Bernardsville resident Jessica Walker-Hawthorne didn’t take the easy road when it came to becoming a local business owner. As a teenage cosmetology student in 1997, Walker successfully opened Plaza Hair Studio in King’s Plaza, despite skepticism of many due to her age. In 2017, Walker and her staff of 25 celebrated not only their 20th year in business, but the kickoff of a fresh rebranding and new business name: J. Walker Salon.

“I started the business as a young girl, a graduate of Bernard’s High School. I realized that as I grew and changed, I had to find a way to let people know that the experience I was giving our clients had grown and changed as well,” Walker-Hawthorne says. “My dad was such a fundamental part of getting me here…I wanted to pay tribute to the man behind the scenes, who saw something in me that could give back to our community.”

She says she focuses on the client experience, company culture, and continuing education of her staff, but attributes her steady growth to “giving back.” Along with a wide variety of charitable fundraising activities, Walker-Hawthorne and her salon team are enthusiastic pro-bono participants in Diva For a Day (www.divaforaday.org); the grassroots giving network Heartworks (www.njheartworks.org); and many ultra-local causes like the Bernardsville Library Foundation. Walker is also the president of the Somerset Hills BPA, a group of local business owners and professionals who refer clients who need the services of other members coupled with the group’s strong support of Heartworks.

“Giving shouldn’t be an afterthought, but a foundation of our values as people and business owners,” Walker-Hawthorne says.

The community seems to agree: J. Walker Salon is serving more clients than ever most of whom resonate with Walker’s passion for giving back to the community.

“When your outer looks good, your inner feels better. That’s what we want for every single person who walks through our doors.”

J. Walker Salon is located at 111 Morristown Road in Bernardsville. Contact them at (908) 766-4411 or visit them online at www.jwalkersalon.com.

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Jessica Walker-Hawthorne and her salon team at J. Walker Salon put their clients – and their community – first. “When your outer looks good, your inner feels better,” Walker-Hawthorne says. The salon, located at 111 Morristown Road, recently celebrated its 20th year with a fresh re-branding and a new name. Formerly called Plaza Salon, the salon’s new moniker, J. Walker Salon, pays homage to Walker-Hawthorne’s father, whom she credits with playing a fundamental role in her successes.
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After moving to Madison in 1990, Nick Lardieri opened Nicky’s Firehouse Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria, a family-friendly Italian restaurant.

Located next to the Madison Firehouse at 15 Central Ave, in Madison, Nicky’s Firehouse Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria has been serving customers for 26 years.

Since opening the doors in 1991, Firehouse has grown exponentially.

“We started with only four tables,” explained Lardieri. Three renovations later, Firehouse now has 85-seats.

Although the restaurant has changed, the recipes have remained the same.

When asked what his favorite dish is, Lardieri responded: “Pasta Po,” affectionately named for his Aunt Po. Pasta Po is a delicious mix of chicken, bow-tie pasta, a tomato cream sauce, mushrooms and peas.

Nicky’s Firehouse is a BYOB restaurant, so customers can bring drinks to enjoy while eating. Lardieri said the Firehouse’s “warm family atmosphere” is one of its main appeals.

“Everyone is welcome, come in and feel at home,” he offered.

How has Nicky’s Firehouse remained so successful? It’s all about “consistency being here everyday and working hard,” explained Lardieri, who has worked to expand his business and give back to the community.

Lardieri created a 5K race – Run for our Residents – to raise funds for the Cheshire Home in Florham Park, which offers services for the physically disabled.

Twelve years later, the race has raised a significant amount of money for the Cheshire Home residents. The last race was held in September, starting at the Madison High School and ending in Florham Park.

Lardieri also sponsors a baseball team, softball team, and girls soccer team.

The Firehouse’s tradition of treating “everyone the same, regardless of who they are or where they’re from,” extends past professionalism into Lardieri’s personal values, he explained.

To make reservations, or to view the complete menu, visit nickysfirehouse.com.
Long Hill Auto Service Center opened its doors in 1986. While many aspects of the business of repairing and maintaining automobiles has drastically changed over the years, a few things have stayed the same.

“The first thing we try to do is to make it easy for people to get their repairs done. We know that it’s not an easy thing to do to drop off your car and be without it,” says owner Bob Arlotta. “Our main priority is to make it easy for people to get their repairs done. We try to make it as pain-free as it can be.”

Whether it’s picking up or dropping off a vehicle at an owner’s home, or giving customers a lift to their destination, Arlotta says the shop’s success owes much to people.

And great customer service is just the starting point. In the past, the auto repair industry focused mainly on mechanics who were well-versed in mechanical issues, such as brakes and tires. But as automobiles became increasingly reliant on electronics, computers and technology, Long Hill Auto has made a commitment to staying up-to-date on the latest technology and information, with mandatory monthly training sessions for all its employees.

The shop’s focus on its surrounding community has also helped to establish its reputation as a friendly and reliable business.

Long Hill Auto sponsors and participates in many community events and activities, including acting as a food collection site for the Shrine of St. Joseph Food Drive and a variety of other Long Hill Chamber of Commerce events and programs. The business is very involved in Millington Downtown Day, donating its facility, electricity, water and parking lot space for the popular annual community gathering.

In the past, the business has also hosted local Girl Scouts working towards earning their Car Care Badges. Shop employees taught the girls how to change a tire, fix a flat, jump start a dead car battery and more.

A free air pump and free car vacuum are available in front of the shop for anyone who needs them. In addition, smart car drivers running low on a charge can pull up and plug in at no cost. “We try to please everybody as much as we can. I think that goes a long way,” Arlotta said.

Long Hill Auto Service Center is located at 1905 Long Hill Road, in Millington. Reach them at longhillauto@aol.com or (908) 647-7984 or visit longhillauto.com.

Somerset Grain and Feed has been proudly serving the greater Bernardsville area for more than 70 years and continues to grow to meet the ever-changing needs of its patrons.

The store, located right next to the Bernardsville train station, not only carries grain and feed but also a variety of pet supplies, bird feeders, and an assortment of birdseed, corn and sweet feed for larger animals. The extensive selection of cat and dog supplies includes collars, toys, beds, treats and nutritious food such as Eukanuba, IAMS, Innova, Hill's, Wellness and many other brands. Somerset also carries a full line of quality feed, hay, bedding, and lawn supplies. They offer lawn and field consultation, seeding and fertilizer recommendations, and deliveries are available for feed, hay and bedding.

Somerset Grain and Feed was established in 1945 by Pete Mastrobattista and his father, Benny, but animal feed has been sold from this location for more than 100 years. Before a 1968 fire, feeds had been manufactured from grains transported to town via railroad cars.

In 1981, the store was being run Pete Mastrobattista when Tom Milesnick stopped in for what would become a fateful visit. At the time, Milesnick was employed at a South Somerville supply depot run by the federal government. The wages were good, but Milesnick says he felt boxed in by the warehouse’s fencing, razor wire and the bureaucracy. Another depot employee described his previous job to Milesnick: delivering feed for a business in Bernardsville.

Milesnick took a day off and visited Somerset Grain to chat with Pete Mastrobattista about the store. The next thing he knew, he was quitting his federal job and began working for the feed store. The new job was about half his former salary and was much more physically demanding.

But Milesnick says he had no regrets. Visiting farms, talking to the farmers, seeing the animals and the rolling fields of the Somerset Hills made it all worth it, he says.

Somerset Grain, Feed & Supply is located at 74 Mine Brook Road in Bernardsville, right next to the train station, and can be reached at (908) 766-0204. Visit www.somersetgrain.com for additional information.

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In the 1930’s, Ford made Trimmer & Haas, a Ford dealer - new vehicles were transported by train and prepped and sold from this establishment.

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EXPERTS AT TRUELEAF KITCHENS CREATE EXCEPTIONAL SPACES FOR ANY BUDGET

The talented staff at TrueLeaf Kitchens, located at 134 S. Finley Ave. in the Basking Ridge section of Bernards Township, believes that good design does not have to cost more money, and TrueLeaf has the experience to create exceptional spaces for most budgets.

TrueLeaf Kitchens began in 2010 when Eileen and Jim Barna rented a small space in town just a few blocks from their current location. In addition to the Barnas, who have been designing kitchens and baths for more than 20 years, the business had just one employee.

“From the beginning our success has been because of word of mouth,” says Eileen Barna. “Our clients have really appreciated our recommendations, knowledge and our honest approach to design and construction.”

Then, four years ago, the couple purchased the building that formerly housed New Jersey Countryside Magazine and was able to create a larger showroom with plenty of office space for their staff, which had grown to eight employees.

“We have always strived to create beautiful and unique spaces for each of our clients utilizing a structured and collaborative process to make the experience as stress free as possible and to truly transform the way people live in their homes,” says Eileen Barna.

In addition to providing a quality design experience for customers, TrueLeaf Kitchens also prides itself on its commitment to its community. Through the years, TrueLeaf has supported: The Ridge Baseball Club (2009-2014), Diva for a Day Foundation’s Dream Kitchen Tour (2017), Curbing Hunger’s Labor Day Mile (2016-2017), the Legwork for Lungs 5K (2014-2017), St. James Men of Charity 5K (2012-2017), Bernards Township Parents for Exceptional Children’s Run With Me 5K (2010-2107).

To find out more about TrueLeaf Kitchens, call them at (908) 766-2006, email them at jbarna@trueleafkitchens.com or visit them online at www.trueleafkitchens.com.

THE BOOKWORM: AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE BERNARDSVILLE COMMUNITY

In 1985, Mary Ann Donaghy purchased The Bookworm from Reid Houseman. By increasing the stock and staff, the store has grown over the years into an integral part of the Bernardsville community.

The Bookworm has hosted many authors for book signings. We have had: Rosamunde Pilcher, Bill Moyers, Trinka Noble, Steve Forbes, Caroline Campion, Linda Fairstein, Doug Chernak, Tara Lazar, Dan Gutman, Warren Bobrow and many more.

Our Harry Potter midnight parties were the most popular and fun events. We have had Book Club evenings and done many book fairs for local schools.

Through donations of books and gift certificates, The Bookworm has been a generous supporter of the community.

The Bookworm is located at 99 Claremont Road in Bernardsville. For more information or to find upcoming events, call (908) 766-4599 or visit www.bookwormbernardsville.com.

Mary Ann Donaghy, owner of The Bookworm on Claremont Road in Bernardsville, is pictured behind ‘the front table,’ an ever-changing selection of unique coffee table books perfect for a gift to yourself or someone else.
VNA Keeps Pace With Changing Times

As the Visiting Nurse Association of Northern NJ (VNA) prepares to celebrate its 120th anniversary next year, the work of this nonprofit organization has never been more relevant or in demand.

Ever since VNA introduced visiting nursing to this region in 1898, it has been expanding to meet emerging community needs and introducing innovations in home care. Today, VNA is a comprehensive home care provider. One call to 1-800 WE VISIT is all that’s needed to receive personalized assistance and access to an array of services that range from skilled nursing and rehabilitation therapies to private pay and free or reduced cost, grant-funded elder care and caregiver support.

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In September, VNA of Northern NJ acquired VNA of Saint Clare’s, a transaction that will ensure the continued availability of the finest quality home care throughout Morris, Hunterdon, Sussex and Warren counties and neighboring communities.

“We’re delighted about the expansion of our mission of caring and geographic reach. This acquisition is a milestone in our organization’s storied history that underscores our ability to keep pace with changing times and uphold its tradition of caring,” said Faith F. Scott, MPH, MBA, FACHE, CEO of VNA of Northern NJ.

“In today’s complex, rapidly evolving healthcare environment, strategic growth through acquisitions and consolidations that create efficiencies of scale, facilitate greater coordination and foster quality and customer service enhancements are essential,” she said. “Our VNA is now well-positioned to ensure continuity and convenient access to home care for residents of more than 110 municipalities.”

In fact, from its 30,000-square-foot headquarters at 175 South Street in Morristown, VNA’s home care team, comprised of professionals with diverse skills and carefully trained volunteers, delivers comfort and encouragement to clients of all ages, along with family members who serve as their primary caregivers.

For more information about all of VNA’s home care solutions, visit vnannj.org or call 1-800-WE VISIT (1-800-938-4748).

VNA of Northern New Jersey introduced visiting nursing to this region in 1898 when Anna B. Hillock, our very first nurse, traveled local dirt roads on a bicycle. Since then, we’ve been at the forefront of every major home care breakthrough. In fact, we now offer comprehensive home care solutions. Our distinguished tradition of service is upheld each day when team members with diverse skills deliver comfort and encouragement to clients in Morris, Hunterdon, Sussex and Warren Counties and neighboring communities.

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Woody’s Automotive: New business, same service

Timothy Woodward, owner of Woody’s Automotive, has cemented himself into the Randolph business community.

A local fixture, Woodward has been servicing vehicles since 1979. After working under a shop owner on Sussex Turnpike in Randolph for years, Woodward branched out and opened his own business at Suite B6, 1246 Sussex Turnpike, just up the road.

Woody says that his reputation as an honest, driven, hands-on worker is a large part of why his customers have remained loyal to him throughout the transition.

Woodward began his career in 1976 as a professional automobile technician at the corner service station at the intersection of Hanover Avenue and Sussex Turnpike on vehicles from the Randolph and Mendham areas.

After working at this location diligently for 13 years from 1980 until 1993, Woodward took his automotive skills to a service station in Succasunna, just off Route 10. Woody noticed that many of his customers, mainly Randolph residents, remained loyal to him during his transition to Succasunna.

Woodward realized when he began to consider opening his own shop that Randolph would serve as the ideal location for his own business.

Several years later, the fruits of Woody’s trustworthiness have ripened, multiplied, and led to the opening of a fresh new facility equipped with six lifts, three hired mechanics, and room for up to 15 cars in his shop.

Since he opened up shop three and a half years ago, Woody has expanded to repairing engines of all kinds.

Woodworth extended an offer to any potential customers: “just bring it in, and I will take a look.”

Thirty-five years of experience later, Woody continues to go above and beyond to meet the community’s expectation of an honest guy who’s seen it all in engine repair.

Stop by the shop and see why Woody’s Automotive is highly recommended by the Randolph Community or visit their website at www.woodysautonj.com.
A True Hidden Gem: Great Swamp Greenhouses

In the heart of the Great Swamp National Wildlife refuge lies a hidden gem of a garden center, Great Swamp Greenhouses, located at 553 New Vernon Road in the Gillette section of Long Hill Township.

Owner Michael Beneduce started operating the 10-acre nursery/garden center in 1978 when he was just 21 years old. Now, the business is run by two of his three children, and the third operates a vineyard and winery at a 50-acre farm that the family owns in Pittstown.

Great Swamp Greenhouses offers a unique opportunity to browse among plants right where they are grown, eliminating the stress of shipping and the extra costs usually associated with a middle man.

There is an acre of covered greenhouse where customers can purchase houseplants, annuals, vegetables and poinsettias, and several acres outside of nursery stock, perennials, mums and Christmas trees during the Christmas season.

Over the years, Great Swamp Greenhouses has employed many locals, from teenagers to mature adults with plant knowledge and have contributed to many local activities.

The business is open and operational year-round, with seeds and plugs planted in January, growing until the busy selling season of May through July.

The Pittstown farm has a covered, one-acre growing facility so their own stock can be filled in as needed at the Gillette retail location.

August to October sees pumpkins, chrysanthemums and other assorted fall plants. Nursery stock is available year-round.

In August, the poinsettia cuttings are planted so that they mature in time for Christmas.

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Soo Bahk Do Karate of Gillette has been serving Long Hill Township and the surrounding areas since 1982.

From its humble beginnings, sharing the Long Hill Community Center with other family oriented activities such as dance and gymnastics, the school relocated next to the Gillette Post Office for many years before moving to their current facility at 630 Valley Road.

Certified Master Instructor and 7th degree blackbelt Linda Morey began practicing the traditional martial art of Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan in 1974 before opening the school.

It remains a traditional school and has taught hundreds of children and adults “to develop key concepts of the art, thereby improving basic desirable human attributes such as courage, concentration and endurance,” said Morey.

Today the studio is run by five certified instructors with more than 100 years of combined teaching experience.

“We have really focused on our community these past few years and are teaching our students the importance of community service and giving back,” said the school’s program director, Michelle Cavett, a certified instructor and 3rd degree blackbelt. “We’ve started a community giving garden as well as a leadership team so the older students have guidance and a pathway to develop and apply the leadership skills they learn from their martial arts practice.”

While most students are children ages three and up, the school also offers dynamic programs for adults.

The school’s oldest student is 71 years old, Cavett added. “We are proud to be a part of this community, and are happy that we are entrusted with the care and development of it’s children,” she said.
Valley Automotive: 45 Years of Honesty and Integrity

By Katie Thompson
Contributing Writer

Born in Stirling in 1921, Vito Armenti opened Valley Automotive in town in 1966. An auto repair shop located at 1312 Valley Road in the Stirling section of Long Hill Township, Armenti built his business through the power of positive word until he sold it in 1986.

Seven years later, Armenti’s son, Guy Armenti, purchased the same location and re-opened the business. Originally, Guy Armenti intended to simply improve the business and sell it, but 25 years later he is still the owner of Valley Automotive.

“It’s been an enjoyable career,” Armenti said. Since re-opening in 1993, Armenti and his team have provided customers with “an honest assessment of their vehicles.”

Valley Automotive works on all types of vehicles ranging from small hybrids to diesel trucks.

Besides the business, Armenti says he also inherited an appreciation for the importance of community, integrity and honesty, which is why Valley Automotive has experienced such longevity.

“He [Vito] was a big part of the growth of Stirling,” explained Guy Armenti, who also gives back to the community by servicing police cars for Long Hill and vehicles for Millington’s Fire Company. Armenti also sponsors a little league baseball team in Long Hill.

“We’re in the people business, having a relationship with our customers is important.”

Valley Automotive relies on repeat business. “You have to be as honest as possible,” Armenti asserted.

Valley Automotive has more than 100 five-star reviews from customers on their website, www.valleyautomotivellc.com. For more information, visit the website or call (908) 647-1999.

The Stirling Hotel Provides ‘Gathering Place’ For Locals

The Stirling Hotel offers customers something that is not easy to find these days.

“I think the hotel fills a void for people that want to experience an old-fashioned, family-owned style tavern,” says Dori Baldassarre, who owns the Long Hill institution with her husband, Tom.

Dori said Tom always comments “We are the caretakers of the Stirling Hotel.”

It’s an institution that should live on and on, she said. The couple bought the Stirling Hotel in 1983 from the Achille family, who had owned it for 40 years.

The atmosphere, friendliness and family feeling that the Stirling Hotel provides is what draws people back time and again, Baldassarre said.

“We brought it back to what it was: a gathering place for people,” she said. “People come here in good times and bad times. There’s always going to be a familiar face, a smile, a hug.”

Patrons can dine outside on the patio year round. During the winter months, you may dine in their heated tent.

The Stirling Hotel and its employees are very active in the community. Not only does the business host its annual car show benefiting the Long Hill Community Center; but it also holds a community supper benefiting a local charity every third Wednesday of each month. In November, proceeds from the meal will be donated to Christmas Is For Children of Basking Ridge, which provides gifts to families in need.

The Stirling Hotel also participates in the Stirling Street Fair and supports numerous local sports teams, school organizations and local fundraisers.

The Stirling Hotel is your home away from home to enjoy craft beer, comfort food and a friendly atmosphere. Join the Baldassarre Family at their new sister restaurant, The Stirling Tavern, located at 150 South Street in Morristown. Visit us online at www.stirlingtavern.com.
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Foot Solutions Focuses On Better Health — From The Feet Up

Foot Solutions, located at 756 Bloomfield Ave. in West Caldwell, is a health and wellness franchise that focuses exclusively on better health from the feet up, according to owner Angie Sebastiano.

“I came to Foot Solutions from 25 years in the corporate world, managing technology projects for Xerox, Prodigy and AXA,” Sebastiano says. “A month after 9/11, I lost my job and finding a job in New York City was very difficult so I decided to venture into my own business. I opened Foot Solutions because I wanted to help people feel better.”

Foot Solutions opened its doors in 2002 at 482 Bloomfield Avenue – just a few blocks from its current location, where the business moved three years ago.

“Our experts provide personalized solutions to many kinds of foot issues and pain in the feet, heels, knees, hips and back,” Sebastiano explains. “Our solutions combine a free Holistic Foot Analysis with state-of-the-art technology, customized foot supports and stylish, comfortable shoes for work, play, dress, leisure, sports and more. We make you feel good!”

To find out more, call Foot Solutions at (973) 226-1300, email caldwell@footsolutions.com or visit them online at www.footsolutions.com/westcaldwell.
This year, Daytop New Jersey, the state’s premier substance use disorder provider, is celebrating its 25th anniversary of providing comprehensive Behavioral Health Services in New Jersey for people suffering with opioid and other substance use disorders.

Since its inception in 1992, it has grown its capabilities throughout the state with two youth and young adult residential facilities, three outpatient facilities for youth and adults, and one women’s half-way house.

“Opioid and substance use disorders can affect anyone of any age, gender, race or demographic group, and there’s no one-size-fits-all approach to helping those in need,” said James P. Curtin, president and CEO of Daytop New Jersey. “It’s frightening that even with biggest opioid crisis in history we currently have open beds in both our young adult residential facilities; we are here to help people regardless of income or insurance.”

Daytop New Jersey, Inc. offers a full continuum of care to every substance-using adolescent and young adult in New Jersey, either directly or through affiliation with other healthcare providers. By continually assessing, redesigning and improving itself, Daytop Village of New Jersey, Inc. will provide treatment and education based on proven concepts of the therapeutic community and other evidence-based practices.

Daytop collaborates with families, healthcare systems, legislators and law enforcement to end the stigma surrounding addiction so that more people in need ask for help.

Its Family Association has a rich history since the inception of Daytop New Jersey in supporting the loved ones of those suffering from substance use disorder.

Daytop recently began working with Morris County Sheriff James Gannon to train members of its Family Association to become volunteers at his Hope One Mobile Recovery Access Center. The Hope One van, created with money recovered from convicted drug dealers, currently operates on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout Morris County, providing access to education and treatment services at centers including Daytop New Jersey.

“The goal of the van is to get people into treatment before they are incarcerated or worse,” said Morris County Sheriff Gannon’s James Gannon of the van that was converted from a SWAT van with funds recovered from convicted drug dealers. “You can’t cure addiction with arrests, and Daytop New Jersey has been a great partner in our efforts to help people get into treatment the same day they visit with Hope One volunteers.”

“One in five adults in New Jersey suffer from a substance use disorder,” said James P. Curtin, president and CEO of Daytop New Jersey. “Sheriff Gannon’s Hope One van is a wonderful example of how we can help those with opioid substance use disorders in a judgement-free environment.”

You can support Daytop New Jersey’s important work in the fight against the opioid epidemic by attending its 25th anniversary gala on Tues., Dec. 5.

For more information about the gala or Daytop New Jersey’s programs and services, call 888-4DAYTOP (888-432-9867) or visit www.daytopnj.com.

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Mark’s Auto Service Provides An Expert’s Eye For Your Vehicle

Since 1989, Mark’s Auto Service has been a fixture in the Gillette section of Long Hill Township. After opening his first shop in Stirling and moving to Gillette seven years later, owner Mark Ierubino has run his business with a focus on helping every driver get the most out of their vehicle.

Ierubino and his staff have used their expertise to give their customers the best service for the best price.

At the shop’s website, www.marksauto.com, Ierubino shares his decades of experience keeping people’s vehicles at their best with tips on maintenance and easy-to-follow explanations of the common troubles that drivers run into.

Working with customers to help them understand the key points of good car care is just one way Ierubino has earned the kind of trust from his clients that no just any mechanic can claim.

“If there’s one thing I could get every drive to do, it would be to bring their car in to a full-service shop when they get an oil change,” Ierubino says. “It’s like a doctor’s visit. You want someone with experience to take a look at the whole car while it’s in there so we can catch things before they turn into a problem. If you go somewhere that just changes the oil, anything else that might be wrong doesn’t get noticed until it’s too late.”

According to Ierubino, “there’s no substitute for the eye of a real professional with real experience.” After 27 years in the business, drivers can count on Ierubino and his team to have just that experience.

Mark’s Auto Service is located at 834 Valley Road in Gillette and can be reached at (908) 647-7276. For more information or to schedule a service appointment, visit them online at www.marksauto.com.

Fellowship Village Expansion Will Take Senior Living To New Level

Since celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2016, Fellowship Village is taking senior living to a new level.

The scenic Basking Ridge campus is abuzz as crews in hard hats build a new 240-seat Cultural Arts Center and an addition to the Health Center.

After years of planning, construction began in April. In addition to the new structures, the project includes extensive renovations to existing interiors, resulting in an inviting home-like atmosphere for residents with spaces for greater socialization.

“Older adults seek an active lifestyle with high quality amenities and convenience,” said Brian Lawrence, Fellowship Senior Living president and CEO. “Fellowship Village set the bar for excellence for over 20 years and we will continue as we serve current and future residents.”

Work progresses quickly on the new Health Center addition at Fellowship Village. The Health Center is home to Assisted Living, Skilled Nursing and Memory Care residents. It also houses the Rehab & Wellness Center and short-stay rehab accommodations.
Celebrating it's 60th Anniversary, Flemington Department Store remains a family owned landmark.

When the Resnick family converted a small chicken coop into a dry goods store in 1956, there was little indication that the modest business would grow to become one of the largest family owned and operated department stores in the country. The reasons for this success are abundant, from the quality and variety of offered products and services to the commitment to the people and communities served. Flemington Department Store has attained its current form as a result of hard work and smart business decisions.

An Ever Evolving Business Plan

What began as a dry goods store selling a limited assortment of clothing and area rugs to a small, local community has grown into a multi-faceted business with a product line encompassing a large selection of clothing, footwear, flooring, furniture and bedding.

As an example of tremendous growth, the original store's size limited the product selection to blue jeans and little else. Today's clothing department features millions of dollars of name brand clothing, shoes, boots and outerwear offered at discounted prices. Long known as THE place to go for the best quality clothing, footwear, boots and outerwear offered at the suggested selling price.

The flooring department is extraordinary as well. It has grown to become one of the largest independent single store flooring operations in the country offering carpet, hardwood, laminate, LVT, vinyl, area rugs and remnants with customers that include the general public and residential home builders. Floor coverings from the top manufacturers like Karastan, Mohawk, Shaw, Masland, Mirage and many more are offered.

Beyond having the area's largest selection of quality area rugs and remnants, the services available also include the installation of specialized flooring products for schools, medical facilities and commercial buildings. As if that's not enough, an additional feature of Flemington Department Store's flooring department is the "event carpet" division that provides "red carpet" for many of the country's special events. Recently, the store provided the white and gold carpet for the Pope's 2015 visit to Philadelphia.

Mirroring the growth of the clothing and flooring departments, the furniture department has evolved from the original concept of only selling a few pieces of furniture on a consignment basis to becoming one of the best kept secrets in New Jersey. With over 2 acres of showroom space under one roof, the furniture division at Flemington Department Store showcases a huge inventory from over forty manufacturer's of quality furniture. With names like Vaughan-Bassett, Rowe, Kincaid, Stressless, Flexsteel, Southern Motion, Durham and more, the offerings are diverse enough for every home and every budget. Additionally, the Sleep Better Center carries a full array of bedding from Sealy and Stearns & Foster. With available zero percent financing and free delivery within a 100 mile radius of the store, there should be no hesitation to visit Flemington Department Store for any furniture and bedding need.

The workforce has grown from just a few family members in 1956 to hundreds of "extended family members" today. This family atmosphere is of primary importance to the store's past, present and future. The "people-factor" sets this store apart from others because of many factors:

- Family ownership since the beginning with current owners Theodore and Martin Resnick on the selling floor and always accessible to their customers.
- Very little turnover of staff, both on the sales floor and in the office.
- A sales staff that is well-trained, knowledgeable and refreshingly pleasant to deal with.
- A "low pressure" sales philosophy supported by the fact that the sales staff does not work on commission.

The Hunterdon County community has also benefitted from the success of Flemington Department Store over the years. The store supports many charities and organizations such as the Boy Scouts of America, American Red Cross, local sport and recreation programs, high school booster clubs and religious organizations of all faiths. Giving back to the community has been a Flemington Department Store tradition since the first customer bought a pair of blue jeans in that converted chicken coop 60 years ago.

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