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## LINDEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING

**MAY 28, 2013**  
8:30 AM

**JTG CENTER**  
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## MEMORIAL DAY MONUMENT VISIT PROGRAM

*Monday*  
**MAY 27TH**  
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## LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND CHOSEN TO REPRESENT THE STATE IN 2014 PARADE



Linden High School Marching Band 2012-2013

The Linden High School Marching Band is very proud to announce that it has been selected to represent New Jersey in the 2014 National Memorial Day Parade in Washington DC, on May 26, 2014. The marching band was nominated by Congressman Donald Payne Jr. and selected by the official parade committee. According to the National Memorial Day Parade organization, the parade travels down Constitution Avenue along the National Mall. It consists of select marching bands and veterans' organizations from all 50 states, marching bands from each branch of the military and

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It will be nationally syndicated to more than 80 million households on The Pentagon channel and Discovery Network's Military channel. More importantly, it will be broadcast live to all the American Troops stationed around the world. In addition, more than 250,000 people watch the parade live each year and it is covered by 400 media outlets. The privilege to march in this parade will coincide with the Linden High School Marching Band's 34th consecutive spring trip representing Linden outside of the tri-state area.

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On April 5, 2013 Linden Mayor Richard J. Gerbounka swore in a new police chief to replace former chief, Salvatore G. Bivona, who retired April 1st. James M. Schulhafer, a 36 year veteran of the department, took his oath before a courtroom packed with family, friends, and colleagues. Schulhafer recently was the top scorer in the Police Chief's test. He also is a graduate of the prestigious FBI National Academy for municipal law enforcement executives. Captain James Sarnicki, also a 36 year veteran, will replace Schulhafer as an administrative assistant in the Police Chief's office. He also serves as the department's Public Information Officer in charge of media relations. Lieutenant Don Geisheimer, a 17-year veteran, will serve as a shift commander in the Patrol Division.



(above, l-r) Linden Police Chief James M. Schulhafer, Captain James Sarnicki, and Lieutenant Don Geisheimer

## RAYMOND HERNANDEZ HONORARY POLICE CHIEF



(above, l-r) Raymond Hernandez is shown taking over the reins to the Linden Police Department from Chief Jim Schulhafer. Raymond served as Honorary Police Chief on April 23, 2013 as part of Scout Government Day in the City of Linden.

## LINDEN EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM

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The Constine Evans Scholarship Fund of Morning Star Community Development Corporation will be hosting their 5th Annual Scholarship Luncheon on Saturday, May 18, 2013. From noon to 3pm, the committee will honor middle school, high school and college graduates of 2013, give special recognition to students that have demonstrated academic excellence, and award distinguished high school and college students with scholarships totaling \$25,000. All of the recipients nominated achieved high academics, demonstrated a commitment to community and are active members of Morning Star Community Christian Center.

One of the scholarships being awarded is the Bishop Irvin Evans, Sr. Memorial Scholarship for Leadership. This special award will be given to a Linden High School Senior that has high academics and proven to have given time and service to his/her community. This scholarship is

in honor of Bishop Evans, a leader who placed great emphasis on the value of education as well as exemplified great commitment to community. Bishop Evans is remembered for his memorable speech marks, one of which, "To change our world, we must first change our community...ONE CHILD AT A TIME!"

With the "\$1-A-DAY" initiative, CESF has an ultimate goal to raise one million dollars to pay for a full, four year college education for many deserving students. With the support of the "\$1-A-DAY" initiative and other fundraisers, the Scholarship Fund awarded over \$50,000 in scholarships within the past two years. In addition to the annual scholarships, CESF offers year-round programs to current and prospective college students. Including: Care Packages (students studying away from home); College Tours; Financial Aid Seminars; SAT Reviews.

CESF was created to honor Constine Evans who was the founding mother of Morning Star Community Christian Center. CESF is part of the Morning Star Community Development Corporation, a 501 (c ) (3), a nonprofit organization that manages vital community services. For additional information about the Scholarship Ministry or if you wish to make a contribution, please contact Patricia Armand, Chairperson for the Constine Evans Scholarship Fund at (908) 925-4010

or at [scholarship@morningstarccc.org](mailto:scholarship@morningstarccc.org).

## FLORENCIA BARCELO RECEIVED SCHOLARSHIP

On Friday, April 19, 2013, at the monthly: New Jersey Association for Federal Program Administrators professional development meeting one of our high school students, Florencia Barcelo, grade 12, received a \$2,000 scholarship from the NJAFPA organization. Florencia was selected as one-of-two recipients, from the Northeast, as an awardee for the grant opportunity.



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## KIWANIANS' "TASTE OF LINDEN" DONATE BACK TO LINDEN

Kiwanians "Taste of Linden" raised \$5,015! Thanks to the supporting restaurants and sponsoring businesses the monies raised will go to families in Linden hit hardest by Sandy.

Over 30 community members attended the Taste of Linden appreciation luncheon and membership drive hosted by The Kiwanis Club of Linden at the Southern Smokehouse on April the 18th. This celebration showcased the video taken by The City of Linden during The Taste of Linden event along with a slide show of past Kiwanian events and our newsletter. The video can be seen on the Linden channel. Discussions on how our community pulled together during Sandy were shared and knowing that we as neighbors will be there for each other in the future was welcoming. Hope to have the "Taste of Linden" as another Kiwanian tradition.

Certificates of Appreciation were provided to the following for their support: Chevy's, Father

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Absence from the Luncheon but still highly appreciated: Bella Gina's, New One Inc./Dunkin Donuts Bakery, Linden House Diner, The Linwood, Park Avenue Deli, Pizza Town, Primavera's, Sam's Club III Amici Ristorante, America Heart Association, American Red Cross, 66 Bayway Refinery, Community Financial Services, Cox Printers, Columbia Bank, DuPont Morses Mill Plant, Fema, Linden High School Key Club, LJ Engraving and Signs, Phillips 66 and St. George Family Pharmacy

Kiwanis Club of Linden (501c4) organization

started over 65 years ago and today still have long term members and solid relationships. Kiwanis is an international organization and together we achieve our mission: Changing the world one child and community at a time. Most certainly the "Taste of Linden" allowed us to support our community and our community indeed supported this event. On April the 26th our Annual Pasta Dinner with Chef Al was held and monies raised are going for scholarships.

As with many fine no-profit organizations, we need new members to thrive. The club will hold 3 lunch meetings in May 2013 the 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd at 12:15 pm at the Southern Smokehouse located at 611 W. Edgar Road in Linden. Please contact June Lazaro for additional information. The Kiwanis club of Linden supports and appreciates our community. Thank you! Thank you!! Thank you!!!



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8:30 AM MAY 8

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8:30 AM MAY 28

#### LINDEN CHAMBER MEETING

JTG Center, 100 Central Ave., Linden  
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(above, left, l-r) Joe Starkey, Merck, presented the award Public Safety Official of the Year to Captain David Hart & Sergeant Edward Chabak, Office of Emergency Management Deputy Directors of Linden. (above, right, l-r) Angie Tsirkas, Northfield Bank, presented the award to Economic Development Director of the Year Ron Stefanowicz of Linden, with Gateway Chamber of Commerce President James Coyle.

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Audrey Meculskas Pereira, a Linden resident for the past fifty-six years, has been chosen as the City of Linden's 37th Annual Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year. This award is bestowed annually by the Linden Department of Public Property and Community Services upon the Senior Citizen who displayed the most exceptional service to the community and his/her fellow seniors during the year.

Audrey Meculskas Pereira was born on June 24, 1942 in Elizabeth, NJ. Her family hailed from Kearney, NJ where she attended school at Franklin Grammar School and Washington Junior High. In 1956, her family moved to Linden and Audrey attended Linden High School, graduating in 1960. She completed Para Legal Studies at Drew University receiving an Associates Degree. Audrey spent ten years working for Kremenz Jewelry in Newark, NJ; followed by twenty-three years with Merck & Company in Rahway. During this time, Audrey met her future husband, Carl. They were married in 1979 and have spent the past thirty-four years together enjoying life and each other. Audrey has a son, William Weist, and an adopted daughter, Heather Crawford, and she and Carl enjoy being grandparents to Lisa, Michael, Joey, Amanda and Matthew, and great-grandparents to Tyler, Vanessa, Nicholas, Jeremy and Mackenzie.

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For the past thirty years, Audrey has volunteered endless hours to various organizations, especially those dealing with children and animals. She has helped make Linden a better place to live in and has been very instrumental in developing and implementing programs within the city. She served as president of the Mayor's Youth Commission and coordinated and organized the yearly Linden High School "Graduation Bash" until 2002, setting the bar for what the program entails today. Audrey has served as a member of the City of Linden Cultural Committee, the Union County Juvenile Conference Commission, the Eighth Ward Democratic Club, the City of Linden Democratic Club, the Linden Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Sixth Angel Shepherd

Rescue Group, the Linden High School Band Parents Organization and as a member of the City of Linden Halloween Parade Committee. For the past thirty years, Audrey has closed out the annual Halloween Parade as Mrs. Santa Claus, a roll she has enjoyed playing and one that most Linden children and their parents know her from.

All Linden residents are invited to attend the celebration honoring Audrey Meculskas Pereira as Linden's Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year. Please join us on Friday, May 10, 2013 at the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen Street, Linden New Jersey at 1:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. For further information, call the Linden Department of Public Property and Community Services at (908) 474-8600 or (908) 474-8627.



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## ADULT FUN IN THE SUN

The Department of Public Property and Community Services announces an adult one day "Fun In The Sun" ceramic class for Linden adults, on Thursday evening, June 6th from 6:00pm-7:30pm at the JTG Recreation Center, 330 Helen Street, Linden

Deadline for registration is June 5th. The fee is \$10.00 per participant. Payment can be made by cash, credit card, check or money order made payable to Linden Recreation Department or register online at [www.linden-nj.org](http://www.linden-nj.org). Class will be limited to 30 adults. Registration will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

This is a one day, make and take project. All supplies are included. Each participant will paint and decorate a project to take home.

For more information, please call the JTG Recreation Center at 908-474-8627, Monday through Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm or visit our website at [www.linden-nj.org](http://www.linden-nj.org)

## RECREATION SPRING SOCCER RETURNS

Spring has finally arrived, bringing with it another exciting season of the Linden Recreation Spring Soccer League. The league, which recently kicked off the season, runs from April 13th through June 15th and is open to children aged 4 through 14. Games are played Saturday's at the Al Kalla Soccer Complex.

This season marks the first year of having separate leagues for boys and girls. This division will help level the playing field for all participants, allowing for a more competitive atmosphere. In addition, a co-ed "Little Kickers Clinic" is offered to children aged 4 and 5.

Organized sports such as soccer provide numerous physical and psychological benefits for children of all ages. In this day and age when much of our children's time is spent in front of a cell phone or tablet, soccer provides much needed exercise disguised as a fun game amongst peers. Aside from the physical benefits, soccer encourages social interaction, teamwork, goal setting and commitment - all very important traits which prepare our children for a successful adulthood.

## CHILDRENS' FATHER'S DAY CERAMIC CLASS

The Department of Public Property and Community Services announces Childrens' Father's Day on-day ceramic classes for students in Kindergarten through 8th grades, Thursday, June 6th from 6:00pm - 7:30pm, at the JTG Recreation Center, 330 Helen Street, Linden.

Deadline for registration is June 5th. Registration hours are 9:00am - 4:00pm. The fee is \$10.00 per participant. Payments can be made by credit card, check, cash or money order, made payable to Linden Recreation Department or register online at [www.linden-nj.org](http://www.linden-nj.org). Classes will be limited to 35 students. Registration will be accepted on first come, first serve basis.

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## LINDEN'S 2013 MEMORAIL DAY "A DAY OF REFLECTION"

By: Ron Stefanowicz, Commander Linden Veterans Council

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th, it is an honor to solemnly commemorate members of the Armed Forces killed in war. Today it is more important than ever that we take time to reflect and remember our fallen comrades and those missing in action.

There is one thing that is clear, Linden's Veteran organizations are Patriotic and proud to be an American. They are committed to all veterans, their community and their country.

It may not be politically correct to show patriotism, but patriotism is a quality that 25 million veterans and those on active duty in hundreds of countries continue to share.

We take pride in the country that we were sworn to serve. So what does that mean today to be a patriotic American?

Abraham Lincoln - one of our greatest presidents - said: "I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him."

I was brought up in a family that believed in "God and Country" and we were expected to serve this country that accepted our grandparents as immigrants and gave them citizenship.

Many years ago, as all veterans do, I raised my right hand and took an oath consisting of 70 words to serve my country. All veterans remember the day they took that oath. They said the same words, they swore to the same oath. Those Veterans, who are buried in Linden and surrounding town cemeteries, also said the same words that were first adopted in 1789.

This is our oath: "I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God."

My son Rob, who served several tours in Iraq and Afghanistan along with other young American men and women, also took the oath to serve his country. They are all proud Americans. But there is a question in their eyes, not about their patriotism, but about ours. About our commitment as a nation to them and their comrades who are in harm's way. Can you blame them? We hear all about Michael Moore and Sean Penn and their anti-American rhetoric. But we hear nothing about Gary Sinise, who started Operation Iraqi Children, those patriots that teamed up with American troops to get school supplies into the hands of Iraqi students.

We hear nothing about Denzel Washington who after visiting injured troops made a large donation to The Fisher Houses, which are hotels where soldiers' families can stay, for little or no charge, while their loved one is staying in the hospital.

We hear nothing about Gold Star Mothers,

veterans and civic organizations that volunteer for civic programs, visiting veteran hospitals, fund raising for disaster victims like Sandy, commitment to youth programs and many other humanitarian programs.

War has never been pretty, and most wars have never been popular. Those who fight wars know that better than anyone. General Douglas MacArthur said "The soldier above all others prays for peace, for it is the soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war."

Honoring today's veterans; remembering those who have paid the ultimate price must go on. How can we do that? Observing Memorial Day and Veterans Day is important. But those are just two days a year. When you see a man or woman in uniform don't be afraid to say "Thank you for your service." If you have a military family next door or down the street ask them how their son or daughter is. Include them in your prayers. See if they need anything. Send letters and packages to our troops. Let them know they are not forgotten. But most of all be proud to be an American.

Too many Americans today think they have to apologize for being a citizen of the United States. There are politicians and celebrities that advocate America's global policies are responsible for world problems. They apologize for America rescuing the world from tyrants and terrorists at the high price of young American lives. One cannot impress upon you the number of all those who fought and died in foreign countries so that 60 years later their grandchildren would be ashamed to say "I am an American patriot!"

The fact is that thousands of Americans are buried in Europe, the Far East and South East Asia, who answered our country's call to save the world from the worst tyranny in history.

We dishonor those who died for us if we don't believe in America. Be proud of America.

Believe in America. Give something back to America.

To quote from the Lee Greenwood great patriotic song, "I'm proud to be an American": "I'm proud to be an American, Where at least I know I am free. I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me. I will proudly stand up next to him to defend USA still today, because there is no doubt I love this land. God bless the USA."

This Memorial Day put out your flag, show your patriotism, do something kind for those in the military, most importantly reflect and remember our fallen comrades and those missing in action.

The Linden Veterans Council and its members, the American Legion, Post 102, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 1397, Vietnam Veterans, Chapter 779, Marine League, Martin Danoski Post, Catholic War Veterans, Post 497 and Polish Legion of American Veterans, Post 91, invite resident's participation in Linden's Memorial Day programs.

If you have a family member or friends who rests in a Linden cemetery you can join the Linden Veterans, LHS ROTC, Scouts and other residents to place an American Flags on veteran graves. Veteran grave site flag placements will take place on Saturday, May 18th. Everyone who would like to participate in flag placement will assemble at American Legion Hall, 112 W. Elizabeth Ave. at 9:15 a.m., and leave for the cemeteries at 10:00 a.m. sharp. Return to American Legion Hall on Elizabeth Ave. 12:00 noon. Refreshments will be served following the veterans grave flag placement service. Over 4,000 flags are placed annually on Linden veterans' graves.

Placing memorial wreaths ceremony on City of Linden Veterans Monuments will take place on Monday, May 27th. All Veterans, LHS ROTC and Linden residents will assemble at American Legion, Post 102, at 112 E. Elizabeth Ave.



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# LINDEN VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS SUCCESSFULLY FOUND THE FAMILY OF MARINE VETERAN, KILLED IN VIETNAM IN 1968.

by: Ron Stefanowicz, Commander Linden Veterans Council



The Linden Veterans Council and all its members are elated and very grateful to the Life in Linden publication, Woody Funeral Home and family members and residents who contributed to locating the mother of PFC Law. As a result, the Linden Veterans Council will achieve their mission to honorably recognize

all Linden Veterans who have made the supreme sacrifice in the service and defense of our country. The Linden Veterans Council honors the Military Creed, especially the Infantry "We

leave no one behind' and all veterans who served this country, "We honor all Veterans who have made the supreme sacrifice".

PFC Law's mother, Johnnie Mae Law and family, still live in Linden. They will be invited along with family and friends to join with the Linden Veterans Council to memorialize the life and service of PFC Eugene Law, USMC during its Memorial Day Service which includes visiting the City of Lindens 15 monuments. A special service will be conducted placing PFC Eugene Law's name on the Vietnam Monument which is located in front of City Hall.

The Linden Veterans Council will conduct Memorial Day services on Monday, May 27th, when the memorial service for PFC Law will be conducted. The Veteran detail will arrive at City Hall at 11:00 AM to conduct the memorial service.

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### MONUMENT VISIT SCHEDULE FOLLOWS:

- 8:30 Assemble at Linden American Legion, Post # 102
- 9:10 St. Theresa Church, Catholic War Veterans Monument
- 9:20 Veterans Memorial Park, South Wood Ave., All Veterans Monument
- 9:30 Manly Park, 11th Street, Marine League and Local Neighborhood Veterans Monument
- 9:45 Rosedale Cemetery, Route 1, Veterans Circle
- 10:10 8 TH Ward Monument, Park & Grier Ave, All Veterans Monument
- 10:20 Rose hill Cemetery, Linden Ave., Veterans Circle, All Veterans Monument
- 10:30 Farawell Park, Ziegler Ave, Marine League and Local Neighborhood Veterans Monument
- 10:45 School #1, Curtis & Gibbons Street, All Veterans Monument
- 11:00 Wilson Park, Summit Terr., Purple Heart and Local Neighborhood Veterans Monument
- 11:15 Knosky Park, Stiles & Elm St., Marine League and Local Neighborhood Veterans Monument
- 11:30 Linden City Hall, N. Wood Ave. WW 2, Korea & Vietnam Monuments, PFC Law Dedication
- 11:40 VFW # 1397, Pennsylvania Railroad Ave., VFW Monument and All Veterans
- 11:50 Return to AL Post 102, 112 W. Eliz. Ave., AL Monument and All Veterans.

The above time schedule could vary by a few minutes. Residents are invited meet the Veterans entourage at a specific Monument listed above or to join the Veterans escorted entourage from the American Legion Hall to visit all the City Monuments.

All veterans are invited to join their fellow veterans in honoring those veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Call 908-862-0276, if you need additional Information.

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## HISTORY PROGRAM 1960'S APOLLO THEATER TRIBUTE SHOW

McManus Middle School celebrated their third annual African-American History Program in March. The Program highlighted great performances that took place at the Apollo Theater in the 1960's through today. Students had the chance to reenact performances by Temptations, Billie Holiday, and Duke Ellington. Additionally, Group 9 Choir, Jazz Band, and Orchestra performed various African-American musical collections. Mr. Zahir, principal, also performed a Stevie Wonder hit titled "Fingertips" for the student body.

*(right, front - back) McManus Middle School students (front to back) perform a song from the Temptations: Raymond Peeples, DeAnte Britton, Damien Allison, Jahki Smith, Jaylen Bobbitt.*

Photo by McManus Middle School



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## SPRING EGGS EXPERIMENT

Students at School No. 9 colored Spring eggs but this is not your average egg-dyeing experiment. The children in Mrs. Petelas's class were given a sheet of aluminum foil and a paper towel. Then they chose 2-3 colors of food dye and placed 3-4 drops of each color choice on the paper towel. The children placed a wet, hardboiled egg on the dye, closed up the towel inside the aluminum foil and gently rubbed and rotated the egg inside until it was completely colored. The class had a fun learning experience. Happy Spring From School No. 9!



(above) Adrianna Violante and Mrs. Petela learn and work together as they color their Spring eggs. Photo by Linden School No. 9



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## MAKING COLLECTIONS



(above, l-r) Madison Bennett, and Justin Cabral, from Mrs. Fran Figaro's Pre-K class at School No. 5 develop self-regulation as hand and check during a math lesson on "Making Collections" with category cards. Students work with collection cards showing more than one kind of object as they are challenged to isolate and count a single kind of object and represent it with counters.

Photo by Linden School No. 5

## NJ ASK WORKSHOP

Over 100 parents and students at School One attended a NJ ASK workshop in preparation for the upcoming test. The Reading and Math coaches, along with the Academic Support teacher were given examples of the types of questions students will have on the test. Refreshments were served. Students attending were entered into a drawing for a NOOK and an I Pad Shuffle.



(above, l-r) Christian Termitus, Grade 4; Ryan Creary, grade 3. Photo by Linden School No. 1

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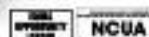
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After a study of musical instruments, students at Linden School No. 4 prepared for Spring by creating egg shakers. Students compared the different sounds as they experimented with various amounts of bean filling and different tempos of their shake.



(above) Music teacher Mrs. Campagna and Kindergarten students Jodarsen Pierre and Jasmine Ugochukwu as they show off their hand made instrument. Photo by School No. 4

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(above) Naval Science Instructor Chief Petty Officer Mark Velez, USN (Ret.), is seen here pinning the CPO collar device on the unit's newest Chief. Photo by Linden NJROTC

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## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Registration for our Summer Reading Club starts on May 20th. Sign up in the Children's Room at the library. Then, all you have to do is read books, and win prizes! The theme for this year's Club is "Dig Into Reading." So, our books will feature stories about things found underground: dinosaurs, mummies, pirate treasure, gems, and plants. For five weeks, we will also have weekly small groups for children who live in Linden.

The Primary Group is for four and five year-olds, and The Elementary Group is for six and seven year-olds. In these groups, the librarian will read books aloud, and then we will do a craft about our underground objects. For children from ages eight through ten years, we have a group called The Egyptian Book Group. In this group, we will all get copies of the book, "Mummies in the Morning," from the Magic Tree House series. We will read chapters, and each week, we will do a craft about Egypt, such as an Egyptian mobile; and a name tag where your name is written in hieroglyphs.

We will have two children's music concerts to open and close our summer club. Registration is required for the music concerts, and this begins on May 6th.

Our toddler program, "The Terrific Toddlers," will continue to meet on Monday and Tuesday mornings. A parent or guardian must come in person to register each child (the child does not have to be present).

These programs are intended for children who are at home for the summer. Please do not bring organized groups, ex., camps, pre-schools, or day-care groups to register.

## "LEARNING FROM THE OBESITY EPIDEMIC: WHAT NOT TO EAT"

Richard Perlmutter  
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will offer a program at the Linden Library  
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Classes will take place at the JTG Recreation Center, 330 Helen Street, Linden. Cost of the program is \$46.00. Registration deadline is June 17th. You can pay by check, money order, credit card or cash.

Register in person at JTG Recreation Center, 330 Helen St, Linden. Or you can register online at [www.linden-nj.org](http://www.linden-nj.org) and click on Community Pass. For more information, please call 908-474-8627, Monday-Friday, from 8:30am-4:30pm.

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## **DIANELYS GARCIA AWARDED 1ST PLACE IN POETRY CONTEST**

Dianelys Garcia, a 5th grader at School No. 9,  
was awarded first place in the 2013 Young  
Writers of Union County Arbor Day Poetry  
Contest (1st place overall in the county).



(above, r-l) Mrs. JoAnn Lord, 5th teacher at  
Linden School No. 9 and First Place Winner at  
the 5th grade level Dianelys Garcia show the  
winning poem.

## **MIDNIGHT ON THE MOON**

In observance of Earth Day, Ms. Nicole  
Castanheira's Kindergarten class at School No. 2  
as well as Dr. Roy's ESL students, created props  
out of recycled cardboard boxes and plastics, to  
dramatize and retell the events in their Magic  
Tree House story, Midnight on the Moon.



(above, l-r) (top row) Dr. Josephine Roy, Ms.  
Nicole Castanheira; (bottom row) School No. 2  
students Jah'bron Goff, Elijah Gonzalez-  
Bowles, Szymon Studzinski, Jessica Tapia,  
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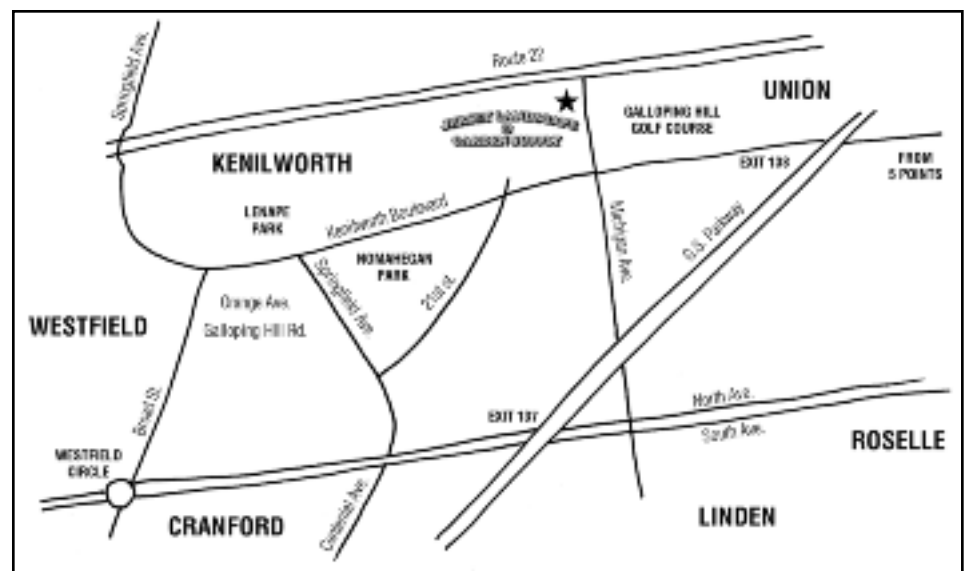
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Belvedere Vodka .....	1.75L .....	\$44.99
Ciroc (all types) .....	750ml .....	\$30.99
Ciroc (all types) .....	1.75L .....	\$57.99
Finlandia .....	750ml .....	\$15.99
Finlandia .....	1.75L .....	\$25.99
Fris .....	1.75L .....	\$18.99
Grey Goose ) .....	750ml .....	\$27.99
Grey Goose (all types) .....	1.75L .....	\$49.99
Ketel One .....	750ml .....	\$26.99
Ketel One .....	1.75L .....	\$39.99
Majorska .....	750ml .....	\$ 8.99
Majorska .....	1.75L .....	\$13.99
Pinnacle (all types) .....	750ml .....	\$13.99
Pinnacle (all types) .....	1.75L .....	\$19.99
Skyy .....	1.75L .....	\$24.99
Smirnoff Vodka 80 proof .....	750ml .....	\$10.99
Smirnoff Vodka 80 proof .....	1.75L .....	\$19.99
Sobieski .....	750ml .....	\$11.99
Sobieski .....	1.75L .....	\$18.99
Soplica .....	750ml .....	\$ 9.99
Soplica .....	1.75L .....	\$18.99
Stolichnaya (all types) .....	1.75L .....	\$31.99
Svedka (all types) .....	750ml .....	\$11.99
Svedka (all types) .....	1.75L .....	\$19.99
Tanqueray Sterling .....	750ml .....	\$22.99
Tanqueray Sterling .....	1.75L .....	\$30.99
Three Olives (all types) .....	1L .....	\$22.99
Three Olives (all types) .....	1.75L .....	\$26.99
Traveler's Vodka .....	1.75L .....	\$10.99

CORDIALS		
Bailey's Irish Cream .....	750ml .....	\$19.99
Bailey's Irish Cream .....	1.75L .....	\$39.99
Carolans Irish Cream .....	750ml .....	\$10.99
Carolans Irish Cream .....	1.75L .....	\$19.99
Kahlua .....	750ml .....	\$19.99
Kahlua .....	1.75L .....	\$32.99
Krupnik .....	750ml .....	\$13.99
Licor 43 .....	750ml .....	\$19.99
Licor 43 .....	1.75L .....	\$39.99
Patron XO Café .....	750ml .....	\$22.99
Patron XO Café .....	1.75L .....	\$39.99
Southern Comfort .....	750ml .....	\$17.99
Southern Comfort .....	1.75L .....	\$26.99
RUM		
Bacardi Light & Gold .....	750ml .....	\$13.99
Bacardi Light & Gold .....	1.75L .....	\$19.99
Captain Morgan Spice .....	1.75L .....	\$24.99
Malibu .....	750ml .....	\$16.99
Malibu .....	1.75L .....	\$24.99
TEQUILA		
1800 (all types) .....	750ml .....	\$29.99
Avion Silver .....	750ml .....	\$33.99
El Jimador Reposado .....	750ml .....	\$19.99
El Jimador Reposado .....	1.75L .....	\$29.99
Jose Cuervo .....	750ml .....	\$19.99
Jose Cuervo .....	1.75L .....	\$32.99
Patron Silver .....	750ml .....	\$39.99
Patron Silver .....	1.75L .....	\$85.99
BEER		
Becks (12oz) 24pk .....	24pk .....	\$21.99
Budweiser Family cans .....	24pk .....	\$15.99
Budweiser loose bottle .....	24pk .....	\$17.99
Coors Lite (24oz) can .....	12pk .....	\$10.99
Coors Lite can/Miller Lite can .....	30pk .....	\$20.99
Coors Lite loose bottles .....	24pk .....	\$16.99
Corona/Corona Lite loose .....	24pk .....	\$24.99
Dab (16oz) cans .....	24pk .....	\$20.99
Famosa Lager cans .....	24pk .....	\$18.99
Guinness Pub cans (14.9oz) .....	24pk .....	\$29.99
Heineken/Heineken Lite .....	24pk .....	\$24.99
Lech (500ml) .....	20pk .....	\$26.99
Pilsner Urquell .....	24pk .....	\$27.99
Sagres Beer .....	24pk .....	\$16.99
Sam Adams Lager .....	24pk .....	\$26.99
Stella Artois bottles .....	24pk .....	\$25.99
Super Bock .....	24pk .....	\$21.99
Tecate cans .....	24pk .....	\$16.99
Tyskie (500ml) .....	20pk .....	\$24.99
Warka Radler (500ml) cans .....	24pk .....	\$23.99
Yuengling Lager cans .....	24pk .....	\$16.99
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Apothic Red.....	750ml	\$ 9.99	Louis Jadot Beaujolais.....	750ml	\$ 8.99
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Bartenura Moscato.....	750ml	\$10.99	Louis Jadot Pouilly Fuisse.....	750ml	\$19.99
Beringer White Zinfandel.....	750ml	\$ 5.79	Luna di Luna (All Types).....	1.5L	\$13.99
Beringer White Zinfandel.....	1.5L	\$ 8.99	Mark West Pinot Noir.....	750ml	\$ 9.99
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Blackstone (AllTypes).....	750ml	\$ 7.99	Martini & Rossi Asti.....	750ml	\$11.99
Blackstone (AllTypes).....	1.5L	\$14.99	Martini & Rossi Asti.....	1.5 L	\$21.99
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Bolla.....	1.5L	\$12.99	Mezzacorona Pinot Grigio.....	1.5L	\$11.99
Campo Viejo Rioja.....	750ml	\$ 9.99	Mi Amore Red.....	750ml	\$ 9.99
Carlo Rossi (Chablis, Burgundy, Sangria, Blush).....	4L	\$13.99	Moet Imperial Champagne.....	750ml	\$36.99
Casal Garcia Vinho Verde.....	750ml	\$ 5.99	Nando Asti.....	750ml	\$ 8.99
Casillero Del Diablo (AllTypes).....	750ml	\$ 8.99	Nando Asti.....	1.5L	\$15.99
Cavit (All Types).....	1.5L	\$13.99	Noble Wine 337, 181, 667.....	750ml	\$10.99
Chateau ste Michelle Columbia Valley Cabernet and Merlot.....	750ml	\$12.99	Papi (All Types).....	1.5L	\$ 9.95
Chateau Ste. Michelle Columbia Valley Chardonnay.....	750ml	\$ 9.95	Ravenswood (All Types).....	750ml	\$ 8.99
Chateau Ste. Michelle Columbia Valley Riesling.....	750ml	\$ 8.99	Real Sangria.....	1.5L	\$10.99
Che Gaucho (All Types).....	1.5L	\$ 7.99	Rex Goliath (All Types).....	1.5L	\$ 9.99
Clos du Bois Chardonnay.....	750ml	\$ 9.99	RM Private Select.....	750ml	\$ 9.95
Clos du Bois Chardonnay.....	1.5 L	\$18.99	RM Private Select.....	1.5L	\$18.99
Clos du Bois Cabernet, Merlot.....	750m	\$13.99	Rodney Strong Sonoma Cabernet & Merlot.....	750ml	\$13.95
Cockburns Ruby and Tawny Porto.....	750ml	\$10.99	Rodney Strong Sonoma Chardonnay.....	750ml	\$10.99
Concha Y Toro Frontera.....	1.5L	\$ 8.99	Ruffino Chianti.....	750ml	\$ 8.99
Coppola Diamond Cabernet Sav, Merlot.....	750ml	\$13.99	Ruffino Chianti.....	1.5 L	\$13.99
Coppola Diamond Chardonnay.....	750ml	\$11.99	Ruffino Pinot Grigio.....	1.5L	\$12.99
Corbett Canyon (AllTypes).....	1.5L	\$ 7.99	Ruffino Chianti Gold.....	750ml	\$27.99
Cupcake (all types).....	750ml	\$ 9.99	Ruffino tan label.....	750ml	\$19.99
Don Perignon.....	750ml	\$149.99	Santa Margerita Pinot Grigio.....	750ml	\$19.99
Dreaming Tree (All Types).....	750ml	\$13.99	Senor Sangria (All Types).....	1.5L	\$10.99
Estancia Carbernet, Merlot.....	750ml	\$12.99	Simi Chardonnay.....	750ml	\$12.99
Fish Eye (All Types).....	1.5L	\$ 9.99	Sonoma Cutrer Chardonnay.....	750ml	\$19.99
Flip Flop (All Types).....	1.5L	\$ 9.99	Sutter Home Moscato/White Zinf.....	1.5L	\$ 8.99
Franzia (Crisp White,Blush,Sangria,Chilable red).....	5L	\$12.99	Verdi (All Flavors).....	750ml	\$ 5.99
Freixenet.....	750ml	\$ 8.99	Verdi (All Flavors).....	1.5 L	\$ 7.48
Gato Negro (AllTypes).....	1.5L	\$ 8.99	Woodbridge (All Types).....	1.5L	\$10.99
Gazela Vinho Verde.....	750ml	\$ 4.95	Yago Sangria.....	3L	\$13.99
Hess Select Chardonnay.....	750ml	\$ 9.99	Yellow Tail (All Types).....	1.5L	\$10.99
J. Lohr Cabernet and Merlot.....	750ml	\$12.99	Zonin Pinot Grigio.....	1.5L	\$10.99
Kendall Jackson Vintners Chardonnay.....	750ml	\$11.99	Zonin Prosecco.....	750ml	\$ 9.99
Korbel (All Types except Natural and Organic).....	750ml	\$11.99			

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