, winter track for one, and basketball for one.

He started to stand out as a junior on the football team when he became a starter at defensive end. He finished his career with 139 tackles, 23 sacks, seven forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries, and two touchdowns. In 2018, he was voted First Team All-Watchung Division and First Team All-Group 4. In 2019 he was voted First Team All-Watchung and Second Team All-Group 4. He was selected to play in the 2019 Phil Simms North vs. South All-Star Classic.

Awoyinfa recently committed to join the Rutgers University football team on scholarship.

“As a highly successful student-athlete he was pursued by many Division 1 programs as well as Ivy League schools such as Dartmouth and

Columbia,” Chiola said. “Each time a college coach visited Dami, they walked away extremely impressed, with not just with his academics and football skills but the character traits of Dami the person.”

Defensive coach Anthony Reinoso said Awoyinfa’s size and speed on the defensive line made things difficult for opponents.

Awoyinfa said his two favorite classes were political science and IB history, which were both taught by Meghann Mohan. He said he plans to major in political science at Rutgers.

His coaches will be keeping an eye on him and expect nothing but success.

“With proper training, nutrition, and technique there is no limit to the player he could become this year as he starts his career at Rutgers competing in the Big 10,” Reinoso said, “which is one of the most competitive football conferences in the country.”



(above) Linden High School seniors Chisom Uzor, left, and Dami Awoyinfa were selected as outstanding scholar athletes.

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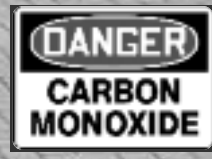


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COMMUNITIES IN COOPERATION, INC. HELPS LINDEN THROUGH PANDEMIC

Submitted by Tremaine J. Afetorgbor

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Today's spotlight is on our thriving Linden CIC location, which works closely with the Honorable Mayor, Derek Armstead and the City Council to meet the needs of residents of all wards. The one-stop-center is housed in the City of Linden Recreational Center, 1025 John Street, providing Youth, Adult, and Family Empowerment services to more than 1,000 individuals annually.

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The Linden First Employment and Job Readiness Program, under the City of Linden Mayor Armstead and the Linden City Council, assisted in Linden's economic development. Almost 300 pre-screened referrals were made for jobs at the Linden Super Walmart and more than 150 pre-screened referrals were made to

Superfresh, not including those referred for local and Union and Essex County open positions with Wawa, Amazon, CAU, the hospitals and more.

During the COVID-19 Pandemic, CIC staff is working from home and has innovatively been able to continue their youth mentoring, Linden First and other areas of social services by personally helping clients by phone to navigate the many systems including unemployment, motor vehicle matters, medical connections, connections to alcohol and mental health programs and some food services. Despite limitations from shelter in place orders, CIC has still provided direct services to 60 families in need of food and toiletries using mostly donated gift cards from funders, with a priority on those who have not yet received their unemployment and the undocumented. Thankfully we can make referrals to the Mayor's COVID 19 food programming. CIC has disseminated masks and gloves to some families in need and provided utility assistance to many families.

CIC's staff is remarkable: Dr. Tremaine Afetorgbor; Kishon DuBose; Shayla Hatcher, MSW; Jessica Jensen; David Jones; Tiffanie Jones; Dr. Pamela B. Jones (CEO); Aisha Kornegay; Pamela Long and Ebony Slade-Perry were all selected to meet the needs of the community for cultural competence and connectivity.

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SOFTBALL COACH BRINGS THE FIELD TO THE PLAYERS TO HONOR SENIORS

Submitted by Gary Miller

Just because there has been no spring sports season is no reason not to have Senior Day. And since the Linden High School softball team can't gather on the field, head coach Valerie Tauriello brought the field to them.

"I love to coach, and I love to spend my time developing student athletes and supporting them in all they wish to be," Tauriello said. "This year was particularly difficult; my heart was breaking for my softball team and even more so for my seniors."

To help ease her eight seniors' pain of losing their final season, Tauriello visited each of their homes to drop off mementos of their years as a Tiger. She enlisted help from her underclassmen to create a poster for each of the seniors, and she gave each a mason jar of dirt from their home field.

"These young women are amazing and they deserve to be celebrated for their commitment not only to the sport of softball but to the community of Linden," Tauriello said. "I figured since they wouldn't be able to set foot on our home field this season, why not bring a little piece of the field to

them."

Athletic Director Steven Viana said that all of the LHS spring coaches are working on a special tribute to their seniors who have missed out their final season. He praised Tauriello for her initiative in showing her players how much they are missed.

"She is an amazing coach and amazing person," he said. "We were all heartbroken at the loss of our spring season, but this kind of celebration shows all our players that they are not forgotten and that they will always be part of the Linden Athletics family."

Tauriello, who is also a physical education teacher at Soehl Middle School, went to the team's home softball field at Memorial Park and individually filled each jar with dirt from what would have been that senior player's position this season.

"These seniors not only made time to play softball, they spent countless hours volunteering their skills and dedicating their time to the community," she said. "They are an incredible group of young women who deserve to be celebrated, and I'm truly saddened that they

won't get the senior year that they all hoped for."

Each mason jar of dirt – with a little grass thrown in for the outfielders – has a home-plate-shaped tag attached that reads: "On this dirt you've literally left it all, blood, sweat and tears. You've made friendships that will always be part of you. You've fought side-by-side girls who can relate how bad you want to win. This dirt holds your laughter as tightly as it holds your frustration. Life goes on off this dirt, but nothing can compare to the feeling you get while standing on it. Each time you look at this jar of dirt, know in your heart what it stands for and remember these years and all the wonderful memories it holds."

Tauriello let each of the seniors know when she would be coming so that she could make her special delivery while maintaining social distancing.

"It filled my heart with joy to see them smiling alongside their families," she said. "Although their Senior Day was not what we wanted it to be, I wanted to make sure somehow and someday that they felt special, because they are."

Photos by Linden Public Schools



(above) Linden High School senior softball players pose with their families after head coach Valerie Tauriello dropped off a poster and jar of dirt and grass from their home field to honor them for Senior Day.

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(above) Linden High School softball coach Valerie Tauriello gave each of her eight seniors a small mason jar filled with dirt and grass from their position on the team's home field. Each jar had a tag shaped like home plate with some uplifting words.



(above) Linden High School softball head coach Valerie Tauriello at the home of senior Ayanna Heyward after dropping off mementos for Senior Day. Underclassmen created posters to honor the seniors, and Tauriello filled jars with dirt and grass from their home field.

PHILLIPS 66 BAYWAY REFINERY DONATES \$50,000 IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CORONAVIRUS

Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery has donated \$50,000 towards an oxygen upgrade project and digital stethoscopes to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Rahway in the fight against coronavirus. Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery's donation is part of a larger \$3 million that was distributed to nearby communities with high rates of coronavirus cases. More than half of those funds went to health care providers.

"We feel strongly that these organizations — which have staff on the front lines serving our neighbors who need it most during the COVID-19 pandemic — is where our corporate relief funds must go," said Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery General Manager Chris Gallo.

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LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SELL SOCKS TO PAY FOR MAN'S PROSTHETIC LEG



(above) Linden High School juniors in the International Baccalaureate program sold socks in funky colors to raise money to buy a prosthetic leg for someone in need. Pictured are Michelle Gaston, right, who led the effort, and her classmate Khadega Seedahmed.

Photo by Linden Public Schools

One small step by Linden High School (LHS) students will mean a lifetime of steps for a man halfway around the world.

LHS juniors recently completed a project in which they sold socks to raise money to buy a prosthetic leg for someone in need. The effort was spearheaded by student Michelle Gaston as part of her Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS) project, a requirement for students in the International Baccalaureate (IB) program, the most challenging course of study at LHS.

"I was looking to establish something that could not only help me interact with the community but also find a way to give back to those less fortunate," Gaston said. "This fundraiser really helped me engage with people and make them realize that something small can really go a long way."

Gaston recently learned that the money she and her classmates raised went toward buying a prosthetic for a man named William in Uganda, who had lost his leg in a car accident. He had been unable to work or support his family but now is back to leading a normal life.

"I am so happy and proud to have been part of such an impacting and rewarding fundraiser and I hope that this wonderful experience is only the beginning to many more," Gaston said.

Anthony Fischetti, coordinator of the IB program, said that Gaston and the other juniors

worked hard to sell enough socks.

"They are truly a socially conscious group of teenagers that are aware that giving back to the less fortunate is a cornerstone of not just the IB program, but to the mission of our district as well," he said.

The project was completed through an organization called We Help Two, which provides socks with funky patterns to the student to sell, then uses the money raised to buy the prosthetic.

Gaston wanted to thank everyone who bought the socks and helped make a difference.

"Not only were these generous people buying a pair of socks, but they were also contributing to the wellbeing and happiness of someone in need," she said. "I think that's what I truly enjoyed seeing when I involved myself in this fundraiser."

Fischetti, who took over as IB coordinator this school year, said this junior class is special to him.

"They are really my first cohort of students that will start and complete the IB program under my supervision," he said. "They have been ambitious from the start, logging various CAS activities throughout the year, including ones organized by our LHS Alumni Association like the Thanksgiving food donation and distribution back in 2019."

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LINDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL'S LITTLE LIBRARIES NOW OFFER FOOD FOR THOSE IN NEED

Soehl Middle School in Linden has converted its Little Free Libraries to "Little Free Pantries" during this time of difficulties for so many families.

The Little Free Libraries have stood at the school – one on the Elm Street side and one on the Henry Street side – for about a year. Students and community members were encouraged to share books through the public boxes.

Now, instead of books, the boxes will contain non-perishable food items for those in need.

"These are such uncertain times right now, and I wanted to find a way that our school can help," said Soehl Principal Isabella Scocozza. "It is becoming increasingly difficult to purchase food, and many residents are uncomfortable frequenting stores during this time. The Little Free Pantries are a great way to provide non-perishable food and goods to our Linden community."

Scocozza said that Soehl teachers have been eager to help keep the pantries stocked, but everyone is invited to help out.

"Residents are encouraged to take what they need or to give what they have to our Little Free Pantries at Soehl Middle School," she said. "The Little Free Libraries have been and will continue to be such a wonderful addition to our school and community."

In addition to the pantries, Linden Public Schools continue to distribute grab-and-go lunches every weekday to any student in the district who needs one. They are available for

pick-up between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Linden High School's Ainsworth Street entrance, School No. 5's rear entrance, and School No. 2's main entrance on 17th Street.



(above) Little Free Libraries at Soehl Middle School in Linden have been converted to tiny pantries filled with non-perishable foods to help out families in need.

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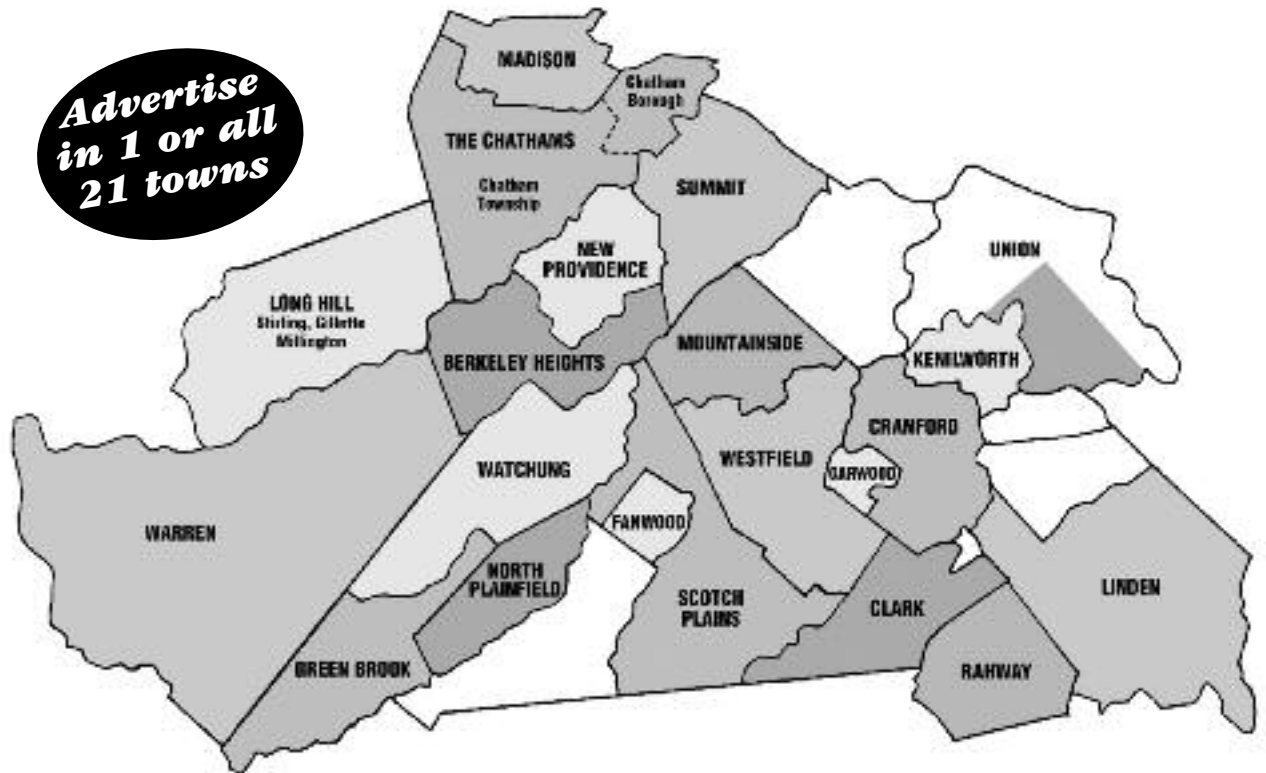
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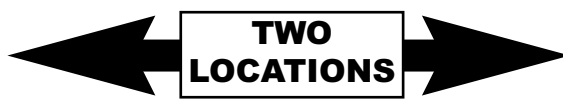


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