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KEN LARSON CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

By: Edir Coronado

Ken Larson was born and raised in Green Brook and though he now lives in Middlesex with his wife of 42 years, he has always been dedicated Green Brook, serving as a volunteer firefighter for 50 consecutive years and for 10 years, simultaneously volunteering as an EMS with the Green Brook Rescue Squad.

At a young age Ken would often hang around the firehouse, usually playing. Those moments were impressionable on young Ken Larson and by the time he was 16 years old he joined the Green Brook Fire Department.

His time with the Green Brook Fire Department was temporarily postponed, when Ken's father and Fire House Chief, decided that it would be best if he would join the Navy. The Firehouse Chief was also a Chief Petty officer in the Navy and local recruiter for the area.

Ken is deep into volunteerism and reminisces of a time when the community participated in town events, communal organizations, designed for the betterment of all. When Ken first joined, the Fire Squad had plenty of members, they were a focal point in the community. Ken explains that the Fire Squad was a place where people could come together and get to know one another. Through the Fire Squad members could host different events and hold community activities like running a little league. There are many groups and organizations doing the community service that the Squad once did. Now fewer people are getting involved with the Squad because they are involved in the other organizations.

During his 50 years with the Fire Squad, Ken has seen a lot change over the years. He joined because of the proximity of the firehouse and continues to serve because of the people he's encountered. The comradery he developed keeps him coming back.

Ken has seen other changes also, and not all negative. Ken talks about the equipment he once wore, rubber raincoats, and how a notice of a fire came in the form of a person having to call it in. Today's equipment, like their fire protective gear; while it cannot completely withstand fire, gives them enough time to get in and out of a fire. Something that saves lives of firefighters and victims of fires. Fire alarms and CO2 alarms also changed the way the Green Brook Fire Squad responds to emergencies, notifying them immediately.

Being a volunteer firefighter is no easy task, Ken recounts events during his 50 years as a firefighter that demonstrates the dedication that is involved, not only in the day-to-day tasks but in extreme emergencies. Ken was involved during the Green Brook floods and during Superstorm Sandy, basically having to live in the firehouse because of the amount of support the fire squad was providing. His wife, while supportive, was understandably worried.

The Squad struggling to keep memberships up. Ken also joined the Volunteer Rescue Squad as an EMS driver, a position he held for 10 years before stepping down due to inactivity. The Rescue Squad still exists, but duties were relinquished to the Town of North Plainfield.



(above) Kenneth Larson Green Brook Fire EMS at finish line. Larson was presented with the "Oldest Firefighter Racer Award" this summer at the 20th annual NJ Firefighters Bicycle Race to raise funds for The Burn Center at St. Barnabas Hospital.

Currently Ken Larson's duties as a firefighter are much less than what they used to be. He mainly focuses on the recruiting aspect, attending annual bike rides to demonstrate to possible younger members, that if he could be involved so can they. While Ken is concerned with the number of members involved, he stated that he does not plan on retiring anytime soon.

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Community service organizations and sports teams are encouraged to submit news of upcoming events or highlights and photos on recent events.

Organizations who are interested in submitting content can email editor@rennamedia.com or call 908-418-5586

Watchung Arts Center

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24th ANNUAL CHILDREN'S JURIED ART EXHIBITION October 2016

24th Annual Children's Juried Art Exhibition recognizes the budding talents and creative potential of young artists. The mission of the show is to encourage artistic development in children by providing an opportunity for the display and appreciation of their work outside home and school. The WAC therefore, hopes to encourage the support of instructors, schools, and parents in our communities to promote student's participation in this exciting event.

Reception: Sunday, October 23, 1:00 – 2:00 PM

Awards Ceremony begins at 1:30 PM

Refreshments will be served

4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15, 16-17 and Sculpture

Entry Requirements: Children ages 4-17 residing in NJ are eligible to participate. 2-D and 3-D artwork is accepted. No entries done in crayons, markers or photography. Original work only! Open theme. NO nudes or religious subject matter.

Size of work: 2-D work needs to be framed. Works under glass or Plexiglass needs to be properly wired using hooks and framing wire suitable for hanging. No minimum size – Maximum size not to exceed 16" x 20" including frame. 3-D work should not exceed 18" x 18" x 18".

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Submission Deadline: Thursday, October 20

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Eighteen new staff and teachers joined the Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) team for the 2016-2017 school year opened for students on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Among the new staff are a new instructor of instrumental Music/Band Director, and a new English Department Supervisor. There is also a second new English teacher, teachers of Physics, Math, French, Italian, Spanish, Dance, a Learning Disabilities Teacher – Consultant (LDT-C), and a special education teacher in the Science Department, as well as a new media center specialist, a new nurse, a new athletic trainer and four new instructional aides.

The new Instrumental Music Teacher and Band Director is Paul McCullen. The new Supervisor of the English Department is James Aquavia. The other new teachers include: English Teacher Christine Kirby, Physics Teacher Jordan Back, Math Teacher Barbara Stauber, French Teacher Maria Tombalakian, Italian Teacher Tyana Truong, Spanish Teacher Lisa Scherzer, Dance Teacher Annanda Carmody, LDT-C Teacher Linda Zawisha, and Special Education Teacher James Huff.

Additional new staff this year include: Media Center Specialist Scott Keele, School Nurse Angela Valerio, R.N., and Athletic Trainer Michelle Armonda.

There are also four new Instructional Aides on staff this year. They are: Bryan Hardy, Dominic Tasco, Dorian Papianni, and John “Jack” Beckert.



(above, sitting, l-r) Italian Teacher Tyana Truong, Instructional Aides Dorian Papianni and Dominic Tasco, Dance Teacher Annanda Carmody, and Athletic trainer Michelle Armonda; (standing, l-r) Instructional Aide Bryan Hardy, French Teacher Maria Tombalakian, School Nurse Angela Valerio, Math teacher Barbara Stauber, Special Education Teacher James Huff, Physics Teacher Jordan Back, and English Teacher Christine Kirby. (not in the photo) Instrumental Music Teacher/Band Director Paul McCullen, English Supervisor James Aquavia, Spanish Teacher Lisa Scherzer, Media Center Specialist Scott Keele, LDT-C Linda Zawisha, and Instructional Aide John “Jack” Beckert.

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JESSIE SUN ULTIMATE STAR

By: Edir Coronado

Ultimate, which was originally known as Ultimate Frisbee, has been gaining a lot of notoriety lately from the public and even the International Olympic Committee in 2015. This is the vision of local Ultimate superstar Jessie Sun, who was part of the Watchung Regional High School championship victories - 4 out of the 6 consecutive championship victories. With the team's mountain of success, Jessie still managed to be a bright spot in a team full of stars.

Jessie's history with the sport dates back to elementary school, but it wasn't until her freshman year in high school that she began to take the sport seriously and even then she joined with no intentions of pursuing the commitment and the success in the sport that she has amassed thus far. Jessie began, like most of her teammates, as a multi-sport student athlete, playing volleyball, fencing, and Frisbee. Due to the caring, yet intense nature of the game, Jessie dropped volleyball and decided to participate in the fall and spring seasons for Ultimate.

"Frisbee was a better choice for me because the game emphasizes equal playing opportunities for everyone, whereas in volleyball, no matter how much effort you put in, favoritism would leave you benched an entire season," expressed Jessie.

This is one of the main attractions to the sport for Jessie. "Ultimate Frisbee is a game of spirit and mentality," Jessie stated; she applauds the sport for relying on honesty when it comes to making calls on the field. Self-officiating is a very big part of the game, but while the sport is not well advertised, due to the growing popularity, especially on higher levels of competition like college, observers or referees are often a part of the game. Jessie feels, these officials are something important due to the crowd involvement, in order to keep the game moving along.

The fact that the self-officiating aspect is diminishing, is a good indication of the sports growing acceptance, something Jessie is proud of. She has served as an ambassador of the sport,

traveling to compete in regional tournaments in Amherst, MA; Devens, MA; Portland, ME; Pittsburgh, PA; and Blaine, MN for a National Youth Club Championship. She has also traveled to Florida for world tryouts. Jessie credits her opportunity to travel for her sport to her role models and former Watchung Hill Regional High School Ultimate teams and players like, Olivia Hampton and Sadie Jezierski. The progress that the sport has made throughout the years at Watchung Regional High School has opened up the door for recognition, enough to convince the school to fund travel expenses. Something Jessie regards as extremely important, this allows more exposure and opportunities for upcoming players.

This past summer Jessie had the opportunity to bring her Ultimate skills to Poland and what she realized is that despite the language

difference, when it comes to Ultimate, the sport and its players still have the same spirit for the game. During her time in Poland players from all over brought their gear in and traded with each other.

Jessie has seen her short term goals of bringing recognition to the sport at her school come to life, with the team generating plenty of chatter among students and faculty over the team's achievements, as well witnessing how the sport she has invested so much, gain recognition overseas. She will have the opportunity to help in the growth of Ultimate with her new team, The University of Pittsburgh's women's squad, Danger Ultimate. Danger Ultimate had a record 40 new prospective platers tryout and even created a B team, proof that Ultimate has gained legitimacy.



(above) Jessie Sun attempting to throw the Frisbee against fellow opponents

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🍴 Indian Pancake w. Chicken Curry Dipping Extra pancakes are \$2 each	6
Vietnamese Pork Spring Roll (4 pcs)	6
Gyoza (6 pcs) Choice of steamed or pan fried	6
Crystal Dumplings (6 pcs)	7
Chicken Skewers (3 pcs) Marinated, char-grilled, serve w. peanut, satay dipping	7
Fried Crab Cheese Wonton (6 pcs)	6
Peking Duck Steam Buns (2 pcs)	8
🍴 Lettuce Wrap ☞ Choice of chicken or tofu, stir-fried w. basil, onion, chili pepper, pineapple, fresh lime juice, served w. lettuce leaves	10
🍴 Hawaii Shrimp Roll (2 pcs) Shredded mango, jicama, avocado and crispy shrimp, wrapped in roti pancake, served w. special sauce	8
Summer Roll (2 pcs) ☞	5
🍴 Calamari Battered calamari rings, deep fried to crispy, served w. citrus mayo dipping	8
🍴 Rock Shrimp Battered rock shrimp fried to golden crispy, w. citrus mayo dipping	10

SOUPS AND SALAD

Wonton Soup	Cup / Bowl	3 / 5
🍴 Hot and Sour Soup		3 / 5
🍴 Lemongrass Seafood Soup Shrimp, scallop, crab meat, prince mushroom, vermicelli and coconut milk		6 / 10
Spicy Mango Salad ☞ Shredded mango, jicama, crispy vermicelli and crushed peanuts in sweet chili sauce		7
Avocado Salad		6
Seaweed Salad		5
Grilled Chicken Salad ☞		9
Grilled Salmon Salad ☞		10

VEGITARIAN

Lightly sauteed and erved w. white rice

Mixed Veggies ☞	10
Broccoli ☞	10
Mushroom and Tofu ☞	11
Baby Bok-Choy ☞	10
String Beans	10

NOODLE AND RICE

🍴 Ye's Stir-fried Rice Noodles Vegetable / Chicken / Beef / Shrimp ☞	11 / 12 / 13 / 14
Stir-fried w. dry tofu, onion, pepper and bean sprouts, top w. peanuts	
🍴 House Pineapple Fried Rice Vegetable / Chicken / Beef / Shrimp ☞	11 / 12 / 13 / 14
Stir-fried w. pineapple, corn, onion, bell pepper, carrots and raising	
🍴 Vietnamese Basil Fried Rice Vegetable / Chicken / Beef / Shrimp	11 / 12 / 13 / 14
Stir-fried w. onion, bell peppers, basils, peas, carrots and corn	
Yaki Udon Vegetable / Chicken / Beef / Shrimp	11 / 12 / 13 / 14
Stir-fried w. baby bok-choy, onion, bell peppers and carrots	
🍴 Singapore Vermicelli Vegetable / Chicken / Beef / Shrimp ☞	11 / 12 / 13 / 14
Stir-fried w. onion, bell peppers, bean sprouts and egg	
Classic Fried Rice Vegetable / Chicken / Beef / Shrimp ☞	11 / 12 / 13 / 14
Stir-fried w. egg, onion, peas and carrots	
Roast Duck Egg Noodle Soup	12
Seafood Udon Noodle Soup	13

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Pho Dac Biet	13
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Pho Tai	12
A layer of thin rare eye round steak is cooked by the beef broth right in your bowl, bringing out the sweetness & tenderness of beef slices in to each bite.	
Pho Bo Vien	11
Seasoned beef and soft tendon meaeet balls cut into bite-size portions further creamte on undertone of sweetness to the already fragrant beef broth. It is a favorite among children.	
Pho Tom	13
Plum shrimp are topped over beef broth, low in calories but amazing in taste.	
Pork Chop	12
Selected pork chop marenated in lemongrass special sauce	
Grilled Chicken	12
Selected chicken breast marenated in lemongrass special sauce	

VERMICELLI OR RICE ON PLATE

Vermicelli or rice dish with lettuce, tomato, cucumber and roasted peanuts and fried onion. served with homemade chili lime sauce.

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Vietnamese Grill Pork Chop	13
Vietnamese Grill Shrimp	14
Pork Spring Roll	10

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🍴 Tropical Mango Chicken / Shrimp ☞ Fresh mango, onion, bell peppers, prince mushroom and sweet peas, sauteed w. spicy sweet mango sauce	13 / 15
Sangria Crispy Duck	20
Crispy duck glazed w. fruity red wine sauce over baby bok-cho	
🍴 Vietnamese Basil Tofu / Chicken / Beef / Shrimp	13 / 13 / 15 / 15
Sauteed w. eggplant, prince mushroom, onion, sweet peas and fresh basil leaves w. spicy basil sauce	
🍴 House Green Curry Tofu / Chicken / Shrimp ☞	12 / 13 / 15
Broccoli, eggplant, prince mushroom, onion and bell pepper cooked in green curry sauce	
Korean Grilled Baby Back Ribs	20
Marinated short ribs, grilled in Korean style	
🍴 Crispy Tangerine Chicken / Beef	13 / 15
Seasoned chicken shreds fried to crispy and glazed w. tangerine sauce	
🍴 XO Sauce Chicken / Shrimp / Sea Bass	13 / 15 / 26
Sauteed w. sweet peas, broccoli, prince mushroom and onion	
Seafood Pan Fried Noodles	20
Shrimp, scallop, crabmeat, squid, prince mushroom sauteed w. house special brown sauce, over crispy fried noodles	
🍴 Butter Shrimp	18
Jumbo shrimp sauteed w. chef's special sauce, served w. fried black kemeled rice	
Char-Grilled Chilean Sea Bass ☞	26
Served over steamed mixed veggies w. miso-orange sauce	
🍴 Mandarin Fish	18
Fresh red snapper lightly breaded to golden crispy w. sweet peas, pineapple, onion and bell peppers over special spicy sauce	
🍴 Hot and Spicy Chicken / Beef	13 / 15
Onion, bell peppers, prince mushroom, sweet peas, stir-fried w. chef special sauce	
Crispy Cumin Lamp Chop	26
Lightly breaded flash-fried golden brown w. peppers and onion	
🍴 Indian Curry Chicken	13
Broccoli Chicken / Beef / Shrimp	
12 / 13 / 14	
🍴 Garlic Chicken / Beef / Shrimp	12 / 13 / 14
🍴 General Tso's Chicken / Shrimp	13 / 15
Sesame Seed Chicken / Shrimp	
13 / 15	
🍴 Szechuan Chicken / Beef / Shrimp	12 / 13 / 14

DESSERT

New York Cheese Cake	5
Green Tea Ice Cream	5
Mango Sorbet	6
Coconut Sorbet	6
Tiramisu	6
Mochi Ball Choice of Flavors:	4

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ENTREES

Choose rice: white rice, fried rice or brown rice.

Teriyaki Chicken / Salmon	9 / 10
🍴 Crispy Chicken Cutlet	9
🍴 Tropical Mango Chicken / Shrimp ☞	9 / 10
🍴 Indian Curry Chicken	9
🍴 Vietnamese Basil Chicken / Beef / Shrimp	9 / 10 / 10
🍴 House Green Curry Tofu / Chicken / Shrimp ☞	9 / 9 / 10
🍴 Crispy Tangerine Chicken	9
Broccoli Chicken / Beef / Shrimp	
9 / 10 / 10	
🍴 Szechuan Chicken / Beef / Shrimp	9 / 10 / 10
🍴 Garlic Chicken / Beef / Shrimp	9 / 10 / 10
Sesame Seed Chicken	
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The Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) is pleased to announce its plans to host the second county-wide spelling bee on March 11, 2017 at Somerset County Vo-Tech in Bridgewater, NJ.

SCLSNJ's Bee Spectacular is open to children grades 3-8. The eventual winner will be sent, at the Library's expense, to the National Scripps Bee in Washington, D.C. in late spring 2017. There will be additional prizes.

Enrollment to participate in the county-wide Spelling Bee is now open. To register, visit the Scripps site at www.spellingbee.com and click on the word "Teachers" at the top of the page and then click "Enrollment" to find the registration form. The cost to participate is \$145 per school during early bird enrollment (through October 14, 2016) and \$220 per school during regular enrollment (October 15-December 12, 2016).

Contact SCLSNJ spelling bee coordinators, Cathy DeBerry and Beth Bouman, with any questions at spellingbee@sclibnj.org, or call the Spelling Bee Hotline at 908-801-6465

FDR AND TEDDY WILL VISIT LIBRARIES

You read the headline right. Two former presidents (portrayed by actors, of course!) will visit two more Somerset County Library System of New Jersey library branches this fall, on October 19, from 7-8 p.m. at SCLSNJ's Warren Township Library branch located at 42 Mountain Boulevard in Warren Township; and on November 7, from 7-8 p.m. at SCLSNJ's North Plainfield Memorial Library branch, located at 6 Rockview Avenue in North Plainfield.

In September, American Historical Theatre actor Neill Hartley visited SCLSNJ libraries to perform Franklin Delano Roosevelt's famous speech, "Arsenal for Democracy." In October, American Historical Theatre actor Peyton Dixon will make his last visit to Warren Township Library to deliver spellbinding performances as President Theodore Roosevelt. In November, Hartley will return to one more SCLSNJ library branch for an encore performance as FDR.

Hartley is often recognized from his role as the Secretary of the Treasury in seasons 2, 3 and 4 of

the popular series "House of Cards." During his performances at SCLSNJ's library branches, you will hear President Roosevelt's plea for the support of our Allies and learn what he was thinking during this historical moment.

Combining years of theatre and improvisation training with history research, Peyton delivers a living history experience as the youngest president in American history, Theodore Roosevelt. Peyton will bring Teddy's vigorous persona to life on October 19, 7-8 p.m. at SCLSNJ's Warren Township Library branch, located at 42 Mountain Boulevard in Warren Township.

These free programs are funded by the Horizons Speakers Bureau of the NJ Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Registration is required to attend these programs. Visit SCLSNJ.org or contact your local library branch for more information or to register.



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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CARDINAL LANE

The Green Brooke Historical Society gets quite a few questions about the significance of Cardinal Lane. If one goes to the Washington Rock parking lot and then goes about 50 yards down Rock Road East towards Watchung, one sees a sign for Cardinal Lane where the lane intersects the road.

The lane is walkable although washed out by rains after many years. Jon Gabriel told us that the lane was used by motorcycles as recently as the 1960's. There once was a local newspaper editor who told that in the 1930's his father would drive there all the way from Elizabeth with large bottles to be filled at the spring about 20 feet down hill from the main road intersection.

That ended in the 1930's when some idiot

threw a large firecracker into the mouth of the springhead which sealed it closed forever.

The Lane has had at least three different names over the years as well as a multitude of uses. Each with an important story of its own.

Cornelius Vermeule and his brother at one time owned 1,200 acres of land stretching far and wide. We do know that in 1777 that they controlled a 96-acre self-sustaining parcel, with all important services, which was known as the "Blue Hills" plantation. The main house was located about 200 feet to the west of the current Vermeule Mansion in North Plainfield at Greenbrook Road and Clinton Avenue. On maps of 1777 there is clearly marked a route from "Blue Hills" up to the crest of the First Watchung

identified as "The Path". The upper part of "The Path" is the current Cardinal Lane. So on the afternoon of June 13th 1777 Edward Fitz Randolph volunteered at now 188 Greenbrook Road, which was the home and farm of Jonah Vail, to take General George Washington to a spot on the mountain where the general could best view the British troops on the plains below. They rode to "Blue Hills" and then up "The Path", being careful of crossing traffic, to the end of Cardinal Lane and across to Washington Rock. Of course on that day it was not known as Washington Rock. Hard to verify but probably simply referred to as Herbie's Rock in those days.

Until the next exciting installment, come and join us at our monthly meeting at Green Brook Town Hall on Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 7:30 pm, 111 Greenbrook Road, 1st floor conference room.

We are always looking for new members and you'll find that history and our group are anything but dull.

We are participating in the Somerset County Weekend Journey through the Past at the Plainfield Library History Fair on October 22nd. We will have tables with handouts and brochures.

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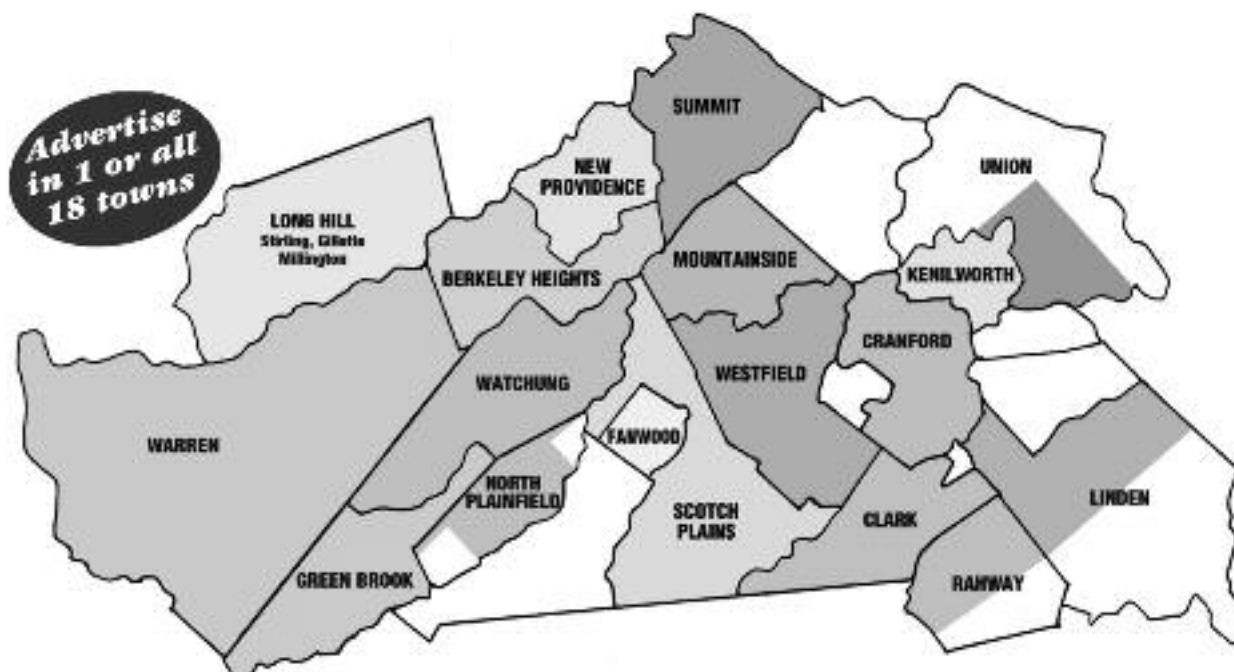
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