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ITALIAN FESTIVAL CELEBRATES TRADITION AND COMMUNITY

By: Edir Coronado

Monday, September 5th, marked the end of Labor Day weekend and the four-day Italian Festival held in Scotch Plains, hosted by the UNICO Scotch Plains-Fanwood Chapter, St. Bartholomew Church, and St. Bartholomew Academy. People of all backgrounds made their way through the church parking lot to the large yard area, which had been turned into a carnival style fiesta. Participants had the option of enjoying a variety of Italian dishes or partaking in several thrilling rides and games.

While the festival this year was a success, like it's always been, this celebration was much different in its early years than recent times. Laura Swiderski, was born and raised in Scotch Plains and has been a member of the St. Bartholomew parish since it was established in 1948. She recalls a different event. Laura, who volunteers to help with the festival as a representative of the church, was recruited by Mark Ginder, two years after the Festival first started.

When the first festival was held in 1974, she explains, the church didn't own the lot or much property. The church used a portable altar to hold a Mass, and at the end of the festival, a firework display was held for the community. As the church grew the town grew with it. The fireworks show had to be cancelled because of the proximity to the homes, instead new carnival rides were added to the festival annually.

Attractions weren't the only new additions, UNICO and St. Bartholomew Church began creating new ways to raise money for noble causes. This year festival goers had the opportunity to donate to the Relief Fund, to support victims of a recent earthquake that had occurred in Italy. St. Bartholomew Church accepted donations for their 9/11 Luminary Remembrance and for a 5-dollar contribution a donor could have the name of a victim added to their prayers.

The amount of food and those who prepared it for the festival is also different these days. Renato Beribin, who helped establish UNICO chapters in Scotch Plains-Fanwood, Westfield, and Clark, spoke about church members preparing all of the



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food. Renato began organizing the festival a couple years after Laura and remembers the smell of freshly cooked pasta fagioli. While the food and attractions have changed, the atmosphere remains the same.

Renato explains the festival is in celebration of Saint Nicholas De Bari, Patriot Saint of the town Montazzoli, Italy and Saint Bartholomew. On Saturday September 3rd, the church held a Mass in his honor. It is clear that the hopes of holding this festival are to instill tradition and community togetherness. After 42 years this notion seems to be working well and Bill Mariani is a perfect example.

Bill who represents both the St. Bartholomew Church, and UNICO which is an international Italian service organization, was working alongside Laura and Renato at this year's festival. "I was born and raised in the parish," explained Bill. Bill was born in Scotch Plains, Laura and Renato met Bill when he was one-year of age. They passed on the tradition to him and Bill is sure to pass on the tradition to the younger generation.

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For the past three years, the School One PTA has worked with Educational Products Inc. to develop pre-packed school supply boxes which parents can order online. Students receive their supply boxes on the first day of school. Thanks to the Rotary Club, School One's students in need

were able to receive these essential supplies to have a successful start to their school year. Students received their supply boxes on the first day and were thrilled.

In November, the Rotary Club will continue the tradition of delivering dictionaries to all 3rd grade students in the Scotch-Plains Fanwood public elementary schools.

For more information about Rotary, visit fsprotary.org.

7 THINGS YOU MUST KNOW BEFORE PUTTING YOUR HOME UP FOR SALE

Scotch Plains NJ - A new report has just been released which reveals 7 costly mistakes that most homeowners make when selling their home, and a 9 Step System that can help you sell your home fast and for the most amount of money.

This industry report shows clearly how the traditional ways of selling homes have become increasingly less and less effective in today's market. The fact of the matter is that fully three quarters of homesellers don't get what they want for their homes and become disillusioned and - worse - financially disadvantaged when they put their homes on the market.

As this report uncovers, most homesellers make 7 deadly mistakes that cost them literally thousands of dollars. The good news is that each and every one of these mistakes is entirely preventable. In answer to this issue, industry insiders have prepared a free special report entitled "The 9 Step System to Get Your Home Sold Fast and For Top Dollar".

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Collectors love this event featuring more than 75+ tables of vintage items, antiques & collectibles and more. If you are a treasure hunter or love things from days gone by then you have to stop by.

This free event will be held in the parking lot of the Fanwood Train Station located at 239 South Ave., Fanwood, on Sunday, Oct. 23rd from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

The marketplace will feature vendors selling antiques, collectibles, and vintage items such as coins, U.S. and world stamps, comic books, toys, military items, currency, trains, sports and non-sports cards from the early 20th century, watches, clocks, jewelry, furniture, records, and more.

While visitors shop, there will also be live performances from jazz and acoustic musicians. Tasty treats will be plentiful from the variety of food vendors on site, serving empanadas, ice cream and more. Meanwhile, younger visitors can stop at the "free" kids craft tent to have fun making all kinds of things.

Additionally, certified appraiser Jon Felz of RMZ Fine Arts & Antiques will be performing verbal antiques appraisals between 12 and 5 p.m. Felz has more than 30 years of experience as an appraiser and selling antiques at auction. He will look at any and all items, with the exception of antiquities (items more than 700 years old) for \$10 an item, but no more than two items per person. No appointments are necessary.

While you are there stop by Vic LoBue's booth. Vic is the owner of the Collector's Shop in Hackensack NJ. Vic specializes in toys-comics-stamps-sports cards-currency-trains and more. He offers free appraisals on these items.

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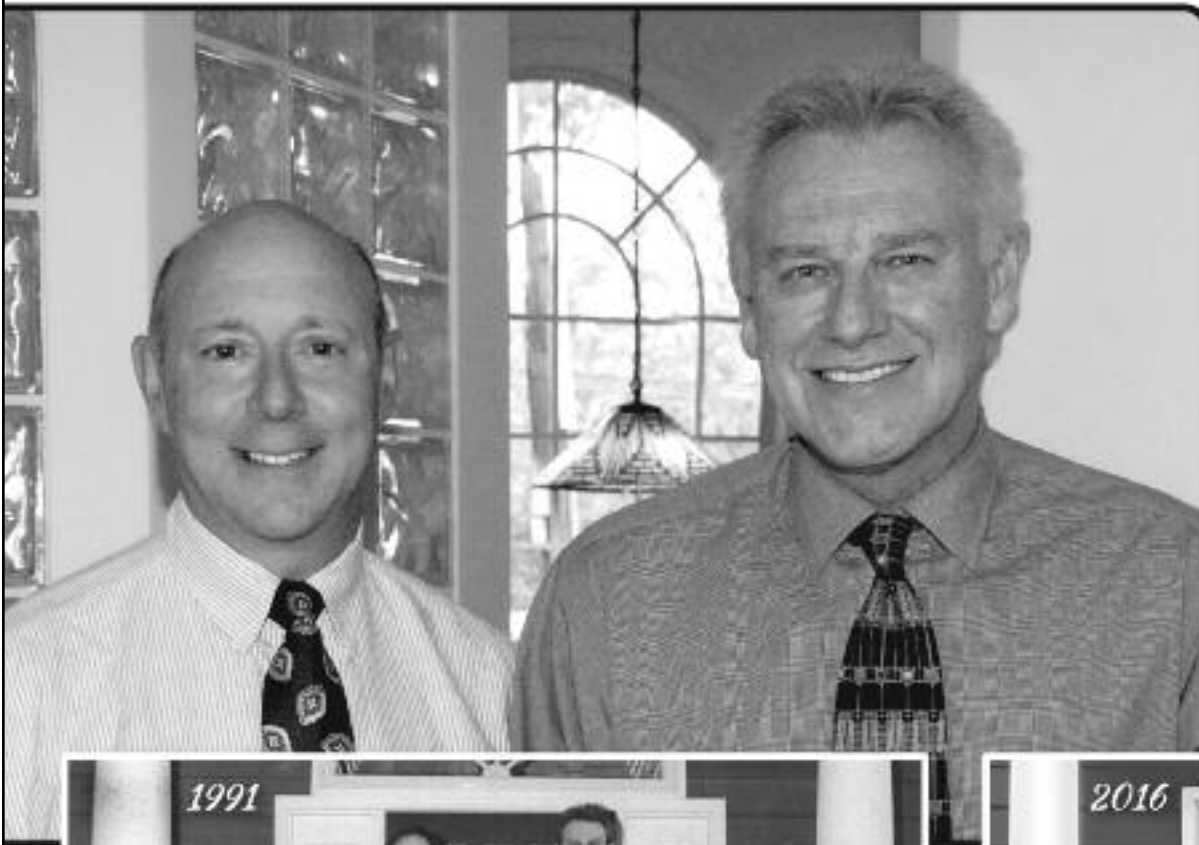
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The Center for Hope Hospice and Palliative Care Auxiliary will be hosting their 19th annual Fashion Show and Luncheon on October 16, 2016 at the beautiful Pines Manor located at 2085 Lincoln Highway, Edison, New Jersey. The event will run from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

The show is attended by approximately four hundred women each year who enjoy a wonderful afternoon of fashions, prizes and lunch.

This year music will again be provided by “DJ Rob” Frannicola and the fashions will come from Dress Barn and The Runaway, a mobile Fashion Boutique. One hundred beautiful baskets will be raffled off and the Grand Raffle this year will again include a \$3,000 travel voucher, a \$1,000 VISA card and a \$500 Shop Rite Card. There will also be a 50/50 drawing and a chance to win a “Gift Card Apron” worth over \$500. Tickets to the event are \$65.00 and can be purchased by contacting Dot Chard at

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All proceeds from the Fashion Show will go directly to benefit the Center for Hope Hospice and Palliative Care Center at 1900 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains. The Center is a non-profit organization which provides services for terminally ill patients and their families regardless of their financial situation. Loving end of life care is given at two inpatient facilities in Scotch Plains and Elizabeth and in patient’s homes.

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SCOTCH PLAINS RESCUE SQUAD TIP OF THE MONTH – SEPSIS

Contributing Author: Susan Baldani, a life member of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad.

Sepsis, a severe reaction to infection that can be life-threatening, is not a very well-known condition. However, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it “kills more than 258,000 Americans every year, making it the ninth-leading cause of disease-related deaths in the country.”

Some people believe that sepsis is something that only occurs in hospitals, but this is not the case. Dr. Craig Coopersmith, professor of surgery at Emory University School of Medicine and the former president of the Society of Critical Care Medicine, states “about two-thirds of cases are first documented by the emergency department, which means that they were acquired outside of a hospital setting.”

Sepsis often happens in the very young, very old, and those who have chronic illnesses and compromised immune systems. However, anyone can develop sepsis, even those with a

simple scrape, wound, or burn that has not been properly treated. If you have had any type of infection and think you may now have sepsis, it’s very important to make this clear when seeking medical help. The Sepsis Alliance, along with the CDC, advises patients to actually say “I am concerned about sepsis.” According to Dr. Coopersmith, “If you get sepsis, you have a higher chance of dying than if you have a heart attack, stroke or trauma. There is no question that increasing awareness of sepsis would save lives.”

The signs of sepsis can be broken down in a simple acronym:

- S - Shivering, fever, or feeling very cold
- E - Extreme pain or general discomfort, as in “worst ever”
- P - Pale or discolored skin
- S - Sleepy, difficult to wake up or confused
- I - “I feel like I might die”
- S - Shortness of breath”

If sepsis is not caught and treated quickly, it can lead to tissue damage, organ failure and

death. It is a true emergency and medical help needs to be obtained immediately.

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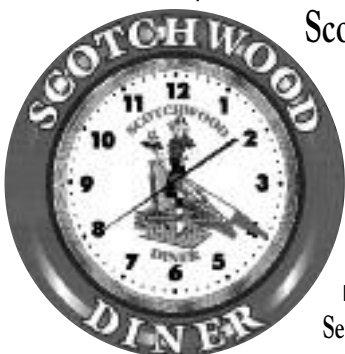
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Westfield Rainbows, a free peer support group for children ages 6-12, will begin its fall session from October 17 to December 5 on Monday evenings from 6:15-7:30 at Holy Trinity School in Westfield.

Westfield Rainbows is the local site for Rainbows, an international not-for-profit organization that assists children and their families, dealing with life-altering family disruptions, including loss through separation, divorce, death, illness or other painful transitions. Children from all economic, ethnic, and religious background from the region are welcomed.

The peer groups are led by trained, certified volunteers who employ age appropriate

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To register contact Anne Koons MD at 908-233-2555, or email- ainbowshelp@gmail.com.

For more information visit www.westfieldrainbows.org.

GARDEN CLUB OF WESTFIELD MEETING

The public is invited to join the Garden Club of Westfield at their next meeting to be held on October 11th at 12 noon at Scotch Hills Country Club, 820 Jerusalem Road, Scotch Plains. The guest speaker will be Mr. Salvatore Trisiro. He will present "Trees and Their Natural Benefits." He is a commercial/residential solar energy representative with a passion for and appreciation of and care of nature's mighty giants, trees. He

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Bands took the field and expressed art through their routines. The high school bands in attendance included; Linden, Cranford, South Plainfield, East Brunswick High School, North Plainfield, West Orange, Edison, John P Stevens, and of course Scotch Plains Fanwood High School.



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WHIZ KID BUILDS COMPUTER AND DONATES TO SENIOR CENTER

By: Edir Coronado

Thirteen-year-old Kristian Borysiak is a mouse potato and enjoys every moment of it. Ever since the 5th grade Kristian has been enamored by the inner workings of the computer, which is why at the beginning of this summer, Kristian professed to his father, Leszek Borysiak, his ambitions to open up a new business, selling computers. Leszek encouraged his eager son to pursue his dream, but proposed a different way of providing computer hardware to the public. Kristian loves computers as a whole, but what he really enjoys is building computers from scratch. The business that Kristian wanted to start, with longtime friend Junaid Ilyas, was constructing computers for his

clients, solely based on the client's specific requests. Leszek advised his son to build a computer, but instead of selling the computer he could donate it to an organization in need.

Kristian's bond to his grandparents set the course for the organization in need. He often spends his time Skyping his grandparents, and the idea clicked; although there are plenty of organizations that might need the computer, he knows how devastating it would be if his communications with his grandparents were limited. Kristian decided that he would donate the computer to the Chelsea Senior Center. Before any assembling could proceed, Kristian first needed to secure finances to purchase the parts,

he started a GoFundMe page, where he explained the scenario. The site was a success; family, friends, and strangers, all contributed. These funds, plus the extra cash he earned from completing chores around the house, allowed Kristian to obtain all the parts needed.

The next hurdle was gathering information on how to build the machine. For this Kristian researched different YouTube videos on the matter and other reading materials. The whole process took Kristian about two months to complete and on August 30th, in a room full of seniors, Kristian along with his family and friend Juanaid by his side, unclocked the new PC to the crowd. An incredible amount of questions followed; inquiries like; what is Skype and Google? were frequently asked. Kristian quickly realized it wasn't enough to simply donate the computer to the seniors, he needed to properly teach them how the computer worked. For thirty minutes Kristian stood by the newly built computer and went through all the different programs, patiently responding to all questions asked. He then offered; upon scheduled request, to come to the senior center on his free time and teach the seniors how to use the PC.

This was the first step in Kristian's goal towards a business in computers and his parents, Leszek and Mariola Borysiak, were hands-off during the whole evolution. Kristian relied on YouTube tutorials and manuals in order to build the tower, his future business partner Juanaid donated the monitor. Kristian will be heading to high school in a year, where he plans on expanding his knowledge through participating in different clubs, such as the Robotics Club.



(above) Selzek Borysiak , Mariola Borysiak, Karina Borysiak, Kristian Borysiak , Junaid Ilyas with some seniors

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“It’s simple: hospital patient demand for blood often outpaces our best efforts to recruit donors and schedule blood drives,” said NYBC Executive Director of Donor Recruitment Andrea Cefarelli. “There are always reasons but we have to overcome that for the sake of hospital patients who need us.”

“This is one of the toughest times of the year,” Cefarelli added. “We’re asking for our dedicated supporters to roll up their sleeves to make sure we’re able to provide our hospital partners with whatever they need to take care of their patients.”

Blood products have a short shelf life – from five to 42 days, so constant replenishment is necessary. Each and every day there are patients

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September donor drives to be conducted at the Scotch Plains Donor Center, 2279 South Ave, Scotch Plains:

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A multiple Tony Award-winning theatrical tour-de-force with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by John Weidman, Assassins combines Sondheim's signature blend of intelligently stunning lyrics and beautiful music with a panoramic story of our nation's culture of celebrity and the violent means some will use to obtain it, embodied by America's four successful and five would-be presidential assassins.

Assassins lays bare the lives of nine individuals who assassinated or tried to assassinate the President of the United States, in a one-act historical "revusical" that explores the dark side of the American experience. From John Wilkes Booth to Lee Harvey Oswald, writers, Stephen Sondheim and John Weidman, bend the rules of time and space, taking us on a nightmarish roller coaster ride in which assassins and would-be assassins from different historical periods meet, interact and inspire each other to harrowing acts in the name of the American Dream.

Director Alan Van Antwerp says, "In the weeks leading up to the election, there is never been a better time to produce a musical about the men and women who felt the peaceful transition of power we strive for every first Tuesday in November was not enough. Assassins challenges us to see the stories behind those who felt alienated, lost, and forgotten and went to extreme

measures to make their situation better."

The cast includes Keith White as John Wilkes Booth, Gene Lough as Charles Guiteau, Zach Love as Leon Czolgosz, Shane Long as Giuseppe Zangara, Matt Burns as Samuel Byck, Lindsay Braverman as Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, Lauren Grof-Tisza as Sarah Jane Moore, Zach Mazouat as John Hinckley, Chris Cantalupo as The Balladeer/Lee Harvey Oswald and Rich Colonna as The Proprietor.

Performances will run Friday and Saturdays at 8pm from October 7 through the 22 with a 1pm matinee on Saturday, October 15. Tickets and additional information can be found by visiting www.cdctheatre.org. Funding has been made possible in part by the NJ State Council on the Arts, Dept. of State, and a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs.



(above l-r) Keith White, Gene Lough, Lauren Grof-Tisza and Zach Love in rehearsal for Assassins.



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CIVIL AIR PATROL PROGRAM OF UNION COUNTY

By: Edir Coronado

The Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program of Union County ended their action packed summer by providing a presentation to community members in the Scotch Plains Library. The Civil Air Patrol is a non-combatant organization, which is an auxiliary of the Air force, made up of civilian volunteers. Cadets had the opportunity to teach local students about aerospace concepts, as well as give hands-on training on how to use a flight simulator. The purpose of the event was to serve as an outreach program to display what the cadet program encompasses, hopefully sparking some interest among the student population in Scotch Plains and the surrounding towns within Union County.

The day was broken down into two sections. The cadets first presented a PowerPoint explaining topics, such as how wings create lift; which, according to NASA, is a subject that many internet sources, textbooks, and encyclopedias get wrong. The theory NASA uses is what the cadets explained in their presentation, the Bernoulli's principle. NASA also refers to an

Isaac Newton theory, but explains that the Bernoulli's theory is correct, along with Newton's theory. Other topics covered in the first session included the axis of an airplane and also the parts of an airplane that control maneuvers.

The second portion of the program was dedicated to more hands-on instruction. Students at the library were instructed on how to use flight simulators. Two simulators were used in the demonstration. Attendees could practice how to take off, land, fly, and could also learn the different instruments on a plane and how they affect the planes movements. Afterwards, paper model rockets were displayed in order to teach basic principles of flight.

Jose and Ceri Vergara are in charge of the Civil Air Patrol. Ceri explains that the Civil Air Patrol began during World War II for the purpose of allowing civilians, who owned airplanes, to get involved. During the September 11th attacks, civilian airplanes were used for reconnaissance. The Civil Air Patrol Program has programs for both adults and teenagers, ages 12-18. Currently, the Civil Air Patrol Program of Union County has

6 adult members, these members are in charge of providing education and scheduling activities for the group. The group meets Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. at Chatham High School.

Jose and Ceri were inspired to join the Civil Air Patrol by their daughter, Veronica Vergara, who attends Union County Vocational Technical School in Scotch Plains. Currently, Veronica is the elder of the cadets and has taken over as senior cadet.

Jose notes that countless students looking to go to college in the near future often seek extracurricular activities in order to stand out. This is where a program like Civil Air Patrol could be useful. Ceri feels that in addition to the program looking good on your resume, students also have the opportunity to learn and experience things that they might not in a regular school setting. One parent, Ceri recalls, stated at a parent's meeting, "This is the best kept secret in the United States!"

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"Our well-trained, attentive staff assists children in developing the confidence and self-esteem necessary to meet the challenges of tomorrow. Our philosophy at Kiddie Academy is that care and learning go hand in hand," Ao said. "We also believe that it's extremely important to foster bonds between not only our educators and children, but between educators and parents, academies and the local community."

According to the National Childcare Accreditation Council, children's learning and development is enhanced when they make choices and guide their own experiences through their individual interests, personalities and skills. Children's learning occurs through planned and spontaneous experiences, during their participation in daily routines and through their

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Ao says that's exactly Kiddie Academy's focus. "The assortment of activities we have available for the children is endless, which encourages them to learn, play and explore. When children attend Kiddie Academy of Watchung Square, they will acquire the skills and strength of character that will foster their success."

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"We invite children to embark on a journey with Kiddie Academy that will prepare them for success in school and beyond," Ao said.

For more information about Kiddie Academy of Watchung Square, please contact the center directly at (908) 769-5437 or email the Academy at Watchungsquare@kiddieacademy.net.

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The class meets at the First Baptist Church of Westfield, 170 Elm Street, each Thursday, September through May, 10:30-11:45 a.m., unless otherwise announced. Coffee and light refreshments are served before each session.

The sessions also serve as a support group for Hearing Society members experiencing the

problems associated with hearing loss, and include discussions concerning new developments in the ever expanding technology of hearing enhancements now available. The members also enjoy occasional social gatherings throughout the year.

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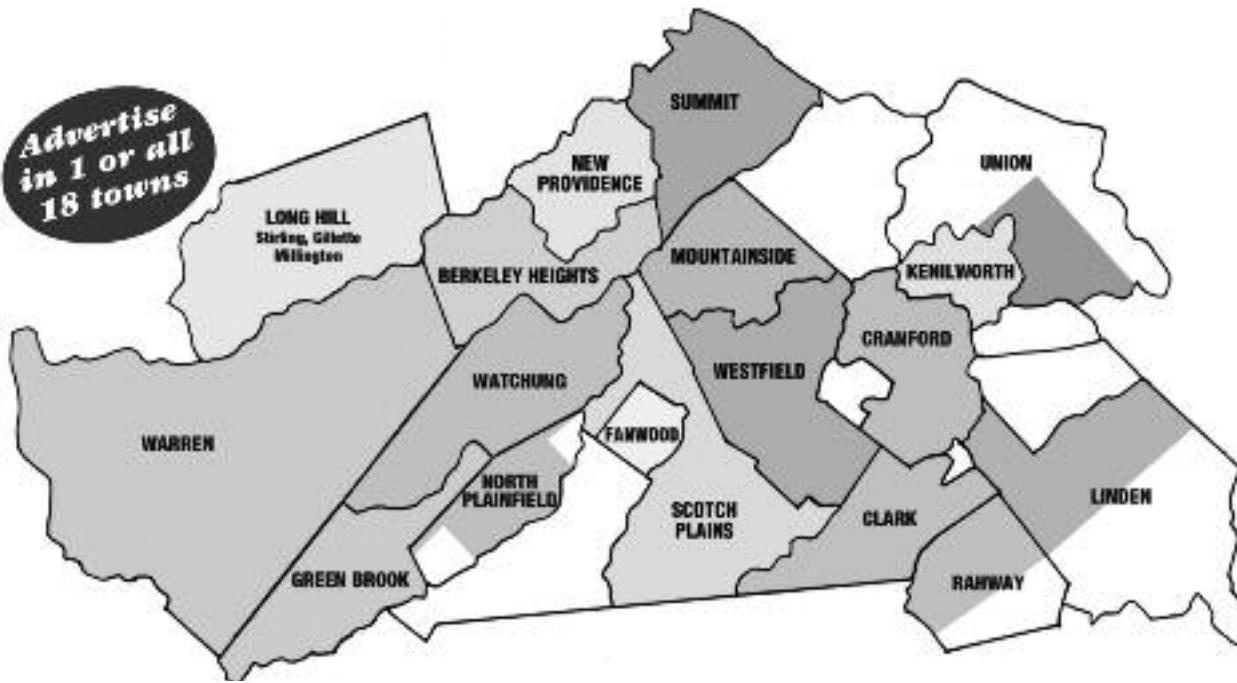
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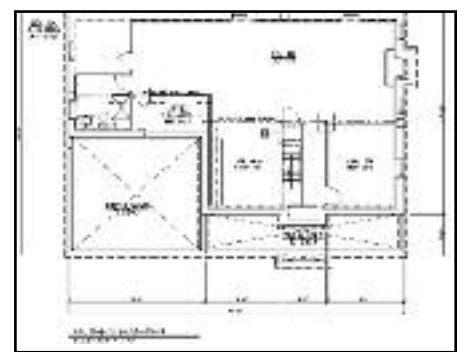
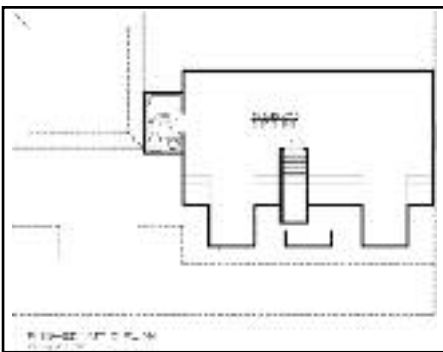
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