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Residents and families gathered around Wilson Park on June 6th, baiting hooks and casting lines in honor of Butchie Scoles, a Linden resident who fished at the pond habitually.

There were 4 winners of the afternoon, with the 1st Prize going to Jacob for catching a 13" catfish!

It was a fun and relaxing time where even the smallest citizens got to learn something new.

For a full recap, visit YouTube channel: youtube.com/@LindenNJtv/videos

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LUIS CANO, AMERICA'S OLDEST MAN PAASES

The City of Linden announces with deep sadness the passing of resident Luis Cano, the oldest living man in the United States. He passed away peacefully at his residence on June 15, 2026, at the age of 111.

"The City of Linden was incredibly proud to be home to America's oldest man," said Mayor Derek Armstead. "Mr. Cano lived a lifetime defined by faith, resilience, and an unwavering devotion to his family. His presence was a true blessing to our community, and his remarkable legacy will not be forgotten."

Born in Antioquia, Colombia, on December 9, 1914, Mr. Cano served as a distinguished marksman in the Colombian Army before working as an intermunicipal bus driver.

In 1948, he married his late wife, Alicia Arango, beginning a beautiful 56-year union. Together they raised 10 children, extending a proud multi-generational legacy that today includes 11 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Cano emigrated to the U.S. 35 years ago, becoming a citizen in 2004. A Linden resident for the past 20 years, he remained a vibrant and cherished member of the local community. This past December, Mayor Armstead and the Linden Police Department celebrated his milestone 111th birthday with a festive vehicle procession and a city proclamation.

His historic longevity gained national recognition on January 24, 2026, when Mayor Armstead and representatives from LongeviQuest

(above) Longtime Linden resident Luis Cano passes at age 111

Courtesy Photo

presented Mr. Cano with an official trophy and interviewed him to document his remarkable life history. Continuing the honors on March 26, 2026, Mayor Armstead hosted Germán Alexander Vélez Orozco, the Mayor of Andes, Colombia, for a special cross-continental visit to pay tribute to the beloved Linden resident.

The City of Linden joins the nation in celebrating his extraordinary life and the enduring legend he leaves behind.

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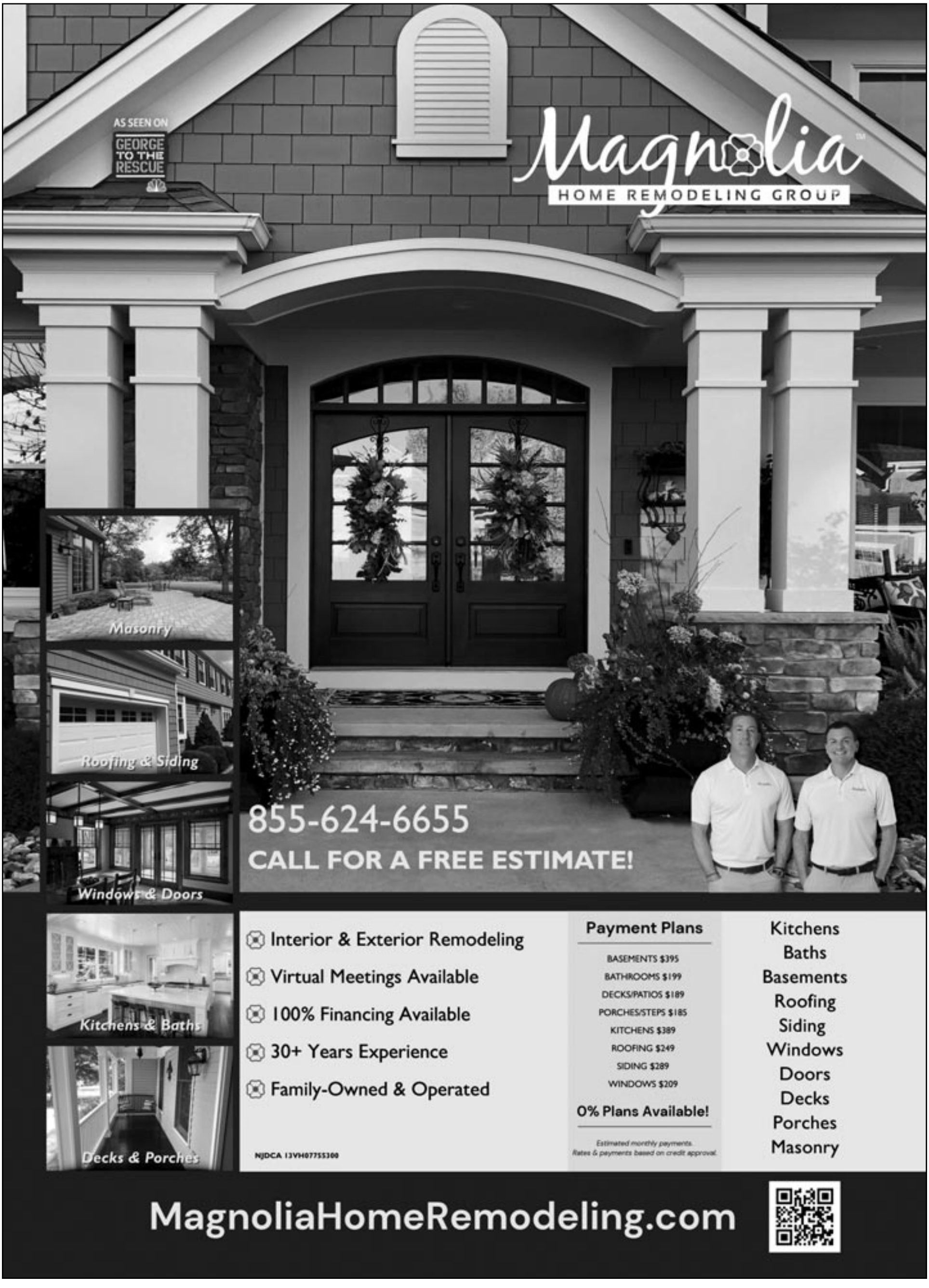

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7TH GRADE INITIATIVE AT THE GATEWAY FAMILY YMCA

The Gateway Family YMCA

Registration opens August 15th for the 2026-2027 7th Grade Initiative at The Gateway Family YMCA. Students entering 7th Grade are invited to visit the YMCA and join for free with proof of grade and a guardian's signature. Registration is available in person at The Gateway Family YMCA – Elizabeth Branch - 135 Madison Avenue in Elizabeth, Five Points Branch -201 Tucker Avenue in Union, Rahway Branch – 1564 Irving Street in Rahway and Wellness Center Branch – 1000 Galloping Hill Rd in Union.

As part of the NJ YMCA 7th Grade Initiative, a state-wide strategy designed to support and encourage teens to maintain a healthy lifestyle, The Gateway Family YMCA offers a complimentary membership for all 7th Grade Students, including activities for mentorship, volunteerism and wellness. Additional program opportunities include group exercise, strength training, basketball, pickleball, soccer, swimming, esports, STEAM, virtual YMCA360 and a variety of events specifically created based on their interests and feedback.

The goal of the 7th Grade Initiative is to increase physical activity and support teens in the development of lifetime healthy habits, volunteerism and leadership skills while providing a safe and supportive environment with supportive role models at the YMCA.

"Sports become more competitive entering the teen years, and there is a chance of becoming sedentary. The Y is here to provide activity, socialization, leadership skills, and staff role models to encourage healthy habits to last a lifetime," stated Susan Butler, Senior Director of Community Wellness, The Gateway Family YMCA.

The Gateway Family YMCA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, health and community service organization of caring staff and volunteers dedicated to strengthening community and stands For Youth Development, For Healthy Living and For Social Responsibility. The Gateway Family YMCA has been proudly serving Eastern Union County and Northern Middlesex County, for 126 years.

For more information about The Gateway Family YMCA's 7th Grade Initiative, visit www.tgfymca.org or contact the Elizabeth Branch at 908-355-9622, Five Points Branch at 908-688-9622, Rahway Branch at 732-388-0057 or Wellness Center Branch at 908-349-9622.

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LINDEN CHAMBER DIVISION 25TH ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

The Linden Chamber Division of the Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce is proud to be one of the leading organizations serving and supporting the Linden business community. Since its establishment, our mission has been to promote local businesses, foster economic growth, and strengthen partnerships throughout our city.

From September through June, the Chamber hosts monthly meetings at the JTG Center, located at 330 Helen Street in Linden, on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. These meetings provide valuable networking opportunities, spotlight local businesses, and encourage meaningful dialogue among our members. We are especially grateful for the participation of representatives from Linden's municipal government, whose presence helps maintain a productive relationship between the business community and local leadership.

Each year, the Chamber proudly organizes two fundraising events that support our scholarship program. Through the dedication of our volunteers, members, sponsors, and guests, we are able to provide financial assistance to deserving local students as they pursue higher education. We sincerely thank everyone whose generosity makes these scholarships possible.

The 25th Annual Awards Scholarship Dinner was held on June 10th, 2026, at III Amici's Ristorante in Linden, NJ.

Three Linden High School students were awarded scholarships. These outstanding students represent the bright future of our community, and we wish them continued success in their educational and professional endeavors.

- $1,700 Juliana Aristizabal, Alexander David Gatitan, Abigail Gomez
- $1,500 Natasha Lopez
- $1,250 Anna Cordeiro, Anna Grzbowska

HONORED DURING THE DINNER WERE:

- Business of the year: Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery, and It's Delicious Ice Cream
- Person of the Year - Warren Evans

The Linden Chamber Division proudly represents a diverse cross-section of the local business community, including industrial, retail, transportation, hospitality, fine dining, and professional service sectors. Our membership continues to grow as we actively engage new businesses and strengthen existing relationships. Chamber members participate in numerous events throughout Linden, Elizabeth, Union County, and beyond.

In addition to our regular meetings, the Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce hosts monthly after-hours networking events at different locations throughout the region. We invite you to join us at an upcoming meeting or event and experience the many benefits of Chamber membership. Meetings take place at 8:30 a.m., on the fourth Tuesday of every month, except July and August.

Our next Chamber meeting is Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 8:30 a.m., at the JTG Center on Helen St. in Linden. All business professionals are welcome to attend. For more information about the Linden Chamber visit elizabethchamber.com, or call 908-355-7600.

(above) Linden Chamber of Commerce representatives with scholarship winners who were in attendance at the dinner.

(above) It's Delicious ice cream

(above) Warren Evans

(above) Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery

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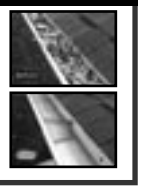

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August Info sessions being held in Union County

Eight-year-old Noah is diagnosed with autism and almost completely nonverbal. Due to sounds of repeated altercations in the family home, a concerned neighbor called for help and, after investigation, Noah was placed in foster care. Years of neglect and witnessing domestic violence had left him anxious, withdrawn, and unsure who to trust. Just surviving, rather than thriving, had become his every day.

For children like Noah, healing requires not just a safe place to live, but a consistent, caring adult whose sole focus is ensuring their voice is heard, their needs are met, and their best interests are protected. That is where Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Passaic and Union Counties comes in.

CASA is a volunteer-powered program of Child Focus, a nonprofit that trains and supports community members to advocate for children from birth to age 21 who have experienced abuse, neglect or abandonment. Appointed by a Family Court judge, each CASA volunteer gets to know their assigned child or sibling set through regular visits, and gathers information from all those involved in their life – teachers, doctors, resource and biological parents, and caseworkers – to make recommendations to the court that help ensure the child has stability, needed services, and is moving toward permanency.

The first step is to attend a required information session to learn more. Attend any one of these sessions: 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 4, at Clark library; 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 11, at the Colleen Fraser Building in Westfield; 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 18, at Mountainside Library, and 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 25, at Child Focus' office, 1143 East Jersey Street, Second Floor, Elizabeth. Register now at www.casapassaicunion.org/info-session.

CASA of Passaic and Union Counties is a program of Child Focus, which prioritizes the needs and well-being of infants, children, and teens impacted by, or at risk of, abuse or neglect. For details about CASA of Passaic and Union Counties,

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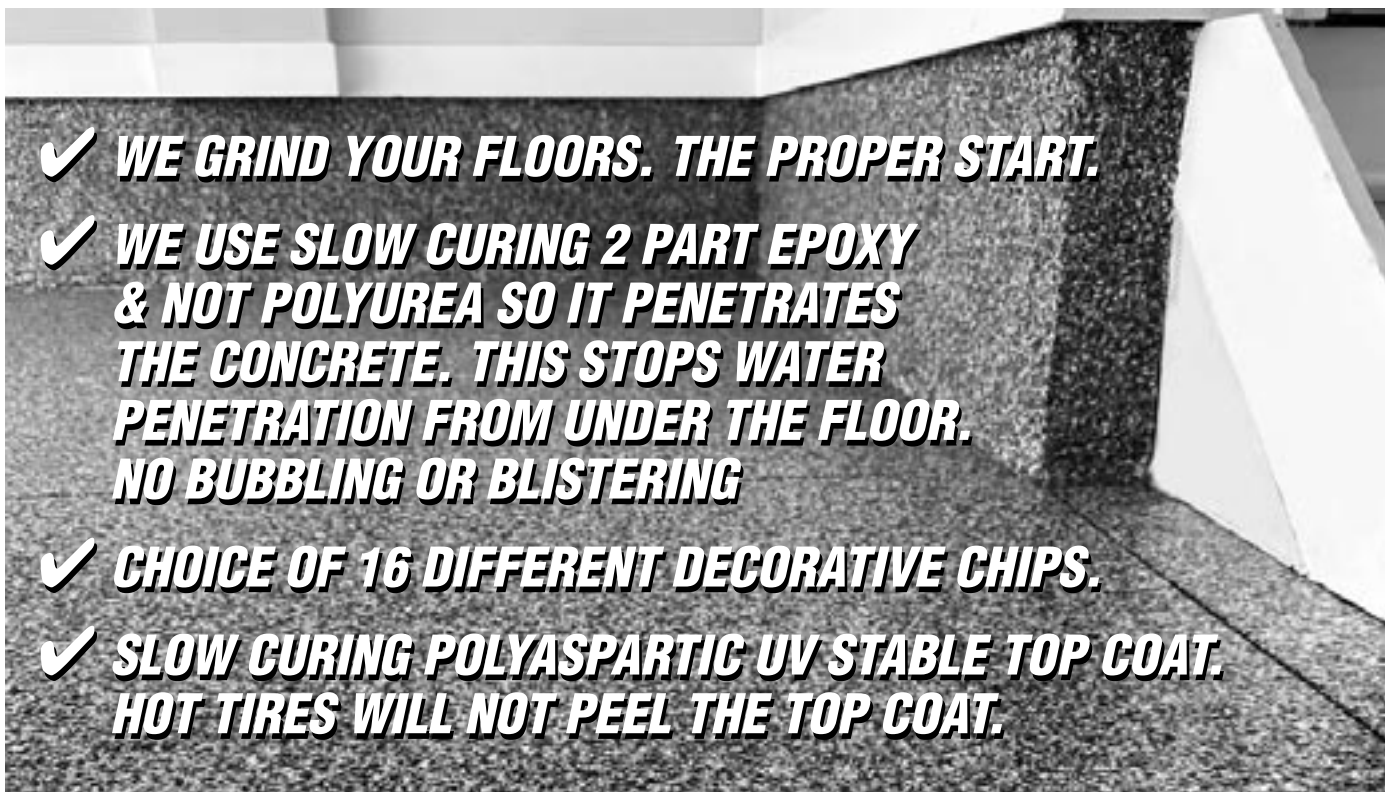

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Caring Contact, an award-winning volunteer-staffed hotline that answers 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline calls—primarily from callers in seven counties in Central and Northern New Jersey—has seen a dramatic rise in the number of calls coming in over the last two years. In 2025 they answered 25,700 calls, the most in their 50-year history, and the call rates have risen over 70% in 2026.

"Every 988 call represents someone bravely reaching out in a moment of profound need. The increase in calls tells us that more people know help is available—and that when compassionate, trained Listeners answer, it can make a lifesaving difference," explains Mary Claire Givelber, Executive Director, Caring Contact.

THE GOOD NEWS — IT'S WORKING

The rising rates of Callers correlates to a 2026 JAMA study, that after the launch of the national 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline in 2022, suicide deaths among adolescents and young adults (ages 15–34) dropped 11% compared to projected rates from 2022–2024.* The largest declines were seen in states with the highest 988 call volumes.

At Caring Contact, they see evidence of this every day. Recently a teen Caller coping with anxiety and loneliness said, "Thank you very much for talking to me. I think I'm going to talk some things over with my parents about how I've been feeling. I spoke with you guys, and it made me realize that I'm not alone."

AS THE CALL RATES RISE, SO DOES THE NEED FOR TRAINED VOLUNTEER LISTENERS

Twice a year Caring Contact offers an intensive 9-week in-person & hybrid training class to prepare volunteer Listeners to offer nonjudgemental, empathetic Listening to Callers experiencing crisis and thoughts of suicide. Once trained, volunteers provide 9 hours a month of Lifeline listening. Become a volunteer 988 Listener—applications are open for fall training, September 15th through November 17th, 2026, on Tuesday nights, alternating between in-person classrooms in Scotch Plains and remote classes, with one full weekend of ASIST training. To be considered, fill out an application at CaringContact.org/training.

LISTENING IS A REWARDING VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

A recent survey of Caring Contact volunteer Listeners found that 100% of respondents feel that "their work is making a difference" and that the "training prepared them well" for this opportunity. A Listener recently said, "It is a rich experience that allows you to make a direct impact on your life, support others and be a part of a diverse and vibrant community with like-minded values anchored on deep compassion and care for others."

In addition, Listeners report that the Active Listening skills they've learned also transfer to leadership roles, at work and with family and friends. "It's the greatest gift a person can give to another. To be with them without trying to change them. To listen with empathy helps others feel less alone. To not be judged but to be accepted for feeling whatever one is feeling. It's uncommon for people to be able to say what they need to say and have someone listen without judging them. Again, such a gift," reports a Caring Contact Listener.

"My time with this organization has been life changing." – Caring Contact Volunteer Listener

BECOME A VOLUNTEER 988 LISTENER—APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN FOR FALL TRAINING

Training: September 15th through November 17th, 2026, on Tuesday nights, alternating between in-person classrooms in Scotch Plains and remote classes, with one full weekend of ASIST training. To be considered, fill out an application at CaringContact.org/training

RAHWAY CHAMBER OPENS REGISTRATION FOR RAHWAY DAY

The Rahway Chamber of Commerce is now accepting registrations from businesses, nonprofit organizations and community groups interested in participating in Rahway Day 2026, one of the city's signature community events.

Scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 17, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Rahway Day will once again transform the Rahway Recreation Center, 275 E. Milton Ave., into a vibrant community gathering featuring local businesses, organizations, live entertainment, family activities, food trucks and more. Admission is free and open to the public.

Held under the Chamber's "Think Rahway First" initiative, Rahway Day connects residents with the businesses, organizations and services that help make Rahway a thriving place to live, work and play.

"Rahway Day is one of my favorite events because it brings together everything that makes our community special," said Chamber President Heidi Loder-Rosal. "Whether you're discovering a local business, supporting a nonprofit or enjoying the day with family and friends, Rahway Day is a celebration of the people and organizations that make Rahway such a wonderful community."

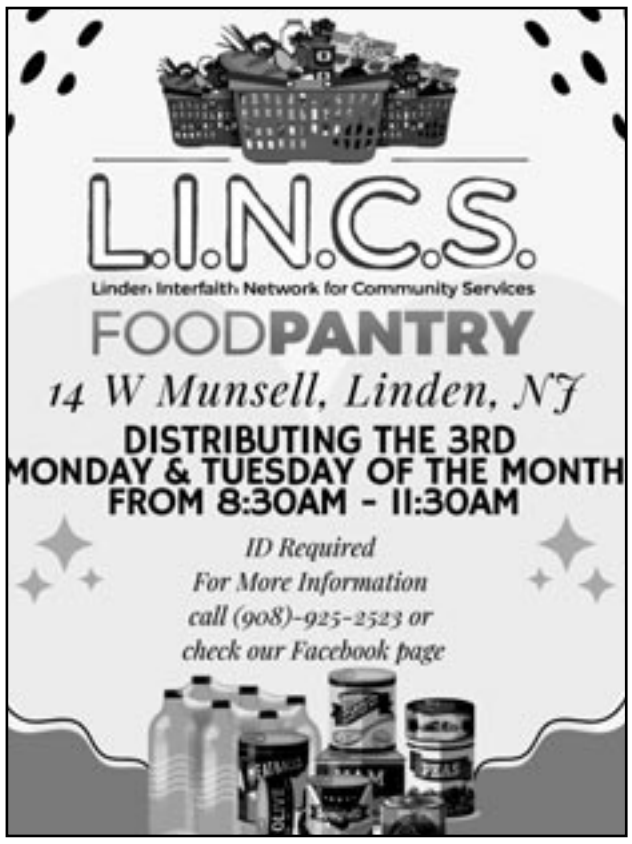
This year's event will feature pumpkin painting for children ages 12 and under, pickleball clinics, karate demonstrations, yoga, live performances by Rahway High School students and local dance groups, hourly door prizes, a selfie station, a 360-degree photo booth, Touch-a-Truck activities, an antique police vehicle and a variety of local food trucks.

Businesses, nonprofit organizations and community groups are invited to reserve exhibit space and explore sponsorship opportunities. Rahway Day provides a unique opportunity to connect with hundreds of residents while showcasing products, services and community resources.

Registration and sponsorship information is available at rahwaychamberofcommerce.com or by contacting Chamber President Heidi Loder-Rosal at contact@rahwaychamberofcommerce.com or (848) 236-5027.

ABOUT THE RAHWAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Rahway Chamber of Commerce supports local businesses while fostering a vibrant, connected community through advocacy, networking and events. Signature programs such as Rahway Day strengthen relationships among businesses, organizations and residents while encouraging everyone to Think Rahway First.



AMERICA'S 250TH CELEBRATION

City of Linden

Linden celebrated America's 250th with a reminder of why we come together as a country. Community, upliftment, and the pursuit of happiness. We want to thank all the citizens, veterans, and students who braved the heat and enjoyed a free treat with us. We want to thank the ROTC for their beautiful demonstration, Nicholas

Gonczowski for reading the Declaration of Independence, and the Armstead family for donating the patriotic statue to the City. We hope everyone had a great time, learned something new, and enjoyed their prizes if they were a lucky winner!

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POWERING POTENTIAL: PHILLIPS 66 COMMUNITY STEM SCHOLARSHIP WINNER ANNOUNCED

Scholarship supports students pursuing careers in the energy industry

A local high school senior has earned a Phillips 66 Community STEM Scholarship, recognizing academic excellence and a commitment to careers that will help power a more innovative energy future.

Sophia Prezeau, a student at Linden High School, is among more than 50 students nationwide selected from a competitive pool of applicants planning to study science, technology, engineering, or mathematics at a technical school or four-year university. Sophia plans to major in chemistry.

"As a chemistry major, being awarded a scholarship in my specified field of study means that I will be able to focus more on my studies in college rather than monetary concerns," said Prezeau.

Students enrolled in technical programs will receive $2,000 scholarships, while students attending four-year universities will receive $5,000. Scholarships are renewable each year through graduation, provided recipients remain enrolled full-time and meet required GPA standards.

"This is more than a scholarship—it's an investment in our community's future," said Lisa Barra, Public Affairs Advisor at Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery. "We're proud to support students who are driven to innovate and make a meaningful impact on the future of energy."

Through its social impact programs, Phillips 66 works to create stronger, safer, and more resilient communities in the areas where it operates. The company invests in education at every level, from elementary school through post-secondary programs.

"Every student deserves access to educational opportunities to pursue what's possible," said Courtney Meadows, Manager of Social Impact at Phillips 66. "These scholarships help remove barriers so talented young people can explore STEM careers and apply their skills to real-world challenges. When students succeed, our communities grow stronger, and we are honored to support them as they take the next step."

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KIDS TO WORK DAY

City of Linden

Linden Police Officers looked a little different as we celebrated Kids to Work Day this year. It was a joy to see parents and their "mini-me" colleagues bonding over desks and spreadsheets! With a delicious lunch and special entertainment provided by the city, the day was filled with more than just learning about careers—it was about community and connection. A huge thank you to everyone who participated; we trust that both the kids and the "grown-ups" had an unforgettable time!

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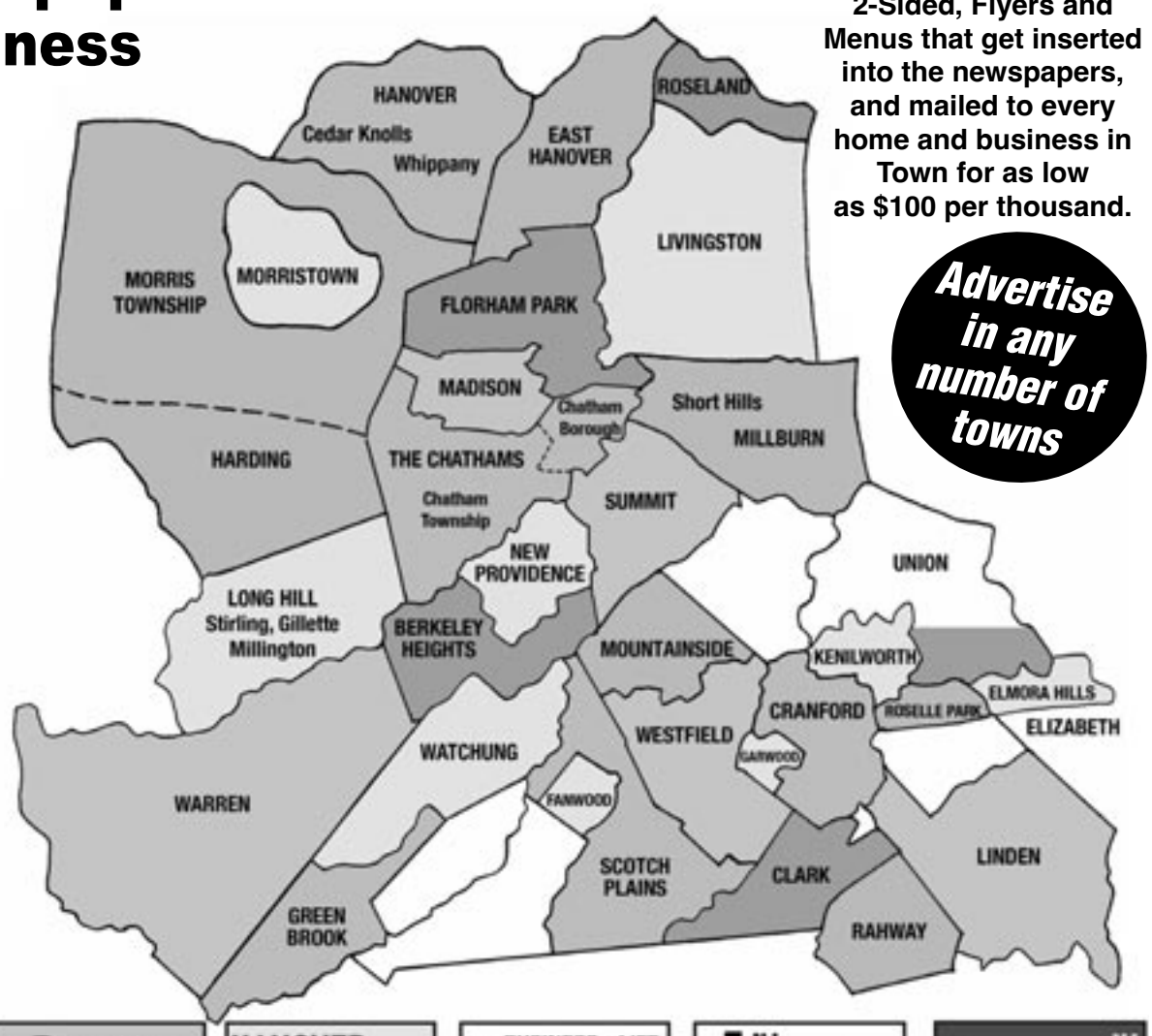

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6 Units	6.5"x6.25" or 10"x4"	320	760	1200	1400	1600	1800	2000	2200	2400	2600	2800
9 HALF PAGE	6.5"x9" or 10"x7"	360	860	1300	1600	1900	2200	2400	2600	2800	3000	3200
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City of Linden Fire Department

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City of Linden Police Department

Congratulations to Officer Kara Depczynski, who was honored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) at the 2026 Law Enforcement Awards Ceremony for her dedication to keeping impaired drivers off our roadways.

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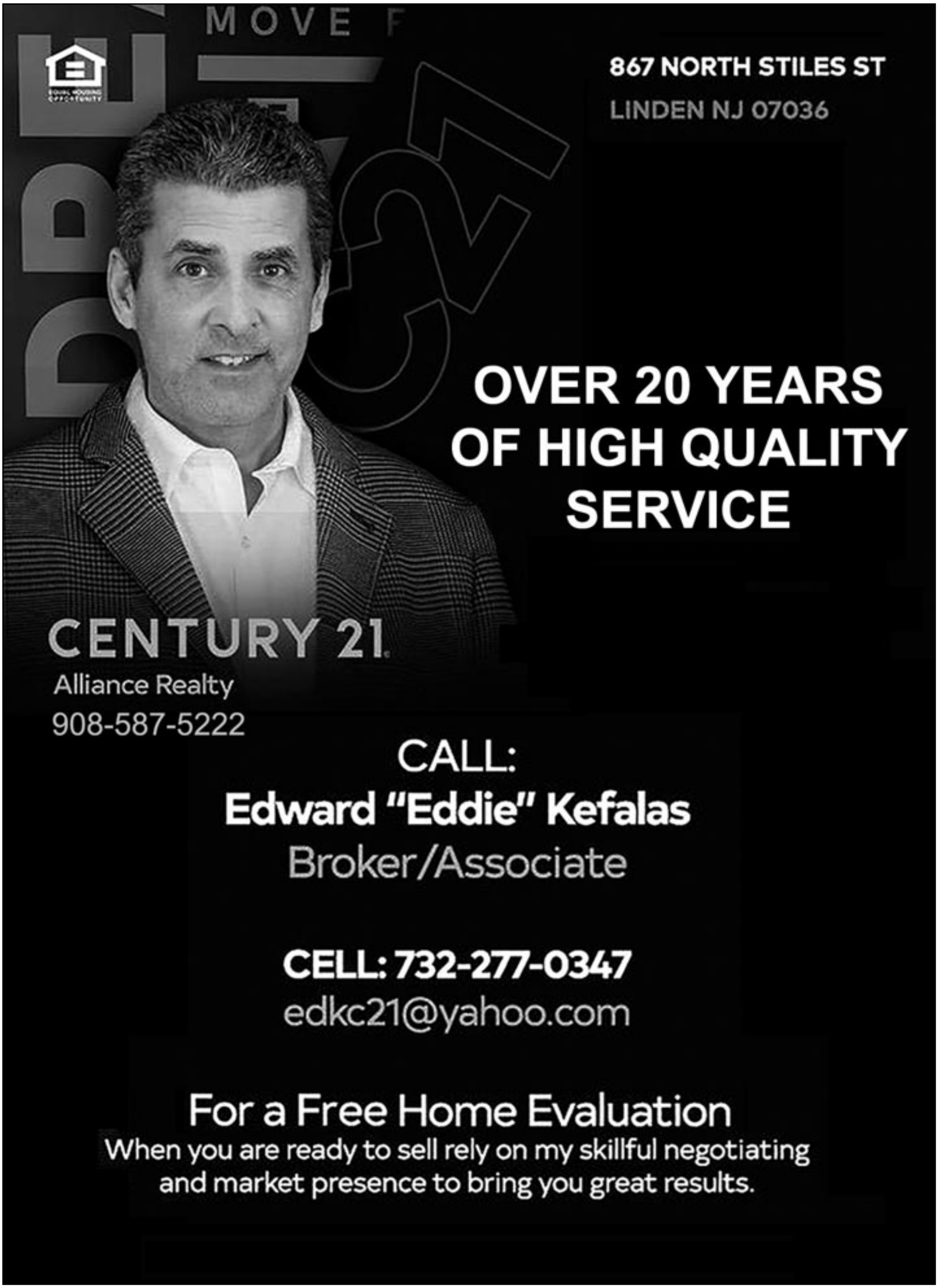
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