

Democrats Lead in Local Races, Election Not Certified

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AREA — Democrats hold an early lead in council races in both Garwood and Cranford as votes continue to be counted across the county.

In Garwood, Democrats Vincent Kearney (832) and incumbent Russell Graham (846) hold a lead over Republican challengers Jesse Wilson (509) and Joseph Nicastro (545). A democratic win will give the party full control of the governing body.

Westfield Moves Forward On Redevelopment

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WESTFIELD — The Westfield Planning Board met Monday to approve two ordinances, one to define “partial destruction” in the town land-use ordinance and one to adopt the Downtown Westfield Scattered Site Redevelopment Plan. The board also heard a Master Plan status report.

The meeting kicked off with the announcement that the application for 923 Central Avenue was moved to the Monday, December 7 meeting and will be re-advertised as the changes in plans will trigger new variance requests.

The board then heard General Ordinance No. 2197, which amends certain provisions of the land-use ordinance. Town Planner Don Sammet said the ordinance comes out of a recommendation from the Master Plan reexamination report. In the land-use ordinance, there is no definition of the term “partial destruction,” so there have been inconsistent zoning decisions on the matter, Mr. Sammet said. Building after a full destruction is considered new construction, so the new building requires a development fee and loses grandfather-status, he said. Furthermore, there is an existing definition in the town code “that hasn’t carried over to the land-use ordinance,” causing confusion and conflict.

“Rather than go on this case-by-case basis of interpretive view by the zoning officer and run into potential inconsistencies and interpretations with what the town code calls a demolition, we’re proposing to define partial destruction,” Mr. Sammet said.

The proposed definition is that 25 percent of the area or volume of the original building must be kept to be considered a partial destruction. This is the definition in the town code, Mr. Sammet said. The board approved the ordinance unanimously.

General Ordinance No. 2198 is an ordinance that adopts the Downtown Westfield Scattered Site Redevelopment Plan. The ordinance refers to the Rialto property, the Lord & Tay-

In Cranford, which saw four newcomers to the race, Democrats Brian Andrews (5,369) and Jason Gareis (5,133) led Chrissa Stulpin (3,213) and Gina Black (3,177).

For the three seats up for grabs in the Cranford Board of Education race, Kurt Petschow (4,971), Kristen Mallon (5,336) and Lisa Carbone (5,319) appear to have bested Francis Riccio, III (1,949).

In Westfield’s Board of Education Race, Sonal Patel (3,356), Leila

Morrelli (3,755) and Sahar Aziz (3,180) are leading Paul Monusky (2,785), Wendy Rogers (1,840), Deborah Feldman-Kahn (1,792), David Sexton (1,507), Kent Diamond (1,932), Priti Dave (1,900) and Eldanydia Pavon (1,169).

In the 7th Congressional District, incumbent Democrat Tom Malinowski (147,264) appears the victor over Republican Tom Kean, Jr. (118,863) with approximately 60 percent of the vote counted. The district spans portions of Union, Morris, Middlesex and Hunterdon Counties.

Due to the combination of mail-in ballots, drop boxes and provisional ballots cast on Election Day, the Union County Clerk will be updating the election counts to the public at noon each day with the election being certified on Friday, November 20.

In typical election years, numbers are more readily available on Election Day due to machine tabulated votes capturing the majority of the votes and absentee (mail-in) ballots counting for a much smaller percentage.

Election results will be updated daily at www.goleader.com.

Legislators Move 14 Bills to Governor’s Desk

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TRENTON — The New Jersey State Assembly and State Senate had a full agenda at their end-of-month meetings on October 29. Fourteen bills passed both houses and the Assembly filed three resolutions with the Secretary of State.

The Senate also confirmed and swore in four people as judges of the Superior Court, one person as an associate justice to the Supreme Court, one person to the Rutgers University Board of Trustees and three people to various state councils.

The State Assembly filed three resolutions to the Secretary of State. Bill AR92 “respectfully urges Congress to pass” a bill from 2019. It urges Congress to recognize that the Internet is an essential part of American life and that there exists an inequality of this resource due to private providers. Especially in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Internet has been essential to working from home as well as attending school. The bill states some communities have communal broadband Internet networks. “This resolution supports Congress in ensuring that states should not preclude communities from exploring all options available for the provision of broadband Internet service to its residents and businesses,” the bill says.

Also filed with the Secretary of State is Bill AR170, which “urges all New Jersey residents to patronize small businesses to support them through the Covid-19 pandemic.”

The last bill filed was AR193, which requests the federal government raise the state and local tax (SALT) deduction from \$10,000 to \$25,000. The bill states that federal taxpayers who itemize their returns can deduct SALT real estate and personal property taxes on top of either state and local incomes or sales taxes.

Fourteen bills passed by both houses this past week ranged from topics like healthcare to criminal justice. Bills that pass both houses then go to the office of Governor Phil Murphy, where they may be signed into law. Below are a few highlights.

Bill No. S238 proposes reducing the age limit for membership in the Junior Firefighters’ Auxiliary from 14 to 21 to 14 to 18. It also would allow paid fire departments to establish junior auxiliaries, whereas under current law only volunteer stations may host such auxiliaries.

Bill No. 4442 would allow people who passed their drivers’ road tests to operate a car in New Jersey, “in the same manner and to the same extent as the holder of a probationary driver’s license of the same age as the person.”

Both the Senate and the Assembly passed Assembly Joint Resolution No. 172 to establish a task force to study racial bias in the state’s criminal justice system. The task force would consist of 17 members representing the state, the courts, the prosecutors association and community-based advocacy groups. The task force would use data and research to find racial bias and disparity, if existing, in law enforcement, courts and the correctional system and then develop recommendations to enforce strategies to amend said bias and disparity. In the bill, it states that implicit biases, or biases that are subconscious, “surface at times where criminal justice system actors exercise widespread discretion. These implicit biases can have various adverse outcomes among minority individuals who are experiencing the criminal justice system specifically among African Americans.”

Another bill that now will be sent to the Governor’s office is Bill No. 2354,

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Paul Lachenauer for The Westfield Leader
THE TOOLEY LEGACY FOUNDATION...Runners showed up at Tamaques Park at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday for The Tooley Legacy Foundation’s Pursuit of Progress 100 Mile Run. The event was organized by Sam Tooley of Alpha Fit Club in memory of his younger brother, Jake, who died in a house fire. The foundation raises money to assist local families in times of tragedy.

Board of Health Discusses Covid-19 Symptoms in Youths

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WESTFIELD — The Westfield Board of Health held its regular meeting on Monday and discussed where new Covid-19 cases are coming from and how individuals are presenting symptoms, the success of schools in keeping students healthy and the change in public attitude in dealing with the health department.

Health Officer Megan Avallone said the cases health officials are seeing now have mainly come from small social gatherings. “I’m not talking about large gatherings,” she said. “And I get it. We’re in month eight of this, and there’s going to come a point where you want to see your sister.” She said the cold weather is moving these gatherings indoors and it is hard to remain vigilant in one’s own home.

She said one of the issues is that Covid-19 can be spread two days before an infected individual shows symptoms. “You may want to consider having everyone wear a mask indoors,” Ms. Avallone said. Ms. Avallone said that the new cases in the region have mostly involved children or teens and that some of the cases have reported symptoms.

“We are talking to many individuals,” Ms. Avallone said. “What we’re learning from these conversations is individuals are not presenting as sick as they were in the spring, which is great, and there’s a lot of evidence saying the mask use is actually related to that.”

The three most common symptoms,

Ceremonies Are Set For Veterans Day

SCOTCH PLAINS/FANWOOD — The two local veterans organizations, American Legion Post 209 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10122, will conduct ceremonies on Wednesday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day.

The services will begin at 11 a.m. with the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial at Park Avenue and Front Street in Scotch Plains. At noon, there will be a presentation of wreaths at the Fanwood Memorial Library, located at 5 Forest Road.

Members of the community are invited to attend these programs to recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by all former members of the armed forces of the United States. Attendees should wear face masks and observe social-distancing guidelines.

especially for younger people, she said, are headaches, achiness and diarrhea. She said it is becoming difficult for individuals who do not have a known exposure to know they may have Covid-19. Ms. Avallone said many of the parents who have mildly symptomatic children said they knew their child “didn’t look right.”

Board member Elizabeth Talmont said that even with the limited knowledge of the disease, health professionals know that masks reduce the risk of infection. Classrooms, for example, appear to be very safe, Ms. Avallone said. She said that as far as the department can tell, Westfield has not had any cases linked to a classroom exposure. She said all cases in children have been linked to social, sports or household exposures.

Sharon Dorry, a nurse at Roosevelt Intermediate School, said she is impressed with the maturity and seriousness the middle schoolers have shown in wearing their masks and not complaining.

“I had my doubts on how it would work when we went back to school. I was one of those thinking, ‘What are they doing?’” she said. “I have given my students such praise. They have really stepped up. I’ve never seen the maturity like this as I have in a middle-

school situation.”

“The other thing I wanted to really stress to the board is that public perception has definitely changed,” Ms. Avallone said. “We are getting talked to more aggressively than ever, and I think ‘more aggressively’ is a nice way of putting it.”

In the past, Ms. Avallone continued, if a resident was going to ignore recommendations made by the health professionals, they would “just yes, yes, yes, and we would never know.” Now, she said, people are “flat-out” telling the department they will not be keeping their child home because they “look fine.”

“It’s incredibly frustrating for us,” Ms. Avallone said. “Because the only way we keep schools open, keep businesses open, is if we all do our part.”

Ms. Talmont said she was concerned about the mental health of adults, especially the elderly, in the coming months. She said she wants to promote C.A.K.E., an initiative in Westfield that strives to bring awareness and acceptance of mental health issues and solutions. Ms. Talmont said the long period of distancing may exacerbate mental unwellness.

“In our statistics, I know we don’t know about suicide rates or other

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NO TRICKS, LOTS OF TREATS...Families were able to kick back and relax at the Cranford Drive-In on Wednesday night. Guests enjoyed a showing of The Addams Family (2019) while munching on yummy concession treats!



Ken Zierler for The Westfield Leader
HAPPY TRUNK OR TREAT...Halloween traditions carried on as the Westfield Community Center hosted a fun and safe Trunk or Treat event on Saturday. Trunk or Treat is fun for all ages, enabling kids and adults to enjoy the spirit of Halloween.

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SP-F BOE Moves Forward With HVAC Improvements

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SCOTCH PLAINS — October was National Principals Month, and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education honored the district’s principals at its October 29 meeting. “We feel so lucky to have such dedicated partners in all of you,” said Regina Gannon, president of the SPF Parent Teacher Association (PTA). Superintendent Joan Mast, Ed.D., said, “Our principals are always incredible in the ways they support our students, families and their teachers.” Dr. Mast praised the administrators for going beyond what was “humanly possible” during the pandemic. “We know we could not get through this difficult time in our history without their deep commitment,” Dr. Mast said.

Board Vice-President Evan Murray reported that some of the air flow repairs have been completed and that the facilities committee recommends the board hire an outside entity, such as Dr. Richard Lynch, who studied the airflow in the late summer and reported on the issues at a September meeting, to measure the airflow again “to ensure that necessary actions have been taken.”

The board approved a proposal from Dyntek that had been tabled at its previous meeting about linking the emergency lockdown system through the school’s phone system. The project will cost an additional \$15,641.12 for Dyntek to install the proper hardware and \$9,300 for Eastern DataComm to link the two systems together. The money for this will come from excess extraordinary aid from the 2019-2020 school year, said Business Administrator Deborah Saridaki.

The board also approved \$16,963 for a fresh air fan device for Terrill Middle School’s offices and guidance suites. Ms. Saridaki said a certified roofing contractor will be needed to seal the roof after installation, which will cost an additional \$5,800.

Various parents called in from the “REAL parents” Facebook group, which strives for “Representation,

Equality, Anti-Racism and Literary diversity” in Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools. The REAL Parents callers voiced concerns for more diverse personnel, acknowledgement of Native American History Month in November and delays in planning for the district’s strategic plan.

While Dr. Mast said the board has started mapping out some goals, she noted that the board delayed community meetings for the strategic plan until the spring in hopes of meeting in person to discuss the goals with community members. “We would like to have a more traditional-type collaboration,” said Board President Dr. Karen Kulikowski, adding that the board does not currently have the opportunity to do so. Dr. Kulikowski noted that the district’s county school board liaison, Gwen Thornton, agreed with the delay. If the board cannot host the meetings in person, it will do it virtually, said Dr. Mast, and she noted that the dates for those meetings will be posted by mid-December.


The next meeting of the board will be on Thursday, November 12. Whether that meeting will be held virtually or in person is yet to be determined, said Dr. Kulikowski.

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HALLOWEEN FUN...Kids and their parents cozy up for a spook-tacular event! The Bloomingdale Avenue and Orange Avenue PTAs hosted a movie night at the Cranford Drive-In on October 28 in lieu of a Trunk or Treat this year.



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Race, Empowerment and Experience
Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00 pm
Part I
Cheryl Willis Hudson and Wade Hudson, co-founders of Just Us Books, Inc., one of the most prominent Black-owned publishing houses in America.

Race, Empowerment and Experience
Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 pm
Part II
Derrick Barnes, author of the award-winning picture book *CROWN: An Ode to the Fresh Cut* and the 2020 best seller *I Am Every Good Thing*.



Courtesy of Friends of Brightwood Park
TRAILS HIGHLIGHTED...The Friends of Brightwood Park have provided a map of the available hiking trails in Brightwood Park for public use.

Redevelopment

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Mr. Sammet said. “There’s nothing that’s sexy about it,” he said. “The real excitement of this plan comes from the ability for the town to steer the ship when it comes towards the redevelopment of these properties and appropriate redevelopment of these properties.” The ordinance was approved unanimously by the board.

Jeff Janota, a land-use planner from H2M Architects + Engineers, and John Federico, a project manager for

WSP USA, gave an update on the Master Plan. They are working on a land-use and circulation plan update. Mr. Janota said they reviewed bulk standards, business and property owners’ future plans and changing trends in the downtown to potentially recommend zone changes. Mr. Federico, who helped develop the bike-walk plan for the town, is creating a traffic and safety study using data from past reports. They created a build-out analysis that looks at the redevelopment areas and existing zones and how the redevelopment plan can “balance good development and what would exceed our circulation and transportation capacity,” Mr. Janota said.

The next planning board meeting will take place on Monday, December 7, at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Shelley Brindle said she and Mr. Sammet will host a Facebook Live meeting today, November 5 at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the redevelopment process with the public in Westfield.

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WESTFIELD
Saturday, October 31, Michael Leahy, 25, of Scotch Plains was arrested and charged with DWI following an investigation into a single vehicle collision at the intersection of Newton Place and Elm Street. He was processed and released with a mandatory Westfield Municipal Court date.

Saturday, October 31, Ryan A. Johnson, 22, of Elizabeth was arrested and charged with DWI subsequent to a motor vehicle stop in the area Woodland Avenue and Wychwood Road. Johnson was transported from the scene to Westfield Police Headquarters. He was processed and released on summons with a court date.

Saturday, October 31, Latavia P. Jackson, 22, of East Orange was stopped for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended driver’s license in the area of S. Elmer Street and E. South Avenue. A subsequent investigation revealed outstanding traffic warrants issued by Hanover Police Department for \$1,000 and Madison Police Department for \$500. Jackson was placed under arrest, transported to Westfield Police Department where she was processed and released after posting bail.

CRANFORD
Wednesday, October 14, Estremera Dionisio, 20, of Elizabeth was arrested on charges of possession of under 50 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. A 2006 Hyundai was stopped at Hory Street for speeding. Following an investigation on scene, police arrested a passenger in the vehicle, Dionisio, for possession of suspected marijuana. He was processed and provided with a municipal court appearance date. In addition, the driver was issued a motor vehicle summons for failing to exhibit a valid driver’s license.

Monday, October 19, Jennifer Bianchi, 29, of Colonia was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled dangerous substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. A 2002 Buick was stopped at Raritan Road and Centennial Avenue for a seatbelt violation. Following an investigation on scene, police arrested a passenger, Bianchi, for possession of suspected heroin. She was processed and provided with a Superior Court appearance date. In addition, Bianchi was issued a motor vehicle summons for a seatbelt violation.

Monday, October 19, Jonathan Tarr, 45, of Manalapan was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled dangerous substance, possession of a hypodermic syringe and possession of drug paraphernalia. A 1999 Nissan was stopped at North Avenue East and the Garden State Parkway 137 Exchange for unclear plates. Following an investigation on scene, police arrested the driver, Tarr, for possession of suspected heroin, methamphetamine and a hypodermic syringe. He was processed and provided with a Superior Court appearance date. In addition, Tarr was issued motor vehicle summonses for unclear plates, a seatbelt violation, suspended driver and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle.

Tuesday, October 20, Arnold Arutyunyan, 22, of Linden was arrested on charges of possession of under 50 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. A 2001 Nissan was stopped at Centennial and North Lehigh Avenues for traveling without headlights on. Following an investigation on scene, police arrested the driver, Arutyunyan, for possession of suspected marijuana. He was processed and provided with a municipal court appearance date. In addition, Arutyunyan was issued motor vehicle summonses for maintenance of lamps and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle.

Tuesday, October 20, Joseph Suszko, 52, of Clark was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled dangerous substance, possession of prescription legend drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia. A 1997 Nissan was stopped at Centennial Avenue and Hayes Street for a seatbelt violation. Following an investigation on scene, police arrested a passenger, Suszko, for possession of suspected cocaine, Oxycodone and Adderall. He was processed and provided with a Superior Court appearance date.

Tuesday, October 20, Ahmed Noseir, 29, of Clifton was arrested on charges of possession of under 50 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. A 2004 Volkswagen was stopped at Raritan Road and the Garden State Parkway 136 Exchange for a seatbelt violation. Following an investigation on scene, police arrested the driver, Noseir, for possession of suspected marijuana. He was processed and provided with a municipal court appearance date. In addition, Noseir was issued motor vehicle summonses for maintenance of lamps, a seatbelt violation, failure to notify of an address change and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle.

Thursday, October 22, Alberto Agront, Jr., 26, of East Stroudsburg, Pa. was arrested on charges of possession of under 50 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. A 2001 Chevrolet was stopped at Centennial Avenue and Raritan Road for erratic driving. Following an investigation on scene, police arrested the driver, Agront, for possession of suspected marijuana. He was processed and provided with a municipal court appearance date. In addition, Agront was issued motor vehicle summonses for suspended driving, disregard of a traffic control device, an unsafe lane change and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle.

Friday, October 23, Lawrence Emedom, 23, of Orange was arrested on charges of possession of under 50 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. A 2008 Honda was stopped at Raritan Road and Coleman Avenue for an improper turn. Following an investigation on scene, police arrested the driver, Emedom, for possession of suspected marijuana. He was processed and provided with a municipal court appearance date. In addition, Emedom was issued motor vehicle summonses for suspended driving, an improper turn and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle.

Saturday, October 24, Bunmi Owoeye, 60, of Linden was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI). A 2016 Toyota was stopped at Centennial Avenue and Raritan Road when police observed the vehicle traveling without a front tire. Following an investigation on scene, police arrested the driver, Owoeye, for DWI. He was processed and provided with a municipal court appearance date. In addition, Owoeye was issued motor vehicle summonses for no inspection, an unsafe vehicle, careless driving and reckless driving.

Sunday, October 25, Moises Rivera-Diaz, 36, of Cranford was arrested and charged with DWI. A 2018 Honda was stopped at Meeker Avenue and Heinrich Street for failing to stop for a stop sign. Following an investigation on scene, police arrested the driver, Rivera-Diaz, for DWI. He was processed and provided with a municipal court appearance date. In addition, Rivera-Diaz was issued motor vehicle summonses for failure to signal a turn, an improper turn, failure to keep right, improper color of lamps and tinted windows.

Tuesday, October 27, Nahsir Robinson, 21, of Florham Park was arrested on charges of possession of under 50 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. A 2003 Saab was stopped at Centennial Avenue and Raritan Road for no front license plate. Following an investigation on scene, police arrested the driver, Robinson, for possession of suspected marijuana. He was processed and provided with a municipal court appearance date. In addition, Robinson was issued motor vehicle summonses for no valid registration card in his possession, unclear plates, maintenance of lamps and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle.

Wednesday, October 28, Luke Hackenberg, 55, of Carteret was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled dangerous substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. A 1997 Buick was stopped at Raritan Road and Centennial Avenue for a brake light out. Following an investigation on scene, police arrested a passenger, Hackenberg, for possession of suspected heroin. He was processed and provided with a Superior Court appearance date. In addition, the driver was issued a motor vehicle summons for maintenance of lamps.

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

Legislation

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which would prohibit the cancellation or nonrenewal of some insurance policies and insurance premium finance agreements for 60 days after “the declaration of public health emergency, or state of emergency, or both.”

The next Senate and Assembly sessions will occur on Monday, November 16.

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Cranford	12 WADSWORTH TER	Bi-Level	10	4	3.0	2	\$570,000
Cranford	3 SUTTON PL	SplitLev	7	3	1.1	2	\$585,000
Cranford	102 THOMAS ST	Colonial	6	3	2.0	0	\$597,500
Cranford	2 BURCHFIELD AVE	Colonial	12	5	2.1	0	\$679,000
Cranford	42 BROOKDALE PL	Colonial	9	4	2.1	2	\$840,000
Fanwood	44 ST JOHN PL	Colonial	8	3	1.1	0	\$415,000
Fanwood	10 OAK CT	SplitLev	8	3	1.1	1	\$475,000
Fanwood	64 MONTROSE AVE	SplitLev	8	3	2.0	1	\$479,000
Fanwood	54 ARLENE CT	Ranch	10	3	1.1	1	\$540,000
Fanwood	48 WATSON RD	Colonial	7	3	1.1	1	\$550,000
Fanwood	49 POPLAR PL	CapeCod	8	4	2.0	0	\$540,000
Fanwood	64 SHADY LN	Colonial	12	5	4.1	1	\$831,000
Garwood	114 WILLOW AVE	CapeCod	7	4	2.0	0	\$335,000
Garwood	316 3RD AVE	Colonial	8	4	2.1	0	\$580,000
Mountainside	513 WOODLAND AVE	Colonial	8	3	2.0	0	\$450,000
Mountainside	280 FRIAR LN	Ranch	6	3	2.0	2	\$530,000
Mountainside	878 HILLSIDE AVE	SplitLev	9	5	2.1	1	\$690,000
Mountainside	1412 CHAPEL HILL RD	Ranch	9	4	3.0	2	\$899,000
Mountainside	1445 DEER PATH	Custom	10	5	4.0	1	\$966,600
Mountainside	119 WILD HEDGE LN	Colonial	10	4	4.0	1	\$1,100,000
Mountainside	1207 FOOTHILL WAY	Colonial	13	7	6.1	2	\$1,275,000
Scotch Plains	1932 FARMINGDALE RD	Ranch	9	2	1.1	2	\$450,000
Scotch Plains	2216 WESTFIELD AVE	Colonial	9	4	3.1	1	\$805,000
Scotch Plains	2639 CREST LN	SplitLev	13	5	2.1	2	\$869,000
Scotch Plains	2222 WESTFIELD AVE	Colonial	9	4	3.1	2	\$870,000
Westfield	810 DORIAN RD	Colonial	9	3	1.1	2	\$670,000
Westfield	921 COOLIDGE ST	SplitLev	7	3	2.1	1	\$725,000
Westfield	8 SANDRA CIR	SplitLev	10	4	2.1	2	\$739,000
Westfield	321 GROVE ST EAST	TwnEndUn	8	3	3.1	1	\$780,000
Westfield	788 KNOLLWOOD TER	Colonial	10	4	2.2	2	\$800,000

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WESTFIELD — We will be celebrating Veterans Day on November 11 and saluting all those who have served and continue to serve our country. On this day we honor America’s veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

Luminaries to Help Combat Hunger

WESTFIELD — At dusk on November 29, the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend, the Westfield United Fund, The Presbyterian Church in Westfield and the Rotary Club of Westfield invite Westfield residents to light luminaries to fight hunger in Union County. They encourage participants to spread the message of light and hope while supporting those in need.

Each luminary kit sold raises more than \$10 for hunger programs in Union County. Individuals can purchase luminaries or make a donation to this effort at bethelightwestfield.org.

Luminaries will be available for pickup the weekend before the event and can be purchased through Saturday, November 14. Purchasers will be emailed with details of the pickup location.

For information about each of the organizers of this activity, visit westfieldunitedfund.org, westfielddpc.org and westfieldrotary.net.

Veterans Day originated as “Armistice Day” on November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. It was subsequently declared a legal holiday in 1938 and officially became Veterans Day in 1954. Fairview Cemetery is the resting place for many veterans dating back to the Civil War and earlier. Most recently, one of the few remaining Tuskegee Airmen from World War II was laid to rest in Fairview. There are thousands of markers around the property honoring people who have served in all branches of our military service.

In May, in keeping with a Memorial Day tradition, and in recognition of having paid the ultimate sacrifice, Scout troops adorn the graves of veterans with the American flag. This year, Fairview has placed a total of 300 American flags at key locations on the edge of the property to honor the veterans at Fairview and in recognition of Westfield’s 300th Anniversary. These flags will be easily visible to all and will remain on location through Veterans Day.

Fairview Cemetery is open from dawn until dusk, and the public is invited to drive by to view the 300 flags at the front and back gates, as well as at the corner of Gallows Hill Road. The 300 flags are a fitting tribute to America’s many veterans and to our fine town.

— Obituaries —

Charlotte Groves Larmee, Loving Wife, Mother and Grandmother

Charlotte Groves Larmee of Westfield and Barnegat Light passed away on Wednesday, October 28, at home with her husband of 48 years, Stanley W. Larmee, by her side. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1926 to Marion and Owen Groves, Charlotte was raised in Garden City, N.Y., where her father was a professor at Adelphi University. She spent her summers with her parents in South Hero, Vt., a place she returned to every year for nearly all her life. Before moving to New Jersey in 1961, Charlotte lived in South Burlington and Springfield, Vt., where she spent as much time as possible indulging in her love of skiing.

In Westfield, she was a member of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club and volunteered with Mobile Meals for many years. After a 16-year sojourn playing lots of bridge and golf at Greenbriar in Toms River, Charlotte and Stan returned to Westfield to be closer to family.

More than anything, Charlotte

loved being at the shore, and she and Stan spent many happy summers welcoming friends and family to their home on Long Beach Island. The fun only grew as her grandchildren got older and could join her in rounds of Fantan, her favorite card game, after a day in the sun.

In addition to her husband, Charlotte is survived by her children, Curtis Brand (Hope) of Scotch Plains, Owen Brand (Sherl) of Point Pleasant Beach, Stanley W. Larmee, Jr. (Pamela) of Virginia and Kimberley Larmee of Iowa. She also leaves her grandchildren, Greg, Ryan (Fayth), Becky, Taylor, Julia and Allison.

The visitation was on Friday, October 30, at Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home in Westfield, followed by a graveside service on Saturday, October 31, at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Donations in Charlotte’s memory can be made to the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad.

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Charlotte Groves Larmee

Sarah Gannon Leitch Holden, 69, Loving Wife, Mother and Grandmother

Sarah “Sally” Leitch Holden, 69, of Los Altos, California, peacefully passed away on Thursday, October 29, 2020, with her loving family by her side.

Sally is survived by her husband, Dan Holden; her two children, John Leitch and Jennifer Leitch Garratt; her mother, Constance Gannon; sisters, Nancy Gallo, Susan French and Jane Gannon; her daughter-in-law, Megan Leitch; her son-in-law, Justin Garratt, as well as three grandchildren and many loving nieces and nephews.

Sally was born on December 13, 1950, to her parents, John Gannon and Constance Kiepe Gannon, in Orange, New Jersey. Sally graduated from Westfield High School in Westfield, New Jersey. She later attended Cedar Crest College, earning a degree in English, and subsequently earned a Master’s degree in Psychology from Seton Hall University. Sally dedicated her life to teaching, mentoring and counseling young adults.

Sally started her teaching career working at Terrill Middle School in Scotch Plains, New Jersey, teaching middle school English. Following a move to California in 1994, Sally was hired at Saint Francis High School as

a teacher, ultimately spending over twenty-four years working as a counselor in the Guidance and Counseling Department. Sally took great pride in starting the Teen Awareness Program at Saint Francis, a program built to promote diversity, equality and inclusion amongst the student body. Sally retired from Saint Francis High School in 2019.

Sally’s passion for education and helping teenagers led her to build a small business, along with her husband, to work with high school students, advising and guiding them on the college admission process. Sally loved playing tennis with her family, spending time on the beach or sharing a glass of chardonnay with friends. Sally touched the lives of many and will be remembered forever as a wonderful Mother and Grandmother.

A celebration of Sally’s life is being planned for the summer of 2021. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made in her honor to P.S. ARTS, a nonprofit organization supporting arts education for underprivileged youth in California, a foundation near and dear to Sally’s heart (www.psarts.org).

November 5, 2020



Sarah Leitch Holden

County to Hold Final Paper Shredding Event For 2020

COUNTY – Union County residents seeking a free, secure way to dispose of personal papers can bring their documents to the final mobile paper-shredding event of 2020. The event is scheduled for this Saturday, November 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Nokia campus at 600 Mountain Avenue, New Providence. It is free of charge and open to Union County residents only.

In an effort to accommodate all residents wishing to participate, there is a limit of four bags or boxes per car, weighing no more than 10 pounds each. The mobile shredding truck may leave before 1 p.m. if full.

Union County’s mobile paper-shredding events are drive-through only. Due to the Covid-19 outbreak, participants must remain in their cars with their masks on and windows rolled up at all times in order to reduce the risk of exposure. Boxes or bags should be placed in the trunk or cargo area where they can be accessed by county personnel.

Participants are asked to remove plastic binders and clips before arriving at the shredding event. No wet or damp paper will be accepted.

If possible, documents should be brought in paper bags, as this is a zero-waste event. Boxes and plastic bags will be returned to participants. For additional information, visit ucnj.org/recycling/mobile-paper-shredding. The paper-shredding schedule will resume in April 2021 at various locations throughout Union County.

Union County’s scrap metal recycling program will also end for the season in November. The final dates are Thursday, November 5, and Saturday, November 21. For times and locations, visit ucnj.org/recycling/scrap-metal. For information on all other recycling programs sponsored by Union County, visit ucnj.org/recycling or call the Union County Recycling Hotline at (908) 654-9889.

Francisco ‘Frank’ Colon, 69, Devoted To Family, Career, Church, Knights

Francisco “Frank” Colon, 69, passed away peacefully at home in Scotch Plains, with his wife and children by his side. Born in New York City, Frank grew up in Puerto Rico and Queens and had resided in Scotch Plains since 1984.

A graduate of Queens College, Frank started his career in computer programming at New York Life. For the past eleven years, Frank was employed as a Proposal Manager and “technical wizard” at Ernst & Young in New York City — a job he loved and was planning to retire from in December. He took great joy in the work he performed and the people with whom he collaborated, a combination that made it a pleasure for him to continue well beyond normal retirement.

Frank was a longtime member of St. Helen’s Roman Catholic Church in Westfield, where his faith was nurtured and grew stronger with each passing year. Frank’s spiritual home infused him with the joy of God’s love and the reward of being a member of such a warmly embracing community. He was also a proud member of the Knights of Columbus, Msgr. Watterson Council No. 1711, for over 30 years.

Frank will be remembered for his particular brand of humor – you could see him waiting for the perfect moment to insert his pithy puns into a conversation, in the hope that his audience would enjoy them as much as he did. He had an uncanny way of making everyone feel important and welcome, of connecting with people whether they shared common interests or not. He was an unassuming and endearing man, who always left people smiling, knowing they had come in contact with such a gentle, loving soul. He faced adversity with positivity, infirmity with defiance, and life with a smile. In his later years, he was known for video creations and vo-



Francisco Colon

cal accompaniments that tickled the funny bone, strained the ears and warmed the heart. Each of these “masterpieces” reflected his basic desire to cleverly entertain while touching the hearts of those to whom they were dedicated.

He was predeceased by his parents; those who gave him life and those who rescued and loved him into adulthood. He is survived by his cherished wife, Cathy (Gatens) Colon; his devoted children, Frank (Bishan), Laura, Matthew (Kristen) and Drew (Lauren), and his precious grandchildren, Liya, Joy, Ellinor and Jake. He also leaves behind his beloved sister,

Helen; his brothers, Richard, Roland, Johnny and David; his dear friends, Vinny, Papo and Ginny, as well as numerous cousins, in-laws, nieces and nephews, who all vied for the title of Uncle Frank’s “favorite.” He deeply loved you all and as much as it broke his heart to leave you, his spirit was truly at peace on his final journey home to his heavenly Father.

Visitation will be at Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue, Fanwood, today, Thursday, November 5, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. His funeral Mass is at St. Helen’s Roman Catholic Church in Westfield on Friday, November 6, at 10:15 a.m., followed by interment at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield. The funeral Mass will be live-streamed on Frank’s obituary page of our website at www.fanwoodmemorial.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to one of the following charities in his honor: Helping Hands and Hearts at St. Helen’s Church, 1600 Rahway Avenue, Westfield, N.J. 07090; The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network at <https://www.pancan.org/honormemorial-gifts/>, or The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research, <https://www.michaeljfox.org/donate>.

November 5, 2020

Emma D. Miller, 93, Enjoyed Arts, Sports, Reunions, Volunteering

Emma D. Miller (née DiNizo), 93, of Mountainside died peacefully on Monday, November 2, 2020.

Visitation will be on Friday, November 6, from 5 to 7:30 p.m., at the Rossi Funeral Home, 1937 Westfield Avenue, Scotch Plains, N.J. Masks and social distancing are required at all times. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, November 7, at 10 a.m., at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church in Scotch Plains. A live stream of the Funeral Mass will be available. Interment will follow at Old Tennent Cemetery in Tennent, N.J.

The family is mindful of the current Covid situation and understands people may not be able to attend. They hope that the live stream of the Mass will help people stay connected. In addition, please know there will be a celebration of life at a future date once it is safe for family and friends together.

Emma was born in Scotch Plains, N.J., settled in Mountainside in 1956 and has been a resident since. She attended both Rutgers and Fairleigh Dickinson Universities. Emma was actively involved with the preparation

and hosting of reunions of her 1945 high school graduating class from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. Emma held these reunions well into her 80s. She was very involved in the arts — she loved music, poetry, literature, Broadway shows and opera.

Emma was a sports enthusiast, following football and tennis, regularly attending the US Open with her sister, Lee. She was a bookkeeper working with Greenberg & Co., an accounting firm in Springfield, for many years. She also volunteered for many community activities, including the preservation of the Hetfield House.

Emma is predeceased by her beloved husband of 68 years, Winfield (2018).

She is survived by her loving children, Mark W. and his wife, Theresa, Ellen B. Miller, and Wendy Miller and Patricia A. Wiley; her cherished grandchildren, Caroline E. and Matthew J.W. Miller; her brother, Phillip DiNizo, and many nieces and nephews. She is also survived by the beloved Keane and Wiley families.

November 5, 2020

Marjorie Fienberg Active In Jewish Organizations

Marjorie Fienberg (Diamond) of Clark, formerly of Westfield, died on Wednesday, October 28, at the age of 87. Marjorie (Marge) was born and grew up in Roxbury, Mass. She attended Simmons College and married Chester Fienberg, the love of her life, in 1952. They lived in several Boston suburbs before moving to Westfield, New Jersey, where they lived and raised their family for over 50 years.

Marge was very active in many aspects of Jewish life, beginning with the Framingham, Mass., Chapter of the National Council of Jew-

ish Women. She continued her involvement with the Westfield Chapter, eventually serving as president. She was also a life member of Hadassah and the National Council of Jewish Women.

Marge was the devoted daughter of Gussie Diamond, who died in 1988. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Chester (Chet); three children, Gayle Wallick (Michael), Gary Fienberg (Annette) and Barbara Kram (Allen); five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held at B’nai Abraham Memorial Park, with arrangements made by Menorah Chapels at Millburn.

Memorial contributions in her name can be made to Temple Emanu-El of Westfield or to Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey.

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Library Zoom Events To Feature Authors-Publishers

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Memorial Library will be part of the Libraries of Union County Consortium (LUCC), which will sponsor a series of virtual visits to explore the subject of Race, Empowerment and Experience. In light of the intense and widespread discussion of race and racism in America, the LUCC libraries are committed to providing online platforms for information and discussion.

On Tuesday, November 10, at 7 p.m., Zoom participants will hear two prolific, award-winning authors and publishers: Cheryl Willis Hudson and Wade Hudson, the co-founders of Just Us Books, Inc., one of the most prominent Black-owned publishing houses in America.

Continuing the following Tuesday, November 17, at 7 p.m., virtual audience members will welcome Derrick Barnes, author of the award-winning picture book “CROWN: An Ode to the Fresh Cut” and the 2020 bestseller “I Am Every Good Thing.”

Both programs are free and will be available via Zoom. Advance registration is required and is available at luccevents.org.

Wade Hudson is an author and publisher. He also is president and chief executive officer of Just Us Books, Inc., an independent publisher of books for children and young adults. Mr. Hudson has received a New Jersey Stephen Crane Literary Award; The Ida B. Wells Institutional Leadership Award (2008) presented by the Center for Black Literature; the Madame C. J. Walker Legacy Award (2012) given by the Zora Neale Hurston-Richard Wright Foundation and a Children’s Book Council 2019 Diversity Award. He also has been inducted into the International Literary Hall of Fame for Writers of African Descent.

Cheryl Willis Hudson is an author, editor and publisher of children’s

books. She is co-founder and editorial director of Just Us Books, Inc., an independent company that focuses on Black interest books for children and young adults. She is a member of the Children’s and Young Adult Committee of PEN America and has served as diversity consultant to a number of educational publishers.

Mr. Barnes is from Kansas City, Mo. He is a graduate of Jackson State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Marketing. After graduation, he became the first African-American male creative copywriter in the history of Hallmark Cards.

He is the author of numerous critically-acclaimed books and has received two 2018 Ezra Jack Keats Awards, the Gold Medal from the Society of Illustrators, the Coretta Scott King Author Honor, Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor, Newberry Honor, the Caldecott Honor, and the highly-coveted Kirkus Prize For Young Readers.

Currently, library hours are Monday to Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 4:45 p.m. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street.

The library also has added programs to its YouTube channel, which can be found at youtube.com/user/westfieldmemoriallib, or by clicking on the YouTube icon on the library’s website at wmlnj.org.

Brian Van Brunt Graduates MSU

MONTCLAIR, N.J. — Montclair State University has announced that Brian Van Brunt of Fanwood is among the university’s Summer 2020 graduates.

Mr. Van Brunt graduated with a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership. He joins the 112-year-old list of Montclair State University alumni.



A MASS FOR TWO MILESTONES...Sister Lisa D. Gambacorto, RSM, Ed.S., is accompanied by Bishop Paul Bootkoski of the Diocese of Metuchen for a special Mass held October 25 in honor of her 20 years as directress of Mount Saint Mary Academy and 40 years as a Sister of Mercy. Bishop Bootkoski and Monsignor William Benwell officiated at the Mass, which was held on the school’s Angels of Victory Field and followed by a celebratory dinner.

Mount Saint Mary Honors Sister Lisa Gambacorto

WATCHUNG – Sister Lisa D. Gambacorto, RSM, Ed.S., directress of Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung, marked two significant milestones this year, which have been referred to as her “20-40.” She celebrated 20 years as the directress of Mount Saint Mary Academy and 40 years as a Sister of Mercy.

While a Gala and special celebratory Mass were planned for the spring of 2020, they were postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic which, at the time, limited large gatherings. The Mass was rescheduled for Sunday, October 25, 2020, with Bishop Paul Bootkoski and Monsignor William Benwell officiating on Angels of Victory Field. A celebratory dinner was held afterward.

Sister Lisa’s 20 years as the directress of Mount Saint Mary Academy have been filled with notable accomplishments. She was responsible for the renovation of the science labs, gymnasium and tennis courts, along with the creation of the student center, the Saint Joseph classrooms, the Angels of Victory Field and the Snack Shack. She also upgraded the technology infrastructure and brought one-to-one computing to the Academy.

Sister Lisa had the vision to bring remote learning to the Academy through the launch of Moodle. She also instituted the Student Assistance and Peer Ministry programs. Sister Lisa added seven interscholastic sports – volleyball, cross-

country, equestrian, indoor track, spring track, lacrosse and golf – to the Academy’s roster of athletic offerings.

Additionally, Sister Lisa prepared the Academy for the future by establishing high-quality security systems for the campus. While these are some of the physical representations of her tenure as directress, Sister Lisa’s contributions to recruiting, mentoring, and retaining a highly-competent and committed team of faculty and staff, her loving sense of humor, her many years of varied experience and her unwavering support of Mercy Core Values are leadership attributes that cannot be adequately quantified, according to Mount Saint Mary Academy.

Sister Lisa is passionate about Mount Saint Mary Academy. Her leadership style is described as that of an innovative visionary. She leads by example and is goal-oriented, always moving the Academy forward. “She is a compassionate woman of integrity and, in short, makes everyone around her better,” the Academy noted.

In the fall of 2019, Sister Lisa completed the renovation of Mercy Hall, bringing to life a theater that was only a dream a few years ago.

In celebration of her 20-40 and to thank her, the Sisters of Mercy MidAtlantic, the board of trustees and Sister Lisa’s administration revealed that the new theater will be formally named “The Sister Lisa Gambacorto Theater” at Mercy Hall.

Local Pingry School Seniors Are Commended Students

AREA — Thirty-three seniors at The Pingry School have been recognized for exceptional academic promise as Commended Students in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program. They placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2021 competition by taking the 2019 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). Including these 33 students, 141 Pingry students have been Commended Students over the past five years.

Marcus Brotman and Alex Kaplan, both of Westfield, are among the 33 newest Commended Students at The Pingry School. Thomas Henry, Claire Keller, Hope Maultsby and Sophie Pollard, all of Summit, also are among this group of honorees.

The Pingry School is a K-12 coeducational, independent country day school. Its mission is to foster in students a lifelong commitment to intellectual exploration, individual growth and social responsibility, while pre-

paring them to be global citizens and leaders of the 21st century.

Dr. John F. Pingry founded the school in 1861 in Elizabeth. Today there are two campuses: Grades K to 5 in Short Hills and Grades 6 to 12 in Basking Ridge. The student body includes more than 1,100 students from nearly 100 towns in New Jersey and New York. For more information, visit the school’s website, pingry.org, or follow The Pingry School on Facebook.



Foundation Grants \$250K To YWCA Union County

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Foundation recently granted \$250,000 to the YWCA Union County, which is celebrating its centennial year, for the construction of its new building in Elizabeth. The building will function as a central hub for all programs. It will be in close proximity to the Union County Prosecutor and the Courthouse Offices. The grant was distributed from the Bertha Bogaert Fund, a legacy fund established in 2016.

For 45 years, the Westfield Foundation has provided funding support in the areas of the arts, health, aging, historic preservation, social services and civic projects. The Foundation has granted \$7,200,000 to more than 100 local organizations in and around Westfield.

For the third quarter of 2020, the Foundation granted \$73,012 from its general fund to seven organizations. These funds supported capital improvements such as replacement of flooring, roof and window repair. Funds also will provide Personal Protective Equipment for volunteers, and offer programs for the community, including career counseling, financial management and adult enrichment. Recipients include Caring Contact, Youth and Family Counseling Service, Our House Foundation, Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey, Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, CASA of Union County and the Westfield Neigh-

borhood Council.

In addition to supporting capital projects of established social service agencies such as the YWCA Union County, the Westfield Foundation has been an important resource of “seed money” for smaller organizations and emerging needs. Programs started with seed money include Imagine, Roots & Wings, Westfield Symphony Orchestra, now the New Jersey Festival Orchestra; the Westfield High School Ice Hockey team and the Westfield High School Rowing Club. The Westfield Foundation also established the Foundation Park for the Westfield community.

Creating a Westfield Foundation Donor-Advised Fund is one way families can leave a legacy to the Westfield community. Creating a family fund makes it possible to leave a permanent legacy for one’s philanthropic interest. Money to support the Foundation’s mission and grant distribution has been and continues to be provided by concerned and caring citizens of Westfield.

To learn more about the Westfield Foundation and how to help, go to thewestfieldfoundation.com. Secure donations can be made directly at <https://thewestfieldfoundation.com/donate-now/>.

For more information, contact Executive Director Betsy Chance via email at foundation@westfieldnj.com or by calling (908) 233-9788.



NEW BEGINNINGS...The groundbreaking of the YWCA Union County’s new building occurred on September 23. Pictured, from left to right, are: Danielle Walsh, Westfield Foundation Board member; Betsy Chance, executive director of the Westfield Foundation; Janice Lilien, chief executive officer, YWCA Union County; Jennifer Vriens, director of development of the YWCA Union County, and Tina Earley, president, YWCA Union County Board of Directors.

Mediterranean Diet to Be Focus of Lavy House Event

WESTFIELD — An informational program entitled “9 Staple Foods of the Mediterranean Diet,” with Karen

M. Ensle, Ed.D., a Rutgers Cooperative Extension professor, will be the featured free virtual program on Tuesday, November 10, at 11 a.m.

“This free virtual program will focus on the diet that may lower your risk of heart attack, stroke and death by 30 percent,” according to Professor Ensle.

The program is sponsored by The Senior Resource Center at The Lavy House, the Standish Foundation, Temple Emanu-El of Westfield, Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey and the Westfield United Fund.

Programs are free of charge and open to the entire community. Registration is recommended if planning to attend. To receive a Zoom invitation, email Info@jfscentralnj.org or call (908) 352-8375.

All those who register and attend the event will be entered for a chance to win a \$25 gift card to Trader Joe’s.



Karen Ensle, Ed.D.



HERALDING THE HOLIDAYS...Mountainside’s Levi Cory House Village Shop will open on November 6, 7, 20 and 21, and December 4, 5, 18 and 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visitors are invited to check out the unique holiday gifts and household items displayed beautifully in this historic setting.

Virtual Book Club Open to Youngsters

CRANFORD — The Cranford Public Library will host a Geronimo Stilton book club next month. This virtual group is for students in grades 2 and 3 and will be held on Thursday, December 3, at 4 p.m.

Participants will discuss “The Mummy with No Name” and play fun games. The first 10 people to register for the program will receive a free copy of the book; library staff will email individuals to arrange contactless pickup before the meeting.

Registration is required and can be done online. To register, access <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7pbn7Pyw>. Interested persons are asked to reach out to l-antolino@cranfordnj.org with any questions.

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Veterans Day Invites Us to Honor Service and Sacrifice of So Many

Since our colonial ancestors first declared their desire to form an independent republic, American men and women have courageously served as defenders of liberty on the home front and abroad, often at great personal sacrifice and even forfeiture of their very lives. Their legacy is a nation that continues to stand strong against tyranny and terror, for the sake of our own people along with billions of others throughout the world.

On Veterans Day we commemorate our military heroes, from every generation and from all branches of the armed forces. Originally known as Armistice Day, this federal holiday is observed each year on November 11. It recalls the signing of the 1918 armistice between the Allied nations and Germany that formally concluded World War I.

While we owe our veterans gratitude and remembrance each day of any year, 2020 reminds us of particular milestones involving our military. This year marks the 75th anniversary of the denouement of World War

II, the 70th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War, the 45th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War, and the 155th anniversary of the close of the Civil War. Each proved to be pivotal chapters in our history as Americans and as part of the global community, as were conflicts that occurred before, between, and since.

Through their valor, fortitude and willingness to risk all for the precious cause of freedom, our nation's veterans wrested the fate of the world from oppressive regimes, liberated the enslaved from bondage and certain death, and enabled our country to serve as a beacon to persecuted peoples everywhere. Yet not all of those who answered their country's call were given their due. Because of diverse public sentiments about the war, Vietnam-era veterans did not always receive the recognition they deserved, while military personnel from various conflicts often encountered new adversity upon returning home in the form of racism.

Additionally, a significant number of veterans today wrestle with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), along with other physical and psychological challenges, that can profoundly affect their return to civilian life. Such conditions can contribute to joblessness, homelessness, social difficulties and other disadvantages that no guardian of freedom should struggle with after having served his or her nation. We encourage support for programs that raise awareness and provide services to veterans and their families, especially those at risk, and advocate that such resources be easily accessible.

Because of the current pandemic, Veterans Day ceremonies will likely occur on a smaller scale this year. Nevertheless, our acknowledgment and appreciation of our veterans — living and deceased — should not be reduced in scope. Let us thank our veterans, and active-duty military as well, even if remotely. Through their service yesterday and today, they have given each of us — and all those yet to come — the freedom of our tomorrows.

Educator's Corner: Social Emotional Learning in 2020

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

Let's face it, 2020 seems like someone opened Pandora's Box.

Many school districts have been focusing on Social and Emotional Learning in recent years. SEL (as it is known in the educational alphabet soup) consists of five key skills: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision-making. Why has there been such a push to incorporate more of this? Simple: Student stress has been on the rise for years. 2020's challenges have added to the stress. It is understandable that school districts are doubling down efforts to help students emotionally.

What can we do to help students foster SEL while they spend more time at home? (Disclaimer: I am not a psychology expert, just an educator and mom who's attended workshops and read a lot!)

1. Be aware of toxic positivity – While this might feel like another modern buzz-phrase, there is some psychological muscle behind it. Toxic positivity does not help people “look on the bright side” of things; it's an insistence that everything is fine, minimizing the actual trauma that is going on under the surface.

2. Focus on gratitude – Studies have shown that expressing gratitude benefits one's mental health. Since Thanksgiving is later this month, it's a good time to start a daily gratitude practice. A few ways to do this: journal writing, sharing at dinner or creating a visual representation like a poster-sized list, gratitude jar or gratitude tree.

3. Give space to talk about bad things – I dislike doing the dishes. Yes, this is a very mild example, but it's one I've used as an example when I taught opinion writing. The look on my students' faces when I gave them permission to talk about something they didn't like was of utter confusion, followed by that slightly mischievous look kids get when they find a loophole to eat candy before bedtime. Kids are asked to be more accepting and kinder to others (which, for the record, I am a big fan of), but sometimes it feels like we can only

discuss the good things about people or share the same opinions. This is not the case. Give children the space to talk about “bad things.” While disagreeable opinions about chores, movies and food are a benign form, talking about things that make one mad or sad is healthy. Having a discussion on what to do about that sadness or anger is also important.

4. Finding Ways to Cope – We all have ways of coping with stress. Encourage your children to find a way that works for them. Art, writing, exercising, establish a routine, get sleep – these are all recommended ways to help relieve stress.

5. Find Hope – Search for positive current events, look at history through a lens of rebuilding. (How have civilizations rebuilt after previous dark times in history?) For more on using hope: <https://www.edutopia.org/article/7-ways-infuse-your-curriculum-hope>.

While it seems like more news comes out every day that adds to the insanity of 2020 – remember, the last thing left in Pandora's Box is hope.

The Student View

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We're All in This Together (After November 3rd)

By SAMMY SALZ
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Here in Westfield, as the pandemic rages on, the phrase “we're all in this together” has begun to lose its meaning. Whether it be in conversations or in car commercials, we have all been inundated with clichés reminding us of our strong ties. The reality is, these ties have been weakened. It's easy to pin the division of our neighborhoods and our community entirely on the Covid-19 crisis as not only has the pandemic isolated many of us mentally, but also physically. However, even if it weren't for the pandemic, Westfield would still be a town divided by two individuals: Joe Biden and Donald Trump.

Inherently, politics are an incredibly divisive subject and have always been a topic to avoid at the dinner table. Though this division is inevitable due to the nature of our two-party system, these two parties are no longer Democrats and Republicans, but Trump and anti-Trump. Despite the fact that some people may fall in the middle, according to thehill.com, the number of people who fall in the middle of the political spectrum has decreased in recent months, falling from 40 percent in January and February to 36 percent in May and June. Even so, those who speak the loudest are the ones who are often heard, and this year, the voices of our Westfield neighborhoods are louder than they have ever been.

The increasing vocalization of our community is certainly not a surprise as during this unique moment in our history, our ballots don't just hold two different names, but two different Americas. Whereas Trump denies the existence of systemic racism, Biden wants to address the issue head-on. Whereas Trump downplays the significance of climate change, Biden aims to increase spending on national environmental reform. We may once again be able to see one another without first seeing each other's political beliefs and truly “all be in this together” again.

the court.” Truthfully, the one thing that both sides seem to agree upon is that the America that their candidate will create will thrive while the America that the other candidate will create will be filled with violence, poverty and instability.

As a result of this chasm, we have, possibly even subconsciously, shut out members of our own community. Running through my own neighborhood, it almost seems as if I pass more political lawn signs, flags and banners than I do trees. Consequently, I tend to form preconceived notions about my own neighbors based on which signs they choose to place on their lawns. No matter how much I try to remind myself that this is wrong, the divisive nature of today's political climate has turned this way of thinking into an unshakeable habit.

Though it's simple to say that we should not judge people based on their political affiliation, it's this fear, this anticipation of certain doom, on both sides of the spectrum that causes the emergence of these prejudices.

Not all Trump supporters are the irresponsible conspiracy theorists that the media often portrays them to be, just like not all Biden supporters are the lawless extremists that Trump supporters paint them out to be. Yet, the very existence of this extreme political polarization prompts many of us to steer clear of vocal supporters on the opposite side.

Regardless of the fact that the pandemic may have heightened our political division due to the directly contradicting views of the two candidates, even if this crisis were to vanish tomorrow, we would still be left with a community broken by this divisive election.

This statement may seem grim, yet in actuality, it is quite the opposite. After the ballots are counted and once the lawn signs are taken down, we may once again be able to see one another without first seeing each other's political beliefs and truly “all be in this together” again.

Letters to the Editor

Brightwood Park's Trails Should Be for All

There is plenty of misleading information about the mountain bike course proposal floating around. The propaganda begins with the term “multi-use” trails. The proposal calls for a 2'-to 3'-wide, single-track dirt trail. That size trail would be suitable only for mountain bikes with suspension and wide tires. Such a trail would not be suitable for all bikes, much less “multi-use” for hikers and walkers. According to the AASHTO guidelines, viewed as standard, multi-use trail width should be a minimum of 10' – increased to 12' to 14' for heavier use areas.

Since it is disingenuous and, frankly dangerous, to portray the type of trails proposed as “multi-use,” why do proponents bury their intentions in this innocuous terminology? Because they want to appear as if they are seeking broader use of the park for all people. The truth is that the park already has 1.6 miles of hiking trails. The proposed serpentine mountain bike course would actually consume the land area of all but .5 miles of those trails. That would give 80 percent of the park to mountain bikers and leave just 20 percent of the trails in the park to all other users – bikers and hikers.

Mountain bikers have clocked average speeds of between 11 and 17 mph in the park. The social networking site Strava's leader board for Brightwood Park shows that four of

the top ten times have been recorded in the park since May 2020. While Evan Topilow suggests that the course would not be used for races, it is clear that bikers are racing in the park to achieve these average speeds.

As a regular user of the park, I have seen changes in the park in just the past few months. Most prominently someone has built a berm, coincidentally of the type favored by mountain bikers. This berm is a further example of why mountain bike trails are incompatible with walking for many park users.

Facts and standards are not fake news. The truth is that the mountain bike proposal does not promote broad use of the park for all people but rather caters exclusively to a small subset of the population.

Denise Ricci
Westfield



Friends of Brightwood Park Invite Residents to Enjoy Brightwood

In a survey paid for by Westfield taxpayers, 70 percent of households responded that the need for hiking and walking trails is unmet and 56 percent said they would like nature parks and natural areas. Friends of Brightwood Park has the answer. Our town has a rare natural park just minutes from every household in town.

Brightwood has a half-mile loop around ponds and an additional 1.1-mile nature trail system through woods. Visit FriendsOfBrightwood.org and go to the dropdown menu of “Enjoy” for a map of the available trails. While on our website, check out the beautiful photos of plants and animals that can be found in the park.

Brightwood serves as habitat for a variety of wildlife. There is a resident screech owl tucked in the cavity of an old growth tree. A variety of water fowl inhabit the park at different times of the year, and turtles often are found sunning themselves on logs in the pond. Birders have recorded 112 different species in the park. On rare occasions, you can spot a shy fox.

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Diction Deception

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. Latibilize – To hibernate or burrow
2. Discerptibility – Capability or inability to be torn apart or disunited
3. Tophaceous – Gritty; sandy
4. Amphoterich – Having both acid and basic properties

NINUT

1. The magpie
2. In the ninth place, out of ten
3. A viceroxy or very rich man
4. Dwarfed

PAYNIM

1. Small number; insufficiency
2. A thin, flat piece of metal; a disk
3. A large shield used in medieval warfare as protection
4. A pagan or heathen

EEXECRATION

1. Cursing
2. Defiling of religious symbols
3. Stealing bodies from graves for use in dissection
4. A leave of absence granted a student in English universities

CREPUSCULAR


1. Pertaining to twilight; glimmering
2. Having a crimson color
3. Flesh eating; carnivorous
4. Having a notched, indented or scalloped edge as certain leaves

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Brightwood Should Remain a Passive Park

As our weather gets chillier with the progression of autumn, the colors of fall foliage make Brightwood Park even more beautiful. This yearly transition highlights the importance of this 43-acre oasis of calm and tranquility to Westfield's residents. We go to the sanctuary to quietly admire and take in the natural wonder of its trees, bushes, lake and the little island. Westfield residents do not have to go far – it is a 10-minute drive, at most, from any point in town.

I believe it is critical to preserve these characteristics, and most in Westfield agree. Already I see signs in front lawns and in store fronts urging us to “Save the Sanctuary.” Saving Brightwood Park refers to maintaining it in its natural form for its present purpose, not letting it become formally or informally a venue for sporting activity of any kind. It was intended to be, and should remain, a passive park. Mountain biking would fundamentally alter Brightwood Park in negative ways. It is far too small to serve any kind of “dual purpose” or “multi-use” trails.


We expect our elected officials to hear our concerns and not allow mountain biking in Brightwood.

For more information, please visit friendsofbrightwood.org.

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LYGHT GOAL & ASSIST, FAZIO GOAL, CAMACHO GOAL

Raiders Turn Up Juice, Blank Warriors in Girls Soccer, 3-0

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

Losing its first game of the season, 1-0, to Summit on October 22 turned out to be a wakeup call for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls soccer team when it hosted a strong Watchung Hills Warrior squad on October 27. The Raiders applied pressure from the start, netted a goal from junior Alexa Fazio within the first 11 minutes, then got even more aggressive in the second half to add goals by senior co-captain Corinne Lyght and sophomore defender/holding midfielder Lily Camacho to silence the Warriors, 3-0.

The three Raider co-captains, Lyght, Faith Price and Holly Nelson, along with Fazio applied a constant forward movement to keep the 4-2-1 Warriors' defense on their heels. Lyght would normally break down the right sideline and Price would push through the right

center, while Fazio would enter the box via the left center and Nelson would quickly slick in from the left.

That technique worked very well when Lyght sent a right-to-left cross into the box where Fazio found an open space and tapped the ball into the net from 12-yards out with 29:15 left in the half.

"Corinne had the ball on the right side again. It was kind of similar to the goal at the Westfield game. I saw her at the right, I knew I had to get in the box. I was open. No one was really marking me, so she played the ball to me and I hit it in," Fazio recalled.

One minute later, Lyght crossed to Nelson, who just lifted the ball over the crossbar then for a period of about 10 minutes, the Warriors posted a threat with sophomore midfielder Jenna Tobia and freshman forward Paige Thomas testing the Raider

backfield of Ashley DeFrancesco, Katerina Zikas and Leah Klurman, along with Camacho and goalkeeper Rebecca Kessler.

"Their midfielder was pretty good. Number 10 (Tobia) was in the midfield, so I had to keep an eye on her," Fazio said.

"Jenna is a really good player. She plays fast and made a lot of opportunities for her team, so we had to hone in on her because we knew she was going to be the one to create all the opportunities. We knew if we could stop her, we could keep the shots down," Lyght added.

But Thomas was also a threat. "She was keeping us on our toes on the left side. She was creating a lot of opportunities, so we had to make sure that we stood her up and not let her turn," Lyght said.

Tobia looped a shot that landed on

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BIG BATTLE FOR POSITION...Cougar senior forward Ryan Dooley, No. 9, battles a Roselle Ram for position on the ball during the Union County Tournament at Memorial Field in Cranford on October 31. The Cougars shelled the Rams, 5-0.

IWANIUK, FARLEY, O'DONOVAN, BELTRAN, KOSTY SCORE

Soccer Cougars 'Shell' Rams In Union County Tourney, 5-0

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

Memorial Field in Cranford hosted what could be termed as a "shell game" in the first round of the Union County Tournament on Halloween Eve. The eighth-seeded Cranford boys soccer team did the "shelling" and the 17th-seeded Roselle Rams were the "game" in a 5-0 Cougar triumph.

While the Cougar defense and goalkeeper Dom Savanelli, who needed only to make one save in the second half, were barely tested, the Rams' defense and goalkeeper Alex Roque spent nearly the entire game deflecting vicious shots from every angle. Interestingly, the 5-3-1 Cougars' first goal was not of a vicious manner when co-captain Colin Farley slipped the ball to freshman Oskar Iwaniuk, who tapped a slow roller that some-

how got past some defenders and mesmerized Roque as it sauntered into the net less than six minutes into the game.

"I'm pretty sure it was Colin, Tim or Owen or Dooley who set the ball. I just tried to go for a strike. There were a couple of deflections. It wouldn't really counted as a good goal. If you saw my reaction, I was just as confused as everyone else," Iwaniuk confessed.

Ten minutes later after senior midfielder Tim O'Donovan ripped a shot from the left side that was knocked away, Farley got the rebound at close range and made the score 2-0.

"There was another shot. It took a deflection and I was finishing a run to the goal. It was three yards in front. I took a touch. It pulled the keeper. It

was a really lucky goal," Farley described humbly.

Juniors Owen Maher, Jake Icklan and Patrick Ganley, along with Iwaniuk and Farley, also had shots or headers deflected in the first half. As a matter of fact, Icklan found the net with 8:13 on the clock but the goal was negated due to an offside call. Only once did the Cougar defense get tested in the half when a Ram penetrated the box and got off a pointblank shot but the defender managed to place himself in the line of fire.

The Rams came out with a little more stubbornness in the early minutes of the second half. Five minutes in, Savanelli knocked away a free kick and the Rams got their first corner kick of the game. But when the kick hooked into the box, Farley

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GREAT MOVE...Raider co-captain Holly Nelson, No. 2, makes a great slide to deflect the ball from Warrior Vanessa Tao, No. 8, during the game in Scotch Plains on October 27. The Raiders shut out Watchung Hills, 3-0.

** A Special Look Through the Rearview Mirror at Fall Sports Activities **

From the archives of *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-FanwoodTimes* - goleader.com - year, month, week

October 15, 2019: Trailing 1-0 at the half, the eighth-ranked Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls soccer team answered with three second-half goals to stun the No. 7 Cranford Cougars in Scotch Plains. Cougar junior Kirsten Williams scored in the first half and senior Brooke Swandrak in the second half. Junior Leah Klurman, freshman Lily Camacho and junior Corinne Lyght scored for the Raiders.

times for 49 yards, crossed the goal line three times with respective runs of eight yards, two yards and 16 yards. Junior running back Marcus Johnson carried three times for 64 yards, which included a 44-yard TD gallop. Junior Dennis DeMarino added a two-yard TD run and sophomore running back Colin Murray (3 carries, 46 yards) had a five-yard TD run.

October 18, 2019: Within a few weeks of grabbing the crown at the Cougar Invitational, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood gymnastic team captured the Union County Tournament crown

desired with a 17-6 victory over the Westfield football team at John Basilone Field in Bridgewater. Two seasons ago, Bridgewater lost 20-7 to Westfield in the 2017 North 2 Group V championship game which was part of a long losing streak the Panthers had against the Blue Devils. On Friday night though, QB Alex Fromberg connected on 14 of 24 passes for 157 yards and a score to lead the Panthers past the Blue Devils. The long history of failures against Westfield was on the mind of BR players as the clock ticked down and the players rushed to the fences to celebrate with their families and friends.

For a while, it looked like the Blue Devil dominance over Bridgewater would continue as Westfield scored a TD on an 11-yard pass from QB Hank Shapiro to wide receiver Griffin Rooney on their opening drive of the game.

October 13, 2018: Defense kept the Scotch Plains-Fanwood football team in contention but the Raiders' inability to punch it in offensively, especially in the first half, and a breakaway TD run late in the game, resulted in a 28-12 Governor Livingston victory on Senior Day in Berkeley Heights. The Highlanders entered the game with a 2-3 record,

while the Raiders were searching for their first win of the season.

The Raiders out-rushed and out-passed the Highlanders, 219-213, on the ground and, 122-29, in the air. Raider co-captains Anthony Porter and Alex Oslislo were indeed the workhorses on both sides of the ball. Offensively Porter carried 19 times for 83 yards, including a four-yard TD run late in the fourth quarter, and had six receptions for 72 yards, which included a 29-yard TD grab from Jake Hahn, who alternated taking snaps with Porter.

October 16, 2018: Raiders Ben Fleischer and Brandon Garcia finished 1-2, respectively, to lead the SPF varsity boys cross-country team to the Union County Conference Watchung Division Championship held at Oak Ridge Park in Clark. The Westfield Blue Devil varsity girls placed second in their Watchung Division race, while the Blue Devil boys and girls took top honors in both JV and freshman races.

The Raider boys finished with a total of 39, followed by Westfield at 46, Summit at 57 and Union Catholic at 87. Fleischer crossed first in 16:01, followed by Garcia at 16:16. Blue Devil Jack Moranz at 16:29 and Coo-

per Brennan at 16:46 finished 4-5 and Raiders Max Cardarelli at 16:53 and Drew Burfeindt at 16:55 finished 8-9, followed by Blue Devil Ronnie Melao at 16:57.

The Union Catholic Vikings narrowly won the Watchung girls race with a total of 45, followed by Westfield at 48. Highlander Victoria Vanriele crossed first with a time of

VAN DAM III PASS YDs, 34-YD TD TO HAMMOND

Cranford Cougars Halt Patriots in Football, 17-7

Licking its wounds a bit after a tough loss to the No. 11 Woodbridge Barrons, the Cranford High School football team took it out on the neighboring Colonia Patriots, 17-7, in Colonia on October 30. The stubborn Cougar defense limited the Patriot's running game to only 81 yards.

The 4-1 Cougars totaled 352 yards with 236 of them coming on the ground and 116 in the air. Junior quarterback Shane Van Dam completed three of eight passes for 111 yards, including a 69-yard strike to senior wide receiver Arjun Petgrave and a 34-yard touchdown pass to junior wide receiver Zion Hammond. Senior quarterback Dennis DeMarino completed one of three pass attempts for five yards. Unlike in their previous games with Woodbridge and Linden, the Cougars were penalized only 24 yards, while the Patriots received 81 yards in penalties.

Cougar junior wide receiver Jake Conley had an eight-yard reception and senior running back Marcus Johnson had a five-yard reception. Senior running back Jake Chapman carried 21 times for 74 yards, including a five-yard touchdown scoot. Johnson carried 10 times for 100 yards, which included a 32-yard breakaway run. DeMarino carried eight times for 30 yards and Van Dam carried seven times for 28 yards. Junior running back Lucca Limeira had a four-yard carry.

Patriot quarterback Josh Oluremi completed 12 passes for 122 yards. Receiver Jake Ceincin had two receptions for 59 yards, Jaedon Jones had five for 27 yards and Antwane Godfrey had five receptions for 36 yards. A number of Patriot running backs were held to negative yardage and Oluremi accounted for nearly all of the positive rushing yardage.

The Cougars scored first on a 29-yard field goal by senior kicking specialist Diar Dautaga in the first quarter. In the second quarter, Van Dam hooked up with Hammond for his 34-yard touchdown reception and Dautaga split the uprights to make the score 10-0. Early in the fourth quarter, Chapman dashed into the end zone from five-yards out then the Patriots scored their only touchdown when Oluremi broke free for 33 yards. Pat Miller kicked the extra point.

Defensively, Cougar co-captain/linebacker Kevin Keogh recorded 10 tackles, including a sack and two throws for a loss (TFL). Co-captain/linebacker Matt Coates recorded eight tackles, including a sack and two TFLs. Chapman recorded nine tackles. Limeira was involved in eight tackles. Nick Libera (TFL), Luke Infante and Mike Anzalone were involved in five tackles. Co-captain Nate Caldwell was involved in four tackles. Jerome Ellis led the Patriots with 12 tackles.

Cranford	3	7	0	7	17
Colonia	0	0	0	7	7



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BATTLING FOR THE BALL...Raider Holly Nelson, No. 10, and Cougars Laurel Teel, No. 12, and Maggie Murray, No. 7, battle for possession of a loose ball during a regular season game in Scotch Plains. The Raiders won 3-2 (October 15, 2019).

October 17, 2019: Less than four minutes into the game the Cranford HS football team gave Head Coach Erik Rosenmeier a good indication that he was going to collect his 100th career win when the Cougars scored two TDs en route to a 41-0 shutout of the visiting JP Stevens Hawks on Senior Night at Memorial Field in Cranford. The win established Rosenmeier as the only CHS head football coach to achieve that milestone.

Although senior quarterback Connor Katz did complete five passes for 110 yards, all of the Cougars' TDs came by way of the run. Katz, who carried nine

at Cranford High School. The Raiders had a team total of 106.2, followed by Summit (S) at 105.8. Westfield took third at 105.05 and Cranford was fourth at 103.3.

Summit's Catherine Singow recorded the top all-around total with a 35.9, followed very closely by Blue Devil Allison Fernandez at 35.85 and Raider Shaylin Farley at 35.275. Emma Kessler (Dayton) was fourth at 34.75, followed by Emma Burke (S) at 34.45 and Raider TT Singletary at 34.25. Cougar Charlie Bauer placed seventh at 34.125.

October 18, 2019: Bridgewater-Raritan got a little bit of the revenge it



Charles Mulrooney (October 2017 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times
THE WINNING TOUCHDOWN...Blue Devil Jake Vall-Llobera, No. 8, scored both touchdowns in a 13-6 victory over Elizabeth at High Point Solutions Stadium at Rutgers University on October 14, 2017.



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REACHING A MILESTONE...The Cougars display a banner to indicate that Head Coach Erik Rosenmeier attained his 100th career win when Cranford shut out the JP Stevens Hawks, 41-0, on Senior Night in Cranford on October 18, 2019.



David B. Corbin (October 2016 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
READY TO MAKE THE SAVE...Cougar co-captain/goalkeeper Cam Hay prepares to make one of several huge saves in the double OT game against Westfield at Memorial Field as Blue Devil Jenna Iorio approaches (October 19, 2016).



David B. Corbin (October 2018 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
LOOKING FOR A SMALL OPENING...Raider quarterback Anthony Porter, No. 5, looks for a slit of an opening after getting some blocking from his linemen in the game against the GL Highlanders on October 13, 2018.

** A Special Look Through the Rearview Mirror at Fall Sports Activities **

20:55 finished 20-21.

October 18, 2018: Midfield control on the part of the SPF boys soccer team kept the visiting Hunterdon Central defenders on their toes until they were finally cast off balance when the Raiders found the net midway through the second half then added a successful penalty kick 16 minutes later to secure a 2-0 victory in the struggle between two Group 4 powerhouses.

Raider sophomore center back Joey Linder launched a free kick all the way from midfield and it landed in the box where junior Ryan Widman won a scramble with some defenders and goalkeeper John Padavano in front of the net and tapped it in for the first score with 22:20 left in regulation. The icing on the cake arrived when a Red Devil defender got his hand on the ball in the box and the Raiders were awarded the penalty kick (PK) with 6:01 on the clock. Senior Jon Koseoglu lined up to take the PK and planted it into the net just to the right of Padavano.

October 14, 2017: Senior Jake Vall-Llobera scored two TDs, one of three yards and another of 34 yards, and helped rally the Westfield football team past Elizabeth, 13-6, at High Point Solutions Stadium on the campus of Rutgers University. The victory helped increase Westfield's state-best winning streak to 31 games. Vall-Llobera saw his offensive workload increase when sophomore Tim Alliegro went down in the second quarter with a right knee injury and was unable to return.

October 14, 2017: Good field position created by special teams effi-

ciency and stubborn defense put the visiting North Hunterdon Lions on the road to a 49-27 victory over the hosting SPF football team. The 6-0 Lions cashed in on a pair of kickoff returns for TDs, one punt return for 53 yards to set up favorable field position, an interception in Raider territory, a breakaway TD run and a Raider turnover on downs at midfield.

The Lions' defense limited QB Cooper Heisey, who had passed for a total of 987 yards in the previous two outings, to just 45 yards passing in the first half. Heisey would finish with 19 completions in 39 attempts for 141 yards, including two TD, a two-point conversion and an interception. Dwight Laylor had six receptions for 49 yards, including a 10-yard TD grab and the two-point conversion but he did have an 84-yard TD reception called back. Jakob Robles had two receptions for 12 yards, including a nine-yard TD. Justin Sanders had six receptions for 49 yards, Anthony Porter had three grabs for 14 yards and Isaiah Stewart had two catches for 17 yards.

Although he was sacked four times, Heisey carried 13 times for 97 yards. Running back Davin Scott carried 11 times for 62 yards, including TD runs of 15 yards and three yards. Alex Oslislo carried five times for 35 yards. Scott did have a pair of breakaway runs, which included his 15-yard TD, but he did need help.

October 17, 2017: The Westfield boys and girls cross-country teams swept, winning the varsity, JV and Frosh races, for the Union County Conference Watchung Division championships at Warinanco Park in Roselle. The Blue Devil varsity boys had a 26 total followed by SPF Raider with 53 points. After Union's Jon Mobisa crossed first at 16:21, Blue Devils Spencer Weigand at 16:24 and Matt Meusel at 16:27 finished 2-3. Both

Stuart Pollock at 16:49. Raiders Drew Burfeindt at 17:22 and Ricardo Lopez at 18:04 finished 11-14.

The Blue Devil varsity girls totaled 21, followed by the Raiders at 40. Caroline Collins crossed first at 19:42, followed very closely by Raider Maddy Bord at the same time. Blue Devils Grace Morgan at 20:17 (PR by 16 seconds) and Sarah Hacker at 20:31 finished 3-4, while Raider Sofia Casimiro finished fifth at 20:33. Blue Devils Lucy Gretskey at 20:39 (PR 21 seconds), Mia Melao at 20:41, Emma Jackler at 20:41 and Caroline Stockwell at 21:12 (PR 1:20) finished 6 through 9. Raiders Sara Greene at 21:15 and Amanda Logie at 21:21 finished 10-11.

October 18, 2017: Setting the pace offensively from the onset paid off well in many ways for the Westfield field hockey team when it hosted the Livingston Lancers in Westfield. The 6-8-2 Blue Devils scored a pair of goals within a minute of each other early in the first half then added two more in the half en route to a 7-0 shutout of the Lady Lancers. Maggie Kelly scored twice for the Blue Devils. Hannah Jepsen netted a pair of goals and added a pair of assists. Maggie Maguire, Brigid Rafferty and Megan Webber scored the other goals.

October 19, 2016: Seconds before becoming a double overtime tie, midfielder Melina McDewitt was in the right place to convert a deflection off a defender into the winning goal to give the No. 3 Westfield girls soccer team a 1-0 victory over the Cranford Cougars in Cranford. The showdown also featured very strong defensive performances on the part of both

teams, which included very alert goalkeeping.

Blue Devil goalkeeper/co-captain Lizzy Brucia (5 saves) was put to the test in the first half when the Cougars pushed the offensive. Three of her saves came from corner kicks initiated by Cougar Ana Dzunova that were directed into the box primarily intended for either Lauren Williamson or Kenzie Butler. But the Blue Devil defenders of co-captain Raffi Laitamaki, Natalie Bond, Kylinn Kraemer and company saw to it that the Cougars could not get off the clear shot that they wanted.

Cougar goalkeeper/co-captain Cam Hay (7 saves) was forced into situations that required some spectacular efforts and she passed the test. The most dangerous shot was taken with less than three minutes on the clock but Hay hurled herself to her right to make the stop.

October 21, 2016: The SPF girls' soccer team advanced to the championship game of the Union County Tournament via a 3-0 victory over Cranford on Nolan Field at ALJ High School in Clark. The second-seeded, and yet to be beaten Raiders, got goals from Kerri McNeely, Gina Fahrenholz and Christina Rodgers.

October 21, 2016: "Senior Night" for the cheerleaders, band and the football team, respectively, preceded an absolutely stirring and second-tonone performance of "The Star-Spangled Banner" delivered by Mike Nigro, a senior on the football and wrestling teams, before the kickoff of the Cranford Cougars and the Governor Livingston Highlanders game at Memorial Field in Cranford. The 5-2

Cougars were inspired both offensively and defensively to emerge with a 49-7 victory.

QB Brian Oblachinski carried eight times for 117 yards, including a 25-yard TD run in the first half. Oblachinski also completed six of nine passes for 140 yards and three TD passes all in the first half. Oblachinski also completed one of his passes to himself, which was good for eight yards. Ryan Bakie (3 receptions, 91 yards, first half, including 26-yard reception and 41-yard TD reception) ran once in the third quarter for a 49-yard TD zigzag. Brian McGovern carried seven times for 53 yards, including a three-yard smash, and added a 14-yard TD reception on a screen pass.

The kicking game of Valentino Ambrosio has been impressive all season but especially against Governor Livingston when he not only successfully kicked all seven points after but also blasted all seven kickoffs into the end zone, preventing any Highlander runback.

October 17, 2015: Senior running back Jack Curry proved that the Immaculata defense was vulnerable against the run, so the Westfield football team stuck to that strategy and crushed the Spartans, 34-6, in a clash of unbeaten teams in Somerville. On the other hand, the Blue Devil defense was definitely not vulnerable to any Spartan attack whether it be on the ground or through the air.

Curry chewed up 100 yards and two TDs on 24 carries plus a 10-yard reception in the first half then added 128 yards and two more TDs on 14 carries to finish with 228 rushing yards and four TDs. His total rushing yardage pushed him to second place on the all-time WHS list. QB Zack Kelly needed only to complete three passes for 46 yards in the first half. Running back Matt Varano carried four times for 15 yards, including an eight-yard TD, in the fourth quarter. Split ends Jelani Pierre had a 17-yard reception and JD Marner had a 19-yard reception.

October 20, 2015: The Westfield boys placed six of their runners in the Top-9 and the Blue Devil girls placed seven in the Top-9 to handily win their respective UC Conference Watchung Division titles at Warinanco Park. The Blue Devil boys finished with a total of 24 to outpace Union at 63 and Scotch Plains-Fanwood at 69. The Lady Blue Devils totaled 25 and the Lady Raiders took second at 55.

For the boys, Jon Mobisa of Union finished first with a time of 16:42, followed by Blue Devil Ryan Siegel at 16:50 and Raider Lukas Stein also at 16:50. Blue Devils scooped up the next five spots, beginning with Jacob Triarsi who took fifth at 16:52, followed by Aditya Singh at 16:56, Matt Meusel at 17:11, Nick Antonelli at 17:24 and Alex Campbell at 17:29.

For the girls, Raider Maddy Bord captured first with a time of 20:08. Blue Devils captured places 3 through 9, beginning with Mia Melao at 20:24.

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David B. Corbin (October 2017 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
TRYING TO GAIN POSSESSION...Blue Devil Maggie Kelly, No. 18, tries to gain control of the ball in the game with the Livingston Lancers at Kehler Stadium on October 18, 2017. The Blue Devils had complete control with a 7-0 victory.

Westfield PAL C Team Ties Bridgewater Grid Kids, 13-13

In a classic battle between unbeaten teams, the Westfield PAL C football team and the Bridgewater Panthers played to a 13-13 tie at Kehler Stadium.

The Blue Devils opened the game with a 10-play, 65-yard drive for the first touchdown (TD). A 19-yard pass reception by Anthony Narciso and a 13-yard scamper by Jordan Walsh were key plays that culminated in a 21-yard TD run by Dylan Pardes. The Panthers answered in the second quarter when their strong wishbone attack led to a six-yard TD run to tie the score 7-7.

In the third quarter, Westfield's big play offense broke loose on a four-play, 80-yard drive when Walsh scrambled for 20 yards and Pardes

sprinted 56 yards to pay dirt to give the Blue Devils a 13-7 lead. On the next series, Bridgewater scored on a nine-yard run and Robert DeRick and Justin Boufarah stuffed the extra point attempt to keep the score tied, 13-13.

Westfield safeties Harrison Rekemeier and Tyson Varner had seven tackles each and defensive tackle Ryan Stevens added four tackles. On the last play of the game with the Panthers in Blue Devil territory, Rekemeier stepped in front of a Panther receiver to intercept a pass on the 10-yard line to preserve the tie.

Westfield coach Tony Borg said, "It was an outstanding game and I am very proud of how our boys stood toe-to-toe with a very strong Bridgewater team."



Courtesy of Lorraine DeRick

SPRINTING PAST DEFENDERS...Westfield PAL C Tailback Dylan Pardes accelerates past Bridgewater defenders to score the first of his two touchdowns on a 21-yard run.

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF CONTRACT
AWARD AMENDMENT

The Township Committee of the Township of Cranford has authorized the amendment of a contract award with Carlin and Ward P.C. to provide redevelopment legal services (designation resolution was 2020-12, original award resolution was 2020-132 and amended award resolution was 2020-240.) Such amended contract and Resolution No. 2020-340 are available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

AWARDED TO: Carlin and Ward P.C., 25A Vreeland Road, P.O. Box 751, Florham Park, New Jersey 07932
SERVICE: Redevelopment Legal Services
ADDITIONAL FEE: Not to Exceed \$10,000.00
DATE: October 27, 2020

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Township Clerk
1 T - 11/05/20, The Leader Fee: \$23.97

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

The Township of Cranford has awarded a Contract pursuant to the "fair and open" process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq. to Maser Consulting. Such contract and Resolution No. 2020-341 authorizing said contract are available for public inspection at the Office of the Township Clerk.

AWARDED TO: Maser Consulting, 400 Valley Road, Suite 304, Mount Arlington, New Jersey 07856
SERVICE: Provision of construction administration (engineering) services in connection with the New Jersey Department of Transportation FY2020 Various Roads – Retford Avenue and Linden Place Project
FEE: Not to Exceed \$37,750.00
DATE: October 27, 2020

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Township Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE
BOROUGH OF FANWOOD, NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY
FOR NONPAYMENT OF TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND/OR OTHER MUNICIPAL LIENS

Public notice is hereby given that I, Colleen M. Huehn, Collector of Taxes of the Borough of Fanwood, County of Union will sell at public auction on Thursday November 19, 2020 in the Carriage House located on the grounds of Borough Municipal Building, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood New Jersey at 9:00 o'clock in the morning or at such later time and place to which said sale may be adjourned, all of the several lots and parcels of land assessed to the respective persons whose names are set opposite each respective parcel as the owner thereof for the total amount of municipal liens chargeable against said lands respectively, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-1, et seq. as computed to the 19th day of November 2020.
Take further notice that the hereinafter described lands will be sold for the amount of municipal liens chargeable against each parcel of said land assessed as one parcel, together with interest and costs to the date of the sale. Said lands will be sold at the lowest rate of interest bid, not to exceed 18%. Payment for said parcels shall be made prior to the conclusion of the sale in the form of cash, certified check or money order or other method previously approved by the Tax Collector or the property will be resold. Properties for which there are no other purchasers shall be struck off and sold to the Borough of Fanwood at an interest rate of 18%.
At any time before the sale I will accept payment of the amount due on any property with interest and costs. Payments must be in the form of cash, certified check or money order.
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In the event that the owner of the property is on Active Duty in the Military Service, the Tax Collector should be notified immediately.
The lands to be sold are described in accordance with the last tax duplicate as follows:

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47	15	MARIANO, PAUL E	39 Glenwood Road	\$7,137.67	T
104	14	NJP DEVELOPMENT LLC	146 Belvidere Avenue	\$3,168.64	T
116	59	CURRY, FRANCES WATSON	11 Roosevelt Avenue	\$3,647.91	T

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PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

On October 15, 2020, bids were received by the Township of Cranford for the provision of Construction Services for the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJ DOT) Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Various Roads (Retford Avenue and Linden Place) Project. The Township of Cranford has awarded a contract for said project. The contract and Resolution No. 2020-342 are available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

AWARDED TO: American Asphalt & Milling Services, LLC, 96 Midland Avenue, Kearny, New Jersey 07032
SERVICE: Provision of Construction Services for the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJ DOT) Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Various Roads (Retford Avenue and Linden Place) Project.
BASE BID PRICE: \$372,609.10
DATE: October 27, 2020

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2385 Mountain Ave. (Times)

Krauszer's

727 Central Ave. (Leader)

Raiders Turn Up Juice, Blank Soccer Warriors

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top of the netting then ripped a left-to-right shot that Kessler saved. With 18 minutes left in the half, the Warriors got their biggest break when the Raiders' defense got pulled out of position but Kessler was able to make a stop. "That was a mistake on our end. They had a really good chance to score but thankfully they didn't. We were trying different kids in different spots. Kids were getting used to it and not playing the way that they could but once they got their rhythm going, we were OK," Raider Head Coach Kevin Ewing explained. "I had been moved from left back to play holding mid. They got past me in the midfield," Camacho commented. "She went to midfield. She normally plays in the back. She's a good solid player," Coach Ewing added. A minute later, Thomas hooked in a right side corner kick but the ball was batted away. The Raiders would fin-

ish with three corner kicks in the half with Gia Milano launching one from the left side and Camacho taking the right side corners. Warrior goalkeeper Rebecca Shell was credited with two saves in the half. The second half was all Scotch Plains-Fanwood's with the Raiders adding six more serious shots on goal and with two of them finding the mark. The 7-1 Raiders would add five more corner kicks with Camacho lofting three of them into the box that forced Warrior goalkeeper Isabella DeGiovanni (5 saves) to make the stops. Just before she would score her goal, Lyght received a fine cross from Sara Lehman but her hard shot missed just to the left. A little later, Lyght, Price and Fazio made a run. Lyght got behind a defender and made good on Price's pass with 13:24 remaining. According to Lyght, "Alexa had the ball in the center of the field, more

to the left. I had an opening between two defenders. I called for it. Alexa saw me. I was able to turn my defender. There were two corner backs and once I took my turn, I was able to slip them and finish." With less than 10 minutes remaining, Camacho took a corner kick that caused a scramble for control. Klurman moved in from the center and slid the ball to Camacho, who made the score 3-0 with 8:10 left in the game. "I took a corner and it wasn't so good but we won the ball back. Leah got it and saw that I was open. Leah was toward the box more in the center of the field and I was out wide. No one was marking me. I called for it. I took the shot and it went in," Camacho described. "Lily is an outstanding player. She can play anywhere on the field. So can Leah Klurman, so it's nice to have those kids playing in the back for us because they are skilled. They are smart soccer players," Coach Ewing said. "Today was a good representation of how we are going to play. At times, things weren't perfect but we came out and we were hungry and intense. I hope we play like this the rest of the season," Camacho expressed. "I know we were coming back from a loss, so this is a really good comeback. Like Lily said, we came back hungrier and more intense this game," Fazio added. "I think we had to lose. We were getting a little complaisant as a team. We kind of went into every game expecting to win. Losing to Summit helped us to refocus and not take anything for granted, especially since we are in a pandemic. Now we are ready to go," Lyght expressed.

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Soccer Boy Cougars 'Shell' Rams in UCT, 5-0

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

ABOUT TO BE TRIPPED...Cougar senior midfielder Tim O'Donovan, No. 10, gets tripped by a Roselle Ram and will make good on a penalty kick.

around the 18-yard mark. He threw it into Logan Bridgman. Logan flicked it in and I headed it in," Beltran said. "Everybody that came in as a sub just takes the energy back up. Way back up! It was really good to see kids that showed that they deserve to play," Farley expressed. "I thought we started well. The energy kind of fell off once we got the two goals. These guys came in and picked the energy right back up. They really worked hard," O'Donovan added. The fun was not over yet. With 1:25 left in the game, Kosty, a junior wing, got into the act and made the score 5-0. "Someone threw the ball to Sebastian on the wing and he made a nice run and crossed the ball into the middle. It was sitting in front of me and I put it in the back of the net," Kosty explained. Next the Cougars will host the ninth-

seeded ALJ Crusaders in what could be a real grudge match since both teams had beaten each other during the regular season. "We've played two great games against Johnson but I got faith in my guys out there in the field," Iwaniuk expressed. "I think we will have a close game and it's all about who plays more to the ball," Beltran added. "We've already played them twice. We know what they are about. They know what we are about. It's going to be a close one but hopefully we can get past them," O'Donovan said. "We won 4-2. They won 3-1, so we've each scored five goals at this point. It's going to be can we lock them up in the middle because they got two strong guys in the middle," Farley said.

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Cranford 2 3 5



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

CLOSE ENCOUNTER...Raider Leah Klurman, No. 24, and Warrior Bella Valente, No. 15, bang knees in an effort to redirect the ball

** A Special Look Through the Rearview Mirror at Fall Sports Activities **

followed by Julia Myers at 20:31, Julia Gretsky at 20:41, Emma Jackler at 20:46, Devyn Heinzerling at 20:49, Noelle Blackford at 20:56 and Brooke Schaeffer at 21:00. **October 20, 2015:** SPF remained undefeated and served notice that it remains the team to beat in Central Jersey girls' soccer. The Raiders re-

Rod assisted senior John DelSordi and junior Ari Rowenzweig on goals. Junior Alex Guevara scored the other goal. **October 23, 2014:** "Senior Day" allowed the SPF girls soccer team an opportunity to, not only play its entire cast of seniors, but also allowed the Raiders to showcase their talented depth in a 2-0 victory over the



David B. Corbin (October 2014 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times

SPOTTING THE LOOSE BALL...Raider Abby Fontana, No. 16, and Cougar Elyse Mackenzie, right, spot the loose ball in the game between host Scotch Plains-Fanwood and Cranford on "Senior Day" October 23, 2014.

bounded from a scoreless draw against Westfield to defeat Oak Knoll, 3-0, in Scotch Plains. Senior Annie Pierce scored twice to pace the offense and Kerri McNeely added another. That was more than enough with standout keeper Andrea Leitner between the pipes for the Raiders. Leitner notched her 15th shutout of the season and was rarely tested. **October 22, 2015:** Senior/co-captain Siobhan McGovern did something that only one other person did against the No. 6 SPF girls soccer team. Score a goal! And that was all that was needed as the 12-2 Cranford Cougars handed the 15-1-1 Raiders their first defeat of the season with a 1-0 victory in Cranford.

October 18, 2014: One week after knocking the Voorhees Vikings from the ranks of the unbeaten, the Cranford Cougars football team upped its record to 6-0 with a 40-6 trampling of the Hillside Comets in Hillside. Junior QB Jack Schetelich made the Hillside end zone seem like home as he penetrated it four times with respective TD runs of two yards, 10 yards, 49 yards and a capping 90-yard TD sprint. Schetelich finished with 203 rushing yards on just 11 carries. He also completed five of eight passes for 37 yards. The Cougars totaled 460 yards with 357 yards on the ground and 103 in the air. On a fake punt, junior Joe Norton initiated a 66-yard pass play to senior wide receiver Donte Anderson (10 yards plus a 56-yard fumble recovery and run into the end zone by Sean Leonard). Norton also had a seven-yard reception and kicked four PAT. **October 21, 2014:** SPF used stifling defense and got a pair of assists from senior Justin Rodriguez on its way to blanking the Elizabeth Minutemen, 3-0, in Scotch Plains. The Raiders also welcomed back standout senior Jassiem Wagtuse into the lineup after a long, injury-related absence. J-

Cranford Cougars in Scotch Plains. The senior depth definitely came into play as senior Paige Heiden, on an assist from senior Corina Checchio,

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scored a first-half goal and senior Sarah Dilorio, on an assist from senior Tori Baliafico, scored a second-half goal.

October 23, 2014: The Cranford field hockey team got goals from juniors Sophia Scalea and Mackenzie Moonan and made them hold up in a 2-0 victory over Westfield in Westfield. The Cougars proved to be too quick for the Blue Devils by regularly beating them to the loose balls.

October 15, 2013: "Senior Day" definitely had "Senior" connections when seniors scored the first three goals and another senior assisted on the fourth in the Westfield girls soccer team's 4-0 shutout of Governor Livingston at Gary Kehler Stadium. Senior Carly Friedman scored twice. Senior Jenna Helfand and Olivia Luzzi each scored once.

October 17, 2013: Cougar goalkeeper Dominic Meliado experienced a barrage of shots from beginning to end as the Westfield boys soccer team found the mark three times in the first half and another three times in the second half to earn a 6-1 victory over Cranford at Gary Kehler Stadium. Junior midfielder Mike Proszak scored twice. Senior forward Alik Morgan,

senior Dan Kuhn, junior midfielder Kevin Irving and forward Jackson Dumont each scored once. Mark Christiano scored for the Cougars.

October 18, 2013: Senior QB Chris Hogue took to the air on the Blue Devils' first offensive series and struck gold with a 30-yard TD completion to flanker Dylan Elliott, which set the stage for a potent combination of running and passing in the Westfield football team's 40-14 triumph over the Franklin Township Warriors at their brand new stadium. Hogue completed eight of 10 passes for 181 yards, including TD passes to Dylan Elliott and Sean Elliott, then added a 25-yard completion to tight end Dave Kane in the third quarter for 206 total yards. Senior running back Eugene Rawles carried 23 times for 138 yards, including three TDs.

October 19, 2013: Cranford QB John Oblachinski, facing a fourth-and-eight situation, after both teams' offenses had been neutralized during the third quarter and most of the fourth, decided to go for it and found success when wide receiver Dan DeLayo made a spectacular leaping circus catch at the SPF Raider eight yard-line, which totally changed the complexion of the



David B. Corbin (October 2013 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times

BREAKING UP THE PASS...Cougar Niko Cappello, No. 32, managed to get a piece of the ball to prevent Raider Ryan Jensen, No. 11, from making the reception. The Cougars defeated the Raiders, 34-14, in Scotch Plains on October 19, 2013.

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showdown between the Cougars and the Raiders during Homecoming in Scotch Plains. Oblachinski followed up on DeLayo's heroics with a five-yard

run and a three-yard TD plunge to give the Cougars a two-TD advantage with 3:33 remaining in the game to force the Raiders' offense into a des-

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MARTIN 2 TDS, ROBINSON 2 TDS, YEAGER 'D'

Football Raiders Run Over Hosting Linden Tigers, 27-22

Heartbreak did not occur this time as the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School football team presented a blistering running game to tame the Linden Tigers at Cooper Field in Linden on Monday, November 2. The game was originally scheduled for Friday, October 30.

Senior running back Shawn Martin and junior running back Anthony Robinson inflicted all the damage. Martin amassed 160 rushing yards, which included a touchdown gallop. He also returned a kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown. Robinson had 140 yards rushing with touchdown carries of 25 yards and 85 yards. Defensively, the 1-2 Raiders swarmed all over quarterback Adonis Abad and running backs Jaylen Aus-

tin and Eddie Charles. Senior co-captain/defensive lineman Kenny Yeager recorded a pair of sacks and eight tackles. Junior defensive lineman Tom Schmidt plugged up the holes and junior safety Matt Power recorded seven tackles.

The Raiders wanted to make sure they would not suffer another heart-breaking setback like the one experienced against the Cedar Grove Panthers the week before when they witnessed their 32-16 lead early in the third quarter dissolve into a 42-38 defeat.

The Raiders, who were scheduled to host the Plainfield Cardinals this Friday, November 6, instead will travel to Princeton on Saturday to face the Tigers at 2 p.m.

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RUNNING WITH HEART, FIRE AND DESIRE...Blue Devil flanker Peter Ondi, No. 27, had six receptions for 79 yards against the Rahway Indians in Westfield on October 22, 2011. The Blue Devils won, 24-0.

** A Special Look Through the Rearview Mirror **

peration mode that failed then running back Luke Christiano, who also had 2 TD runs and a TD reception, drove the nail in the coffin with a 65-yard TD sprint with 1:11 remaining to give the Cougars a 34-14 victory. Raiders Emendo Thomas and Kobe White each had TD runs.

October 16, 2012: The Westfield boys and girls cross-country teams won

by 20 seconds). Meghan O'Dwyer crossed fourth at 20:47 (PR – 49), followed by Erica Fischer at 20:57 (PR – 45) and Anna Tanji at 21:12. Elisabeth Neylan took seventh with a PR 21:17. Gabrielle Brennan crossed ninth at 21:24 (PR) and Charlie O'Brien finished 12th at 22:08.

October 17, 2012: Blue Devils senior co-captain Courtney Weissie totaled a



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READY TO POUNCE ON THE BALL...Blue Devil goalkeeper Kiera Loftus, No. 1, prepares to smother the ball and teammate Lauren Rigney, No. 21, keeps a Highlander from getting to it. The Blue Devils defeated the Highlanders, 4-0, on Senior Day, October 15, 2013.

their respective team titles at the UC Watchung Conference Division meet at Warinanco Park. The Blue Devil boys finished with a total of 19 and had all seven of their runners place in the top-10, while the girls totaled 25 and had six runners finish in the top-10.

Blue Devil Matt Luppino crossed first with a personal-record (PR) time of 16:45. Dan Lizzi cut 34 seconds off his PR to cross third at 16:49, followed by Mike Reilly at 16:51 (PR by 24 seconds) and Patrick Terry at 17:09 (PR by 29 seconds). Raider Alex Livernois finished seventh at 17:19, followed by Blue Devils John Campbell at 17:36 and Mike Esler at 17:43 (PR by 57 seconds).

For the girls, Gabby Stravach finished third with a time of 20:32 (PR

match-high 11 service points, and senior co-captain Nicole Boretz, a defensive specialist and outside hitter, finished with nine service points, five digs and three service aces as the Westfield girls' volleyball team knocked off Scotch Plains-Fanwood in a battle of rivals, 25-20, 25-9, in Westfield.

In addition to her 11 service points, Weissie, a middle blocker, knocked down five kills, three service aces, two digs and one assist. Junior setter Kayla Rodrigues dished out nine assists, two kills, three digs and two service points. Paige Pavleszek and Elena Scarano each contributed five digs and one service point.

October 18, 2012: Intensity and victory highlighted a very special afternoon as the Westfield boys soccer



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LEAPING INTO THE AIR...Blue Devil Mike Proskuk, No. 14, leaps high to kick the ball in the game against the Cougars on October 17, 2013 in Westfield. The Blue Devils won, 6-1.

team ditched the Union Farmers, 3-1, on the seniors' final regular-season home game at Gary Kehler Stadium. Not only was the game special for the Blue Devil senior boys, but it was also a very special day for George Kapner, who had also served his final regular-season home game as boys soccer Head Coach. It was also Kapner's 1,033rd victory as a varsity coach (all sports). Mike Proskuk scored twice and senior co-captain Henry Smith scored once.

October 21, 2011: Running back Anthony Byers amassed his second straight 300+ rushing game, and line-backer Anthony Lettieri sparked a raging defensive effort to lead the SPF football team to a 34-0 triumph over the hosting North Plainfield Canucks. Byers gobbled up 323 yards and respective TD runs of three yards, 23 yards, 89 yards and 62 yards, all within less than three quarters. QB Steve Alleman completed five of 10 passes for 56 yards, including an eight-yard TD strike to tight end Rich Polhamus, the Raider defense stuffed the Canucks to just 32 yards.

October 21, 2011: High team scores and outstanding performances from Westfield, Cranford and Scotch Plains-Fanwood highlighted the Union County Tournament gymnastic championships held at Westfield. The Blue Devils upped their season-high team total by nearly two points to nip the Cougars, 109.15-109.05, to earn their sixth consecutive UCT crown. The Cougars' total set a school record. The Raiders placed third with a team total of 104.85.

Cougar senior MaryKate Walch, who had a total of 37.4, repeated as the all-around champ. Blue Devil Abby Cook took second with a total of 37.275. Cougar Alexandra Puryear took third at 37.250, followed by Viking Nicole Pietrapertosa at 36.225. Raider Alex Peluso at 36.15 and Johnson's Bianca Briscese at 35.625.

October 22, 2011: Heart, fire and desire on the part of the undersized Westfield football team's defense saw to it that the visiting Rahway Indians

with their high-powered running attack never reached the end zone at Gary Kehler Stadium. That heart, fire and desire also blazed early with the 5-1 Blue Devils' offense that scored three TDs in the first half and added Jon Gribbin's 26-yard field goal in the second half to earn a 24-0 victory.

Blue Devil QB Nate Mitchell, who scored on a one-yard plunge, engineered a balanced attack. The Blue Devils finished with 174 rushing yards, and Mitchell completed 10 of 14 pass attempts for 118 yards. Mitchell's favorite receiver was Peter Ondi, who finished with six receptions for 79 yards.

Corner backs Ondi and James O'Rourke recorded back-to-back sacks of seven yards and five yards, respectively, then O'Rourke followed with an interception on the Indians' first series. Mitchell answered with a eight-play, 75-yard scoring drive when O'Rourke slipped into the end zone from the four with 1:32 left in the first quarter. O'Rourke finished with 91 rushing yards on 18 carries. Brendan Dugan had a 44-yard TD run.

October 20, 2010: Dodging some weather delays, the No. 2-ranked Westfield girls tennis team shutout J.P. Stevens, 5-0, in the North Jersey, Group 4, Section 2 semifinals, then went on to claim the sectional title with a 4-5, 0-5 triumph over Bridgewater-Raritan. On October 20, the Lady Blue Devils had a real test in a 3-2 win over Montgomery in the NJSIAA Group 4 semifinals, before cruising past Livingston, 4-1, for the championship at Mercer County Park in West Windsor.

Against Montgomery, Blue Devils Katherine McKinley and Melissa Morawski won the second doubles match with Amanda Tilles and Taylor D'Agostino, 6-2, 6-3. Lexi Borr was taken to the brink by Rachel Pierson at first singles but rallied back from match point to win in three sets, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5. During that time Blue Devil Debbie Wu was struggling with Rachel Casey at third singles but managed to finish her match just before Borr with a 5-7, 6-2, 7-5 victory.

** Community News **

Seniors Provided “Grab and Go” Meals By County

COUNTY — The Union County Office on Aging and Disability Services is providing nutritious, box-lunch meals to Congregate Nutrition Program participants through the “Grab and Go Lunch Program” as an alternative to congregate dining. This program will be available at 13 sites throughout the county every Tuesday and Thursday beginning on October 27.

The grab-and-go program allows for safe social distancing to protect against transmission of Covid-19 while continuing to provide healthy meals for Union County's aging population.

“Union County is working daily to adapt our services so that our residents can continue to have access to resources they depend on,” said Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella.

The grab-and-go lunch program provides registered Congregate Nutrition Program participants with an option to order a complete boxed lunch. Each meal meets one-third of the daily nutritional requirements of an adult over 60 years of age. The program is being offered for those seniors who are not currently receiving home delivered meals from Meals-On-Wheels.

Meals will be available at the 13 senior centers on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30

p.m. Seniors must be ages 60 or older and residents of Union County. A voluntary donation of \$1.75 is suggested for the meal. Reservations are required.

Residents may reserve a meal by calling the Union County Division on Aging at (908) 527-4870 or (908) 527-4877. Reservations for Tuesday meal pick-ups must be made by 10 a.m. on the Friday prior and by 10 a.m. on the Tuesday prior for Thursday meal pick-ups. Reservations are only taken on weekdays.

Upon arrival on the day of pickup, grab-and-go participants should follow directions to pick up their meals at the designated location. Masks must be worn at all times, and social distancing maintained.

The 13 grab-and-go lunch program locations are Gregorio Recreation Center at 330 Helen St., Linden; Hillside Senior Center at 265 Hollywood Ave., Hillside; Kenilworth Senior Center at 526 Boulevard, Kenilworth; Liberty Square Senior Center at 204 Elizabeth Ave., Elizabeth; O'Donnell Dempsey Senior Center at 622 Salem Ave., Elizabeth; Peterstown Community Center at 418-34 Palmer St., Elizabeth; Plainfield Senior Center at 400 E. Front St., Plainfield; Rahway Senior Center at 1306 Esterbrook Ave., Rahway; Roselle Community Center at 1268 Shafer Ave., Roselle; Stephen Sampson

County Announces Dates for Free Covid-19 Testing

COUNTY – The Union County Mobile Test Unit has scheduled more upcoming visits to local communities to provide free Covid-19 tests for residents this fall. No car is required. All sites are available on a walk-up basis.

“We encourage all Union County residents to use this free, convenient service. The test provides vital information that protects our community and saves lives,” said Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella.

“Testing has been a cornerstone of our ability to prevent the virus from spreading,” added Mirabella. “Even if you have no symptoms of illness, it is important to get tested if you feel that you may have been exposed to the virus by someone else or are at risk of exposing others.”

Any resident can use any of the walk-up sites, regardless of their place of residence. Masks and social distance are required at all times.

The following municipalities are scheduled for November. Please note the Mobile Test Unit will use the new saliva test at these locations.

Testing will be available in Westfield on Thursday, November 5 from 2 to 5 p.m. at Tamaques Park.

The unit will be in Plainfield on Saturday, November 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Faith Christian Outreach Center at 533 West Fifth Street.

For more details and to view the most recent schedule online, visit ucnj.org/walkup or call (908) 214-7107 for assistance.

The Mobile Test Unit is available on request to visit local communities to provide tests for the general public. The Mobile Test Unit also visits locations such as senior residence buildings to provide on-site testing for vulnerable populations and other groups.

Municipal governments, nonprofit organizations and community groups can request a visit by calling the Union County Office of Emergency Management at (908) 654-9881.

Residents are urged to continue observing precautions against spreading the virus, including wearing a face mask, maintaining social distance and washing hands frequently.

PUBLIC NOTICE					PUBLIC NOTICE					PUBLIC NOTICE					PUBLIC NOTICE					PUBLIC NOTICE				
TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY FOR NONPAYMENT OF TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND/OR OTHER MUNICIPAL LIENS																								
Public notice is hereby given that I, Colleen M. Huehn Collector of Taxes of the Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union will sell at public auction on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 in the Municipal Court, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey at 9:00 o'clock in the morning or at such later time and place to which said sale may then be adjourned, all of the several lots and parcels of land assessed to the respective persons whose names are set opposite each respective parcel as the owner thereof for the total amount of municipal liens chargeable against said lands respectively, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-1, et seq. as computed to the 17th DAY OF November 2020.																								
Take further notice that the hereinafter described lands will be sold for the amount of municipal liens chargeable against each parcel of said land assessed as one parcel, together with interest and costs to the date of the sale. Said lands will be sold at the lowest rate of interest bid, but in no case in excess of 18%. Payments for said parcels shall be made prior to the conclusion of the sale in the form of cash, certified check or other method previously approved by the Tax Collector or the property will be resold. Properties for which there are no other purchasers shall be struck off and sold to the Township of Scotch Plains at an interest rate of 18%.																								
At any time before the sale I will accept payment of the amount due on any property with interest and costs.																								
Payment must be in the form of cash or certified check. Industrial properties may be subject to the Spill Compensation and Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58-10-23.11 et seq), the Water Pollution Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58-10A-1 et seq) and the Industrial Site Recovery Act (N.J.S.A. 13:1K-6 et seq). In addition, the municipality is precluded from issuing a tax sale certificate to any prospective purchaser who is or may be in any way connected to the prior owner of the site.																								
In the event that the owner of the property is on Active Duty in the Military Service, the Tax Collector should be notified immediately.																								
BLOCK & LOT	OWNER NAME	PROPERTY LOCATION	TYPE OF CHARGES	TOTAL																				
00102 0002	MCFARLANE, NORMAN W	337 VALLEYS CENT AV	S	\$343.86																				
00102 0012	AKINS-HARVEY, OLLIE HARVEY, CA	1565 FRONT ST	S	\$343.86																				
00201 0016	NGO, CHI VY & PHUNG, KIMBERLY	6 MALANGA CT	T S	\$9,850.70																				
00301 0018	IAIONE, THOMAS & RALPH	1540 E SECOND ST	S	\$343.86																				
00302 0006	DAVIDSON, JEFFREY/GRECO, CAROL	512 FARLEY AV	S	\$337.52																				
00401 0007	WILLIAMS, PHILIPPA E.	522 BEVERLY AV	S	\$343.86																				
00401 0014	CARRERO, ERIC	539 FARLEY AV	T S	\$9,458.35																				
00601 0009	MARRERO, PABLO & DILIA	351 FARLEY AV	S	\$343.86																				
00601 0023	VEGA, ANGELA	352 HOE AV	S	\$343.86																				
00601 0028	OSATO-DARKO, J/HAMMOND, M	332 HOE AV	S	\$343.86																				
00602 0003	MARTINEZ, V/MARTINEZ-BROWN, C	323 HOE AV	S	\$374.31																				
00603 0026	HARRIS, ELIHA & MABLE	330 HUNTER AV	S	\$343.86																				
00704 0014	BANKS, ALBERT & MELINDA	218 MYRTLE AV	S	\$337.11																				
00705 0011	PALMA, EVA J & MANRIQUEZ, MARC	1763 MOUNTAIN AV	S	\$343.86																				
00705 0020	DALLAH, GIBSON & DOROTHY	228 HAVEN AV	T S	\$828.45																				
00803 0001	SNUFFY PANTAGIS ENT	250 PARK AV	T S	\$389,171.17																				
00901 0016	SINGLETERY, TYRONE & STACEY	358 WILLOW AV	S	\$343.86																				
00901 0023	WILLIAMS, MARLENE & JOHN	365 HUNTER AV	S	\$337.52																				
00902 0029	CHINELLI, STEPHANIE A & PADULA	337 WILLOW AV	S	\$343.86																				
00903 0014	YERBAH, THOMAS-DUA, MERCY-ONYIN	1748 MOUNTAIN AV	S	\$343.86																				
00903.04 0026 C0013	PINCUS, JULIE	130 KING JAMES CT	S	\$246.42																				
01001 0021	SNUFFY PANTAGIS ENTERPRISE, IN	1814 MOUNTAIN AV	T S	\$4,511.70																				
01001 0037	RIOS, ORESTES	323 CEDAR GROVE TR	S	\$374.31																				
01001 0061	1805 FRONT STREET LLC	1803 FRONT ST	S	\$246.42																				
01101 0011	JORDAN, ZENOBIA C	423 WILLOW AV	S	\$246.42																				
01101 0012	DAVIS FAMILY TRUST	417 WILLOW AV	T	\$2,134.22																				
01102 0014	ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH	1760 FRONT ST	T	\$4,142.10																				
01103 0002	THOMPSON, PATRICK	1791 E SECOND ST	T	\$9,761.05																				
01502 0013	SMITH, ELWOOD DEAN JR	418 UNION AV	S	\$343.86																				
01502 0016	1953 WESTFIELD AVENUE, LLC	1953 WESTFIELD AV	T S	\$1,384.59																				
01802 0003	SNUFFY PANTAGIS ENT	202 UNION AV	T	\$206.67																				
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02001 0015	TUPELO HILL LLC & PERROTTY, PO	2005 GRAND ST	T	\$678.74																				
02001 0016	LONG, GEOFFREY H & JENNIFER	1991 GRAND ST	S	\$343.86																				
02002 0014	DAWSON, GERARD T & JENNIFER	328 COOK AV	S	\$374.31																				
02101 0004	IAIONE, RALPH	356 COOK AV	S	\$416.94																				
02103 0013	FLYNN, KEVIN	1997 WESTFIELD AV	S	\$374.31																				
02501 0006	KILDOW, LORRAINE GALHES	2086 WESTFIELD AV	T S	\$11,602.54																				
02501 0013	SPIEGEL, GARY & ANN	506 WESTFIELD RD	S	\$374.31																				
02601 0010	HOCHMAN, MARY E & CHIUSANO, G	400 RIDGEVIEW AV	S	\$130.16																				
02601 0011	CITSAY, KIRK & DIFRANCESCO, EM	404 RIDGEVIEW AV	T S	\$405.04																				
02701 0002	IAIONE, RALPH	2050 MOUNTAIN AV	S	\$374.31																				
02802 0023	GRAY, CHRISTOPHER & CYNTHIA H/W	2057 PROSPECT AV	S	\$343.86																				
02803 0007	SANTORO, SCOTT & BERNADINE	2048 PROSPECT AV	S	\$337.52																				
02803 0031	IAIONE, RALPH	2031 MOUNTAIN AV	S	\$374.31																				
02901 0002	HOPKINS, BARBARA	2221 PAFF PL	S	\$343.86																				
03501 0005	BLECHERT, GISELA C/O KEVIN BLE	2328 BELVEDERE DR	T	\$2,552.43																				
03501 0006	RICHTER, PETER & MEGAN	2334 BELVEDERE DR	S	\$374.31																				
03901 0001	LUGO, JENNIFER-LAZO, SANDRA	191 MOUNTAINVIEW AV	S	\$374.31																				
03902 0003	SAFI, JUDY; SIMPSON, ALICIA	185 WATCHUNG TR	S	\$343.86																				
03902 0008.01	AGUILAR, HELDER BARROSO	182 HARDING RD	T	\$2,414.92																				
03904 0003.02	LU, CHRISTOPHER & MICHAEL	190 WILLIAM ST	T S	\$14,169.48																				
03905 0022	VUONO, LISA & VELLA, SAL	210 ELM CT	S	\$374.31																				
03906 0012	SHEVLIN, RICHARD	224 HARDING RD	T	\$11,978.07																				
03907 0011	ALVES, JORGINA	202 WATCHUNG TR	S	\$343.86																				
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					04002 0011	DOYLE, BRIAN & DARLENE	3394 MOUNTAIN AV	S	\$343.86															
					04103 0001	REAGAN, JAMES JR & NICOLE	2405 ROSE ST	S	\$343.86															
					04103 0019	ROLA, BARBARA A	430 WARREN ST	S	\$374.31															
					04104 0015	WIESE, PAUL A & HEIKA S	412 JERUSALEM RD	S	\$343.86															
					04401 0017	ACERIOS, AYE-AYE & PETER	10 JOHNSON ST	T	\$2,047.55															
					04501 0044	RAPOPORT, IAN	345 JERUSALEM RD	S	\$233.10															
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					04602 0029	ARCILA, JAMES/VILLAGREN, TAMARA	2537 MOUNTAIN AV	S	\$343.86															
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					04901.02 0003 C0201	FRAZIER, FRED/AGBOLOSO, AGNES	201 DONATO CR	S	\$246.42															
					04901.03 0003 C0302	CLARK, RENEE	302 DONATO CR	S	\$496.40															
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					06001 0030	VELEZ, GALO & CLAUDIA P	2583 MADISON AV	S	\$343.86															
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					06301 0003	TURPIN, PAULINE LARK	2509 SMITH ST	T	\$2,527.54															
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					07201 0020.01	KOLEOWO, DAMI	2403 HAMLETTE PL	S	\$40.51															
					07302 0020	WILLIAMS, ADINA	863 TERNAY AV	T	\$5,947.03															
					07401 0028	ROMOND, GREGORY & CALIGUARI, DIA	880 O'DONNELL AV	S	\$343.86															
					07702 0006	TUPELO HILL ASSOCIATES LLC	2340 MORSE AV	T	\$27.59															
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					08504 0001	FAROUC, ALAA & ABDELBAR, MARW	2045 MAPLEVUE CT	S	\$337.52															
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					08902 0029	VG HOME HOLDINGS 11 LLC	2071 ELIZABETH AV	T	\$2,268.60															
					10001 0020	DEC, EDWARD & CHRISTINE	14 OXFORD RD	T	\$2,988.98															
					10301 0028	CARO ESPOSITO, ANTONIO & CLAUD	1301 MARTINE AV	S	\$367.38															
					10503 0003	VOELTZEL, CHARLES	2001 BROOKSIDE DR	S	\$343.86															
					10601 0002	KLAUSNER, JODI & KLAUSNER, JAY	2110 SEWARD DR	S	\$416.94															
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					12201 0025.17	GORMAN, MICHAEL & JESSICA	15 RAMBLING DR	S	\$38.72															
					12403 0002	RELLOSA, FRANKLIN V & ERIN M	17 MARION LN	S	\$374.31															
					12501 0003	THOMPSON, CINDY	1818 CHAPEL RD	S	\$343.86															
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					13701.42 0004 C0009	SIEGAL, ADAM	1009 CELLAR AV	S	\$647.86															
					13701.43 0004 C0035	GONZALES, VICTORIANO	1035 CELLAR AV	S	\$476.15															
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					14602 0016	FORESTINE, ANTHONY R	1100 COOPER RD	S	\$374.31															
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					15302 0003	MINER, JAMES M	1320 CUSHING RD	S	\$341.05															
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					15702 0009	VISWANATHAN, ARUN	961 FOX HILL LN	S	\$343.86															
					16402 0001.02	HIND, GAURAV & SHARMA, SHIKHA	4 KING ST	O	\$35.00															
					16402 0001.03	ALZOOBAEE, FAIZ & MAHA	6 KING ST	T	\$5,288.95															
(Charge Legend: T= Taxes, S= Sewer, W= Water, I= SID, F= Fox-Lnc, O= Other Munic)																								
4 T - 10/22, 10/29, 11/05 & 11/12/20, The Times																				Colleen M. Huehn, Collector of Taxes				
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Library Zoom Workshop To Address College Funding

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Public Library will host a college-funding workshop via Zoom on Tuesday, November 17, at 7 p.m.

Jodi Bloom of Cornerstone College Solutions will discuss how participants can find the best college match for their children. They will explore the “ins and outs” of the financial aid system and how to maximize what their student receives. Parents will learn how to reduce their out-of-pocket expenses and the overall cost of college; identify myths and avoid common errors that can cause them to overpay for school.

They will learn how to obtain dis-

counts from colleges and universities, even if they do not qualify for need-based financial aid. Additionally, they will develop a comprehensive college plan with proven strategies and financial alternatives to meet their family’s unique goals and cost requirements.

Ms. Bloom is founder of Cornerstone College Solutions and a college-planning expert.

Registration is required. For more information or to register, go to the Scotch Plains Public Library website, scotlib.org. Participants will be provided with a link to join via Zoom in advance of the program.

Automotive Tech. Teacher Wins Prize For Excellence

SCOTCH PLAINS — An automotive technology teacher from Scotch Plains has been named a winner of the 2020 Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence, receiving \$50,000 as part of \$1 million awarded to 18 trades teachers nationwide.

Michael Shephard, who teaches automotive technology at Union County Career and Technical Institute in Scotch Plains, will receive \$50,000 — including \$35,000 for the school’s skilled trades program and \$15,000 for himself. He joins 14 other prize winners, who each received \$50,000, and three grand prize winners, who each received \$100,000 as part of the annual prize.

“This year has been one of the toughest on record for skilled trades teachers as they switch between in-person, remote or blended learning — all while trying to do their life’s work of preparing the next generation of tradespeople,” said Danny Corwin, executive director of Harbor Freight Tools for Schools. “At a time when tradespeople are more essential than ever, so is trades education. We are honored and grateful to have the chance to shine a spotlight on these teachers’ amazing work.”

Union County Vocational-Technical Schools Superintendent Gwendolyn Ryan said that “Mr. Shephard brings valuable industry experience, great enthusiasm for Career and Technical Education and a love of learning to the Automotive Technology students at the Union County Career and Technical Institute. We rely on industry partners to provide meaningful support of our programs. We are grateful both for Harbor Freight Tools for Schools’ partnership and for recognizing Mr. Shephard for the commitment he has made to our students.”

The Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence was started in 2017 by Eric Smidt, the founder of national tool retailer Harbor Freight Tools, to recognize outstanding instruction in the skilled trades in U.S. public high schools and the teachers who inspire students to learn skills to prepare for life after graduation. As recent research from JFF (formerly known as

Jobs for the Future) and funded by Harbor Freight Tools for Schools found, students who “concentrate” (or take multiple trades courses as part of a program) are more likely to graduate than their peers. Upon graduation, students are prepared for either further education or work in fields that routinely rank among the hardest jobs to fill and that have come to be widely recognized as “essential” during the Covid-19 pandemic.

“Trades teachers are educating and developing the tradespeople of the future,” Mr. Smidt said. “Many of the students in their classes today will become — as soon as next spring — the workers who keep our critical care infrastructure, our communication networks, our homes and cars up and running. The prize is our way of saying thank you to their teachers.”

Michael Shephard teaches automotive technology at Union County Career and Technical Institute in Scotch Plains. He has taught at UCCTI for four years. Mr. Shephard’s students learn how to rebuild engines by running diagnostics and performing repairs. During his time teaching, Mr. Shephard has expanded his program to include a third year, during which students fix customer cars. In the shop, Mr. Shephard teaches students according to their learning styles, using the Visual, Auditory, Read/Write, Kinesthetic (VARK) method. Upon completion of his program, 90 percent of Mr. Shephard’s students earn an Automotive Service Excellence certificate.

The 2020 prize drew more than 600 applications from 48 states and included three rounds of judging, each by an independent panel of experts from industry, education, trades, philanthropy and civic leadership. The application process, which included responses to questions and a series of learning modules, was designed to solicit each teacher’s experience, insights and creative ideas about their approach to teaching and success in helping their students achieve excellence in the skilled trades.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE PLANNING BOARD

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT memorializing resolutions were adopted at the October 27, 2020 meeting in the following matters:

RESOLUTION; SCHUBERT
CASE NO.: BA 20-14; SCHUBERT
1064 PROSPECT AVENUE
BK: 6.02 LT: 6
R-2 ZONE
Approved 9/22/20

RESOLUTION; PATRICCO
CASE NO.: BA 20-16; PATRICCO
248 EVERGREEN COURT
BK: 15.09 LT: 13
R-2 ZONE
Represented By: Stephen F. Hehl, Esq.
Approved 9/22/20

Resolutions are available for review in the Board Office by appointment. To receive a copy of a Resolution, email 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 - 11/05/20, The Leader Fee: \$26.52

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF FORMAT

2020 ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Environmental Commission of the Township of Scotch Plains has changed the time of their Meetings scheduled for the remainder of the calendar year 2020 to be held by remote access at **7:30 p.m.**

Due to the public health emergency caused by Coronavirus, and the Governor’s Executive Order 107, the Environmental Commission will conduct the remainder of their 2020 Meetings remotely and by electronic means for its Commissioners and public. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 (the “Open Public Meetings Act”) Meeting will be conducted through Zoom. The Zoom meeting ID and password will be posted the day of the meeting on the Township of Scotch Plains Website to allow for public participation. Members of the public who wish to monitor and/or participate in the public meeting may join from a computer or capable device.

The remaining 2020 Dates are:
November 17th
December 22nd

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 - 11/05/20, The Times Fee: \$34.68



KNIGHTS SHOW SUPPORT...During their October 20 General Meeting, the Cranford Knights of Columbus donated \$5,000 to Cranford High School student Maeva Boger O’Bryan and her family to help with her efforts to purchase a therapy dog to manage her Type 1 diabetes from the proceeds of the Council’s 2020 Annual Dog Outing. Pictured are Grand Knight Jim Feehan making the check presentation along with Maeva, her parents, Gretchen and Tom; Brother Rich Pierce, who introduced the Council to Maeva and her cause; Golf Outing Chair and Past Grand Knight John Doolan, Deputy Grand Knight Jerry Conheeny and Council Chaplain Monsignor Timothy Shugrue. For information about joining the Council, call Membership Chair Joe Kilroy at (908) 578-4315 or visit the Council website at cranfordknights.org.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF FORMAT

NOVEMBER 10, 2020
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MEETING NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that due to the public health emergency caused by Coronavirus, and the Governor’s Executive Order 173, the Township of Scotch Plains will conduct the **November 10, 2020 Conference-Business Meeting** beginning at **7:00 p.m.**, in the Council Chambers of the Township of Scotch Plains Municipal Building (430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains New Jersey 07076). There will be limited capacity for this meeting. Seating will be limited to 14 attendees, on a first come/first seated basis. Additionally, there will be an informal presentation of the Re-Accreditation of the Police Department beginning at 6:30 p.m. on the front steps of the municipal building. If attending in-person, please ensure that you bring a mask and ensure proper social distancing.

PLEASE NOTE, 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**; and Public Comment will be available through call in during the appropriate comment portions at (908) 322-2076. The meeting format is subject to change if Covid-19 emergency persists or worsens - please check Township website for updated meeting information - scotchplainsnj.gov.

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BOZENA LACINA,
Municipal Clerk
1 T - 11/05/20, The Times Fee: \$43.35

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Please take notice that on November 19, 2020 at 7:30 PM the Planning Board will hold a virtual hearing on the application of the undersigned. The property in question is located at: 353 North Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey, also known as Block 70 Lot 13, as shown on the Fanwood Tax Map, owned by Juckes, Matthew P and Cori A.

The applicant requests New Backyard Deck which is in violation of:

Section 184-134 D2 of the Fanwood Land Use Code. Variance Requested: Rear Yard Setback; Permitted: 25 feet; Present: 30.6 feet; Proposed: 19 feet.

Section 184-134 D2 of the Fanwood Land Use Code. Variance Requested: Side Yard Setback; Permitted: 10 feet; Present: 12.76 feet; Proposed: 5 feet.

Section 184-163 C2 of the Fanwood Land Use Code. Variance Requested: Driveway Width; Permitted: 18 feet; Present: 21 feet; Proposed: 21 feet.

The applicant will also seek such other relief as may be determined necessary at the public hearing based upon review of the application or amendment(s) to the application.

The file pertaining to this application is available for public inspection 10 days prior to the hearing at <https://www.fanwoodnj.org/departments/planning-board/>.

Any interested party at said hearing may participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Fanwood Planning Board.

Instructions for virtual participation can be found at <https://www.fanwoodnj.org/departments/planning-board/>.

Applicant:
Matthew Juckes
353 North Avenue
Fanwood, New Jersey 07023
1 T - 11/05/20, The Times Fee: \$37.74

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD COUNTY OF UNION STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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 November 2, 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 November 16, 2020 7:00 PM.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 86, SALARIES AND COMPENSATION AND CHAPTER 67, POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD.

Kathleen Holmes
Borough Clerk
1 T - 11/05/20, The Times Fee: \$22.44

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD COUNTY OF UNION ORDINANCE 20-17-S

Notice is hereby given Ordinance No. 20-17-S

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD, COUNTY OF UNION AUTHORIZING SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53(H) FOR SEVERANCE LIABILITIES RESULTING FROM UNANTICIPATED REQUIRED ACCUMULATED PAYOUTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE RETIREMENT OF EMPLOYEES.

was passed and adopted on the second and final reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood held on November 2, 2020.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication as required by law.

Kathleen Holmes
Borough Clerk
1 T - 11/05/20, The Times Fee: \$23.97

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD COUNTY OF UNION ORDINANCE 20-16-S

Notice is hereby given Ordinance No. 20-16-S

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD, COUNTY OF UNION AUTHORIZING SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53(H) FOR SEVERANCE LIABILITIES RESULTING FROM UNANTICIPATED REQUIRED ACCUMULATED PAYOUTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE RETIREMENT OF EMPLOYEES.

was passed and adopted on the second and final reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood held on November 2, 2020.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication as required by law.

Kathleen Holmes
Borough Clerk
1 T - 11/05/20, The Times Fee: \$25.50

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The TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD announces the sale

of 2019 delinquent taxes and other municipal

charges through an on-line auction on -

NOVEMBER 18, 2020 – 10:00 am. For a listing of all

parcels, delinquencies and costs, along with

bidding instructions, please visit

<https://cranford.newjerseytaxsale.com>

****information can be viewed free of charge****

4 T - 10/22, 10/29, 11/05 & 11/12/20, The Leader Fee: \$385.56

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Arts & Entertainment

Steeple Concert Sunday To Celebrate Beethoven’s 250th

Vegan Bakery Papa Ganache Opening in DowntownCranford

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

Downtown Cranford will soon be home to Papa Ganache’s second storefront, located at 106 North Union Avenue.

Papa Ganache is a vegan bakery that makes gluten-free desserts and savory foods as well. They make their specialty desserts in a dedicated kitchen, so those with food allergies or sensitivities can safely consume their delicious treats and meals.

Lisa Siroti, Executive Director of Papa Ganache LLP, is excited to open the doors to the bakery this month.

Siroti decided to check out Cranford when she was considering where to expand the bakery after it was ranked best downtown in New Jersey two years in a row.

“We took a ride to Cranford, and I can’t even tell you what a great town it is, the town just surrounded us with warmth and love and support,” said Siroti. “What a great town. We’re excited to be there.”

Papa Ganache just celebrated its 10 year anniversary in March. The bakery first started in Keyport, New Jersey and moved to Matawan, New Jersey in 2012.

Around the time of the move, it was also taking part in Food Network’s Cupcake Wars and was later crowned the winner.

“That was exciting. It helped give us a really nice pop and more and more people were looking for us,” said Siroti.

Papa Ganache was also the first all-vegan bakery in New Jersey.

“It started as a cupcake bakery when

at the time that’s what was going on,” said Siroti. “We are not just vegan, but our ingredients are mostly organic. We try to use really good ingredients. The best sugar, the best chocolate and things like that.”

Siroti grew up in Brooklyn and got her love of food from her mom, who she says was a “foodie” before it was popular.

“We used to go to these amazing bakeries and I really took some of the things that we make today from the memories of when we used to go and things she would even make,” said Siroti.

Papa Ganache tries to “veganize” desserts that average people can have, making them safe to eat for those with food allergies or sensitivities, and ensures they are just as delicious as the real thing.

For those who have never been to Papa Ganache, Siroti says their vegan and gluten-free rainbow cookies are a fan favorite. She swears you would never know they are gluten-free.

Papa Ganache’s menu is extensive, but a few of their favorites are vegan and gluten-free cheesecake cups, which come in various flavors like pumpkin, apple caramel, chocolate chip cookie dough, raspberry swirl, and cookies and cream. They also make coffee cakes, chocolate brioche, cinnamon buns, brownies, s’mores bars, doughnuts, 18 different kinds of cupcakes and apple pie pizza. They even offer vegan and gluten-free everything bagels on the weekend.

“Our almond croissants and everything croissants rival any French bakery, and I’m not kidding, they’re really good,” said Siroti.

Siroti says their magnificent head baker just created their newest taste sensation - a dairy-free tres leche.

“It’s unbelievable. It’s God-like,” said Siroti.

In addition to sweets, they also make savory dishes like eggplant Stromboli, eggplant parmesan, homemade Bolognese sauce, flatbread, pizza, macaroni and cheese, meatball sliders, chicken parmesan sliders, soups, rice bowls and more.

“You wouldn’t believe that it’s vegan,” said Siroti.

When Papa Ganache opens, Siroti says it’s important to come into the bakery to cast an eye on everything they offer. Due to Covid-19, the number of customers in the store will be limited, but they will be doing everything they can to keep customers safe.

“We have Plexiglas, everyone is wearing a mask, we sanitize and we allow three to four people into the bakery at a time,” said Siroti.

If you are looking to place a large or specialized order, Siroti recommends giving the bakery a few days notice so they can fulfill your order.

Stay tuned for their finalized hours, but they are initially planning to be open from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday - Saturday and 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Siroti looks forward to spreading the word about their new storefront and having customers realize that they are not limited by their dietary restrictions, and can enjoy all the same foods, just using different ingredients.

“When I taste something and it’s amazing, we need to make it vegan so people can enjoy and experience that,” said Siroti.

In addition to serving up sweets, Papa Ganache also works with children and their families, through the Papa Ganache Project. Siroti is not only the founder of the bakery, but a licensed clinical social worker and Founder of Papa Ganache Project Strengths Development Program.

She runs the program, which is a private practice social service agency that offers psychotherapy services and intensive in-home services to youth and their families.

“We use the bakery as a backdrop to work with children,” said Siroti. “We work with different school systems and ways to engage children in a different environment that’s not a clinical environment.”

Due to limitations from Covid-19, Siroti has not been able to have children in the bakery, but is looking forward to when it’s once again safe to do.

In the meantime, Siroti is working hard to open the doors of Papa Ganache in Cranford and is really excited to welcome customers into the store sometime very soon.

WESTFIELD—Steeple Concerts at St. Paul’s will present internationally-acclaimed pianist Daniel Epstein in recital this Sunday, November 8, at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. To celebrate the 250th birthday of Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827), the identical recitals will include his *Piano Sonata No. 31 in A-flat major, Op. 110*. The program also will include music by J.S. Bach and Franz Liszt.

Beethoven’s last three sonatas, including *No. 31*, are considered some of the greatest works for piano ever composed. Together with the *Ninth Symphony*, *Missa Solemnis*, and his final string quartets, they rank high among Beethoven’s finest compositions.

Following New Jersey state guidelines, St. Paul’s will restrict the audience size to 50 attendees per concert and will shorten each concert length to approximately 45 minutes. All attendees must wear a mask while in the building and all will be asked to remain seated in their

assigned pew during the recital.

Due to capacity limitations and the collection of necessary information for contact tracing, advance purchase of tickets online is required for the 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. performances. Depending on current state recommendations, Steeple Concerts may offer a streaming video performance in lieu of a concert with live audience.

Online tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students. To purchase tickets, visit the Steeple Concerts website at steepleconcerts.org.

Daniel Epstein is a graduate of the Juilliard School of Music in New York City. He gained international attention in 1973 as the first American to perform the *Yellow River Concerto* with Eugene Ormandy and the Philadelphia Orchestra, just prior to a historic tour of China. He has appeared as guest soloist with the Philadelphia, San Francisco, Houston, Dallas, Detroit and Rochester Symphony Orchestras.

Mr. Epstein is a member of the piano faculties of Manhattan School of Music and Rutgers University. He is the pianist and founding member of the famed Raphael Trio, with whom he has performed virtually the entire piano trio repertoire. He also has collaborated with many distinguished string quartets, chamber musicians and soloists.

The recital is the second of four concerts in the Steeple Concerts 2020-2021 season. The final two programs will feature solo performances by harpist Bridget Kibbey and cellist Oliver Herbert.

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church is located at 414 East Broad Street, near Euclid Avenue, in Westfield. Free parking is available in the church parking lot and on adjacent St. Paul’s Street (south side of the church). Steeple Concerts at St. Paul’s is made possible by the Friends of Music at St. Paul’s, a 501(c)3 organization devoted to presenting the arts in Westfield.

African American History Tour Traces 300 Years in WF

WESTFIELD—As part of the ongoing Westfield 300 initiative, the community will now have an opportunity to embark on a fascinating and unique journey through the launch of a self-guided tour highlighting the 300-year history of African Americans in Westfield.

The African American History Committee of Westfield 300 has created this tour – which can be done virtually, walking or driving – describing some of the contributions and struggles of the town’s African American community members.

“This tour of African American history is a true treasure for our community and an indelible reminder of the vast contributions our African American neighbors have made to Westfield since its establishment,” said Mayor Shelley Brindle. “I can’t think of a more meaningful way to commemorate the town’s 300th anniversary than by leaving this rich legacy for future generations to appreciate.”

The historic narrative and maps will be available in various formats.

A free booklet with an abbreviated history can be picked up at Ahre’s Coffee Roastery at 104 Elm Street. In addition, the first 100 participants will receive

a complimentary cup of coffee to take along on the journey, courtesy of the African American History Committee.

The digital tour booklet can be downloaded and printed from the Westfield 300 website at www.westfieldnj.gov/300.

The walking tour is also available on the location-driven interactive history map website and mobile application, The Clio. Follow the tour by downloading the free app and then searching for African American History in Westfield Walking Tour or by accessing the tour on the Clio website at www.theclio.com/tour/1585.

The tour is also available on the Westfield Historical Society website at www.westfieldhistoricalsociety.org/videosandwalkingtours.

“We’re hoping that this tour will serve to inform, inspire and encourage town residents to appreciate the contributions of its diverse citizenry,” said Donnell Carr, leader of the Westfield 300 African American History Subcommittee and member of the Westfield 300 Steering Committee. “African American contributions to the Town of Westfield, since its beginnings, are positively significant and richly beneficial to the town’s historical standing.”

There are surprises along the way.

Former longtime Westfield resident L. Wallace Brown was the first African American Internal Revenue Service Special Agent in New Jersey and was assigned to the Secret Service detail protecting Vice President Hubert Humphrey. His Westfield ancestry traces back to 1795.

Most residents do not know that Westfield had an African American professional neighborhood from the 1930s through the 1970s mainly concentrated on West Broad Street and Downer Street where there was a significant population of black professionals and their businesses – including doctors, dentists, barber shops, beauty parlors, a pool hall and two taxi services. This concentration of professionals and businesses was the heart of a vibrant black community for nearly 50 years.

The tour concludes at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial at the South Avenue circle, where participants can leave an inspirational message in the new mailbox near the MLK monument.

For details about this and other Westfield 300 events, and how to volunteer with these efforts, visit www.westfieldnj.gov/300.

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Learn more about our Union County Team at spencersavings.com/unioncounty.



Rich Vail
Business Development
Officer Team Leader

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

BATTLING FOR THE BALL...Raider Holly Nelson, No. 10, and Cougars Laurel Teel, No. 12, and Maggie Murray, No. 7, battle for possession of a loose ball during a regular season game in Scotch Plains, The Raiders won 3-2 (October 15, 2019).

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

A 1-2 PUNCH...Zach Spergel, left, and Alex Maurillo finished 1-2 to lead the Blue Devil boys to the UC Conference Watchung Division Title (October 17, 2019).

A Special Look Through the Rearview Mirror at Local Sports

From the archives of *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* - goleader.com - year, month, week

October 15, 2019: Trailing 1-0 at the half, the eighth-ranked Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls soccer team answered with three second-half goals to stun the No. 7 Cranford Cougars in Scotch Plains. Cougar junior Kirsten Williams scored in the first half and senior Brooke Swandrak in the second half. Junior Leah Klurman, freshman Lily Camacho and jun-

ior Corinne Lyght scored for the Raiders.

October 17, 2019: Less than four minutes into the game the Cranford HS football team gave Head Coach Erik Rosenmeier a good indication that he was going to collect his 100th career win when the Cougars scored two TDs en route to a 41-0 shutout of the visiting JP Stevens Hawks on Senior Night at Memorial Field in Cranford. The win established Rosenmeier as the only CHS head football coach to achieve that milestone.

Although senior quarterback Connor Katz did complete five passes for 110 yards, all of the Cougars' TDs came by way of the run. Katz, who carried nine times for 49 yards, crossed the goal line three times with respective runs of eight yards, two yards and 16 yards. Junior running back Marcus Johnson carried three times for 64 yards, which included a 44-yard TD gallop. Junior Dennis DeMarino added a two-yard TD run and sophomore running back Colin Murray (3 carries, 46 yards) had a five-yard TD run.

October 18, 2019: Within a few weeks of grabbing the crown at the Cougar Invitational, the

Scotch Plains-Fanwood gymnastic team captured the Union County Tournament crown at Cranford High School. The Raiders had a team total of 106.2, followed by Summit (S) at 105.8. Westfield took third at 105.05 and Cranford was fourth at 103.3.

Summit's Catherine Singow recorded the top all-around total with a 35.9, followed very closely by Blue Devil Allison Fernandez at 35.85 and Raider Shaylin Farley at 35.275. Emma Kessler (Dayton) was fourth at 34.75, followed by Emma Burke (S) at 34.45 and Raider TT Singletary at 34.25. Cougar Charlie Bauer placed seventh at 34.125.

October 18, 2019: Bridgewater-Raritan got a little bit of the revenge it desired with a 17-6 victory over the Westfield

football team at John Basilone Field in Bridgewater. Two seasons ago, Bridgewater lost 20-7 to Westfield in the 2017 North 2 Group V championship game which was part of a long losing streak the Panthers had against the Blue Devils. On Friday night though, QB Alex Fromberg connected on 14 of 24 passes for 157 yards and a score to lead the Panthers past the Blue Devils. The long history of failures against Westfield was on the mind of BR players as the clock ticked down and the players rushed to the fences to celebrate with their families and friends.

For a while, it looked like the Blue Devil dominance over Bridgewater would continue as Westfield scored a TD on an 11-

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l'ennemi du journaliste

Charles Mulrooney (October 2017 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*

THE WINNING TOUCHDOWN...Blue Devil Jake Vall-Llobera, No. 8, scored both touchdowns in a 13-6 victory over Elizabeth at High Point Solutions Stadium at Rutgers University on October 14, 2017.

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

REACHING A MILESTONE...The Cougars display a banner to indicate that Head Coach Erik Rosenmeier attained his 100th career win when Cranford shut out the JP Stevens Hawks, 41-0, on Senior Night in Cranford on October 18, 2019.

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yard pass from QB Hank Shapiro to wide receiver Griffin Rooney on their opening drive of the game.

October 13, 2018: Defense kept the Scotch Plains-Fanwood football team in contention but the Raiders' inability to punch it in offensively, especially in the first half, and a breakaway TD run late in the game, resulted in a 28-12 Governor Livingston victory on Senior Day in Berkeley Heights. The Highlanders entered the game with a 2-3 record, while the Raiders were searching for their first win of the season.

The Raiders out-rushed and out-passed the Highlanders, 219-213, on the ground and, 122-29, in the air. Raider co-captains Anthony Porter and Alex Oslislo

were indeed the workhorses on both sides of the ball. Offensively Porter carried 19 times for 83 yards, including a four-yard TD run late in the fourth quarter, and had six receptions for 72 yards, which included a 29-yard TD grab from Jake Hahn, who alternated taking snaps with Porter.

October 16, 2018: Raiders Ben Fleischer and Brandon Garcia finished 1-2, respectively, to lead the SPF varsity boys cross-country team to the Union County Conference Watchung Division Championship held at Oak Ridge Park in Clark. The Westfield Blue Devil varsity girls placed second in their Watchung Division race, while the Blue Devil boys and girls took top honors in both JV

and freshman races.

The Raider boys finished with a total of 39, followed by Westfield at 46, Summit at 57 and Union Catholic at 87. Fleischer crossed first in 16:01, followed by Garcia at 16:16. Blue Devil Jack Moranz at 16:29 and Cooper Brennan at 16:46 finished 4-5 and Raiders Max Cardarelli at 16:53 and Drew Burfeindt at 16:55 finished 8-9, followed by Blue Devil Ronnie Melao at 16:57.

The Union Catholic Vikings narrowly won the Watchung girls race with a total of 45, followed by Westfield at 48. Highlander Victoria Vanriele crossed first with a time of 19:02, followed by Viking Leena Morant at 19:14 and Blue Devil Sarah Hacker at 19:17. Raider Olivia Zambrio took

fourth at 19:24. Blue Devils Sammy Salz at 19:38, Grace Endy at 20:08, Brianna Hatch at 20:26 and Caroline Collins at 20:31 finished 8-9-13-15, while Grace Morgan at 20:49 and Elizabeth Bielen at 20:55 finished 20-21.

October 18, 2018: Midfield control on the part of the SPF boys soccer team kept the visiting Hunterdon Central defenders on their toes until they were finally cast off balance when the Raiders found the net midway through the second half then added a successful penalty kick 16 minutes later to secure a 2-0 victory in the struggle between two Group 4 powerhouses.

Raider sophomore center back Joey Linder launched a free kick all the way from midfield and it

landed in the box where junior Ryan Widman won a scramble with some defenders and goalkeeper John Padavano in front of the net and tapped it in for the first score with 22:20 left in regulation. The icing on the cake arrived when a Red Devil defender got his hand on the ball in the box and the Raiders were awarded the penalty kick (PK) with 6:01 on the clock. Senior Jon Koseoglu lined up to take the PK and planted it into the net just to the right of Padavano.

October 14, 2017: Senior Jake Vall-Llobera scored two TDs, one of three yards and another of 34 yards, and helped rally the Westfield football team past Elizabeth, 13-6, at High Point Solu-

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MIXING IT WITH A RED DEVIL...Raider Ryan Widman, Blue No. 6, mixes it with Red Devil Chris Vinella, No. 6, during the game in Scotch Plains against Hunterdon Central on October 18, 2018. Widman scored. The Raiders won 2-0.

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LOOKING FOR A SMALL OPENING..Raider quarterback Anthony Porter, No. 5, looks for a slit of an opening after getting some blocking from his linemen in the game against the GL Highlanders on October 13, 2018.

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tions Stadium on the campus of Rutgers University. The victory helped increase Westfield's state-best winning streak to 31 games. Vall-Llobera saw his offensive workload increase when sophomore Tim Alliegro went down in the second quarter with a right knee injury and was unable to return.

October 14, 2017: Good field position created by special teams efficiency and stubborn defense put the visiting North Hunterdon Lions on the road to a 49-27 victory over the hosting SPF football team. The 6-0 Lions cashed in on a pair of kickoff returns for TDs, one punt return for 53 yards to set up favorable field position, an interception in Raider territory, a breakaway TD run and a Raider turnover on downs at

midfield.

The Lions' defense limited QB Cooper Heisey, who had passed for a total of 987 yards in the previous two outings, to just 45 yards passing in the first half. Heisey would finish with 19 completions in 39 attempts for 141 yards, including two TD, a two-point conversion and an interception. Dwight Laylor had six receptions for 49 yards, including a 10-yard TD grab and the two-point conversion but he did have an 84-yard TD reception called back. Jakob Robles had two receptions for 12 yards, including a nine-yard TD. Justin Sanders had six receptions for 49 yards, Anthony Porter had three grabs for 14 yards and Isaiah Stewart had two catches for 17 yards.

Although he was sacked four times, Heisey carried 13 times for 97 yards. Running back Davin Scott carried 11 times for 62 yards, including TD runs of 15 yards and three yards. Alex Oslislo carried five times for 35 yards. Scott did have a pair of breakaway runs, which included his 15-yard TD, but he did need help.

October 17, 2017: The Westfield boys and girls cross-country teams swept, winning the varsity, JV and Frosh races, for the Union County Conference Watchung Division crowns at Warinanco. Raiders Ben Fleischer at 16:31 and Brandon Garcia at 16:34 finished 4-5, followed by Blue Devils James McCutcheon at 16:42, Gabe Givelber at 16:44, Zach Spergel at 16:47, Ethan Belka also at 16:47 and Stuart Pollock at 16:49. Raiders Drew Burfeindt at 17:22 and Ricardo Lopez at 18:04 finished 11-14.

The Blue Devil varsity girls totaled 21, followed by the Raiders at 40. Caroline Collins crossed first at 19:42, followed very closely by Raider Maddy Bord at the same time. Blue Devils Grace Morgan at 20:17 (PR by 16 seconds) and Sarah Hacker at 20:31 finished 3-4, while Raider Sofia

Casimiro finished fifth at 20:33. Blue Devils Lucy Gretskey at 20:39 (PR 21 seconds), Mia Melao at 20:41, Emma Jackler at 20:41 and Caroline Stockwell at 21:12 (PR 1:20) finished 6 through 9. Raiders Sara Greene at 21:15 and Amanda Logie at 21:21 finished 10-11.

October 18, 2017: Setting the pace offensively from the onset paid off well in many ways for the Westfield field hockey team when it hosted the Livingston Lancers in Westfield. The 6-8-2 Blue Devils scored a pair of goals within a minute of each other early in the first half then added two more in the half en route to a 7-0 shutout of the Lady Lancers. Maggie Kelly scored twice for the Blue Devils.

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TRYING TO GAIN POSSESSION...Blue Devil Maggie Kelly, No. 18, tries to gain control of the ball in the game with the Livingston Lancers at Kehler Stadium on October 18, 2017. The Blue Devils had complete control with a 7-0 victory.

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READY TO MAKE THE SAVE...Cougar co-captain/goalkeeper Cam Hay prepares to make one of several huge saves in the double OT game against Westfield at Memorial Field as Blue Devil Jenna Iorio approaches (October 19, 2016).

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Hannah Jepsen netted a pair of goals and added a pair of assists. Maggie Maguire, Brigid Raftery and Megan Webber scored the other goals.

October 19, 2016: Seconds before becoming a double overtime tie, midfielder Melina McDevitt was in the right place to convert a deflection off a defender into the winning goal to give the No. 3 Westfield girls soccer team a 1-0 victory over the Cranford Cougars in Cranford. The showdown also featured very strong defensive performances on the part of both teams, which included very alert goalkeeping.

Blue Devil goalkeeper/co-captain Lizzy Brucia (5 saves) was put to the test in the first half when the Cougars pushed the

offensive. Three of her saves came from corner kicks initiated by Cougar Ana Dzunova that were directed into the box primarily intended for either Lauren Williamson or Kenzie Butler. But the Blue Devil defenders of co-captain Raffi Laitamaki, Natalie Bond, Kylinn Kraemer and company saw to it that the Cougars could not get off the clear shot that they wanted.

Cougar goalkeeper/co-captain Cam Hay (7 saves) was forced into situations that required some spectacular efforts and she passed the test. The most dangerous shot was taken with less than three minutes on the clock but Hay hurled herself to her right to make the stop.

October 21, 2016: The SPF

girls' soccer team advanced to the championship game of the Union County Tournament via a 3-0 victory over Cranford on Nolan Field at ALJ High School in Clark. The second-seeded, and yet to be beaten Raiders, got goals from Kerri McNeely, Gina Fahrenheit and Christina Rodgers.

October 21, 2016: "Senior Night" for the cheerleaders, band and the football team, respectively, preceded an absolutely stirring and second-to-none performance of "The Star-Spangled Banner" delivered by Mike Nigro, a senior on the football and wrestling teams, before the kickoff of the Cranford Cougars and the Governor Livingston Highlanders game at Memorial Field in

Cranford. The 5-2 Cougars were inspired both offensively and defensively to emerge with a 49-7 victory.

QB Brian Oblachinski carried eight times for 117 yards, including a 25-yard TD run in the first half. Oblachinski also completed six of nine passes for 140 yards and three TD passes all in the first half. Oblachinski also completed one of his passes to himself, which was good for eight yards. Ryan Bakie (3 receptions, 91 yards, first half, including 26-yard reception and 41-yard TD reception) ran once in the third quarter for a 49-yard TD zigzag. Brian McGovern carried seven times for 53 yards, including a three-yard smash, and added a 14-yard TD reception on a screen

pass.

The kicking game of Valentino Ambrosio has been impressive all season but especially against Governor Livingston when he not only successfully kicked all seven points after but also blasted all seven kickoffs into the end zone, preventing any Highlander runback.

October 17, 2015: Senior running back Jack Curry proved that the Immaculata defense was vulnerable against the run, so the Westfield football team stuck to that strategy and crushed the Spartans, 34-6, in a clash of unbeaten teams in Somerville. On the other hand, the Blue Devil defense was definitely not vulnerable to any Spartan attack

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SPOTTING THE LOOSE BALL....Raider Abby Fontana, No. 16, and Cougar Elyse Mackenzie, right, spot the loose ball in the game between host Scotch Plains-Fanwood and Cranford on "Senior Day" October 23, 2014.

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MOVING UP THE LADDER....Blue Devil senior running back Jack Curry chewed up 228 yards, including four TDs against Immaculata, to move into second on the all-time WHS rushing list behind Glen Kehler (October 17, 2015).

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whether it be on the ground or through the air.

Curry chewed up 100 yards and two TDs on 24 carries plus a 10-yard reception in the first half then added 128 yards and two more TDs on 14 carries to finish with 228 rushing yards and four TDs. His total rushing yardage pushed him to second place on the all-time WHS list. QB Zack Kelly needed only to complete three passes for 46 yards in the first half. Running back Matt Varano carried four times for 15 yards, including an eight-yard TD. in the fourth quarter. Split ends Jelani Pierre had a 17-yard reception and JD Marner had a 19-yard reception.

The defense just wreaked havoc on Spartan QB John Phelan, who became the victim

of five sacks, and his running backs, who absorbed several throws for losses. The most mentioned Blue Devil invaders were Nick Maher, Owen Kessler, Jake Vall-Llobera, Jeff Gagum, Kyle Dombrowski, Owen Colwell and Brett Robertshaw. Maher's most impressive sack was an 11-yard dump in the fourth quarter.

October 20, 2015: The Westfield boys placed six of their runners in the Top-9 and the Blue Devil girls placed seven in the Top-9 to handily win their respective UC Conference Watchung Division titles at Warinanco Park. The Blue Devil boys finished with a total of 24 to outpace Union at 63 and Scotch Plains-Fanwood at 69. The Lady Blue Devils totaled 25 and the Lady Raiders took second at 55.

For the boys, Jon Mobisa of Union finished first with a time of 16:42, followed by Blue Devil Ryan Siegel at 16:50 and Raider Lukas Stein also at 16:50. Blue Devils scooped up the next five spots, beginning with Jacob Triarsi who took fifth at 16:52, followed by Aditya Singh at 16:56, Matt Meusel at 17:11, Nick Antonelli at 17:24 and Alex Campbell at 17:29.

For the girls, Raider Maddy Bord captured first with a time of 20:08. Blue Devils captured places 3 through 9, beginning with Mia Melao at 20:24, followed by Julia Myers at 20:31, Julia Gretskey at 20:41, Emma Jackler at 20:46, Devyn Heinzerling at 20:49, Noelle Blackford at 20:56 and Brooke Schaeffer at 21:00.

October 20, 2015: SPF remained undefeated and served notice that it remains the team to beat in Central Jersey girls' soccer. The Raiders rebounded from a scoreless draw against Westfield to defeat Oak Knoll, 3-0, in Scotch Plains. Senior Annie Pierce scored twice to pace the offense and Kerri McNeely added another. That was more than enough with standout keeper Andrea Leitner between the pipes for the Raiders. Leitner notched her 15th shutout of the season and was rarely tested.

October 22, 2015: Senior/co-captain Siobhan McGovern did something that only one other person did against the No. 6 SPF girls soccer team. Score a goal! And that was all that was needed as the 12-2 Cranford Cougars

handed the 15-1-1 Raiders their first defeat of the season with a 1-0 victory in Cranford.

October 18, 2014: One week after knocking the Voorhees Vikings from the ranks of the unbeaten, the Cranford Cougars football team upped its record to 6-0 with a 40-6 trampling of the Hillside Comets in Hillside. Junior QB Jack Schetelich made the Hillside end zone seem like home as he penetrated it four times with respective TD runs of two yards, 10 yards, 49 yards and a capping 90-yard TD sprint. Schetelich finished with 203 rushing yards on just 11 carries. He also completed five of eight passes for 37 yards.

The Cougars totaled 460 yards with 357 yards on the ground and 103 in the air. On a fake

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IN A VERY COMPETITIVE GAME 1... The Raiders, left, and the Blue Devils get involved in a very competitive Game 1 in Westfield on October 17, 2012. The Blue Devils won Game 1, 25-20, and Game 2, 25-9.



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BREAKING UP THE PASS... Cougar Niko Cappello, No. 32, managed to get a piece of the ball to prevent Raider Ryan Jenson, No. 11, from making the reception. The Cougars defeated the Raiders, 34-14, in Scotch Plains on October 19, 2013.

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punt, junior Joe Norton initiated a 66-yard pass play to senior wide receiver Donte Anderson (10 yards plus a 56-yard fumble recovery and run into the end zone by Sean Leonard). Norton also had a seven-yard reception and kicked four PAT.

October 21, 2014: SPF used stifling defense and got a pair of assists from senior Justin Rodriguez on its way to blanking the Elizabeth Minutemen, 3-0, in Scotch Plains. The Raiders also welcomed back standout senior Jassiem Wahtuse into the lineup after a long, injury-related absence. J-Rod assisted senior John DeSordi and junior Ari Rowenzweig on goals. Junior Alex Guevara scored the other goal.

October 23, 2014: "Senior Day" allowed the SPF girls soccer

team an opportunity to, not only play its entire cast of seniors, but also allowed the Raiders to showcase their talented depth in a 2-0 victory over the Cranford Cougars in Scotch Plains. The senior depth definitely came into play

as senior Paige Heiden, on an assist from senior Corina Checchio, scored a first-half goal and senior Sarah DiIorio, on an assist from senior Tori Bialiatico, scored a second-half goal.

October 23, 2014: The Cranford field hockey team got goals from juniors Sophia Scalea and Mackenzie Moonan and made them hold up in a 2-0 victory over Westfield in Westfield. The Cougars proved to be too quick for the Blue Devils by regularly beating them to the loose balls.

October 15, 2013: "Senior Day" definitely had "Senior" connections when seniors scored the first three goals and another senior assisted on the fourth in the Westfield girls soccer team's 4-0 shutout of Governor Livingston at Gary Kehler Stadium. Senior

Carly Friedman scored twice. Senior Jenna Helfand and Olivia Luzzi each scored once.

October 17, 2013: Cougar goalkeeper Dominic Meliado experienced a barrage of shots from beginning to end as the Westfield boys soccer team found the mark three times in the first half and another three times in the second half to earn a 6-1 victory over Cranford at Gary Kehler Stadium.

Junior midfielder Mike Prosek scored twice. Senior forward Alik Morgan, senior Dan Kuhn, junior midfielder Kevin Irving and forward Jackson Dumont each scored once. Mark Christiano scored for the Cougars.

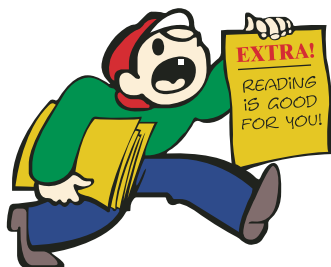
October 18, 2013: Senior QB Chris Hogge took to the air on the Blue Devils' first offensive series

and struck gold with a 30-yard TD completion to flanker Dylan Elliott, which set the stage for a potent combination of running and passing in the Westfield football team's 40-14 triumph over the Franklin Township Warriors at their brand new stadium. Hogge completed eight of 10 passes for 181 yards, including TD passes to Dylan Elliott and Sean Elliott, then added a 25-yard completion to tight end Dave Kane in the third quarter for 206 total yards. Senior running back Eugene Rawles carried 23 times for 138 yards, including three TDs.

October 19, 2013: Cranford QB John Oblachinski, facing a fourth-and-eight situation, after both teams' offenses had been neutralized during the third quarter and most of the fourth, de-

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LEAPING INTO THE AIR...Blue Devil Mike Prosek, No. 14, leaps high to kick the ball in the game against the Cougars on October 17, 2013 in Westfield. The Blue Devils won, 6-1.



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READY TO PONCE ON THE BALL...Blue Devil goalkeeper Kiera Loftus, No. 1, prepares to smother the ball and teammate Lauren Rigney, No. 21, keeps a Highlander from getting to it. The Blue Devils defeated the Highlanders, 4-0, on Senior Day, October 15, 2013.

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cided to go for it and found success when wide receiver Dan DeLayo made a spectacular leaping circus catch at the SPF Raider eight yard-line, which totally changed the complexion of the showdown between the Cougars and the Raiders during Homecoming in Scotch Plains.

Oblachinski followed up on DeLayo's heroics with a five-yard run and a three-yard TD plunge to give the Cougars a two-TD advantage with 3:33 remaining in the game to force the Raiders' offense into a desperation mode that failed then running back Luke Christiano, who also had 2 TD runs and a TD reception, drove the nail in the coffin with a 65-yard TD sprint with 1:11 remaining to give the Cougars a 34-14 victory. Raiders Emendo Thomas and Kobe White

each had TD runs.

October 16, 2012: The Westfield boys and girls cross-country teams won their respective team titles at the UC Watchung Conference Division meet at Warinanco Park. The Blue Devil boys finished with a total of 19 and had all seven of their runners place in the top-10, while the girls totaled 25 and had six runners finish in the top-10.

Blue Devil Matt Luppino crossed first with a personal-record (PR) time of 16:45. Dan Lizzi cut 34 seconds off his PR to cross third at 16:49, followed by Mike Reilly at 16:51 (PR by 24 seconds) and Patrick Terry at 17:09 (PR by 29 seconds). Raider Alex Livernois finished seventh at 17:19, followed by Blue Devils John Campbell at 17:36 and Mike Esler

at 17:43 (PR by 57 seconds).

For the girls, Gabby Stravach finished third with a time of 20:32 (PR by 20 seconds). Meghan O'Dwyer crossed fourth at 20:47 (PR - 49), followed by Erica Fischer at 20:57 (PR - 45) and Anna Tanji at 21:12. Elisabeth Neylan took seventh with a PR 21:17. Gabrielle Brennan crossed ninth at 21:24 (PR) and Charlie O'Brien finished 12th at 22:08.

October 17, 2012: Blue Devil senior co-captain Courtney Weisse totaled a match-high 11 service points, and senior co-captain Nicole Boretz, a defensive specialist and outside hitter, finished with nine service points, five digs and three service aces as the Westfield girls' volleyball team knocked off Scotch Plains-Fanwood in a battle of rivals, 25-

20, 25-9, in Westfield.

In addition to her 11 service points, Weisse, a middle blocker, knocked down five kills, three service aces, two digs and one assist. Junior setter Kayla Rodrigues dished out nine assists, two kills, three digs and two service points. Paige Pavleszek and Elena Scarano each contributed five digs and one service point.

October 18, 2012: Intensity and victory highlighted a very special afternoon as the Westfield boys soccer team ditched the Union Farmers, 3-1, on the seniors' final regular-season home game at Gary Kehler Stadium. Not only was the game special for the Blue Devil senior boys, but it was also a very special day for George Kapner, who had also

served his final regular-season home game as boys soccer Head Coach. It was also Kapner's 1,033rd victory as a varsity coach (all sports). Mike Prosek scored twice and senior co-captain Henry Smith scored once.

October 21, 2011: Running back Anthony Byers amassed his second straight 300+ rushing game, and linebacker Anthony Lettieri sparked a raging defensive effort to lead the SPF football team to a 34-0 triumph over the hosting North Plainfield Canucks. Byers gobbled up 323 yards and respective TD runs of three yards, 23 yards, 89 yards and 62 yards, all within less than three quarters. QB Steve Alleman completed five of 10 passes for 56 yards, including an eight-yard

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EFFECTIVE ON DEFENSE AND OFFENSE...Linebacker Anthony Byers, No. 1, and linebacker Anthony Lettieri, along with the rest of the Raiders were effective defensively and offensively against the Canucks in North Plainfield on October 21, 2011. The Raiders swamped the Canucks, 34-0.



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RUNNING WITH HEART, FIRE AND DESIRE...Blue Devil flanker Peter Ondi, No. 27, had six receptions for 79 yards against the Rahway Indians in Westfield on October 22, 2011. The Blue Devils won, 24-0.

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TD strike to tight end Rich Polhamus, the Raider defense stuffed the Canucks to just 32 yards.

October 21, 2011: High team scores and outstanding performances from Westfield, Cranford and Scotch Plains-Fanwood highlighted the Union County Tournament gymnastic championships held at Westfield. The Blue Devils upped their season-high team total by nearly two points to nip the Cougars, 109.15-109.05, to earn their sixth consecutive UCT crown. The Cougars' total set a school record. The Raiders placed third with a team total of 104.85.

Cougar senior MaryKate Walch, who had a total of 37.4, repeated as the all-around champ. Blue Devil Abby Cook took second

with a total of 37.275. Cougar Alexandra Puryear took third at 37.250, followed by Viking Nicole Pietrapertosa at 36.225, Raider Alex Peluso at 36.15 and Johnson's Bianca Briscese at 35.625.

October 22, 2011: Heart, fire and desire on the part of the undersized Westfield football team's defense saw to it that the visiting Rahway Indians with their high-powered running attack never reached the end zone at Gary Kehler Stadium. That heart, fire and desire also blazed early with the 5-1 Blue Devils' offense that scored three TDs in the first half and added Jon Gribbin's 26-yard field goal in the second half to earn a 24-0 victory.

Blue Devil QB Nate Mitchell, who scored on a one-yard plunge,

engineered a balanced attack. The Blue Devils finished with 174 rushing yards, and Mitchell completed 10 of 14 pass attempts for 118 yards. Mitchell's favorite receiver was Peter Ondi, who fin-

ished with six receptions for 79 yards.

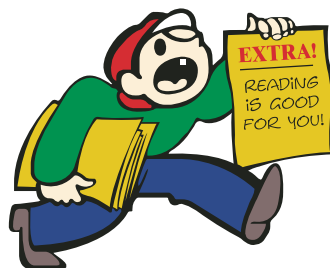
Corner backs Ondi and James O'Rourke recorded back-to-back sacks of seven yards and five yards, respectively, then O'Rourke followed with an interception on the Indians' first series. Mitchell answered with an eight-play, 75-yard scoring drive when O'Rourke slipped into the end zone from the four with 1:32 left in the first quarter. O'Rourke finished with 91 rushing yards on 18 carries. Brendan Dugan had a 44-yard TD run.

October 20, 2010: Dodging some weather delays, the No. 2-ranked Westfield girls tennis team shutout J.P. Stevens, 5-0, in the North Jersey, Group 4, Section 2 semifinals, then went on to claim the sectional title with a 4.5-0.5

triumph over Bridgewater-Raritan. On October 20, the Lady Blue Devils had a real test in a 3-2 win over Montgomery in the NJSIAA Group 4 semifinals, before cruising past Livingston, 4-1, for the championship at Mercer County Park in West Windsor.

Against Montgomery, Blue Devils Katherine McKinley and Melissa Morawski won the second doubles match with Amanda Tilles and Taylor D'Agostino, 6-2, 6-3. Lexi Borr was taken to the brink by Rachel Pierson at first singles but rallied back from match point to win in three sets, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5. During that time Blue Devil Debbie Wu was struggling with Rachel Casey at third singles but managed to finish her match just before Borr with a 5-7, 6-2, 7-5 victory.

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