

## State Government Officials Pass End-of-the-Year Legislation

By REBECCA MEHORTER  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

TRENTON — The New Jersey Senate and Assembly both met on December 17 and passed a handful of end-of-the-year legislation, including advances to drug reform and economic revitalization. The legislative bodies met again on Monday to vote on the Economic Recovery Act of 2020, which Governor Phil Murphy spoke in favor of the day before.

The Economic Recovery Act of 2020 offers nearly \$14 billion in corporate tax breaks, which will “help attract more high-growth businesses to the Garden State and provide addi-

tional support to small businesses during this unprecedented time,” the Governor, senate president and assembly speaker said in a statement. State leaders have said the bill will keep businesses in the state, which they said will help New Jersey recover from the Covid-19 pandemic. The bill, which was drafted as 219 pages and then amended to 249 pages, was introduced to the Senate and Assembly less than a week before passing both houses. The bill now goes to Governor Murphy’s desk.

One section of the bill, the Main Street Recovery Finance Program, establishes a program to provide

“grants, loans and loan guarantees to eligible small businesses” and appropriates \$50 million to this program. Main Street is a downtown revitalization program for business districts in New Jersey. Westfield belongs to the organization, which emphasizes historic preservation and economic redevelopment of downtown districts.

Another section relevant to Westfielders is the Historic Property Reinvestment program, which provides tax credits for some of the costs of rehabilitating historic properties. “Tax credits under this program are capped at \$50 million annually for six years,” the bill’s statement reads.

Westfield Mayor Shelley Brindle has been a proponent of historic preservation in Westfield. The town recently revised its own historic preservation incentives. The new historic preservation ordinance requires any property identified as historic, not necessarily officially designated, to go to the planning or zoning board with subdivision or development applications. In addition to the ordinance, the council passed a resolution to provide five-year tax abatements on the value of improvements to historically-designated homes.

“I’m very grateful to the Governor and legislature for passing this much-needed economic recovery and tax incentive reform package,” Mayor Brindle said in a statement. “In particular, the Main Street Recovery Finance Program and the Historic Property Tax Credit will be important to luring new investment to Westfield as we focus on the post-pandemic future of our historic downtown.”

Two bills related to marijuana reform passed both houses on December 17. Bill No. A1897/4269, if signed into law by Governor Murphy, would, among other things, decriminalize the

CONTINUED ON PAGE 6

## SP-F BOE Updates Public On School Ventilation

By JENNIFER GLACKIN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

SCOTCH PLAINS — Superintendent Joan Mast, Ed.D., said during last Thursday’s meeting of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education (BOE) that the district is “committed to the January 19 opening for hybrid learning.” By that time, said Dr. Mast, coronavirus-positive cases are expected to have decreased after the holiday season. She urged residents to follow health and safety guidelines such as wearing a mask and avoiding

indoor gatherings. “More than anything, I know, getting our children back to school will bring us all joy,” she said.

Timely communication will be a part of the reopening, said Dr. Mast. “This will allow the community to be aware of the daily rhythms of cases,” she explained, noting that classrooms and schools may need to quarantine or pivot to remote learning based on the data.

The board presented updates on the airflow and ventilation study, subsequent repairs and the improved air quality. Business Administrator Deborah Saridaki reported that all the unventilator motors have been repaired or replaced, all dampers have been set to 40-percent minimum outdoor air introduction and all air filters have been cleaned or replaced, among other updates and repairs. Dr. Richard Lynch from the Environmental Safety Management Corporation said the improvements were “dramatically effective.” The November measurements of outdoor airflow into the classrooms have improved from 50 percent in some areas to 100 percent in others from September.

In other news, the board honored standout athletes, teams and coaches from the fall season. Luke Piede was named Coach of the Year for leading the girls’ tennis team to an undefeated season, second place in the county tournament and a regional championship. The varsity girls’ soccer program also was honored, along with senior Corrine Lyght, who is a two-time United Soccer Coaches of America All-American honoree, Union County girls’ soccer Player of the Year, first team all-county, an NJSIAA ambassador and Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School home-

CONTINUED ON PAGE 6



WINTER WONDERLAND...A picturesque moment captured at the Towne Barber Shoppe located in downtown Westfield after the snowstorm passed on Thursday morning.

Photo courtesy of David Womelsdorf

## Ample Progress Anticipated On Housing Developments in 2021

By FRED T. ROSSI  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

SCOTCH PLAINS — Expect a good deal of visible progress next year on the various housing development projects that are already underway or in the works.

Township Redevelopment Coordinator Thomas Strowe provided The Westfield Leader with updates this week on several of the bigger projects that will help Scotch Plains meet its affordable-housing obligations in the coming years. Preliminary work at

the former Bowcraft Amusement Park site on Route 22 has been underway for several months. Various infrastructure has been put into place in advance of the construction of 200 housing units, 35 of which will be designated as affordable units. Mr. Strowe said that “things are moving pretty quickly” and that ATA Developers informed him recently that they expect to have the first units ready for rental within 12 months.

At the former Parker Gardens property on Terrill Road, progress is a bit further behind, Mr. Strowe said, due to various environmental issues that needed to be addressed. But, he said, SP Reserve, the developer, anticipates having the first units completed within 18 months. The plans call for five apartment buildings containing a total of 228 units and two rows of townhomes with 34 of the units deemed as affordable. A 2.5-acre wedge of property adjacent to the Terrill Middle School property will be remediated by the developer and turned over to the township as green space and will likely be used for playing fields. A third of an acre of property across the PSE&G right-of-way at the rear of the Parker property also will be turned over to the township by the developer. Like Bowcraft, it is expected that the Parker site will be developed “a few buildings at a time,”

according to Mr. Strowe.

The planning board will likely hold public hearings early in the new year on two projects, one in the downtown and the other on North Avenue. Mr. Strowe expects a proposed three-story, mixed-use development on East Second Street to be on the board’s agenda in the next few months. That project would include commercial space on the ground floor and 15 apartment units each on the second and third floors.

Prior to that application, it is likely that the planning board will consider the proposed redevelopment of the North Avenue property located to the west of the Charlie Brown’s restaurant. The wooded lot will be turned into a five-townhome, seven-apartment complex, two of which will be classified as affordable. A slice of adjacent land to the west will be donated by the developer to the township and serve as a buffer between the new housing and the single-family homes to the west.

Action on the other sites slated for significant housing development — including the Amberg garden center property on Lamberts Mill Road that will include five buildings with 125 units, 19 of which will be set aside as affordable housing, and all of the planned housing in the downtown

CONTINUED ON PAGE 6



POP-UP SANTA CLAUS...Direct from the North Pole to Westfield, Santa Claus flew in to visit residents this past Tuesday afternoon. Santa welcomed everyone from his sleigh as they drove by. The festive holiday event was sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation and Erin Ben-Hayon of the David Realty Group. The event streamed live on social media.

Ken Zierler for The Westfield Leader

## Mountainside Planning Bd. Approves Bovella’s Shed

By KIMBERLY A. BROADWELL  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

MOUNTAINSIDE — A storage shed was approved at last Thursday evening’s Mountainside Planning Board meeting for Bovella’s Bakery Café. Bovella’s is owned by Ralph Bencivenga and is located at 1085 Route 22 East within the borough.

The bakery and café first applied for the variance to construct the shed in October of this year, and the plot plan was done by EKA Associates of Scotch Plains.

According to the plans, the shed will be constructed with a concrete pad and walkway and will be one story in height. It was reported to be 11 feet by 18 feet wide and 9.2 feet high.

The application stated that the business will continue to employ eight workers, which is equal to the number that has been working there.

In addition, the application stipulates that the hours of operation will remain the same — from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily.

The property had been the site of various restaurants in the past. However, Mr. Bencivenga was granted variance approval for his bakery/café back in November of 2016.

The Mountainside Planning Board will meet again in late January for its annual reorganizational meeting, in which the application will be memorialized.



IT’S QUIET DOWNTOWN...Last week’s snowstorm blanketed Westfield with approximately six inches, creating this picturesque scene downtown.

Photo courtesy of David Womelsdorf



SNOW DAY...Unami Park in Cranford fills with kids ready to take advantage of their snow day last Thursday.

Paul Lachenauer for The Westfield Leader

### PAGE INDEX

Regional .....	5, 10-11	Education .....	2-3, 11
Editorial .....	4-5	Sports .....	7-9
Police .....	6	Home Sales ...	3
Community ...	2-3	Classifieds .....	10
Obituary .....	2	A&E .....	12





Now More than Ever #LoveWhereYouLive

**THE ISOLDI COLLECTION**

Facebook **/theisoldicollection**  
Twitter **@HomesWestfield**  
Instagram **@frankdisoldi**

Cell **908.787.5990**  
Office **908.233.5555**  
Web **theisoldicollection.com**



© 2020 Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. All Rights Reserved. Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage fully supports the principles of the Fair Housing Act and the Equal Opportunity Act. Operated by a subsidiary of NRT LLC. Coldwell Banker® and the Coldwell Banker logo are registered service marks owned by







**SANTA VISITS WESTFIELD...**Santa and his faithful horse, Daphne, welcomed everyone as they drove by the south-side train station in Westfield. Pictured, left to right, are: Councilwoman Dawn Mackey, Santa, Daphne, Mayor Shelley Brindle and Bob Zuckerman, executive director of the DWC. The event streamed live on social media.

## Ventilation

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

coming queen. Coach Kevin Ewing praised the team for players' dedication, maturity and sacrifices that helped them play and excel this year.

After a delayed start, the New Jersey School Interscholastic Athletic Association will allow indoor winter sports to begin practicing in the new year. Board Vice President Evan Murray reported that basketball and bowling teams can begin practices on Monday, January 11. Track and swimming can begin in February. Wrestling, girls' volleyball and gymnastics will begin in March. Outdoor ice hockey was allowed to begin on December 14 with indoor practices and games beginning in January. Dr. Mast said that the administration is reviewing the guidelines and that when students are in school,

the district "can move forward with our athletic program."

The board accepted an additional \$42,814 from the Union County CARES grant for coronavirus-related expenses. Mr. Murray reported that the funds need to be appropriated by the end of the year.

The board approved an increase of approximately \$87,000 for 350 Apple MacBook Airs. A different model was originally approved for \$384,650 in October; however, it has since been discontinued. The new models have more storage and cost \$120 more per computer.

The next meeting of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood BOE will be on Thursday, January 7, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be virtual.



**SNOW DAY...**Unami Park in Cranford fills with kids ready to take advantage of their snow day on Thursday.

Since 1922

**College Men's Club**  
WESTFIELD

The College Men's Club of Westfield would like to congratulate our scholarship winners on another semester well done in these very challenging times:

WHS Class of 2017  
Michael Rodrigues – George Washington University  
John Sanders – Rutgers University  
Douglas Smith – New York University

WHS Class of 2018  
Maximillion Martin – Bucknell University  
Jacob Dayon – University of Oklahoma (ROTC)  
Shea Elliott – University of Chicago

WHS Class of 2019  
Jack Gerris – Michigan State University  
Emmett Smith – Auburn University  
Daniel Han – Rutgers University

WHS Class of 2020  
Colm Slevin – University of Pittsburgh  
Andrew Principato – Indiana University  
Zach Fischer – University of Michigan

The College Men's Club of Westfield would like to thank all our Trustees and donors, both past and present, for making these scholarships possible for these deserving students. Due to COVID-19, charitable organizations need your help more than ever. If you would like to donate LOCALLY to help our Westfield families and their children achieve the dream of attending college, please visit:

<https://www.cmcwestfield.org/donate/>

Westfield High School Seniors:  
We will be accepting applications for 2021 scholarships here:  
<https://www.cmcwestfield.org/apply/>

The Trustees of the College Men's Club of Westfield

## POLICE BLOTTER

Your business can sponsor the Police Blotter  
Call 908-232-4407 or email [sales@goleader.com](mailto:sales@goleader.com)

**WESTFIELD**

Sunday, December 13, a resident of the 100 block of Oxford Terrace reported that their motor vehicle was stolen while parked in their driveway. The vehicle was left unlocked with the vehicle keys inside at the time of the theft. The vehicle is described as a 2019 Mercedes-Benz SUV and its approximate value is \$84,000. There were no suspects at the time of the report.

Tuesday, December 15, Jennifer Gentile, 37, of Hillsborough was arrested on the strength of a no-bail warrant out of Hillsborough, pursuant to a motor vehicle stop at Central Avenue and Clifton Street. Gentile was processed and turned over to the Hillsborough Police Department.

Wednesday, December 16, a resident of the 300 block of Central Avenue reported being the victim of identity theft. The victim reported that one or more unknown suspects obtained their information and submitted a claim to the New Jersey Department of Labor in an attempt to obtain money in the victim's name.

**SCOTCH PLAINS**

Monday, December 14, a resident of Manitou Way reported being a victim of fraud. Someone used the victim's identity to open a cell phone account and credit cards. The matter is under investigation.

Tuesday, December 15, Nick Soria, 19, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana during a motor vehicle stop. Soria was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Friday, December 18, a resident of Jerusalem Road reported that their motor vehicle was entered sometime between December 17 and December 18. Nothing was reported to be missing at the time of the report. The incident is under investigation.

**FANWOOD**

Tuesday, November 3, a resident of Farley Avenue alleged that her personal information was used to file an unemployment benefits claim in her name through her employer. The incident was referred to the United States Secret Service, which leads investigations into fraudulent unemployment claims.

Friday, November 6, a resident of King Street alleged that his personal information was used to file an unemployment benefits claim in his name through his employer. The incident was referred to the United States Se-

cret Service, which leads investigations into fraudulent unemployment claims.

Saturday, November 14, a resident of Shady Lane reported that a male rang her doorbell and stated that he had been sent by "Union County" to perform a Covid-19 test on her. The caller had not ordered a test and promptly called police. The man then left the scene.

Sunday, November 15, a resident of Watson Road reported that an unknown person had accumulated approximately \$700 in toll charges on his EZPass account using an unknown transponder throughout New Jersey and New York.

Friday, November 20, a resident of Estelle Lane stated that an unknown person tried to open a bank account in his name. He was able to close the account.

Friday, November 20, officers arrested Ryan Weber, 24, of Westfield on charges of possession of marijuana under 50 grams, as well as multiple prescription pills not prescribed to him, pursuant to a motor vehicle stop. Weber was processed and released on a summons.

Wednesday, November 25, officers took a report of vandalism at the Forest Road Park skate park in which profanity was sprayed onto the skate ramp.

\*\*\*

*Charges are merely an accusation and defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.*

**CLUBS COLLABORATE...**Volunteers from the Optimist Club of Westfield and the Rotary Club of Westfield joined together again this year to provide holiday food to families in need and to help stock local food pantries. Because of Covid concerns and restrictions, the clubs presented recipients with gift cards rather than traditional food baskets this year. The annual project reflects both organizations' year-round commitment to community service.

## Optimists, Rotarians Team For Holiday Food Project

**WESTFIELD** — Members of the Optimist Club of Westfield and the Rotary Club of Westfield again demonstrated their commitment to community service December 19 by providing holiday food to Westfield area families in need and several local food pantries. Due to current health and safety concerns and restrictions, food gift cards were distributed to families instead of food baskets.

The holiday food delivery has been an annual community service project for the Optimist Club of Westfield for the past 30 years. This project is made possible through the generosity and funding from the Optimist Club and the Rotary Club of Westfield and contributions from members and friends.

The involvement of volunteers from both the Optimist and Rotary organizations contributes to the success of the annual project, which reflects the goals of both organizations in helping those in need and assisting members of the local community. This annual project is an illustration of what Optimists and Rotarians do to help the community.

For information about the Optimist Club of Westfield, go to [westfieldnj.com/optimist](http://westfieldnj.com/optimist). For information about the Rotary Club of Westfield, visit [westfieldrotary.com](http://westfieldrotary.com).

## Developments

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

business district — are still being formulated although the process should get underway next year as plans for the downtown are finalized, unveiled and eventually approved.

The other large property slated for redevelopment, the Snuffy's/Pantagis site, remains in flux. The long-standing facility closed its doors earlier in the fall, but it is unclear what the property's owners are planning to do. Initial plans called for a Lidl supermarket, a 51-space, park-and-ride commuter lot and a small retail building to be built on the 5.5-acre site. Whether those plans are ultimately fulfilled is unclear, but Mr. Strowe told *The Leader* the township will work with the property owners on a suitable site

## Legislation

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

possession and distribution of small amounts of marijuana. Decriminalizing marijuana would affect those caught with marijuana who are under age 21 as well as those found with marijuana before the full legalization and regulation of the drug is completed.

Bill No. A21 also passed both houses and was sent to the governor. The bill establishes the licensing and criminal justice reform related to legalizing recreational marijuana for adults. According to the bill's statement, the reform will "free up precious resources to allow our criminal justice system to focus on serious" crime. Both bills now go to Governor Murphy, who has been outspoken regarding his desire to pass marijuana reform in recent months.

Also passing both houses was S3256, a bill to reclassify possession of one ounce of psilocybin as a disorderly persons offense. Psilocybin, also known as shrooms or magical mushrooms, currently is a Schedule I-controlled substance. Possession of a Schedule I substance is a third-degree crime and punishable by three to five years of prison. Possession of mushrooms currently has an enhanced fine of up to \$35,000. If signed into law, this bill would drop punishment to a six-month maximum imprisonment and/or a \$1,000 fine.

The Assembly will meet next on Monday, January 11, and the Senate will meet on Thursday, January 28.

## Got news?

Let us hear it!

[goleader.com/contact-us](http://goleader.com/contact-us)

Photo courtesy of Monika Shvetz

**VIRTUAL MENORAH LIGHTING...**Garwood's virtual menorah lighting included a story and a make-your-own-menorah kit, which was delivered to the homes of those who requested one through the Garwood Celebrations e-mailbox on December 12.

## Committed to You ... and Your Goals!

**Betty Lynch, ABR, SRES**

**Broker / Sales Associate**

**Immediate Reply Cell: 908-419-5141**

**Email: [Bettylynch1935@gmail.com](mailto:Bettylynch1935@gmail.com)**

**[www.BettyLynchRealtor.com](http://www.BettyLynchRealtor.com)**

**Stay Safe. Be Strong.**

Westfield East Office • 209 Central Avenue • (908) 233-5555

Real estate agents affiliated with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage are independent contractor agents and are not employees of the Company. ©2020 Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. All Rights Reserved. Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage fully supports the principles of the Fair Housing Act and the Equal Opportunity Act. Operated by a subsidiary of NRT LLC. Coldwell Banker and the Coldwell Banker Logo are registered service marks owned by Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC.



## Frederick T. Gould, Jr., 84, Enjoyed Family, Friends, Travel, Gardening

Frederick T. Gould, Jr., 84, of Mountainside, N.J., passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 9. Known fondly to most as Duke, he was born in Detroit, Mich., to parents Frederick and Selma Gould. He grew up in Chevy Chase, Md., and Westfield, N.J., where he met the love of his life, Elaine Monti, and raised his family. He moved to Roselle Park in 1998 and then to Mountainside in 2018.



Frederick T. Gould, Jr.

Duke joined the Air Force after graduating from Westfield High School in 1954. After a brief career as a stockbroker, he managed Westfield Wines and Liquors and then joined Kings Supermarkets, where he worked for over 30 years.

Duke is survived by his daughter, Karen Bachert, and her husband, Don; his son, Christopher Gould, and his wife, Jackie; his grandchildren, Brandon Gould and fiancée, Hilarey Wojtowicz, Morgan Gould and fiancé, Danny Walsh, and Trevor and Sarah Bachert, and his great-grandsons, Daniel and Benjamin Walsh. He was predeceased by his wife, Elaine; his son, Jeffrey, and his sister, Jane McEntee. He also leaves

behind his beloved Opie, a Dachs-hund mix, his constant companion for the past six years.

In 1960, he married Elaine (née Monti) and they built a wonderful life together. The highlight of each year was the family vacation in Stone Harbor, N.J., where Duke enjoyed extended family gatherings, body surfing in the ocean, reading, dinners out and playing “shells.” He and Elaine loved travel, gardening and spending time with lifelong friends and making fun memories with their family. Duke also enjoyed going into New York City, seeing Broadway shows and dining out. Two of his greatest dining pleasures were oysters on the half shell and a correctly made dry Rob Roy (“no sweet vermouth!”). He was known by so many for his clever sense of humor, his strength and his gentleness.

A memorial will be held in celebration of Duke’s life at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in his memory to No Kid Hungry, [www.nokidhungry.org](http://www.nokidhungry.org), or the children’s charity of your choice.

December 24, 2020

## Shopping Local Is Win-Win For Teachers and Businesses

WESTFIELD – The Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC) is teaming up with the Westfield Parent Teacher Council (PTC) to encourage parents who wish to purchase teacher holiday gifts to do so by supporting independent Westfield businesses — through a new online gift card program offered by Beyond Main Downtown Westfield.

The Beyond Main Downtown Westfield Gift Card can be used among a variety of Westfield merchants and restaurants on the site — with more joining every day — and delivered to the recipient immediately via email. The gift card can be accessed at [beyondmain.com/gift-cards/](http://beyondmain.com/gift-cards/).

Merchants on Beyond Main Downtown Westfield also have a curated list of gifts that can be delivered locally for free through Christmas Eve.

The Beyond Main Downtown Westfield site can be accessed at [beyondmain.com/g/downtown-westfield/](http://beyondmain.com/g/downtown-westfield/).

“The PTC would like to encourage class parents to explore gift options

### Historical Soc. Posts Raffle Winners

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Historical Society has announced the winners of its “Ring in the New Year” raffle.

The first-prize winner, who will ring in the new year on the Town Bell on Thursday, December 31, is Nicole Bresnahan. Ms. Bresnahan also wins a \$100 gift certificate to Chez Catherine and a bottle of Champagne Montaudon.

Second prize goes to Tom Lezynski, who wins a \$100 food certificate for Echo Lake Country Club, and third prize of a \$50 gift certificate to Limani restaurant goes to Gail Stock.

The Historical Society thanks all who supported the organization by participating in this fund-raising raffle. The community is invited to tune in to the organization’s Facebook page — Westfield Historical Society — at midnight on December 31, to watch the livestream of the ringing of the Westfield Town Bell 21 times to usher in 2021 and usher out 2020.



have the perfect wedding at

**THE JAMES WARD MANSION**

*Make Our Mansion Your Mansion*

“THE BEST KEPT SECRET” IN NEW JERSEY

Specializing in weddings, birthday parties, anniversaries, holiday parties and fundraisers.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY!

169 East Broad Street • Westfield, NJ 07090 • 908.389.0014 • 908.425.6947

[www.JamesWardMansion.com](http://www.JamesWardMansion.com)

## — Obituaries —

### Geraldine B. Linenberg, Dietician, Homemaker, Longtime Westfield Resident

Geraldine Bernadette “Gerry” Linenberg passed peacefully in her sleep on the morning of Saturday, December 19, at the home of her daughter in Haddonfield, N.J., after having fought a long and courageous battle against Parkinson’s disease. Known affectionately as “Nana” to her 14 grandchildren, she embraced life no matter how challenging the circumstances, and was an inspiration to those who had the privilege of spending time with her. Gerry’s will to live was driven by her love for her family, who, in return, will be forever grateful and honored for having loved a wife, mother, sister, aunt, godmother and niece who was the epitome of selflessness.



Geraldine B. Linenberg

Born in Elizabeth, N.J., and raised in Roselle, N.J., by Bernice and Peter Redzinak with her sister, Rosemarie, during the depths of the Great Depression, Gerry’s childhood was a modest one which provided the catalyst for her desire to succeed. Gerry was an outstanding student and athlete at Abraham Clark High School, which culminated with a scholarship to attend Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio, in 1952. At Baldwin-Wallace, she excelled in academics and sports as well as being recognized for her beauty when she was elected “Grindstone” queen for the annual yearbook during her junior year. She was also a member of the Phi Mu sorority. Gerry graduated cum laude from Baldwin-Wallace in 1956 with a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics and was elected to “Who’s Who in American Colleges and Universities.” Shortly thereafter, she enlisted in the U.S. Army as Second Lieutenant and put her skills and knowledge to use as a dietician based at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Washington, D.C. It was there that she met the love of her life, Bill, an oral surgeon, and within a year they were married, on December 28, 1957, at St. Joseph’s Roman Catholic Church in Roselle, N.J. Over the next several years Gerry and Bill remained in the Army, where she was promoted to First Lieutenant while spending time in Atlanta and at Fort Gordon in Augusta, Ga. When Bill’s tour of duty in the U.S. Army Dental Corps concluded in early 1963, they decided to make Westfield their home.

Gerry was a lifelong athlete, en-

couraging many friends to live an active and healthy lifestyle. She took up triathlons when she was 50 years old, and participated in numerous triathlons, running, and in-line skate races over a 30-plus year period. More often than not, she placed first in her athletic age-group category. She participated annually in the Westfield, N.J. Thanksgiving Turkey Trot into

her early 80s, and her husband and family joined her on many occasions. Gerry’s active lifestyle was instilled upon her five children, who grew up playing multiple sports, and she tirelessly supported and coordinated all of their activities. Her five children are now lifelong athletes and they feel indebted to her for being a tremendous role model. Her competitive spirit extended to the indoors as well, where she was the reigning family champion in checkers and Scrabble. However, where Gerry was truly the master of her domain was in the kitchen. She had a great fondness for cooking and would regularly prepare the family meals from scratch complemented by her passion for preparing baked desserts. We will dearly miss her Thanksgiving specialties — apple and pumpkin pies — as well as her unforgettable Christmas treats, gingerbread and butter cookies.

Geraldine is survived by her husband of 63 years, Dr. William B. Linenberg, Haddonfield, N.J., formerly of Westfield, N.J.; an aunt, Mrs. Eleanore Smigelsky, of Clinton, N.J.; her sister, Rosemarie Win (and her husband, Maung Hia) of Neenah, Wis.; her nieces, Donna Spencer (and her husband, Steve) of St. Simons Island, Ga. and Mary Copeland (and her husband, Ron) of Shorewood, Minn.; her nephew, Peter Davidson (and his wife, Anne Davidson) of Mountainside, N.J.; her five children, Mr. David Linenberg of Westfield, N.J., Mrs. Karen Kurtz (and her husband, Steven) of Haddonfield, N.J., Mr. Michael Linenberg of Westfield, N.J., Mr. Mark Linenberg (and his wife, Konnie) of Atlanta, Ga., and Mr. Eric Linenberg (and his wife, Courtney) of New York, N.Y., and her 14 grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Gerry’s name to The Davis Phinney Foundation for Parkinson’s ([www.davisphinneyfoundation.org](http://www.davisphinneyfoundation.org)).

December 24, 2020

## F-SP Service League Shop To Reopen on January 5

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League Thrift Shop will reopen on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at 10 a.m. Its volunteer staff thanks customers and donors for helping the shop to remain open during recent difficult times. The shop is located at 1741 East 2nd Street, Scotch Plains.

With people confined to their homes more than usual, the thrift shop’s reopening theme is “Renew and Refresh.” Household goods may be showing wear and tear. In its Bric-A-Brac section, the shop will feature kitchen items such as cooking and baking dishes, small appliances, utensils and casual dishware, and for the return of home entertaining, fine china and glassware. Home décor, including linens and blankets, plus artwork to brighten up the home, will be available as well. Items are gently-used and new.

Clothing sections are well stocked to give a lift to sweatshirt and sweatpants wardrobes. Boots, coats, scarves, hats and gloves also will be among the featured merchandise.

Shop hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Covid-19 protocols remain in effect and are posted at the entrance. No exceptions will be made.

Donations are accepted only dur-

ing business hours. Items should be gently-used or new. All donations should be brought to the parking lot on Willow Avenue. Donations should not be left at the door. Because of Covid protocols, items left at the door will be disposed of, which places extra duties on the limited staff.

To learn more about the League or membership, call (908) 322-5420, visit the League’s website at [scotchplainslthriftshop.weebly.com](http://scotchplainslthriftshop.weebly.com), or speak to any of the volunteers at the thrift shop. Interested persons also may check out the organization’s Facebook page, “Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League,” and give the League a “Like.”

### Mobile Meals Seeks Volunteer Drivers

CRANFORD — Mobile Meals of Westfield needs volunteer drivers to deliver prepared meals to its clients in Cranford. The non-profit organization provides meals to people who are unable to provide meals for themselves in Clark, Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Westfield.

Requirements for volunteer drivers are:

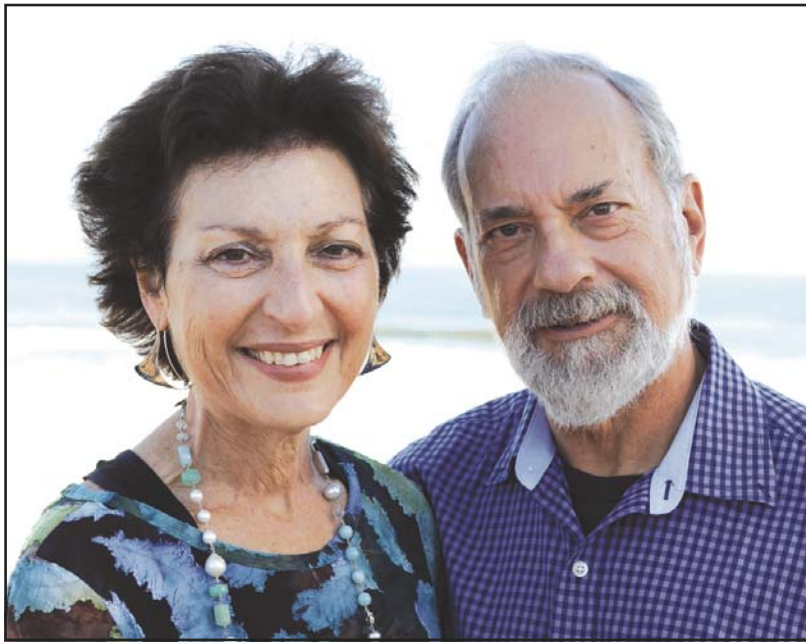
Licensed driver over the age of 18.

Insured vehicle

Commitment of one to two hours per delivery day.

Minimum commitment of one time per month.

To apply for a volunteer driver position for the Cranford openings, go to the Mobile Meals’ website at [mobilemealsofwestfield.org](http://mobilemealsofwestfield.org), click on Volunteer in the upper right-hand corner of the home page, click Print Volunteer Application at the bottom of that page, print completed application and submit to: Mobile Meals of Westfield, 170 Elm Street, Westfield, N.J. 07090. For more information, call (908) 233-6146.



Nancy Lubarsky and Donald Shapiro



Murray Brenman



Mark Hauptman

## JFSCNJ Virtual Dinner To Include Four Honorees

AREA — The Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey (JFSCNJ) Virtual Gala Dinner will take place on Tuesday, December 29, at 8 p.m. The virtual event is the main fundraiser that supports Mental Health, Homecare, Keeping Older Adults Safe and Food Insecurity programs serving the Union County community during Covid-19, and will feature the agency’s community partners. To register to view the event, access [jfscentralnj.org/dinner](http://jfscentralnj.org/dinner).

Murray Brenman, Nancy Lubarsky, Donald Shapiro and Mark Hauptman will be honored for their contributions to the agency. Cantor Matt Axelrod, Congregation Beth Israel, Scotch Plains; Dov Ben-Shimon, Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ executive vice-president/CEO; United States Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ); William V. Engel, president of the Hyde & Watson Foundation; Fred Kessler, JFSCNJ president; Rabbi Chaim Marcus, Congregation Israel, Springfield; Tammy Snyder Murphy, New Jersey’s First Lady; Steve Karp, executive vice-president of the Jewish Educational Center, Elizabeth; Rabbi Ethan Prosnit, Temple Emanu-El, Westfield, and Mark Wilf, Jewish Federations of North America chair, Garden Homes principal and owner/president of the Minnesota Vikings, will make guest appearances at the event. A cooking demonstration by chef Paul Fonte of The Crystal Plaza also will be part of the program.

Murray Brenman, of East Windsor, will receive the Lilly K. Gottlieb Award. An award-winning graphic designer, Mr. Brenman has aided JFS in its mission of serving the community for the last 20 years through projects ranging from fund-raising concert posters, Older Adult Services, Healthcare and Holocaust Program and Volunteer brochures, to Building Campaign literature, gala invitations, plus the new Jewish Family Service logo and stationery. He and his wife, Beth Ando-Brenman, a health educator at CentraState Hospital in Freehold, are active members of Beth El Synagogue of East Windsor.

Nancy Lubarsky and Donald Shapiro will be honored with the Miriam S. Karch Award. Mr.

Shapiro has been on the JFSCNJ board for more than 10 years and for most of that time has served as board secretary. He retired from the New Jersey Courts as a Family Court mediator and domestic hearing officer, and Ms. Lubarsky retired from the Mountainside school district as the superintendent of schools. Since their retirement, the couple — married 35 years — has become active RSVP (JFS Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) volunteers. Mr. Shapiro volunteers for the Ross Family Virtual Senior Program, and together they deliver food for homebound elderly and Holocaust survivors for the Café Europa Program and the Food Pantry. They are active members of Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim in Cranford and have served on various committees and projects.

Mark Hauptman is the recipient of the Ruth Bilenker Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service. Mr. Hauptman has served on the board of directors of JFSCNJ for over a dozen years and as treasurer for the past six years. He and his wife, Gillian, live in Fanwood and have been members of Congregation Beth Israel for over 30 years. Mr. Hauptman has worked at BlackBerry Cylance for the past six years, where he helps corporate clients enhance their information security posture and secure their systems.

All of those who register and attend the dinner have a chance to win one of these prizes: A 40-inch television (donated by Nancy Lubarsky and Donald Shapiro); a \$250 Amazon gift card (donated by the Soffield Family); a \$250 certificate for Anderson Windows (donated by Larry Landes and David Moor); Apple AirPods (donated by the Pekarsky Family) and Vikings signed memorabilia (donated by the Wilf Family). Winners will be notified and announced on JFS social media. There will be no cash substitutes for prizes.

To donate and register online, visit [JFSCentralNJ.org/dinner](http://JFSCentralNJ.org/dinner), contact [info@jfscentralnj.org](mailto:info@jfscentralnj.org) or call the JFS office at (908) 352-8375. Sponsors will be listed on a Scroll of Honor and in all publicity. An event program and link to the virtual dinner will be sent to participants closer to the date of the event.

## WHS Music Announces Christmas Tree Pickup

WESTFIELD — The Annual Westfield High School (WHS) Music Christmas Tree Pickup is happening again this season to support the WHS Choral and Band Departments. Residents are invited to sign up to have their Christmas tree collected from their property on Monday, January 4, 2021. All trees are taken to the Westfield Conservation Area for recycling.

Due to Covid-19, trees will be picked up courtesy of Precision Tree Care located in Westfield. WHS Music is grateful for the generosity of Mark Garretson of Precision Tree Care, a WHS Choir member parent,

for offering his services to ensure the continued success of this annual fundraiser.

Interested persons are encouraged to register early; there is a limit of 400 customers for pickup this year. To sign up for this \$20 service, visit [westfieldxmastree.com](http://westfieldxmastree.com) and complete the form.

Participants are asked to send cash or a check payable to WHS Music to: Westfield BPA, P.O. Box 522, Westfield, N.J. 07090. They will receive a confirmation email once their payment has been received. Reservations will close on Monday, December 28.

Support of this WHS Music fundraiser helps provide resources to all of the performing ensembles, including equipment, clinicians and music. To learn more about the WHS Music programs, visit [westfieldhsbands.org](http://westfieldhsbands.org) and [westfieldchoir.org](http://westfieldchoir.org).

**Thank You for Your Continued Support of Local Journalism**  
[goleader.com/subscriber](http://goleader.com/subscriber)

The Law Offices Of  
**Lisa M. Black, LLC**  
53 Cardinal Drive, 3rd Floor, Westfield, NJ 07090  
**908-233-1803**  
[lmb.blacklaw@gmail.com](mailto:lmb.blacklaw@gmail.com)  
[www.lblacklaw.com](http://www.lblacklaw.com)  
Specializing in all aspects of Family Law, Adoptions, Wills, Real Estate Sales and Purchases  
Call for a free consultation



### Welcome to Our Neighborhood

Brought to you by

**Susan Massa CRS**  
**908-400-0778**

Susan@susanmassa.com  
www.NJhomeshowcase.com

188 Elm Street, Westfield NJ 07090  
908-233-8502 x455



39 Homes Sold Dec 13 – Dec 20, 2020 in Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Westfield									
TOWN	ADDRESS	STYLE	RMS	BRS	BTH	GAR	SALE PRICE		
Cranford	81 CENTENNIAL AVE	MultiFlr	5	2	1.0	0	\$270,000		
Cranford	30 IROQUOIS RD	CapeCod	6	3	1.1	1	\$399,999		
Cranford	11 OMAHA DR	Custom	11	5	2.0	0	\$517,000		
Cranford	106 E LINCOLN AVE	Colonial	7	3	2.1	0	\$555,000		
Cranford	80 OSBORNE PLACE	Colonial	10	4	2.1	1	\$515,000		
Fanwood	18 LA GRANDE AVE	CapeCod	6	3	2.0	0	\$360,000		
Fanwood	426 LA GRANDE AVE	Colonial	9	4	2.0	2	\$480,000		
Fanwood	33 WATSON RD	Colonial	9	3	1.1	1	\$545,000		
Fanwood	15 GLENWOOD RD	Splitlev	6	3	1.1	1	\$540,000		
Garwood	401 PINE AVE	Colonial	7	2	1.1	1	\$390,000		
Garwood	327 HICKORY AVE	Colonial	7	3	2.0	1	\$380,000		
Mountainside	204 ROBIN HOOD RD	RanchRas	8	3	1.1	2	\$490,000		
Mountainside	1399 BIRCH HILL RD	Custom	11	3	2.0	1	\$575,000		
Mountainside	1009 CHARLES ST	Splitlev	10	4	3.0	2	\$756,000		
Mountainside	148 GREENWOOD RD	Colonial	8	3	2.2	2	\$860,000		
Mountainside	10 TANGLEWOOD LN	Colonial	8	5	4.1	2	\$1,150,000		
Scotch Plains	1760 FRONT ST	Colonial	7	3	2.0	2	\$300,000		
Scotch Plains	1724 FRONT ST	Bi-Level	8	3	1.1	2	\$435,000		
Scotch Plains	2153 GALLEGER AVE	Bi-Level	9	4	2.1	2	\$515,000		
Scotch Plains	1161 COOPER RD	Splitlev	9	4	3.0	2	\$501,000		
Scotch Plains	12 HOMESTEAD TER	Colonial	7	3	1.1	1	\$530,000		
Scotch Plains	1400 LAMBERTS MILL RD	Splitlev	9	4	2.1	1	\$555,000		
Scotch Plains	2294 MARLBORO RD	Colonial	10	4	2.1	2	\$815,000		
Scotch Plains	4 KEVIN RD	RanchExp	10	4	4.1	2	\$858,500		
Scotch Plains	1055 LENAPE WAY	Custom	13	6	5.2	2	\$1,265,000		
Scotch Plains	404 TILLINGHAST TURN	MultiFlr	9	3	3.1	2	\$1,317,500		
Westfield	913 SOUTH AVENUE W	Colonial	6	2	1.1	0	\$410,000		
Westfield	923 BOWTOWN AVE	Colonial	8	3	2.1	0	\$615,000		
Westfield	411 EVERSON PL	Colonial	8	3	1.1	0	\$650,000		
Westfield	702 SHADOWLAWN DR	Tudor	10	4	3.1	2	\$780,000		
Westfield	111 KYLIFFE AVE	Colonial	9	5	3.1	2	\$999,900		
Westfield	644 BOULEVARD	Colonial	11	5	2.2	1	\$1,070,000		
Westfield	157 BRIGHTWOOD AVE	Colonial	9	4	2.1	2	\$1,020,000		

\*Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Westfield, NJ data according to the Garden State MLS, as of 12/13/20 – 12/20/20 Featured properties may not have been listed or sold by the office/agent presenting this data for more information on these or other real estate matters, contact Susan Massa at 908-400-0778. Information deemed RELIABLE. **Home is one of the most important and significant purchases and sales you will make in your lifetime. It's important to stay informed.** If you are thinking about a MOVE now is the time to prepare. CALL me, the time is now susan@susanmassa.com or susanmassa2@gmail.com [www.NJHomeShowcase.com](http://www.NJHomeShowcase.com) [www.Summitwestfieldhomes.com](http://www.Summitwestfieldhomes.com)

## WHS Students Take Virtual Trip to Sea Turtle Hospital

WESTFIELD — Westfield High School 11th and 12th graders in Jennifer Sirmans' environmental science class made a virtual field trip November 24 to a sea turtle hospital in Florida as part of a classroom ecology unit. Students were given a virtual tour, meeting "Galapagos," "Justice Ginsburg" and other rehabilitating sea turtles named, by hospital staff, after places and people in history.

"The average lifespan of a sea turtle is 80 to 100 years old," said Lindsay French, STEM Education coordinator at the Loggerhead Marinelife Center in Juno Beach. "We have 100 sea turtles on average here each year."

Ms. French said hospital staff treat loggerhead, green and leatherback sea turtles for a variety of injuries caused by shark bites, fishing lines, boat propellers and other hazards. The center also rescues and releases into the ocean sea turtle hatchlings who may have become disoriented by nearby lighting, heading toward the lights rather than the sea.

"In our ecology unit, we discussed

ecosystems and food chains/webs," said Ms. Sirmans. "During our introduction to environmental science, we also touched on broad topics, including biodegradability and pollution, and, as we continue through the year, we will focus more on these topics, specifically plastics, during a unit on waste."

Ms. Sirmans said her students greatly enjoyed the virtual field trip and, as a class, "adopted" a male loggerhead sea turtle named "Brody" who is being treated for wounds and internal injuries he suffered after becoming entangled in a fishing line.

"I hope my students make the connection of how damaging little things we do every day – like using and throwing away plastic water bottles, plastic bags, plastic utensils and straws – can be to sea turtles and other living organisms," said Ms. Sirmans when asked what she hopes her students take away from this experience. "This could spark a change and make them more conscious of their decisions to use certain products over others."

## Olivia Quiroga Is Semifinalist For Coca-Cola Scholarship

WATCHUNG – Mount Saint Mary Academy senior and Berkeley Heights resident Olivia Quiroga recently learned that she has been recognized as a Coca-Cola Scholarship Semifinalist.

Olivia, who is one out of 1,609 students to have been selected from among more than 99,000 applicants, learned about the scholarship opportunity through a friend she made at the New Jersey Governor's School in the Sciences.

"The application process for the Coca-Cola Scholarship involves an extensive report of academic history, community service hours, awards received for academics and volunteer awards, and an amount of leadership positions held during high school," explained Olivia.

"The criteria for the scholarship includes over 600 hours of volunteer work, exceptional academic history, demonstrated leadership qualities and involvement in school activities, non-school activities and employment," she said.

At Mount Saint Mary Academy, Olivia serves as president of the Future Medical Leaders, captain of the Oncology Olympiad Team and president of the Spanish National Honor Society; researcher/writer in Qual-

ity of Life Innovations; researcher/presenter in Fed Challenge, and as a member of the Cum Laude Society, National Honor Society, National Math Honor Society, National English Honor Society and National Spanish Honor Society.

Outside of the Academy, Olivia is a cadet with a local EMS squad who personally received the Outstanding Dedication in the Township of Berkeley Heights Award. She serves as the facilities manager and lead pianist in the New Jersey Community Ensemble, which performs for senior citizens at local nursing homes and hospitals.

Olivia, who also is a National Hispanic Program winner, serves as executive social media director of DementiaAid, an international student-led nonprofit which aids seniors with neurological disorders. She is an AP Scholar with Distinction, as well as a National Merit Commended Scholar, a two-time recipient of the Bronze Medal in the National Spanish Exam, and a 2020 New Jersey Governor's School in the Sciences Scholar.

As a semifinalist in the Coca-Cola Scholarship program, Olivia will go on to compete for 250 spots as a regional finalist, next competing for 150 spots as a finalist (recipient of the scholarship). The scholarship amount is \$20,000 per finalist.

When asked about her future academic and career plans, Olivia said she would like to enter the medical field of surgery with a neuroscience major and psychology minor, if possible.

"I have been involved in medicine since sixth grade and I would love to be able to learn in college how to make the most out of a healthcare career, aiding people and doing so at as low of a cost to the patient as possible," she said.

Ashley Alexander, a school counselor at the Mount, said, "Olivia is hardworking, driven, kind and very much deserving of this recognition. She exemplifies the Mercy Core values and I know she will have great success in college and beyond!"



Olivia Quiroga

## Dr. Lipson to Speak About Postcards at Virtual Lunch

WESTFIELD — As part of the Westfield Historical Society's First Wednesday Luncheon series, Dr. Stanley H. Lipson, Ed.D., will discuss "Historical Gems Hidden Among Westfield's Postcards" on January 6, 2021, at noon. Dr. Lipson will share his extensive Westfield, N.J. postcard collection, giving his audience a glimpse of Westfield's past along with postcard lore.

This will be a live and interactive virtual event. Guests will enjoy their own lunch, in place, while watching the presentation. There will be a question-and-answer segment and opportunities to share with others. Instructions and the link to the event will be sent to all paid registered guests. For anyone who may not be familiar with Zoom meetings, the Historical Society offers a tutorial session on how to participate in a Zoom presentation with the Society. Those interested in the tutorial are invited to call or email the Society.

The beginnings of the "internet" can be traced back well over 100 years, when postcards served as "social media." In the era of three mail deliveries per day, it was possible for a postman to hand a resident a postcard, then pick up a reply from that person to be delivered later that afternoon.

This talk, illustrated with Westfield area postcards, will examine some of the history that can be discovered not only in the images but also in other facets of postcards.

Dr. Lipson holds master's degrees from Columbia University and Stevens Institute of Technology and his Doctoral degree from Columbia University. After teaching high school for three years, he joined the faculty at what is now Kean University, where he helped design the first computer science major in New Jersey. Among other things, he spent nine years as chair of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, served on the Faculty Senate, and co-chaired the Presidential

Task Force that planned and oversaw the college's transition to a university. At his retirement in 2015 he was named professor emeritus, recognizing his 50 years of contributions to Kean.

Dr. Lipson and his family moved to Westfield in 1969 and immediately became involved in community activities, among them the Westfield Jaycees and the Boy Scouts, in which he was an assistant cubmaster, assistant scoutmaster and scoutmaster. He was appointed by the school board as co-chair of the "Technology Committee" charged with recommending how the district should incorporate computers into both the administration and the curriculum. An avid genealogist, he was a charter member of the Genealogical Society of the West Fields.

Those wishing to join the virtual luncheon may make a reservation by email to westfieldhistoricalsociety@gmail.com, or calling (908) 654-1794, before Sunday, January 3. The presentation fee is \$10 for Westfield Historical Society members and \$15 for non-members. The fee should be paid in advance (check payable to Westfield Historical Society) by mailing it to: Westfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 613, Westfield, N.J. 07091; by Venmo to @Westfield-HistoricalSociety, or online at westfieldhistoricalsociety.org/registration. Payments should be received by January 3 to assure receipt of the emailed link to the event.

Since 1968, the 501(c)(3) non-profit Westfield Historical Society has worked to preserve, interpret and encourage interest in history, Westfield and its residents through educational efforts and community outreach programs.

For more information, visit westfieldhistoricalsociety.org, like the Historical Society on Facebook and follow the organization on Instagram.



Dr. Stanley Lipson

## Lewis and Zimmermann On Belmont Fall Dean's List

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Belmont University has announced that Rebecca Lewis of Fanwood and Allison Zimmermann of Mountainside qualified for the Fall 2020 Dean's List. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

Approximately 55 percent of Belmont's students this semester qualified for the Fall 2020 Dean's List.

"Achieving the recognition of Dean's List during the Fall 2020 semester is an extraordinary achievement," said Belmont Provost Dr. Thomas Burns. "While we are always impressed with students who are able to achieve this high level of recognition in their academic endeavors, those students that

reached this mark in Fall 2020 demonstrated incredible diligence and commitment to their academic work during very unusual and stressful circumstances.

"We are so pleased to be able to recognize their efforts and our hope is that these students will continue investing in their studies to equip them for a lifetime of learning and service," he added.

Belmont University — home of the October 22, 2020 Presidential Debate, the final in the election season — is made up of more than 8,200 students who come from every state and 28 countries. The university offers more than 100 areas of undergraduate study, 27 master's programs and five doctoral degrees. For more information, visit belmont.edu.



WARDLAW+HARTDRIDGE ANGELS...Middle School students at The Wardlaw+Hartridge School in Edison continued the tradition of selecting items from an Angel Tree that includes those on a wish list from autistic children at Crossroads School in Westfield. Kirstin Rogers, Middle School teacher and advisor of Student Government and Publications, led a team of students in organizing the gifts for pickup in time for the holidays. The W+H students hope to provide a brighter holiday season for these children by making their wishes come true. Pictured, Phoebe Kaplan of Scotch Plains selects a gift from the Angel Tree to purchase for an autistic child.

### This is your new home we are talking about





**Owen Brand**  
Mortgage Development Officer  
Phone - 908.789.2730  
Cell - 908.337.7282  
Email - owen.brand@santander.us  
NMLS # 222999

All loans subject to approval. Equal Housing Lender. Santander Bank, N.A. is a Member FDIC and a wholly owned subsidiary of Banco Santander, S.A. ©2017 Santander Bank, N.A. All rights reserved. Santander, Santander Bank and the Flame logo are trademarks of Banco Santander, S.A. or its subsidiaries in the United States or other countries. All other trademarks are the property of their respective owners. C0427\_12F 12/09/16



GESTURE OF GRATITUDE...Junior members of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield present grapevine wreaths they made to employees of the ShopRite store in Garwood in appreciation for the workers' efforts throughout the pandemic to ensure the community has had food and other essentials. The Juniors, pictured from left to right, are: Alissa Stumpf, Malissa Morabito, Arline Bound, Arabella Morabito and Lila Spadaro.

## Rake and Hoe Juniors Donate Wreaths to Frontline Workers

WESTFIELD — During September, the junior members of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield visited Westfield's Miller-Cory House Museum and learned how to make grapevine wreaths. The juniors then made their own wreaths and decorated them with dried and fresh plant material.

In late November, the Juniors visited the ShopRite in Garwood and presented the decorated grapevine wreaths to the employees there to thank them for working throughout the pandemic to keep them and their families fed.

The Juniors meet monthly after

school during the school year to work on projects focused on gardening, flower design and community service.

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club is affiliated with the Garden Club of New Jersey and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. The club meets on the second Wednesday of the month, at noon, at the Scotch Hills Country Club in Scotch Plains. Membership is open to residents of Westfield and surrounding towns. For more information, call Beth Siano at (908) 233-4150 or visit the club's website, rakeandhoe.org, or Facebook page.



CARING CONNECTION...Girl Scouts of Cranford Junior Troop 40194 collected 135 bags of food for local senior citizens leading up to the Thanksgiving holiday. In addition to providing meals for seniors, the project was designed to forge a stronger connection between the generations in the local community.

## Girl Scout Juniors Build Connection With Seniors

CRANFORD – Girl Scout Junior Troop 40194 recently undertook a project that provided a bright start to the holiday season for local senior citizens. It sprung from the troop's desire to build a greater connection with the Cranford senior population and grew into a successful collaboration that provided 135 "Thanksgiving to Go" bags, replete with food, supplies and handmade cards, for older adults in the community.

Troop 40194 began with a goal of creating 50 bags. Thanks to the support of other Cranford Girl Scout troops and the community at large, they far exceeded that target.

"Our girls wanted to bridge that gap that sometimes exists between generations and this was their idea to build connection with our senior community," explained Inga Reibarkh, one of the co-leaders of Troop 40194.

"This food drive allowed us to give thanks to our local senior citizens and let them know we are thinking about them, especially at these times when we are all spending so much time separated from friends and family, something that can be extra difficult during the holidays," she added.

Each donated bag contained foods appropriate for a Thanksgiving meal, such as stuffing, gravy, canned vegetables, baked goods, cornbread mix and more. In addition, there were small gifts and handmade cards.

Troop 40194 partnered with the

local non-profit Cranford Family Care to distribute the bags to local senior housing residents. The initiative is part of the troop's efforts to earn their Bronze Award, a Girl Scout distinction achieved through community service.

Ms. Reibarkh explained that the Girl Scout Juniors, who are all fifth graders, were overwhelmed with the support they received from other Cranford Girl Scout troops and members of the community who read about their collection on social media. The bags were dropped off on November 18 so seniors would have them for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Girl Scouts of Cranford comprises more than 1,139 Girl Scout members in 71 troops and Juliettes, making it one of the largest non-profit organizations in the township. The Cranford Service Unit is a part of the Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey Council, which is part of the Girl Scouts of the USA. To learn more about local Girl Scouts or for more information on the Girl Scouts of Cranford, visit cranfordgirlscouts.com.

### Got news?

### Let us hear it!

[goleader.com/contact-us](http://goleader.com/contact-us)

## LAW OFFICES OF ROBERT G. STAHL, LLC



MOTOR VEHICLE TICKETS • DWI • DRUGS IN CAR STATE AND MUNICIPAL CRIMINAL COURT MATTERS -

CALL US TO SPEAK WITH OUR TEAM OF FORMER PROSECUTORS WHO CAN HELP.

CERTIFIED CRIMINAL TRIAL ATTORNEYS

53 Cardinal Drive, 3rd Floor, Westfield, NJ  
908.301.9001 • [www.stahlesq.com](http://www.stahlesq.com)



The Westfield Leader

— Established 1890 —

Legal Newspaper for the County of Union, New Jersey  
and for Westfield, Mountainside, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Cranford and Garwood

Members of:  
New Jersey Press Association • National Newspaper Association • Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce  
Scotch Plains Business & Professional Association • Fanwood Business & Professional Association

Periodicals – Postage Paid at Rahway, New Jersey

P.O. Box 250 • 251 North Avenue, West  
Westfield, N.J. 07091

Tele: (908) 232-4407 • E-mail: editor@goleader.com • Web: www.goleader.com • Fax: (908) 232-0473

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to the offices of the newspapers at  
P. O. Box 250, Westfield, New Jersey 07091

Published every Thursday by Gale Force Media, L.L.C.

Suzette F. Stalker  
COMMUNITY EDITOR

Robert P. Connelly  
BUSINESS OPERATIONS MANAGER

The Scotch Plains – Fanwood  
TIMES

Since 1959

Lauren S. Barr  
PUBLISHER & EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

David B. Corbin  
MANAGING EDITOR & SPORTS EDITOR

Jeff Gruman  
SALES MANAGER

Kim Prata  
PRODUCTION ASSOCIATE

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE

One-year – \$40 • Two-year – \$75 • Three-year – \$110

www.goleader.com/subscribe

## Gratitude: Oh, To See Life Through Her Young Eyes

By PATRICIA STECKLER, Ph.D.  
*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times*

“Let’s go outside, Mimi, and water the plants,” exhorted Fiona during a summer visit from Maryland to my New Jersey home. Fiona, my exuberant four-year-old granddaughter, and I filled our watering cans; mine a battered, green plastic jug with a cracked spout, hers, brightly-colored, pint-sized with a cheerful daisy attached to its lip.

Out we went. I made a beeline for the newly planted begonias. “No, Mimi, What about the grass and that tree?” she insisted, pointing to the mottle-barked Sycamore tree that graces a patch of earth between the sidewalk and the street.

Through Fiona’s eyes, the begonias, the grass, and the tree were all equal in nature’s esteem, all worthy of attention and care. At first, I felt irked, not wanting to deny my ruby red begonias preferential treatment.

Even so, I pivoted and joined in Fiona’s universal watering party. Thanks to Fiona, I saw how the grass and the Sycamore could assume their rightful place, on a par with the begonias.

I wondered, do I genuinely embrace all of nature, all people, with an open mind and heart? That no-

tion—or conceit—is an abiding value for me. My time with Fiona prompted me to doubt myself if I couldn’t even apply my egalitarian beliefs to a tree, grass, and flowers.

I paused, donned my psychologist’s cap, and reflected on implicit bias, which Scientific American defines as “The tendency for stereotype-confirming thoughts to pass spontaneously through our minds. It sets people up to overgeneralize, to discriminate, even when they believe they are being fair.”

Studies on implicit bias show that sorting people, nature, and objects into categories is a natural phenomenon. However, too often, dehumanizing prejudices are swept along with biases embedded early in life. Rarely do we unpack and question these delimiting perceptions. Instead, we may assume, quite wrongly, that some people are less worthy, less valuable, or worse, are hateful and dangerous.

Another nature adventure with Fiona further challenged me. “Let’s collect stones,” she proposed. She pulled out a brown paper lunch bag from a kitchen drawer, instructing me to write our names in blue ink: “Mimi and

Fiona,” her name spelled with the final “a” capitalized.

We circled the block to pop multi-colored pebbles into our bag. Stopping by slabs of crumbling concrete, Fiona added broken bits to the bag. “No, Fiona,” I discouraged her, “Those are ratty, dirty pieces, not true rocks or stones. Let’s not put them in the bag.” “Why not,” she wondered, with her face scrunched up in puzzlement.

Why not, indeed? I looked down at Fiona’s wide questioning eyes and replied, “You’re right. All stones are precious. Let’s bring every one of them into the house.”

Fiona left me with the best gift imaginable: the whole world, wrapped in a newly found embrace that encompassed all colors, shapes, sizes, sounds, and touches. All of nature. Every human being. All equal. All precious.

Let this global embrace define our nation going forward. This is my most fervent wish.

Share your awakening experiences at *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times* by writing Gratitude in the subject line and emailing: [press@goleader.com](mailto:press@goleader.com) or [pattisteckler@gmail.com](mailto:pattisteckler@gmail.com)

GratefullyYours,  
Patti

## Educator’s Corner: Recipe for a Successful Break

By JENNIFER GLACKIN  
*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times*

Holidays and food: a love story for the ages! Schools have off during this upcoming week, so why not use the time to teach your kids through cooking and baking.

1. History and culture – Many holiday traditions are rooted in food. (Try telling someone their beloved family recipe is wrong, right?) It’s a great time to try and make food from other cultures. Even though we don’t celebrate Hanukkah, my husband (a high school social studies teacher) and I made latkes and used them to teach our little ones about the holiday. Food is a way that we connect. Think of the humble potato: It spans cultures from latkes to lefse to gnocchi to mash. Why not learn more about its history? You may be surprised by the potato’s journey to America.

2. Math – Math is in every part of cooking and baking. Both rice and chocolate ganache are made with a 2:1 ratio of liquids to solids. (Water or broth to rice and cream to chocolate). Double or triple a recipe and practice multiplication or halve a recipe and divide! Also,

most American recipes call for measurements in cups and teaspoons. This is a great opportunity to practice fraction equivalency. Be sneaky! Hide the 1C measuring cup. Have kids create the equivalent using the half, third or fourth cup. (For more finicky recipes, this won’t work, but many will yield the same result.) Want to sneak in more math? Have kids figure out the cost of each delicious meal. Use this knowledge to budget out a weekly shopping list or start a pretend restaurant.

3. Science – Experiment in the kitchen! Make a “tried and true” recipe for chocolate chip cookies. First, follow the recipe exactly. Then, change it up! If the recipe calls for softened butter, melt the butter for the next round. Try changing the chemical reactions! Use baking powder in place of baking soda (or vice versa). Compare the results! Just like any experiment – make predictions, change only one variable at a time, and record your results. Unlike most experiments, these are safe to taste! Don’t want to experiment with a beloved recipe? Watch how heavy cream turns into whipped

cream into butter!

4. Writing – A recipe is a great example of “How To” writing. It’s a step-by-step guide on making something. Many cookbooks also include family stories. Create your own recipes (perhaps from your experimenting) and write them down, accompanied by the stories of cooking together. Take pictures of what you made and make a family cookbook.

5. Personalize your own learning – Research organic farming or composting. Look into healthier eating to kickstart a resolution. Been wanting to try a particular recipe? Go for it!

The holidays often mean enhanced waistlines, and while it may seem like your stomach can’t handle any more food right now, cooking together over the holiday break is a great way to pass the time and make memories with the kids in your life.

### Letters to the Editor

The Deadline is Monday 9 AM for publication on the coming Thursday. The size limit is 200-500 words.



## Letters to the Editor

### Art Takes Flight in Westfield, And so Does Hope, Light and Love

As the Town Council liaison to the newly formed Westfield Public Arts Commission (PAC), I was thrilled to participate in the decision to commission 30 butterfly sculptures as our first public art exhibit, a decision made in advance of the global pandemic. It was serendipitous that we chose butterflies as our subject, not knowing that we would eventually all be cocooning.

Painted by local artists, each three-foot butterfly sculpture represented a decade of Westfield’s 300 years as a gift to the community on our 300th anniversary.

As the reality of the pandemic settled in, the PAC contemplated postponing the project until 2021 as many hurdles ensued, including supply disruptions and labor shortages.

But recognizing that the community could benefit from a safe, joyful, outdoor experience and that artists, in particular, were suffering hardship, we forged ahead. The collaboration among the PAC, artists and the town resulted in outstanding and unique works of art scattered throughout our downtown and Mindowaskin Park.

The exhibit enchanted residents, brought visitors from neighboring towns and sparked outreach by other municipalities that wished to replicate our success. But I’d like to share the experience of one particular resident, which best captures the spirit of the exhibit and this community.

Soon after the launch, I answered a call from an unknown number and a man’s voice introduced himself as Rob, a former resident now living in Scotch Plains. Fully expecting a constituent concern, I took out my pen prepared to help. But instead, Rob shared that he was the father of a non-verbal, special needs adult and that he wanted us to know she had responded wonderfully to the butterflies, which then became a frequent destination on their summer walks.

“Art is so important,” he said, “especially right now,” and then asked if they would be for sale, so I informed him of the impending auction. Rob kept in touch and shared photos of Caroline with her favorite butterfly, Flutter Vision, painted by 14-year-old Clara Owens. He gave me permission to share our conversation with the commission members so they could know how their work had deeply touched this family. There were other similar stories from residents, including one whose butterfly expressed the remembrance of a loved one and another woman who wanted a specific butterfly as a tribute to her sister for her

upcoming memorial.

With the auction approaching, my last call with Rob included his private admission that he was about to have “a very big surgery in January” and that he really wanted Caroline to have a butterfly she could touch and remember him by, “just in case.” For most of the week, there were only two bids, one of which was his. The night of the auction I was on a text chain with volunteers watching the bid activity spike on all 17 butterflies. It was very exciting to know that the sculptures were so valued and well-received and that we would be able to fund more public art projects as a result of the more than \$25,000 raised by the auction.

Unfortunately, Rob was quickly outbid on Caroline’s favorite butterfly, and I realized his monthslong wish was fading. Someone questioned another volunteer and said, “Did you bid on Flutter Vision? You’re the winner.” And she replied, “Yes, I’m going to give it to the dad with the special needs daughter.”

I was stunned into silence. I could not process this news quickly and then felt a warm joy spread throughout my body and tears sting my eyes. The group on the text reveled in the act.

“You’re an angel,” they said. “Queen,” said another. “You can tell him tomorrow,” the benefactor said, and added, “I want to remain anonymous.”

This year has been a rough one. Our community, along with the world, has suffered incredible loss. But, as this story reveals, the Christmas spirit is alive and well in Westfield.

With glee, I called Rob the next morning. He was speechless for a long time. “Is this real?” he asked. “Did someone who doesn’t even know us choose to show us love?” Indeed, they had.

He explained that he really wanted his daughter to have the butterfly but that as the cost crept up, he had to choose between that gift and the therapy she needed. “I knew I had to be responsible,” he said and paused again. “This has turned my whole year around.” Then he cried. And I cried. (And maybe now you are, too?)

Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah! Happy holidays! And especially, happy and healthy New Year. And may you continue to bring light and love to those around you.

Councilwoman Dawn Mackey  
Westfield

### Christmas is Alive and Well Outside WF Government

I am writing to the Westfield Town Council, and specifically, the Town’s Code Review and Town Property Committee, to reinforce the message that Christmas is alive and well throughout the neighborhoods of the town my family has loved for almost 30 years. As I drive around the beautiful neighborhoods that make our town special, Christmas trees are shining bright in windows, wreaths and garlands are hanging on doors and porches and bright white and colored lights are in full force outside to celebrate the “Season of Lights.” Christmas is indeed alive and well when the Westfield Area Y Men’s Club Christmas trees sell out in a few weeks (congrats!).

During every Christmas season, my family looks forward to opening the mail to receive Christmas cards from family and friends, near and far, who want to express joy and love to the many people in their lives. We also love listening to beautiful music about Christmas, whether in our home or in local stores. We were recently overwhelmed by a group of Christmas carolers from St. Helens church who sang beautiful Christmas songs with all donations pledged to help our country’s underfunded fight against cancer.

Christmas is a special time for so many in our town, as are other religious and cultural holidays like Hanukkah and Kwanzaa, especially for our children.

Christmas is alive and well in Westfield neighborhoods. But is it alive in our Town Hall and downtown when the word “Christmas” is intentionally replaced with “holiday” at every turn? I say no! I think there is plenty of opportunity to mention

all of the holidays without excluding or offending anybody.

I hope that Mayor Brindle will have the courage to engage the community in a conversation in January 2021 on how to properly observe Christmas next year and many years thereafter.

As my deceased parents always said, “Peace, love and understanding is not a seasonal event, it is 365 days a year!”

I wish everyone a Happy Hanukkah, a Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa and Happy New Year!

Peter Echausse  
Westfield

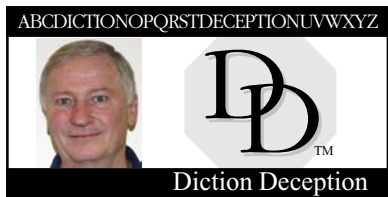
### Thanks to Residents for Coat Drive Donations

We would like to thank the local community for their generous support during our Jersey Cares Coat Drive. Over the past 24 years, Jersey Cares has collected, sorted and distributed more than 420,000 coats to New Jersey residents through the annual drive.

We were so impressed by the number of donated coats we received during this short coat drive. It was inspiring to see how the community stepped up to give to others, especially during these difficult times.

A special thank you to [www.Makethemagichappen16.com](http://www.Makethemagichappen16.com). Their wonderful organization donated over 100 coats to the coat drive.

Christine Cosenza  
and the Staff at State Farm  
Westfield



Below are four arcane words, each with four definitions – only one is correct. The others are made up. Are you sharp enough to discern this deception of diction?

If you can guess one correctly – good guess. If you get two – well-read individual. If you get three – word expert. If you get all four – You must have a lot of free time!

All words and correct definitions come from the board game Diction Deception.

Answers to last week’s arcane words.  
1. Roriferous – Producing dew  
2. Diabolist – A devil worshiper  
3. Maricious – Strong; racy  
4. Omadhaun – A fool or imbecile

#### KEDDAH

1. An elephant trap  
2. A light anchor used to warp a ship or free it when ashore  
3. The eleventh letter in the Hebrew alphabet  
4. Disgust; disapproval

#### MABBLE

1. To wrap  
2. To crumble; scatter  
3. To mumble inaudibly  
4. To chew loudly

#### HEURETIC

1. A branch of logic dealing with discovery or invention  
2. Solitary in behavior in a mystical manner  
3. A doctrine or set of opinions at variance with established doctrine  
4. Unstable; unbalanced mentally

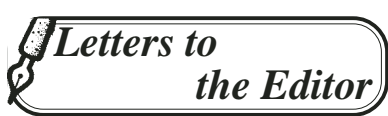
#### PERTUSSIS

1. Discharge of mucus from any bodily opening  
2. Given to impudent, saucy behavior or speech  
3. Whooping cough  
4. Characterized by being pierced with holes

## All The News



[www.goleader.com](http://www.goleader.com)



## Letters to the Editor

### Scotch Plains’ Covered Bridge Should Not Be Neglected

Yes, Scotch Plains does have the Tempe Covered Bridge, built in the 1960s.

It is the only one in Union County and one of the few in New Jersey.

It is located off Terrill Road on Clover Lane, a cul-de-sac near the historic Frazee house. Walkers and bicyclists have enjoyed using the bridge.

Unfortunately, it has been neglected and no longer is the shining gem of our town.

A Boy Scout wanted to work on the bridge as his Eagle Scout project but has faced many detours. A few months ago, orange barrels and yellow tape were placed by the bridge. Why has this happened? I have made the town aware since 2018 at council meetings. Now, there is talk of a grant or having the county get involved to work on the bridge. The bridge should not have been allowed to deteriorate until many thousands of dollars will need to be spent to make it our shining gem. The Tempe Covered Bridge needs help so generations to come can visit and enjoy its history.

Caroline Perkins  
Scotch Plains

### Take Advantage of Us, Promote Your Business

Display Ad Creation  
Stand-Alone Inserts  
Marketing Assistance  
Website Banner Ads  
Promotional Bulletins  
Online-Only Supplements  
Email Sponsorships

Contact Jeff Gruman,  
Sales Manager  
908-232-4407  
[sales@goleader.com](mailto:sales@goleader.com)  
[goleader.com/advertorial](http://goleader.com/advertorial)

#### Union County Freeholders

Elizabeth, New Jersey  
(908) 527-4200  
Ed Oatman, Mgr., [coatman@ucnj.org](mailto:coatman@ucnj.org)  
Alex Mirabella  
[amirabella@ucnj.org](mailto:amirabella@ucnj.org)  
Sebastian D’Elia, Public Info.  
(908) 527-4419  
[sdelia@ucnj.org](mailto:sdelia@ucnj.org)



<b>State LD-21</b> Sen. Thomas Kean, Jr. (R) 425 North Ave. E. Westfield, N.J. 07090 (908) 232-3673 Asm. Jon Brannick (R) 251 North Ave. West Westfield, N.J. 07090 (908) 232-2073 Asm. Nancy Munoz (R) 57 Union Place, Suite 310 Summit, N.J. 07901 (908) 918-0414	<b>State LD-22</b> Sen. Nicholas Scutari (D) 1514 E. Saint Georges Ave. Linden, N.J. 07036 (908) 587-0404 Asm. Jim Kennedy (D) 34 E. Cherry St. Rahway, N.J. 07065 (732) 943-2660 Asw. Linda Carter (D) 200 West 2nd St., Suite 102 Plainfield, N.J. 07060 (908) 561-5757	<b>7th Congressional District</b> Representative Tom Malinowski (D) 75-77 N. Bridge St., Somerville, N.J. 08876 (908) 547-3307 [Westfield, Mountainside, Garwood, Summit and Cranford are in the 7th Congressional District]
<b>LD-21</b> includes Westfield, Mountainside, Garwood, Summit and Cranford.	<b>LD-22</b> includes Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Plainfield, Clark, Rahway and Linden.	<b>12th Congressional District</b> Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman (D) 850 Bear Tavern Road, Suite 201, Ewing, N.J. 08628 (609) 883-0026 [Fanwood, Plainfield and most of Scotch Plains are in the 12th Congressional District]
<a href="mailto:senkean@njleg.org">senkean@njleg.org</a> , <a href="mailto:senscutari@njleg.org">senscutari@njleg.org</a> , <a href="mailto:asmbrannick@njleg.org">asmbrannick@njleg.org</a> , <a href="mailto:asmunoz@njleg.org">asmunoz@njleg.org</a> , <a href="mailto:asmkennedy@njleg.org">asmkennedy@njleg.org</a> , <a href="mailto:aswcarter@njleg.org">aswcarter@njleg.org</a>		



# The Student View

A collaboration with the  
Westfield High School Journalism Program

## Tracking Apps Do More Than Just Monitor Location

**By Stephen Kirby**  
*Specially Written For The Leader/Times*

In the 21st century, we have access to technology at our fingertips that people could not even dream of in past decades. Practically everyone carries around a smartphone, and the technology behind these devices gets more and more impressive each year.

These phones have numerous applications for all ages including, but not limited to, social media, mobile games and food-ordering services. Unfortunately, not all of the apps should be as widely used as they are.

One type of app that has recently been growing in popularity is the tracking app. Tracking apps are applications generally used by smartphone users who want to keep track of others by tracking their exact location. Unfortunately, the apps do more harm than good.

These apps are most known for their ability to pinpoint the location of a smartphone, but their abilities do not stop there. One of the more known tracking apps, Life360, allows users to track location, battery percentage and driving speed.

Most users of these tracking apps are guardians trying to ensure the safety of their children, and while their intentions are good, these apps have negative consequences for teenagers.

As a teenager, I understand why guardians resort to these apps. Having access to their child's location at all times could help keep children safe. For this reason, I believe that in some circumstances, these apps are beneficial for both the trackers and the people being tracked.

## Sen. Kean Says Covid Vaccinations Delayed After State Misses Deadline

AREA -- Senate Republican Leader Tom Kean said the residents of New Jersey's long-term care facilities will have to wait an extra week to start receiving Covid-19 vaccinations after the state administration missed a key deadline.

"After more than 7,100 lives were lost in New Jersey's nursing homes and veterans homes, you would think the Murphy Administration would waste no effort to ensure that the remaining residents would be vaccinated as quickly as possible," said Mr. Kean (R-21).

"Instead, those vulnerable seniors, our parents and grandparents, will remain at risk even longer over the Administration's failure to file simple paperwork on time. That's unbelievable and totally unacceptable."

According to published reports, the administration missed a deadline last week to provide the federal government with information detailing the facilities that would receive the first round of vaccinations starting December 21.

Due to the administration's late paperwork, the first round of vaccinations for the residents of New Jersey's skilled nursing facilities, long-term care facilities and assisted-living facilities will be delayed by a week until December 28.

Mr. Kean said the administration has consistently failed to share information on its Covid-19 response efforts in a

## Freeholder Chairman Mirabella Appointed to NACo Board

COUNTY -- Union County Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella has been appointed to the National Association of Counties (NACo) 2020-21 Board of Directors. With Chairman Mirabella's appointment, Union County becomes the sole representative for New Jersey counties on the board, which includes approximately 125 members and executives.

"It has been an honor to serve the people of Union County for 23 years on the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and I look forward to bringing the issues, concerns and achievements of our community to the national conversation on county governance," said Chairman Mirabella.

Mr. Mirabella brings years of experience in business and public service to the Board of Chosen Freeholders. First elected in 1997, he is serving his eighth three-year term. He has served as vice chairman five times and was sworn in as chairman for the fifth time in 2020.

As chairman in 2020, Mr. Mirabella has spearheaded Union County's response to the unprecedented Covid-19 crisis, including the creation of New Jersey's first county-run, free Covid-19 drive-thru test center at Kean University and the organization of free walk-in test sites in local communities, which together have provided more than 100,000 residents with Covid-19 tests.

Union County has also distributed more than 1 million meals for families and created eight new grant programs funded through the federal CARES act, providing Covid-19 emergency funding for small businesses, schools, libraries, restaurants, nonprofit organizations, child care, respite assistance

For instance, if a child has a history of not answering their phone, a parent having the location of their child could be smart. In this case, it helps to keep the child safe and it gives the parent reassurance that they will be able to find their child if something goes wrong.

The problem comes when adults don't even bother trusting their kids enough to ask them where they are, and instead, they just use the app to track them without their children even knowing.

What adults don't realize is that teens need to feel as if they are not being watched 24/7. A lot of teenagers already feel smothered, and these apps only make it worse.

If misused by parents, as they often are, these apps completely rid teens of any freedom. Sometimes, teens need to be able to make their own decisions without the approval of their guardians for the sake of their sanity.

If someone is analyzing your every move through a smartphone that can be even hundreds of miles away, are you ever really alone? The answer is no. If you never learn to live on your own and make your own mistakes, are you going to be prepared for the real world? The answer is also no.

The harsh truth that parents need to accept is that although these apps may be helpful to make sure a child is physically safe, it negatively affects the child's mental health by making them feel like they never have any privacy and trust. These apps should not be as commonplace as they are, and they should only be used in the correct circumstances. Before you put a tracking app on your child's phone, make sure you give them a chance to be trustworthy first.

timely and transparent fashion.

The Associated Press reported that New Jersey was one of just two states that declined its requests to provide detailed breakdowns of emergency spending to purchase personal protective equipment and medical equipment during the public health emergency.

According to the Associated Press, the state's health department responded to the request saying that "due to the number of contracts and purchase orders responsive to your request, it would be substantially disruptive to agency operations to collect each individual contract or purchase order, identify the specific source of funding, and review it for any necessary redactions prior to production." The health department did send a one-page report documenting \$164 million spent on 153 million pieces of equipment.

"Governor Murphy and his team might deserve some leeway if they were getting the job done in an effective manner, but that's not what's happening," added Mr. Kean. "The Murphy Administration's failures are going to leave the most vulnerable New Jerseyans unprotected for longer, and they're simultaneously fighting efforts to be held accountable for their flawed response. That's not good government in any way, shape or form."

for caregivers of special needs children and youth, and tenants in need of rental assistance.

In meeting these new challenges, Union County has also leveraged years of prudent fiscal management to avoid a tax increase and avoid layoffs while continuing to provide residents with essential and core services under Covid-19 prevention protocols.

Chairman Mirabella has served on the Veterans Affairs Committee, Fire Services Advisory Board and Union County Vocational-Technical School Board of Education. He has been honored by Prevention Links for his work in substance abuse prevention, by the Union County Library Directors for his advocacy on behalf of libraries, by Community Access Unlimited for his efforts on behalf of the disabled and by the Raritan Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross for securing grant money to train disaster volunteers.

He was also instrumental in creating the Union County Office of LGBTQ Affairs, the first office of its kind in New Jersey. During its first year in 2018, the office organized outreach and advocacy events addressing housing, senior services, education, health, public safety, community engagement and other areas of concern.

NACo was founded in 1935 as a national advocacy group for America's county governments, supporting federal policies that prioritize the needs of counties and their residents while also promoting innovative programs that optimize tax dollars and improve government efficiency.

For more information about NACo, visit [naco.org](http://naco.org).

## Letters to the Editor

### Shopping Locally Helps the Community

Want to improve your community, but don't know how? Try shopping locally!

Shopping locally is a great way to support your town or area. It has a lot of benefits that will help your community. One benefit is that you're providing money for someone more likely to give back to your community. When you buy from a local, they might use the money to shop at other local stores or support causes that might help your area. That person you bought from also pays taxes to your area. The more tax money collected, the more money the town or city can use to improve roads, get better recreational facilities and activities or make sure your town is better equipped to take on crises. Finally, shopping locally pollutes less because the place you shop at is closer, meaning you drive less, and potentially walk or bike. The less fossil fuels in the air the better! Shopping locally has many impacts on your area.

Shopping locally may sound hard, but it isn't! It's actually very easy. All you have to do is buy whatever you want from a small business near you. This doesn't mean you can't shop further away, it just means you aren't regularly making twenty-plus-minute drives to get what you want or need. Although shopping locally may limit the amount of options you have, you can stretch it occasionally. The important part about shopping locally is that you are supporting the businesses

near you. Shopping locally can be a lot of things. It can mean getting your food from a farmer's market nearby, getting your shoes at a local shoe shop or even getting your lawn cared for by a local landscaping business. Shopping locally is a simple, easy way to help make your town or city better.

If you're interested in trying local shopping, here are some other things you should know: Shopping locally can also mean shopping in towns around you. This also can help because that is a place you could potentially go to quite a bit. Boosting communities around you can also have an affect on your life. Something else to note is that shopping locally is about supporting local businesses. Keep that in mind while you shop. One last thing is to remember to check your packages! You need to see where your packages are being shipped from. This is super important because if you get groceries or other things delivered to you now because of Covid-19 or otherwise, checking to see where your package came from can really help. That package could have traveled thousands of miles to get to you! Shopping locally is a great way to improve your area without any hassle. If you want a simple way to help, shopping locally is a great way to do it.

**Ben Lipsky**  
Scotch Plains

## Remember The Little Things This Holiday Season

While preparing my Christmas cards for mailing, I stumbled across a hand-written note I had forgotten about tucked in among the stray envelopes. The note was sent to me at the end of my four-year term as mayor of Garwood from a long-time resident. I thought that it was appropriate to share with *The Leader's* readers during this holiday season.

12-15-2014  
Dear Mayor,

I have lived in Garwood for 64 years. So you see I am well up in age. I love this town and hope to live here to the end.

Garwood is a caring town, cares for its seniors.

Last night I was treated to a visit by Santa. His 'helper' saw me in the doorway with my aide and walker. He sent Santa to me. He gave me a big hug and said "if he could give me new legs he would." I am confined to a wheelchair and walker, so his visit was a treat.

Thank you, Garwood for being so

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS**

**REORGANIZATION MEETING**

**JANUARY 1, 2021**

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that due to the public health emergency caused by Coronavirus, and the Governor's Executive Order 107, the Township of Scotch Plains will conduct the **January 1, 2021 Reorganization Meeting** beginning at **1:00 p.m.**, (weather permitting) outdoors on the front steps of the Township of Scotch Plains Municipal Building (430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076). If attending in-person, please ensure that you bring a mask and ensure proper social distancing.

**PLEASE NOTE**, due to the public health emergency caused by Coronavirus, and the Governor's Executive Order 107, or in the case of inclement weather, the Township of Scotch Plains may conduct the January 1, 2021 Reorganization Meeting indoors. There will be limited capacity for this meeting. Seating will be limited to 14 attendees, on a first come/first seated basis. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 (the "Open Public Meetings Act") Business Meeting will be open to the public by electronic means, and as such, members of the public may view the meeting by livestream on our public access **Channels FIOS 22 and Comcast 34**; or on the **Township's Facebook Page**. Public Comment will be in person only unless the meeting is moved indoors, whereby public comment will be available through call in during the appropriate comment portions at (908) 322-2076. Please note that the start time of meeting is subject to change if Covid-19 emergency persists - please check Township website for meeting time - [scotchplainsnj.gov](http://scotchplainsnj.gov).

The Township of Scotch Plains does not discriminate against persons with disabilities. Those individuals requiring auxiliary aids and services where necessary, must notify the ADA Coordinator of the Township of Scotch Plains at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting.

BOZENA LACINA,  
Municipal Clerk  
1 T - 12/24/20, The Times Fee: \$43.86

caring for its residents.

Sincerely,  
Sylvia Capiello  
HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Mrs Capiello passed away in June of 2015 at the age of 90. I was touched that she took the time to share how this experience made her feel. Her note stands to make us realize how important something as simple as a hug can brighten a person's day.

**Patricia Quattrocchi**  
Former Garwood Mayor

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD**

**CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY**

**NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD**

**CHANGE ORDER**

The Township of Cranford has authorized Contract Change Order No. 5 for construction item quantities and items of extra work for the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJ DOT) Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 and 2018 South Union Avenue Improvements Project. Resolution No. 2020-401 which authorized such change order and as well as the original award of contract to P & A Construction, Inc. are available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

**Awarded to: P & A Construction, Inc., 650 Leesville Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey 07065**

**Service:** NJ DOT Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 and 2018 South Union Avenue Improvements Project

**Not to Exceed:** \$ 108,532.62

Patricia Donahue, RMC  
Township Clerk  
1 T - 12/24/20, The Leader Fee: \$24.48

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**BOROUGH OF FANWOOD**

**COUNTY OF UNION**

**ORDINANCE 20-23-S**

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that the Bond Ordinance, the summary of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Borough of Fanwood, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey on December 21, 2020, and the 20day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such Ordinance can be commenced, a provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours at the Clerk's Office for members of the general public who the request the same.

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$7,200,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LIBRARY IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,702,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.**

Kathleen Holmes,  
Borough Clerk  
1 T - 12/24/20, The Times Fee: \$31.11

**DAVIS**

AGENCY

INSURANCE

Est. 1973



**Do Your Homeowner & Auto Premiums Keep Going Up?**

- Homeowner
- Auto
- Commercial
- Life

We represent multiple carriers - we can provide the coverage you need at a price that will put a smile on your face.

**Call us for a no obligation quote today.**

865 Mountain Avenue, Mountainside, NJ 07092

**800-752-0150      908-233-8040**

## Rotary Club of Westfield Honors Two Members

WESTFIELD -- Club President Liz Ensslin announced that the Club Board of Directors decided to honor two members for their long service to the club. To obtain a Paul Harris Fellow recognition, a \$1,000 donation is made to the Rotary International Foundation in the name of the recipient. The recognition is named after Paul Harris, who founded Rotary in 1905. The meetings were rotated between the offices of the original members, hence giving it the name the Rotary Club. Rotary is a business networking service club with an ethical code, Rotary currently has 33,000 clubs in 200 countries throughout the world. The Rotary International Foundation spends over \$100 million per year doing tens of thousands of humanitarian projects worldwide, including eradicating polio. Last spring the International Foundation provided 10 ventilators and a high tech hospital bed to local New Jersey hospitals to help fight Covid.

Club Vice President Attorney Blake Width presented Club Treasurer Steve Ketcham with a Paul Harris Fellow Recognition. Steven Ketcham is a father of two young children, Lucas (7) and Emilia (4), and has been with his life partner, Ali, for 20 years. They reside in NYC and in Northern New Jersey. Steve is a third generation CPA and the family accounting practice dates back to 1945 in Westfield. His grandfather and father, respectively Frank Ketcham and John Ketcham, were also both Rotarians in The Rotary Club of Westfield. Steve practices accounting in NJ and NYS and has been treasurer for the Club since 2010. His office is located at 202 Mountain Ave, Westfield.

Club member Ted Schlosberg presented the Paul Harris Fellow Recognition to Club Foundation Treasurer Chung Kun Shih. Ted is the founder of the NJ Workshop for the Arts. Ted introduced Chung to our Rotary Club



Chung Kun Shih



Steve Ketcham

in early 2011. They met because Chung had presented a few photo exhibitions in the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts. Also, Ted taught Chung's son to play violin when he was in kindergarten. Chung accepted the role as the Foundation Treasurer soon after joining the club. Over many years, he has issued the quarterly financial report for the Foundation. In February of each year, he prepared the annual budget for the scholarships and community grants with suggested funding for the board's approval. As the Foundation Treasurer, he did a very good job to uphold his two main responsibilities: 1. to ensure our Foundation complies with basic accounting principles and ethical business practice, and 2. to provide suitable funding to scholarships, community grants and other projects, while maintaining or slightly growing the Foundation assets for the long term.

Chung is also serving as a member of the Club Scholarship and Community Grant Committees. National Geographic paid him a fee for publishing one of his photos in the October 2000 issue. In addition, he has presented a few photo exhibitions. As a photographer Chung has taken thousands of professional photos for Rotary activities. Chung has co-authored and published 220 academic papers and 3 books.

The Rotary Club of Westfield is a business networking service organization of business men and women. Website [www.westfieldrotary.com](http://www.westfieldrotary.com)

It is part of an International Organization of 1.2 million people in 200 countries around the world. Website [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) Local projects include hunger insecurity, helping homeless veterans, planting trees, supporting youth service clubs in the schools, and scholarships. Guests are always welcome to attend the Zoom meetings. For information contact Club Secretary Dr. D. Michael Hart at [drmhart@yahoo.com](mailto:drmhart@yahoo.com)

## Westfield Announces Recycling Changes For 2021

WESTFIELD -- The Town of Westfield has contracted with Grand Sanitation Services to provide curbside recycling pickup in 2021. While services will remain on a biweekly basis, residents are advised that the collection zones and schedules have changed. The annual informational mailer, which is now available online at [westfieldnj.gov/recycling](http://westfieldnj.gov/recycling), will be sent to all households by the end of the year.

What's changing:

Service Provider: Grand Sanitation will begin curbside service in 2021. Its customer service number is (908) 222-1566, and its email is [westfieldrecycles@grandsanitation.com](mailto:westfieldrecycles@grandsanitation.com).

Collection Zones: Grand Sanitation will utilize 10 collection zones in town. Residents should refer to the map in the upcoming mailer to determine their correct zones. An online version of the map provides the ability to zoom in for a detailed view of street locations and is located at [bit.ly/2021recyclingzones](http://bit.ly/2021recyclingzones).

Collection Schedule: Assigned collection days may differ from previous years

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**BOROUGH OF FANWOOD**

**COUNTY OF UNION**

**ORDINANCE 20-22-S**

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that the Ordinance published herewith has been finally adopted by the Borough of Fanwood, County of Union, New Jersey on December 21, 2020. The Ordinance provides for a special emergency appropriation to provide for the funding a deficit in operations of the Borough directly attributable to COVID-19, consisting of a deficit in operation in the sewer utility fund in the amount of \$125,000 which is anticipated to be experienced by the Borough in the current fiscal year.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53(M) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,000 TO FUND A DEFICIT IN OPERATIONS IN THE SEWER UTILITY FUND DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO COVID-19**

Kathleen Holmes,  
Borough Clerk  
1 T - 12/24/20, The Times Fee: \$29.07

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD**

**CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY**

**NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD**

**CHANGE ORDER**

The Township of Cranford has authorized Contract Change Order No. 9 for construction item quantities and items of extra work for the Northeast Quadrant Stormwater Management Project.

Resolution No. 2020-382 which authorized such change order and as well as the original award of contract to Underground Utilities Corporation are available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

**Awarded to: Underground Utilities Corporation, 711 Commerce Road, Linden, New Jersey 07036**

**Service:** Northeast Quadrant Stormwater Management Project

**Not to Exceed:** \$ 1,673.04

**Date:** December 15, 2020

Patricia Donahue, RMC  
Township Clerk  
1 T - 12/24/20, The Leader Fee: \$23.46

**ARE YOU DIVORCING? DIVORCED?**

**HAS THE CORONAVIRUS CAUSED A SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN YOUR FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES?**

If so, call the Family Law Department of Dughi, Hewit & Domalewski, P.C. for a **free introductory telephone call** and speak to one of our lawyers about your case:









Please contact us at (908) 272-0200

You may also visit us on our website at [www.dughihewit.com](http://www.dughihewit.com)

**DUGHI, HEWIT & DOMALEWSKI, P.C.**

340 NORTH AVENUE CRANFORD, NJ



**Have a Merry Christmas!**  
See Rearview at Ballyhoo Sports

# THE WEEK IN SPORTS

**Sports Section**  
Pages 7-10

## LYGHT ALL-AMERICAN, KLURMAN ALL-STATE 1ST TEAM

### Raiders Overcame Obstacles; Won Section Title, Finish 12-1-1

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Obstacles, such as COVID, affected all teams but the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls soccer team cruised right through it for another very successful season. The Lady Raiders recorded 11 shutouts, outscored opponents, 40-4, and recorded three shutouts in the Central East F Region to claim the crown and finish with a 12-1-1 record and a No. 4 ranking in the state.

The only blemish was to Summit, 1-0, and the scratch was a 0-0 tie with No. 2 Montclair. The Raiders' state run began with a 9-0 washout over Sayreville, followed by a 1-0 win over Jackson Memorial before routing Toms River North, 4-0, for the title. Their only regret was after winning their Union County Tournament semifinal, the championship game with Westfield was cancelled.

"The kids were looking forward to

the Union County final. Unfortunately the final was cancelled and the girls would not have a shot to play Westfield. However the girls played outstanding in the regional finals and won, to make it back-to-back sectional titles," Raider Head Coach Kevin Ewing expressed.

Three four-year starters, co-captains Corinne Lyght, Faith Price and Holly Nelson led the Raiders through all the obstacles.

"They would have been great in a normal season...this year they were outstanding leaders. The fact that these girls led the rest of the group through a pandemic is a real statement about them as individuals. They encouraged the team to make sacrifices so the season would continue. The whole team should be commended for their efforts."

All four of her years, Lyght, who will play for Lehigh, has been a scoring threat and was selected by the

United Soccer Coaches Association of America as an All American. She also was named North 2 Player of the Year, First Team All-State and UC Player of the Year. In the first game against Cranford, Lyght, who finished with 60 career goals, became the Raiders' All-Time scoring leader. This season Lyght, the SPF MVP, scored 12 goals and had six assists.

"Corinne has turned into an exceptional talent on the soccer field. She has grown and matured into an exceptional young woman. She is intelligent and caring on and off the soccer field. Most teams know about her and would try to mark her...many times she would be double and sometimes triple teamed," Coach Ewing explained. "She is so humble and gives all of the credit to her teammates. Corinne is one of the most hardworking players I have ever coached. To have one of your best

CONTINUED ON PAGE 9



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

**HUGE SEASON OFFENSIVELY...Raider senior co-captain/running back Shawn Martin, No. 3, rushed for 967 yards, including 12 touchdowns. He also had a touchdown reception and returned four kickoffs for touchdowns.**

**MARTIN 17 TOTAL TDS; YEAGER, SCHUMANN TOP ON 'D'**

### Raiders Finish Grid Season 5-2; End with Five Straight Victories

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Two years ago a Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School football team comprised predominantly of juniors and sophomores and with a new head coach were faced with the prospect of turning around a program that had not won a regular-season game in four years. Last year the Raiders won four regular-season games and finished with a 4-6 record but this season after having their opener cancelled and dropping their first two games, one by a squeaker, they reeled off five straight victories in glorious fashion to finish with a 5-2 record.

"It's a great accomplishment. It doesn't start really with me. It's with these kids and getting themselves prepared every week. And my coaching staff did an outstanding job week-after-week and made the adjustments after our first two games and gave us the ability to win the next five in a row. It was not only with what we did on the field but off the field with our virtual film studies," Raider Head Coach Austin Holman pointed out.

Adjustments were needed after losing their first game to a tough Woodbridge team, 41-19, then the 42-38 squeaker to Cedar Grove. But the adjustments were made and the Raiders knocked off Linden, 27-22, then followed with a 61-20 thrashing of Princeton and a 14-12 win over Montgomery. But their final two games turned out to be very convincing with a 40-2 triumph over Kennedy Memorial and a 35-7 rejection of the Colonia Patriots.

Led by senior two-year co-captain/quarterback Hayden Widder, the Raiders piled on the offense with a pair of super running backs and a dangerous wide receiver. Widder completed 49 of 82 passes for 648 yards, including eight touchdowns.

"Hayden is a top leader. He leads by example. He showed that he's definitely that guy who you don't have to be that big to lead a group. The best thing about Hayden was what he lacked in physical skills, he made up for it in mental skills. Hayden was one of those players that you can tell him one time and he got it and can

pass that information onto everyone else. It's an intangible that we are not going to find out how great it was until he's not there. He would be an outstanding coach," commented Coach Holman.

The individual, who he did pass to mostly, was senior Christian Piesch, who had 13 receptions for 375 yards and five touchdowns. Piesch also had a rushing touchdown. Defensively Piesch had two interceptions and 19 solo tackles (3 TFL, sack).

"Christian put the work in the off-season to have an outstanding year. He put on 25 pounds of muscle. He came in with a different attitude. He came in not knowing football but ended up playing it at a higher level," Coach Holman explained.

But the real offensive shining stars came in the running game with senior co-captain Shawn Martin and junior Anthony Robinson. Martin averaged 139 yards rushing per game for a total of 967 yards, which included 12 touchdowns. He also had 167 yards in receiving, including another touch-

CONTINUED ON PAGE 9



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

**FANTASTIC CAREER AT SPF...Raider senior co-captain Corinne Lyght, No. 6, became the SPF All-Time scoring leader with 60 goals. Lyght, who will play for Lehigh, was selected by the United Soccer Coaches Association of America as an All American. She had 12 goals and six assists this season**

**CAPTAINS - KELESOGLU, BIRLE; MACIK LED IN SCORING**

### Soccer Blue Devil Boys Complete Short Season With a 6-2 Record

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Aware that its season may be interrupted or cancelled at any time, the Westfield High School boys soccer team survived a two-week preseason delay and a second delay in late October before having its season halted just after winning its Union County Tournament (UCT) semifinal game. The Blue Devils did manage to complete eight games to finish with a 6-2 record.

"We were grateful to step on the

field for eight games this year and we always knew our season could end at any moment. We played and trained everyday like it was our last," Blue Devil Head Coach Eric Shaw said.

The Blue Devils' only two losses were to Elizabeth, 2-1 in two overtimes, and 1-0. In that first game, senior attacker Henry Meacock scored off an assist from co-captain James Birle and junior goalkeeper Ryan Friedberg made six saves. Friedberg made three saves in the second game.

The Blue Devils, who outscored

opponents, 15-5, got their first victory against Union, 2-0. Junior attackers Max Rokhsar and Andrew Macik each scored a goal, while Meacock and junior attacker Chris Cicca added the assists. Friedberg had six saves. Next, the Blue Devils toppled Summit, 2-0, when Rokhsar and senior Andreas Gesser scored goals and Birle added an assist. A 2-0 victory over Plainfield followed. Senior Dylan Kronick and Macik each scored once, while senior midfielder

CONTINUED ON PAGE 8



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

**BLUE DEVIL LEADING SCORER...Blue Devil junior Andrew Macik, No. 2, led the team in scoring and was particularly effective with his accurate throw-ins into the danger zone.**

### Soccer Cougar Boys Finish Season 7-6-1



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

**MIXING IT WITH A RAM...Cougar senior forward Ryan Dooley, No. 9, battles a Roselle Ram for possession of the ball during the UCT first round.**

The Cougar boys' most lopsided win was a 5-0 wipeout of Roselle in the Union County Tournament. Senior Tim O'Donovan, the Cougars' leading scorer, recorded a goal and an assist. He added a goal in a 2-1 loss to Oratory but later netted both goals in a 2-0 win of Oratory.

Senior Ryan Dooley led with a goal and an assist in a 3-2 win over New Providence. Senior Colin Farley, junior Owen Maher and freshman Oskar Iwaniuk scored the first goals of the season in a 3-0 victory over Dayton.

Senior Liam Fitzpatrick, juniors Matteo Beltran and Pablo Levya and Dooley netted goals in a 4-0 win over the Hillside Comets.

The Cougars defeated Colonia, 1-0, in the semis of the Central East E Tournament then fell to Colts Neck, 3-0, for the championship.

### Lady Blue Devils Finish 2-3 in Field Hockey

A shutdown-hindered season never allowed the Westfield High School field hockey team a chance to organize its most favorable lineup and as a result, the Blue Devils managed to play only five regular-season games, finishing with a 2-3 record.

The Blue Devils defeated rival Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 3-1, in their season-opening game. Seniors Chloe Beaulieu and Liz Healy, and sophomore Julia Schneider scored goals, while senior Lily Ceraso had an assist and senior keeper Lila McMahon made five saves.

McMahon made 19 saves in a 4-0 loss to Kent Place then added 11 saves in a 1-0 overtime loss to AL Johnson. In a 3-1 win over Columbia, Schneider scored twice and senior Emma Jepsen scored once. Beaulieu and senior LJ Kehler added assists.

The Blue Devils dropped their final game to Montclair Kimberly, 3-0



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

**MOVING IT DOWNFIELD...Blue Devil senior Chloe Beaulieu, center, works the ball downfield in the opening game against the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders on October 5. The Blue Devils won, 3-1.**



*Carol Tener*

Sales Associate  
908-400-3670 Cell  
908-233-0065 Office  
carol.tener@cbmoves.com

*May your holidays bring you good health,  
good cheer, and bright hope.  
Here's to 2021!*



600 North Avenue W,  
Westfield, NJ





David B. Corbin (December 2019 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*  
**SETTING A WHS RECORD...Blue Devil Abby McKinney set the WHS record in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 56.9 in the rivalry meet against the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders in Westfield on December 19, 2019.**



David B. Corbin (December 2018 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*  
**BREEZING THROUGH THE 500-FREESTYLE...Raider senior Josh Cohen breezes his way to victory in the 500-freestyle during the meet with the Chatham Cougars on December 12, 2018. The Raider boys overwhelmed Chatham, 113-57.**



David B. Corbin (December 2011 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*  
**HEADING FOR THE FINISH...Blue Devil Sarah Cronin swoops for the finish in the 100-butterfly in the meet against Bridgewater-Raritan. The Lady Blue Devils won handily, 113-57 (December 16, 2011).**

## \*\* A Special Look Through the Rearview Mirror at High School Sports Activities \*\*

From the archives of *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* - Complete accounts can be found at [www.goleader.com](http://www.goleader.com) - year - month - week  
**December 19, 2019:** Senior Abby McKinney certainly had her special afternoon but so did the Westfield High School (WHS) girls swim team when they overwhelmed the visiting Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders, 105.5-64.5, at Wallace Pool in Westfield. The 4-0 Lady Blue Devils took first in two of the three relays and six of the eight individual events and McKinney was on both winning relays and touched first in the 200-

Individual Medley (IM) with a time of 2:12.81 then set the WHS record in the 100-butterfly with a winning time of 56.9.  
The Blue Devils wasted no time gaining 11 of the 14 team points in the first event, the 200-medley relay by placing 1-3. Julia McGann, Elie Cestero, Abby McKinney and Erin McKinney touched first with a time of 1:50.68, followed by Raiders Rachel Small, Julia Bonhote, Ava Mustacciuolo and Chloe Howell at 1:54.12 and Blue Devils Laura Lane, Clara Yu, Katherine Li and Vivian Jeckell also timed at 1:54.12.  
**December 19, 2019:** Tremendous

strength of depth, especially in the final five events, came into play as the WHS boys swim team, clinging to a slim 48-46 lead after the 100-freestyle, outscored the visiting SPF Raiders, 53-23, in those events to seize a 101-69 victory in Westfield. The Raiders claimed a first place in five of the first six events but the Blue Devils' depth held on to keep that narrow lead.  
During that tight first half of action, Raider Matt London touched first in the 50-freestyle with a time of 22.39 and the 100-freestyle with a time of 49.82. Blue Devil Roan Baker was the only Blue Devil to touch first in those first six events with a time of 1:58.6 in the 200-Individual Medley (IM). Baker would also win the 100-backstroke in 54.77.  
**December 12, 2018:** Dominance across the board with the exception of one event catapulted the SPF boys swim team to a 113-57 triumph over

swim team in great position to seize a victory against the Chatham Cougars at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains "Y". With an 82-74 lead after the 100-breaststroke, all the Raiders needed to do was place second in the 400-free relay, and they did to emerge with an 86-84 victory.  
The Lady Raiders also got a great jump on the Cougars, placing 1-2, in the 200-medley relay to grab a 12-2 lead. Lily Hughes (backstroke), Sofia Leonetti (breaststroke), Rachel Small (butterfly) and freshman Julia Bonhote (free) touched first with a time of 1:56.13, followed by Rachel DiFabrizio, Abby Ryan, Kate Jackman and Camille Cooke at 2:07.76. Hughes placed first in the 100-back at 1:01.77. Sophomore Leonetti with a time of 1:12.48 in the 100-breast, led the 1-2-3 sweep followed by freshman Bonhote at 1:15.98 and senior Ellie Richard at 1:16.7.

quarter but knotted the score 26-26 at the half only to fall behind by three points entering the final quarter. Junior Olivia Speer scored 11 points and pulled eight rebounds. Senior Camryn Wilhelms scored 13 points (8 free

Brendan Glenn, the Westfield boys ice hockey team improved its season record to 4-0-3 this past week. The Blue Devils notched a tie and a win against division rivals Montclair Kimberley Academy and finished the week

## Soccer Blue Devils Finish 6-2

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

Matt Blake and Gesser had assists.  
The wildest and highest-scoring game was against Glen Ridge, Cicca on an assist from junior Matias Arbelaez after a throw-in from Macik, netted the winning goal in the second overtime to give Westfield a 4-3 triumph. Co-captain Jack Kelesoglu netted a goal and an assist, senior AJ Berthch and Macik also scored and Birle added an assist.  
After their second loss to Elizabeth, the Blue Devils shut out Plainfield, 1-0, and senior Sean Hazard scored from junior midfielder Victor Ott's assist. In the UCT semifinal, Hazard took Macik's throw-in and nudged it in the netting in the first overtime to earn the Blue Devils a 3-2, come-from-behind victory. Macik scored once and also made a throw-in that ended in an own goal. Unfortunately for the Blue Devils, their season was cancelled due to a

have put this program first and every year we play for them," commented Coach Shaw.  
The Blue Devils did field 11 seniors this season and according to Coach Shaw, "Jack Kelesoglu was a leader who was committed to play anywhere on the field to help the team succeed. He will continue playing next year at Connecticut College. James Birle was a great captain leading by example on and off the field."  
Friedberg, who has committed to Cornell University, finished the short season with four shutouts and 30 saves.  
Coach Shaw expressed, "Ryan Friedberg in goal was magnificent this year."  
Macik led the team with four goals and an assist but also initiated a number of throw-ins that set up goals. Hazard, Meacock and Rokhsar each finished with two goals and Birle led



David B. Corbin (December 2018 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*  
**MIXING IT UP UNDER THE BOARDS...Cougar senior KC Pringle, No. 22, and Raider seniors Stephanie DeVizio, center, and Gabby Aloe, No. 1, mix it up under the boards in Cranford on December 14, 2018. The Lady Cougars won 45-25.**

the Chatham Cougars at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains "Y". The Raider boys, spearheaded by seniors Josh Cohen and Alan Shao, who each won two individual events and were on two winning relays, placed first in 10 of the 11 events, including all three relays.  
Cohen's performance in the 500-freestyle was of a "no contest" nature when he out-touched his nearest competitor by more than 34 seconds. Cohen exhibited his power stroke to touch the wall in 4:39.49 ahead of Chatham's Kyle Beebe, who touched in 5:14.01. Raiders Owen Ferrone at 5:27.77 and Ethan Morrobel at 5:48.10 placed 4-5. Cohen won the 50-free in 22.51, while teammates Matt London at 23.34 and Dan Donaldson at 23.87 finished 3-4.  
Shao won the 200-Individual Medley in 2:00.72 and then won the 100-butterfly when he touched first at 54.32. London at 52.23 led the 1-2-3 sweep in the 100-free, followed by Corey He at 52.46 and Sean Hough at 54.53. Trenery at 59.61 led the sweep in the 100-back, followed by Sean Merkle at 1:01.4 and Hough at 1:02.3.  
**December 12, 2018:** Every point definitely counted but a strong showing in the 50-backstroke followed by a sweep in the final individual event, the 100-breaststroke, put the SPF girls

**December 14, 2018:** Senior Lauren Williamson scored 16 points to lead the Cranford girls basketball team to a 45-25 victory over Scotch Plains-Fanwood in the season opener in Cranford. Williamson added three rebounds and seven steals to her stat line as the Cougars outscored the Raiders, 12-3, in the second period to break open a 12-10 game. Cougar KC Pringle had nine points and senior Stefanie De Vizio led the Raiders with seven points.  
**December 16, 2017:** Two quick threes early in the second half by the visiting Roselle Catholic girls basketball team seemed to throw the Blue Devils out of their intensity level during the season opener at Westfield. With the Lady Lions trailing by 11 points entering the third quarter, Tayara McQueen and Janissa Encarnacion nailed back-to-back 3-pointers within the first minute and one half sending the Blue Devils in a tailspin that they failed to recover from in a 44-38 setback.  
Senior/co-captain guard Molly Ryan (2 assists) and sophomore guard Faith Dobosiewicz both sank 11 points, while junior forward Sam Stravach (2 assists, 2 blocks, 2 steals, 3 rebounds) netted four points and senior/co-captain guard Grace Elliott scored nine points.  
**December 16, 2017:** The Cranford Cougars girls basketball team opened their season at home against the Summit Hilltoppers and came from behind to record a 47-42 victory. The Cougars trailed 14-8 after the first



David B. Corbin (December 2017 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*  
**DRIVING DOWN COURT...Blue Devil senior co-captain Molly Ryan, No. 22, drives down court in the game against the Roselle Catholic Lady Lions in Westfield on December 16, 2017. The Lions surged in the second half to win, 44-38.**

throws), had three rebounds and added a pair of steals. Senior Caroline Kelly netted eight points and was the "Chief Thief" with six steals.  
**December 14, 2016:** The SPF boys swim team defeated the Chatham Cougars, 95-75, in a dual meet held at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA pool. The Raiders followed a formula that figures to be very successful this season as stalwarts Chris Bondarowicz, Josh Cohen and Nick Heath each won individual events and helped anchor strong relay teams.  
Heath actually won a pair of individual events on the afternoon, taking first in both the 50-freestyle (23.16), touching just ahead of teammate Eric Chang (23.39) and the 100-backstroke (1:02.29). Bondarowicz won the 200-free (1:47.92). Cohen followed that with a win in the 200 Individual Medley (2:01.93) and Alan Shao prevailed in the 100-butterfly at 53.70. Brian Kenny stretched the SPF win streak to six with a victory in the 100-free (52.56). The Raiders finished the day with a victory in the 400-free relay where Cohen, Shao, Bondarowicz and Kenny won in 3:24.79.  
**December 14, 2016:** The SPF girls swim team won a key early season showdown against highly ranked Chatham, scoring a 95.5-74.5 victory in a dual meet at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA pool. Fueled by a 1-2-3 finish in the 50-freestyle, the Raiders were able to take the lead and never look back against a team ranked in the top-10 that had beaten them twice last season.  
Erika Frazier (25.11), Maya Dunchus (25.55) and Megan Small (25.59) swept first, second and third for the Raiders in the 50-free staking SPF to a healthy 36.5-25.5 lead after four events. Stephanie Judge followed that with a victory in the 100-butterfly (57.38). In the 200-free relay, Rachel Maizes, Dee Dee Maizes, Megan Small and Maya Dunchus turned in a winning time of 1:39.51. The Raiders finished out with a victory in the 400-free relay Olivia Barcia, Judge, Frazier and Dee Dee Maizes posting a time of 3:37.39.  
**Mid December 2016:** Led by senior captains Ethan Finver and

with a win against Verona-Glen Ridge.  
Against MKA, junior center Matt Cetlin, jockeying for position in front of the Cougar cage, tipped a Tanner Devin blast from the point, assisted by Brendan Glenn for the 1-1- tie. Goalie Ethan Finver grabbed 19 pucks on 20 shots. In the second game against MKA, junior center Sean Taylor ripped a wrist shot from the slot. Winger Anthony Oliveri gave Westfield a 3-0 lead en route to a 7-2 victory. Against Verona-Glen Ridge, freshman standout Trevor Tanella netted his first goal of the year. Sophomore forward Alex Park, on an assist from Taylor, sent home the insurance goal in a 2-1 win.  
**December 22, 2015:** Adding stiffer competition to the schedule appears to be working out well for the Cranford wrestling team this year. After raising eyebrows down south with four championships, a second and a multitude of third placements at the The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) Brick Memorial Tournament the weekend before, the Cougars hosted the Brick Township Dragons and treated them to a 46-18 pummeling.  
The Cougars indeed proved to the Dragons that they were climbing to the next level by winning 10 of the 14 bouts, five via fall beginning at the 113-lb class when Anthony Capece pinned Jon Mora in 1:55 with an arm bar/half nelson after bringing him to the mat with a double leg takedown.  
Cougar Chris Scorese easily handled Dave Santiago in his 132-lb bout and began it with a takedown and a three-point tilt. In the second period, Scorese escaped and added a low single takedown then in the third he clamped Santiago in a Penn State nearside cradle, ending the bout at the 5:20 point. Brian McGovern made a difference with a third-period takedown to defeat Anthony Costanza, 6-5, at 152-lbs.  
**December 22, 2015:** The Westfield boys basketball team used a strong defensive effort to power its way past the Raiders, 57-30, in Scotch Plains. After a building a 10-8 lead at the end of the first period, the Blue Devils allowed Scotch Plains just nine total points in the second and third quarters of play to pull away. Owen Murray scored 17 points and had seven steals and six rebounds to lead the winning effort. Teammate Parker Hess chipped



David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*  
**GOING AFTER THE BALL...Blue Devil junior Matias Arbelaez, No. 11, goes after the ball in the game against Glen Ridge on October 17.**

COVID crisis.  
"We were very disappointed that our season was cut short mostly for our seniors. These guys for four years

the team with three assists. Seniors Garrett Jackler, Jeremy Kornfeld and Will Skoletsky provided a solid defense that permitted only five goals and were able to return the ball to midfielders Blake and Kronick.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,** that in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of our citizens and pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., and Executive Orders 103 and 107, the Reorganizational meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Scotch Plains scheduled for Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. will be held by **online/virtual means and telephonically only.**  
Members of the public who wish to monitor and/or participate in these public meeting procedures may join from a computer or cell phone device at:  
**Join Zoom Meeting**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87421375991?pwd=ZyE4ek5sSlBjYUJlU3cVZVV3h0ODRlQ0RQQT09>  
**Meeting ID:** : 874 2137 5991  
**Password:** 036023  
or join by telephone by dialing one of the numbers below and entering the Meeting ID when prompted:  
One tap mobile  
+13126266799, 87421375991#,,,,,,0#,,036023# US (Chicago)  
+16465698656, 87421375991#,,,,,,0#,,036023# US (New York)  
Dial by your location  
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)  
+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)  
+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C.)  
+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)  
+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)  
+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)  
Meeting ID: 874 2137 5991  
Passcode: 036023  
Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87421375991>  
Alternatively, members of the public may contact the Board Secretary by email at [srapant@scotchplainsnj.com](mailto:srapant@scotchplainsnj.com) or by phone, during regular business hours, at (908) 322-6700 x307 in order to ask any questions if encountering any difficulty with the options described in this notice.  
Shannon Rapant  
Secretary to the Zoning Board  
1 T - 12/24/20, The Times Fee: \$45.90

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**BOROUGH OF GARWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**VACANCY**  
The Garwood Board of Education is seeking qualified candidates for membership to the Board. The Board, within the powers delegated to it by law, is the policy-making legislative branch of the School District. This term will run until the Board re-organizes in January 2022. The position will be placed on the ballot at the annual election the preceding November 2021.  
Qualifications: To become a member of a local Board of Education in New Jersey, you must . . .  
• Be able to read and write  
• Hold U.S. citizenship and one year's residency in the school district  
• Be registered to vote in the district  
• Have no interest in any contract with, or claim against, the board  
• Not hold office as mayor or member of the municipal governing body or, in the case of county school districts, the county governing body  
• Not simultaneously hold two elective offices  
• Not be disqualified from membership for the conviction of certain crimes. (Within 30 days of election or appointment to the board, a member must undergo a criminal history background investigation through the state Department of Education.)  
Any qualified Borough of Garwood resident interested in serving the children of our School District please submit a resume and letter of interest noting any specific skills you would bring to the Board to:  
Dr. Dennis R. Frohnapfel  
Board Secretary  
Garwood Public School District  
400 Second Avenue  
Garwood, New Jersey 07027  
Closing date for filing applications: December 28, 2020, 12:00 pm  
1 T - 12/24/20, The Leader Fee: \$43.86

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS PLANNING BOARD**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,** that in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of our citizens and consistent with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., through standards promulgated by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, and Executive Orders 103 and 107, the Reorganizational meeting of the Planning Board of the Township of Scotch Plains scheduled for Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. will be held by **online/virtual means and telephonically only.** Formal action may be taken.  
The agenda for the reorganizational meeting on January 11, 2021 will be posted on the Township of Scotch Plains Website. Members of the public who wish to monitor and/or participate in the public meeting may join from a computer or capable device at:  
**Join Zoom Meeting**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82295669443?pwd=eEYvO1hRUUpRyZdnM3JJSHE3d1h1Q0RQQT09>  
**Meeting ID:** 822 9566 9443  
**Password:** 889171  
or join by telephone by dialing 1 646 558 8656 and entering the above noted Meeting ID when prompted.  
Alternatively, members of the public may contact the Clerk/Land Use Secretary by email at [srapant@scotchplainsnj.com](mailto:srapant@scotchplainsnj.com) or by phone, during regular business hours, at (908) 322-6700 x307 prior to the meeting in order to ask any questions if encountering any difficulty with the options described in this notice.  
Shannon Rapant  
Clerk/Secretary to the Planning Board  
1 T - 12/24/20, The Times Fee: \$37.74

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT, BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION SERVICES**  
**1035 PARKWAY AVENUE, PO BOX 600**  
**TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625**  
Notice is hereby given that bid proposals will be received from Bidders classified under N.J.S.A. 27:7-35.2 via the Internet until 10:00:59 A.M. on **01/05/21**, downloaded, and publicly opened and read, in the CONFERENCE ROOM-A, 1st Floor F & A Building, New Jersey Department of Transportation, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08625; for:  
**MAINTENANCE STORMWATER FACILITIES RESTORATION CONTRACT, NORTH - 2021, VARIOUS LOCATIONS, BERGEN, ESSEX, HUDSON, MORRIS, PASSAIC, SUSSEX, UNION AND WARREN (INCLUDING AND NORTH OF ROUTE 57) COUNTIES 100% STATE DP NO: 21421**  
Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 (P.L. 1975, c. 127); N.J.A.C. 17:27.  
Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.19, contractors must provide a Certification and Disclosure of Political Contribution Form prior to contract award.  
Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44, contractor must submit the Department of Treasury, Division of Revenue Business Registration of the contractor and any named subcontractors prior to contract award or authorization.  
Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.51, contractors must be registered with the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Wage and Hour Compliance at the time of bid.  
Plans, specifications, and bidding information for the proposed work are available at Bid Express website [www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com). You must subscribe to use this service. To subscribe, follow the instructions on the web site. Fees apply to downloading documents and plans and bidding access. The fee schedule is available on the web site. All fees are directly payable to Bid Express. Plans, specifications, and bidding information may be inspected (BUT NOT OBTAINED) by contracting organizations at our Design Field Offices at the following locations:  
200 Sterili Court  
Mt. Arlington, New Jersey 07856  
973-601-6690  
One Executive Campus Rt 70 West  
Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08002  
856-486-6623  
Fee: \$183.60  
3 T - 12/10/20, 12/17/20 and 12/24/20, The Leader

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**BOROUGH OF FANWOOD COUNTY OF UNION**  
**ORDINANCE 20-16-S**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that the Ordinance set forth below was introduced at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Fanwood in the County of Union held on October 19, 2020 and that said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the borough Council via virtual and telephone conference on December 31, 2020.  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD, COUNTY OF UNION AUTHORIZING SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53(H) FOR SEVERANCE LIABILITIES RESULTING FROM UNANTICIPATED REQUIRED ACCUMULATED PAYMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE RETIREMENT OF EMPLOYEES.**  
Kathleen Holmes,  
Borough Clerk  
1 T - 12/24/20, The Times Fee: \$26.01



Area stores that carry The Westfield Leader and The Scotch Plains – Fanwood TIMES

Westfield Tobacco & News

108 Elm St. (Leader)

7-11 on Central Ave

800 Central Ave. (Leader)

7-11 of Westfield

1200 South Ave., W. (Leader/Times)

Shoptire Supermarket

563 North Ave. (Leader)

7-11 of Mountainside

921 Mountain Ave. (Leader)

King's Supermarket

300 South Ave. (Leader)

7-11 of Garwood

309 North Ave. (Leader)

Baron's Drug Store

243 E. Broad St. (Leader)

Westfield Mini Mart

301 South Ave., W. (Leader)

Scotch Hills Pharmacy

1819 East 2nd St. (Times)

Kwick Mart Food Store

190 South Ave. (Times)

Wallis Stationery

441 Park Ave. (Leader/Times)

Mountain Deli

2385 Mountain Ave. (Times)

Krauszer's

727 Central Ave. (Leader)

Raiders Finish Grid Season With 5 Straight Wins

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

down then as the kickoff return man, he spun gold four times with long returns for touchdowns.

Coach Holman, who has been very impressed with Martin, expressed, “Shawn Martin comes from an out-standing family. His parents did an outstanding job with him. From all the PAL coaches to this coaching staff, he’s been an outstanding and explosive football player on the field and he is also outstanding off the field. He’s a great role model for all of our younger players just by sheer work ethic and performance. He put in the work all summer and all season and it’s definitely carried over. He’s one of the best offensive players I’ve ever coached. Hopefully very soon some schools will give him the opportunity to play for the next four years. They will not just get a great football player, they will get a great person as well.”

Robinson proved that he will be the Raider running back of the future. This season, he averaged 7.6 yards per carry for 559 yards and six touch-downs. He was also influential as a linebacker on defense.

“Anthony, according to the PAL coaches, he’s one of the best players to come through their system. I can see why because Anthony not only is an outstanding offensive player, he’s an outstanding defensive player. He’s going to be that type of full Raider, who does all the special teams, play on offense, play on defense like Kenny Yeager. He’s going to be our work-horse definitely on the offensive side of the ball and our tackling machine on defense. He has the work ethic of a Shawn Martin and he also brings the intensity of a Kenny Yeager. He’s going to be the Class of 22 top guy,” Coach Holman said.

Yeager, a two-year co-captain as was linebacker Jack Manville, who was injured early in the season, led the defensive line and just plain smothered opponents with 31 solo tackles, including nine throws-for-losses (TFL) and six sacks. He was involved in at least 60 total tackles.

According to Coach Holman, “Kenny Yeager exemplifies what it is

to become a great high school foot-ball player from work ethic to performance to attitude. As a lineman, he brings that intensity that you need for your football team to have. I always say Shawn may have been a great offensive player but Kenny was an outstanding two-way player for us. You coach your best players the absolute hardest and I coached Kenny for the last two years the absolute hardest that I could because if I give it to him that, everybody else will fall in line. He took that and he ran with it. He is our Raider!”

That intensity seemed to rub off on junior safety Damon Schumann who was selected Raider Defensive Player of the Year. Schumann recorded 22 solo tackles (2 TFL, sack), recovered three fumbles (1 for a touchdown), had two interceptions and broke up a number of passes.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF YEAR...Junior safety Damon Schumann, No. 6, was selected Raider Defensive Player of the Year.

“Damon made a huge jump from being a JV player to being our top defensive player. He’s so dynamic because of his speed, because of his intensity. He’s another person like a Hayden Widder on the defensive side because he knew where everybody was sup-posed to be. He was kind of that captain

of defense, especially in the secondary. We could blitz him, we could send him back on coverage and he was outstand-ing as a short tackler. He just erased people when running backs came at him,” Coach Holman said.

Senior lineman Liam Mahr had 20 solo tackles (2 TFL) and batted down five passes. Junior linebacker Isaiah Nathaniel had 17 solo tackles (2 TFL), junior safety Matt Power had 23 solo tackles (TFL), broke up several passes and had two interceptions. Junior nose guard Tom Schmidt recorded 13 solo tackles with two sacks and four TFLs.

Coach Holman was also proud of senior cornerback/wide receiver Dimitri “Meech” Laylor’s performance this season. “Dimitri was an-other person who had never played football until last year and he started halfway through the season. He played with great intensity. He was a great

Raiders Overcame Obstacles, Won Section Crown

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

players be the most hardworking kid in practice helps encourage other play-ers be that hardworking.”

Nelson (3 goals, 5 assists) and Price (2 goals, 5 assists) were part of the Raiders’ three-pronged attack that har-vested so many goals. Both received All-State and All-UC recognition.

“Faith and Holly do not get the credit that they deserve because they play alongside Corinne,” Coach Ewing said. “They are very good soccer play-ers. Each one has improved so much in the last few years. As good a soccer players as they are, they are even more impressive young women. They have become true leaders and true role models for younger players on our team and younger kids in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood community.”

Setting up in the backfield and tak-ing the free kicks, junior Leah Klurman has been a devastating offensive threat with seven goals and five assists. Klurman (First Team All-State, All-Group 4, All-County) was named the SPF Defensive MVP and will play soccer at the University of Tennessee.

Coach Ewing commented, “Leah became a vocal leader on the field. She is one of the most competitive kids I have coached. She always plays hard and has such great composure on the field. She is smart and can play anywhere on the field.”

Another defensive player who moved into the scoring scene was sophomore Lily Camacho (Third Team All-Group 4, First Team All-UC), who scored four goals and had three assists.

“Lily is only a sophomore and she stepped up in a leadership role. She moved from defense to midfield and it helped solidify our team in games. Her soccer IQ is very high,” Coach Ewing noted.

Juniors Alexa Fazio netted three goals and two assists and defensive stopper Kat Zikas had two assists. Both were named All-UC Honorable Mentions. Georgi Vacca netted two goals and three assists and Jamie Valian had two goals.

“Seniors Sophia Lama and Jamie Valian showed great leadership and toughness on the field. Georgi Vacca is

a tough player. Alexa Fazio scored some big goals,” Coach Ewing com-mented.

Defensively junior Ashley DeFrancesco was selected UCGSCA All-State and Union County First

Palermo, Sydney Sadler and Grace Kennedy.

According to Coach Ewing, the most notable games were, Montclair and Toms River North. “Against Montclair the girls played their best



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
GETTING CONTROL OF THE BALL...Raider senior co-captain Faith Price, No. 2, gets control of the ball during a game against the Cranford Cougars.

Team. Gia Milano was Honorable Mention All-UC.

According to Coach Ewing, “Ashley is an excellent athlete. (She) Really does not get the recognition she deserves. Excellent all around player and great kid! Gia Milano re-ally had to hold things down in the middle for us, along with Alexa.”

Goalkeeper Rebecca Kessler an Honorable Mention All-UC made 41 saves and shared some time with Ava Hausl (11 saves) and Liz Bedatsky (5 saves).

The captains for next year will be Klurman, DeFrancesco, Zikas and Fazio.

Coach Ewing also mentioned that freshmen, “Sara Lehman played a lot on defense and in the midfield. Jas-mine Gutierrez did great as a forward and midfielder. Amanda Baylock has a great touch and is one of the best athletes in the freshman class.” Some other new contributors were Gabby

soccer of the year. It ended in a tie but kids were outstanding all over the field. In the regional final, the girls played very well in the first half but did not score. They dominated the second half and really showed how good they were as a team.”

Coach Ewing concluded, “I was very proud how the girls handled all the adversity. This year this team did some amazing things. To start early in the summer with hardly any soccer really allowed because of NJSIAA rules. The whole team all 28 kids sacrificed other friendships in order to make sure that there was a season. They all wanted to stay healthy and play an entire season and they were able to accomplish that goal. There were times the players were working so hard in practice that the practices became more competitive than some of our games. The results at the end of the season were all because all 28 players worked to make it possible.”

\*\* A Special Look Through the Rearview Mirror at High School Sports Activities \*\*

in with 15 points. Peter Warren buck-etted eight points to lead the Raiders.

**December 19, 2014:** The Westfield boys swim team got many big per-formances during their 110-60 win over Bridgewater-Raritan at the Bridgewater YMCA pool. The Blue Devils swept through the meet claim-ing victories in all events save for one. Blue Devil senior John Lindros came up huge, taking first place in both the 200 freestyle (1:58.94) and the 500 freestyle (4:10.39). Lindros was also part of the winning 200-medley relay effort (1:51.60) and the 400-freestyle relay (3:47.62).

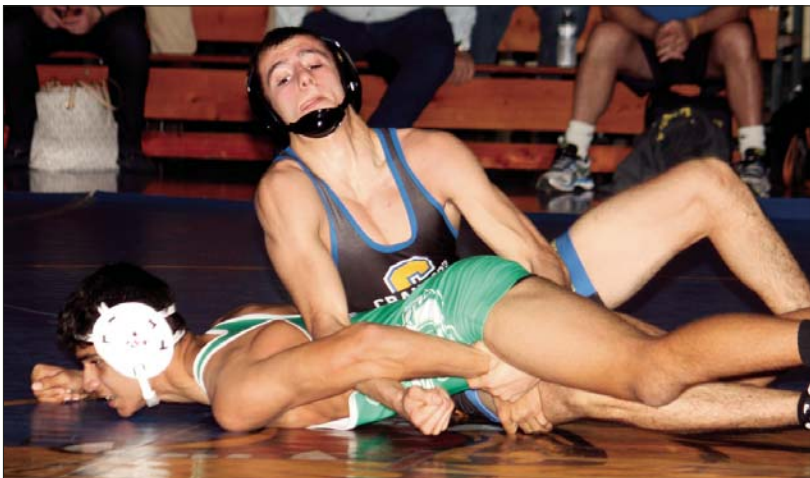
**December 19, 2014:** In an early season clash between two of the area’s expected swimming powerhouses, the Bridgewater-Raritan girls’ team did just enough to claim victory over Westfield at the Bridgewater YMCA

ters and bucketed 10 points, while grabbing five rebounds.

Both teams had members from their respective football teams and their physical presence was quite apparent under the boards. Blue Devils Kane and Chris Sweeney (4 points) each pulled six rebounds, and Cougars Jack McCaffrey (2 points) and Luke Christiano (2 points) grabbed six and four rebounds respectively. Senior center John Oblachinski, who was the quarterback on the football team, led all scoring with 19 points and pulled down eight rebounds. Senior guard Tommy Trotter finished with 14 points, three steals and three assists.

**December 20, 2013:** Friendly rival-ries mixed fun with excitement at Wallace Pool in Westfield, but in the end the Westfield boys and girls swim teams halted Scotch Plains-Fanwood,

year the Lady Cougars have improved their record, 21-8 in 2010, 22-6 in 2011 and 24-5 last year. But this season, the Lady Cougars have some unfinished business and they will have the opportunity to make a statement from the very first game of the season.



David B. Corbin (December 2015 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
WORKING THE BALL AND CHAIN...Cougars Chris Scorese, top, works a ball and chain to get leverage on Brick Township Dragon Dave Santiago in his 132-lb bout. Scorese used a nearside cradle to pin Santiago in 5:20 (December 22, 2015).

The difference this year, however, the Cougars will have to make their state-ments without 2012 graduate Morgan Miller, who amassed 1,081 points during her varsity career.

**December 14, 2012:** Strong play from its bench helped the Westfield boys basketball team to surge in the second quarter and, especially, in the fourth to overcome the Cranford Cou-gars, 62-50, in Cranford. Co-Captains Scott Tresco and Keegan Hess ran into foul trouble, but Chris Sweeney, Sean Elliott, Quinn Dursee and Nick Mele came off the bench and not only hung tough on defense, but also com-bined for 19 points to keep the mo-mentum in the Blue Devils’ favor.

Blue Devil junior Dylan Elliott bucketed 11 points, including a pair of 3-pointers, and he did manage to pull three boards and add a steal. Senior Scott Tresco put in 10 points and grabbed five rebounds, and sopho-more point guard Danny Mitchell (3 rebounds, 3 assists) took control, es-pecially in the second half and scored all nine of his points during that time.



David B. Corbin (December 2017 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
DRIVING TO THE BASKET...Cougars senior guard Caroline McCaffrey, No. 33, drives toward the Summit Hilltopper basket in the home opener on December 16, 2017. The Cougars came from behind to win 47-42.

pool. Led by Alex Gebel, who earned victories in the 50 freestyle (27.14) and 100 freestyle (59.32), the host Panthers eked out an 87-83 win in the exciting battle. Both squads entered the season as state title contenders and currently are regarded as Top-20 level programs in the state. This early season slugfest only served to con-firm those lofty assessments.

Seniors Caroline Basil and Courtney Day led the Westfield girls. Basil won the 100 backstroke (1:05.59). Basil paired with Day and teammates Muriel Maloney (fresh-man) and Emily McGann (junior) to win the 400 freestyle relay (4:10.19).

**December 20, 2013:** Senior center Dave Kane made a rebound of a Cou-gar shot as time ran out to allow the Westfield boys basketball team to survive a second-half surge from Cranford to earn a 50-49 victory in the season opener in Westfield.

Sophomore guard Parker Hess led the Blue Devils with 14 points, in-cluding three 3-pointers, while sopho-more Chris Boutsikaris netted 10 points, including a pair of 3-pointers. Ben Schuman had a strong three quar-

110-60, 98-72, respectively. The Blue Devil boys took top honors in all but two events and the girls won six of their 11 events. Tyler Lessner won two individual events and swam on the winning 200-medley relay with Kevin Clauss, Aram Barmakian and Stephen Husch, that touched in 1:41.17.

**Early December 2012:** Senior co-captains Jess McCoy, Jenna Goeller and Katlin McGovern have played on the Cranford girls basketball team since they were freshmen and each

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Reorganization Meeting of the Mountainside Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., at the Deerfield School Gym, located at 302 Central Avenue, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092.

During the pandemic, meetings will be held in the Deerfield Gym and/or virtually via the Zoom platform or by call-in as limited capacity for public gatherings re-mains in place. Access to virtual log in information will be posted on the website at www.mountainideschools.org prior to each meeting.

1 T - 12/24/20, The Leader Fee: \$16.32

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-17  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, CHAPTER 255 LAND DEVELOP-MENT, TO REZONE 6 CEN-TENNIAL AVENUE

STATEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing ordinance was finally passed at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey on December 15, 2020.

Patricia Donahue  
Municipal Clerk  
1 T - 12/24/20, The Leader Fee: \$17.85

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF GARWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Reorganization Meeting of the Garwood Board of Education will be held on Monday, January 4, 2021, in the Lincoln School Gym, 400 Second Street, 6:00 pm (Entrance to Gym from Third Avenue Playground).

Please Note . . . Social Distancing will be observed and Face Masks are required for all attendees.

Members of the public may join the Re-organization meeting remotely via Google Meet. Please access the Invitation to the Reorganization Meeting posted on the district’s website.

Dr. Dennis R. Frohnappel  
Interim SBA/Board Secretary  
1 T - 12/24/20, The Leader Fee: \$18.87

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Westfield Board of Adjustment adopted resolutions at its meeting on December 14, 2020, for the following applications decided upon at the meetings held on October 29, 2020, and November 9, 2020.

**Daniel Brownstein, 400 Birch Place.**

Applicant sought approval to construct a two-story addition contrary to Section 12.04F1, 11.08E5, 11.08E12, 12.08C of the Land Use Ordinance to allow a side yard setback of 10 feet 6 inches where the Ordinance requires a minimum side yard setback of 20 feet; to allow a building coverage of 21.88% where the Ordinance allows a maximum building coverage of 20%; to allow an eave height of 26 feet 4 inches where the Ordinance allows a maxi-mum eave height of 22 feet; to allow a 6 foot 7 inch retaining wall with a 36-inch railing for a total retaining wall height of 9 feet 7 inches where the Ordinance allows a maximum height of 4 feet for a retaining wall. Application approved with conditions.

**Dean Oligno, 28 Manchester Drive.**

Applicant sought approval to construct a rear porch addition contrary to Section 11.06E7 of the Land Use Ordinance to allow a rear yard setback of 12 feet 8 inches where the Ordinance requires a minimum rear yard setback of 35 feet. Application approved with conditions.

**Denise & Michael Margiotta, 757 Kimball Avenue.**

Applicants sought ap-proval to construct a front porch addition contrary to Section 12.03D of the Land Use Ordinance to allow a front yard set-back of 39 feet 8 1/2 inches to the porch where the Ordinance requires a minimum front yard setback of 41 feet 5 1/2 inches; to allow a one car garage where the Ordinance requires a two-car garage. Application approved with conditions.

**Roark Stahler, 926 Coolidge Street.**

Applicant sought approval to construct a one-story screened porch addition and to enclose an existing 2nd floor covered porch contrary to Section 12.04E1 and 12.04F1 of the Land Use Ordinance to allow a floor area of 36% (3,850 square feet) where the Ordinance allows a maximum floor area of 32% (3,600 square feet); to allow a build-ing coverage of 21.6% where the Ordinance allows a maximum building coverage of 20%. Application approved with conditions.

**Sean Garnhart, 732 Willow Grove Road.**

Applicant sought approval to con-struct an increase in roof height of the garage, change is located within the cor-ner lot front setback, contrary to Section 11.07E5 of the Land Use Ordinance to

PUBLIC NOTICE

allow a front yard setback of 14.6 feet where the Ordinance requires a minimum front yard setback of 20 feet. Application approved with conditions.

**Posh Realty Investors, LLC., 1325 Boulevard.** Applicant sought approval to construct a two-story addition and a detached one car garage contrary to Section 11.09E13 of the Land Use Ordinance to allow a side wall length of 36.4 feet where the Ordinance allows a maximum per-mitted side wall length of 25 feet. Application approved with conditions.

**Bryan & Stephanie Domenick, 207 Welch Way.** Applicants sought approval to install a 10 feet x 12 feet shed contrary to Section 13.02B1 of the Land Use Ordinance to allow a shed in the street side yard where the Ordinance allows sheds in the rear yard only. Application approved with conditions.

**Echo Lake Country Club C/O of John Lesser, 515 Springfield Avenue.** Applicant sought approval to install two (2) 1,000 gallon above-ground fuel storage tanks contrary to Section 13.05 of the Land Use Ordinance to allow two (2) 1,000 gallon above-ground fuel storage tanks where the Ordinance prohibits above-ground and underground fuel storage tanks. Application approved with conditions.

**Lisa & Peter Vieites, 723 Clark Street.** Applicants sought approval to construct a front porch addition and a third-floor addition contrary to Section 11.09E5/12.03D, 11.09E6, 11.09E8 of the Land Use Ordinance to allow a front yard setback of 38.59 feet where the Ordinance requires a minimum front yard setback of 43.93 feet; to allow a side yard setback of 9.44 feet where the Ordinance requires a minimum side yard setback of 10 feet; to a story height of 3 stories where the Ordinance allows a maximum story height of 2 1/2 stories. Application approved with condi-tions.

**Jane & John Fietkiewicz, 806 Harding Street.** Applicants sought approval to construct a deck contrary to Section 12.04F1 and 11.09E6 of the Land Use Ordinance to allow a side yard setback of 5.7 feet where the Ordinance requires a minimum side yard setback of 10 feet; to allow a building coverage of 20.8% where the Ordinance allows a maximum building coverage of 20%. Application approved with conditions.

Plans and applications are on file in the office of the Town Engineer, 959 North Avenue, West, Westfield, New Jersey and may be seen Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Linda Jacus  
Board Secretary  
1 T - 12/24/20, The Leader Fee: \$110.16







# HONOR ROLL

## Park Middle School - 1st Marking Period

### 8th Grade

#### Distinguished Honor Roll

Ethan Afir, Morgan Barbosa, Matteo Barcellona, Abigail Bender, David Bolivar, Isobel Bruce, Michael Cantwell, Emma Carinhas, Grace Cawley, Antonio Cerchio Saggese, Emma Chan, Hannah Charnock, Isabella Cocca, Raya Crisafulli, Emily DeGaetano, Carina DiLollo, Olivia DiSalvo, Elisabeth Dolowy, McKenna Dwyer, Camryn Evans, Julia Farin, Julia Ferguson, Dylan Fitzgerald, Samantha Friscia, Tyler Glynn, Maggie Hayes, Sofia Heta, Mary Katherine Hoffman, Olivia Hunsinger, Clarke Hunter, Blake Jackson, Caitlin Keough, Elizabeth Koizumi, Isabella LaFerrera, Alexa LaRosa, Sophia Labazzo, Darrien Lee, Nathaniel Levesee, Anusha Magdum, Madeline Marcovecchio, Chelsea Martin, Krish Mathur, Grace Mattos, Ryan Mauer, Luis Mendez Vargas, Nicholas Mongold, Lorelei Morrison, Matthew Mui, Thomas Mui, Christopher Murphy, Daniel Murphy, Sofia Murray, Jacob Ocana, Joslyn Odum, Mikuzi Parker, Hanna Pearce, Samuel Perone, Zoe Psthats, Meredith Reilly, Audrey Ricks, Hannah Rosenthal, Sophia Seith, Sonya Shah, Sophia Shapiro, Asher Silva, Shreya Singh, Jack Sponheimer, Jada Sripada, Isabella Stepien, Saanvi Suresh, Cooper Tamase, Angelina Valente, Samuel Valera, Isaiah Williams, Torre Zullo

### 8th Grade

#### Regular Honor Roll

Grace Abadir, Keziah Acedieu, Araoluwa Akinwunmi, Pauline Elisha Aloo, Courtney Anthony, Brandon Au, Caitlin Bellistri, Michael Bellistri, Juliette Besson, Lily Bishop, Arianna Blake, Emma Boris, Grace Bottomly, Mason Cardenas, Adriana Cardinal, Brett Carter, Jenna Cerchio, Varun Chauhán, Carolina Conklin, Ethan Cukrow, Zacharie Desrosier, Juliana Doran, Thomas Eisner, Kareem Elkomy, Jake Fezza, Lydia Flagg, Victoria Gain, Max Gal, Braeden Galway, Lindsay Gold, Maria Gonzalez, Luna Guevara, Jeff Gui, Luke Hastrup, Evan Hayeck, Tristan Huber, Sean Johnston, Grayson Kelly, Louis Kelly, Aditya Khandelwal, Zayd Khurram, Paul Kole-Emmanuel, Annabel Koseoglu, Phoebe Kother, Ryan Lahetta, James Lama, Henry Lassman, Emily Laudman, Daniel Laurenzano, Griffin Lesnevich, Elana Lewis, Jackson Lorenzetti, Colin Mahr, Enisa Marku, Joseph Marranca, Joshua Matty, Jackson Mazzola, Emily McCall, Caitlyn Meyers, Kayla Mohabir, Kayla Murray, Virginia Nanton, Nicole Papadakis, Evan Phillips, Abena Poku, Sean Price, Victoria Prizgar, Bakhtawar Qamar, Beckham Quinn, Jayden Richards, Madeline Richter, Miguel Rodriguez Chacon, Timothy Ryder, Gianna Silva, Emily Skara, Phillip Snair, Hannah Spieler, David Tsvayberg, Ryan Watt, Meredith White, Erik Widhiatmodjo, Tiffany Yang, Riley Yau, Saman Zeb, Shaheryar Zeb, Luke Zimmerman, Thomas Zimmerman

### 7th Grade

#### Distinguished Honor Roll

Claire Abadir, Elizabeth Adegboyega, Paul Allen, Reilly Anvers, Gregory Baerson, Normandie Beversluis, Julian Bhatia, Sophia Birck, Alexa Birnbaum, Justin Bogdan, Liam Bonifas, Grace Brown, Reid Buehler, Jada Carter-McCummings, Beatriz Cesario, Samantha Chan, Alexander Chen, Christopher Chesky, Samantha Chesky, Tess Coffey, Steven Cohen, Jack Colvin, Timothy DeMatteo, Brandon DiNizo, Thomas Dowling, Lubow Ferencevych, Jacob Friedman, Sean Fuentes, Spoorthy Gundra, Sylvia Haley, Kaitlin Har, Alexander Ho, Quinn Hymán, Jasmin Jasul, Panagiota Kaintermoglou, Eitan Klieger, Joseph LaRosa, Elyse Lamberti, Madelyn Latham, Jonah Leske, Zoe Lessing, Aiden Lickman, Noah Lieberman, William Liu, Joao Lopes, Rhiane Lopez, Antonio Lourenco, Jeylene Lugo, Jake Martucci, Michael Martucci, Caleb McDowell, Sophie McMeekun, Taylor Mingio, Brian Natareno Santiago, Averie Nazario-Sharpe, Kristina Nitro, Samantha Nocera, Edward Orellano, Ariadni Pappas, Andrew Peneno, Nicole Perez, Hannah Perler, Cooper Pomponio, Taryn Ribaud, Abigail Richardson, Addison Richie, John Robinson, Emily Roof, Joelle Ruccio, Sofia Sanisidro, Ava Scott, Liam Skiff, Vance Slack, Joseph Souza, Georrea Stellakis, Jonah Tamayo, Liam Telesca, Lorenzo Tittanegro, Shae Trener, Sofia Vanterpool, Anthony Villafrade, Victoria Virga, Kelsie Waldron, Presley Weuve, Sam Whitefield, Kevin Wright, Jason Zhuo

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

**TAKE NOTICE** that on the 14th of December the Zoning Board of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union took the following actions:

**1. The 2021 Reorganization Meeting** is scheduled for Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held virtually.

Members of the public who wish to monitor and/or participate in the virtual meeting can join with Google Meet at: [meet.google.com/hdn-nkxw-uzy](https://meet.google.com/hdn-nkxw-uzy) or by phone at 1-561-408-9225 enter PIN 361122697.

Kathy Lenahan  
Board Administrator  
1 T - 12/24/20, The Leader Fee: \$18.36

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

##### NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

The Township of Cranford has awarded a contract pertaining to the purchase of a Video Production Platform to Varto Technologies. This Contract and Resolution No. 2020-398 authorizing said Contract are available for public inspection at the Office of the Township Clerk.

**Awarded to:** Varto Technologies, 195 Hackensack Street, East Rutherford, New Jersey 07073  
**Product:** Video Production Platform  
**Fee:** \$39,990.00  
**Date:** December 15, 2020

Patricia Donahue, RMC  
Township Clerk  
1 T - 12/24/20, The Leader Fee: \$18.87

### 7th Grade Regular Honor Roll

Ava Accardi, Diego Angeles, Sebastian Angeles, Irfa Azhar, Tristan Baumgartner, Sydney Bethune, Ryan Catallo, Jacob Cristobal, Jathaniel Cruz, Gabriella DeBrito, Sienna DelCorso, Brian Doyle, Emilio Falkowitz, Jacob Fallas, Jade Franco, Clay Friedrichs, Callum Fynes, Jake Gechtman, Stiles Gilliam, Ella Goldstein, Chase Herb, Lyla Hernandez, David Herstatt, Seth Hunter, Patrick Huszecz, Nathan Hyman, Brandon Indoe, Andrew Jiang, Dylín Kervel, Patrick Korner, Joseph Lambert, Natalia Lambert, Patrick Leone, Samantha Lionetti, Jenna Lourenco, Grace MacDougall, Daniel McArdle, Colin Miller, Brian Mitchell, Luke Murphy, Frank Nanton, Kamryn Nesmith, Nicholas Nitro, Noah Nocom, Carter Oser, Angelina Pagan, Jayson Parrott, Nasir Pellam, Kameron Pinder, Taylor Prunty, Salvatore Racanelli, Peyton Rose, Paige Rowley, Ashleigh Ryan, Ellie Schwartzman, Immanuel Sharenow, Taylor Shea, Elissa Steingart, Ryan Trivisonno, David Vu, Logan Weiss, Claire Widder, Hana Zamor, Nikos Zoganas, Ryan Zuckman

### 6th Grade

#### Distinguished Honor Roll

James Allen, Nathan Atienza, Andrew Balagot, Brody Balestrino, Logan Benedict, Cayden Benoit, Amanda Birck, Caitlin Birck, Benjamin Bouverot, Kiera Brennan, Sabrina Capati, Asher Carpien, Kevin Chen, Carly Chichester, Catherine Ciemniecki, Zofia Cintron, Isla Clowers, Meg Coppock-Huegel, Joseph Cordero, Neela Damarajah, Alan Davis, Madelyn DeBernardis, Zachary DeBernardis, Sanjiv Dhanantwari, Jolene Furguele, Luciana Gerace, Matthew Gregov, Sloan Gulas, Alexander Hagopian, Delaney Harmer, Isabel Hofmann, Madeline Huber, Emmalyn Hunsinger, John Hutchinson, Luke Iannotta, Matthew Iannotta, John Kalafat, Carter Kelly, Dillon Lassman, John Laudman, Kensie Lee, Aiden Liaguri, Andy Lin, Sarina Llano, Kaylin Lowe, Aiden Luccarelli, Matthew Martucci, Mark Migliaccio, Sophia Monteith, Davis Murphy, Amelia Nath, Brandon Nguyen, Elana Nieporent, Jake Ogg, Haidyn Pantano, Ethan Phillips, Knevin Pilley, Aaron Pinsky, Robert Platts, Angelina Rebuth, Josephine Rebuth, Jaden Reilert, Jaliyah Richards, Ryder Richer, Connor Scarpa, Ryan Scarpa, Aaron Sector, Harper Shimko, Andrew Skara, Jacqueline Smith, Isabelle Stewart, G'Ana Torres, Madelyn Valera, Zoe Wallis, Sara Ward, Nicolas Wierzbowski, Samantha Williams, Christian Zerilli

### 6th Grade

#### Regular Honor Roll

Madeline Abrams, Jayden Acevedo, Christopher Allen, Justin Au, Jude Agust, Alejandro Bailey, Sanjith Bailey, Ava Baumbach, Max Bickford, Nicholas Bizzarro, Patrick Boyle, Isabella Burdick, Gabriella Capece, James Caponigro, Brynn Cardenas, Aidan Carter, Xavier Cerchio Saggese, Alexander Chan, Aidan Cholar, Julian Clark, Brielle Colon, Siena Damens, Julia DiFiore, Maya Diaz, Catherine Dinegar, Evan Doran, Jack Doran, Thomas Dreyer, Madison Durant, Joseph Estevez, Shawn Fitzgerald, Parker Frasiolas, Chase Gilliam, James Gist, Jaslene Gonzalez, Logan Griffiths, Olivia Hanna, Connor Hayeck, Everton Heaven, Jack Heiberg, Lucas Heta, Nicholas Homer, Teresa Jackson, Jaimithin Jeyaprakash, Emma Johnston, Allison Juckes, Samantha Judd, Alexander Juniewicz, Matthew Karp, Nazariy Katerynyuk, Anwar Khan, Yusuf Khan, Lucas Koehler, Catherine L'Hommedieu, Antonio Laterza, Curtis Lewis, Desvraigauri Lokesh, Elio Lombardi, Andrew Lourenco, Solomon Mahaney, Alexander Manguait, Samantha Marcolina, Sami Marku, Juliana Mazzola, Trevor McCarthy, Kaiden Mirzwa, Maxwell Monderoy, Jack Murray, Leo Nardi, John Raphael Nitro, Kyle Palhares, Mya Parrella, Massimo Passucci, Megan Pellittieri, Gianluca Pentlicky, Naïma Pilgrim, Benjamin Poliseo, Eric Price, Aidan Quraishi, Thomas Radice-O'Brien, Trishan Ray, Kayla Reinemann, Anthony Reyes Arevalo, Jacob Rogowsky, Liam Rozycki, Mateo Ruiz, Samuel Saraiva, Zachary Schiff, Braden Slifer, Sean Sponheimer, Liana Stewart, Poppy Striegel, Margaret Tavis, Jonah Teicher, Nathaniel Torres, Kaylee Tucker, Katheryn Veliz Acuna, Jacob Vosseler, Veralyn Yang, Keela Yau, Raymond Zheng, David Zielenbach

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

##### ORDINANCE NO. 2020-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION, AS PER N.J.S.A., 40A:4-53, COVID-19 SPECIAL EMERGENCY

### STATEMENT

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the foregoing ordinance was finally passed at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey on December 15, 2020.

Patricia Donahue  
Municipal Clerk  
1 T - 12/24/20, The Leader Fee: \$17.34

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

##### NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

The Township of Cranford has awarded a Contract pertaining to the collection and marketing of recyclable materials within the Township of Cranford to Giordano Company Inc. This Contract and Resolution No. 2020-391 authorizing said Contract are available for public inspection at the Office of the Township Clerk.

**Awarded to:** Giordano Company Inc., 142-156 Frelinghuysen Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07114  
**Service:** Collection and marketing of recyclable materials within the Township of Cranford  
**Fee:** Year One (1) - \$617,400.00; January 2021 – December 2021  
Optional for Year Two (2) - \$629,100.00; January 2022 - December 2022  
**Date:** December 15, 2020

Patricia Donahue, RMC  
Township Clerk  
1 T - 12/24/20, The Leader Fee: \$23.46

### 8th Grade

#### Distinguished Honor Roll

Elizabeth Agnello, Shana Amsellem, Thomas Bastable, Christopher Bell, Francesca Benedicto, Anabelle Bernard, Emma Blair, Nadia Buck, Grace Burke, Isabella Caldwell, Reese Carberry, Andrew Ciampa, Samantha Cohn, Alexandra Compierchio, Madeline Coyle, Audrey Coyne, Emily Cruz, Atharv Dwivedi, Yael Eini, Justin Ellazar, Antonio Ficazzola, Benjamin Filler, William Folger, Kashvi Furia, Caitlin Gannon, Tyler George, Sophie Gingold, Maia Gonzalez, Caroline Grandmaison, Macy Greene, Sabrina Hackett, McKenna Jeans, Gabrielle Johnson, Sarah Kaplan, Jack Kendall, Ava Khan, Olivia LaPorta, Caroline Lemansky, Amanda Leung, Xavier Levy, Edward Li, Samuel Lindell, Caroline Lowder, Caitlyn Madden, Jack Masterson, Caden Matulonis, Connor Matulonis, Logan McDonald, Shannon McGuinness, Margaret McNulty, Elizabeth Messano, Mikaila Millard, Kyle Miller, Malissa Morabito, Kathryn Novak, Prince Ossy, Tanvi Pawar, Marin Pecarsky, Christopher Plenca, Sophia Poeschl, Wincent Qiu, Maria Sao Jose, Olivia Scarpignato, Jonathan Schwartz, Jaidev Sharma, Jordana Sheiowitz, Tyler Sklarin, Maya-Li Sneor, Emily Sobolewski, Robert Sorkin, Keira St John, Cooper Stahley, Alissa Stumpf, Ellie Szopinski, Dominique Tabug, Emma Teevan, Jalarin Truselo, Lindsay Tse, Alyssa Verducci, Marianne Wavelet, Kate Wolff, Sarah Wong

### 8th Grade

#### Regular Honor Roll

Dylan Anger, Zuril Battle, Matthew Benedetto, John Boyle, Annalise Brencons, Jackson Briamonte, Jack Byrne, Caitlin Carter, Emerson Carton, Joshua Chaillet, Alexander Checchio, Benjamin Ciampa, Aidan Cichocki, Elise Clifton, Dylan Condell, William Consoli, Christian DeGennaro, Harsh Doshi, Riley Dupuis, Reymond Facenda, Brayden Gal, Tessa Giordano, Eboni Goodman, Ryan Gorski, Eryn Gulbin, Jack Handy, Sophie Hughes, Olivia Kanterman, Noah Kornfeld, Damien Lariviere, Justice Larkin, Max LeBrun, Anthony Lorenzetti, Jake Lukko, Giovanni Marrese, Isabella McCarthy, Sophia Mekkeb, Melania Mendes, Elyona Molina, Jeremy Montgomery, Jacob Morrell, Alexis Moser, Samantha Nadel, Nam Nguyen, Abigail Noriega, Dominic Olivito, Kevin Paredes, Kenneth Paul, Devin Pearce, Devin Pedrero, Naftali Pincus, Annabella Pugliese, David Ruiz, Brienne Russo, Luca Russo, Benjamin Sackett, Rohan Sangal, Gabrielle Schiff, Lilah Seiden, Alicea Sena, Nicholas Squashic, Claire Swensen, Antonios Theocharopoulos, Luca Tortorella, Sara Valencia, Evan Weber, Alyssa Wimer, Elaine Yick

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

In accordance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, State of New Jersey, the public is hereby notified of the following schedule of regular meetings of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, for the year 2021. Due to the ongoing public health emergency, and the Governor's Executive Orders related to the same, the Zoning Board of the Township of Cranford will conduct all meetings remotely and by electronic means for the foreseeable future.

When meetings resume in-person, both workshop and public meetings will be held at the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey in Council Chambers, Room 107.

Workshop portion of the meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. with the public meeting commencing at 7:45 p.m. All foreseeable meetings, including workshop sessions, are designated as meetings at which formal action may be taken.

January 11 - Reorganization Meeting			
	25	July	12
February	8	August	9
	22		
March	8	September	13
	22		27
April	12	October	4
	26		25
May	3	November	8
	10		22
June	14	December	67

Ron Marotta, Chairman  
1 T - 12/24/20, The Leader Fee: \$35.19

# HONOR ROLL

## Terrill Middle School - 1st Marking Period

### 7th Grade

#### Distinguished Honor Roll

Alexander Abrams, Julianna Abrantes, Usuah Agboola, Brandon Aponte, Regan Auyeung, Parker Bauman, Alex Bolton, Ava Bonczek, Logan Brands, Ananya Chaudhari, Lily Cirillo, Emily Clarke, Amelia Condell, Isabella DeSanto, Benjamin Denning, Liya Desai, Ella Dicellis, Olivia Domingues, Holly Dore, Venny Ebrahim, Darren Edelman, Daniel Ennis, Ella Fleckenstein, Hannah Fox, Juliette Gutierrez, Shawn Guzman, Griffin Hough, Vivienne Hwang, Ashley Hynes, Asher Jackvony, Juilee Joshi, Tara Kilgannon, Sydney Klein, Matthew Krantz, Ava LaHuta, Rebecca Lacerda, Andrea Lerner, Xing Liao, Tiago Liccone, Sophia Loewenthal, Spencer Martin, Kaitlyn McKeon, Isabella Mirenda, Diane Morrow, Nicholas Movsesian, Maxwell Nicholson, Emma O'Hearn, Daniela Pains, Alison Park, Yael Perrotta, Gayatri Phatak, Thomas Riley, Brooke Ritter, Gianna Rundella, Alexandra Savare, Mia Savare, Michael Savare, Sadie Shapiro, Jeremy Solis-Ledezma, Gareth Su, Gabriella Suriani, Danielle Tabug, Michael Tatur, Emma Telpis, Jake Todaro, Alison Trafalis, Benjamin Travnicek, Maxwell Van Eiten, Marc Vidone, Aanya Wright, Agnes Yee

### 7th Grade

#### Regular Honor Roll

Aarav Akarte, Sama Alaulddin, Chloe Altman, Grace Assuncao, Mason Atkins, Madeline Ball, Opal Bangar, Logan Bermingham, Anay Bhardwaj, Paul Boyle, Daniel Burke, Madelyn Byrne, Brendan Campion, Sebastian Ceraulo, Sofia Cesario, Mahnoor Chaudhary, Zhaoxiang Chen, Niam Desai, Luca DiMeglio, Justin Facao, Ethan Fellen, Brooke Ferguson, Danica Fleureton, Gabriela Fraguas, Aaron Frank, Gabriela Franschman, Jesse Friedman, Sophia Giachino, Colleen Gillen, Erica Giuliani, Luke Gorospe, Natalie Gorski, Lucas Grimm, Liam Kendall, Anjali Koganti, Vince Larbi, James Lester, Devin McAuliffe, Andrew Medina, Travis Moore, Tyson Moose, Noah Needle, Jeffrey Noonan, Kiersten O'Donnell, Bradley Pearce, Kyle Pedrero, Molly Pickel, Atharv Pillai, Emma Piszko, Lily Priel, Noah

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE PLANNING BOARD

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that memorializing resolutions were adopted at the December 17, 2020 meeting in the following matters:

**RESOLUTION  
CASE NO.: BA 20-20; KLEYNSHAYG**  
6 HIGH POINT DRIVE  
BK: 7.01 LT: 1.05  
R-2 ZONE  
Approved: 11/23/20

**RESOLUTION  
CASE NO.: 20-21; MOSAICO**  
1072 ROUTE 22  
BK: 7.01 LT: 12  
Represented By: Vito A. Pinto, Esq.  
LI ZONE  
Approved: 11/23/20

**RESOLUTION  
CASE NO.: BA 20-22; MENAKER**  
1595 BROOKSIDE ROAD  
BK: 8.02 LT: 9  
R-2 ZONE  
Approved: 11/23/20

**RESOLUTION  
CASE NO.: 20-18; GMYREK**  
ADDRESS: 1541 COLES AVENUE  
BLOCK: 3.11 LOT: 13  
Represented By: Stephen F. Hehl, Esq.  
R-1 ZONE  
Approved: 11/23/20

Resolutions are available for review in the Board Office by appointment. To receive a copy of a Resolution, email [tsnyder@mountainside-nj.com](mailto:tsnyder@mountainside-nj.com).

By Order of the Planning Board,  
Theresa M. Snyder, Board Clerk  
BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE  
COUNTY OF UNION  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
1 T - 12/24/20, The Leader Fee: \$37.74

Rhodes, Brayden Rites, Mark Rivera, Olivia Rotondo, Sofia Sanchez, Samantha Savarese, Aiden Schollin, Hamza Shah, Jordanna Silverstein, Lila Sinetar, Benjamin Sohmer, Alexander Spencer, Nicholas Stanko, Michaela Tang, Mia Trombetta, Sophia Ursino, Caleb Ward, Rose Weisman, Aiden Winters

### 6th Grade

#### Distinguished Honor Roll

Jack Alchus, Gabriella Antonellis, Nathaniel Asculai, Alisanne Ball, Jacob Benedicto, Rebecca Blanco, Sawyer Briamonte, Brittany Catalan-Ledezma, Alexandra Chung, Tessa DeGennaro, Russell Eschbacher, Reyna Facenda, Emily Fava, Bradley Feltingoff, Shayna Feltingoff, Elliana Fessock, Mackenna Fischer, Samuel Galante, Leah Genato, Avery George, Ronald Germinder, Rebecca Greisman, Shaan Gurnani, Kylie Hackett, Ava Handler, Max Handler, Aliya Hanjra, Emily Hyland, Amy Jiang, Ryder Karp, Emerson Klaskow, Katie Kowalsky, Sara Kuchar, Maxwell Kumaratana, Ryan Levine, Marcelo Liccone, Matthew Lindo, Sophia Loew, Isabel Lowder, Lucas Lugo, Reese Madden, Olivia Mandy, Julia Marinaro, Alyssa Marrese, Aarav Mathur, Harrison McClure, Tyler Midrano, Omar Mirza, Ella Movsesian, Noah Oon, Julia

## Tree Stewards Will ‘Visit’ Classrooms for 29th Year

COUNTY – The Union County Master Tree Stewards will continue their unbroken record of school visits in 2021 by offering virtual lessons on trees for fourth graders throughout the county. The online format will take place this year in order to help prevent the spread of Covid-19.

The tree stewards are community volunteers who are trained and certified by the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County to educate children and adults on the role of trees in the urban and suburban environment.

The program began operating in Union County in 1991. Since then, approximately 200 certified tree steward volunteers in Union County have provided lessons to 50,000 fourth-grade students.

The virtual tree steward lesson is a live, interactive program offered free of charge to schools every Wednesday from January to March.

To arrange for a session, educators can contact Union County 4-H Agent James Nichnadowicz at [jnichnadowicz@ucnj.org](mailto:jnichnadowicz@ucnj.org) or (908)654-9854 (ext. 3).

Union County residents who are interested in becoming volunteer master tree stewards can also email [jnichnadowicz@ucnj.org](mailto:jnichnadowicz@ucnj.org) or call (908)654-9854 (ext. 3).

In addition to classroom visits, the master tree stewards have also been tagging trees of significance along popular multi-use paths in county parks. The tags are small green signs posted just above eye level, which display QR codes that link to information about each tree. To see a list of paths in Union County parks, visit [ucnj.org/parks-recreation](http://ucnj.org/parks-recreation).

Along with their role in providing habitat for wildlife, trees help prevent erosion and reduce flooding in cities and towns. They also help reduce airborne pollutants, and they help create a cooling effect in the summer. Studies show that a healthy

Pissarnitski, Hayley Plotnick, Ivan Rego, Holly Rein, Julia Rein, Sydney Richardson, Juliette Rose, Naomi Ryan, Hriday Sadhvani, Millie Saltzman, Tyler Schobel, Karla Segarra, Adriana Severino, Manav Shah, Simon Shapiro, Henry Sherratt, Jacob Shpitofsky, Madeline Sobolewski, Leah Soifer, Shyla Spagnoli, Sophie Spencer, Braden Steer, Aaron Thomas, Justin Timchak, Jack Tse, Molly Van Ostenbridge, John Verducci, Jason Villaverde, Bowen Zhang

### 6th Grade

#### Regular Honor Roll

Isaac Alfaro, Kyra Amsellem, Jalen Aponte, Henry Bastable, Alexandra Bejarano, Thomas Blake, Jessie Boland, Justin Brace, Brooke Bressler, Lachlan Brown, Luca Burgio, Oliver Cohen, Anthony D'Elia, Alexandre Dumontier, Valencia Duru, Samantha Edwards, Reagan Estivene, Julia Ferrigno, Jane Fisher, Lara Fox, Jayden Giamio, Liam Greten, Arianna Hamilton, Logan Hopkins, Sean Hyland, Jordin Iazzetti, Sophie-Francesca Isleta, Xavier Jimenez, Samuel Kaplan, Molly Kinsella, Sarah Kornfeld, Abigail Kuczynski, Amana Kumamoto, Luke Lang, Ryan LeBrun, Sofia Linderman, Christopher Lorenzetti, Aidan Maguire, Emily Maughan, Mercurius Mickail, Sarah Mihansky, Neil Miranda, Taylor Murray, Lia Passucci, Taylor Piazza, Addison Ralph, Vanessa Rosario, Hayley Sackett, Aida Schobel, Ryan Schollin, Victoria Scolavino, Avery Sesser, Sriшти Shankar, Spencer Shulman, Andrew Smith, Arielle Solomon, Aleksander Stevens, Andrew Szabo, Devin Tighe, Jason Tufuga, Emily Vella, Nicolas Violante, Jack Voorhees, Juliette Weinroth, Jack Wilber, Mikayla Wong, Aden Yarnall, Alexis van Blijdestein

tree canopy is linked to higher property values, lower crime and other community benefits.

The Freeholder Board supports tree conservation on county property through a tree replacement policy, including county parks and roads. In 2004, the Freeholder Board also launched the annual Greening Union County grant program, which provides local governments with funds to plant trees on municipal property.

The Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County is part of a statewide program run by the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station Cooperative Extension of Rutgers University, connecting citizens with science-based educational opportunities. In Union County, the Freeholder Board supports the Rutgers Cooperative Extension with administrative support and local offices at the Union County Complex at 300 North Avenue East in Westfield.

In addition to the tree steward program, the extension offers a training course to help Union County residents develop environmental projects in their communities. The next training session will be conducted online beginning in January. Field sessions may be added in the spring, conditions permitting. For information visit [envirostewards.rutgers.edu/county-classes](http://envirostewards.rutgers.edu/county-classes).

The extension also runs the Union County 4-H clubs for students in grades K-12+. In-person activities are limited due to Covid-19 restrictions, but students can participate in the 4-H Mars Base Camp challenge and many other hands-on activities through the 4-H at Home program.

For more information about all Union County Extension programs for youth and adults visit [ucnj.org/grce](http://ucnj.org/grce).

For more online educational activities related to nature, science and the environment, visit Union County's Trailside Nature and Science Center at [ucnj.org/trailside](http://ucnj.org/trailside).

## Goods & Services Directory

**OLIVER A HOWARTH PAVING**  
Driveways • Parking Lots  
Seal Coating • Railroad Ties  
Belgian Block Curbing  
Drainage Problems  
Cement Sidewalks  
“Serving the area for over 70 years”  
Family Owned & Operated  
Fully Insured • FREE Estimates  
**908-753-7281**

### BOOKKEEPING SERVICES

#### FLUENT IN QUICKBOOKS

#### DESKTOP & ONLINE

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND RECEIVABLE,  
BANK RECS, FINANCIAL REPORTING  
PAYROLL FOR UP TO 49 EMPLOYEES  
MONTHLY, QUARTERLY & YEARLY  
PAYROLL TAXES AND 1099S

BESS ECKSTEIN

917-882-1801

ECKSTEIN.BESS@GMAIL.COM

**HOLIDAY GUESTS ARE COMING!**  
**The Grout Guy**  
**Spruce up your tile!**  
**BATHROOMS, KITCHENS, FLOORS, COUNTERS**  
Call for a free in-home estimate  
**973-634-7384**

**CHECCHIO**  
**BLACK TOP PAVING**  
DRIVEWAYS CONCRETE  
PARKING LOTS BRICK PAVERS  
**908-889-4422**  
FREE ESTIMATES

**Precision Painting Plus**  
Specializing in  
Interior Painting,  
Wall Repair, Spackling,  
Professional, Neat, Reliable  
No job too small  
Free estimates  
**908-400-5599**

**Nature's Beauty**  
**Marble & Granite Fabricators**  
High quality wholesale prices on all your marble & granite needs.  
Specializing in kitchen countertops, bathroom vanities & fireplaces.  
“Looking forward to doing business with you. Come in for a FREE estimate or simply fax us your layouts.”  
**2476 Plainfield Avenue Scotch Plains, NJ 908-233-5300**  
Fax: 908-233-5655

This AD space is calling your name!  
You should call back.

Ask for Jeff Gruman at 908-232-4407

Want this AD space?

Contact the Space Man

908-232-4407 • [sales@goleader.com](mailto:sales@goleader.com)

Single Size: \$25 per week • Double Size: \$40 per week

Call Jeff Gruman at 908-232-4407 or email [sales@goleader.com](mailto:sales@goleader.com)



# Arts & Entertainment

## Three Local Women, Long-time Friends, Buy Westfield FroYo

By HILLARY SHOPE  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD — Megan Connors, Lauren Federgreen and Mollie Gibbons are now the proud owners of Westfield FroYo after purchasing it in September. They grew up going to the store and when it went up for sale, the three friends decided to buy the Westfield staple.

“We knew the previous owner, Dan, from going to the store since we were kids,” said Lauren. “He mentioned to me last year that he was considering selling it and I mentioned the idea to Megan and Mollie and from there we built on the opportunity and decided to pursue it.”

Lauren and Megan have been friends since the sixth grade and they met Mollie their freshman year of high school.

They’re buying an establishment that also has a long history. 2021 will be the 30th anniversary of Westfield FroYo.

“Making it a women-owned business in these times is just pretty incredible,” said Mollie. “It’s three local friends taking on a local business and keeping it running hopefully for another 30 years.”

It was a staple of their childhood and they are looking forward to the future of Westfield FroYo.

“It’s a place we used to go when we were in high school - [we] would go for lunch, we would go after school,” said Megan. “We have a lot of memories from growing up.”

Due to the pandemic, there were challenges during the purchasing process and obstacles due to safety protocols.

“It was a lot harder to get everything organized,” said Mollie. “You couldn’t meet with people as easily and you couldn’t just walk into a bank and open an account. It just felt like everything took forever.”

Since formally taking over the shop in early October, they had to get creative when it came to reaching customers and announcing their opening to local Westfielders.

“We couldn’t have a big grand open-

ing party - we weren’t even having people inside the building,” said Mollie. “We were still operating under a window service. It was definitely an opportunity to explore the social media side of things more than anything else because that’s really all we had. We couldn’t do very much else to promote ourselves or get people inside the building or get them excited about what we were going to do, so it was a challenge but it’s turned out to be pretty great.”



Courtesy of Amy Watkins

Megan said it was an opportunity to consider things beyond what they would normally have discussed pre-pandemic.

“What happens if we have to shut down again - or not being able to have people inside the store?” asked Megan. “[These are] things that we wouldn’t have normally thought about if it weren’t for the pandemic.”

It’s important for new Westfield FroYo customers to know that flavors change seasonally, but there’s one flavor they say is always a favorite whenever it’s available.

“The peanut butter frozen yogurt is a staple for many people who are peanut butter lovers like myself,” said Lauren.

“People come out in droves for the peanut butter,” said Mollie.

In addition to seasonal flavors like peppermint stick and gingerbread man, Westfield FroYo is also working on the pies they have available in store. They normally have

about 12-15 different kinds, depending on the flavors they are currently offering.

“We’ve been working on a ton of holiday pies,” said Mollie. “We’re trying to make them more colorful and exciting and ramp up the idea of specials to put on the menu.”

If you’re dairy-free, they also have a vegan flavor offered daily.

“Whatever your nutrition needs are, we usually have an option for you,” said Mollie.

Gibbon’s husband, Foster Coons, is a chef by trade and decided to help build the business.

“One of the biggest pieces of advice the previous owner, Dan, gave us was just to be present,” said Mollie, “so [Foster] is in the store every day or six days a week, getting his hands dirty trying to learn this business, run the business, take care of our employees during a very bizarre time in the world to be a business owner, but it’s really exciting and fun for him.”

Looking to the future, Westfield FroYo hopes to continue the tradition of being a place Westfielders hold dear.

“We want to instill the same type of memories that we had growing up with this institution and town for other people and kids that are growing up in the town now,” said Megan.

“We have so many plans and ideas for this store and we want to keep it as it is but bring it to the 21st century,” said Mollie. “Keep bringing your families. The owners, the employees, everyone is in your community so support them. Come in, buy froyo, buy a pie and bring it home and enjoy it.”

With ever-changing flavors, custom offerings, and a store built on friendship, Westfield FroYo’s future is looking pretty sweet.

Westfield FroYo is located at 270 North Avenue E in Westfield. In addition to their holiday specials, they also take custom order pies. Give them a call or visit the store to place an order.

## McArdle’s Optimism at Enlow Hall Signals the ‘Sun’ll Come Out Tomorrow’

By SUSAN MYRILL DOUGHERTY  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

UNION — Kean Stage at Kean University in Union launched its first virtual program from the stage of the intimate Enlow Recital Hall with a concert by Tony nominee Andrea McArdle, who made her fame as a child actress in the title role of the Broadway musical *Annie*. The show, “Andrea McArdle, a Holiday Concert,” taped live and then presented online five times this past weekend, marks Ms. McArdle’s first performance since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. Songs, stories, and the performer’s sunshine flooded the stage that was decorated with festive lighting and a gigantic spray of evergreens, pinecones and red bows.

Of course, the night had to start with Christmas favorites of “Christmas Time is Here” followed by the ubiquitous “Most Wonderful Time of the Year.” As any artist with savvy knows, connecting with the audience is critical. Ms. McArdle chatted a bit about the awkwardness of playing to an empty auditorium, but her effervescence and talent carried the night without the usual symbiotic relationship with an audience. She thanked Kean University and “the theater gods for the Christmas gift” of performing online. The patter between songs is not only encouraged with cabaret-type shows but also a necessity to form a cohesive, interesting program. This veteran Broadway performer knows all about that and incorporated several personal anecdotes and insider stories from her career.

Her career travels to places all over the world have helped her appreciate our neighbor, New York City, so she paid tribute with a rousing rendition of “New York, New York.” Following that, she belted one of the most exciting numbers from *Annie* — “NYC” — that was energy-charged by her musical director/pianist Steve Marzullo’s frenetic locomotive-sounding piano. She then shared that, even at age 13, starring in a big Broadway production had perks. One of them was to be in Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade. She sat atop the stem of New York City’s Big Apple float but, unfortunately, after more than three hours of parading, came down with pneumonia.

The evening was certainly not all about that star-making role, however. “I love Regional Theatre,” she said, and mentioned that one of her top three favorite roles was Nancy in *Oliver!*. That brought her to the delightful ballad usually sung by little Oliver himself, “Where is Love?” The song fit memorably in a comfortable place in her range, that creamy, velvety place. From there, she delivered an emotionally expressive “As Long as He Needs Me,” Nancy’s signature song.

Ballads, torch songs, up-tempo numbers — she proved she’s versatile enough to do them all. In Sondheim’s “Broadway Baby,” nice camera work integrating long, medium and close-up shots kept visual interest going. Forty-seven years in show business have taught Ms. McArdle a few things, and she has taught others along the way. She was asked by Harry Connick, Jr. about the song “Maybe.” He said he and his

kids listened to the music from the show many times and wondered why on the original Broadway cast album she belted that tender song. Ms. McArdle had to enlighten him that *Annie* was the last Broadway show that only used floor mics, no body mics. She had to belt it to be heard in

For something a little different, she offered the delightful Ella Fitzgerald’s jazz version of “Santa Claus is Coming to Town.” Up-tempo numbers like “Put on a Happy Face” and “The Trolley Song” also livened the pace.

For a woman who has been onstage with Liberace and the Rockettes in Las Vegas, performed on Broadway in *Jerry’s Girls*, Belle in *Beauty and the Beast* and Fantine in *Les Miserables*, she is used to hearing applause. She mentioned in the hour-long performance that it was strange not having immediate feedback from an audience. That is such an integral part of live theater. That give and take. That energy. Performers feed off it. Even without applause, though, this is a performer who understands timing, phrasing, vocal excellence, and the importance of telling a story and selling a song.

Prior to singing “Before the Parade Passes By” (that she called “a signature song of Carol Channing”), Ms. McArdle shared a story about her castmate complete with a charming Channing impression.

As she closed her holiday show, she wove in her adult version of “Tomorrow” with the message, “We need the inspiration of this song now.” She sang it with depth, perspective and understanding, and hope for a post-pandemic world, not with just the pure gusto of a 13-year-old.

And in delivering a sweet closer, “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas,” it was obvious she meant it.



Andrea McArdle

the last row of the balcony. She asked the virtual audience for permission for a “redo” of that song and delivered a tear-inducing rendition. Perfect musical intervals coupled with the lyrics, “Won’t you please come get your baby?” was a heart-wrenching moment.

Another *Annie* — *Annie Oakley* from *Annie Get Your Gun* — was a role that she has always wanted to play but has not been afforded the opportunity yet. (She gave a wink and a nod to any producers out there who were listening.) Her “They Say It’s Wonderful” from that show would have made Irving Berlin proud. If this were her audition for the role, she would get two thumbs up.

### Community Calendar

Brought to you by Trinitas Regional Medical Center



**Free Gift Wrapping** at the Downtown Welcome Center, Westfield. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. throughout the month of December.

**Westfield Area Y Men’s Club Christmas Tree Sale** at the Elm Street Athletic Field, Westfield. Monday through Friday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. throughout the month of December.

**Cranford’s Festival of Trees** throughout the month of December. Visit local downtown businesses in Cranford and “like” your favorite entries. The winner will be announced in the New Year.

**Online Local Shopping for Downtown Westfield** throughout the month of December. Visit [www.beyondmain.com/g/downtown-westfield/](http://www.beyondmain.com/g/downtown-westfield/)

**Holiday Luminary Sale** Thursday, December 24, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Contact-less pickup at 1 Manfra Way, Fanwood. Each kit is \$1 and includes a bag, candle and sand. For more information, email [fsprotry@gmail.com](mailto:fsprotry@gmail.com)

**First Congregational Church Virtual Afternoon Service** Thursday, December 24, 3 p.m. featuring traditional carols and special music presentations and featuring our Youth Christmas Pageant. Visit the FCC Facebook page @FCCWestfield or website [fccwestfield.org](http://fccwestfield.org)

**Outdoor Gathering at the First Congregational Church** Thursday,

December 24, 5 p.m. sing Christmas carols and trade holiday greetings outside on the front lawn, socially-distanced with masks. For additional information, please call 908-233-2494.

**Christmas Magic 2020** Thursday, December 24, 6 p.m. ring a bell outside of your homes to bring Christmas magic to the community.

**First Congregational Church Virtual Candlelight Celebration** Thursday, December 24, 8 p.m. traditional candlelight celebration of Scripture, carols, virtual anthems and message of reflection. Visit the FCC Facebook page @FCCWestfield or website [fccwestfield.org](http://fccwestfield.org)

**Winter Break Fashion Workshops** Monday, December 28 through Wednesday, December 30, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 425 E Broad Street, Westfield. \$75 per class.

**Free parking in Downtown Westfield** through Sunday, January 3, 2021 for local holiday shopping.

**Scotch Plains Holiday Home Decorating Contest** is open for voting through Sunday, January 3. Vote for your top 3 homes at [www.scotchplainsnj.gov/departments/recreation/upcoming-events/](http://www.scotchplainsnj.gov/departments/recreation/upcoming-events/)

**Virtual Zumba** Monday, January 4 through Monday, February 15, 10 a.m. Join licensed fitness instructor Audrey Raney in our 7 week series of hour-long Zumba classes. Visit [www.wmlnj.org](http://www.wmlnj.org)

**2021 Virtual Anti-racism Training** via zoom. Registration is online through January 9 at <https://tinyurl.com/Anti-Racism-January>. Discussions will be held Fridays, January 29, February 5, February 12, February 19, February 26 and March 26, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. \$100 for the course.

**Hamilton: One Shot to Broadway** Friday, January 8, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Online viewing of the story about the hit musical that changed Broadway forever. Visit [www.wmlnj.org](http://www.wmlnj.org)

**Trivia Night for Teens and Adults** Tuesday, January 12, 7 p.m. Join the Westfield Library on Zoom! Visit [www.wmlnj.org](http://www.wmlnj.org)

**Virtual Meditation** Thursday, January 14, 7 p.m. Join longtime mediator Gerry Gorman in a powerful workshop on meditation. Visit [www.wmlnj.org](http://www.wmlnj.org)

\*\*\*  
Submit events at  
[www.goleader.com/calendar](http://www.goleader.com/calendar)

Submit  
Your  
Community  
Calendar  
Events  
[goleader.com/calendar](http://goleader.com/calendar)

## ARE YOU HAPPY WITH YOUR DAUGHTER’S CURRENT PROGRAM?

You Should MEET THE MOUNT



### TOURING TUESDAYS

Explore our spacious 80-acre campus with members of our Admissions team.

### ZOOM MEETINGS

Learn more about why successful journeys begin at the Mount by chatting with our Admissions team virtually on ZOOM.

8:1 STUDENT/TEACHER RATIO

100% COLLEGE ATTENDANCE

80 ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCHOLARS

50 CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

11 VARSITY SPORTS TEAMS

BLOOMBERG FINANCIAL MARKETS LAB

Contact [admissions@mountsaintmary.org](mailto:admissions@mountsaintmary.org) or (908) 757-0108, ext. 4506



## MOUNT SAINT MARY ACADEMY

1645 ROUTE 22, WEST AT TERRILL RD.

WATCHUNG, NJ 07069

[WWW.MOUNTSAINTMARY.ORG](http://WWW.MOUNTSAINTMARY.ORG)

### Cacao and Ginger Loaf

Cacao and ginger are comforting winter staples, both of which remind me of a cozy night at home. This loaf is good at room temperature or warmed up for about 10 seconds in the microwave with a little butter on top. Happy holidays! Enjoy!

- Ingredients:
- 2 eggs
  - 1 cup all-purpose flour
  - 2 tablespoons cacao powder
  - 1 teaspoon baking powder
  - 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
  - 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
  - 1/4 cup brown sugar (make sure you pack it into the measuring cup)
  - 1/2 cup oat milk (or milk of your choosing)
  - 1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
  - 1 3/4 oz. dark chocolate bar
  - 3 tablespoons crystallized ginger chips
  - 1/2 cup maple syrup
  - 1/2 cup full-fat sour cream
- Directions:
1. Preheat your oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
  2. In a small bowl, whisk together



two eggs. Set to the side.

3. Roughly chop your chocolate bar and crystallized ginger. Set to the side.

4. In a medium bowl, whisk together your dry ingredients, including: flour (make sure you sift it), cacao powder, baking powder, cinnamon, sugar, brown sugar.

5. Then it’s time to add your remaining ingredients, including: oat milk, vanilla, chopped chocolate, chopped ginger, maple syrup and sour cream (Do **not** mix until you’ve added all the remaining ingredients. You want to minimize the amount of mixing you’re doing, so only mix the ingredients until well combined.)

6. Pour the batter into a greased loaf pan. Top with a few chopped ginger chips. (Your batter will be very thin, but don’t worry! This keeps the loaf moist while it’s baking since cacao powder tends to dry things out.)

7. Bake in the oven for ~45-55 minutes, until a toothpick comes out clean. Leave it out and let it cool completely. If you’re storing it overnight, make sure to securely wrap it in foil.





David B. Corbin (December 2019 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*

**SETTING A WHS RECORD...**Blue Devil Abby McKinney set the WHS record in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 56.9 in the rivalry meet against the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders in Westfield on December 19, 2019.



David B. Corbin (December 2019 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*

**TAKING FIRST IN THE 500-FREESTYLE...**Blue Devil Seth Camacho took first in the 500-freestyle with a time of 4:48.72 in the meet against the Raider boys at Wallace Pool in Westfield on December 19, 2019.

## A Special Look Through the Rearview Mirror at Local Sports

From the archives of *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* - Complete accounts can be found at [www.goleader.com](http://www.goleader.com) - year - month - week

**December 10, 2019:** Freshman Perry Cuccaro rolled a 622 (217, 207, 198) series as the Westfield bowling team defeated Scotch Plains-Fanwood 7-0, 2,771-2,397, at Jersey Lanes in Linden. Dante Morales rolled a 584 (203, 195, 186) series and Trey Rabinowitz rolled a 580

(178, 197, 205) series. Jon Grossman had a 479 (190, 142, 147) series. Tyler Devitt had games of 183 and 168, and Austin Peterson rolled a 155.

Josh Fox recorded the high series for the 5-2 Raiders with a 525 (168, 189, 168). Aiden Birnbaum rolled a 514 (172, 177, 165) series. Dylan Fei rolled a 480 (199, 146, 135) series. Brandon Buissereth rolled a 448 (131, 158, 159) series and Jessica Lancaster rolled a 430 (142, 147, 141) series.

**December 19, 2019:** Senior Abby McKinney certainly had her special afternoon but so did the Westfield High School (WHS) girls swim team when they overwhelmed the visiting Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders, 105.5-64.5, at Wallace Pool in Westfield. The 4-0 Lady Blue Devils took first in two of the three relays and six of the eight individual events and McKinney was on both winning relays and touched first in the 200-Individual Medley (IM) with a time of 2:12.81 then set the WHS record in the 100-butterfly with a winning time of 56.9. The Blue Devils wasted no time gaining 11 of the 14 team points

in the first event, the 200-medley relay by placing 1-3. Julia McGann, Elie Cestero, Abby McKinney and Erin McKinney touched first with a time of 1:50.68, followed by Raiders Rachel Small, Julia Bonhote, Ava Mustacciolo and Chloe Howell at 1:54.12 and Blue Devils Laura Lane, Clara Yu, Katherine Li and Vivian Jeckell also timed at 1:54.12.

**December 19, 2019:** Tremendous strength of depth, especially in the final five events, came into play as the WHS boys swim team, clinging to a slim 48-46 lead after the 100-freestyle, outscored the visiting SPF Raiders, 53-23, in those events to seize a 101-69 victory in Westfield. The Raiders claimed a

first place in five of the first six events but the Blue Devils' depth held on to keep that narrow lead.

During that tight first half of action, Raider Matt London touched first in the 50-freestyle with a time of 22.39 and the 100-freestyle with a time of 49.82. Blue Devil Roan Baker was the only Blue Devil to touch first in those first six events with a time of 1:58.6 in the 200-Individual Medley (IM). Baker would also win the 100-backstroke in 54.77.

**December 12, 2018:** Dominance across the board with the exception of one event catapulted the SPF boys swim team to a 113-57 triumph over the Chatham Cougars at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains "Y". The

CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

BALLYHOO

See & Subscribe at  
goleader.com/ballyhoo

Submit commentary and items for publishing.  
Email to [ballyhoo@goleader.com](mailto:ballyhoo@goleader.com)

l'ennemi du journaliste





David B. Corbin (December 2018 files) for *The Westfield Leader and The Times*  
**BREEZING THROUGH THE 500-FREESTYLE...**Raider senior Josh Cohen breezes his way to victory in the 500-freestyle during the meet with the Chatham Cougars on December 12, 2018. The Raider boys overwhelmed Chatham, 113-57.



David B. Corbin (December 2018 files) for *The Westfield Leader and The Times*  
**MIXING IT UP UNDER THE BOARDS...**Cougar senior KC Pringle, No. 22, and Raider seniors Stephanie DeVizio, center, and Gabby Aloe, No. 1, mix it up under the boards in Cranford on December 14, 2018. The Lady Cougars won 45-25.

This page is brought to you by:

The Westfield Memorial Library

908-789-4090 • www.wmlnj.org

## A Special Look Through the Rearview Mirror at Local Sports

Raider boys, spearheaded by seniors Josh Cohen and Alan Shao, who each won two individual events and were on two winning relays, placed first in 10 of the 11 events, including all three relays.

Cohen's performance in the 500-freestyle was of a "no contest" nature when he out-touched his nearest competitor by more than 34 seconds. Cohen exhibited his power stroke to touch the wall in 4:39.49 ahead of Chatham's Kyle Beebe, who touched in 5:14.01. Raiders Owen Ferrone at 5:27.77 and Ethan Morrobel at 5:48.10 placed 4-5. Cohen won the 50-free in 22.51, while teammates Matt London at 23.34 and Dan Donaldson at 23.87 finished 3-4.

Shao won the 200-Individual Medley in 2:00.72 and then won the 100-butterfly when he touched first at 54.32, London at 52.23 led the 1-2-3 sweep in the 100-free, followed by Corey He

at 52.46 and Sean Hough at 54.53. Trenery at 59.61 led the sweep in the 100-back, followed by Sean Merkle at 1:01.4 and Hough at 1:02.3.

**December 12, 2018:** Every point definitely counted but a strong showing in the 50-back-stroke followed by a sweep in the final individual event, the 100-breaststroke, put the SPF girls swim team in great position to seize a victory against the Chatham Cougars at the

Fanwood-Scotch Plains "Y". With an 82-74 lead after the 100-breaststroke, all the Raiders needed to do was place second in the 400-free relay, and they did to emerge with an 86-84 victory.

The Lady Raiders also got a great jump on the Cougars, placing 1-2, in the 200-medley relay to grab a 12-2 lead. Lily Hughes (backstroke), Sofia Leonetti (breaststroke), Rachel Small (butterfly) and freshman Julia Bonhote (free) touched first with

a time of 1:56.13, followed by Rachel DiFabrizio, Abby Ryan, Kate Jackman and Camille Cooke at 2:07.76. Hughes placed first in the 100-back at 1:01.77. Sophomore Leonetti with a time of 1:12.48 in the 100-breast, led the 1-2-3 sweep followed by freshman Bonhote at 1:15.98 and senior Ellie Richard at 1:16.7.

**December 14, 2018:** Junior Faith Dobosiewicz's steal and drive the length of the floor to

CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE





David B. Corbin (December 2018 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*

**LEADING THE SWEEP...**Sofia Leonetti led a 1-2-3 sweep in the 100-breaststroke to put the Raiders in front 82-74 heading into the final event, the 400-free relay. The Raiders took second in the 400-relay to edge Chatham, 86-84, on December 12, 2018.



David B. Corbin (December 2018 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*

**KEEPING A CLOSE GUARD...**Blue Devil senior guard Lily Maz, No. 10, closely guards Viking Abigale Ortiz during the home opener in Westfield on December 14, 2018. The Blue Devils put it all together in the third quarter and won 57-41.

This page is brought to you by:

Deegan Roofing Company

908-322-6405 • www.deeganroofing.com

## A Special Look Through the Rearview Mirror at Local Sports

score a basket late in the second quarter seemed to spark an unextinguishable fire in the third quarter as the Westfield girls basketball team blazed its way to a 57-41 victory over the Union Catholic Vikings in the season opener in Westfield. Dobosiewicz's lay-up was followed with a 3-pointer by teammate Alison Lisanti, who finished with three 3-pointers.

Dobosiewicz was definitely "hands on" as she amassed eight

steals, led the team with 12 points, pulled five rebounds, blocked a shot and added an assist. Senior guard Lily Maz, who sank eight points and had three steals, led the team with five assists — the majority came in the second half.

**December 14, 2018:** Senior Lauren Williamson scored 16 points to lead the Cranford girls basketball team to a 45-25 victory over Scotch Plains-Fanwood in the season opener in Cranford.

Williamson added three rebounds and seven steals to her stat line as the Cougars outscored the Raiders, 12-3, in the second period to break open a 12-10 game. Cougar KC Pringle had nine points and senior Stefanie DeVizio led the Raiders with seven points.

**December 16, 2017:** Two quick threes early in the second half by the visiting Roselle Catholic girls basketball team seemed to throw the Blue Devils out of their intensity level during the

season opener at Westfield. With the Lady Lions trailing by 11 points entering the third quarter, Tayara McQueen and Janissa Encarnacion nailed back-to-back 3-pointers within the first minute and-one half sending the Blue Devils in a tailspin that they failed to recover from in a 44-38 setback.

Senior/co-captain guard Molly Ryan (2 assists) and sophomore guard Faith Dobosiewicz both sank 11 points, while junior forward Sam Stravach (2 assists, 2

blocks, 2 steals, 3 rebounds) netted four points and senior/co-captain guard Grace Elliott scored nine points.

**December 16, 2017:** The Cranford Cougars girls basketball team opened their season at home against the Summit Hilltoppers and came from behind to record a 47-42 victory. The Cougars trailed 14-8 after the first quarter but knotted the score 26-26 at the half only to fall

CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE





David B. Corbin (December 2017 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*  
**DRIVING DOWN COURT...**Blue Devil senior co-captain Molly Ryan, No. 22, drives down court in the game against the Roselle Catholic Lady Lions in Westfield on December 16, 2017. The Lions surged in the second half to win, 44-38.



David B. Corbin (December 2017 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*  
**DRIVING TO THE BASKET...**Cougar senior guard Caroline McCaffrey, No. 33, drives toward the Summit Hilltopper basket in the home opener on December 16, 2017. The Cougars came from behind to win 47-42.

This page is brought to you by:

Frank D. Isoldi, Coldwell Banker Real Estate Agent

908-787-5990 • www.theisoldicollection.com

## A Special Look Through the Rearview Mirror at Local Sports

behind by three points entering the final quarter. Junior Olivia Speer scored 11 points and pulled eight rebounds. Senior Camryn Wilchelns scored 13 points (8 free throws), had three rebounds and added a pair of steals. Senior Caroline Kelly netted eight points and was the “Chief Thief” with six steals.

**December 14, 2016:** The SPF boys swim team defeated the Chatham Cougars, 95-75, in a dual meet held at the Fanwood-

Scotch Plains YMCA pool. The Raiders followed a formula that figures to be very successful this season as stalwarts Chris Bondarowicz, Josh Cohen and Nick Heath each won individual events and helped anchor strong relay teams.

Heath actually won a pair of individual events on the afternoon, taking first in both the 50-freestyle (23.16), touching just ahead of teammate Eric Chang (23.39) and the 100-backstroke

(1:02.29). Bondarowicz won the 200-free (1:47.92). Cohen followed that with a win in the 200 Individual Medley (2:01.93) and Alan Shao, who prevailed in the 100-butterfly at 53.70. Brian Kenny stretched the SPF win streak to six with a victory in the 100-free (52.56). The Raiders finished the day with a victory in the 400-free relay where Cohen, Shao, Bondarowicz and Kenny won in 3:24.79.

**December 14, 2016:** The SPF

girls swim team won a key early season showdown against highly ranked Chatham, scoring a 95.5-74.5 victory in a dual meet at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA pool. Fueled by a 1-2-3 finish in the 50-freestyle, the Raiders were able to take the lead and never look back against a team ranked in the top-10 that had beaten them twice last season.

Erika Frazier (25.11), Maya Dunchus (25.55) and Megan Small (25.59) swept first, sec-

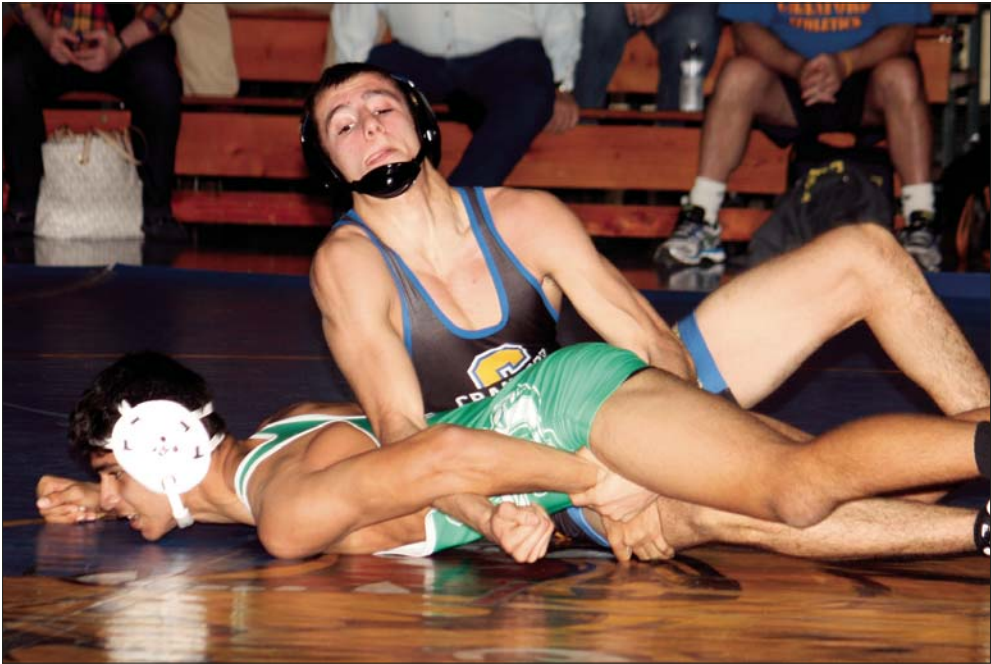
ond and third for the Raiders in the 50-free staking SPF to a healthy 36.5-25.5 lead after four events. Stephanie Judge followed that with a victory in the 100-butterfly (57.38). In the 200-free relay, Rachel Maizes, Dee Dee Maizes, Megan Small and Maya Dunchus turned in a winning time of 1:39.51. The Raiders finished out with a victory in the 400-free relay Olivia Barcia, Judge, Frazier and Dee Dee

CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE





David B. Corbin (December 2013 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*  
**GOOD EVENING UNDER THE BOARDS...**Blue Devil Ben Schuman, No. 33, grabbed five rebounds and rolled in 10 points in a thriller against the Cranford Cougars in Westfield on December 20, 2013.



David B. Corbin (December 2015 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*  
**WORKING THE BALL AND CHAIN...**Cougar Chris Scorese, top, works a ball and chain to get leverage on Brick Township Dragon Dave Santiago in his 132-lb bout. Scorese used a nearside cradle to pin Santiago in 5:20 (December 22, 2015).

## A Special Look Through the Rearview Mirror at Local Sports

Maizes posting a time of 3:37.39, **Mid December 2016:** Led by senior captains Ethan Finver and Brendan Glenn, the Westfield boys ice hockey team improved its season record to 4-0-3 this past week. The Blue Devils notched a tie and a win against division rivals Montclair Kimberly Academy and finished the week with a win against Verona-Glen Ridge. Against MKA, junior center Matt Cetlin, jockeying for position in front of the Cougar cage, tipped a Tanner Devin blast from the point, assisted by Brendan Glenn for the 1-1- tie. Goalie Ethan Finver grabbed 19 pucks on 20 shots. In the second game against MKA, junior center Sean Taylor ripped a wrist shot from the slot. Winger Anthony Oliveri gave

Westfield a 3-0 lead en route to a 7-2 victory. Against Verona-Glen Ridge, freshman standout Trevor Tanella netted his first goal of the year. Sophomore forward Alex Park, on an assist from

Support Local Journalism

goleader.com/form/subscribe

Taylor, sent home the insurance goal in a 2-1 win. **December 22, 2015:** Adding stiffer competition to the schedule appears to be working out well for the Cranford wrestling team this year. After raising eyebrows down south with four champions, a second and a multitude of third placements at the The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) Brick Memorial Tournament the weekend before, the Cougars hosted the Brick Township Dragons and treated them to a 46-18 pummeling. The Cougars indeed proved to the Dragons that they were climbing to the next level by winning 10 of the 14 bouts, five via fall beginning at the 113-lb class when Anthony Capece pinned Jon

Mora in 1:55 with an arm bar/half nelson after bringing him to the mat with a double leg takedown. Cougar Chris Scorese easily handled Dave Santiago in his 132-lb bout and began it with a takedown and a three-point tilt. In the second period, Scorese escaped and added a low single takedown then in the third he clamped Santiago in a Penn State nearside cradle, ending the bout at the 5:20 point. Brian McGovern made a difference with a third-period takedown to defeat Anthony Costanza, 6-5, at 152-lbs. **December 22, 2015:** The Westfield boys basketball team used a strong defensive effort to power its way past the Raiders, 57-30, in Scotch Plains. After a

building a 10-8 lead at the end of the first period, the Blue Devils allowed Scotch Plains just nine total points in the second and third quarters of play to pull away. Owen Murray scored 17 points and had seven steals and six rebounds to lead the winning effort. Teammate Parker Hess chipped in with 15 points. Peter Warren bucketed eight points to lead the Raiders. **December 19, 2014:** The Westfield boys swim team got many big performances during their 110-60 win over Bridgewater-Raritan at the Bridgewater YMCA pool. The Blue Devils swept through the meet claiming victories in all events save for one. Blue Devil senior

CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE





David B. Corbin (December 2012 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*  
**DRIVING TO THE BASKET...**Blue Devil David Kane, No. 35, drives to the basket as Cougar John Oblachinski tightens on defense in Cranford on December 14, 2012. The Blue Devils had strong 2nd and 4th quarters to win, 62-50.



David B. Corbin (December 2013 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*  
**WORKING TO GET SOME BACK POINTS...**Blue Devil Anthony Aldana works to get some back points on Raider Tommy Cunningham in his 126-lb bout. Aldana decisioned Cunningham, 6-2 (December 21, 2013).

## A Special Look Through the Rearview Mirror at Local Sports

John Lindros came up huge, taking first place in both the 200 freestyle (1:58.94) and the 500 freestyle (4:10.39). Lindros was also part of the winning 200-medley relay effort (1:51.60) and the 400-freestyle relay (3:47.62).

**December 19, 2014:** In an early season clash between two of the area's expected swimming powerhouses, the Bridgewater-Raritan girls' team did just enough to claim victory over Westfield at the Bridgewater YMCA pool. Led by Alex Gebel, who earned victories in the 50 freestyle (27.14) and 100 freestyle (59.32), the host Panthers eked out an 87-83 win in the exciting battle. Both squads entered the season as state title

contenders and currently are regarded as Top-20 level programs in the state. This early season slugfest only served to confirm those lofty assessments.

Seniors Caroline Basil and Courtney Day led the Westfield girls. Basil won the 100 backstroke (1:05.59). Basil paired with Day and teammates Muriel Maloney (freshman) and Emily McGann (junior) to win the 400 freestyle relay (4:10.19).

**December 20, 2013:** Senior center Dave Kane made a rebound of a Cougar shot as time ran out to allow the Westfield boys basketball team to survive a second-half surge from Cranford to earn a 50-49 victory in the season opener in Westfield. Sophomore guard Parker Hess

led the Blue Devils with 14 points, including three 3-pointers, while sophomore Chris Boutsikaris netted 10 points, including a pair of 3-pointers. Ben Schuman had a strong three quarters and bucketed 10 points, while grabbing five rebounds.

Both teams had members from their respective football teams and their physical presence was quite apparent under the boards. Blue Devils Kane and Chris Sweeney (4 points) each pulled six rebounds, and Cougars Jack McCaffrey (2 points) and Luke Christiano (2 points) grabbed six and four rebounds respectively. Senior center John Oblachinski, who was the quarterback on the football team, led all scoring with 19 points and pulled down eight

rebounds. Senior guard Tommy Trotter finished with 14 points, three steals and three assists.

**December 20, 2013:** Friendly rivalries mixed fun with excitement at Wallace Pool in Westfield, but in the end the Westfield boys and girls swim teams halted Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 110-60, 98-72, respectively. The Blue Devil boys took top honors in all but two events and the girls won six of their 11 events. Tyler Lessner won two individual events and swam on the winning 200-medley relay with Kevin Clauss, Aram Barmakian and Stephen Husch, that touched in 1:41.17.

**Early December 2012:** Senior co-captains Jess McCoy, Jenna Goeller and Katlin McGovern have played on the

Cranford girls basketball team since they were freshmen and each year the Lady Cougars have improved their record, 21-8 in 2010, 22-6 in 2011 and 24-5 last year. But this season, the Lady Cougars have some unfinished business and they will have the opportunity to make a statement from the very first game of the season. The difference this year, however, the Cougars will have to make their statements without 2012 graduate Morgan Miller, who amassed 1,081 points during her varsity career.

**December 14, 2012:** Strong play from its bench helped the Westfield boys basketball team to surge in the second quarter and, especially, in the fourth to

CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE





David B. Corbin (December 2011 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*  
**HEADING FOR THE FINISH...**Blue Devil Sarah Cronin swoops for the finish in the 100-butterfly in the meet against Bridgewater-Raritan. The Lady Blue Devils won handily, 113-57 (December 16, 2011).



David B. Corbin (December 2011 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*  
**WINNING THE FIRST OF TWO EVENTS...**Blue Devil Brennan Haley touched first in the 100-butterfly with a time of 53.49. He later touched first in the 500-freestyle with a time of 4:55.47 (December 16, 2011).

## A Special Look Through the Rearview Mirror at Local Sports

overcome the Cranford Cougars, 62-50, in Cranford. Co-Captains Scott Toresco and Keegan Hess ran into foul trouble, but Chris Sweeney, Sean Elliott, Quinn Dursee and Nick Mele came off the bench and not only hung tough on defense, but also combined for 19 points to keep the momentum in the Blue Devils' favor.

Blue Devil junior Dylan Elliott bucketed 11 points, including a pair of 3-pointers, and he did manage to pull three boards and add a steal. Senior Scott Toresco put in 10 points and grabbed five rebounds, and sophomore point guard Danny Mitchell (3 rebounds, 3 assists) took control, especially in the second half and scored all nine of his points during that time.

Cougar senior Stefan Fedorchak stepped up with 22 points, while adding four rebounds and two steals. Point guard Tommy Trotter had a pair of swipes and scored eight, second-half points. Junior John Oblachinski (4 points) had six rebounds and a steal.

**December 19, 2012:** Seven bouts apiece may have meant some form of equality, but the inequality came in distribution of bonus points, and the Roselle Park Panthers reaped them all to claim a 33-21 victory over the Westfield wrestling team in Roselle Park. Brian Bulger (170-lbs), Nick Arnold (182-bs), Matt Barber (132-lbs), Nick Velez (138-lbs) won key showdown bouts and Anthony Aldana (126-lb), Nick

Rotondo (145-lbs) and Colin Barber (160-lbs) won by decision.

**December 16, 2011:** Two dual meet losses, two state meet losses and two years was too long, so this year the Westfield boys swim team got back on top of the Bridgewater-Raritan Panthers in dramatic fashion with a 95-75 victory at Wallace Pool in Westfield. Senior co-captain Brennan Haley and junior Matt Daniel each touched first in two individual events and both were members of two winning relays.

Haley was part of a foursome, which included Max Shin, Tyler Lessner and Stephen Husch that touched first in the 200-medley relay with a time of 1:38.28. Haley and Matt Trinkle placed 1-2 in the 100-butterfly with re-

spective times of 53.49 and 55.98. Daniel touched first in the 100-free with a time of 49.29. Haley followed with his second individual win with a time of 4:55.47 in the 500-free. Westfield slammed the door in dramatic fashion when anchorman Daniel dove into the water a few body lengths behind Panther anchor Nick Agnello and came from behind to touch first in the 400-free relay at 3:21.82.

**December 16, 2011:** Pressure to match the achievements of last year's team did not seem to phase this year's Westfield girls swim team that easily powered past the Lady Panthers of Bridgewater-Raritan, 113-57, at Wallace Pool. The 4-0 Lady Blue Devils took top honors in every

event except the 100-butterfly. Sophomore Caroline Baldwin and junior Ellie Reinhardt each won two individual events and were members of two winning relays.

Baldwin touched first in the 50-freestyle with a time of 23.65 and also touched first in the 100-free at 52.58. Baldwin's 50-free time was less than a 10th of a second away from the WHS record and her 100-free time was less than :00.2 from the WHS record, both set by Suzanne Lemberg. Reinhardt touched first in the 200-free with a time of 1:57.46, and also touched first in the 500-free with a time of 5:19.94.

**Mid December 2010:** Veterans mixed with promising underclassmen comprise this year's

CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE





David B. Corbin (December 2009 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*  
**WHS 200-IM RECORD BREAKER...**Blue Devil Suzanne Lemberg competed in the 200-Individual Medley and broke Janney Zonneville's long-standing 1981 WHS record of 2:11.87 when she touched at 2:10.74 (December 17, 2009).



David B. Corbin (December 2008 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*  
**VERY DEEP IN MIDDLE WEIGHTS...**The Blue Devil matmen are very talented in the middle-weight classes. Pictured, left to right, are: Sam Reichbach, Joe Panarese, Christian Barber, Nick DeFreitas and John Barnes (December 2008).

## A Special Look Through the Rearview Mirror at Local Sports

Westfield boys and girls winter track teams. Coming off a superb cross-country season, the boys are expected to be very strong in the distance and middle-distance events, while the girls should be effective in the distance and sprints.

Last year, the Blue Devil boys placed third in the Union County Tournament (UCT) and second in the Group 4, Section 2 meet. This season, seniors Andrew Kirna, Zach Lizmi and Sam Tooley, along with juniors Jack Leahy, Dave Carville and Evan Tarlow are expected to reap a lot of team points in the distance events.

Seniors Ashley Edwards (sprints), Alyssa Hatch (distance), Alex Hawkins (high jump, sprints) and Jen Porch (high

jump, middle distance) have been selected as team captains. Edwards had a very strong 2010 spring season, and Hatch came into the limelight during cross-country in the fall.

**December 17, 2009:** Trailing 48-46 after the 100-freestyle event, the Westfield girls swim team poured it on in the 500-freestyle, 200-free relay and the 100-backstroke to build a 16-point cushion en route to an 89-81 victory over Bridgewater-Raritan at Wallace Pool. The saying "records are made to be broken" certainly rang true in a peculiar manner and added sweetness to the 4-0 Blue Devils' victory. Senior Suzanne Lemberg, a 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle specialist, was selected to com-

pete in the 200-Individual Medley (IM) and broke Janney Zonneville's long-standing 1981 WHS record of 2:11.87 when she touched at 2:10.74.

**December 17, 2009:** Visiting

**Support Local Journalism**

[goleader.com/form/subscribe](http://goleader.com/form/subscribe)

Bridgewater-Raritan surged in the final three events, overcoming a 68-56 deficit, to top the Westfield boys swim team, 89-81, in Westfield. Matt Meserole took top honors in the 100-free with a time of 48.64. Jack Lorentzen touched first in the 50-freestyle with a time of 22.65.

**Mid December 2008:** Gaining a spot in the varsity lineup, especially the middleweights, will be much more difficult than it has been in previous years for members of the Westfield wrestling team. The 35-strong squad should be able to fill all of the weight classes. Senior captain John Barnes (who would go on to West Point), winner of two District 11 titles and second in Region 3 at 125-lbs, caught a glimpse of At-

lantic City (AC) last year but plans to do much more than that this year at 125 lbs or 130 lbs. Senior Nick DeFreitas, who placed second in the district at 119 and finished 14-6, is also sighting those classes. Sophomore Christian Barber won the district title at 130-lbs last year and came up one win short of qualifying for AC may compete at 135-lbs.

**December 15, 2007:** Junior Kevin Maroney sank seven of his 16 points in the final four minutes of the third quarter and senior Brian Dougher sealed the deal by hitting eight of his game-leading 18 points in the fourth quarter to give the SPF boys basketball team a 54-45 victory over host Westfield.

CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE



The Blue Devils, comprised solely of juniors and sophomores were led offensively by juniors Chris Sheehan and Mike Lessner, who put in 13 and 12 points, respectively, but they were unable to keep up with the rebounding dominance of the senior-strong Raiders led by senior Lordly Okarter, who pulled down 11 boards. Maroney was strong also with 10 rebounds.

**December 15, 2006:** Erin Miller stole the ball and rolled in a lay-up with 1:42 remaining then point guard Gab O'Leary, one minute later, tossed a great pass into Gabby Jakobs, who converted the lay-up to give the Westfield girls basketball team the cushion it needed en route to

a 51-47 victory over Linden in the season opener in Westfield. Miller finished with 22 points, including a 3-pointer, (7 of 11 free throws) and had three steals with one assist. O'Leary dished out seven assists, had six points and made two steals. Jakobs, who netted four points, pulled down six rebounds as did Casey El Koury who also had three points and a steal. Senior Katie Cronen led the team with seven rebounds and Keri Pringle, who sank four points, grabbed five rebounds.

**December 16, 2005:** Immediate acts of thievery set the pace for the Blue Devil boys basketball team's opening game that was won by Linden, 74-55, in Westfield. Junior forward Dan

Pritsker bucketed 16 points, including two from 3-point range. Junior point-guard Tom Bonard (two 3-pointers) and junior guard Mike Venezia each put in 10 points. Josh Gerckens scored nine points.

**Mid December 2005:** The Blue Devils ice hockey team beat rival Cranford for the first time since the 2001-2002 season. The Blue Devils bested the Cougars, 2-1, on two goals by senior Captain Jay Anderson. The win earned the Blue Devils third place in the Cron Tournament.

**December 15, 2004:** The Blue Devils boys swim team overcame the Raiders, 92-78. Raider Dave Hauptman touched first in the 50-freestyle with a time of 23.04 and won the 100-freestyle in

50.92. Mike Sheffield touched first in the 100-butterfly with a time of 55.33. Blue Devils Brandon Cuba, Dan Chabanov, P.J. Harley and Pat Daurio won the 200-yard free. Chabanov, Cuba and Harley teamed with Luke Baron to win the 400-freestyle relay. Kyle Murray, Daurio, Baran and Cuba won the 200-medley relay.

**December 17, 2004:** The Raider wrestling team crushed visiting Kearny, 57-18. Veteran heavyweight Marc Fabiano decked Lou Perez with a double front grapevine and a head smother in 1:05. Sophomore Sal Gano practiced a series of duck under takedowns and a variety of tilts to gain a 21-6 technical fall in 2:26

over 119-lb Chris Osborne. Veteran 145-lb Anthony Ferrante used three slick duck under takedowns, leg scissors and single grapevines to entwine Kyle Stalk with an 18-3 technical fall in 5:29.

**December 23, 2003:** The young Raider boys basketball team held on to grasp a thrilling, 65-61 victory over the Blue Devils before a packed house in Westfield. Senior Blue Devil Jan Cocozziello led all scorers with 29 points. Raider sophomore Derrick Character (played one season for the LA Lakers) finished with 23 points. Sophomores Lance Thomas (went on to play for Duke University and the NBA) and Mike Johnson put in 18 and 11 points, respectively.



David B. Corbin (December 2006 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*  
**GETTING VERY SERIOUS...**Blue Devil point guard Gab O'Leary dished out seven assists, scored six points and made two steals (December 15, 2006).



Fred K. Lecomte (January 2004 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*  
**TOUGH MAN UNDER THE BOARDS...**Raider sophomore forward Derrick Character, No. 32, made a statement with 10 rebounds and 23 points to lead Scotch Plains-Fanwood to a 65-61 victory over Westfield. Blue Devil senior Jan Cocozziello, No. 30, led all scorers with 29 points (December 23, 2003).