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SCHOOL 5 IS NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Submitted by Gary Miller

School No. 5 in Linden has been selected to join the prestigious National Blue Ribbon Schools Program, a coveted designation from the U.S. Department of Education that celebrates excellent schools and effective educators.

Faculty and staff were surprised with the good news on Thursday, September 24. The news was broadcast from the USDOE to the School No. 5 gym, where teachers, administrators, community leaders, and news media were gathered. Those in attendance cheered when School No. 5's name came on the screen.

School No. 5, an elementary school that houses Grades Pre-K through 5, was chosen in the "Exemplary High Performing School" category based on a combination of state assessment data, student growth scores, absenteeism rates, and graduation rate. It is one of 367 schools in the nation and one of just nine schools from New Jersey selected for 2020.

"I am privileged and humbled to be the leader of such an outstanding academic institution," said Principal Laura Scamardella, who has been at the helm for five years. "This

award is a testament of the outstanding educators, families, and students that create the School No. 5 community. It is through the strong partnership that we have with our community that continues to allow us to strive for nothing less than the excellence that our students and families deserve. This is a monumental accomplishment and I am honored to serve my community proudly each day."

She thanked teachers Julie Siegel, Kayla Miller, and Jayme Perezluha for serving on the application committee. "We couldn't have accomplished this journey without them," Scamardella said.

During the nearly year-long selection process, school and district administrators completed a lengthy application with information about student engagement, community outreach, teacher support, school leadership, strategies for academic success, as well as a host of data on curriculum and instruction, attendance, staff size, and demographics.

"Today's announcement by the U.S. Department of Education naming School No. 5 as a 2020 National Blue Ribbon School is a testament to the hard work and fortitude

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(above, l-r) Linden Public Schools leaders and staff celebrate the selection of School No. 5 as a National Blue Ribbon School for 2020. Pictured are Director of Science Michael Walters, Director of Secondary Language Arts Dr. Patricia Tartivita, Board of Education member Marianthe Manganello, School No. 5 teachers Kayla Miller, Jayme Perezluha and Julie Siegel, School No. 5 Principal Laura Scamardella, Assistant Superintendent Denise Cleary, Board of Education members Doris Johnson, Tracey Birch and Ahmed Shehata, and teacher and former instructional coach Michael Pekosz.

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FAMILY GAME NIGHT - FRIDAY NIGHT JAN 15

Linden Department of Parks and Recreation will offer a free virtual music bingo family game night on Friday, January 15, 2021, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Classic bingo with songs instead of numbers. Pre-registration is required and must be done at least one week before the start of program.

To view full program description and register

online for the program, visit linden-nj.org and click on Community Pass. First time registrants, are required to call during business hours to have an account set up.

For more information, email lindenrec@linden-nj.org, or call 908-474-8600. The Parks & Recreation office is located on the second floor at 605 South Wood Avenue.



(above) Jay Dertinger, Carolynne Baykowski, Dennis Costello, Joseph LaPlaca, Frank Ruane, and Robert O'Connell.

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Dr. Somma has been in practice in Union and Middlesex counties for over 20 years, with an emphasis on excellence and compassion for his patients. He has served as the physician for the Elizabeth Fire Department, the Board of Health of Hillside and has served the Board of Education for Woodbridge NJ. He was granted the Humanitarian of the Year Award by Trinitas Health Foundation in May 2014, for his dedication to the community and his outstanding service to the goals of the Foundation.

Dr. Somma has special interests in various fields of Internal Medicine, including diabetes, obesity, cardiovascular diseases and arthritis/rheumatology. He has represented to major pharmaceutical companies, such as Schering-Plough and Pfizer, in a consulting and educational role for his peers. Dr. Somma has been a clinical educator for Seton Hall's Physician Assistant Program as an Associate Professor of Medicine for their Internal Medicine program.

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2019	2020	% Change
32	34	6.3%
25	47	+88.0%
34	31	-8.8%
\$330,000	\$370,000	+12.1%
98.3%	101.8%	+3.6%
104	67	-35.6%
3.0	2.1	-30.0%
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Closed Sales	20	20	14	19	62	15	19
Days On Market Until Sale	40	37	23	33	38	49	44
Median Sales Price	\$372,450	\$305,000	\$367,263	\$365,000	\$395,000	\$325,000	\$585,000
% of listing Price Received	102.5%	100.2%	103.8%	102.1%	101.3%	103.4%	99.5%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	44	43	22	72	98	28	42
Months Supply of Inventory	1.6	2.2	1.9	3.3	2.0	1.6	2.5

*Does Not account for sale concessions and/or down payment assistancel Percent changes are calculated using rounded figures and can sometimes look extreme due to small sample size. Current as of December 20, 2020. All data from the multiple listing services in the state of New Jersey. Margin of error for reported statewide numbers is +/- 4% at a 95% confidence level. Report © 2020 ShowingTime.

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LINDEN POLICE RAISE \$5K FOR MEN'S HEALTH NETWORK

Submitted by Lt. Christopher Guenther

Linden Police Chief David Hart joined Linden Police Benevolent Association Local #42 President Joseph Appello and Linden Police Superior Officers Association President Joseph Birch to announce that the Department raised \$5,000 in its third annual "No Shave November" & "Nails for November" event.

"I continue to be overwhelmed at the popularity and success of this effort," said Chief Hart. "More than half of the Department participated to raise money for this very worthy cause. I would like to thank each of them, especially Presidents Appello and Birch, for their incredible generosity."

A donation in the amount of \$5,000 was presented to Men's Health Network (MHN), a national non-profit organization whose mission is to reach men, boys, and their families where they live, work, play, and pray with health awareness and disease prevention messages and tools, screening programs, educational materials, advocacy opportunities, and patient navigation. Learn more at menshealthnetwork.org

MHN Vice President Ana Tomšić, who received the donation on behalf of the organization, stated "Men's Health Network thanks the Linden PBA Local 42, the Linden Police Superior Officers Association, and the Linden Police Department for their generous support in raising awareness of the important

issue of men's health this November. Especially with the current situation in our society as it is, there is plenty that we can do to help raise awareness and promote good health among our family, friends, and colleagues from afar. Keeping healthy means that communities (both personal and professional) will thrive for a long time."

The Department will build on this success and

continue their fund raising efforts by participating in "Double-Down December." Grooming standards will continue to be relaxed through the end of the year for participants who make a second matching donation. Monies raised in Double-Down December will be dedicated to host a community event later in the month, and any remaining monies will be donated to St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Elizabeth, NJ.



(above, l-r) L.P.S.O.A. President Joseph Birch, Police Chief David Hart, and P.B.A. Local #42 President Joseph Appello.

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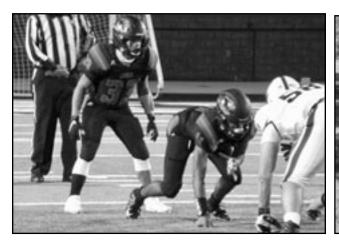
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LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT ATHLETES SELECTED TO ALL-STAR TEAMS



(above) Jaylin Austin and Ibn-Yusuf Nadir







Numerous Linden High School athletes who competed in falls sports were chosen for postseason honors for their outstanding contributions this season.

BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY

1st Team UC Conference Valley Division Paul Niziolek

Honorable Mention

Daniel Mendez, Darcy Pedrosa, Jorge Flechas III, Josue Mondesir

GIRLS CROSS-COUNTRY

1st Team UC Conference Valley Division

Armani Winston

Honorable Mention: Jenissa Pierre, Nyala Castro

FOOTBALL

Big Central Football Conference 1st Team All 5A Division

Shawn Patterson, Adrian Cuervo, Jahaad Halsey, Jaylin Austin, Jonathan Rengifo, Jorge Guillen, Ibn-Yusuf Nadir

2nd Team All 5A Division

Jayden Myers, Andrew Cuervo, Sebastian Sanchez, Andrew Plummer, Allan Tomazweski

All-Group 4 3rd Team

Ibn-Yusuf Nadir

BOYS SOCCER

Soccer Coaches Assoc. of NJ All-State Team Daniel Ciepiela

UC Boys Soccer Coaches Assoc. selection:

UC Conference 1st Team All Stars

Daniel Ciepiela

UC Conference selections:

1st Team UC Conference Valley Division

Daniel Ciepiela, Ferlandji Louisnord, Westanley Jasmin

Honorable Mention

Lucas Pereira

GIRLS SOCCER

UC Girls Soccer Coaches Assoc. selections: All-Union County Conference

Renee Rocha

UC Conference selections:

Valley Division 1st Team

Renee Rocha, Mackenzie Barrett, Annika Labrador, Briana Lopez

Valley Division 2nd Team

Bianca Palomino, Daniella Palomino,

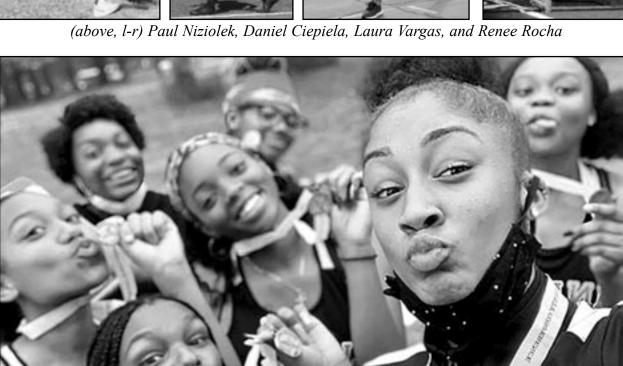
Aryanna Muniz, Allison Gomez

Valley Division Honorable Mentio

Halee Vargas, Maja Czajor

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UC Conference Valley Honorable Mention Laura Vargas



(above) Armani Winston and the girls cross-country team

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In the spirit of Thanksgiving, members of the give thanks to those individuals who have made Soehl Middle School Honor Society recently created and delivered "Thank You" signs to the volunteers, nurses, public health and public safety personnel of the Union County COVID-19 Testing Facility at Kean University in Union.

The members of the Honor Society wanted to

many sacrifices to help combat the coronavirus and help keep the community safe.

The project was supervised by Soehl Middle School Principal Isabella Scocozza and coordinated by Honor Society co-advisors Laura Pellettiere, a guidance counselor, and Mackenzie Anderson, language arts teacher.



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(above) Linden Board of Education President Gregory R. Martucci, School No. 5 Principal Laura Scamardella, Linden Superintendent of Schools Dr. Marnie Hazelton, and Assistant Superintendent Denise Cleary.



(above) Laura Scamardella, second from right, principal at School No. 5 in Linden, credited teachers Jayme Perezluha, Julie Siegel, and Kayla Miller with completing the rigorous application process to become a National Blue Ribbon School for 2020.

Photos by Linden Public Schools

BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL (continued from page 1)

of the entire staff at School No. 5," said Superintendent Dr. Marnie Hazelton. "When I first met Ms. Scamardella, she spoke so highly of her staff and the exceptional work they were doing with their children, I knew right away that she was a rock star! I look forward to celebrating with students and staff on November 12th, when they will participate in the official ceremony.

"This prestigious award is not only a win for School No. 5 but the entire Linden Public Schools community."

School No. 5 will receive a plaque and flag to display showing off the accomplishment and will celebrate virtually with national officials in November.

Blue Ribbon Schools nationwide are a diverse group but share core elements of effective schools.

"Their leaders not only articulate a vision of excellence and hold everyone to high standards, they stay close to the real action of teaching and learning," according to the program's website. "Mutual respect and trust run deep in their cultures. Faculty are supported by mentoring

and professional development and have time to coordinate their work. Data from many sources drive adaptations to support every student. Families and educators work together in trust."

School No. 5 received a letter of congratulations after the announcement from U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos.

"Congratulations on your recognition as a 2020 Exemplary High Performing National Blue Ribbon School!" she wrote. "The U.S. Department of Education acknowledges your students' success as an inspiring example of how teachers, parents, and community leaders can work together to help students prepare for what comes next. I commend you for striving to do what's right for your students and to personalize instruction to meet your students' unique needs and strengths. Thank you for what you do to help your students realize their potential and achieve their dreams."

School No. 5 is home-away-from-home to about 300 students. In the 2019-20 school year, it was certified by the New Jersey Department of Education as a Future Ready school.

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If Knee Surgery Sounds Scary, It Should

Have you have been told you are facing knee replacement surgery? Have you been told about all the downsides you could be facing? First and foremost, there are NO guarantees that knee replacement surgery will be the answer to your pain,

- · Surgery is costly, regardless of the percentage of services covered by insurance. Surgery requires lost time from work and typically requires a regimen of rehabilitation and medications.
- With surgery, there is always a risk for unwelcomed complications. And you could be back to where you started, or worse.
- Medications will be required for relief from surgery and you have been down that road before. Addictions to these pain medications can cause potential side effects, something you do not want to experience.
- Rehabilitation can take years.

Consider This Alternative To Surgery

Northeast Spine & Wellness Center offers you a real opportunity and a painless way to say goodbye to your knee pain without any surgery. Here are just a few of the important benefits you should consider?

- Diagnostic fluoroscopy accurately targets the pain, unlike blind injections.
- Guided fluoroscopic injections are virtually pain free, unlike blind injections.
- No lost time from work or family.
- No expensive or time consuming rehabilitation.
- No potentially addictive prescription medications.
- Recovery time is almost instant, not months or years.

How Does This New Treatment Work?

Relief begins almost as fast as it takes to pronounce the treatment. It's called Viscosupplementation Therapy. To begin with, it starts with Northeast Spine & Wellness Center investing in the use of diagnostic fluoroscopy.

This enables them to target the exact location of your knee pain with pinpoint accuracy. What follows is a simple injection that causes little to no pain, especially when compared to what you may be living with daily. That explains what you will see on the surface of this revolutionary treatment. What's taking place below the surface is how and where the natural healing process takes place. The injection of a Hyaluronic acid called Hyalgan. This gel-like substance was approved by the FDA in 1996. Hyalgan is a natural substance that mimics the synovial fluid that is already produced by your body in your joints. Osteoarthritis sufferers in particular see a reduction in this much needed synovial fluid in their knee joints. Without that cushioning layer of protection, the cartilage in your knee can begin to wear away leading to the rubbing of bone on bone. Through Viscosupplementation Therapy, this natural substance immediately goes to work reducing the swelling and inflammation in the joint and adding a coating layer of protection. Think about Derothy taking the oil can to The Tin Man. You'll begin to feel that same kind of relief and quite possibly feel like you're ready for a dance down the yellow brick road to recovery yourself. And with a success rate of over 85% in alleviating pain associated with osteoarthritis, it's easy to see why this treatment is so readily covered by Medicare and by most major insurance providers. Diagnostic fluoroscopy to target the pain, Viscosupplementation Therapy to relieve the pain. Simple, fast and no surgery!

Do you Suffer from any of these Symptoms?

There are a number of reasons why you developed Osteoarthritis pain. It can develop with age or because of heredity. It could be from repetitive stress from a job or some glory days in athletics. Of course your concern is with the symptoms you face daily and how to make them end, hopefully without surgery or the use of potentially addictive medications. Northeast Spine & Wellness Center understands the symptoms you have been

living with and can help. If you have any of the symptoms below, please call us today. Relief is a phone call away.

- . Pain Whether it's a sharp aching or maybe a burning sensation, the pain can range from irritating to debilitating.
- · Swelling This can cause tenderness and soreness to the entire knee area, making walking or going up and down stairs painful, getting in and out of bed or bathtubs difficult and dangerous just name a few activities affected
- . Stiffness Getting up out of bed or after sitting for a period of time gets more and more difficult. This loss of mobility can be more than a hindrance. It can be dangerous if you need to move quickly.
- . Loss of muscle strength This can lead to balance issues and the strong possibility of falling
- · Joint deformity Not just unsightly, but painful as well.
- · Creaking Joints Can be painful and a sign of more
- Sleepless nights Losing sleep over your suffering is not just irritating, but potentially dangerous because of so many other health concerns that can be affected by loss of

Let Me Show You Targeted Relief From Your Knee Pain

Every day, I see patients suffering from knee pain due to arthritis, osteoarthritis, sports injuries or other conditions Many have been told that they are in need of knee replacement surgery. Other patients say they have been prescribed various prescription medications to deal with the pain.

Something else I see almost every day, are patients that have tried viscosupplementation knee injections elsewhere and found it to be a painful and ineffective experience because the injections were not administered using fluoro scopic guidance. Instead of using the incredibly accurate diagnostic fluoros-

copy we use at Northeast Spine & Wellness Center these patients experienced a blind injection technique, which can be as inaccurate as playing pin the tail on the donkey

Once I am able to explain to my patients about the pin point accuracy of using diagnostic fluoros copy and the amazing results viscosupplementation can provide, they are thrilled to get started They are even more thrilled when they feel the relief. Please contact Northeast Spine & Wellness Center today to schedule your RISK FREE consultation

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Philips 66 recently announced it is contributing a total of \$1 million to 48 local food banks across the U.S. and in the U.K. with \$55,000 going to 4 organizations in Union County, New Jersey, and 1 organization on Staten Island, New York. The gift, made on behalf of Phillips 66 employees, is meant to support organizations that have offered a critical lifeline this year to communities in or surrounding our company operations.

"We have a deep appreciation for the organizations that stood with their communities and provided such an essential service in the face of the enormous challenges of 2020," said Phillips 66 Chairman and CEO Greg Garland. "This is a gift from the people of Phillips 66 to those that are taking care of our most vulnerable."

The company's \$1 million donation will be spread across 11 states and in the United Kingdom and is part of more than \$31 million donated to charitable organizations in 2020.

In Union County New Jersey, the company is donating to St. Joseph Social Service Center Food Pantry and Jewish Family Service of Central NJ Food Pantry, both located in Elizabeth, the LINCS Food Pantry in Linden, and Rahway Community Action Organization Food Pantry in Rahway. On Staten Island, New York, the company is donating to Project Hospitality Food Pantry.

Aneesha Ghaly, MPA Executive Director of Rahway Community Action Organization stated, "In a year that could not have been more complex, Philips 66 consistently stepped up to help us when we needed it most. The greatest impact was their donation to our food pantry which serves over 60 families/200 people a week. This donation came at a time when our clients are having to make choices between heat and food and, thankfully, due to Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery's generosity, that is no longer a decision they need to make. We are extremely grateful for their ongoing support of our efforts to serve our community."

Rev. Dr. Terry Troia, President & Chief Executive Officer of Project Hospitality said, "We are deeply grateful to Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery for the gracious donation to support the emergency, life-saving COVID response work we are accomplishing on Staten Island! COVID-19 has changed who we serve, how we serve, and how many we serve. We have concentrated our efforts on the elderly, the medically vulnerable, the COVID-infected family, the unemployed worker and on tenants facing eviction and forced to choose between food on the table and a roof over their heads. With these funds we will save lives."

To read more about the company's COVID-19 relief efforts, visit: phillips66.com/covid19response.

ROGER, FOR NEW JERSEY VETERAN COMMUNITY TO FIND SUPPORT

ROGER, a search platform for New Jersey veterans, launched on November 9th, just ahead of Veterans Day 2020. The platform was created by Backpacks For Life founders Brett D'Alessandro and Alexa Modero. After serving the Veteran community for 6 years, they found many inefficiencies and convoluted systems that prevented veterans from getting the care they need in a quick and efficient way. From lengthy intake processes to outdated information on organizations' websites, the Backpacks For Life team knew there was a better way to get veterans the care they needed.

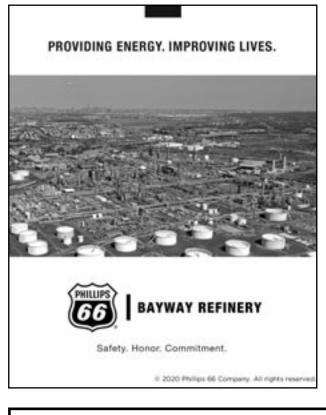
ROGER allows veterans and their family members to search for programs, resources and care by a variety of factors such as zip code, branch of service, discharge status and income. With these customizable search features, veterans will see only the programs that they qualify for. This helps mitigate time wasted for not only veterans searching for programs that fit their needs, but also the service providers to ensure the

veteran is a good fit for them.

"Navigating through resources is hard...we get it. As a veteran myself, I was often running around in circles trying to find programs that I was eligible for and that fit my needs. When we're working with veterans, every minute matters and with ROGER we can work more quickly to get veterans what they need. We're excited to bring ROGER to the NJ veteran community." - Sgt. Brett D'Alessandro, Retired US Marine & President of Backpacks For Life

To explore ROGER, visit www.roger.vet or contact the ROGER team at roger@backpacksforlife.org

Backpacks For Life is a 501(C)3 nonprofit organization that serves the homeless and at-risk veteran community. By regularly distributing backpacks filled with essentials to veterans on the streets and providing mentorship to at-risk veterans and their families, Backpacks For Life aims to bridge the gap between veterans and the resources available to them.





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LPD Ofc. Isidoro was recently deployed overseas along with the 102nd Calvary of the New Jersey Army National Guard. To show support, a t-shirt fundraiser was held and the proceeds were donated to the Romans Warrior Foundation. This foundation helps veterans, law enforcement, firefighters, and EMS workers

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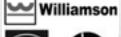
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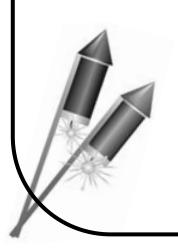
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Dungan's Irish Cream 1 751		Sarres	24pk 24pk	\$24.00	"Visit the store for more 1	n-Store St	ecials!"

"Cold or warm Beer = Same Price" "Visit the store for more In-Store Specials!"

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