

Westfield High School to Offer More Days In Person

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WESTFIELD — Westfield High School will offer four days a week of in-person learning for the third marking period, Superintendent Margaret Dolan, Ed.D., announced at Tuesday's Board of Education (BOE) meeting. Parents and students were surveyed on whether or not they would prefer in-person or virtual learning, and only 25 percent of the student body chose in-person. Because of the small numbers, Dr. Dolan said, it is possible for all students from cohorts A and B who want to, to attend in person four days per week for half-days. All students

will be able to sit six feet apart, as per Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.

In contrast, 75 to 80 percent of the elementary and middle school students' parents chose in person, said Dr. Dolan, so those students will remain on the current cohort schedule. Classrooms are not large enough to accommodate the required six feet distance among students. Opening the schools for more in-person days can "only happen when the numbers work," said Dr. Dolan, continuing to state that she will "absolutely" open the schools if the numbers work.

Parents called in with concerns

about the lack of in-person learning for younger students, asking if the board had reexamined other possibilities, such as half-day a.m./p.m. cohorts, that were initially dismissed during summer planning. That plan was originally dismissed as a viable option because deep cleaning of each classroom would take too much time in between sessions, said Dr. Dolan.

Another parent suggestion was to keep students in cohorts but offer full-day, in-person learning for their in-person, rather than the half-day in-person hybrid. Dr. Dolan said the health department has advised that eating with others is a "high-risk activity," which makes lunch time planning difficult. Another suggested solution, sending students home for lunch and then back to school in the afternoons, will not work for many families, said Dr. Dolan.

"I hear your frustration as parents," said board president Amy Root. Ms. Root also stated that the current model is under "constant reassessment."

Dr. Dolan said that "I don't minimize how hard it is" for children and parents to continue learning this way after doing it for a long time and that the teachers and the administrators "are trying to find the opportunities we can."

The board also addressed January 21's school closure and subsequent remote day. A pinhole-sized hole in a pipe of the server room air conditioner caused a slow leak of coolant, eventually overheating and shutting down the newly installed unit and the district servers. The issue did not cause the district to lose any data, said Chief Technology Officer Brian Auken.

Mr. Auken said this seemed to be "a fluke," as the equipment came from a reputable manufacturer and installer. The leak began overnight and sent email alerts to Mr. Auken and his

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FLURRIES OF FAMILY FUN...Parents took a break from shoveling to bring their children out to enjoy the snow at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside this past Tuesday afternoon.

Westfield Finance Comm. Discusses 2020-2021 Budgets

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WESTFIELD — The Westfield Town Council Finance Policy Committee gave a budget presentation on January 28 to go over the budget process, the results from the 2020 budget and goals for the 2021 budget. Councilwoman Linda Habgood, who chairs the finance policy committee, said the annual budget presentation started three years ago to help residents better understand the process and ask questions about the town's spending.

Ms. Habgood began the virtual meeting with a pie chart showing the amount of the tax collection that actually goes toward the municipal budget. Although \$178,194,999 was collected in taxes, only \$28,538,574 goes to the municipal tax levy (approximately 16 percent). Of that, much is "eaten up" by non-discretionary costs, which are fees the town is required to spend money on, like the sewage budget. Tax collections also go to the school district tax levy (about 59.6 percent of tax collections), Union County tax levy (22.2 percent), the library (1.53 percent) and the Union

County Open Space tax levy (0.65 percent).

The town adjusted for "a lot of unknowns" in its 2020 budget, which was finalized in April. Ms. Habgood continued, with the assumption life would have returned to normal by September at the latest. She said the town reduced spending by 1.3 percent, despite a 2.32-percent increase in non-discretionary costs, in anticipation of revenue losses. In fact, the 2020 budget projected a \$1.2-million (or -6.3 percent) decline in revenue because of losses in parking, court and construction fees. Ms. Habgood said the plan was to use the town's surplus to manage revenue losses and lower tax rates.

The town's surplus, Town Administrator Jim Gildea said, "is used for a rainy day" to avoid layoffs and cuts in services. Surpluses are generated "by very specific items that really have no bearing on taxes or what we collect," he said, like from the school budget, excess tax collections and expenditure savings and reduced by tax appeals.

Using the surplus affects more than

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CRUISING DOWN THE SLOPES...Snowboarders took advantage of the snow-covered hill at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside on Tuesday, after the winter storm had passed.



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WINTER STORM COVERS WESTFIELD IN SNOW...The Westfield Fire Department illuminates the incredible snowfall that started on Sunday and continued all the way through to Tuesday.

Tom Kean, Jr. Will Not Seek Re-Election to State Senate

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TRENTON — Senator Tom Kean, Jr. announced February 1 that he will not seek re-election to the New Jersey State Senate as the representative for the 21st District once his term ends in 2022. Mr. Kean currently is Senate Republican Leader.

"Public service will always be a part of who I am and how I live my life, but after thoughtful discussion with my family, I have decided not to seek re-election for the State Senate in the 21st Legislative District," Sen. Kean said in a statement.

A representative of Republican Jon Bramnick, who serves as the New

Jersey General Assembly's Republican Leader, said Asm. Bramnick will be running for Sen. Kean's Senate seat. His representative further said Asm. Bramnick has been seeking support from various municipal chairs. In a statement released Wednesday, Asm. Bramnick said he has the support of all three Republican county chairs who make up the 21st District. He also said he has the support of all 16 district Republican municipal chairs, including Andis Kalnins of Cranford, J.D. Bryden of Mountainside, JoAnn Neylan of Westfield and Steven Blaufeder of Garwood.

Earlier this year, Democrat Joseph Signorello, who serves as Roselle Park's mayor, announced his intention to run as the Democratic nominee for the 21st District State Senate seat.

All candidates have until Monday, April 5, to file their petition to run. The election Primaries will take place on Tuesday, June 8, and the General Election will take place on Tuesday, November 2.

In November, Sen. Kean lost a narrow race for the U.S. House New Jersey District 7 seat to Tom Malinowski. The closeness of the race and the slow counting of mail-in ballots left this race undecided for nearly two weeks. Congressman Malinowski received 54.63 percent of the vote, and Sen. Kean received 42.29 per-

cent, according to county election results.

Sen. Kean first sought a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives in 2000, when he lost in the Primaries to Republican Mike Ferguson. He lost in a race for the U.S. Senate seat in the 2006 General Election to Senator Bob Menendez in a very close race.

Sen. Kean could potentially challenge Congressman Malinowski in 2022 once congressional lines are redrawn with the information gathered by the 2020 Census. His campaign did not respond to a request for comment about whether or not he will be running for Congress.

Sen. Kean has served in the State Senate since 2003 and prior to that served in the State Assembly. He currently serves on the Higher Education Committee, Legislative Oversight Committee and Select Committee on New Jersey Transit. Sen. Kean has sponsored legislation to expand the scoping and penalties of hazing, permit schools to count virtual/remote instruction as part of the 180-day school year, expand students' access to technology for school and require a declaration of the Code Blue alert when the National Weather Service predicts temperatures of 32 degrees Fahrenheit or lower.

"When he leaves office next January, Tom Kean, Jr. will have represented his North and Central Jersey

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Photo courtesy of David Womelsdorf

KEEP RUNNING...Two feet of snow did not stop this pair of runners in downtown Westfield on Monday.

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WF Planning Board Hears Master Plan Re-exam Update

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WESTFIELD — The Westfield Planning Board heard a Master Plan Re-examination update at its Monday night meeting as well as proposed General Ordinance 224. The board also approved a motion to recommend 417 Prospect Street to be designated as historic. Additionally, new board member Asima Jansveld, vice president of The Highline Network, was sworn in.

The meeting kicked off with the board unanimously approving a resolution for 104 Winchester Way/101 Barchester Way, an application that was heard at the board’s January 21 meeting.

The board approved another application, for 417 Palsted Avenue, first heard at its January meeting. At the January meeting, board members and residents expressed concern regarding storm water management as the Villani Building and Development, LLC, planned to build two single-family homes on the property, which currently contains one home. Although the only variance request was for lot depth following a minor subdivision, board members agreed they would need a water drainage plan in order to approve the application.

At Monday’s meeting, William Hollows, the project’s engineer, surveyor and planner, presented a plan to install three drains to one lot and a new piping system in the back of the other as well as roof leaders that would connect to the piping systems on both houses. The underground piping systems would connect to the existing storm drain system on Palsted Avenue. Neighbors Jay Troutman and Andrew Gilman called in to voice their support of the project, both expressing favor for the construction of two single-family homes rather than a large, two-family home. The board approved the application on the conditions that the architectural design be reviewed by the Site Plan Review Committee, that any tree removals be discussed with and approved by the tree preservation commission, that the new house be subject to the town development fee and that the drainage plan be included in the construction.

The board then heard a report about a unified land-use and circulation update, as recommended by the Master Plan Re-examination, from the project’s consultants, H2M and WSP. The presentation laid out what the final report will look like, including suggested improvements to be made in regards to car, bike and foot traffic. The presentation also dabbled in re-

Rec. Commission Tables Laser-Tag Application

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WESTFIELD – The Westfield Recreation Department is planning for spring activities and programs, said Director Don Bogardus at the Westfield Recreation Commission meeting Monday night. Winter is “our busiest time,” he said.

Commissioners will be examining the town’s playgrounds to see which ones need updating. According to Mr. Bogardus, there is no average life expectancy for playground equipment. He said that manufacturers recommend replacement about every 20 years but that the usage and subsequent “wear-and-tear” are what determines longevity. Heather Re-Ferratti, assistant director of the department, will give each commissioner a safety checklist to help them evaluate the equipment.

The Edison field project “is progressing at a good pace,” said Commission Chair Jennifer Gilman. More information will be forthcoming in the next few weeks, she said.

Memorial Pool is planning to open this summer, said Ms. Re-Ferratti, with the same membership fees as the 2020 season. They are still waiting to hear about operating procedures and regulations and probably will not have more information about those until closer to the season, she said. Those who were members during the 2019 and 2020 seasons will receive an information packet in the mail, said Ms. Re-Ferratti. People interested in be-

coming new members can fill out a pool member interest form on the recreation website.

The commission voted to support a spring painting event in Brightwood Park but not co-sponsor it. The Friends of Brightwood Park (FOBP) and the Westfield Art Association had asked the recreation commission for help with registration and insurance. “Right now, we just don’t have the staff power to get that done,” said Mr. Bogardus, referencing his earlier statement about this being a busy time. Commissioner Russ Howell noted that the event “sounds like a cool idea,” but thought it would be better if the FOBP handled its own registration and insurance.

An application to use the Tamaques Park woods sparked some debate about the use of parks by third-party vendors. A Boy Scout troop wanted to use the woods to run a private laser-tag event. “It’s a passive park in the woods in Tamaques,” said Mr. Bogardus, noting that people often go for runs or walk their dogs there. “I really don’t think that’s a kind of activity we should be promoting in that park,” he said.

Mr. Bogardus said that he would like the Boy Scouts to be able to have that type of event but that it was the wrong space. Ultimately, the commission decided to table the application until more detailed information about the specific location in the woods could be determined.

The next meeting of the Westfield Recreation Commission will be on Monday, March 1.



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BET THE LIGHT... Pictured above are Liz Ensslin, president of the Westfield Rotary Club; Rev. Jeremy Jinkins, senior pastor of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield; Keith Gibbons, Westfield Food Pantry; Deirdre Geline, executive director of the Westfield United Fund; Bernadette Murphy, executive director of St. Joseph Social Service Center; and Amy Cummings, Presbyterian Church in Westfield, present checks from “Be the Light, Westfield”, the November 29 Night of Luminaries organized by the Westfield United Fund, The Presbyterian Church in Westfield and the Westfield Rotary Club. The event raised over \$33,000 for programs fighting hunger in the area. See the press release on Page 3 for more information.

Fanwood Council Discusses Shared Court Services

By SUSAN ALACCHI
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FANWOOD — Mayor Colleen Mahr complimented the Fanwood Department of Public Works (DPW) at Monday’s borough council meeting for its hard work during the storm earlier this week. She asked that residents be patient while doing the “snow dance” of digging themselves out and then having the plow dump snow and block them in.

A discussion took place on sharing municipal court services with other municipalities. Borough Administrator Rayna Harris explained that Al Mirabella, Scotch Plains township manager, had sent a letter requesting a study of sharing court with four towns. Those towns would be Fanwood, Scotch Plains, Westfield and Garwood. Mr. Mirabella asked Fanwood to put forth a resolution to become part of the study, with a professional company to analyze the feasibility of doing this.

Mayor Mahr said she feels this would be a good way to save money. Councilwoman Katherine Mitchell mentioned the difference between having a full-time versus part-time municipal court. Councilwoman Erin McElroy Barker said that the Administration and Finance Committee discussed this and that Susan MacMullan, the municipal court judge, is willing to give her insight into the proposal. It was decided that this will be brought up as a resolution at the next meeting.

Chief Financial Officer Fred Tomkins mentioned that the deputy court administrator retired last year and was not replaced. The current court administrator is due to retire in July. He said the borough needs to have someone trained to take over when the administrator leaves. There is a question as to whether the borough should have a part-time deputy as it has had in the past or if the position should be made full-time.

The next Fanwood Borough Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 16, at 7:30 p.m.

2020-21 Budget

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just the current year, however, Mr. Gildea said, and 2021 will probably use more surplus funds as well.

The 2020 budget anticipated parking revenue to drop by \$384,561 in comparison to 2019, but in actuality, it dropped by \$523,135. With residents working from home, less cars were on the roads and occupying parking lots. Also, Mark Parmelee, the Finance Policy Committee vice chair, said factors like the town extending free parking downtown for the holiday season and giving up parking for parklets and outdoor dining probably increased losses.

Court fees, another big area of revenue collection for the town, also dropped in 2020 as courts shut down early in the pandemic. The 2020 budget anticipated a \$124,439 drop in comparison to 2019, but actually, there was a drop of \$238,158. Courts began operating virtually after months of being closed, and Mr. Gildea said they will resume in-person sessions some time next month.

In 2020, the Conservation Center and Construction Department both issued more permits than expected. The Construction Department surpassed its anticipated revenue for 2020. Westfield also saw tax collections exceed 99 percent. Mr. Gildea said the town had worried that people would not be able to pay.

The town also received \$833,000 in pursued grants, made improvements at town parks and realized “significant progress” on its downtown redevelopment plan, which Mr. Gildea said will create more diverse revenue opportunities.

Going into 2021’s budget process, Mr. Gildea said the 2020 impacts on revenue were significant and will affect the decisions made for the upcoming year. “We have to make decisions now that will affect the rest of the year,” he said, even with a number of unknowns.

Some of the budget goals, he said, are to manage spending, utilize the surplus to continue essential services and manage the impacts of the pandemic. Although “we’re not allowed to anticipate more revenue than we collected the year before, even if there was an opportunity for that,” Mr. Gildea said, the town is in a “pretty good spot” for 2021.

The main challenge will be non-discretionary expenses, over which the town has no control. The costs so far exceed \$700,000 and include such items as the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority, pensions, insurance costs and reserve for uncollected taxes. There also will be increases in costs of residential services like public safety and curbside leaf collection. Answering a question from the public, Mr. Gildea said legal fees for the town were as expected for 2020.

Mr. Gildea said budget opportunities for 2021 include the potential easing of the pandemic in the second half of the year and projected reimbursements from CARES Act money, which would add to the surplus.

Resident Shawn Mullens asked during the section of the meeting in which questions from the public were accepted what the total debt the town owes is. Mr. Gildea said the debt is approximately \$20 million of statutory debt, which is significantly less than the allowed \$250 million.

The budget team will begin meeting with department heads this week to discuss department needs and budgets, Mr. Gildea said. Ms. Habgood said the focus for departments is on long-term changes in cost reductions, potentially through shared services and diversifying revenue streams. The budget process will be “very dynamic,” she said, as they plan for 2021 and the years ahead.

On Tuesday, March 9, the Finance Policy Committee will present a budget to the town council. On Tuesday, March 23, the budget will be introduced to the public, and the anticipated adoption of the budget will be Tuesday, April 20. Residents can email budget@westfieldnj.gov with questions, and all questions and answers sent in will be published on the budget FAQs page. The budget presentation, as well as the video of the budget presentation meeting, is available on the town website.



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Four Nominated to Union County Bench

COUNTY – Governor Phil Murphy, Senator Nicholas Scutari and Senator Joe Cryan expressed praise for the four individuals nominated in the Superior Court Judge package for the Union County Bench this month. The nominees are Dara Govan, Paul Nieves, Rose Comas and Daniel Roberts.

“I am proud to nominate this extraordinarily qualified and diverse group of individuals to Superior Court seats in Union County. Their commitment to justice, fairness, and equality will benefit the county and the state as a whole,” said Governor Murphy. “As Superior Court Judges, these distinguished individuals will serve the people of New Jersey well.”

“I would like to congratulate all four nominees for receiving this nomination,” said Senator Scutari (D-Union). “This is not an easy feat to accomplish, and it is evident that each of them have worked tirelessly over the years to gain this nomination. This is an exceptional group of candidates, each coming from various backgrounds with their own areas of expertise. I know that Union County will be in great hands with these nominees and I am looking forward to overseeing their confirmation.”

“All four of these nominees have the experience needed to hold the prestigious title of Superior Court

Judge,” said Senator Cryan (D-Union). “Not only are each of them highly qualified to hold this position, but their diverse backgrounds will be essential in adding valuable insight for whatever comes their way.”

Dara Govan attended Rutgers University School of Law and has been serving as the Chief in the Government Frauds Office at the United States Attorney’s Office for the last 10 years.

Paul Nieves attended Seton Hall Law School and has served as the Assistant Section Chief at the New Jersey Attorney General’s Office for the last 25 years as a Trial Attorney. Nieves also serves as a member of the Union County Bar Association and the Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey.

Rose Comas attended Temple University’s James E. Beasley School of Law and has served as the First Deputy County Counsel for Union County for the last 7 years. Her previous experience includes working as a victim/witness counselor as well.

Daniel Roberts graduated from Widener University Delaware School of Law and opened his own law office in 1996 alongside his partner Jeffrey Charney. Roberts’ expertise is in personal injury, workers’ compensation, real estate and municipal court matters.

Clean Communities Council Welcomes New Trustees

TRENTON – The Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Clean Communities Council (NJCCC) welcomed three new members during its quarterly meeting on January 27.

“We continue to seek state leaders who are committed to moving the anti-litter education campaign forward in New Jersey,” said NJCCC Board President Linda Doherty. “There will be many challenges this year, as we fight COVID-related litter and promote a new law that prohibits the use of single-use plastic and paper bags in all stores and food service businesses statewide.”

The Board of Trustees, serving two-year terms, oversees a statewide, comprehensive, litter-abatement program created by the passage of the Clean Communities Act in 1986. The law provides permanent funding for the program by placing a tax on 15 categories of businesses that produce litter-generating products. The Clean Communities Program Fund generates about \$20 million each year, disbursed to municipalities, counties, the state parks service and for educational programming through the NJCCC.

The new trustees are:

Rocco D’Antonio of Marlton who is the founder and managing member of Organic Diversion, LLC, a food waste hauling and recycling company established in 2009. D’Antonio assists businesses with regulatory compliance, economic, and sustainability issues relating to diverting food waste from trash. His background and experience in the food processor, supermarket, and food service industries provides a unique perspective and thorough understanding of food waste recycling.

Previously, Mr. D’Antonio spent more than 25 years in the packaging industry specializing in paper and plastic bags for the supermarket industry, focusing on reduction and recycling. He also spent more than 10 years working with industry organizations leading to

New Jersey’s bag ban.

Michael DeLoreto, Esq. of Bridgewater, who is a director in the Government & Regulatory Affairs department of Gibbons in Trenton. He has extensive experience specific to legislation, regulations, and court decisions and recently focused his efforts on securing legislation banning paper and plastic bags in retail stores. DeLoreto previously served as Chief of Staff to the New Jersey General Assembly Deputy Majority Leader, and as the Government Affairs Director for one of New Jersey’s largest trade associations. He has also worked on electronic waste recycling legislation.

He has represented a broad swath of entities including Fortune 500 companies, institutions of higher education, public and private sector entities, and non-profits. DeLoreto is an editor of the Gibbons Law Alert blog and active in the firm’s pro bono program.

Rebecca E. Turyan of Galloway who is an environmental researcher with the Atlantic County Utilities Authority and a Clean Communities Coordinator. She conducts research, compiles reports, and prepares presentations on environmental issues.

She serves on the Sustainable Jersey Grant Approval Committee, the Solid Waste Association of New Jersey Conference Planning Committee, the NJCCC Best Practices Committee and the Association of New Jersey Recyclers board, among other volunteer roles to promote environmental stewardship in New Jersey.

The NJCCC also re-elected its officers: Linda Doherty – President – New Jersey Food Council; Bill Dressel – Vice President – Bill Dressel Management Advisor, LLC; Diana Vigilante – Secretary – Somerset County (retired); and Edward Nielowicki – Treasurer – New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (retired).

Learn more about the NJCCC at njcclean.org



Photo Courtesy of Mountainside Police Department
MOUNTAINSIDE FIRE...On January 29 at approximately 2:40 p.m. The Mountainside Fire Department was dispatched to a reported working structure in a home on Cedar Avenue. A juvenile occupant called 911 to report the fire and evacuated prior to arrival of police. Police officers James Urban and Alexandra Harris observed active fire on the side deck of the home and helped evacuate two dogs from the scene. The police officers then gave shelter to the juvenile occupant and his dogs from the cold. Members of the Mountainside Fire Department arrived and began extinguishing the fire later assisted by Springfield, Westfield, and Union fire departments who responded to the scene. The home sustained significant fire and smoke damage. The fire is not believed to be suspicious at this time.

Legislation to Protect Survivors Of Domestic Violence Advances

TRENTON – In order to protect survivors of domestic violence while their assailants await trial, the Senate today advanced legislation sponsored by Senate President Pro Tempore M. Teresa Ruiz, Senator Joe Cryan and Senator Sandra Cunningham to increase the penalties for strangulation when employed in a domestic violence incident.

“Almost half of all domestic violence homicide victims had previously been strangled by their partners. The action is a dangerous signal of escalating violence which leads, oftentimes, to death,” said Senator Ruiz (D-Essex). “Yet, as it stands, many individuals charged with assault by strangulation are released back into society. We have a responsibility to survivors to take these statistics seriously, to read these warning signs and to implement measures to protect them - that is why this legislation is so important.”

The bill, S-2503, would increase strangulation committed in the domestic violence context to a crime of the second degree, punishable by five to 10 years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$150,000, or both. Under current

law, it is a third-degree crime, punishable by up to five years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$15,000, or both.

“Strangulation is a brutal and violent attack that is horrifying to victims,” said Senator Cryan, who previously served as Union County Sheriff. “These attacks are often acts of domestic violence that escalate if they are not prevented and stopped. The courts should have the ability to protect survivors from repeated attacks before they become tragically fatal.” There is a presumption of imprisonment for second-degree crimes. Elevating the offense makes it more likely that the perpetrator will be removed from society both while they await trial and once they are convicted, thus increasing the safety of the survivor.

“Someone strangling their partner is a terrifying indicator of escalating violence, which oftentimes can be fatal,” said Senator Cunningham (D-Hudson). “When survivors of domestic violence come forward, we must take these acts seriously and do all that we can to protect them while their abusers await trial.”

The bill was released from the Senate by a vote of 33-0.

Norcross Announces \$233K to Rutgers for Climate Research

CHERRY HILL – U.S. Congressman Donald Norcross (NJ-01) announced today that Rutgers University–Camden will receive \$233,066 in federal funding from the National Science Foundation (NSF) for research into the effects of climate change on ecological diversity.

“Climate change is a serious threat to our communities, with devastating consequences both globally and here in South Jersey,” said Congressman Norcross. “The work being done at Rutgers–Camden is critical to deepening our understanding of how changing temperatures are affecting ecological systems around the world. This funding will advance the vital research being conducted right here to ensure a safe and healthy environment for generations to come.”

Specifically, Rutgers–Camden will receive: \$233,066 to the Biology Department and Center for Computational and Integrative Biology for their project under Principal Investigator Angelica

Gonzalez, titled “CAREER: Integrating Neoeological and Paleoeological Approaches to Exploring the Effects of Climate Change on Arthropod Diversity and Community Structure.”

“The CAREER Award from the National Science Foundation is a prestigious grant, and Dr. Gonzalez’s receipt of this honor indicates the transformative potential for her work. This award also exemplifies the path-defining research that happens every day at Rutgers University–Camden,” said Margaret Marsh, interim chancellor of Rutgers University–Camden. “We thank and applaud Congressman Norcross for his commitment to keeping South Jersey competitive as a hub for innovation and for his support of Rutgers–Camden.”

Bill Would Prohibit Discrim. Against Organ Donors

TRENTON – In an effort to protect living organ donors and encourage others to join their ranks, the Senate passed legislation today, sponsored by Senators James Beach and Nicholas Scutari, that would prevent insurance companies from discriminating against living organ donors.

“For the large number of people who desperately need a transplant, organ donors are their heroes,” said Senator Beach (D-Burlington/Camden). “However, living donors are viewed as a liability to insurance companies and as a result are often charged higher rates or denied coverage. This is simply unacceptable. There are so many individuals in New Jersey in need of transplants, so, it is

Legislation to Fight Human Trafficking Signed into Law

TRENTON – Senator Tom Kean’s bill requiring new posters to be developed and posted to raise awareness of human trafficking was signed into law today. (National Human Trafficking Hotline)

“I am proud that this legislation will be enacted today, especially during Human Trafficking Awareness Month,” said Senator Kean (R-21). “The more we raise awareness of human trafficking, including what it looks like and where it happens, the harder it will be for traffickers to get away with their despicable crimes.”

Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery that exploits victims for sex, labor, or both.

This legislation signed today, S-280/A-883, requires the New Jersey Commission on Human Trafficking to develop new signs and posters with directions for obtaining help and services to be displayed in places where the victims of human trafficking are most likely to see them.

The new public awareness sign would include the toll-free phone number for the National Human Trafficking Hotline, a 24-hour service.

Under the law, the sign must be

posted in every dressing room, restroom, and restroom stall at strip clubs, sexually oriented businesses, and massage parlors.

The legislation also requires the sign to be posted by: bars; airports; passenger rail or light rail stations; welcome centers; truck stops; weigh stations; emergency rooms within acute care hospitals; urgent care centers; farm labor contractors and day haulers; privately operated job recruitment centers; service areas and safety rest areas along interstate highways; all forms of public transportation, including every passenger rail car; and hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts, campsites, and similar places of public accommodation.

“Human trafficking occurs today across New Jersey in places where many of us would never suspect it, including our own communities,” said Senator Kean. “Victims are often lured with the prospect of a job, and then have their passports, money, and identification stolen by their handlers. It’s imperative that victims, and those who may have witnessed exploitation, know that help is just a phone call away.”

Assembly Panel Discusses Restorative Justice Pilot Prog.

TRENTON – An Assembly panel Wednesday held a discussion on legislation that would establish a two-year “Restorative Justice in Communities Pilot Program” to implement restorative justice and transformative justice practices in our communities.

The sponsor of the bill (A-4663), Assemblywoman Verlina Reynolds-Jackson said the intention of the legislation will work to find new ways the Juvenile Justice Commission and directly impacted communities can transform New Jersey’s youth justice system during the current public health crisis and beyond.

“The confluence of the Covid-19 pandemic and the fervent call for racial equality demands a fresh and immediate need to transform New Jersey’s youth justice system. As an alternative to an overreliance on incarceration, New Jersey needs a community-based plan of action that embraces restorative and transformative justice practices; one which emphasizes physical, psychological, and emotional rehabilitation for youth, their families, and their communities,” said Assemblywoman Verlina Jackson (D-Mercer, Hunterdon) on the bill. “It’s time to look at how we make lasting, transformative change in our communities, and begin to lift our young men and women instead of continuing to perpetuate the cycle of incarceration and recidivism.”

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee on Wednesday received testimony from supporters of the bill.

“New Jersey’s youth justice system is broken. The unacceptably high rate of recidivism demonstrates the utter failure of this system, which is infected with structural racism and raises a punitive hand to our youth instead of a healing and supportive touch which they need now more than ever,” said Retha Onitiri, Director of Community Engagement for the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice. “We know that

models of restorative and transformative justice work, and can help kids learn, grow and even thrive from their experiences rather than be locked up only to have their problems worsen. It’s time for New Jersey to finally acknowledge that there are No Throwaway Kids, and passing this pilot program bill is a great way to start.”

“It is high time for New Jersey to radically transform its racist youth justice system. And, let’s be clear, this is a racist system, with our state having the worst Black to white youth incarceration disparity rate in the nation,” said Richard Smith, President of the NAACP New Jersey State Conference. “And it is disproportionately Black kids who are subject to Covid-19’s rampant spread in our state’s youth prisons. As we see these young people released from these facilities in response to the public health crisis, it is imperative that we have well-funded resources and services, based on restorative and transformative justice practices, to ensure they are kept home in their communities – and do not return to broken youth prisons. This legislation will do just that and we are proud to support it.”

“The prophet Isaiah speaks of Israel’s restoration and proclaims that once the righteous kingdom is realized, all people will experience peace and justice. This is what we are fighting for in New Jersey, the nation, and the world. Peace and justice cannot be achieved without transforming the very systems that oppress the most vulnerable populations,” said Rev. Dr. Charles F. Boyer, Founding Director, Salvation and Social Justice. “We will not tolerate the fact that Black youth are 21 times more likely to be incarcerated than white youth committing offenses at similar rates. This Youth Justice Pilot Program is a critical step in addressing deeply embedded criminal justice, social, educational and healthcare inequities that rob Black children and teens of not only their youth, but also their humanity. These proposed community-based programs will provide much-needed reentry services. Furthermore, a critical piece of this legislation is its proactive approach of implementing restorative and transformative justice care.”


Assembly Democrats Anthony Verrelli (D-Mercer, Hunterdon), Shanique Speight and Shavonda Sumter are also sponsors of the legislation. Senators Shirley Turner and Nellie Pou sponsor identical legislation in the Senate. The bill will continue to be reviewed by the Assembly Speaker and considered for re-posting for a vote by the committee.

Watson Coleman to Chair Subcommittee

WASHINGTON, DC – Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman (NJ-12) announced today that she will serve as Chair of the Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security of the House Committee on Homeland Security. Watson Coleman has served on the Committee on Homeland Security since first joining Congress in 2015.

The Transportation and Maritime Security Subcommittee has legislative jurisdiction over the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) as well as oversight of the US Coast Guard. Subcommittee issues of interest include security across the global aviation system; security issues facing national surface transportation, including mass transit systems, railroads, highways and pipelines; and United States Coast Guard port and maritime security activities.

“I’m honored to Chair the Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security,” said Rep. Watson Coleman. “My years working on the Homeland Security Committee under our Chairman Bennie Thompson have offered me a model of leadership. As Chair, I will work to ensure the safety and security of our transportation infrastructure as our country moves forward with plans to build back from the devastating effects of the Coronavirus Pandemic.”



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Legislation Moves Fwd. to Impose Prevailing Wage for Public Work

TRENTON – Expanding upon the “New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act” Assembly Democrats Eric Houghtaling (D-Monmouth), Wayne DeAngelo (D-Mercer, Middlesex), Joseph Egan (D-Middlesex, Somerset), Joann Downey (Monmouth) and Carol Murphy (Burlington) sponsor measures approved Monday by the Assembly Labor Committee to impose and expand the circumstances under which prevailing wage must be paid.

“Carpenters, plumbers, laborers and all trades people should be receiving prevailing wage as determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development. Unfortunately, many do not,” said Assemblyman Houghtaling. “This bill will increase the breadth of prevailing wage and provide greater economic stability for many New Jersey families.”

The bill (A-1571) will ensure that the appropriate prevailing wage be met for any contract related construction work performed on public property that receives government approved tax abatement or exemption.

“Those organizations receiving tax benefits from the State will now be required to do their part and pay workers the appropriate prevailing wages,” said Assemblyman DeAngelo. “We want to safeguard the pay these workers deserve and ensure construction

on public property is carried out effectively.”

To further ensure that construction-related contract workers receive prevailing wage, the bill (A-1576) mandates that any space leased by a public body exceeding 10,000 square feet, and all spaces leased by a public body that receives funds from the New Jersey Economic Development Authority must pay workers prevailing wage.

“Together, the bills will create a large umbrella under which many more construction and trade workers will find wage protection,” said Assemblyman Egan. “We want to create a standard to follow so no one is taking advantage of their laborers.”

In New Jersey, the rates at which the laborers are paid under the Prevailing Wage Act varies depending on the county and the type of work performed.

“Low wage levels effect the efficiency of projects,” said Assemblywoman Downey. “We also want to ensure the well-being of laborers and construction workers in New Jersey.”

“Often, when dealing with public construction work, there is an unfair competition when bidding on a project,” said Assemblywoman Murphy. “Laborers should be chosen based on merit rather than how little their employer chooses to pay them.”

Legislation to Expand Drug Court Passes Senate

TRENTON – The New Jersey State Senate passed legislation January 28 expanding eligibility, procedures and post-program relief for certain drug-or-alcohol dependent people who are sentenced to special probation, requiring individuals to attend addiction treatment programs.

The bill, S-241/S-491 would provide that a sentence to special probation would be for a term of up to five years, rather than the current law’s five-year term. It would eliminate ineligibility for special probation based on having two or more previous convictions of non-violent crimes. The legislation gives judges more discretion to lengthen an individual’s time in drug court and reduce excessive punishments, which is in line with national best practices.

“Under current laws, sentencing

for special probation makes it difficult for those with addictions to truly get the rehabilitation treatment they need without consequences for minor infractions,” said co-sponsor Senator Nicholas Scutari (D-Middlesex/Somerset/Union). “This legislation will allow for treatment and special probation to be more accessible to those who need it.”

“Currently, judges consider a list of criteria when requiring commitments to residential treatment facilities. Under this bill, the court would instead consider recommendations from a diagnostic assessment,” said co-sponsor Senator Troy Singleton (D-Burlington). “This allows for treatment to be geared towards the specific needs of the individual, which will ultimately promote true recovery.”

The Senate passed the bill by a vote of 22–9.

Weichert Realtors’ Westfield Office Recognizes Sales Accomplishments

WESTFIELD — Jennifer Love, manager of Weichert, Realtors’ Westfield office, has recognized her top-producing sales associates for their achievements in December.

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Outdoor Family Programs Offered at Trailside Center

COUNTY -- Now that winter is in full swing, the Union County Board of County Commissioners is pleased to present Back to Nature, an annual series of outdoor programs for families with children ages four and older.

The series is offered on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., featuring a different nature or science theme each week. Programs begin on February 20 and continue through March 20.

Pre-registration is required online at ucnj.org/trailside. Please be advised that programs fill up quickly and are available on a first come, first served basis.

“Trailside’s Back to Nature series offers families an opportunity to spend time together in the great outdoors and enjoy the beautiful natural scenery of the Watchung Reservation,” said County Commissioner Chairman Alexander Mirabella.

Back to Nature encourages nature discovery through hikes and outdoor activities. Topics include Maple Sugaring, Cool Camouflage, a Winter Scavenger Hunt, Winter Backyard Birds and an Early Spring

Hike.

The fee per class is \$5 for Union County residents and \$6 for non-county residents. Programs are held rain or shine.

Masks are required to be worn by all participants. Programs will be held in small groups in order to adhere to social distancing guidelines. Participants are advised to dress for the outdoors.

For more information about upcoming programs and activities for seniors, families and children at Trailside, please visit ucnj.org/trailside or call 908-789-3670.

In-person activities in Union County Parks are limited during the Covid-19 outbreak in accordance with statewide public health guidelines, and Trailside is closed to the public until further notice.

Trailside Nature and Science Center is located in the Watchung Reservation at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside, and is a service of the Union County Board of County Commissioners.

Quick links to all Union County environmental programs and activities are available at The Green Connection, ucnj.org/green-connect.

Bill Ending Dormant Commissions Approved

TRENTON — Legislation sponsored by Senate President Steve Sweeney and Senate Republican Leader Tom Kean, that would shut down inactive advisory groups was approved January 28 by the Senate.

“Dormant boards and authorities are useless to the State and the taxpayers,” said Sen. Kean (R-21).

“These government bodies that have outlived their purpose are costly and wasteful,” said Senator Stephen Sweeney (D-Gloucester/Salem/Cumberland). “They might have served a purpose at one time, but there is no need to keep them in place if they have become inactive.”

The bill, S-1367, would deactivate authorities, boards, commis-

sions, committees, councils, panels and task forces that do not meet with a quorum at least once every year.

The members of bodies deemed inactive by the bill would be released, and the group would no longer have access to the services of employees of any state, county, municipality or agency.

Under the legislation, the Secretary of State is required to annually review the meeting records of all government bodies and determine if they are active.

Be The Light Raises \$33K to Fight Hunger

WESTFIELD — Be the Light, Westfield!, the November 29th night of luminaries organized by the Westfield United Fund, the Presbyterian Church of Westfield and the Westfield Rotary Club, raised over \$33,000 for programs fighting hunger in the area. Funds were divided equally between efforts in Westfield, Elizabeth and Union County. The Westfield Food Pantry, which serves Union County, received \$11,171; PCW’s Agape Local Food Boxes and the Westfield Rotary Club’s BackPack

program, which serve Westfield, each received \$5,585; and St. Joseph’s Social Service Center/Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless and PCW’s Agape Community Kitchen, which serve Elizabeth, each received \$5,585.

With over 800 participants and the help of many volunteers, luminaries lit up the town of Westfield as a sign of support from our community for those who are suffering from hunger and food insecurity, as well as hope for a brighter future in the new year.

JCC Introduces New Health and Wellness Series

SCOTCH PLAINS – The JCC is introducing a new health and wellness series called “My Best Self.” The program is intended to enable participants to make informed choices toward a physically and emotionally healthy life. “My Best Self” will help participants both learn and experience how to take a proactive approach to their health and wellness.

“Enjoying good health and wellness is an active, ongoing process. As a health and wellness professional and a personal trainer, I strive to motivate people when it comes to being healthy and physically fit. I see how great it makes people feel, and I love helping them be their best selves, which is why this program is named ‘My Best Self!’” said Debi Price, JCC health and wellness director.

Each “My Best Self” session has a discussion component led by a topic expert followed by a 30-minute workout component taught by Ms. Price.

“My Best Self” kicks off with a five-part series that focuses on the benefits of maintaining a healthy heart at every stage of life. “The Heart of the Matter,” which will be held via Zoom, is presented by JCC partner Atlantic Medical Group’s Associates in Cardiovascular Disease located in Springfield and Clark, New Jersey.

The first session on Tuesday, February 16 at 6:30 p.m. is “Life’s Simple 7” with Dr. Robert Fishberg, Atlantic Medical Group Cardiologist. Dr. Fishberg will discuss seven easy lifestyle habits that can help lower cholesterol and minimize stresses on the heart. A 30-minute high-low cardio fusion demonstration/workout with Ms. Price will round out the session.

The “Heart of the Matter” continues each month through June. On Tuesday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m., “The Beat Goes On,” with cardiologist Steven Furer, focuses on detection,

prevention and treatment of arrhythmia, the most common condition that brings patients in to a cardiologist. The discussion is followed by a POUND workout with Ms. Price.

“Every Breath You Take” with cardiologist Abhishek Singh on Tuesday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. teaches participants the risk factors for coronary artery disease, how to detect it in yourself and your loved ones and what to do in case of a cardiovascular emergency. Pilates with Ms. Price follows.

The last two sessions are on Tuesday, May 25, “The Link Between Chronic Disease and the Heart” with cardio-oncologist Sidney Glasofer and “Positive Ways to Manage Stress” with crisis clinician Mary Vineis on Tuesday June 15.

“As the program continues, ‘My Best Self’ will tackle issues such as bone and spine health, nutrition and the art of staying nimble,” said Ms. Price. “We are really looking forward to helping people stay healthy and well and hope lots in our community join us!”

“My Best Self”’s “Heart of the Matter” is \$5 per session or \$20 for the series. It is free for JCC members. Registration is at www.jccnj.org; a Zoom link will be sent to all participants prior to each program.

For more information about “My Best Self,” contact Ms. Price at dprice@jccnj.org or (908)889-8800x225 or visit www.jccnj.org.

The JCC of Central New Jersey is located at 1391 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains. The JCC of Central New Jersey is a constituent agency of the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ, United Way of Greater Union County and the Westfield United Fund. Financial assistance is available for membership and various programs.

Legislation Introduced Honoring Officer Sicknick

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Representatives Bonnie Watson Coleman (NJ-12) and Don Beyer (VA-8) today introduced bipartisan legislation to honor United States Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick, who died from wounds received in the line of duty while defending the U.S. Capitol from attack on January 6th, 2021. Beyer, who represented Sicknick in the House, and Watson Coleman, who represents much of Sicknick’s family, introduced a bipartisan House Resolution honoring Sicknick’s life and sacrifice as well as a bipartisan bill to posthumously award him a Congressional Gold Medal.

“Officer Brian Sicknick dedicated himself to defending the United States and honoring the oath he took to defend our Constitution,” said Rep. Watson Coleman. “His actions along with those of his fellow officers will be remembered as a shining example of patriotic duty on an otherwise dark day in our nation’s history. While no measure we take can replace his life, Congress can and should honor him with its highest civilian award. May his life serve as an example of duty to one’s country that all Americans can celebrate.”

“Officer Brian Sicknick was a hero who lived his life in service to his country before making the ultimate sacrifice to protect the seat of American government and the people’s representatives,” said Rep. Beyer. “His death is a tragedy we can never resolve, but it is fitting that Congress honor his life, courage, and ideals. We will never forget Officer Sicknick, who gave his life in defense of our democracy.”

Reps. Beyer and Watson Coleman waited to introduce their legislation until they had secured the approval and support of the Sicknick family.

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This Month in Westfield Rotary

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The Rotary Club of Westfield is meeting virtually the first three Tuesdays of each month. To find out more information on the club, or to join, visit www.westfieldrotary.com or email drmhart@yahoo.com.



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Comcast Raising Internet Fees During Pandemic Is Bad Business

So just when you thought you were cutting the cable TV bill in favor of streaming, Comcast thought up a new way to make you pay. Make sure to read your Comcast bill carefully this month. The company has announced that, effective immediately, it will begin charging for data overages. Households that go over 1.2TB a month in usage will be charged an additional \$10 for every 50GB they go over for a maximum of \$100 each month. Or you can pay an additional \$25/month for unlimited data.

Comcast says that this would effect only a small number of accounts, but in the middle of a pandemic, where people are working from home and children are learning remotely, this seems unlikely. So we asked around. While several people we asked reported using data under the limit; more said they've gone over for multiple months.

As an example, one household

with three kids in online school, no streaming service and one parent working from home exceeded the data maximum for three of the six months Comcast offers information from. The result would have been \$90 of overage costs.

If you live in an area where Verizon FIOS is available, you could switch services. Comcast and FIOS have the same cost of \$39.99 a month and the same internet speed. But here's the thing: FIOS isn't available everywhere. There are huge swaths of Union County, mainly in Elizabeth, Linden, Rahway and Clark, where Comcast holds the monopoly. The same story is true in other counties. It appears that Comcast holds a monopoly in several parts of the state, specifically in less affluent parts.

Conservative estimates say that over 100,000 New Jersey students lack internet access at home and that some 230,000 lack the devices needed to complete their

online learning. The digital divide for these families just got bigger.

Praises to Union County's own Senator Nick Scutari and Assemblywoman Annette Quijano, who have introduced legislation that would block internet providers from raising rates during a public health emergency or state of emergency. It would also require providers to give six months notice of any impending rate increases. (See press release on Page 5.)

We're not against companies making money, but to do it in the middle of a pandemic, when people are choosing between rent and food, is just unconscionable. If you have Comcast, you're no stranger to its current ad campaign where it tout its donations to the community, including offering centers for children to do their school work during the pandemic. A lot of good the company does if it increases its fees on those who can least afford it.

Educator's Corner: Digging Deeper into Civil Rights

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

In September of 1915, historian Carter G. Woodson and minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), now known as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. In 1926, to improve its efforts of promoting achievements of Black Americans and others of African descent, the ASNLH sponsored a National Negro Histories week during the second week of February "to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass," according to history.com. During the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, the celebration started expanding, and in 1976, President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month.

As a white kid growing up in a predominantly white town in the 80s and 90s, Black History Month lessons consisted of a simplified narrative of the Civil Rights Movement — Rosa Parks sitting on a bus because she was "tired" sparking the Montgomery bus boycott and Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s inspiring "I Have a Dream" speech at the Wash-

ington Mall and his assassination five years later. Rarely did it dig any deeper than that. According to Teaching Tolerance's study "Teaching the Movement" in 2014, it is still taught in very much the same way across the country.

So, let's explore.

Rosa Parks was 42 years old when she refused to give up her seat (and while she may have been tired from her day, she was probably more tired of the unfair segregations laws and social injustices she'd seen). Aurelia Browder's name is rarely mentioned, though it's her name in Browder v. Gayle, the case that declared segregation on buses as a violation of the Fourteenth Amendment. Claudette Colvin, Susie McDonald, Jeanetta Reese (who withdrew later) and Mary Louise Smith were also a part of the case.

Dr. King encouraged peaceful protests, but he did not promote "colorblindness." In addition to the "I Have a Dream" speech, we should include "The Drum Major Instinct" and "Letter from a Birmingham Jail." Students can analyze these to learn more about Dr. King's beliefs.

The Selma to Montgomery marches are an important part of the Civil

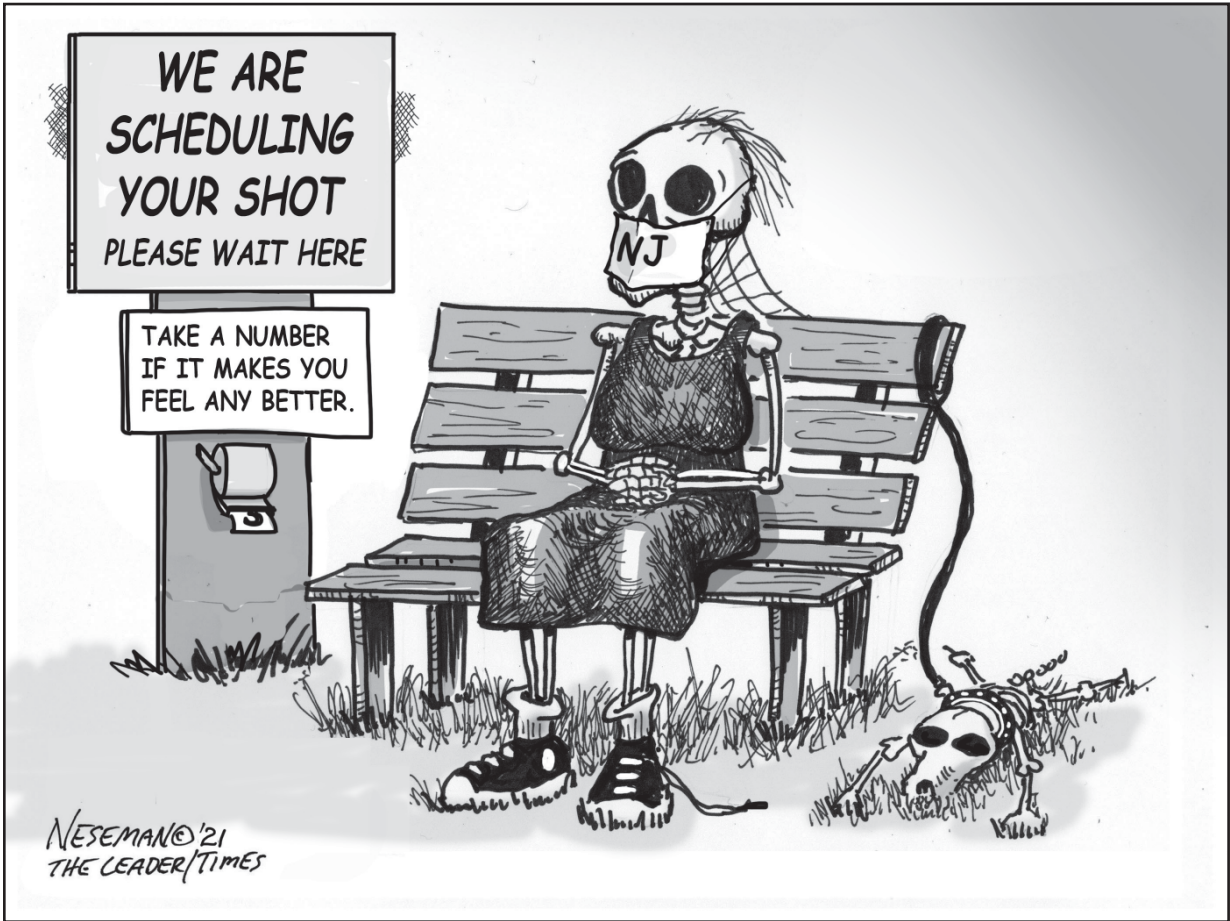
Rights Movement. Congressman John Lewis describes his reason for participating in a National Public Radio interview. Older elementary and middle-school students can read "Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the 1965 Selma Voting Rights March" by Lynda Blackmon Lowery, for a firsthand account of a teenager who was there.

Protests are a connecting thread throughout history — those that remained peaceful and those that became violent. These are not blips on the radar, but rather a part of creating change throughout the past. (Remember, the upcoming holiday of Valentine's Day was also born out of protest.)

One of the most important parts of teaching is to connect topics with what is happening in children's own lives and around the world today. Recreate famous photos or posters from the Civil Rights Movement. Take a modern spin on it and make the posters relevant for current events.

One way to start the conversation is asking: What is something you would be willing to march for?

For more information, lesson plans, and ideas, visit Teaching Tolerance (www.tolerance.org).



Gratitude for Hygge

By PATRICIA STECKLER, Ph.D.
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"I can't stand winter." "Cooped up for most of 2020, we're on each other's nerves." "Now we'll be glued together all winter with no break." "I'm gonna lose it."

As winter approached and is now underway, people worried about coping with dark days, frigid temperatures, and icy walkways. Bemoaning the loss of deck and patio gatherings, walks with friends or family, day trips to the beach, and outdoor dining, bleak moods and mindsets proliferated.

What, I wondered, are the winter traditions of countries that lose the most daylight on Earth because of their high latitude locations? Norway, Denmark, and Sweden are prime examples. Parts of Norway sit more than 200 miles north of the Arctic Circle. For two months, the sun does not rise there at all. Yet, residents of these areas experience low rates of seasonal depression.

Why and How? "Hygge," pronounced "hoo-guh," is the answer. (Norwegians call it "koselig." The Swedes say "mys.")

Danes practice "hygge" in the winter. It translates loosely into "cozy" and may be the derivation of our word "hug." It refers to a Scandinavian tradition of embracing winter through relaxation, seasonal indulgences, and gratitude. "Hyggelige" people, the name for Danes who practice "hygge," greet each other as they pass on snowy streets, with smiles and glances warm enough to melt the ice under their feet.

Cashmere socks, shearling lap covers, fancy coffee drinks, triple cherry glogg ~ a mulled wine with star anise and cardamom pods ~ are featured in winter. Candles are lit. Fireplaces glow. Woven textiles and nubby woolens are worn. All to soothe and give comfort.

Outdoor experiences get top bill-

ing. The following quote and its multiple variants express the same sentiment: "There's no such thing as bad weather, only unsuitable clothing." Not surprisingly, most of those quotes hail from Scandinavia. Norwegians have a particular word for their embrace of fresh air in winter, "friluftsliv," which means outdoor living.

Children bundle up in warm layers with jackets striped in light-reflectors so they can play outdoors even when daylight is absent. A National Geographic article describes how one Norwegian family with a toddler named Mina Floriana practices friluftsliv: "Mina Floriana learned outdoorsy skills from her father. He helps her look for mythological creatures on their hikes in Norway's backcountry. The pair undertake expeditions together, including a 57-day winter trek when she was two."

Though now, at five-years-old, Mina Floriana prefers her pink tutu to hiking gear, she's a pro at relishing winter outdoors. And she's a model for all of us who are afraid of winter, convinced that we'll be stuck inside and miserable till crocuses pop up in early spring.

The critical difference between Mina Floriana and us is her positive mindset. A psychologist-researcher studying winter moods in Northern Norway found that "People there see the winter as a special time of year full of opportunities for enjoyment and fulfillment rather than a limiting time of year to dread."

Share your "hygge" experiences with *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times* by writing Gratitude in the subject line and emailing: press@goleader.com or pattisteckler@gmail.com

Gratefully yours,
Patti

Letters to the Editor

Decision to Include Those Without Current Health Issues is Irresponsible

For the last month, during Governor Murphy's televised Covid updates, he has stressed that the supply of vaccines to New Jersey has been woefully insufficient to meet the demand. Therefore, the decision to include all smokers and the obese (without current health issues) in the 1B priority group is not only misguided, it is wholly irresponsible. The defense that this was done to reduce potential hospitalizations simply is not justified.

This decision vastly increases demand for what he knows is a limited supply; delaying or preventing others meriting that 1B classification from getting their vaccination as soon as possible. Smokers with

respiratory problems are already in the 1B group. Those without current problems are well aware of the respiratory, heart and cancer risks...but have chosen to continue smoking. Their personal decision to continue should not result in a vaccination delay for those whose age, occupation or current health issues (including other smokers) merit inclusion in the 1B group. Thanks to Governor Murphy's decision, that is exactly what is happening. Perhaps an unintended consequence, but outrageous nonetheless and one that needs to be immediately suspended.

Andrew Heffler
Scotch Plains

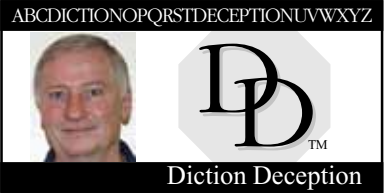
Brightwood is Too Small and Fragile for Mountain Bikes

I am a member of Friends of Brightwood Park (FriendsOfBrightwood.org). As individuals, we have written to this paper about our concern for the proposal made by the Jersey Off-Road Biking Association (JORBA) to permit mountain biking in this park. If the permit is approved, JORBA intends to build and maintain multiuse mountain biking trails. Since there are no mountains in Brightwood Park, JORBA members would need to build trails with features to increase speed and challenges. The main reason local JORBA members want mountain biking in Brightwood is that they want to stay in town to practice. There are other New Jersey parks which welcome mountain biking, like Allaire State Park, Lewis Morris County Park, Allamuchy Mountain State Park, and 6-mile Run Park. Brightwood Friends are not against mountain biking. At 44 acres, Brightwood Park is too small and too fragile. In 2017, the much larger (2,000+ acre) Watchung Reservation stopped mountain biking because the biking destroyed vegetation, caused soil erosion, and was deemed dangerous to hikers. The Friends of Brightwood want to preserve our park as it was meant to be: a Nature Preserve, as envisioned by retired Westfield High School teacher Noel Taylor, who spent years documenting the park, and wrote a 104 page booklet about it: *Brightwood*

Park, Westfield, New Jersey. You can read it in its entirety in the History section of the Friends website (above).

The Friends of Brightwood are dedicated to bringing Taylor's vision of Brightwood Park to life. We've collectively spent almost 400 hours Summer and Fall/2020 removing invasive plant species and trash. We hope, as a newly designated 501-3(c) charitable organization, to raise funds to support further improvements which the Town cannot afford. Plans are in the works for nature walks and classes for children and adults, Yoga and other exercise classes, a photography contest for high school students this Spring, perhaps *plein air* painting, and we're just getting started! What I have outlined by the Friends is incompatible with mountain biking in Brightwood Park. If the permit is approved, the existing landscape of Brightwood will be ruined. Unfortunately, town residents don't get to vote on this, only the Westfield Town Council votes. It's up to town residents to let Mayor Brindle and your Councilman/woman know how you feel about this. Contact information resides here: https://www.westfieldnj.gov/towncouncil. Please tell them that you do not want mountain biking in Brightwood Park.

Claudia B. Cuca
Westfield



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

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

All words and correct definitions come from the board game **Diction**.
Answers to last week's arcane words.

1. Abatjour – Skylight that admits or deflects light
2. Noria – A water wheel with buckets
3. Talaria – Winged sandals
4. Limbat – A cool northwest wind of Cyprus

THOOD

1. A follower of Thoth, the ancient Egyptian god of learning and magic
2. One who endures great pain or suffering
3. Wolflike; a jackal
4. Of or pertaining to a bed, especially a marriage bed

DELIASSATION

1. Carriage; conveyance
2. Fatigue; weariness
3. Accusation
4. The process of splitting into different layers

WHEEDLE

1. To flatter or coax
2. To whip or lash
3. A scam or a hoax
4. To move with great speed

LARRIKIN

1. A type of short whip
2. A trench filled with water around a castle; a moat
3. A rude, disorderly person
4. Oiled leather, worn by lumbermen and trappers

Letters to the Editor

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

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Vaccine Update

After press time last week Union County responded to our OPRA request that as of January 25th they had provided 4,500 vaccinations and have been receiving approximately 1,500 vaccines per week. The State of New Jersey has yet to respond to our OPRA request.

Zip Codes Should Not Matter in Vaccine Rollout, Says Bramnick

TRENTON – Assembly Republican Leader Jon Bramnick is calling on Gov. Phil Murphy to stop county vaccine distribution sites from limiting availability of coronavirus vaccines to county residents and workers.

"Zip codes should not matter if we are going to successfully vaccinate everyone that needs it," said Assemblyman Bramnick (R-Union). "Why should an 85-year-old with underlying conditions be denied while a healthy 65-year-old who lives one block away gets the vaccine? Governor Murphy needs to reverse this horrendous policy pitting counties against each other. Priority should not be based on where you live."

Kean Statement on Bateman Retirement

TRENTON -- Senate Republican Leader Tom Kean issued the following statement on Senator Kip Bateman's announcement that he will not seek reelection:

"With over three decades of service to the people of New Jersey, I wish Kip the very best in his retirement. As much of a loss as this is for the Senate as an institution, I will forever be grateful for his tremendous work and his friendship to so many of us over the years.

"I know his contributions to our state, particularly his commitment to protecting our environment, will be felt for generations to come. I join countless New Jerseyans in thanking Senator Bateman for all he has done."

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The Leader/Times Monthly Crossword Puzzle

By Ruth B. Margolin

ACROSS

1. Groups of actors

6. Sound of thunder

10. Caffeine bean

14. Approximately

15. Angelic glow

16. Apple's tablet

17. Latin dance

18. Mine yield

19. Porgy's love

20. Insists that "Something must be done about this!"

23. Paris's ___ de la Cite

24. Bambi's mom, for one

25. What you want to write in these six squares

28. Negotiator's assets

32. Suffix for north, south, east, or west

33. The loneliest number

34. Actor Patel of "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel"

35. Took care of, mob-style

38. Had lunch, perhaps

39. Wield a broom

41. "Vive le ___!"

42. Period in history

43. Schedule abbr.

44. Warning sign on many a wedding gift delivery

51. Westfield cartoonist Charles

52. ___ Lingus

53. Tin Woodman's need

54. Lincoln's description of pre-Civil War America... and a hint to the circled letters

58. Fuzzy brown fruit

60. Indian flatbread

61. Really pointless and silly

62. Tehran's locale

63. Musk of Tesla

64. Musical symbols

65. "Will you let me?"

66. Aria, for one

67. Welcome warmly

DOWN

1. Rapper chosen as Billboard's 2020 Woman of the Year

2. Madre de tu madre

3. Elke of film, whose name sounds like a season

4. "Oompah" instrument

5. Like a stick-shift transmission

6. "Many are called but few are ___"

7. Tomb Raider's ___ Croft

8. Actor Baldwin

9. Mailing expense

10. Put the ___ on (squelch)

11. Dental hygienist's request

12. ___ Vegas

13. Super Bowl highlights, for many

21. "Whatcha ___?"

22. Co. name ender

26. Fencing equipment

27. Letters on an invitation

29. "Golly!"

30. Smidgens

31. Approx. dir. from Florida to New Jersey

35. Ocean predator

36. Something to eat

37. Manage to figure out how

38. Gallery offering

39. Painfully lacking 36-Down

40. Dog's gesture of approval

42. Guarantees

43. "... ___ saw Elba"

45. Baba ghanouj ingredient

46. Punk subgenre

47. Slowly disappearing, like old ink signatures

48. A certain chemical salt containing element I

49. Mortgage holder

50. Like the first kid to go to college, usually

55. Aria, for one

56. British prep school

57. "Are you ___ out?" (dealer's question)

58. North Korea's ___ Jong-un

59. "I Got Rhythm" lyricist Gershwin

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Toys for Tots Announces 2020 Campaign Results

TRIANGLE, VA – Toys for Tots, the U.S. Marine Corps' premiere community outreach program, delivered a record setting 20.2 million toys to 7.4 million less fortunate children in 2020.

2020 was a year unlike any other causing economic devastation for so many. Covid took hold early in the year leaving many millions of families in dire need. While Toys for Tots is primarily known as a Christmastime charity, we did not want to wait until the holiday season to provide support. Marines are known for being the first to fight and running to the sound of battle. During this Covid-19 crisis, Toys for Tots partnered with Good360 to provide immediate relief and assistance by distributing two million toys, games, and books to Covid-impacted families in the spring and summer. These gifts provided many benefits during this extraordinary time of need. They helped to fight boredom, relieved anxiety in children, facilitated a return to normalcy, and even contributed to the educational development of our Nation's children, especially while they've been out of school.

Lawmakers Call for Hearings on Impact of Gov.'s Covid-19 Orders

TRENTON – The 28 members of the state Assembly Republican caucus sent a letter Thursday to Speaker Craig Coughlin urging legislative hearings on the effects of the pandemic on residents and the state. Republicans called for a half-dozen meetings to hear personal experiences from those directly affected.

"The problems posed by the pandemic have at times been exacerbated by the unilateral actions of Governor Phil Murphy and the lack of sufficient action by the legislature," the members wrote. "As representatives of the people, we need to

As the pandemic continued to spread – causing states and municipalities to impose significant restrictions – the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, in conjunction with Marine Forces Reserve, looked ahead to the holiday season and made preparations and plans for how best to collect and distribute toys to children in need amid the virus.

Despite Covid restrictions greatly impacting our local campaign operations and significantly limiting the number of volunteers permitted to help collect, sort, and distribute toys, the Marines and local campaign Coordinators of the Marine Toys for Tots Program rose to the occasion and established over 800 local toy collection and distribution campaigns in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands. As anticipated, the demand was much greater than the supply in terms of the number of families with children seeking our support, but Marines, in their typical fashion, found ways to improvise and adapt. They were very innovative about how they collected and distributed toys. They established curbside or drive

through collection and distribution methods, as well as enlisting support from other local social service agencies in order to accomplish the mission.

Seeing a deficit of toys develop in the millions in November, the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation sent out many communications soliciting for help. The American public heard our appeal and saw the need. Hundreds of thousands of individuals, as well as a record number of organizations serving as National Corporate Sponsors, answered our call making significant donations allowing the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation to augment local toy drives with over 8 million toys valued at over \$77 million.

Toys for Tots does not set a goal of children supported in a given year – rather, our goal is to support every family with children seeking our assistance. The American public has never let Toys for Tots down. With the help from so many, Toys for Tots was able to accomplish our mission distributing a record number of over 20 million toys to 7.4 million children who otherwise would have gone without. "Unprecedented" seems to be the buzz word for most 2020 events, and there's no better way to describe the generosity of the American public and our Corporate Sponsors – it was truly unprecedented.

2020 Accomplishments

- Distributed 20 million toys to 7.4 million less fortunate children from 808 local campaigns in all 50 states.
- Distributed over 2 million toys, books, and games to COVID-impacted families outside of the holiday season.
- Distributed 1.8 million books to children through the Toys for Tots Literacy Program.
- Distributed toys to 180,000 children through the Toys for Tots Native American Program.
- With support from Toys for Tots Sponsors, augmented local toy drives with over 8 million toys valued at over \$77 million.
- Met all 20 standards of the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance and maintained a 96:4 Program to Support Ratio.

The Student View

A collaboration with the
Westfield High School Journalism Program

Female Athletes Deserve the Same Respect, Pay as Men

By WILL McGLYNN
Specialty Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

According to an article from cnbc.com, the average WNBA player makes about \$116,000 yearly. That's almost 80 times less than the average NBA player made in 2020 which begs the question: Why are WNBA players so underpaid?

The argument commonly made is that the WNBA simply doesn't bring in money like the NBA. This argument is valid, as the WNBA has lost at least \$10 million each year since its inception, according to NBA Commissioner Adam Silver. But the fact is, the WNBA loses this much money largely because they just don't get the chance to make money.

The revenue generated by both leagues comes from the fans; the more people watching and attending, the more money the franchises bring in. The NBA makes most of its revenue from its massive television contracts that rake in tons of money and put the NBA out for the world to see. The NBA tends to have much better television ratings than the WNBA with roughly triple the average viewers of WNBA games. The NBA makes billions from television while the WNBA doesn't get nearly the same consideration and tends to be underrepresented on national television. The WNBA only really gets any airtime at all because they play over the summer at a different time. They landed a big contract with CBS recently but only relative to WNBA history, its chump change compared to the NBA.

Another reason the NBA makes so much more money is that the NBA plays over 1,000 games throughout the year while the WNBA plays only about 200 games. The longevity of the NBA season benefits their finances substantially because there are more opportunities for fans to attend games, watch games and purchase merchandise. However, this structure doesn't lend itself to the quality of play.

As a fan, it makes no sense to me to watch the Los Angeles Lakers play their 70th game of the regular season when they're already in the playoffs and LeBron James is sitting on the bench for "load management." The WNBA on the other hand has a shortened regular season which makes each game more crucial for playoff positioning and qualification. This makes watching the regular season much more engaging despite the fact that there are fewer games to watch.

Another thing that makes the WNBA exciting is the

unpredictability. The first two rounds of the playoffs are single-elimination rounds creating a greater sense of urgency and allowing for some staggering upsets. But, with this more exciting structure, there just aren't enough games to get the fan base and viewership up.

My first experience with the WNBA was in 2016 watching the finals matchup between the reigning champion Minnesota Lynx and the Los Angeles Sparks. It was awesome.

I watched perennial all-stars Candace Parker and Maya Moore duke it out, not to mention the 2016 WNBA MVP Nneka Ogwumike who ballooned out for the Sparks this series. The series came down to the wire in a game five thriller. Ogwumike got an offensive rebound and hit the go-ahead basket with only three seconds remaining to take down the Lynx and bring the WNBA title back to Los Angeles after 14 years. I don't know about you, but I would rather watch this series than watch the Golden State Warriors sweep the Cleveland Cavaliers like they did in 2018.

Female basketball players, and female athletes in general, are not given the credit and exposure they deserve and therefore are underpaid and underrepresented. As a society, we need to be more receptive to female athletics and the incredible athletic feats accomplished by both collegiate and professional female athletes. Female and male athletes make decisions to dedicate themselves to their respective sports and compete at the highest level. Male athletes are accepted and even pushed into this role, but females don't always get the same respect.

We must embrace WNBA superstars like Breanna Stewart, Elena Delle Donne and Maya Moore to ensure that the next generation of WNBA stars doesn't need to worry about getting paid enough, they just need to play.

Legislation Would Prevent ISP from Increasing Fees

TRENTON – Senators Nicholas Scutari and Troy Singleton and Assemblywoman Annette Quijano have introduced legislation that would prohibit internet service providers from increasing rates during a public health emergency. The proposal was introduced in response to the legislators hearing from many concerned constituents about internet data caps being implemented in the midst of the pandemic.

The bill, S-3410, was introduced yesterday, and would prohibit an internet service provider (ISP) from increasing internet service rates of any subscriber for the duration of a public health or state of emergency.

"It is unconscionable for any internet service provider to be increasing service rates during a time when entire families have to work or go to school from home," said Senator Scutari (D-Union/Middlesex/Somerset). "Shaking down their customers during a pandemic, when so many families are struggling and are barely making it by, is disgraceful. This is why we stepped up to do something about it and prevent internet service providers from increasing bills during any statewide emergency in New Jersey."

"Raising internet data rates dur-

ing this pandemic is not just poor judgement, it is insensitive and tone-deaf," said Senator Singleton (D-Burlington). "With so many of us working, learning, playing, and socializing virtually, we have no choice but to rely on internet connectivity and data to live our lives. Capping data to make a profit during these already challenging times—when so many are unemployed and struggling financially—is opportunistic and simply greedy."

"The internet has become a necessity in our homes just as much as any of our utilities, especially in a pandemic where many are working from home and school lessons are virtual," said Assemblywoman Quijano (D-Union). "An internet service provider that raises rates during a public health and economic crisis is clearly taking advantage of New Jersey consumers. It is unacceptable to require families to pay more for their internet service when many are out-of-work and struggling to make ends meet right now due to the pandemic."

The legislation also requires an ISP to provide written notice to a subscriber of any rate increase at least six months in advance.

GWACC Seeks 2021 Farmer's Market Vendors

WESTFIELD -- The Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce (GWACC) is announcing the start of the 2021 Farmer's Market on Saturday, May 8. The Market will continue every Saturday through October and then one final market the Saturday before Thanksgiving, November 20. Located in the Westfield Train Station Parking Lot on North Avenue, the market runs from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. and will have curbside pickups for pre-paid orders as well as our onsite vendors. Those interested in selling products at the market are asked to contact the GWACC Market Manager, Mike Martin at info@gwaccnj.com.

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Union County Celebrates Black History Month

COUNTY – The red, black, and green flag is flying proudly at the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth, marking the start of the Union County Board of Commissioners annual celebration of Black History Month in February.

"We look forward to working with our community partners on events in celebration of Black History Month, to reflect upon the achievements and obstacles of the past and present, and to recommit ourselves to the promise of the future," said Board of Commissioners Chairman Alexander Mirabella.

"The Pan-African Flag is a symbol of the determination, resiliency, and achievement of people of African descent throughout the continent and the diaspora, and its message is all the more compelling in light of the challenges we have all faced during the past year," said Vice Chair Rebecca L. Williams.

"So many milestones continue to be achieved for the black community, most recently by Vice President Kamala Harris, who is a graduate of Howard University. She is the first graduate of a historically Black college or university and the first member of a Black Greek organization to serve as second in command to the presidency. We also began the statewide use of our new title, County Commissioners, showing inclusivity is a possibility from DC to New Jersey counties," said Commissioner Angela R. Garretson.

"Knowledge is power, and Black History Month provides an opportunity to uplift, inspire, and prepare the next generation to take on new challenges and build a stronger community," said Commissioner Andrea

"Sunshine" Staten.

The RBG or red, black and green flag was raised on Sunday evening in order to ensure that it would fly on February 1, regardless of a severe winter storm hitting the area.

Each year, the Union County Board of Commissioners celebrates Black History Month with a flag-raising and a series of events and activities held in cooperation with community partners.

The month is highlighted by the annual Chester Holmes Humanitarian Award. The award was created by the Board of Commissioners in honor of the late former Union County Commissioner Chester Holmes, who was known for his lifelong dedication to community service.

Beginning on January 1 of this year, the statewide title for county elected officials changed from Freeholder to Commissioner. The title for elected bodies also changed, from Board of Chosen Freeholders to Board of County Commissioners.

The Freeholder title dated back to Colonial days, when a citizen's ability to hold public office was defined by gender, race, and property.

For more information and updates on all Union County services during the COVID-19 outbreak, including testing and vaccination, ucnj.org/covid19.

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Patricia W. Stivale, 85, Devoted Mother and Grandmother

Patricia W. Stivale, 85, of Westfield, N.J., entered into eternal rest peacefully on Sunday, January 31, 2021, in Florida surrounded by her loving daughter and grandchildren after suffering from a short illness.

Patricia was born in Newark to William and Emilie Wilkins and was later raised by her mother and stepfather, Robert Odell, in East Orange. Patricia was a homemaker and professional singer and raised four children with her loving husband, Bill, who was a planner at Schering-Plough Corp. in Union and Kenilworth for 49 years.

Patricia and Bill lived in Rahway prior to moving to Westfield 57 years ago and were members of the Parish Community of Saint Helen, where they enjoyed singing in the church choir for many years.

Patricia loved children and taught Sunday school and was a Scout den

mother. She was also an avid reader and enjoyed gardening, cooking, photography, extensive travel with her husband, and spending time with her four children and nine grandchildren.

Patricia was predeceased by her husband, Bill, and is survived by her devoted children, William Stivale and his wife, Maureen, Jennifer McDonald, Darren Stivale and his wife, Terry, and Amy Manning and her husband, John; her nine cherished grandchildren, Nicole, Samantha, Austin, Alexander, Kayla, Jonathan, Christopher, Jake and Emma-Claire, and her sisters, Roberta and Suzanne.

Walter Johnson Funeral Home, 803 Raritan Road, Clark, N.J., is in charge of the arrangements. For visitation and service information, visit their website at www.walterjohnsonfh.com.

February 4, 2021



Patricia W. Stivale

Red Cross Posts Dates For Union County Blood Drives

AREA — The American Red Cross is urging healthy individuals to make an appointment to give blood or platelets this month. In Union County, two blood drives are scheduled for Thursday, February 11, both from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. They will take place at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 419 South Street, New Providence, and at St. Teresa of Avila Church, 306 Morris Avenue, Summit. A third blood drive will be held from 2 to 7 p.m. on Monday, February 15, at Christ Church, 561 Springfield Avenue, Summit.

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows safety and infection-control standards, including temperature checks, social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff, to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face covering or mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.

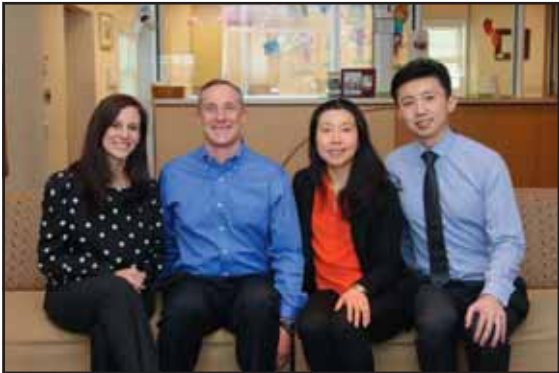
The Red Cross is testing blood, platelet and plasma donations for Covid-19 antibodies. The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether an individual developed Covid-19 symptoms. Red Cross antibody tests will be helpful in identifying individuals who have Covid-19 antibodies and who may now help current coronavirus patients in need of convalescent plasma transfusions. Convalescent plasma is a type of blood donation collected from Covid-19 survivors that have antibodies that may help patients who are actively fighting the virus. Plasma from whole blood donations that test positive for Covid-19 antibodies may be used to help Covid-19 patients.

Covid-19 antibody test results will be available within one to two weeks in the Red Cross Blood Donor App or donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org. A positive antibody test result does not confirm infection or immunity. The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness, referred to as a diagnostic test. To protect the health and safety of Red Cross staff and donors, it is important that individuals who do not feel well or believe they may be ill with Covid-19 postpone donation.

To make an appointment to give blood, platelets or plasma with the Red Cross, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

As a thank-you for helping ensure a stable blood supply, those who donate during February will receive a \$5 Amazon.com gift card via email, courtesy of Amazon. Restrictions apply. Additional information and details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/Together.

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— Obituaries —

Rosemary Bisio, Loving Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Operatic Music Lover

Rosemary Bisio, a resident of Westfield, N.J., and formerly of Mountainside, N.J., died on Thursday, January 28, 2021. A lifelong lover of operatic music, she was a dedicated volunteer at the New Jersey State Opera for many years and worked backstage in over 50 productions at Symphony Hall and the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. A member of the board of trustees for many years, she also served as the treasurer and financial officer.

Born in Flushing, N.Y., to Emanuele and Catherine Ronzoni, she was a graduate of Barnard College in New York City. Upon graduation, she worked for MW Kellogg Company and later on for ATRO Associates, a consulting firm.

Rosemary Bisio is survived by her husband, Attilio Bisio, and three sons and their wives, Joseph E. and Emily Bisio of Plainsboro, N.J., Thomas F. Bisio and Valerie Ghent of New York City, and Peter R. and Deborah Bisio of Bethesda, Md. She is also survived by six grandchildren, Roland, Virgil, Alexander, Lowell, Katherine and Sofia Bisio.

In addition, she is survived by her sister, Rita Castagna, and her brother, Robert Ronzoni. She was predeceased by her brother, Richard Ronzoni.

A beloved wife, loving mother and amazing "Nana," Rosemary will be dearly missed by everyone who knew her.



Rosemary Bisio

February 4, 2021

CWC to Address Mental Health of Female Students

WESTFIELD — The College Woman's Club (CWC) of Westfield invites the community to join the sixth Zoom entry in its College in the COVID Landscape series on Thursday, February 11, at 7 p.m. The topic will be "Mental Health for Your High School Senior/College Freshman Women: Support for Happiness and Wellbeing" with wellness coach Maggie DiPasquale.

The freshman transition has always been a stressful and emotional time for students and parents, and a successful first year of college is the result of so much more than being prepared academically.

The program will address whether a freshman daughter has the skills to cope with potential failure, heartbreak, finding a new crowd, time management and the college drinking culture, all in the age of social media, and now coupled with new pandemic protocols.

Free and open to everyone, this hour-long discussion will focus on mental health and happiness for high-school and college women during the

pandemic and beyond.

To register, visit <http://bit.ly/Z6MentalHealthRegister>. Details on how to access the webinar will be sent upon registration. Anyone with questions is invited to contact the CWC at cwc.westfield@gmail.com.

Ms. DiPasquale is a graduate of Boston College and has her Master's in Clinical Psychology and Education from Columbia University. She is the author of "From Stressed Out to Zenning Out" and her work has been featured on Boston's 103.3 Amp Radio and in *Teen Vogue* and *Yoga Journal*.

Ms. DiPasquale has worked with students and organizations across the country. To learn more about the CWC guest speaker, visit maggiedipasquale.com.

Blood Drive to Be Held at Squad HQ

CLARK — A blood drive will be held on Wednesday, February 10, from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad, located at 875 Raritan Road, Clark.

To schedule an appointment, visit nybc.org/njdrive, sponsor code 11959, or call/text Genevieve at (732) 672-5281. Participants are reminded to eat, drink and bring a donor identification card or identification with their name and photo.

Donors presenting must wear a mask or face covering; will have their temperature taken; must be 14 days symptom-free if recovered from Covid-19; may not donate if they have a positive diagnostic test or have experienced symptoms of Covid-19 in the prior 14 days, or currently are on self-quarantine restrictions.

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Barbara L. Kimsey Former Resident of Westfield

Barbara Lawrence Kimsey went to be with her Lord on Thursday, January 21, 2021, with her family by her side. She was a resident of Horizons Care Center in Eckert, Colo. Barbara was 89 years of age.

Private interment will take place at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado in Grand Junction. There will be a celebration of Barbara's life to occur in the summer of 2021.

Barbara H. Lawrence was born in Princeton, N.J., on March 16, 1931, the daughter of Robert P. and Lillian (Lake) Lawrence. Barbara spent her childhood in Princeton and Verona, N.J., and received her education in Verona. She attended Cornell University and transferred to Drew University, where she obtained a Bachelor of Science degree.

On December 26, 1952, Barbara wed Marvin Wade Kimsey in Holmdel, N.J. Wade passed away on April 23, 2007.

Barbara has been a resident of the Cedaredge, Colo. area for the past 23 years, having moved to Cedaredge from Westfield, N.J., where she was a resident for 38 years.

Barbara attended the True Life Church in Cedaredge. She and Wade

were part of the "Cedaredge Clowns" and enjoyed going to area nursing homes to entertain the residents. Among her interests were reading, needlepoint, playing Bingo, league bowling and, of course, spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Barbara's survivors include two daughters, Anne Spalenka (Rick) of Cedaredge and Patricia Bollinger (Robert) of Nipomo, Calif.; a sister, Dorothy Lawrence of Sarasota, Fla.; four grandchildren, Josef Wade Spalenka (Danielle), Brian James Spalenka (Lucy), Wesley Lawrence Bollinger (Claudia) and Lily Alexandra Bollinger, and three great-grandchildren, Graham Thomas Spalenka, Lyra Anne Spalenka and Angel Eduardo Cordova.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wade; her parents; a son, Lawrence Wade Kimsey, and her brother, Robert P. Lawrence, Jr. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Taylor Funeral Service and Crematory.

To view the internet obituary and sign the online guest registry, visit taylorfuneralservice.com.

February 4, 2021



Barbara L. Kimsey

Westfield Library to Salute Black History Month

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Memorial Library will present four online programs celebrating Black History Month in February, in addition to a craft program for adults. The programs can be found on the library's website, wmlnj.org, and the library's Facebook page, facebook.com/wmlnj, along with all sign-up information.

The TGIF! program for Friday, February 5, at 1:30 p.m., will be *Harry Belafonte: Sing Your Song*. Susanne Rostock's biographical documentary surveys the life and times of this singer/actor/activist. Information about Mr. Belafonte currently can be found on the library's Facebook page.

On Friday, February 19, at 1:30 p.m., TGIF! will show an award-winning documentary chronicling the rise of jazz, its players, followers and future, called *History of Jazz: Oxygen for the Ears*. Information about jazz will be posted on the library's Facebook page on Wednesday, February 17.

The library will present "Martin Luther King and the Advancement of Civil Rights" by Red Bank historian Paul White on Wednesday, February 10, at 7 p.m. To many Black Americans, Dr. King was the prophet of their crusade for racial equality. He was their voice of anguish, their eloquence in humiliation, their battle cry for human dignity. Dr. King forged for them the weapons of nonviolence that withstood and blunted the ferocity of segregation.

Beginning Tuesday, February 16, at 7 p.m., through Thursday, Febru-

ary 18, the documentary *Black Men in White Coats* will be available at any time on any device for three days. This documentary dissects the systemic barriers preventing black men from becoming medical doctors and the consequences on society at large. To see this program, viewers must register. After registering, viewers will be provided with a unique passcode that allows them access to the documentary.

On February 18, at 7 p.m., the library will also hold a discussion of the movie. The Zoom link for the discussion also can be found on the registration page. The trailer for the documentary can be viewed at bmwmovie.com.

On Tuesday, February 9, at 1 p.m., on the library's Facebook page, librarian Marge Barkan will present a craft for adults entitled "How to Make a No-Sew Infinity Scarf." All this craft requires is a T-shirt and a pair of scissors; no sewing is required. T-shirts will be available to the first 12 Westfield patrons who register. Those registrants will be notified if a T-shirt is available for them, and they currently are able to pick the T-shirt up. The Facebook video will premiere on February 9, and be available for viewing anytime afterwards as well.

The library has included additional programs on its YouTube channel, which can be found at youtube.com/user/westfieldmemoriallib or by clicking on the YouTube icon on the library's website.



NOURISHING HOPE...The Wardlaw+Hartridge School in Edison arranged for delivery and pickup of more than 3,000 items collected in a recent food drive in honor of its annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. The items were split between two local food pantries — Starfish in Plainfield and Hands of Hope in Edison. Pictured, eighth graders prepare to load more than 1,000 items into the Hands of Hope delivery van. From left to right, they are: Sebastian Tutela of East Brunswick, Sammy Faust of Westfield, Abigail Ibranke of Piscataway, Avni Vasan of Scotch Plains, Adam Eisdorfer of Colonia and Thomas O'Connor of South Plainfield, with Kirstin Rogers, advisor to the Middle School's Student Government and Publications.

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WHS Teen to Co-Facilitate Statewide Listening Session

WESTFIELD — Westfield High School 12th grader Mira Mehta will co-facilitate a virtual statewide youth listening session this Saturday, February 6, as part of an “Are You Informed?” outreach campaign by the New Jersey Civic Information Consortium.

“The Consortium is a new state initiative created by state legislation to grow access to local news and information across New Jersey and to address the state’s ‘newsdesert’ crisis,” said John Celock, a member of the Consortium’s board of directors and former editor of *Westfield Patch*.

According to its website, njcivicinfo.org, the nonprofit organization has among its goals to “improve quantity and quality of civic information in New Jersey communities, along with increased access.”



Mira Mehta

Mira will co-facilitate the session with a Union County Academy for Information Technology senior and the organization’s outreach consultant. The session on Saturday will be held virtually from 10 to 11 a.m. Participants under the age of 21 in New Jersey will be invited to share how they get local news and information, how much they are involved in civic issues locally, and ideas for the future of journalism and civic information.

“I’m really excited to be a part of this discussion,” said Mira. “I think it’s especially important in these times that young people are informed about and involved in shaping the world around us.”

Interested participants can visit areyouinformednj.weebly.com for more information and to register in advance.

Five Local Students Attain Scholastic Honors at UNH

DURHAM, N.H. — Five students, residents of Cranford, Westfield and Mountainside, have been named to the Dean’s List at the University of New Hampshire for the Fall 2020 semester. They are as follows:

Mary Feranda of Cranford, earning Highest Honors.

Chloe Gordner of Westfield, earning High Honors.

Jessica Stern of Westfield, earning Highest Honors.

Abigail McKinney of Westfield, earning Highest Honors.

Ashleigh Lancaster of Mountainside, earning High Honors.

Students named to the Dean’s List at the University of New Hampshire are those who have earned recognition through their superior scholastic

Magelinski Earns UNH High Honors

DURHAM, N.H. — Daniel Magelinski of Fanwood has been named to the Dean’s List at the University of New Hampshire for earning High Honors for the Fall 2020 semester. Daniel is majoring in psychology.

Students named to the Dean’s List at the University of New Hampshire are students who have earned recognition through their superior scholastic performance during a semester enrolled in a full-time course load (12 or more graded credits). Students with a 3.65 to 3.84 average are awarded high honors.

More than 16,000 students from all 50 states and 71 countries are enrolled at the University of New Hampshire, a flagship research university that offers programs in business, engineering, law, liberal arts and the sciences across more than 200 programs of study.

The university’s research portfolio includes partnerships with NASA, NOAA, NSF and NIH, receiving more than \$100 million in competitive external funding every year to further explore and define the frontiers of land, sea and space. For more information about the opportunities at the University of New Hampshire, visit unh.edu.

Hamilton College Announces Local Dean’s List Honorees

CLINTON, N.Y. — The following local residents were named to the Dean’s List at Hamilton College for the 2020 Fall semester:

Matthew Arndt of Westfield, a first-year student and a graduate of Westfield High School.

Nicole Eisenberg of Westfield, a senior majoring in world politics and a graduate of Westfield High School.

Lisa-Marie Koglin of Westfield, a sophomore and a graduate of Westfield High School.

Sara Wheatley of Westfield, a first-year student and a graduate of Kent Place School.

To be named to the Dean’s List, a student must have carried throughout the semester a course load of four or more graded credits with an

average of 3.5 or above. Originally founded in 1793 as the Hamilton-Oneida Academy, Hamilton College enrolls 1,850 students from 49 states and 49 countries. Additional information about the college can be found at hamilton.edu.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

**TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
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NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

The Township Committee of the Township of Cranford has authorized an award of contract for the acquisition of software maintenance from Innovative Interfaces Incorporated for inventory management at the Township of Cranford Public Library (pursuant to NJSA 40A11-5(1) (dd), the Township of Cranford may, by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase goods or services for the support, maintenance, and acquisition of proprietary computer hardware and software.) Innovative Interfaces Incorporated has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification to the Township.

Such contract and Resolution No. 2021-115 authorizing said contract are available for public inspection at the office of the Township Clerk.

Awarded to: Innovative Interfaces Incorporated, 1900 Powell Street, Suite 400, Emeryville, California 94608
Service: Software Maintenance for Inventory Management at the Township of Cranford Public Library
Date: January 26, 2021
Patricia Donahue, RMC
Township Clerk
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Photo: Normandy Studio, Inc.
Amanda Cerrachio



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Lillian Qin



Photo courtesy of Westfield Public Schools
PERFECT SCORES...Westfield High School 11th graders Ashley Talwar, left, and Vijay Sreenivasan achieved perfect scores on the Math subject test of the November 7 SAT. They are pictured with WHS Principal Mary Asfendis. Four other WHS students who earned perfect SAT scores are shown above.

Seven WHS Students Earn Perfect Scores on SAT

WESTFIELD — Seven Westfield High School (WHS) students earned perfect scores of 800 on subject area tests of the November 7, 2020 SAT. They include:

Math: Amanda Cerrachio, 12th grade; Cynthia Li, 11th grade; Katherine Palmer, 11th grade; Lillian Qin, 11th grade; Vijay Sreenivasan, 11th grade; Ashley Talwar, 11th grade.
Math Level 2: Carsten Sharkey, 11th grade.

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NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

The Township Committee of the Township of Cranford has authorized an award of contract for Cleaning Services for the Cranford Public Library to CBM Solutions LLC after having requested quotes for General Cleaning Services through a non-fair and open process, pursuant to NJSA 19:44A-20.4 et seq. CBM Solutions LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification to the Township.

Such contract and Resolution No. 2021-114 authorizing said contract are available for public inspection at the office of the Township Clerk.

Awarded to: CBM Solutions LLC, 28 Old Bloomfield Avenue, Suite 301, Pine Brook, New Jersey 07088
Service: General Cleaning Services
Fee: \$21,600.00
Date: January 26, 2021

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Township Clerk
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**BOROUGH OF FANWOOD
PLANNING BOARD**
NOTICE OF DECISION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by resolution memorialized on January 20, 2021, the Planning Board of the Borough of Fanwood approved the application of Landmark at Fanwood, LLC for preliminary and final major site plan approval, minor subdivision (lot consolidation) approval, and variances to construct 52 market-rate residential units and 10 “affordable” units (62 residential units total), approximately 4,200 square feet of interior amenity space, and approximately 4,900 square feet of retail space on property commonly known as 274 and 278-282 South Avenue, which is identified on the Borough’s tax maps as Block 65, Lots 2 and 3, Borough of Fanwood.

The resolution of approval and all other documents related to this Application are available for public inspection at Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, during normal business hours.

The resolution and other documents are also available for review on the Borough’s website at <https://www.fanwoodnj.org/departments/planning-board/> For more information and any questions on how to access digital plans and application materials, please contact the Planning Board Secretary, Pat Hoynes, by email at phynes@fanwoodnj.org or by phone at (908) 322-8236 extension 121, during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and 8 a.m. to noon on Fridays).

Dated: January 28, 2021
Law Offices of Richard Schkolnick, LLC
Attorneys for Applicant
By: Richard S. Schkolnick
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Cynthia Li



Photo: Carsten Sharkey
Carsten Sharkey

Local Residents Are Named To Scranton Fall Dean’s List

SCRANTON, Pa. — Twenty-nine local residents were among more than 1,800 students named to The University of Scranton’s Dean’s List for the 2020 Fall semester. A student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better with a minimum number of credit hours during the semester to make the Dean’s List. The local students are as follows:

Kayla C. Abcede of Garwood, a junior business analytics major in the Kania School of Management; Lucia P. Alaimo of Westfield, a junior English major in the College of Arts and Sciences; Sarah L. Bachert of Mountainside, a freshman psychology major in the College of Arts and Sciences; Alyssa N. Capone of Westfield, a senior finance major in the Kania School of Management; Audrey B. Cardone of Mountainside, a sophomore occupational therapy major in the Panuska College of Professional Studies; Julie M. Ciccarino of Scotch Plains, a freshman forensic chemistry major in the College of Arts and Sciences; Daniel C. Coates of Cranford, a sophomore undecided major in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Grace E. Dabulas of Scotch Plains, a freshman early and primary teacher education major in the Panuska College of Professional Studies; Madeline R. DeBaro of Cranford, a junior counseling and human services major in the Panuska College of Professional Studies; Matthew M. DeBenedetto of Westfield, a senior operations management major in the Kania School of Management; Kevin J. Degnan of Scotch Plains, a junior exercise science major in the Panuska College of Professional Studies; Kiera E. DeProspero of Fanwood, a senior counseling and human services major in the Panuska College of Professional Studies; Grace E. Elliott of Westfield, a junior psychology major in the College of Arts and Sciences; Aidan T. Guarnuccio

of Scotch Plains, a freshman marketing major in the Kania School of Management; Hanna P. Guarnuccio of Scotch Plains, a junior economics major in the Kania School of Management.

Grace E. Kane of Cranford, a freshman occupational therapy major in the Panuska College of Professional Studies; Nicole M. Kenny of Scotch Plains, a freshman occupational therapy major in the Panuska College of Professional Studies; Josephine E. Marchesi of Cranford, a senior occupational therapy major in the Panuska College of Professional Studies; Stephanie L. Margolies of Westfield, a freshman occupational therapy major in the Panuska College of Professional Studies; Caroline P. McCaffery of Cranford, a junior occupational therapy major in the Panuska College of Professional Studies; Sophia M. McMullan of Cranford, a sophomore kinesiology major in the Panuska College of Professional Studies; Matthew J. Normann of Cranford, a junior accounting major in the Kania School of Management.

Katelyn F. Pelletiere of Westfield, a senior advertising/public relations major in the College of Arts and Sciences; Matthew F. Preite of Mountainside, a freshman exploratory major in the College of Arts and Sciences; Leigh S. Scarano of Westfield, a senior early and primary teacher education major in the Panuska College of Professional Studies; Christopher R. Wagner of Westfield, a junior business administration major in the Kania School of Management; Bridget M. Warren of Westfield, a sophomore early and primary teacher education major in the Panuska College of Professional Studies.

The University of Scranton is a Jesuit university located in northeastern Pennsylvania.

Twelve Residents Included On Gettysburg Dean’s List

GETTYSBURG, Pa. — Gettysburg College recently named students with a semester average of 3.6 or above to its Dean’s Honor List. The following local students were awarded this outstanding academic distinction for the Spring 2020 semester:

Safiya Amin of Westfield, Caitlin Amman of Westfield, Samantha Anastasiou of Scotch Plains, Samuel Arkin of Westfield, David DeBole of Cranford, Maria Gerckens of Westfield, Erika Muskus of Scotch Plains, Maria Nemeth of Westfield, Claire Readie of Cranford, Paul Szanto of Fanwood, Brian Taylor of Fanwood and Lucas Toglia of Westfield.

Founded in 1832, Gettysburg College is a four-year residential college of liberal arts and sciences with a strong academic tradition. Alumni

James Harcourt Earns Deans’ Commendation

GETTYSBURG, Pa. — James Harcourt of Fanwood was named to the Deans’ Commendation List at Gettysburg College for outstanding academic achievement during the Spring 2020 semester.

Students with a quality point average in the range of 3.300 to 3.599 for a semester’s work are placed on the Deans’ Commendation List.

Founded in 1832, Gettysburg College is a four-year residential college of liberal arts and sciences with a strong academic tradition that includes Rhodes Scholars, a Nobel laureate and other distinguished scholars among its alumni. The college enrolls 2,600 undergraduate students and is located on a 200-acre campus adjacent to the Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania.

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Granado Receives Excellence Award

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Christine Granado of Westfield has earned an Award of Excellence at Western Governors University (WGU) College of Health Professions. The award is given to students who perform at a superior level in their coursework.

Established in 1997 by 19 United States governors with a mission to expand access to high-quality, affordable higher education, online, nonprofit WGU now serves over 123,000 students nationwide and has more than 190,000 graduates spanning all 50 states. WGU is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. To learn more, visit wgu.edu.

Oratory Prep Names Westfield Four To Highest Honor Roll

SUMMIT — The Oratory Preparatory School of Summit has announced its second marking period highest honor roll students.

The St. Philip Neri Highest Honor Roll requires a 95 average with no less than a 90 average in any single class. Students achieving this distinction from Westfield include Liam Henderson, Luke Hobbie, Mark Jacobello and Dylan Zwally.



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THE WEEK IN SPORTS

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Blue Devil Icemen Ice Oratory, Chill Glen Rock Panthers, 5-3

The Westfield High School Blue Devils varsity ice hockey team recently held their annual Senior Night on January 25 to celebrate the class of 2021 team members and their families. Parental tears were shed like Zamboni water on the ice as seven players head into the wrap up of their high school careers. Members of the squad in the final season are co-captains Brendan Kotiga and Dan McDonald, Kyle Azzaretto, Joey Brogan, Mason Garnhart, Matt Moran and Kyle Snyder.

The Blue Devils opened their season with a 4-1 triumph over the Summit Hilltoppers on January 15 and followed with an 8-1 thrashing of the West Essex Knights on January 19. Against Summit, Westfield was led by freshman Michael Wilson with two goals playing in his first varsity game. Senior co-captain Brendan Kotiga and junior Spencer Brown each added a goal and an assist in the win. Junior goaltender Jake Watson held off the Hilltoppers stopping 29 shots in the effort.

Sophomore Matteo Mancheno led the scoring effort against West Essex with two goals and two assists, while juniors Greg Oliveri and Thomas Conrod tallied two goals apiece. Junior Matt Beke and senior co-captain Dan McDonald added a goal and an assist each.

As for the Senior Night game itself, Westfield came out firing against the Oratory Prep Rams and took home the 6-3 win, improving their record to 3-0. Senior Dan McDonald and juniors

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Courtesy of a Westfield ice hockey fan

GETTING OFF TO A GOOD START...Senior co-captain Dan McDonald, #23, scored a goal and added an assist in the 8-1 thumping of West Essex then struck gold again during Senior Night against Oratory Prep.

MURPHY, STAROSA ON 'O'; DeFRANCESCO, BAYLOCK ON 'D'

Lady Raiders Edge Elizabeth, Muzzle Dayton Bulldogs, 60-37

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

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls basketball team got its season off to a great start with a 48-42 come-from-behind victory over the Elizabeth Lady Minutemen on January 28 and a 60-37 muzzling of the Jonathan Dayton Bulldogs on January 30. Sophomore Ali Murphy (2 blocks, 2 assists), who led all scorers with 17 points kept the Raiders close

to the Minutemen during the first half then the entire team got into the act to pull out the come-from-behind victory.

"In our first game of the season we were a little nervous at the start, but luckily for us the play of sophomore Ali Murphy kept us afloat. She scored our first nine points and was a real force underneath. After halftime, I thought we had settled down more, but quickly fell behind more until we

were 12 points down late in the third quarter. Then our press turned Elizabeth over," Raider Head Coach Ryan McKenna explained.

The second half did see the defensive emergence of juniors Ashley DeFrancesco and Emily Friscia, along with freshman Amanda Baylock, who finished with five steals to go with seven points, four rebounds and two assists. DeFrancesco finished with

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WORKING HER WAY TO THE BASKET...Blue Devil junior co-captain Chloe Kreusser, No. 21, gets stiff resistance from the Vikings works her way toward the basket during the game in Westfield on January 28. The Vikings won 39-30.

KREUSSER NETS 13 PTS, PULLS 11 RBS; DURSEE 4 STEALS

UC Lady Vikings Capitalize On Blue Devils' Icy Shooting, 39-30

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

Inability to thaw out in time proved costly to the Westfield High School girls basketball team in its season opener with the visiting Union Catholic Vikings on January 28. Although the Blue Devils' defense handled itself well, their icy shooting resulted in a 39-30 Viking victory.

"We had a long layoff. It's been almost a year. We just couldn't make shots today. I thought we did a great job defensively by being able to hold a team like Union Catholic to 39 points. It's great! We just struggled offensively. We were 12 for 39 from the floor, one for 13 from three [point range] and three for 10 from the foul line. You are not going to win games if you don't make foul shots," Blue Devil Head Coach Liz McKeon pointed out.

The strategy was to contain Viking Madison Johnson, who finished with a game-high 17 points, which included five free throws in the fourth quarter. She also pulled nine rebounds and added two blocks, two steals and three assists.

"Madison is a primetime player. She's going to get her baskets. We did

a good job on her," Coach McKeon expressed.

As she had in her first two years as a starter, junior Chloe Kreusser was right in the thick of things, amassed 13 points and grabbed a game-leading 11 rebounds to go with four steals and a blocked shot.

"Chloe is a stat packer! She scores, she gets the rebounds. It's her junior year and she's a captain this year. We need Chloe to step up even more into that leadership role but she does a great job on the boards," Coach McKeon commented.

Senior point guard Charlotte Dursee was keeping close tabs defensively on Viking point guard Daniella Peralta, who finished with nine points, two assists and a pair of steals. Dursee (1 point) came up with four steals, an assist and four rebounds.

"Charlotte this is her third year on the team. She is our point guard and she's always tough. She's a good leader again. She's our other captain. Charlotte, JJ [Milstein] and Chloe are our tri-captains. Charlotte did a good job of controlling the floor," Coach

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Blue Devil Boys Drop Opener to Plainfield, 59-51

A 20-10 second-quarter spurt put the hosting Plainfield High School boys basketball Cardinals in the driver's seat en route to a 59-51 victory over the Westfield Blue Devils on January 28. Dajuan Thomas scored 17 points and had a pair of steals and Tyejuan Taylor put in 16 points and added for steals, while Jymirr Harvey sank eight points and Tahmir Ellis pulled 10 rebounds for the Cardinals.

Sean Logan led the Blue Devils with 16 points and added eight re-

bounds, four blocks and an assist. Jack Spellman sank 10 points and led in rebounds with 11. Logan Howland had five points, four rebounds, a block and an assist. TJ Halloran scored seven points, including a pair of 3-pointers, and added three rebounds and an assist. Pete Meixner banged a pair of 3-pointers and Zander Barraza had four points, three assists and three rebounds. Ryan Friedberg had three assists, two rebounds and two points. Julian Perez had three rebounds and a free throw.

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

From the archives of *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* - complete accounts found at www.goleader.com - year-month - week

January 21, 2020: No. 2 ranked Immaculate Heart Academy (IHA), as always, brought a powerhouse to Wallace Pool in Westfield but as opposed to last year's somewhat humiliating, 102.5-67.5, defeat the Lady Blue Devil swim team managed to shave 17 team points off that spread in a far more competitive 94-76 outcome. The 9-1 Blue Devils won three individual events with Erin McKinney winning the 50-freestyle, Lauren Lane winning the 100-backstroke and Abby McKinney winning the 100-butterfly for the second year in a row against IHA. The Blue Devils also won the 400-freestyle relay.

January 22, 2020: Several key bouts highlighted the showdown be-

tween the Rahway Indians, whose only loss was to Cranford, and the unbeaten Westfield wrestling team at Westfield High School (WHS). The Indians may have won the majority of those key bouts that were all decided by decisions but the Blue Devils recorded a number of pins and won the majority of the bouts to emerge with a 45-24 victory that placed Head Coach Glen Kurz in a tie with Gary Kehler for most WHS career wrestling wins with 239.

Blue Devil Quinn Gimblette blasted Yeicob Martinez with four takedowns, a stack nearfall and a Peterson nearfall before pinning him in 3:08 with an arm bar at 120-lbs. Unbeaten, No. 4 ranked at 126-lbs Luke Hoerle, a four-time UCT champion stepped up to the 132-lb class to face Corey Boss, the UCT champion. Boss began with a shocking side single-leg lift takedown but Hoerle regained his wits, escaped

and followed with a quick side single-leg of his own. Hoerle escaped in the second period but Boss countered with a defensive spin takedown to tie the bout, 4-4. Hoerle followed with a switch reversal and a two-point nearfall. Boss escaped in the third period but Hoerle won 8-5. Freshman Mike Murphy recorded a double-leg lift takedown, an escape and a side sweep single takedown-to-back to pin Taevon McDuffie in 1:24 at 145-lbs.

January 24, 2019: Success with their long range shots certainly enhanced the confidence of the SPF basketball Raider boys as they routed the visiting Roselle Rams, 63-43. But accuracy with their assists plus mastery of the boards made it just that much easier for the Raiders.

Senior guard Anthony Porter sank trip 3-pointers and finished with a team-leading 16 points but he also dished out five assists. Junior Jayson Williams (3 assists, 3 steals) also hit trip 3-pointers and finished with 11 points. Senior Nick Merkel dished out four assists. Junior Justin Clark sank the Raiders' eighth 3-pointer late in the fourth quarter. Control of the boards came primarily from juniors Justin Guy (11 points) and Justin Fletcher (8 points), who both pulled seven boards.

January 25, 2019: Jammed packed house, an ingenious maneuver, key bouts all won in favor of one team, minimizing bonus points to opponents and a stunning surprise ending in one key bout earned the Westfield wrestling team a decisive 51-18 victory over the hosting Cranford Cougars. Both teams entered the showdown unbeaten in the Union County Conference Watchung Division with the Cougars at 5-0 and the Blue Devils at 4-0, so the win pushed Westfield to the top of the ladder.

Theo Dardia (145-lbs) limited Conor Halpin to a 5-1 decision. Cougar AJ Bencivenga (152-lbs) pinned Mike Price in 34 seconds with a head throw. Cougar Ky'ell Roper (160-lbs) had Luke Scanlon in dire straits with a Spread Eagle but ended up pinning himself. Jordan Simpson (170-lbs) rammed Cougar Evan Kanterman with a double-leg tackle then pinned him with a Turk/half nelson in 3:48. Blue Devil Tim Miller (182-lbs) ramped up into a higher gear to pin Justin Alpaugh-McLean in 4:45 with a half nelson/wrist combo. At 195-lbs, Blue Devil Brendan Loder (1st UCT) and Zach Blevins (3rd UCT) battled through a scoreless first period. But Loder sealed a 9-1 majority decision with a five-point takedown-to-back move in the third period.

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PETERSON ROLLS 678 SERIES, CUCCARO HIGH GAME 256

Blue Devil Keglers Shut Down Union, Scotch Plains-Fanwood

The Westfield High School bowling team got off on the right foot with an opening-season, 7-0 shutout over the Union Farmers on January 26 and followed with a 5-2 nailbiter over the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders on January 28.

Against Union, the Blue Devils won Game 1, 994-911 then proceeded to win Game 2, 927-841, and Game 3, 928-927, for a total pin count of 2,844 to 2,679. Blue Devil Perry Cuccaro rolled the high game of 256 and added

games of 179 and 191 to finish with a 626 total. Austin Peterson had the high series of 678 with respective games of 192, 245 and 241. Dante Morales rolled a series of 598 with respective games of 232, 196 and 170. Dylan Scanlon had a 519 series with games of 169, 158 and 192. Kyle Brunt had games of 145, 144 and 134 for a 423 series.

Chris Thomas rolled the high series of 562 for the Farmers with games of 213, 181 and 168. Gabby Martinez

tied Thomas for their high game of 213 and added games of 148 and 199 for a 560 series. Chris Rodrigues finished with a 552 series with games of 188, 176 and 188. Al-Tariq Green rolled games of 179, 169 and 189 for a total of 537 and Namir Mallad had games of 118, 167 and 183 for a 468 total.

The Blue Devils' match with the Raiders was not nearly as easy as the Westfield anchor man, Morales, had to and did strike out in the 10th frame

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David B. Corbin (January 2020 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times

GETTING A TAKEDOWN...Blue Devil Mike Murphy lifts Taevon McDuffie off the mat in his 145-lb bout. Murphy pinned McDuffie in 1:24 (January 22, 2020).

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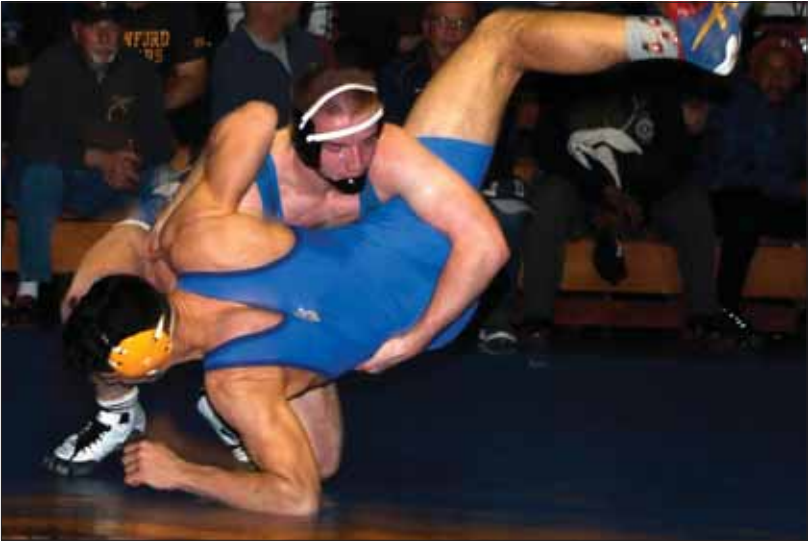
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FOURTH IN THE 200-FREESTYLE...Swimming in Lane 2, Blue Devil Christian Tedesco finished fourth in the 200-freestyle in the meet against Bergen Catholic at Wallace Pool in Westfield on January 21, 2020.



David B. Corbin (January 2019 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
TAKING HIM TO HIS BACK...Blue Devil Brendan Loder, top, takes Cougar Zach Blevins to his back with a double-leg takedown in the third period and claims a 9-1 majority decision at 195-lbs (January 25, 2019).



David B. Corbin (February 2018 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
PLAYING KEEPAWAY...Cougar senior Cam Wichelns, No. 32, keeps possession of the ball as Blue Devils Grace Elliott, No. 12, and Emma Pietrewicz, No. 44, close in. The Blue Devils eked out a 40-39 victory in Cranford on January 25, 2018.

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January 20, 2018: Senior Molly Ryan scored 16 points and racked up 10 steals to lead the Westfield girls

lock takedown for a 4-3 win at the buzzer.

January 25, 2017: The Westfield boys swim team kept its perfect season intact with a commanding, 107-63 victory over Bergen Catholic in Westfield. The Blue Devils won nine of 11 individual races with Eric Bebel turning in a pair of first place performances in the 50-freestyle and 100-freestyle events. The No. 1 ranked Blue Devils won the first six races of the day in building a 62-32 lead in team points. The Blue Devils also swept all three relays.

January 26, 2017: The SPF boys basketball team bounced back from their first loss of the season with a 56-47 victory over border rival Westfield before a packed gym filled with rau-

with 14. The win set the Raiders' season mark at 14-1. Adam McDaniell led Westfield with 18 points and Matt LaCorte put in 11 points.

January 16, 2016: Surpassing last year's accomplishments was no problem for the Cranford Cougar wrestlers as they claimed six individual champions and easily captured their second straight Union County Tournament team title with a total of 270 points in Union. This year's champions were Anthony Capece (113), Tom DiGiovanni (120), Chris Scorese (132), Brian McGovern (152), Niko Cappello (182) and Alex Esposito (220) with Capece winning the OW for the lower weight classes and Esposito winning the OW for the upper weight classes. Blue Devil Jarek

iors Shannon Devitt led her team with 11 rebounds and added four blocks and four steals, while Danielle Rinaldi

while adding five rebounds, a blocked shot and one steal. Chris Boutsikaris also had seven points, two rebounds,



David B. Corbin (January 2019 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
GOODEVENING DEFENSIVELY, GREAT OFFENSIVELY...Raider Anthony Porter, No. 2, proved to be tough defensively against the Roselle Rams but was even more effective offensively with a team-leading 16 points and five assists. The Raiders defeated the Rams, 63-43 (January 24, 2019).

basketball team past Scotch Plains-Fanwood on "Senior Night" at Westfield. Blue Devil Samantha Stravach contributed 13 points and eight rebounds, while Raider senior Brianna O'Brien led the Raiders with 12 points and Nya Downing added 11 points.

January 24, 2018: "Senior Night" went as expected when the Cranford Cougars hosted the SPF Raiders at Cranford. Even though they were on the short side of two very entertaining bouts, the 9-3 Cougars won 10 of the

ons. Raider Sam Wustefeld (195-lb UCT champ, ranked No. 1 in the state) jumped up to 220-lbs to face junior Rob Schork (UCT 220-lb champ). Although Wustefeld won via fall and collected his 100th career victory, the bout was far more competitive than it would show on paper.

The other very entertaining bout came two weight classes earlier at 182-lbs between Raider Alex Oslislo and Zach Blevins. As time was running out, Oslislo made one final attempt and caught Blevins with a head-



David B. Corbin (February 2018 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
GETTING CAREER WIN NO. 100...Raider senior Sam Wustefeld, right, ranked first in NJ at 195-lbs, jumped up to face Cougar Rob Schork, the 220-lb UCT champ, and won his 100th career victory during the meet in Cranford on January 24, 2018.

cous Raider fans in Scotch Plains. Lamont Cruse led the Raiders with 15 points, while Nigel Nelson chipped in

Gozdieski won at 160-lbs.
January 20, 2016: The Westfield girls swim team has been quietly put-

PUBLIC NOTICE
BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE PLANNING BOARD
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT memorializing resolutions were adopted at the January 26, 2021 meeting in the following matters:
RESOLUTION PB 21-R6
CASE NO.: 20-25; MAXWELL 614 SHERWOOD PARKWAY BK: 21 LT: 26
Represented By: Stephen F. Hehl, Esq. B ZONE
Approved 12/17/20
RESOLUTION PB 21-R7
CASE NO.: BA 20-27; BOVELLA'S BAKERY CAFE
ADDRESS: 1085 RT. 22 EAST BLOCK: 23.03 LOT: 15
Represented By: STEPHEN HEHL, Esq. LI ZONE
Approved 12/17/20
RESOLUTION PB 21-R8
CASE NO.: BA 20-24; WESSEL 1354 WOOD VALLEY ROAD BK: 15.02 LT: 3
Represented By: Derek W. Orth, Esq. R-2 ZONE
Denied: 12/17/20
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
1 T - 02/04/21, The Leader Fee: \$32.64

PUBLIC NOTICE
BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Planning Board of the Borough of Mountainside in the County of Union, has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a Professional Service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i).
RESOLUTION PB 21-1 NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACTS
Dated: January 26, 2021
Awarded to: Loughlin Law Firm, 1838 East Second Street, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076
Services: Planning Board Attorney
Period: 01/01/21 – 12/31/21
Costs: Not to exceed \$30,000
Contracts and memorializing resolution are available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk by appointment only.
By Order of the Planning Board: Theresa Snyder, Board Clerk
1 T - 02/04/21, The Leader Fee: \$24.48

PUBLIC NOTICE
BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE PLANNING BOARD
2021 MEETING DATES
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Planning Board of the Borough of Mountainside in the County of Union, pursuant to the "Open Meeting Act" N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., the Planning Board shall meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month and every month at 7:00 p.m. except where designated otherwise.
MEETINGS WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE EXECUTIVE ORDERS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE CDC AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE DCA REQUIREMENTS FOR EMERGENCY MEETING PROTOCOL.

MEETING DATES AS SCHEDULED:
January 26th Reorganization (Regular Meeting immediately following)
February 23rd Regular Meeting
March 23rd Regular Meeting
April 27th Regular Meeting
May 25th Regular Meeting
June 22nd Regular Meeting
July 27th Regular Meeting
August 24th Regular Meeting
September 28th Regular Meeting
October 26th Regular Meeting
November 22nd Regular Meeting (Monday)
December 16th Regular Meeting (Thursday)

**January 25, 2022 – Reorganization (Regular Meeting immediately following)
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that these meetings shall be open to the public and that a portion of these meetings may be closed to the Public, under the applicable portions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. **FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN.**
Resolutions are available for review in the Planning Office by appointment only. Copies can also be obtained by emailing the Board Clerk at tsnyder@mountainside-nj.com.
By Order of the Planning Board: Theresa Snyder, Board Clerk
1 T - 02/04/21, The Leader Fee: \$49.98

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD
RESOLUTION 21-02-46
CONTRACTOR: Connolly & Hickey Historic Architects, PO Box 1726, Cranford, New Jersey 07016
NATURE OF SERVICE: Historic Architect Services
DURATION: For a period not to exceed December 31, 2021
FEES: \$5,700.00
A copy of this resolution and Contract relating to the services are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Acting Borough Clerk.
Kathleen M. Holmes
Borough Clerk
1 T - 02/04/21, The Times Fee: \$17.85

PUBLIC NOTICE
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT, BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION SERVICES
1035 PARKWAY AVENUE, PO BOX 600
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Notice is hereby given that bid proposals will be received from Bidders classified under N.J.S.A. 27:7-35.2 via the Internet until 10:00:59 A.M. on **02/28/21**, downloaded, and publicly opened and read, in the CONFERENCE ROOM-A, 1st Floor F & A Building, New Jersey Department of Transportation, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08625; for:
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Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44, contractor must submit the Department of Treasury, Division of Revenue Business Registration of the contractor and any named subcontractors prior to contract award or authorization.
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4 T - 01/14/21, 01/21/21, 01/28/21 & 02/04/21, The Leader Fee: \$224.40



David B. Corbin (February 2017 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
WINNER IN THE 200-INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY...Blue Devil Ryan Bebel touched first in the 200IM in 2:01.53 during the meet with Bergen Catholic at Wallace Pool on January 25, 2017. Westfield routed Bergen Catholic, 107-63.

(8 points), including 2 3-pointers, 3 assists) committed six acts of theft.

January 24, 2014: Somewhat strategically deceptive maneuvers may or may not have been needed but one thing for sure, the No. 1 ranked Westfield girls swim team facing an eight-point deposit after five events poured it on to outflank No. 2 Immaculate Heart Academy (IHA) of Bergen County, 87-83, at Wallace Pool. The 11-0 Blue Devils not only remained undefeated, but the seniors have never lost a meet, which included three victories in a row over IHA.

Seniors Caroline Baldwin and Sarah Cronin each won two individual events and swam on two winning relays, while Gwyn Devin won an individual event and swam on two winning relays, and Erika Daniel won an individual event and swam on a winning relay.

January 28, 2014: Nothing seemed to go right and nearly nothing went in for the Westfield boys basketball team in a 48-45 loss to Governor Livingston at Westfield, just three days after beating the Highlanders, 45-36, on their turf. Senior Dylan Elliott led the Blue Devils with 12 points, including three 3-pointers, and three steals. He also had six rebounds, an assist and tipped a pass that ended up in the hands of a teammate. Senior Dave Kane had six rebounds, six points and a pair of steals. Chris Wright sank seven points,

a steal and an assist.

January 24, 2013: Early foul trouble on the part of the home team and streak shooting that seasawed in favor of the visitors resulted in a 32-26 Roselle Catholic victory over the Cranford girls basketball team in Cranford. Cougar Jess McCoy netted 12 points and added five steals. Jenna Goeller also sank 12 points.

January 26, 2013: Fresh off victories over AL Johnson and New Providence, the SPF wrestling team chalked up three more Union County wins in a quad match in Scotch Plains. The Raiders defeated the Summit Hilltoppers, 48-26, and went on to defeat the Linden Tigers, 49-21, and the Union Farmers, 59-15.

In his previous bouts against Johnson and New Providence, Raider junior Dom Natale had something to prove, since he was seeded first at 138-lbs for the UC Tournament but failed to make weight. First, he claimed a 9-0, majority decision over John Coler, who won the UCT title at 138-lbs, then he pinned Pioneer Dan Smith, who placed second in the UCT at 145-lbs.

January 22, 2012: Persistence overcame resistance twice for SPF senior Sean Cannon, who battled his way through a very tough semifinal bout and an even tougher final bout to grab the 152-lb wrestling crown and the Outstanding Wrestler Award (up-

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David B. Corbin (January 2013 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
ANOTHER REAL BATTLE...Raider Brian Lapham, top, hangs on as Hilltopper Nick Abbott attempts to get control in the 132-lb bout. Abbott pulled out a 4-2 decision (January 26, 2013).

PUBLIC NOTICE
BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Please take note that an application has been made to the Zoning Board of Adjustments, Borough of Mountainside in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, affecting the property known as BLOCK 15.06, LOT 8, which is located at 289 Bridle Path, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092 and owned by Timothy and Claire Lough.
The Applicant has filed an application with the Mountainside Borough Zoning Board to approve the construction of an in-ground pool and patio together with stormwater management measures situated in the rear yard of the Property. The Applicant is seeking the following variances in connection with its application: (i) 34.6% lot coverage where a maximum of 30% is permitted, and (ii) a variance for the placement of pool-related equipment within 4.2 feet of the rear property line where a minimum of 10 feet is required.
For anybody interested in obtaining or reviewing copies of this application and related documents, contact the Board Secretary of the Borough of Mountainside at (908) 232-2400 x258 or tsnyder@mountainside-nj.com.
For the purpose of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of same application, the Mountainside Borough Zoning Board will hold a virtual public hearing on February 23, 2021 at 7:00 pm. When the calendar is called, you or your attorney may appear and present any objections which you may have to the granting of this application. The public hearing can be attended by following the below virtual Zoom meeting information. An in-person meeting will not be held.
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Vikings Capitalize on Blue Devils’ Icy Shooting

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McKeon said.

The Vikings took a slim 9-8 lead after the first quarter and sophomore Annie Ryan (5 rebounds, assist, steal) sank the Blue Devils’ only 3-pointer. The Vikings added another point to their lead in the second quarter to make the halftime score 17-15.

Blue Devil sophomore Sutton Factor (5 rebounds, block, assist) provided a key steal and scored all six of her points in the third quarter which ended in an 8-8 deadlock. Early in the fourth quarter, the Vikings were fouled twice and sank three of four free throws to extend their lead to 28-23. Dursee sank a free throw and after Peralta hit for two, freshman Clare Logan (4

points, 4 rebounds, block, steal, assist) made good on a put back to keep the Blue Devils within four points of the Vikings.

The Vikings grabbed an eight-point lead but Kreusser responded with a pair of lay-ups to narrow the lead to 34-30 with 3:08 remaining. From there, the Blue Devils were unable to sink four free throws while the Vikings added a lay-up and three free throws to secure the win.

Blue Devil junior guard Phoebe Chadowitz contributed three assists, three rebounds, a steal and a point, and junior Kalea Calugay contributed two points, a block and a steal. Viking Kayleigh Gunsiorowski scored

five points and added six rebounds and three steals, while her sister Madeline scored five points. Gianna Peralta pulled seven boards.

“We have a lot of work to do offensively. And again, our team is young. We had Clare [Logan] a freshman jump in right away. The girls have to deal with a lot of stuff. We got to move on. We can’t think about this. We got the first game out of the way. We are happy we are here. We are happy we played. That is the most important thing that the girls are out here and playing the game that they love,” Coach McKeon emphasized.

Union Catholic	9	8	8	14	39
Westfield	8	7	8	7	30



TOUGH VIKING TO STOP...Blue Devil freshman Clare Logan, No. 11, finds Viking Madison Johnson a very tough opponent to guard during the game with Union Catholic at Westfield High School.

SPF Raider Basketball Boys Fall to Linden Tigers, Rahway Indians

After the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys basketball team were set back by a very strong Linden Tiger team, 61-30, on January 27, they experienced a 79-55 defeat at the hands of the Rahway Indians on January 28. After a 35-33 lead at the half, the Indians poured on the offense to outscore the Raiders, 44-22.

Amari Thompson scored 21 points, Leon Lawson sank 20 and Nasir Arribas netted 12 points for the Indians. Junior Jaden Carter led the Raiders with 14 points, followed by Raul Lugo and Christian Piesch with seven points each. Senior Liam Mahr scored six points and junior Damon Schumann scored five points.

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per weights) at the Union County Tournament (UCT) in Union. Blue Devil Head Coach Glen Kurz was named Union County Coach of the Year.

Blue Devil senior Mike Kalimtzis reached the 120-lb finals to face GL's Ryan Morrison (UCT 112-lb champ in 2011). Kalimtzis recorded a low double-leg takedown in the first period and controlled Morrison from the top position the entire second period to earn a 2-1 victory. Raider

touched first in the 100-butterfly, Sam Hays won the 500-freestyle and Matt Daniel took first in the 100-breaststroke. Cougar Julie Byrne touched first in the 100-backstroke, Brian Woo took top honors in the 200-individual medley and Nick Kalafatis touched first in the 50-freestyle.

February 2, 2010: Sweet revenge came twice in a row for the Blue Devil girls basketball team. Just three days after a 43-39 victory over the Linden Tigers, who had defeated them earlier



David B. Corbin (February 2005 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times
RUNNING A STRATEGIC RACE...Blue Devil Annie Onishi, left, finished third in the one-mile race to earn six much needed team points. (January 31, 2005)

heavyweight Anthony Tufaro defeated Mike Christian (Brearley), 3-0, for the UCT crown. Raider senior Andrew Jacobs pinned Cougar Jeff Weiss in 5:19 to claim the 220-lb title.

January 31, 2012: The Blue Devil boys swim team, fresh off a UCT championship after stunning the No. 3 SP-F Raiders, defeated the Cranford Cougars, 115-55, in Westfield. Blue Devil Brennan Haley touched first in the 200-freestyle, Stephen Husch

in the season, the Blue Devils settled another score by topping the Raiders, 45-36, in Westfield. Blue Devil senior guard Amanda Markowski pumped in a career-high 23 points, which included sinking seven of eight from the free throw line, and added 11 rebounds. Diana Venezia, who finished with 13 points, including a 3-pointer, pulled eight rebounds. Raider freshman Taylor Sebolao sank 17 points, including four 3-pointers,



David B. Corbin (January 2012 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times
CHAMPION & OUTSTANDING WRESTLER...Raider Sean Cannon has his hand raised in victory after earning a 10-9, come-from-behind decision over Roselle Park's Ryan Merkel in the 152-lb finals in Union on January 22, 2012.



David B. Corbin (January 2013 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times
GOING AFTER A LOOSE BALL...Cougar Jess McCoy, right, and Lady Lion Renee Oliver, No. 44, go after a loose ball in Cranford on January 24, 2013. The Lions won, 32-26.

while pulling eight rebounds. Junior point guard Evie Klotz bucketed 8 points, including a pair of 3-pointers.

January 31, 2005: Veterans Emily MacNeil and Annie Onishi provided the leadership and majority of the points to push the Blue Devils to their

second straight Union County girls indoor track and field championship at Dunn Center in Elizabeth. MacNeil and Onishi played a major roll in amassing 40 of the Blue Devils' 45 points, enough to nip the Rahway girls who finished second with 41.



David B. Corbin (January 2014 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times
WINNER OF THE 500-FREESTYLE...Blue Devil John Lindros, swimming in Lane 2, won the 500-freestyle and also won the 200-freestyle against Bergen Catholic at Wallace Pool in Westfield on January 24, 2014.

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Courtesy of Varsity Vantage

THE BLUE DEVIL SENIOR ICEMEN...Matt Moran, Kyle Snyder, Kyle Azzaretto, Brendan Kotiga, Dan McDonald, Joey Brogan and Mason Garnhart.

Blue Devil Icemen Ice Oratory, Chill Glen Rock

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iors Matt Beke, Thomas Conrad and Joey Greg Oliveri threw in a couple of ginns. First time varsity goals for senior defenseman Matt Moran and sophomore forward Zach Park. Contributing with assists were senior Brendan Kotiga, juniors Beke and Spencer Brown and sophomores

Matteo Mancheno and Joey Tortorella. Junior netminder Jake Watson held the Rams to three goals.

The back end of the week's double-header for the Blue Devils featured an exciting tilt and plenty of emotion. It was a trip for the Westfield icemen to the Ice House in Hackensack to take

Blue Devil Keglers Shut Down Union, Scotch Plains-Fanwood

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to win Game 1, 939-937. Westfield won Game 2, 908-873, and dropped Game 3, 947-932 to win total pins 2,779-2,757.

This time Cuccaro had the Blue Devils' high series of 592 with games of 191, 194 and 207. Morales rolled the high game of 213 and added games of 189 and 160 for a 562 series. Scanlon had a series of 585 with games of 174, 210 and 201. Peterson rolled games of 190, 183 and 155 for a 528 total. Bruntrolled games of 171 and 132. Micah Berger came in at

Game 3 and rolled a 209.

James Middleton rolled the high series of the match with a 594 total, which included the Raiders' high game of 208, followed by games of 190 and 196. Dylan Fei rolled the second high series for the Raiders by one point with a 569, which included games of 194, 184 and 191. Sean Ferrone came in with a 568 series with games of 201, 187 and 180. Matt Reynolds rolled games of 173, 176 and 203 for a 552 total and Dante Silver rolled games of 161, 136 and 177 for a 474 total.

Lady Raiders Edge Minutemen, Muzzle Dayton Lady Bulldogs

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10 points, four rebounds, two assists and three steals, while Friscia bagged them in from the outside to finish with 14 points, including trip 3-pointers, while adding three rebounds, three assists and a steal.

“Friscia drained 3 three-pointers and Amanda Baylock came up with a key basket on an isolation play to get our first lead late in the fourth. The unsung hero of the game was Ashley DeFrancesco who wore out Elizabeth with her tremendous defense. She beat everyone to a loose ball off a long rebound and got it to Baylock who dumped it into Murphy. She got fouled and hit two free throws for us to take the lead for good,” Coach McKenna described.

The muzzling of the Bulldogs came much easier for the 2-0 Raiders, who went on a major theft frenzy. According to Coach McKenna, “Senior Ryann Wall, senior Madison Starosa and DeFrancesco and Frisca each led the team with four steals as we turned up the defense on Dayton.”

Starosa dumped in 14 points, while grabbing three rebounds and adding two assists and four steals. Friscia put up nine points to go with four steals and three assists. DeFrancesco had seven points, five rebounds, an assist, four steals and eight deflections. Wall had three points, four rebounds two assists and four steals.

After a somewhat cautious beginning, the momentum started to role increasingly in the Raiders’ direction as the game progressed.

“The first quarter was particularly slow and we couldn’t find a rhythm. In the second quarter we began to

move the pace of the game in our favor to head into halftime with a six-point lead,” Coach McKenna said.

The defense exhibited by the Raiders really took effect in the third quarter. “Junior Gabby Palermo came off the bench to start the third quarter and gave us a lot of energy on the defensive side of the ball. That helped keep Dayton off the board so Amanda Baylock and Emily Friscia could find their offensive touch,” Coach McKenna related.

Baylock poured in seven points in the quarter and Friscia hit a big three to extend the lead going into the fourth quarter. Starosa came alive in the fourth quarter and hit three points on three consecutive trips down the court to put the game out of reach. DeFrancesco used her defensive prowess to limit Bulldog Samantha Casey, who finished with 22 points, including 10 free throws.

“After we put Ashley on Casey, Dayton’s offense began to stifle. The team hit seven three points with Starosa leading the way with four. We had 11 players that scored, which is a testament to our depth and how much the team is willing to share the ball,” Coach McKenna pointed out.

Baylock finished with 11 points and dished out four assists, while swiping three balls. Murphy sank six points and grabbed eight rebounds. Emily Muench, Catie Wilson and Julia DeVizio each netted two points. Bridget Carter had three points and Gabby Palermo sank a free throw.

Sc PI-Fanwood	11	8	14	15	48
Elizabeth	17	8	8	9	42
Sc PI-Fanwood	7	17	20	16	60
Jonathan Dayton	7	11	10	9	37

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF GARWOOD
ORDINANCE NO. 21-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 20-13 WHICH FIXES SALARIES AND WAGES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

STATEMENT

TAKE NOTICE THAT ORDINANCE NO. 21-01, WAS PASSED ON THE FINAL READING AFTER PUBLIC HEARING AT A MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD ON, THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021.

WITNESST:
Christina Ariemma
Municipal Clerk

1 T - 02/04/21, The Leader Fee: \$20.91

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF GARWOOD
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
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403 SOUTH AVENUE
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RESOLUTION
OF THE PLANNING BOARD

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the Borough of Garwood are required to contract for Professional Services to provide for Legal Counsel and other related services to the Garwood Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator/ Clerk of the Borough of Garwood posted in accordance with law and received proposals on December 1, 2020, under a fair and open process in accordance with P.L. 2004, c.19, as amended by P.L. 2005, c.51; and

WHEREAS, the said Planning Board has determined that such services are professional services as defined in the Local Public Contracts Law of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law requires that a notice stating the nature, duration, services and amount of each contract awarded as a professional services contract be printed once in the official newspaper of the municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Board of the Borough of Garwood:

1. That the Planning Board Chair and Secretary be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Perrotta, Fraser & Forrester, LLC., 16 Valley Road, Clark, New Jersey 07066, for the provision of professional services for Legal Counsel to the Planning Board of the Borough of Garwood for a term from January 12, 2022 to (re-organization 2022); and
2. That said Contractor shall receive fees not to exceed \$915.00 per meeting up to 4 hours, communications of 1 hour per month, and other services shall be billed at \$205.00 per hour, from appropriations in the 2021 municipal budget and in accordance with the proposal dated December 1, 2020; and
3. That the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to maintain this resolution and the professional services contract on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and
4. That the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a copy of this notice as required by law.

I, Adele Lewis, Secretary to the Planning Board of the Borough of Garwood hereby attest that this Resolution was adopted by a majority of the Members of the Board on January 13, 2021,

ADELE LEWIS,
SECRETARY

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BOROUGH OF FANWOOD
NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 21-02-R AND PUBLIC HEARING

An ordinance was introduced by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood on February 1, 2021. Copies of this ordinance can be obtained without cost in the Clerk's Office, at the Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, NJ between the hours of 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

THIS ORDINANCE ESTABLISHES QUALIFICATION OF A POLICE OFFICER.

This ordinance is scheduled for public hearing and adoption on February 16, 2021, at 7:00 P.M., via virtual conference and phone conference.

Kathleen Holmes
Borough Clerk

1 T - 02/04/21, The Times Fee: \$20.91

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BOROUGH OF GARWOOD
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
403 SOUTH AVENUE
GARWOOD, NEW JERSEY 07027

RESOLUTION
OF THE PLANNING BOARD

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the Borough of Garwood are required to contract for Professional Planning/Engineering Services to provide for developments approved by the planning/zoning board and other related services to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator/ Clerk of the Borough of Garwood posted in accordance with law and received proposals on December 1, 2020, under a fair and open process in accordance with P.L. 2004, c.19, as amended by P.L. 2005, c.51; and

WHEREAS, the said Planning Board has determined that such services are professional services as defined in the Local Public Contracts Law of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law requires that a notice stating the nature, duration, services and amount of each contract awarded as a professional services contract be printed once in the official newspaper of the municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Board of the Borough of Garwood:

1. That the Planning Board Chair and Secretary be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Harbor Consultants, Inc., 320 North Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey 07016, for the provision of professional planning/engineering services for the Borough of Garwood; and
2. That said Contractor shall receive fees from various escrow accounts and other related appropriations in accordance with the proposal dated December 1, 2020.
3. That the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to maintain this resolution and the professional services contract on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and
4. That the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a copy of this notice as required by law.

I, Adele Lewis, Secretary to the Planning Board of the Borough of Garwood hereby attest that this Resolution was adopted by a majority of the Members of the Board on January 13, 2021.

ADELE LEWIS,
SECRETARY

1 T - 02/04/21, The Leader Fee: \$53.04

Imagine Announces Board of Trustee Officers for 2021

AREA-- Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss is pleased to announce its slate of Board Officers for 2021.

At its first Board Meeting of the year Imagine voted in its new slate of officers. Former Vice-Chair, Diana Miller of New Providence, a CPA at Wiss & Company is stepping in to the role of Board Chair for the coming year. Longtime supporter and board member Jeffrey Peris of Scotch Plains, who has held leadership roles in the pharmaceutical/health care industry will serve as Vice Chair. Bob Koppel of Westfield, Executive Director Emeritus of the Reform Pension Board will continue in his role as Board Treasurer, and Ron Zuzovsky of



NEW BOARD...Imagine, a Center for Coping with Loss, has announced its new board of directors. Pictured from left to right, at the January Board Meeting are top row: John and Marilyn Toriello, Westfield; Jeff Peris, Scotch Plains; Diana Miller, New Providence. Bottom row: Bob Koppel, Westfield; Ron Zuzovsky, Mountainside.

Mountainside, Founder of The ReSource Group will continue as Board Secretary.

Former Chair and Founding Board Member John Toriello will continue to serve as Chair Emeritus for the coming year. "We're so grateful for John's leadership as Board Chair over the past two years and for serving on the board since our founding in 2011," said Mary Robinson, Executive Director and Founder of Imagine. "He along with our other committed and hard working board members, staff, and volunteers have overseen the growth of Imagine from serving sixty children and adults our first year to now as we start our 10th year, having served over 800 families in our peer support groups, and thousands of individual adults and teens through our training and education programs. We are making progress towards a world where no child grieves alone. It is a privilege to work with this extraordinary group of leaders."

Imagine offers grief and loss education and training to the community and free year-round grief support groups for children age 3 to 18 who have had a parent or brother or sister die. Concurrent groups are available for parents and guardians, and young adults 18-30. For more information please contact Imagine at (908) 264-3100 or info@imagineenj.org.

Historical Society Offers ‘Herbs for the Teapot’

KENILWORTH – The Kenilworth Historical Society's new "Herbs for the Teapot" virtual program offers participants an opportunity to learn about, blend, brew and enjoy a variety of herbal teas this winter in the comfort of their own homes.

Program registrants will be sent an electronic link to a prerecorded, approximate one-hour video presentation by professional clinical herbalist and proprietor Susanna Reppert Brill, who discusses various herbs and their many uses/benefits, then demonstrates how to blend and brew them for tea.

For a registration cost of \$20, participants will receive the presentation link, a variety of herbs, several tea filters and some prepackaged shortbread cookies. In addition to viewing the program anytime at their leisure, registrants will be able to participate in a virtual group showing of the presentation on Saturday, February 27, at 2 p.m., at which time Ms. Brill will be available to answer questions. For further information and/or to register for the program, call (908) 709-0434.

Proceeds from the "Herbs for the Tea-

pot" program will benefit the Oswald J. Nitschke House "living history" museum and cultural arts center by helping the Kenilworth Historical Society pay building and general operating expenses, including the cost of an elevator that makes the site fully accessible to everyone.

Emma Hastrup Earns Dean’s List Status

BLOOMSBURG, Pa. — Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania congratulates the more than 2,200 students who were named to the Fall 2020 Dean's List.

Emma Hastrup of Scotch Plains, a pre social work major, was among the students honored.

A full-time student whose semester GPA is 3.5 or higher in 12 or more semester hours of course work for which a grade or grades are received are named to the Dean's List.

Bloomsburg University is one of 14 universities in Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education. The university serves approximately 8,600 students, offering comprehensive programs of study in the colleges of Education, Business, Liberal Arts and Science and Technology.

Cranford Kindergarten Registration Open

CRANFORD -- Cranford public schools has announced that registration/enrollment for the 2021-22 school year for kindergarten and children entering grades 1 through 12 who are new to Cranford Public Schools will be conducted virtually and/or by appointment at your child's school beginning February 1. Visit www.cranfordschools.org for specific registration and enrollment information.

Children must be five years old by October 1, 2021 and a Cranford resident to be eligible for kindergarten.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF GARWOOD
COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Education of the Borough of Garwood in the County of Union, New Jersey (the "Board of Education") will conduct a Public Hearing on February 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The Public Hearing will be held virtually only. Instructions to access the virtual meeting will be available on the district website at www.garwoodschools.org. The Public Hearing is being held for the purpose of consideration by the Board of Education of adopting the following refunding bond ordinance:

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF ALL OR A PORTION OF THE OUTSTANDING CALLABLE REFUNDING SCHOOL BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, DATED SEPTEMBER 19, 2012, ISSUED IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$7,140,000, APPROPRIATING NOT TO EXCEED \$4,900,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$4,900,000 REFUNDING BONDS TO PROVIDE FOR SUCH REFUNDING

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board of Education of the Borough of Garwood in the County of Union, New Jersey (the "School District") is hereby authorized to refund all or a portion of the outstanding callable refunding school bonds of the School District issued in the original principal amount of \$7,140,000 and dated September 19, 2012 (the "2012 Bonds"). The 2012 Bonds maturing on or after July 15, 2023 (the "Refunded Bonds") may be redeemed at the option of the

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School District in whole or in part on any date on or after July 15, 2022 at a redemption price equal to 100% of the par amount of the Refunded Bonds.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the purpose described in Section 1 hereof, negotiable refunding bonds (the "Refunding Bonds") are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$200,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61.4 has been included in the aggregate principal amount of Refunding Bonds authorized herein.

Section 4. The purpose of the refunding is to incur an interest cost savings for the School District.

Section 5. A supplemental debt statement has been prepared and filed in the offices of the Borough Clerk and the Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary and in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey as required by law. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law and the school debt of the School District is increased by the amount the Refunding Bond authorization exceeds the amount of the proposed refunded bonds.

Section 6. No Local Finance Board approval is required as the issuance of the Refunding Bonds will comply with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.5.

Section 7. The Board President, the Superintendent, the Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary and other appropriate representatives of the School District are hereby authorized to prepare such documents, to publish such notices and to take such other actions as are necessary or desirable to enable the School District to prepare for the sale and the issuance of the Refunding Bonds authorized herein and to provide for the redemption of the 2012 Bonds referred to in Section 1 hereof.

Section 8. This bond ordinance shall take effect immediately after final adoption.

Dr. Dennis R. Frohnapef
Interim SBA/Board Secretary

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WESTFIELD

Wednesday, January 27, a resident of the 700 block of Lawrence Avenue reported being the victim of credit card fraud. The victim stated that an unauthorized charge occurred in the amount of \$400 on a credit card they were issued.

Thursday, January 28, a business contracted to provide a service to another company that is located on the 300 block of West South Avenue reported being the victim of criminal mischief and theft. The business reported that a barrel containing oil was damaged and the oil was removed. Thus regarding this incident, the business is a victim of criminal mischief in the approximate amount of \$1,000 of damage and a victim of theft in the approximate value amount of \$3,000.

Thursday, January 28, a resident of the 500 block of Highland Avenue reported being a victim of identity theft. The victim stated that she was alerted by a banking institution that an account was opened using her name and Social Security number. The victim advised the banking institution that she had not opened the account, nor did she authorize another person to do so in her name. The victim suffered no monetary loss.

Friday, January 29, a Westfield resident reported that their motor vehicle was stolen. The vehicle is a 2021 BMW valued at \$100,000. The resident reported the vehicle was stolen from in front of a business on East North Avenue. The resident stated that the vehicle key/fob was inside the vehicle at the time of the theft. The resident also said the vehicle was running and unlocked at the time of the theft.

Friday, January 29, Jennell Carter, 34, of Westfield was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) on the 800 block of Summit Avenue pursuant to a motor vehicle accident investigation. Carter was transported to police headquarters for processing and later released to a sober adult.

SCOTCH PLAINS

Wednesday, January 27, Demetrius Morgan, 24, of Linden was arrested on an active warrant out of Union during a motor vehicle stop. Morgan was transported to police headquarters and processed.

Wednesday, January 27, Marcy B. Friedman, 61, of Scotch Plains was arrested and charged with theft during an investigation into the theft of several packages from a neighbor's front steps. Friedman was transported to police headquarters and processed.

Friday, January 29, a resident of Rivervale Court reported the theft of a 2010 Volkswagen Jetta. The

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TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
COUNTY OF UNION

TAKE NOTICE The Township of Scotch Plains will expose for sale at Public Auction, in accordance with Title 39:10A-1, at the times and locations specified below, the following motor vehicles which came into the possession of the Scotch Plains Police Department through abandonment or failure of owners to claim same.

All the vehicles on the following lists are offered in strictly "as is" condition, with no representation as to condition or fitness for any particular purpose. Minimum bid for each vehicle will be all towing and storage fees due to the towing agency.

Purchase must be made by cash or certified check. A 10% deposit must be given at time of auction. Balance must be paid by 4:00 p.m. the same day.

The public auction shall be held on February 19, 2021 in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey pertaining thereto.

MAKE	YEAR	VIN NO.	MINIMUM BID
Honda	2005	2HGES 16335 H6273 97	\$4,953.13
			Bozenna Lacina Township Clerk Fee: \$38.76

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MAKE	YEAR	VIN NO.	MINIMUM BID
Honda	2002	5FNRL 18502 B0333 77	\$5,400.00
			Bozenna Lacina Township Clerk Fee: \$38.76

1 T - 02/04/21, The Times

County Board of Commissioners Awards 60 HEART Grants

COUNTY – The Union County Board of County Commissioners announces that 60 artists, historians and local non-profit organizations will receive funding through the 2021 Union County HEART (History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands) grant program.

The HEART grant program was created by the Board of Commissioners in 1998, in recognition of the importance of culture and the arts to the Union County economy and quality of life. The innovative program supports projects related to history, the arts and humanities, and demonstrates a commitment to the artists and community organizations of Union County. Total funding for this year's grants is \$115,700.

"The Board of Commissioners is very proud to support the HEART grant program, which continues to bring artistic and educational experiences to Union County residents under difficult and unprecedented circumstances during the pandemic," said Board of Commissioners Chairman Alexander Mirabella. "On behalf of the Board, I congratulate our 2021 awardees and thank them for their dedication to creativity and enrichment."

In addition to meeting ongoing grant qualifications, the 2021 awardees demonstrated a willingness to modify their plans and activities during the COVID-19 pandemic, including the mastery of new tools and technology for virtual events, and an ability to conduct in-person events in accordance with COVID-19 safety guidelines.

For information about next year's HEART Grant Program, artists, educators, civic groups and historical non-profit organizations can contact the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at (908) 558-2550 or by email at culturalinfo@ucnj.org NJ Relay users can dial 711.

Union County HEART Grants Awarded 2021 (Total \$115,700)

Individuals:

Brian Beste, Fanwood, \$1,000, presenting photography workshops.

Candace Waller, Fanwood, \$1,000, providing free dance classes.

Lesl Harker, New Providence, \$1,000, presenting Irish music workshop and concert.

Lowell Schantz, Westfield, \$1,000, presenting two free jazz concerts in Union County libraries.

Michael Yesenko, Union, \$1,000, providing a pictorial history installation of the Revolutionary War.

Rafael Simancas, Roselle Park, \$1,000, providing Art Day and mural project.

Valerie Graham, Roselle, \$1,000, presenting free crafts workshops for seniors.

Organizations/Community Groups:

BOLD Community Care Services, Elizabeth, \$2,500, presenting adaptive art programming.

Borough of Roselle Park, Casano Community Center, \$1,000, presenting a free concert.

Carolyn Dorfman Dance Company, Union, \$2,500, presenting a dance festival.

City of Rahway, \$2,500, presenting Rahway Diversity and Social Justice Lecture Series.

Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth, \$1,000, providing Arts in

the Park activities.

Continuo Arts Foundation, Summit, \$2,500, presenting on-line music activity programs for children.

Dreamcatchers Repertory Theatre, Summit, \$2,500 presenting audioplay of "Everything is Super Great".

duCret School of Art, Plainfield, \$2,500, presenting outdoor plays.

Elizabeth Avenue Partnership, Elizabeth, \$2,500, presenting Hispanic Heritage Month concerts.

Friends of Summit Public Art, \$2,500 providing a public art installation.

Friends of Westfield Memorial Library, \$1,350, providing lecture series videos.

Hanson Park Conservancy, Cranford, \$700, presenting an organic gardening lecture series.

Historical Society of Elizabeth NJ, \$1,000, presenting a history panel discussion.

Historical Society of Plainfield, Plainfield, \$2,500, providing virtual history programming.

Institute of Music for Children, Elizabeth, \$2,500, providing arts and culture classes for Teens.

Jefferson Parks Ministries, Elizabeth, \$2,500, providing art gallery exhibits.

Jewish Community Center of Central NJ, Scotch Plains, \$2,000, presenting a cultural appreciation series for Seniors.

Jewish Family Services of Central NJ, Elizabeth, \$2,500, presenting a virtual concert Program.

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Kenilworth Historical Society, Kenilworth, \$1,500, presenting a Living History exhibition.

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Musical Club of Westfield, Scotch Plains, \$2,500, presenting a benefit concert.

Music for All Seasons, Scotch Plains, \$2,500, presenting music programs for U.C. Detention Center.

NAACP Rahway Branch, \$2,500, presenting a Juneteenth Celebration program.

New Jersey Festival Orchestra, Westfield, \$2,500, presenting a live concert.

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Overlook Hospital Foundation, Summit, \$2,500, presenting "Healing Caregivers" healing arts program.

Occupational Center of Union County, Inc., Roselle, \$2,500, presenting art education classes for people with disabilities.

Plainfield Public Library, \$2,500, presenting a photojournalism program.

Plainfield Symphony Society, Plainfield, \$1,650, presenting a free symphony concert.

Premiere Stages at Kean Univer-

sity, Union, \$2,500, presenting an original play.

Reeves-Reed Arboretum, Summit, \$2,500, presenting concert with jazz vocalist Cyrille Aimee.

Roselle Park Loves Arts, Inc., Roselle Park, \$2,500, provide an arts festival.

SAGE Eldercare, Inc., Summit, \$2,100, presenting free arts programs for older adults.

Social Justice Matters, Inc., Scotch Plains, \$2,500, producing an oral history of Kramer Manor.

Springfield Free Public Library, \$600, producing a museum exhibit.

Stony Hill Players, Summit, \$2,500, presenting children's theatrical productions.

Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah, Clark, \$500, presenting a free music program.

The Theater Project, Union, \$2,500, presenting theatrical performances in Union.

Township of Berkeley Heights, \$2,500, presenting a civil rights cultural event.

Township of Hillside, \$1,000, producing the Recreational Center Mural Project.

Union Township Historical Society, Union, \$1,660, presenting a pictorial history exhibit.

United Youth of NJ, Elizabeth, \$2,500, presenting an historical play.

Visual Arts Center of NJ, Summit \$2,500, presenting a visual arts program for older adults.

Westfield Community Center, Westfield, \$1,000, providing Black History programs.

Westfield Historical Society, \$1,440, providing digital archives.

Westfield Neighborhood Council, Westfield, \$2,000, presenting dance classes.

Wharton Institute for the Performing Arts, Berkeley Heights, \$1,000, presenting digital performances for older adults.

YM-YWHA of Union County, Union, \$2,500, presenting a "Y" Senior Soirees Series.

Premiere Stages Announces Liberty Live Recipient

UNION – Premiere Stages, the professional theatre in residence at Kean University, has named Tylie Shider as the recipient of the 2021/2022 Liberty Live Commission, a biennial commissioning program for New Jersey playwrights in partnership with Kean's Liberty Hall Museum.

Tylie's commissioned play, *Certain Aspects of Conflict in the Negro Family*, will explore a family's internal divisions in response to the 1967 Plainfield, New Jersey riots. With tensions already at an all-time high between Newark residents and police, the arrest and assault of a black cab driver by police sparked protests and riots in surrounding communities, including Plainfield. The Plainfield riots resulted in three days of looting, arson, and protest and the death of a police officer, the consequences of which impacted the community for decades to come. The script will have three developmental staged readings in October 2021 and a full production of the play is tentatively scheduled for October 2022.

Tylie Shider is a two-time recipient of the Jerome Fellowship at the Playwrights' Center and an I Am Soul playwright in residence at the National Black Theatre. He holds a BA in Journalism from Delaware State University and an MFA in Dramatic Writing from NYU. Tylie was born and raised in Plainfield.

Now in its sixth incarnation, Liberty Live culminates with a professional Equity production of a new play that celebrates New Jersey history. Past recipients include *Talking to Westfield* by E.M. Lewis (2012), *At Liberty Hall* by James Christy (2013/2014), *My Lord, What a Night* by Deborah Brevoort (2015/2016), *Black Tom Island* by Martin Casella (2017/2018), and *Robey* by Joe Sutton (2019/2020).

New Jersey based playwrights interested in applying for the commission are invited to submit proposals for new plays that specifically explore New Jersey history. In addition

to expanded development opportunities, commissioned writers also receive a \$2,000 award and access to a professional director and dramaturg. Premiere Stages also forges collaborations and partnerships with organizations, histories societies and community groups statewide that help to provide additional sources and build audiences for the culminating production . The next commission recipient will be selected in November 2022. Premiere Stages is dedicated to supporting a diverse group of writers; playwrights of all backgrounds, ages, and experience levels are encouraged to apply.

Premiere Stages offers affordable prices, air-conditioned facilities and

free parking close to the theatre. Premiere Stages also provides free or discounted tickets to patrons with disabilities. All Premiere Stages facilities are fully accessible spaces, and companion seating is available for patrons with disabilities. Assistive listening devices and large print programs are available at all times; publications in alternate formats are available with advance notice. Sign-interpreted, audio-described and open-captioned performances are available upon request; please call (908) 737-4077 at least two weeks prior to your desired performance. For more information, please visit Premiere Stages online at www.premierestagesatkean.com.

State Arts Council Grants Nearly \$1 Mill. to NJ Artists

TRENTON – The New Jersey State Council on the Arts held its first public meeting of 2021 today, where nearly \$1 million was awarded to 129 New Jersey artists through two grant programs.

The Individual Artist Fellowships are competitive awards to New Jersey artists in 12 rotating disciplines granted solely on independent peer panel assessment of work samples. The anonymous process is focused on artistic quality, and awards may be used to help artists produce new work and advance their careers. New Jersey artists applied for awards this year in the categories of crafts, interdisciplinary performance and interdisciplinary visual art, photography, and playwriting and screenwriting. This program is carried out in partnership with the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation.

Among the 2021 Fellowship Award recipients are William Castellana of Cranford was awarded \$9,000 for photography.

the Council's Director of Artist Services, Danielle Bursk, who said: "New Jersey's artists were impacted financially by the pandemic on multiple fronts: arts venues closed, meaning their creative work and income suffered. Plus, gig work and side-jobs dried up, leaving many artists with no source of income. Offering Individual Artist Recovery grants allows the State Arts Council to help New Jersey artists with financial recovery at a time when they need it most. Helping to support their recovery through this program is one way we can ensure that New Jersey's artists will continue to thrive and produce the incredible creative work that we are so proud of."

In addition to announcing this year's Artist Fellowships, the meeting also included the swearing-in of the newest member of the Council board, Felicia Grant.

"We are thrilled to welcome Felicia to the State Arts Council," said Council Chair Elizabeth Mattson. "Felicia's insight and perspective come at a pivotal moment as the Council adapts our programs and services to better serve the field during a time of significant change. Her strong ties to New Jersey's arts and cultural communities will be extremely beneficial as we work to support artists and organizations in every corner of our state."

"As a designer and artist, I understand the crucial role the arts play in our everyday lives," said Felicia Grant. "Having spent most of my adult life as an advocate and devotee of the arts, I humbly welcome the opportunity to give voice to my passion through service on the NJ State Council on the Arts."

to explore New Jersey history. In addition

Valentine's Day Cabaret Planned by Dreamcatcher

SUMMIT – Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre, in residence at Oakes Center at 120 Morris Avenue in Summit, is presenting a Valentine's Day Cabaret, Kindred Spirits, on Thursday, February 11 at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom. This collection of songs about love in all its variety is a pairing of musical performance and video taken by the singers and edited by director Laura Ekstrand. The performance will be followed by an online talkback with the artists.

Songs range from Great American Songbook classics like "The Way You Look Tonight" and "Keepin' Out of Mischief" to selections from the modern musical theatre like "Still Hurting" from The Last Five Years and "Love is an Open Door" from Frozen. Pop music from a range of eras is also in the mix, from the Beatles' "I Will" to "Don't Change" by Musiq Soulchild. The singers have enlisted their friends and family to help in creating video footage that is shaped into individual vignettes for each song.

Participating in the Kindred Spirits cabaret are Clark Carmichael (Montclair), Harry Patrick Christian (Montclair), Laura Ekstrand (Livingston), Sandy Fenelus (Elizabeth), Julian Blake Gordon (Jersey City), Shabazz Green (Summit), Gail Lou (Englewood), and Scott McGowan (Maplewood). The show is directed and edited by artistic director Laura Ekstrand, assistant directed by Daria M. Sullivan (Montclair) and sound designed by Jeff Knapp (Randolph).

The performance will be on Zoom

at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 11, and the registration fee is \$20. If attendance is not possible live, register for the event and send an email to info@dreamcatcherrep.org to receive a link to a recording of the show that must be watched by February 15. The direct registration link is: Kindred Spirits. For information on any of Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre's programs, visit www.dreamcatcherrep.org or contact Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre at info@dreamcatcherrep.org, business phone (908) 514-9654.



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COMPETING IN THE 200-FREE...Swimming in Lane 2, Blue Devil Sarah Kennedy competed in the 200-freestyle in the meet against IHA (Jan. 21, 2020).



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GETTING A TAKEDOWN...Blue Devil Mike Murphy lifts Taevon McDuffie off the mat in his 145-lb bout. Murphy pinned McDuffie in 1:24 (January 22, 2020).

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From the archives of *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* - complete accounts found at www.goleader.com - year - month - week
January 21, 2020: No. 2 ranked Immaculate Heart Academy (IHA), as always, brought a powerhouse to Wallace Pool in Westfield but as opposed to last year's somewhat humiliating, 102.5-67.5, defeat the Lady Blue Devil swim team managed to shave 17 team points off that spread in a far more competitive

94-76 outcome. The 9-1 Blue Devils won three individual events with Erin McKinney winning the 50-freestyle, Lauren Lane winning the 100-backstroke and Abby McKinney winning the 100-butterfly for the second year in a row against IHA. The Blue Devils also won the 400-freestyle relay.
January 22, 2020: Several key bouts highlighted the showdown between the Rahway Indians, whose only loss was to Cranford, and the unbeaten Westfield wrestling team at Westfield High School (WHS). The

Indians may have won the majority of those key bouts that were all decided by decisions but the Blue Devils recorded a number of pins and won the majority of the bouts to emerge with a 45-24 victory that placed Head Coach Glen Kurz in a tie with Gary Kehler for most WHS career wrestling wins with 239.
Blue Devil Quinn Gimblette blasted Yeicob Martinez with four takedowns, a stack nearfall and a Peterson nearfall before pinning him in 3:08 with an arm bar at 120-lbs. Unbeaten, No. 4 ranked at 126-lbs Luke Hoerle, a four-time UCT champion stepped up to the 132-lb class to face Corey Boss, the UCT champion. Boss

began with a shocking side single-leg lift takedown but Hoerle regained his wits, escaped and followed with a quick side single-leg of his own. Hoerle escaped in the second period but Boss countered with a defensive spin

takedown to tie the bout, 4-4. Hoerle followed with a switch reversal and a two-point nearfall. Boss escaped in the third period but Hoerle won 8-5. Freshman Mike Murphy recorded a double-leg lift takedown, an escape and a side sweep single takedown-to-back to pin Taevon McDuffie in 1:24 at 145-lbs.
January 23, 2020: Experience definitely prevailed in the season's second match-up between the visiting Union Catholic girls basketball team and the restructuring Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders in Scotch Plains on January 23. The Lady Vikings quickly grabbed a 10-0 lead within the first few minutes of the first quarter and rumbled on to a 45-24 victory.

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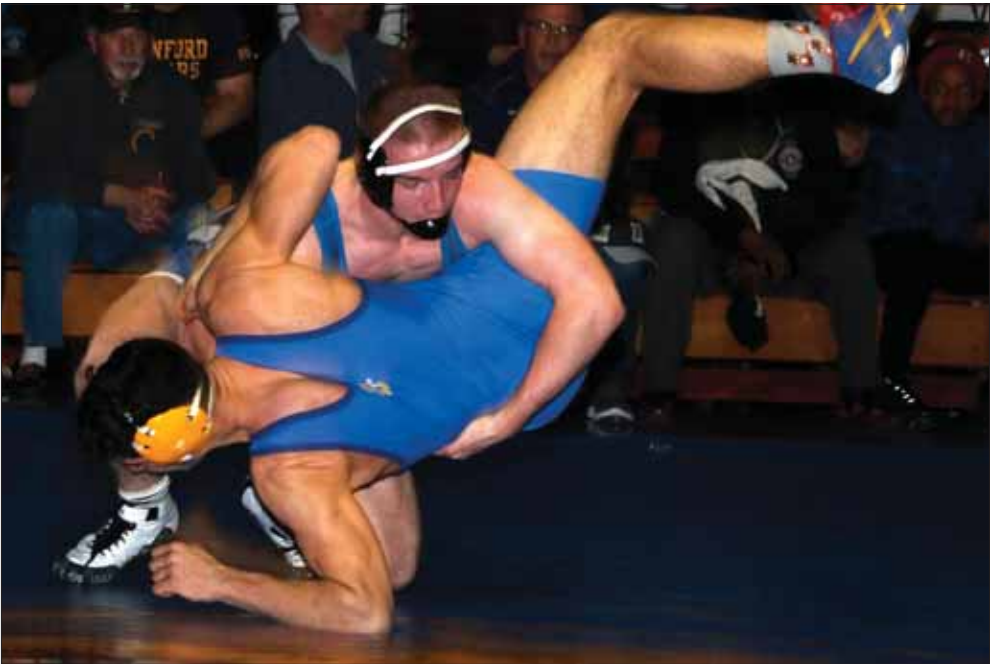
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TAKING HIM TO HIS BACK...Blue Devil Brendan Loder, top, takes Cougar Zach Blevins to his back with a double-leg takedown in the third period and claims a 9-1 majority decision at 195-lbs (January 25, 2019).



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FOURTH IN THE 200-FREESTYLE...Swimming in Lane 2, Blue Devil Christian Tedesco finished fourth in the 200-freestyle in the meet against Bergen Catholic at Wallace Pool in Westfield on January 21, 2020.

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The 5-7 Raiders received strong support under the basket from sophomores Catie Wilson, who had 10 rebounds, and Ashley DeFrancesco, who pulled nine rebounds. Wilson also finished with five points, a block and three steals. DeFrancesco added four points, two blocks and three steals. Sophomore Emily Friscia led the Raiders with nine points, including a 3-pointer. Junior Ryann Wall had five steals, two assists, two rebounds and sank a

free throw. Sophomore Julia DeVizio had three steals, three rebounds and two points, and sophomore Bridget Carter sank a 3-pointer.

January 22-24, 2020: Easy victories were expected and achieved when the Cranford High School wrestling team overwhelmed the Governor Livingston Highlanders, 66-6, on January 22 then downed the Plainfield Cardinals, 72-9, on January 24. Both matches were held at

Cranford High School. The most highly anticipated bout against the Highlanders was at 145-lbs. with Cougar Colin Murray and Harrison Kelly, the Union County Champion (UCT). Kelly had recorded an unexpected pin over Murray in the UCT semifinals but this time, Murray emerged with a 6-3 victory.

January 24, 2019: Success with their long range shots certainly enhanced the confidence of the SPF basketball Raider boys

as they routed the visiting Roselle Rams, 63-43. But accuracy with their assists plus mastery of the boards made it just that much easier for the Raiders.

Senior guard Anthony Porter sank trip 3-pointers and finished with a team-leading 16 points but he also dished out five assists. Junior Jayson Williams (3 assists, 3 steals) also hit trip 3-pointers and finished with 11 points. Senior Nick Merkel dished out four assists. Junior Justin

Clark sank the Raiders' eighth 3-pointer late in the fourth quarter. Control of the boards came primarily from juniors Justin Guy (11 points) and Justin Fletcher (8 points), who both pulled seven boards.

January 24, 2019: Senior Jeremy Ruka scored 16 points, including four 3-pointers and hauled in 10 rebounds to lead Cranford to a 51-43 victory over Somerville in boys basketball at

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GOOD EVENING DEFENSIVELY, GREAT OFFENSIVELY...Raider Anthony Porter, No. 2, proved to be tough defensively against the Roselle Rams but was even more effective offensively with a team-leading 16 points and five assists. The Raiders defeated the Rams, 63-43 (January 24, 2019).



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PLAYING KEEPAWAY...Cougar senior Cam Wichelns, No. 32, keeps possession of the ball as Blue Devils Grace Elliott, No. 12, and Emma Pietrewicz, No. 44, close in. The Blue Devils eked out a 40-39 victory in Cranford on January 25, 2018.

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Martin Gymnasium in Cranford. Cole Blazek scored nine points and had three assists and Hunter Goff also scored nine and added four rebounds.

January 25, 2019: Jammed packed house, an ingenious maneuver, key bouts all won in favor of one team, minimizing bonus points to opponents and a stunning surprise ending in one key bout earned the Westfield wrestling team a decisive 51-18 victory over the hosting Cranford

Cougars. Both teams entered the showdown unbeaten in the Union County Conference Watchung Division with the Cougars at 5-0 and the Blue Devils at 4-0, so the win pushed Westfield to the top of the ladder.

Theo Dardia (145-lbs) limited Conor Halpin to a 5-1 decision. Cougar AJ Bencivenga (152-lbs) pinned Mike Price in 34 seconds with a head throw. Cougar Ky'ell Roper (160-lbs) had Luke Scanlon in dire straits with a Spread Eagle

but ended up pinning himself. Jordan Simpson (170-lbs) rammed Cougar Evan Kanterman with a double-leg tackle then pinned him with a Turk/half nelson in 3:48. Blue Devil Tim Miller (182-lbs) ramped up into a higher gear to pin Justin Alpaugh-McLean in 4:45 with a half nelson/wrist combo. At 195-lbs, Blue Devil Brendan Loder (1st UCT) and Zach Blevins (3rd UCT) battled through a scoreless first period. But Loder sealed a 9-1

majority decision with a five-point takedown-to-back move in the third period.

January 20, 2018: Senior Molly Ryan scored 16 points and racked up 10 steals to lead the Westfield girls basketball team past Scotch Plains-Fanwood on "Senior Night" at Westfield. Blue Devil Samantha Stravach contributed 13 points and eight rebounds, while Raider senior Brianna O'Brien led the Raiders with 12 points and Nya Downing

added 11 points.

January 21, 2018: Five previous meet records went down, two for the girls and three for the boys, during the Union County Girls and Boys Swim Championships held in the Sonny Werblin Pool at Rutgers University on January 21. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls claimed their fourth straight crown, beating out Westfield, 422-351, and the Westfield boys won their sixth

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GETTING CAREER WIN NO. 100...Raider senior Sam Wustefeld, right, ranked first in NJ at 195-lbs, jumped up to face Cougar Rob Schork, the 220-lb UCT champ, and won his 100th career victory during the meet in Cranford on January 24, 2018.



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IN A TANGLE...Cougar Max Nock, right, appears to be setting up a Spread Eagle maneuver in his 160-lb bout with Harrison Wustefeld on "Senior Night" in Cranford. Nock claimed a 6-1 decision (January 24, 2018).

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straight in a close contest with Summit, 439-401.
Raider Rachel Maizes swam on two winning relays and took first in the 200-Individual Medley with a time of 2:07.77 and set the meet record in the 100-breast-stroke with a time of 1:04.72, topping the previous record of 1:04.88. DeeDee Maizes won the 500-freestyle with a time of 5:16.56.
Raider Josh Cohen broke the meet record in the 200-freestyle, touching the wall at 1:40.23, well ahead of the previous record of 1:42.06. Cohen also topped his meet record of 4:35.02 in the 500-freestyle by taking first with a time of 4:32.77. The Blue Devil boys won four individual events (Ryan Bebel — 200IM 1:56.09 & 100-backstroke 52.55, Colin Daniel — 100-butterfly 51.41, Steve Warren — 100-breast-stroke 57.66) and all three re-lays (200-medley relay, 200-free relay, 400-free relay).

Late January 2018: It was not quite a "Miracle on Ice", but certainly an upset at Warinanco Rink in Roselle. The Westfield Blue Devils defeated their rival Summit Hilltoppers, 3-2, in the Union County boys high school ice hockey tournament final. Junior goalie and alternate captain Christopher "CJ" Duffy was named the tournament MVP.
Senior captain Matt Rittendale scored an impressive goal in the second period. Kenneth Meyer, a senior and alternate captain, scored Westfield's second goal then late in the third period sophomore Trevor Tanella received a perfectly executed tape-to-tape pass from senior Andrew Johnson-Milstein to score the winning goal.
January 24, 2018: "Senior Night" went as expected when the Cranford Cougars hosted the SPF Raiders at Cranford. Even though they were on the short side of two very entertaining bouts, the 9-3 Cougars won 10 of the 14 bouts to emerge with a 44-21 victory. The highlight of the evening was the bout between two UCT champions. Raider Sam Wustefeld (195-lb UCT champ, ranked No. 1 in the state) jumped up to 220-lbs to face junior Rob Schork (UCT 220-lb champ). Although Wustefeld won via fall and collected his 100th career victory, the bout was far more competitive than it

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GOING IN FOR A LAY-UP...Blue Devil sophomore Molly Ryan, No. 2, works inside for a lay-up as West Morris Central Highlander Benecia Emiliano, No. 12, attempts to prevent a successful shot (January 21, 2016).



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WINNER IN THE 200-INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY...Blue Devil Ryan Bebel touched first in the 200IM in 2:01.53 during the meet with Bergen Catholic at Wallace Pool on January 25, 2017. Westfield routed Bergen Catholic, 107-63.

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would show on paper.

The other very entertaining bout came two weight classes earlier at 182-lbs between Raider Alex Oslislo and Zach Blevins. As time was running out, Oslislo made one final attempt and caught Blevins with a headlock takedown for a 4-3 win at the buzzer.

January 25, 2017: Major improvements on the part of the hosting SPF wrestling team and a shuffling of a few weight classes

to set up key bouts made for a very interesting and enjoyable evening in the clash between the Raiders and the No. 4 ranked Cranford Cougars. With five bouts remaining, the 12-0 Cougars found themselves trailing the Raiders, 24-17, but they came roaring back to win all five and to claim a 37-24 victory.

Head Coach Pat Gorman bumped Mike Nigro and Vince Concina up one weight class so they could have tougher bouts

with Nick Palazzola (152) and Sam Wustefeld (182), respectively. Nigro, an NJSIAA qualifier last year, took a 4-2 lead but Palazzola, however, got a pair of takedowns in the third period to pull out an 8-6 decision. After a scoreless first period, Wustefeld worked a three-point nearside cradle on Concina and went on to win, 6-0.

January 25, 2017: The Westfield boys swim team kept its perfect season intact with a

commanding, 107-63 victory over Bergen Catholic in Westfield. The Blue Devils won nine of 11 individual races with Eric Bebel turning in a pair of first place performances in the 50-freestyle and 100-freestyle events. The No. 1 ranked Blue Devils won the first six races of the day in building a 62-32 lead in team points. The Blue Devils also swept all three relays.

January 26, 2017: The SPF boys basketball team bounced

back from their first loss of the season with a 56-47 victory over border rival Westfield before a packed gym filled with raucous Raider fans in Scotch Plains. Lamont Cruse led the Raiders with 15 points, while Nigel Nelson chipped in with 14. The win set the Raiders' season mark at 14-1. Adam McDaniel led Westfield with 18 points and Matt LaCorte put in 11 points.

January 26, 2017: Multiple

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UCT OUTSTANDING WRESTLER...Cougar Anthony Capece defeated Roselle Park Panther Chris Gural, 2-1, for the 113-lb title and received the Outstanding Wrestling Award (January 16, 2016).



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

GUARDING A HIGHLANDER...Blue Devil sophomore Owen Murray, No. 23, tries to prevent a Highlanders from getting a clear path to the basket in Westfield on January 28, 2014. The Highlanders stunned the Blue Devils, 48-45.

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steals led to multiple lay-ups and junior Molly Ryan was not only the major initiator but also the major recipient as the Westfield girls basketball team overwhelmed the visiting Cranford Cougars, 52-27. The 11-2 Blue Devils amassed 36 steals and Ryan was the chief thief with 10 of them, while also leading all scorers with 23 points, including three 3-pointers.

Blue Devils Jenna Iorio (8 steals) and Grace Elliott (6 re-

bounds) each contributed six assists and Lily Maz added three assists. Shannon Devitt led the team with five blocked shots and made five steals. Lauren Williamson led the Cougars with 13 points, including three 3-pointers. Cam Wichelns (3 assists, 3 steals) grabbed nine rebounds and Caroline McCaffrey (2 steals) had eight rebounds.

January 16, 2016: Surpassing last year's accomplishments was no problem for the Cranford

Cougar wrestlers as they claimed six individual champions and easily captured their second straight Union County Tournament team title with a total of 270 points in Union. This year's champions were Anthony Capece (113), Tom DiGiovanni (120), Chris Scorese (132), Brian McGovern (152), Niko Cappello (182) and Alex Esposito (220) with Capece winning the OW for the lower weight classes and Esposito winning the OW for the upper weight classes.

Blue Devil Jarek Gozdieski won at 160-lbs.

January 20, 2016: The Westfield girls swim team has been quietly putting together a strong season. The Lady Blue Devils continued to plug along with a 98-72 victory over Trinity Hall at the "Y" pool in Westfield. Sophomore Emma Conlon led the Blue Devil effort with victories in both the 50 Free and the 100 Free and was part of two different Relay winning teams.

January 21, 2016: Feast but more famine highlighted the endurance run between the Westfield girls basketball team and West Morris Central in Westfield but the visiting Lady Highlanders managed to salvage enough of a nibble in time to starve the Blue Devils, 44-40, in triple overtime. Juniors Shannon Devitt led her team with 11 rebounds and added four blocks and four steals, while Danielle

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WINNER OF THE 500-FREESTYLE...Blue Devil John Lindros, swimming in Lane 2, won the 500-freestyle and also won the 200-freestyle against Bergen Catholic at Wallace Pool in Westfield on January 24, 2014.



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ANOTHER REAL BATTLE...Raider Brian Lapham, top, hangs on as Hilltopper Nick Abbott attempts to get control in the 132-lb bout. Abbott pulled out a 4-2 decision (January 26, 2013).

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Rinaldi (8 points, including 2 3-pointers, 3 assists) committed six acts of theft.

January 21, 2016: The SPF girls' basketball team dropped their fifth game in their last six tries in a sluggish, 45-34, defeat at Johnson in Clark. Amani Williams led the Raiders with 16 points and Micaiah Battle added 13 points.

January 22, 2016: Nick Mele scored 18 points, including four 3-point bombs, to lead the Westfield boys basketball team to a 70-46 blowout victory over the SPF Raiders in Westfield. The Blue Devils dropped in 10 3-pointers on their way to improving their Union County Conference Mountain Division leading record to 5-1. Junior Nigel Nelson provided one of the few bright spots for the Raiders with 14

points.

January 24, 2014: Somewhat strategically deceptive maneuvers may or may not have been needed but one thing for sure, the No. 1 ranked Westfield girls swim team facing an eight-point deposit after five events poured it on to outflank No. 2 Immaculate Heart Academy (IHA) of Bergen County, 87-83, at Wallace Pool. The 11-0 Blue Devils not only remained undefeated, but the seniors have never lost a meet, which included three victories in a row over IHA.

Seniors Caroline Baldwin and Sarah Cronin each won two individual events and swam on two winning relays, while Gwyn Devin won an individual event and swam on two winning relays, and Erika Daniel won an individual event and swam on a winning relay.

January 28, 2014: Nothing seemed to go right and nearly nothing went in for the Westfield boys basketball team in a 48-45 loss to Governor Livingston at Westfield, just three days after beating the Highlanders, 45-36, on their turf. Senior Dylan Elliott led the Blue Devils with 12 points, including three 3-pointers, and three steals. He also had six rebounds, an assist and tipped a pass that ended up in the hands of a teammate. Senior Dave Kane had six rebounds, six points and a pair of steals. Chris Wright sank seven points, while adding five rebounds, a blocked shot and one steal. Chris Boutsikaris also had seven points, two rebounds, a steal and an assist.

January 29, 2014: Two highly anticipated match-ups were not avoided and the Cranford Cou-

gar wrestling team came out on top in both in a 46-15 victory over Governor Livingston in Cranford.

The first anticipated match-up came at 120-lbs, when Cougar Chris Scorese faced John Colder, who had placed second in the Union County Tournament. Scorese recorded a double-leg lift takedown and added a three-point spread eagle nearfall in the first period then both controlled each other from the top position to result in a 5-0 decision.

The second key match-up came at 138-lbs when Cougar Gavin Murray, the UCT champion, faced Ryan Hoy, whom he defeated 13-3 for the title to avenge a 9-8 setback to him in last year's 132-lb UCT finals. Murray slipped around Hoy with a side single takedown and added an escape

and a single-leg, back-trip takedown to take a 5-1 lead into the third period. Hoy escaped and applied the pressure, but Murray used his snaky leg defense to ward him off in a 5-2 victory.

January 22, 2013: Sarah Cronin, Ellie Reinhardt and Caroline Baldwin were three quarters of the foursome that touched first in the final event, 400-freestyle relay, on January 31, 2012 to earn the No 2 Westfield girls swim team its first victory ever over then No. 1 ranked Immaculate Heart Academy (IHA) with an 87-83 score.

This time, the rankings were reversed, the tension was still high and the drama played out but mostly midway through the meet until the 9-0 Blue Devils

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David B. Corbin (January 2013 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
GOING AFTER A LOOSE BALL....Cougar Jess McCoy, right, and Lady Lion Renee Oliver, No. 44, go after a loose ball in Cranford on January 24, 2013. The Lions won, 32-26.



David B. Corbin (January 2012 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
CHAMPION & OUTSTANDING WRESTLER...Raider Sean Cannon has his hand raised in victory after earning a 10-9, come-from-behind decision over Roselle Park's Ryan Merkel in the 152-lb finals in Union on January 22, 2012.

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caught fire after the 500-freestyle and glided to a 95-75 victory over IHA at Wallace Pool. Cronin, Reinhardt and Baldwin were also part of the winning 400-free relay, along with Julia Diamontopolous, that ensured the victory.

January 24, 2013: Early foul trouble on the part of the home team and streak shooting that seesawed in favor of the visitors resulted in a 32-26 Roselle Catholic victory over the Cranford girls basketball team in Cranford. Cougar Jess McCoy netted 12 points and added five steals. Jenna Goeller also sank 12 points.

January 24, 2013: Shots were not dropping, plays were not working and passes were not reaching their objective, as far as the Westfield boys basketball

team was concerned in a 55-39 loss to the Roselle Rams in Westfield. Senior center Scott Toresco led the 10-5 Blue Devils with 15 points and seven rebounds, including a pair of put-backs. Point guard Danny Mitchell netted seven points and contributed four assists, while creating two steals. Junior Dave Kane scored six points and added a pair of assists.

January 26, 2013: Fresh off victories over AL Johnson and New Providence, the SPF wrestling team chalked up three more Union County wins in a quad match in Scotch Plains. The Raiders defeated the Summit Hilltoppers, 48-26, and went on to defeat the Linden Tigers, 49-21, and the Union Farmers, 59-15.

In his previous bouts against

Johnson and New Providence, Raider junior Dom Natale had something to prove, since he was seeded first at 138-lbs for the UC Tournament but failed to make weight. First, he claimed a 9-0, majority decision over John Coler, who won the UCT title at 138-lbs, then he pinned Pioneer Dan Smith, who placed second in the UCT at 145-lbs.

January 22, 2012: Persistence overcame resistance twice for SPF senior Sean Cannon, who battled his way through a very tough semifinal bout and an even tougher final bout to grab the 152-lb wrestling crown and the Outstanding Wrestler Award (upper weights) at the Union County Tournament (UCT) in Union. Blue Devil Head Coach Glen Kurz was named Union County Coach of

the Year.

Blue Devil senior Mike Kalimtzis reached the 120-lb finals to face GL's Ryan Morrison (UCT 112-lb champ in 2011). Kalimtzis recorded a low double-leg takedown in the first period and controlled Morrison from the top position the entire second period to earn a 2-1 victory. Raider heavyweight Anthony Tufaro defeated Mike Christian (Brearley), 3-0, for the UCT crown. Raider senior Andrew Jacobs pinned Cougar Jeff Weiss in 5:19 to claim the 220-lb title.

January 31, 2012: The Blue Devil boys swim team, fresh off a UCT championship after stunning the No. 3 SP-F Raiders, defeated the Cranford Cougars, 115-55, in Westfield. Blue Devil Brennan Haley touched first in

the 200-freestyle, Stephen Husch touched first in the 100-butterfly, Sam Hays won the 500-freestyle and Matt Daniel took first in the 100-breaststroke. Cougar Julie Byrne touched first in the 100-backstroke, Brian Woo took top honors in the 200-individual medley and Nick Kalafatis touched first in the 50-freestyle.

January 31, 2012: Strategy may have played a roll, but the Roselle Park Panthers came up with key victories to pin a 35-24 loss on the 16-2 Raider wrestling team in Scotch Plains. Raider Andrew Jacobs claimed a 17-2, tech fall in 5:34 over Marc Signorello at 220-lbs. Heavyweight Anthony Tufaro, ranked fifth in the state, battered Avasar Patel with a takedown and a pair

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David B. Corbin (February 2010 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
GUARDING A HOT SHOOTER...Raider Evie Klotz, center, tries to guard Blue Devil Amanda Markowski, No. 22, who finished with a game-high 23 points (February 2, 2010).



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RUNNING A STRATEGIC RACE...Blue Devil Annie Onishi, left, finished third in the one-mile race to earn six much needed team points. (January 31, 2005)

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of near-falls before he pulled off an ankle-pick reversal and pinned him in 2:23. Brian Lapham converted a Peterson roll to a four-point move to seize a 10-2, majority decision over Brad Carle at 126-lbs.

February 2, 2010: Sweet revenge came twice in a row for the Blue Devil girls basketball team. Just three days after a 43-39 victory over the Linden Tigers, who had defeated them earlier in the season, the Blue Devils settled another score by topping the Raiders, 45-36, in Westfield. Blue Devil senior guard Amanda Markowski pumped in a career-high 23 points, which included sinking seven of eight from the free throw line, and added 11 rebounds. Diana Venezia, who finished with 13 points, including a 3-pointer, pulled eight rebounds. Raider

freshman Taylor Sebolao sank 17 points, including four 3-pointers, while pulling eight rebounds. Junior point guard Evie Klotz bucketed 8 points, including a pair of 3-pointers.

February 3, 2010: The ravenous Cougar matmen feasted on the New Providence Pioneers, ripping off 12 victories in the 14 weight classes to seize a 53-9 win in Cranford. The biggest feasting came in the heavyweight class. Cougar Joe Brady had a score to settle with Zach Troutman and did with a 5-3 victory. Kyle Markovitch tallied a 16-0, tech fall over Steve Sharpe at 130 lbs.

LOOKING WAY BACK:
January 31, 2005: Veterans Emily MacNeil and Annie Onishi provided the leadership and majority of the points to push the

Blue Devils to their second straight Union County girls indoor track and field championship at Dunn Center in Elizabeth. MacNeil and Onishi played a major roll in amassing 40 of the Blue Devils' 45 points, enough to nip the Rahway girls who finished second with 41.

January 31, 2004: Plenty of team depth and some strong performances earned the sixth-ranked Blue Devil girls swimming team its 12th-straight Union County Championship at Dunn Center in Elizabeth. Jackie De La Fuente touched first in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:10.79 followed by Amanda Dickson at 1:11.49. Becky Fallon, De La Fuente, Brittany Reyes and Kirsten Selert won the 200-medley relay with a time of 1:56.81.

February 2, 2002: Raiders Matt DeNichilo and brothers Derek and Lucas Francavilla each grabbed top honors in their respective weight classes at the Union County Wrestling Tournament held in Union. Blue Devil junior Dan MacDonald rose to the occasion and came home with second place, as did Raider sophomore Eric Connolly.

Lucas Francavilla pinned 140-lb Charles Mueller with a half nelson and a step over in 1:51. In the 145-lb. finals, DeNichilo brilliantly used his knowledge of mechanical advantage to earn a takedown and a three-point nearfall to defeat Roselle Park's Jim Garrison, 5-3. Derek Francavilla extended his record to 19-0 by defeating Roselle Park's Joe Blackford, 7-3, in the 103-lb. finals.

February 1, 2000: The Raider girls basketball team stopped the Red Raiders, 57-45, in Scotch Plains. Co-Captains Najwa Glover and Katie Feighner led the way with 18 points and 16 rebounds, respectively.

February 1, 2000: A quick three-pointer and a steal converted to a successful lay-up in the waning seconds, gave the Elizabeth boys basketball team a 60-59, overtime victory over the young but very scrappy Blue Devil squad in Westfield. Sophomore Jim McKeon demonstrated his grit and pure talent by burning in 26 points.

February 3, 1998: The Blue Devil boys' basketball team lost a heartbreaking contest to Elizabeth in overtime, 70-69. Junior Lamont Turner had the game of his life when he erupted for a team season record of 28 points.