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AMELIA HANGER RAISES OVER \$2,000 FOR ANIMAL SHELTER

Linden Public Schools

A third-grader from School No. 10 in Linden was able to raise well over \$2,000 for the Friends of Linden Animal Shelter as part of a selfless service project she took on for Martin Luther King Day.

Amelia Hanger started the project two years ago when she raised \$400 for the shelter and continued it in 2021 by raising \$1,000 for the Linden Presbyterian Church food mission.

Amelia said she is proud of the continuing success of her annual project.

"I feel good because we know we did something good for the world," she said. "This was the most money we ever raised and was the most success we have ever done."

Jennifer Pankow-Hanger, Amelia's mother, said the project raised \$2,000 directly, which Amelia used to buy pet food and other supplies for the shelter. She had also put the word out that donors could contribute directly to the shelter, which received \$1,900 in donations on its website during the week of Amelia's project.

"Not all comes from our efforts alone," Pankow-Hanger said, "but it's a pretty staggering thing to know that we started out a few years ago with an idea and raised \$400, and this year we've raised almost 10 times that amount."

"Our entire family are all incredibly proud that Amelia has taken up the idea and that her passion for animals, and cats specifically, have inspired so many to share in our desire to do good in our community."

Amelia wanted to help FOLAS – Friends of Linden Animal Shelter, which is where her family adopted two cats, Michelle and Michael, in 2021.

"I picked the animals since it is winter and they might need homes so they don't get cold and die in the cold," she said. "I love cats so much because they are nice, and they are good service animals, too."

She was also inspired by what she has learned about the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

"He made the world a better place," Amelia said. "And our service project is good because it shows we are helping out the world."

Pankow-Hanger said she learned a lot about how MLK Day can be used as a day of service and wanted to pass that lesson on to her daughter.

"We loved the idea that we could honor and serve on that day and embraced the idea of 'a day on' rather than a day off," she said. "That started us down this path."

Steve Hanger, Jennifer's husband and Amelia's father, said he is very proud of his wife and daughter for putting this project together.

"They inspire me to want to be a better person each and every day," he said. "Their kindness and thoughtfulness have truly left a

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(above) Amelia Hanger, pictured here with her cats Michelle and Michael, is a third-grader at School No. 10 in Linden. Amelia raised over \$2,000 for the Friends of Linden Animal Shelter (FOLAS) as part of her Martin Luther King Day service project.



(above) Amelia Hanger with her father, Steve Hanger, delivering supplies to Linden Animal Shelter.

Courtesy photos

mark on our community."

And on Linden Public Schools.

"Amelia's efforts to help her local community at such a young age are remarkable," said School No. 10 Principal, David Walker. "Her service to others greatly embodies the mission of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. She is truly a wonderful student with a big heart, supported by her incredible family.

"We are so proud of Amelia!"

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STUDENTS HOST LINDEN POLICE OFFICERS

Linden Public Schools

Linden High School students who are members of the Entrepreneurial Management Achievement Program (EMAP) recently hosted Linden Police Chief David Hart and members of his department for a friendly and informal meeting.

The officers presented interesting and informative information about their work; some students expressed interest in exploring law enforcement in the future. Chief Hart left the students with his contact information and said his "door is always open."

EMAP is an independent, reality-based entrepreneurial arts program that has operated with the support of Linden Public Schools for 15 years. It helps LHS students prepare for their future by exploring concepts in finance, marketing, and the arts through real-world business scenarios. The program also focuses on character development as a key to success in all

walks of life.

The program is guided by Founder and Chairman Sy Mayerson, President Dianne Blazier-Jiosi, Linden High School graphic arts teacher Debra Heffernan, and Linden High School art teacher Lee Gaskins.

Photos by Linden Public Schools



(above l-r) Capt. Christopher Guenther, Officer Raul Jordan, Chief David Hart, and Sgt. Leon Paster.



(above) Linden High School Entrepreneurial Management Achievement Program (EMAP) students with President Dianne Blazier-Jiosi, LHS graphic arts teacher Debra Heffernan, Founder and Chairman Sy Mayerson, and LHS art teacher Lee Gaskins.







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TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS ACCEPTED INTO INVENTOR COMPETITION

A group of technology students from Schools No. 4 and No. 9 in Linden have been accepted to take part in the STEAM Tank Challenge, a state competition in which students apply science and technology skills to create a product that addresses a real-world problem.

The program encourages students and teachers to work collaboratively in science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM). It also supports the development of critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

The Linden team is made up of the Student Vanguard technology club at School No. 4 and

the fifth-grade Gifted & Talented students at their Play-Doh letters, they hear the correct School No. 9 under the guidance of technology teacher Mitch Gorbunoff.

The students' invention is the Read-O-Matic, which is designed to help students learn letter sounds then blend them together. It works using a device called a Makey Makey, which allows any conductive material to be turned into a keystroke. Students use Scratch, a programming website, to code specific sounds each time certain keys are pressed. Students form letters out of Play-Doh then place these letters on metal squares on the board. When students press on

corresponding letter sounds.

The competition is ongoing and the Linden team expects to hear in the coming weeks. The program was created by the NJ School Boards Assoc. and is sponsored by the U.S. Army.

THE TEAM INCLUDES:

From School No. 4: Jayden Countrymen, Izabelle Rivera, Eva Bien, Heidy Yanes, Izrum Efobi, and Andrea Rivas.

From School No. 9: Philipe Pajishvili, Marc Prieto, Rasha Bashir, Hunter Miller, and Nina Szczurowski.



(above l-r) Fourth-graders Heidy Yanes, Andrea Rivas, Izabelle Rivera, and Eva Dien work on building the Read-O-Matic for the STEAM Tank Challenge.



(above) Philipe Pajishvili, a fifth-grader at School No. 9, is part of the team that built the Read-O-Matic.



(above l-r) Izrum Efobi and Andrea Rivas, fourth-graders at School No. 4, helped build the Read-O-Matic.

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SUMMER SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Linden Department of Parks and Recreation announces that applications are being accepted for summer day camp and playground counselors. Applicants must be at least 18 years or older and out of high school. One year of college is preferred.

Applications can be picked up at 1025 John Street or 330 Helen Street. The application can also be downloaded from the City of Linden website. Submit applications to Linden Parks and Recreation at the JTG, 330 Helen Street. Attention: Day Camps & Playgrounds.

For more information about the day camps, visit linden-nj.org and click Department of Parks & Recreation or call 908-474-8600.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS SOUGHT

Bayway Complex Community Advisory Panel

For the year 2022, the Bayway Complex Community Advisory Panel (CAP) has elected to offer High School Seniors who are residents of Linden, Rahway, Elizabeth, and Staten Island the opportunity to be awarded a CAP scholarship. Several one-year scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$1,000 each to students in these four municipalities represented by the CAP.

The winners will be selected by the CAP Scholarship Committee, who will be taking the following areas into consideration when reviewing the applications: The applications must be computer-generated and all sections completed; Academics (transcript/SAT/ACT scores); Financial Need; Essay; Science/Math Teacher Recommendation Letter(s).

This scholarship is open to candidates who will be pursuing a college, university, career or vocational school education in the Industrial,

For the year 2022, the Bayway Complex purposed process Technology, or Engineering (Chemical, Civil, Mechanical, Environmental, Computer) for High School Seniors who are residents of fields.

Please contact your high school guidance counselor for more information and the application forms. The submission deadline is March 28, 2022.

The Bayway CAP is a committee of community representatives from Linden, Rahway, Elizabeth, and Staten Island including neighbors, educators, retirees, public officials, emergency responders, and environmental organization representatives who attend quarterly meetings that serve as a forum for dialogue between the community and company representatives from Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery, Infineum USA L.P., Linden Cogeneration Plant, Veolia North America, Solutia, Linden VFT LLC, and PSEG.









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So come out and enjoy a home cooked breakfast, including this month's special Corned Beef Hash.

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Come one, come all to our Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 26, 2022 at the VFW Post #1397, located at 20 Pennsylvania Railroad Ave., from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Donations: Adults \$7.00 / Seniors & Children \$6.00/ Ages 5 & Under Free.

This event is open to the public, so come out and enjoy a home cooked breakfast!

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PARKS & REC OFFERS YOUTH STEM CLASSES

offering two Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) classes for children ages 6-12. The following programs will be offered at the Linden Multi-Purpose Building, 1025 John St. Pre-registration is required and must be done at least one week before the start of class.

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Linden Department of Parks and Recreation is much more. Saturday, March 5, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Fee: \$25.

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For more information, lindenrec@linden-nj.org, or call 908-474-8600. The Parks & Recreation office is located 330 Helen Street.

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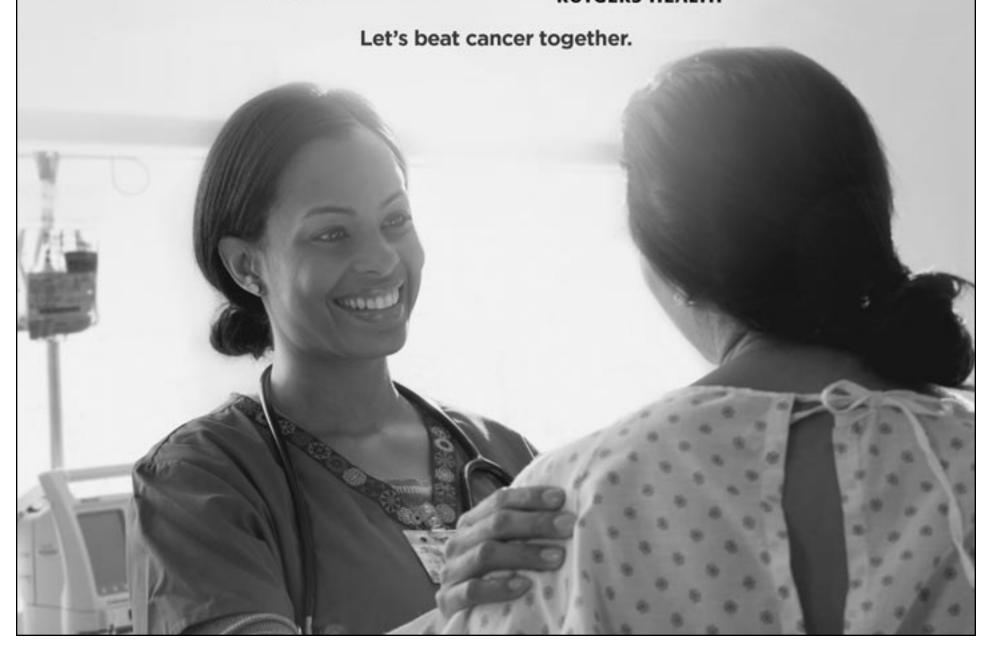
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RETIRED TEACHER'S GENEROSITY GIVES BOOST TO TECH CLASSES

The love and generosity of a retired elementary school teacher from Linden is helping a former colleague to go above and beyond for her students—and causing ripple effects of kindness throughout the school.

School No. 10 technology teacher Kim Kefalas wanted to get lapel microphones for her elementary students to use with their districtissued iPads to make it easier for them to complete projects while wearing masks. So, she sought donations on the DonorsChoose fundraising website for the \$339 needed to buy the microphones.

Rita Cruz Suarez, a teacher who recently retired from School No. 10, came through and donated the entire amount.

Technology students at School No. 10 were surprised and excited to learn about their new microphones.

"What a great way of paying it forward," Kefalas said. "We are so thankful to Ms. Cruz Suarez. I always teach kindness, and it's so nice when it comes back to you. It's perfect for our school motto: The Little School with the Biggest Heart.

Kefalas invited Cruz Suarez, who taught at the school for 23 years, to be there when Kefalas surprised the fourth- and fifth-grade Tech Team students with their new microphones. They applauded Cruz Suarez and gave her flowers and hugs, as well.

"I just felt compelled to participate and support her project," Cruz Suarez said. "All of us, and the children especially, have gone through some crazy times recently. I just feel that they need something good to happen and something they can learn from and pay it forward."

In that spirit, School No. 10 is launching the Pay It Forward Challenge for students throughout the month of February.

"Ms. Suarez did this asking nothing in return. So, what she wants is for you to pay it forward," Kefalas told her students. "Does that mean she a friend? No. She wants you to

do something kind for somebody else for no reason at all. It's easy. Someone needs a pencil? You let someone borrow a pencil. We're talking little things."

Kefalas originally was hoping to reach her goal with several smaller donations through DonorsChoose, a national non-profit that allows teachers to tap into a network of millions of online donors to support classroom projects and district initiatives.

Linden Public Schools developed a partnership with DonorChoose and encourages staff

wants you to go out and buy 40 microphones for members to use it to initiate fundraising efforts that benefit students. Kefalas and other teachers in the district currently have other projects posted on DonorsChoose, hoping to collect money to enhance students' learning and school life.

> Cruz Suarez hopes that her gesture has a lasting impact on the school she called home for so many years with more opportunities for the tech students and a kinder atmosphere for all.

> "For me, it's something that the children needed to put a smile on their faces," she said, "and if all the children can do that for just one other person and make them smile, then I've done my job."

Photos by Linden Public Schools



(above) Tech Team students pose with (l-r) counselor Jennifer Clark, technology teacher Kim Kefalas, Principal David Walker, and retired teacher Rita Cruz Suarez, who donated new microphones for the students to use in class.













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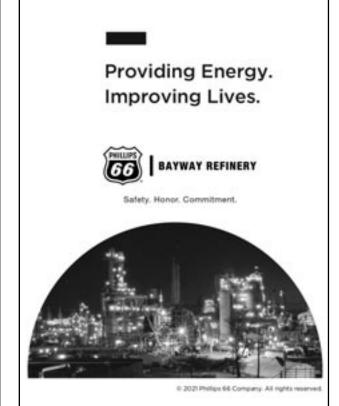
Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery made a \$6,600 donation to the Community FoodBank of New Jersey (CFBNJ) towards their Recovery Challenge Initiative—a three-year strategic project that prioritizes ongoing and expanded services.

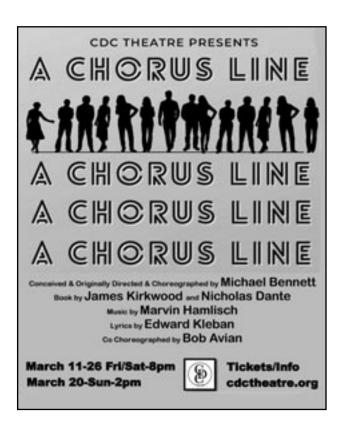
With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the devastating impact Hurricane Ida had on the CFBNJ Hillside, NJ facility and their community partners, CFBNJ saw many more households in need of emergency food. CFBNJ's three-pronged response plan is to address damage to the Hillside facility and underlying flood zone issues, support agency partners who were wiped out, and provide emergency food to those in Ida-impacted communities.

CFBNJ will leverage the \$6,600 donation from Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery to expand their capacity to meet the immediate need and to provide resources to mitigate long-term food insecurity.

"The communities that surround our facility have a significant percentage of low- to moderate-income families who rely on the food bank and on our continuing support during these challenging times," said Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery General Manager Chris Gallo. "We are pleased that our donation will assist the CFBNJ in continuing their important work of providing for the needs of the community."

"Amid the unprecedented challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and Hurricane Ida, support for our community partners and neighbors in need is more critical than ever before," said Carlos Rodriguez, President & CEO of the Community FoodBank of New Jersey. "We're grateful to Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery for their generous contribution to our Recovery Challenge Initiative, which will help us build back our communities as we continue providing food, help, and hope."







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A CHORUS LINE COMING TO CDC THEATRE IN CRANFORD

Come be part of Broadway's most legendary musical audition. After having been postponed from its 101st season, A Chorus Line will run at CDC Theatre in Cranford from March 11 through March 26, 2022. This stunning concept musical captures the spirit and tension of a Broadway chorus audition and explores the inner lives and

bittersweet ambitions of professional Broadway performers. Winner of nine Tony Awards, including Best Musical and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, the show features one powerhouse number after another. Michael Kidney leads the talented cast as director and choreographer. Visit cdctheatre.org for ticketing information.



(above) Cast of A Chorus Line. Visit cdctheatre.org for ticketing information.

AUDITIONS FOR A BRONX TALE

CDC Theatre in Cranford

CDC Theatre, 78 Winans Ave., Cranford, NJ on March 14, at 7 p.m. for young Calogero only; and March 15 and 16 at 7 p.m. for all other roles. Callbacks will be on Tuesday, March 22 at 6 p.m. by invitation only.

Please bring a headshot and resume stapled together and provide proof of vaccination. Prepare a 32-bar cut of a contemporary Broadway song; sides will be provided.

Based on the critically acclaimed play that inspired the now classic film, this streetwise musical will take you to the stoops of the Bronx in the 1960s—where a young man is caught

Auditions for A Bronx Tale will take place at between the father he loves and the mob boss he'd love to be. Featuring a book by Academy Award nominee Chazz Palminteri, music by Oscar, Grammy, and Tony Award winner Alan Menken, and lyrics by Grammy Award winner and Oscar and Tony Award nominee Glenn Slater, A Bronx Tale is a story about respect, loyalty, love, and above all else: family.

Rehearsals will take place at CDC, in the evenings on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, starting April 5th. Performances are June 10, 11,17,18,24,25 at 8pm, and June 19th at 2 p.m. Additional information can be found by visiting cdctheatre.org.

HELP WANTED

St. Joseph Social Service Center needs volunteers and part-time staff.

Volunteers are needed weekdays to help sort and distribute food and clothing. If you have a few hours to spare, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Tama Hampton via email at thampton@sjeliz.org or phone at (908)354-5456 ext. 404.

If you are a new volunteer, please fill out the application website on our sjeliz.org/volunteer.html. Tama volunteer and will get back to you.

The Social Service Center also has a part-time staff position available in its new Adult Learning Center. This will include Project Ready (Job Readiness and Computer Skills), English as a Second Language, and other Community Education initiatives.

Please visit sjeliz.org/news.html for a full job description. To apply, please email your resume to Bernadette Murphy at bmurphy@sjeliz.org.

FREE INCOME TAX HELP

The City of Linden Department of Parks & Recreation announced that they are partnering with AARP Tax-Aide to offer free income tax help to all Linden residents. All volunteers are IRS certified and can address most issues asked by their clients.

Appointments are needed. Appointments are on Tuesdays, starting February 15th through April 12th, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the JTG Center, located at 330 Helen Street, Linden, NJ. To schedule an appointment, call 908-474-8600 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Participants must bring a copy of last year's tax return, Social Security card, photo ID, children's Social Security cards, all W-2's, 1099s', and any other documents necessary to complete their tax return.

For more information, email lindenrec@linden-nj.gov, or call 908-474-8600. The Parks & Recreation office is located at 330 Helen Street, Linden.

FUNDRAISER FOR CRANFORD FIREFIGHTER

Knights of Columbus of Garwood and Cranford

The Final Four Charity Fundraiser to support Cranford Firefighter Robert Hurewitz, whose career was cut short by physical injuries sustained on the job, will take place on Saturday, April 2 from 6:00 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Columbian Club of Garwood at 37 South Ave., in Garwood. Tickets are \$35 per person and include beer, wine, soda, and food.

Hurewitz suffered heart and kidney damage in the line of duty last year. The effects have been

The Final Four Charity Fundraiser to support lasting and deleterious. Proceeds from the April anford Firefighter Robert Hurewitz, whose 2 fundraiser will be donated his family.

Please help this family of three by participating in the April 2 event or by donating directly to the GoFundMe campaign started by Hurewitz's wife Amanda: GoFund.Me/e460a236. You can also mail a donation check made payable to the Cranford Knights of Columbus, PO Box 501, Cranford NJ 0701 – write in the check note: For Hurewitz Family.



(above) Help raise funds on April 2 for Firefighter Robert Hurewitz whose injuries sustained in the line of duty prevent him from working.

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HALL OF FAME COACH RETIRING FROM LHS BOWLING TEAM

Linden Public Schools

Cherie Pizzano, the Hall of Fame coach of the Linden High School bowling team, is retiring at the end of the 2021-2022 winter season, after 22 years of coaching the Tigers on the alleys.

Recently, Pizzano was surprised with a party in her honor at Jersey Lanes in Linden after the team's final regular season match. The party was organized by the parents of the bowlers, whose love for their coach was evident.

"It's been a heck of a week for me emotionally," Pizzano said at the party. "Since I was a little girl, all I've done was sports. My grades were first, sports second. I can't tell you what it's meant for me in my life to coach at Linden High School between softball and bowling for 28 years."

The party guests included current and past bowling team members, many of their parents, Pizzano's parents, two sons, significant other, as well as LHS Principal Yelena Horré and Athletic Director Steven Viana.

"The relationships I have in the room here with you guys and the things that we've been through are just unforgettable," Pizzano told her guests. "I pray and hope that I've impacted your life as much as you've impacted mine."

The parents gave Pizzano a going-away present of a statue of a bowling ball striking two pins with the inscription "Thank you for all the wonderful years of coaching! Love, your bowling family!"

Pizzano was selected for the New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2019, becoming just the sixth Linden coach selected and the first woman from Linden.

Pizzano's résumé as bowling coach is impressive since taking over the program in 2000. The Tigers won sectional titles in 2005, 2008, 2013, 2014, 2016, and 2018; Union County titles in 2003, 2005, 2015, 2018, and 2019; and Watchung Conference titles in 2004, 2005, 2015, 2018, and 2020. Her team had an amazing 43match winning streak that stretched from 2017 to

The highpoint for the team came when it won the statewide Group 3 Championship in 2020, to win a state championship.

Individually, Pizzano was named Star-Ledger Bowling Coach of the Year for North Jersey Section 2 three years in a row, 2003-2005, and NJSCA Bowling Coach of the Year in 2007. Pizzano also coached softball at LHS from 1994 to 2010.

"When Coach first told us that she was contemplating retiring, I just said, 'No, we're not allowing it," Viana joked at the party. "We can't



(above) LHS bowling coach Cherie Pizzano admiring the gift she received from parents of her bowlers at her retirement party.

becoming only the second Linden bowling team replace a Hall of Fame coach, but for all her years of service, we cannot say thank you enough."

> Pizzano will continue in her job as a special education teacher of history at LHS.

"I have so many amazing memories and the hardest thing for me was to walk away," she said. "It's the culmination of my coaching career, and I couldn't ask for a better team to send off. And it's not goodbye, it's see you later. You know where my classroom is. I'm always going to be here for you."

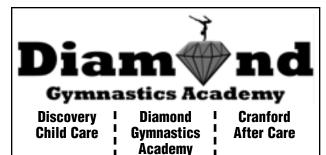
Photos by Linden Public Schools



(above l-r) LHS Principal Yelena Horre, LHS bowling coach Cherie Pizzano, and Athletic Director Steven Viana.



(above) Linden High School bowling coach Cherie Pizzano with attendees at a surprise party in honor of her retirement from coaching.



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FLINTLOCKS CELEBRATE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MEMBER

Dr. D. Michael Hart

Not many centenarians get to celebrate their 100th birthday surrounded by friends. On Thursday, February 17, the Flintlocks celebrated Fanwood resident Joe Schott's 100th birthday. Joe has been active in this volunteer group for 33 years since retiring from Bells Labs. He recruited many of his friends to join, and even a few relatives. Joe has a wry sense of humor, so they presented him with a parking plaque which reads: "Reserved Parking Only for Flintlocks Over 100 Years Old."

The Flintlocks are a group of retired scouters who devote every Thursday all year round to helping the Scout Camps. They build cabins, maintenance and build craft kits for the Scout shops. The Flintlocks represent a wide range of skills, including: two electricians, a millwright, carpenters, plumbers, diesel mechanics, police officers, heavy equipment operators, but also many professionals such as a dentist, two college professors, computer experts, financial advisors, salesmen, etc.

The most popular craft kits sold at the Cedar Knolls and Mountainside Scout Shops are the bird houses, bird feeders, benches and handy boxes. The men also volunteer at many of the Patriot Path Council activities for the scouts. Since they are a 501c3, they do not need to pay

make picnic tables, paint the dining hall, do sales tax, and they provide skilled labor for free. The Council has 3 camps and the volunteers are important to keep things running smoothly. Many of the scouters had children or have grandchildren in the scouts. More than half of the volunteers have been awarded the Silver Beaver Award, which is the highest National Honor offered by the Boy Scouts of America. They are an outstanding group of volunteers.

> The Flintlocks meet every Thursday from 8 am to 2 pm at Camp Winnebago in Rockaway. Guests are always welcome. For information, contact Secretary Dr. D. Michael Hart by email drmhart@yahoo.com.

> > *Some expiration dates apply so don't delay



(above) Joe Schott seated to the immediate right of the parking sign, behind the cake, in a flannel shirt; celebrating his 100th birthday with his 24 Flintlock friends around him.

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CLEAN UP OF LCP SUPERFUND SITE TO BEGIN

City of Linden

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is taking steps in protecting residents who live in the Tremley Point Area with the cleanup of the Superfund Site. They will begin with demolishing various buildings and structures on the site, this will make way to address the mercury-contaminated soil and groundwater. The EPA will also be monitoring the air and they will control dust and erosion during the demolition. They expect to have this project completed by mid-summer this year.

The cleanup plan also calls for a protective cap to cover the contaminated soil prevent it from leaching into groundwater and to make sure mercury vapor does not escape into the atmosphere. The nearby wetlands will be rebuilt after the contaminated sediment is dug up and put under the cap.

EPA Regional Administrator, Lisa Garcia said, "We are safely demolishing these buildings to clear a path for a cleanup that will address the risk

this site poses to the people in the community." She went on to say, "Once we have better access to areas under the building, we can more readily address the mercury contamination in the soil, as well as the underlying groundwater."

This property is a 26-acre site which was home to the Linden Chlorine Products Chemical plant, also parcels were leased to Union Carbide, Microcell Technologies and Kuehne Chemical Company. The Hanlin Group, Inc which owned LCP Chemical, Inc. filed for bankruptcy in July of 1991.

"This property has been a Superfund site since 1998 and I am very excited that this cleanup will pave the way to get the property redeveloped," said Mayor Armstead. "LCP shutdown operation in 1985 and having this site redeveloped and put back on the tax rolls will provide both economic and financial benefits to Linden. This clean-up has been a long time coming and I am grateful to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that this is finally happening."



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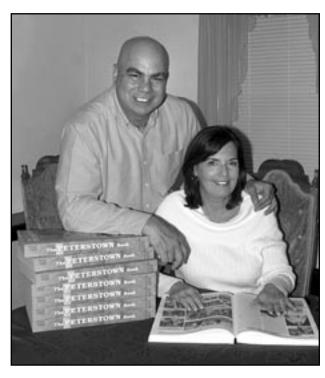
Renna Media is a Cranford, NJ based business owned and operated by husband and wife team of Joe and Tina Renna. Renna Media's family of 24 community newspapers are published in Morris, Essex, Union and Somerset counties, with a total circulation of 160,000. The publications are "hyperlocal" in nature in that they contain information focused on each individual town, and are direct mailed within those towns.

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For more information about Renna Media publications, please visit rennamedia.com.

You can contact Tina Renna regarding advertising, or to submit news, via email info@rennamedia.com; or call 908-418-5586.



(above) Joe and Tina Renna, owners of Renna Media, LLC, publish 24 direct-mailed community newspapers with a total circulation of 160,000. They have been publishing community newspapers since 1998. For more information, please visit rennamedia.com.

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Glenlivet 12 yrs old			Sobieski			Kendall Jackson Vintners Chardonnay .		
Grants			Stolichnaya (all types)			Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc		
Grants			Tanqueray Sterling	1./3L	\$29.09 \$10.00	Louis Jadot Beaujolais Villages		
ack Daniels			Tanqueray Sterling			Louis Jadot Pouilly Fuisse		
lack Daniels		•	Three Olives (all types)			Martini & Rossi Asti		
lack Daniels Fire			Tito's Vodka			Menage a Trois Red		
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lameson			Bacardi Light & Gold	750ml	\$12.99	Noble Wine 337, 667		
lim Beam Whisky			Bacardi Light & Gold	1.75L	\$19.19	Papi (All Types)		
ohhnie Walker Blue			Captain Morgan Spice			Ruffino Chianti		
lohhnie Walker Blue			Malibu	750ml	\$17.99	Ruffino Chianti		
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Johnnie Walker Red			Deleon Blanco Tequila			Silver Oak Alexander Valley Cabernet .		
Johnnie Walker Red			Deleon Blanco Tequila			Simi Chardonnay		
Macallan 12yrs old (double cask)		•	Patron Silver			Woodbridge (All Types)		
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