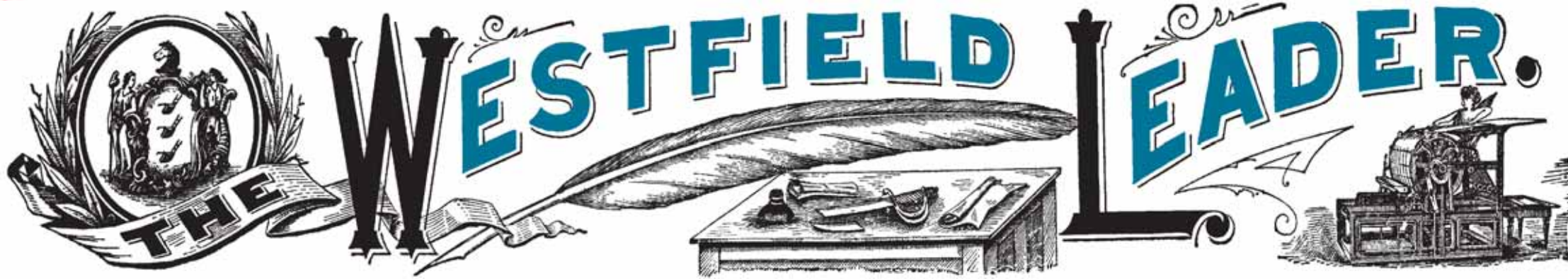




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Westfield Council Rejects Energy Aggregation Bids

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WESTFIELD — The Westfield Town Council members went through multiple agenda items at their snappy Tuesday night meeting. The council rejected energy aggregation bids, reappointed the municipal judge, passed two ordinances and announced two new traffic lights to be installed in town.

The council rejected the bids for energy aggregation requests for proposals after the bids came back and did not demonstrate any potential savings for residents. “We will revisit this opportunity as the market shifts and continue to look to create cost savings for residents and, ideally, save the planet while we’re at it,” Mayor Shelley Brindle said.

The council passed a resolution to reappoint Parag Patel as municipal judge for a three-year term ending January 31, 2024. The council also passed a resolution to authorize a study looking at the feasibility of sharing municipal-court services with other towns, including Scotch Plains and Fanwood, later in the meeting. The resolution allows the town to work with the State of New Jersey and the Municipal Division of Courts in Union County, at no cost to the town, to see if sharing services would increase efficiency and reduce redundancies.

Mayor Brindle gave a Covid-19 pandemic update, saying that the virus was trending down and that the seven-day average for confirmed cases is down 22 percent from a week ago and down 39

percent from a month ago. She also said that CVS will begin taking appointments for vaccinations starting Thursday and that residents can sign up online on the CVS website.

She also mentioned that two new stoplights will be installed starting next month. One light will be located at Rahway Avenue and Lamberts Mill Road. The other will be located at Scotch Plains Avenue and West Broad Street.

In relation to traffic plans, Jeff Janota, who led H2M in the Westfield Master Plan Re-examination, died Monday. A longtime resident, Mr. Janota had a “commitment and passion for protecting and advocating for our town’s interests in the Master Plan process,” Mayor Brindle said.

General Ordinance No. 2204, which allows the town’s historic preservation chairman to conduct “expeditious review of minor work on designated properties in certain circumstances,” passed unanimously.

General Ordinance No. 2205, which allows changes to be made to the caps of certain fees at the Memorial Pool like group swim lessons, swim team, aquatic programs and private event reservations, passed as well.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, Anthony Laporta, a former councilman, acknowledged that signs bearing names of victims of police brutality along the South Avenue traffic circle “serve a purpose,” but said, “what I want to honor is policemen — New Jersey policemen — that

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SNOW LINCOLN...Cranford resident Robert Schott is pictured carving out the details of his Lincoln Memorial snow sculpture last Saturday.

County Fields Questions From Frustrated Public

By MICHAEL P. CARVALHO
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COUNTY — The Union County Board of County Commissioners started their bi-weekly meeting last Thursday on a positive note, talking about the celebration of Black History Month.

Chairman Alexander Mirabella said, “I’d like to start by drawing your attention to the red, black and green flag flying at the County Courthouse in Elizabeth in honor of Black History Month.”

Union County celebrates the month with a series of events and programs. “Now, more than ever, this is the time to rediscover the achievements and obstacles of the past and present, and recommit ourselves to the promise of the future,” continued Mr. Mirabella.

Mr. Mirabella announced that there will be a remote, live performance that “shines a light on a pioneering aviator, Bessie Coleman,” which will be streamed live on Tuesday, February 23, at 7 p.m., on Facebook and Zoom. More information for this event can be found on the Black History Month page of ucnj.org.

“We will be announcing additional

events during the month, so please check the county website for updates,” said Mr. Mirabella.

During the Zoom meeting, the commissioners and department heads all wore red to help promote awareness of women’s health and heart disease. February is American Heart Month.

Mr. Mirabella then went on to thank Joseph Graziano, director of engineering, public works and facilities management, and his staff for keeping the roads clear during last week’s snowstorm.

“In the face of near blizzard conditions, more than 100 county workers kept the snowplows running to clear 176 miles of county roads from Sunday night into Monday, Tuesday, and continuing,” said Mr. Mirabella.

During the commissioners’ regular meeting, members of the public are allowed to voice concerns and ask questions about specific ordinances or anything in general.

There were more people in queue to speak during Thursday’s meeting than normal. Several people voiced con-

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Cranford Seeks Interest for North Ave. Gateway Project

By MARTA ESQUIROZ
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

CRANFORD — The township committee held an official meeting on Thursday night to move forward different resolutions and heard mayoral remarks on the public health update.

Matt Lubin, Fire lieutenant and coordinator of the Emergency Management Council, responded to different questions about the Covid-19 update that the committee has received from the public in the past days. The biggest concerns were about the vaccine program, which started on December 15, 2020.

Lieutenant Lubin said he believed that “there is a misconception that local government and healthcare departments can directly get the vaccine from the manufacturers.” He explained that the doses are “federally administrated to the state level and then the state distributes them following their vaccine plan.” He said the “allotment in each state is weekly.”

“New Jersey began getting 120-130,000 doses, and now we are getting around 250,000,” Lieutenant Lubin said. He pointed out that this increase protects the second dose allotment and guarantees that “citizens are getting the full vaccine.”

Lieutenant Lubin remarked that if the vaccine from Johnson & Johnson (J&J) gets approved, it will be a potential “game-changer in the vaccination process” because “it only requires one dose and it doesn’t need the same cold (storage) as the current one.”

Furthermore, the commission members approved an ordinance to repair and improve the sidewalks of the town.

However, Thomas Hannen, Jr., commissioner of Public Works and Engineering, specified that this ordinance is only for public paths. “We are not doing private sidewalks,” he said.

The township commission also approved the zoning board professionals’ contracts and the authorization of the services of firm Topology for the redevelopment plan at 750 Walnut Avenue that the planning board is currently dealing with.

Further, the board moved forward resolution No.2021-129 to authorize the township clerk to advertise the “solicitation of Expressions of Interest for the North Avenue Gateway Redevelopment Area.” The goal is to redevelop Parking Lot 1 on N. Union Avenue, Springfield Avenue to North Avenue East up to and the former MDTV building. The town officials said they believe the redevelopment of this stretch of the North Avenue corridor is important to meet the goals of the Township Master’s plan.

Mr. Hannen expressed his concern about the parking lot modification that, in his words, “is used for shoppers and people going to restaurants.”

On the contrary side, Deputy Mayor Brian Andrews welcomed this plan as “an opportunity to receive input from our potential firm and designers on how to take advantage creatively of the development that is planned along North Avenue downtown.”

“This is an opportunity for us to take advantage of some private sector experience while we are guiding them towards our area of development,” Mr. Andrews said, pointing out the fact that

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Hearings Begin for 75 New Apartments on South Avenue

By MARTA ESQUIROZ
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CRANFORD — The zoning board of adjustment met on Monday night to review the application ZBA-20-003 from Cranford Harrison Developers LLC to build new luxury apartments at 24 South Avenue West.

Project manager Alex Pavlovsky called the project “transformational” and said they have been working on it for more than a year. “It will create over 200 construction jobs, much-needed housing opportunities for new residents,” as well as “adding over \$300,000 annual new property taxes and the cleaning of the contamination,” he said. Mr. Pavlovsky said he believes the only negative impact would be regarding “the parking and the traffic.”

The building, in operation since 1937, is a large, underutilized industrial structure on the main street in the township, close to the train station, that has “serious environmental contamination issues,” in the words of Mr. Pavlovsky.

The project aims to demolish the existing building and construct a mixed-use building featuring apartments with ground-floor retail space. It would include 75 residential units, comprising of studios, one-, two- and three-bedroom units. The total cost will be approximately \$20 million with \$3 million going toward the environmental cleaning, according to Mr. Pavlovsky.

Vice chair Ronald Marotta asked about the exact location of the contamination. Mr. Pavlovsky explained that, as a result of the site’s industrial use over the years, the contamination currently is in the soil and possibly in the groundwater.

“There is also some potential migration outside,” Mr. Pavlovsky said. “And that’s why we need to execute the redevelopment and perform the irradiation to avoid it immigrating too far.”

Following this answer, Mr. Marotta expressed concern about the non-required cleaning of the site agreement that Cranford Harrison Developers LLC had with the prior operator before transferring the property title. Mr. Pavlovsky said “the last owner wasn’t in a position to do it” and that they decided “to take the responsibility of it.”

Rob Gascoigne, the environmental engineering consultant, explained that the chemicals involved in the contamination are TCE and PCE, which are halocarbons commonly used as industrial solvents. Mr. Gascoigne noted that

they need to start cleaning as soon as possible to avoid spreading the toxins. When it comes to protecting the residential zone close to the building, Mr. Gascoigne said that the residents close to it “have been evaluated” and “they will be evaluated again” to proceed safely.

After the board communicated its concern regarding spread of the contamination, zoning board attorney Mark Rothman expressed the possibility of using the board’s own environmental experts to follow the cleaning process.

The applicant has requested several variances regarding use, density, building height, the front yard setback and parking requirement.

Brian Murphy, project engineer and planner, presented the variance requesting 76 of the required 142 required parking spots. The project outlines two parking spots for the general public, seven for zipcards and 67 for individual cars.

Mr. Marotta questioned the minimal parking in relation to the number of

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PERSPECTIVE VIEW...Drawing for the proposed apartment buildings located at 24 South Avenue West in Cranford.

WF Board of Adjustment Hears Five Applications

By REBECCA MEHORTER
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WESTFIELD — The Westfield Board of Adjustment met for its regular meeting Monday evening, during which members heard five applications. Five other applications were carried to the board’s Thursday, February 18 meeting and three applications were carried to its Monday, March 8 regular meeting.

Chairman Chris Masciale said the board held an executive session prior to the meeting and discussed litigation of an appeal from CGR, LLC 214 Grove Street East, whose application was previously denied. The board decided “to accept the resolution that was put forth in regard to that litigation,” which contains the original conditions from the original application as well as the comments from Union County Superior Court Presiding Judge Karen M. Cassidy.

The board heard Christine Escribano of 415 Mountain Avenue, who sought to construct a driveway

turnaround, patio expansion and a rear and front porch addition. Ms. Escribano was heard at the January meeting and told by board members to pare down the application, which originally sought a number of variances. The applicant presented a new plan, which reduced the necessity for the patio setback, driveway turnaround and the overall improvement coverage.

Mr. Masciale thanked the applicant for coming back with substantial changes and listening to the board’s concerns. He said the changes mean the plans will have less impact on neighbors. The board approved the application on the conditions that the driveway turnaround is not used for parking, the screening along the side yard is maintained to give the neighbors privacy and both porches remain open.

The next applicant, Neil Dias of 1416 Boulevard, sought approval to construct a new deck. The land-use

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Teens Discuss the Next Generation of News

By JENNIER GLACKIN and MIRA MEHTA
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AREA — A group of high-school students from around Union County gathered via Zoom last Saturday to discuss the future of civic engagement, local news and journalism as a part of the Are You INFORMed? series sponsored by the New Jersey Civics Information Consortium (NJCIC).

Are you INFORMed? is a statewide series of discussions to find out how New Jerseyans are getting their local news. The youth session, moderated by Consortium board member John Celock, Ennis Carter and Brielle Olshan of Social Impact Studios, and high schoolers Justin Zimmerman from Union County Academy for Information Technology and Westfield High School's Mira Mehta, focused on the perspective of those under 21.

The students had many suggestions for improving civic engagement and building a more informed citizenry. Participants said they would like to see local news infused into the school day and the overall curriculum. A ninth-grade participant said he would be more likely to engage with local news if it was part of school, as much of his life revolves around his schoolwork. While classes may discuss certain national events, there is not a specified time to discuss current events on a regular basis, the teens said.

They felt it was especially important to build trust in journalism from a young age, suggesting that young students learn how to identify false information. "There is a need for people to actually know how to read the news, especially now," another participant said, pointing to the prevalence of misinformation in today's society. Exposing elementary students to responsible journalism early on would prepare them to be more analytical as they encounter inaccurate or biased reporting when they are older, the group believed.

With an increasingly partisan media, the students felt there was a sense of cynicism about traditional institutions among their generation. Participants agreed that any attempts at discussions about current events often devolve into shouting opinions and splitting into factions rather than actually working through the facts. Because of similar experiences, the students emphasized a need for a single, unbiased, uniform truth.

Contributors also reflected on the role of social media in changing journalism and dividing people. Although they believed that it contributed to deepening mistrust and divisions, they also saw it as a way to better engage young people with the news. Social media has spurred young people to get civically engaged, but can cause more conflict,

too. They pointed out a need for better tools to identify misinformation and ensure that news could be easily disseminated over social media without causing new problems.

Particularly for local news, people need to know that these sources are available and can deliver important information from a young age so that they will have resources to turn to as they get older, the contributors said. The students have found their way into news themselves and were hopeful that their peers and other young people would be more engaged and informed in the future.

Mr. Celock, who also is a former editor of Westfield Patch, wrote to *The Westfield Leader*, "The virtual listening session was incredibly productive and brought good insights from youth on ways to improve access to civic information, including several I hadn't given much thought to."

Mr. Celock also noted the high level of civic engagement and care the students put into their communities. "On behalf of the Consortium, I want to thank Mira and Justin for co-facilitating the forum and everyone who participated."

Justin, a senior, said, "I think it's incredibly important for youth to be involved in conversations about the information age, and this was a great opportunity to do just that."

While the Union County and youth Are You INFORMed? sessions have passed, those who would like to be a part of the conversation are invited to participate in statewide discussions on February 27, March 2 and March 4. For more information or to sign up, visit areyouinformednj.weebly.com/.

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have died in service, protecting us."

Mr. Laporta said he wants to work with town officials — suggesting that council members, the mayor and the police chief could be potential partners — to "put up maybe 10 signs or so in the same area, as that seems to be the place that names are put up these days."

Mayor Brindle said the town does not get involved in signs. The signs Mr. Laporta referenced are protest signs created in support of the Black Lives Matter movement and were put up by residents. "It's not a decision that the council makes or sponsors," she said.

The Finance Policy Committee passed 10 resolutions as a package. They included a resolution to approve 2021 Westfield Memorial Pool membership rates and the resolution supporting the exploration of feasibility for a shared municipal court.

The Public Safety, Transportation and Parking Committee introduced General Ordinance No. 2206 on first reading. The ordinance would add stop signs at the Sherman Street and Sherbrooke Drive intersection to the town code. It also would amend the town code to add 121 Cacciola Place as a handicap-parking space.

The council passed General Ordinance No. 2207 on first reading to amend the town zoning map and identify 417 Prospect Street as a historic preservation designated landmark.

Lastly, the council passed General Ordinance No. 2208 on first reading. This ordinance would modify the town storm water control "to establish minimum storm water management requirements and controls for major" developments, the ordinance says.

The next Westfield Town Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 23, at 8 p.m. Residents are welcome to watch via Facebook Live or participate by joining the Zoom link available on the town website.



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SNOW SOME LOVE...This snow woman is ready for Valentine's Day.

Cranford Board Reviews Rehabilitation Report

By MARTA ESQUÍROZ
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CRANFORD — The planning board met last Wednesday to review and discuss the Area in Need of Rehabilitation report regarding specific Cranford properties.

The purpose of the study was to provide the township committee with a review of the conditions of an area within the municipality that includes several properties located on the edge of the downtown.

Wanda Chin Monahan, special redevelopment counsel for the township, explained that the process started on August 11, 2020. With the approval of Resolution No. 2020-270, she continued, "the township committee requested the Planning Board to carry out a 'preliminary investigation of sort properties to see if they were qualified as an Area in Need of Rehabilitation.'"

Consequently, the planning board hired the firm Topology to carry out this study, which includes the properties from 100126 South Avenue, 32 High Street, 2 Chestnut Street and 201 Walnut Avenue.

Teun Deuling, a redevelopment planner at the firm, explained that the goal of the report was to evaluate these properties by determining if they met "three different conditions": deteriorated condition, housing stock older than 50 years and a pattern of vacancy, abandonment or underutilization of the buildings.

Mr. Deuling continued by saying that the objective of this examination is "to encourage development of underutilized properties. 'The ability to adapt and implement redevelopment plans and provide short-term tax abatements can be expected to focus that development and encourage investment in the municipality,'" he remarked.

After running through the different properties covered in the investigation and their current conditions, the firm recommended that the study area should be designated as an Area in Need of Rehabilitation.

Mr. Deuling said that, "the utili-

zation of Local Redevelopment and Housing Law of New Jersey (LRHL) tools and future encouragement by the township should prevent further deterioration and promote development."

During the public comments, resident Rita La Brutto asked the board if a property must be in rehabilitation or redevelopment to get tax abatements. Ms. Monahan confirmed that fact, at which point Ms. La Brutto questioned the project's selection process.

Board Attorney Jonathan Drill justified the process by explaining that, "in this particular case, rehabilitation, the owners of these properties came to the township committee and asked to consider their properties as an Area in Need of Rehabilitation."

Ms. Monahan, supporting Mr. Drill's statement, added that, "this is not a situation where you are going to have property owners in the designated area going all the way to conclusion objecting or fighting against the designation."

At the end of the meeting, Chairperson Kathleen Murray made a motion to recommend this study to the township committee and "encourage them to use this tool with other properties owners."

With all the board members in favor, now it is the committee's turn to consider the Topology report and prepare the draft for a resolution that will be submitted back to the planning board. The review of the resolution will take place at the planning board's next meeting on Wednesday, February 17.

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short on vaccines that it is keeping it for its clinic, Ms. Avallone explained.

In the meantime, she said, the health office will look for ways to support the county's and hospitals' operations and get the vaccine to people who may not have access to the county's Kean University site.

The board also discussed sending vaccines to senior housing in the area. Ms. Avallone said the senior housing coordinator is working toward getting pharmacies to visit the housing complexes to distribute vaccines. She said the coordinator is waiting to hear back from Walgreens at this time.

Ms. Avallone said that schools are looking "good overall" and that she is in frequent communication with Westfield Superintendent Margaret Dolan, Ed.D. No cases of Covid-19 among school-age children seem to have come from a school setting. Transmission is mainly occurring during social activities and indoor sports for this age group, she said.

Additionally, the board discussed the restaurant Nagoya, which passed its inspection after its hearing at the last board of health meeting in January. Ms. Avallone said that the restaurant had addressed concerns from the hearing and that the owners' son, who acted as a translator at the hearing, was able to "get through to them that these weren't minor violations."

The plan the restaurant owners submitted was not satisfactory, she said, but "the plan is a piece of paper. I don't care how good the plan is; I care about what happens when we're physically there." Ms. Avallone said her staff will keep a close eye on the restaurant. Nagoya will come back to the board if it gets an inspection rating under satisfactory in the next year.

The next Westfield Board of Health meeting will take place on Monday, March 1, at 5 p.m. Residents are encouraged to view via Zoom.

Cranford Students Vote for a Unified Graduation Gown

By JENNIER GLACKIN
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CRANFORD — Cranford High School (CHS) students, teachers and administrators spoke in favor of the recent student vote to wear blue graduation gowns at the June celebration. Traditionally, female graduates wore white gowns while male graduates wore blue to the end-of-year celebration.

Tradition, said CHS graduate Nora Sullivan, is not a good enough reason to make students feel uncomfortable on their special day. Ms. Sullivan approached Principal Mark Cantagallo in 2019 and proposed a change to the two-colored gown practice, which led to the elimination of identifying one's gender on the gown order and allowed students to choose a preferred color.

"A student should not have to feel pressure between expressing himself and feeling safe," said Ms. Sullivan, pointing to potential harassment a gender non-conforming student could endure as a result of their choice. "It's important to understand that adopting a unity gown won't hurt anybody," she continued. "But maintaining the traditional gowns will."

"For some," said Cranford senior Paige Carbone, "the color of their graduation gown may have a superficial importance, but for others in the LGBTQ community, the color of their gown correlates to their gender identity." Ms. Carbone said the decision has received some backlash by parents and fellow students, but she urged those opposed to allow their compassion for others to matter more than their objections.

"We should be trying to secure a legacy beyond tolerance or acceptance," she said and instead should strive for

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ordinance allows a maximum deck coverage of 2 percent or 400 square feet, whichever is more restrictive. Mr. Dias proposed 5 percent with 300 square feet. Through discussion, the board came to understand the Diases had included the deck's stairs in the coverage, which is usually not included. The members approved the application so long as the usable platform is no larger than 15 by 15 feet and the stairs extend no further than five feet in depth.

The board then heard from Howard and Nadine Mandel of 25 North Wickom Drive. The Mandels' application, which sought approval for an existing shed and basketball backboard located in a side yard, led to quite a bit of audience participation. The Mandels built a fence and small asphalt area with a basketball hoop in their side yard as they do not have a back yard due to their house being on a corner property. Neighbors called in to either support or disapprove of the setup. The board rejected a number of ideas, and the applicants were granted more time to create an alternative proposal. The application was carried to the March 8 meeting.

Stephanie Nash of 237 Munsee Way sought approval to construct an in-ground swimming pool and a cabana, which would put the property over the maximum improvement coverage by approximately 4.38 percent or 1,130 square feet. The cabana would have a bathroom, pool storage and a gathering space in it. The applicant would remove four large trees for the project and replace them with 18 new trees placed elsewhere. The applicant was approved on the conditions that the cabana remain a non-habitable space and the tree removals receive approval from the Westfield Tree Preservation Commission.

The last applicants of the evening were David and Amy Nathanson of 1 Breeze Knoll Drive. Mr. Nathanson said he wanted to construct a two-story addition at the rear of an existing three-car garage, citing the increase in car thefts and the steep incline in the backyard as hardships. The construction would exceed maximum improvement coverage by 4.5 percent and maximum building mass on the side yard by approximately 50 feet. The addition would accommodate storage and a large walk-in closet to the master bedroom, plus even out the side elevation, among other things.

While the numbers looked big, board members agreed after much discussion that the lot size could handle such an addition without overwhelming the property or the neighborhood. The applicant was approved as submitted on the conditions that the current fence be replaced with a solid wall that matches the façade of the home and a solid door/gate leading into the pool area.

The following five applications will be heard on February 18: Daniel Jemal of 16 Breeze Knoll Drive; Cara Tabatchnick of 1000 Wychwood Road; Alex Mednick and Allison Stone of 621 Short Hills Court; Pawel Kierzkowski of 171 Tudor Oval and Thomas Sevchuk of 888 Winyah Avenue.

The applications of Kenneth and Nancy Leonard of 206 Dickson Drive, Monica Alvarez and Alvaro Quintana of 158 North Euclid Avenue, and Lisa Varandas of 120 Wychwood Road will be carried without further notice to the March 8 meeting.

"one of acknowledgement and respect." As for the end-of-year celebration, Ms. Carbone said unified gowns will make the statement that "we are here together and together we have made it."

Elizabeth Sheehan, co-advisor for the Gender Equity Advocate Club (GEAC), spoke as both a graduate of Cranford High School and current teacher. Ms. Sheehan said she hopes that the student voices are respected, and the district allows the change to happen. Tyler Nunnally-Duck, the other advisor for the GEAC, shared the words of another senior that said a unified gown would make everyone feel comfortable "on one of the most important days of their lives."

No opposition was voiced at the board meeting regarding the students' unity robe decision.

In an emailed response to *The Westfield Leader*, CHS Principal Mark Cantagallo wrote, "all of the Cranford High School students were asked to discuss the topic with their parents and vote regarding this matter." Mr. Cantagallo said the results were "overwhelmingly in favor of a change."

Mr. Cantagallo, Superintendent Scott Rubin and board members Kristen Mallon and Nicole Sherrin-Kessler shared their support of the process and the students' decision. Board President Kurt Petschow said that making Cranford "an inclusive district is very important to everyone."

In other board news, the board approved next year's school calendar and a resolution urging Governor Phil Murphy to make vaccines for teachers a priority. The resolution will be sent to Governor Murphy, State Senator Stephen Sweeney, State Senator Tom Kean, Jr. and the New Jersey School Board Association. While political resolutions are rare for the Cranford BOE, said Mr. Petschow, it was something the board felt was important to do.

Frustrated

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cerns over the inequality of representation of Black judges in the county court system.

Mr. Mirabella responded by saying, "That is really a product of the state of New Jersey through the judicial committee and the governor's office of how Superior Court judges are named and allocated to the towns."

"Although I don't disagree with you, a better representation of the judicial system, reflective of the community, will be better and helpful, but is not our decision. But we can certainly raise the awareness that we are hearing from members of the public and take that to the governor's office and to the judiciary committee," continued Mr. Mirabella.

Another topic that was brought up by a member of the public concerned rumors circulating about the county jail system — that there was a Covid outbreak and that the jail system is closing down and moving inmates to other counties.

County Manager Edward Oatman was on hand to clarify these points. "For the Covid, there were no numbers like [what was mentioned]. That would be an outbreak and would have to be reported to the state."

Mr. Oatman continued, "As for the other jail comments, we are always looking for more ways to make our county government more efficient. One of the many steps is looking at the jail operations. We've talked to the union leadership about that. There's been no formal plan that has been drafted or submitted, and that's all the comments I have on the jail at this time."

The topic of making appointments to get the Covid vaccine was another issue that members of the public had frustrations with.

Mr. Mirabella responded by saying, "I wish we could do more. There's not a commissioner on this call that doesn't wish we had more vaccines to get into more people's arms."

"We feel like it is loosening up and more supply [of vaccines] is coming to us, but we don't have enough to satisfy the significant demand," continued Mr. Mirabella.

Mr. Oatman added, "The county averages about 1,500 vaccinations a week. That is what we get from the state. The last time on our website, we had 80,000 people trying to get the 1,500 appointments."

"We get the delivery on Tuesday and by Friday we are 100 percent out. All appointments are booked and every vaccine goes into somebody's arm."

"I share everybody's frustration. If we get more vaccines from the state, we'll get more out. But there are no appointments because we have no product to give. I wish I had a better answer," concluded Mr. Oatman.

At the close of the meeting, Commissioner Angela Garretson said, "When we think of being community-minded, I want to thank all of the speakers this evening. We had so many different issues that were raised, and it's no time for excuses, but solutions."

"I think that what we saw tonight was an attempt to really solve or address many of the different concerns that are happening out there in our county," continued Ms. Garretson.

Ms. Garretson concluded with, "It's a time for us to really work together to be able to make some important contributions."

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potential occupants. Mr. Pavlovsky said that "the target renter will be young millennials, who are not dependent on the car." He also remarked that "one single zipcar takes the place of 13 private cars," in support of this request.

In the end, the board acknowledged it did not have time to deliver any actions after hearing all the testimony from the company's witnesses. Thus, Christine Daly, who chairs the board, decided to continue with the application hearing on Monday, April 12.

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Marie Catherine Dorne', 101, passed away peacefully at her home on Monday, February 1, 2021, of natural causes. Her family was by her side when she passed.

The eldest of five children, Marie was born on December 3, 1919 in Union, New Jersey, to John and Elizabeth McCormick. Marie spent her early years dancing around her grandparents' farm, in South Jersey. She graduated from Union High School and remained a lifelong resident of New Jersey.

Shortly after high school, she went to work at Bamberger's, in Newark, N.J., as the head gift wrapper. She met and married Joseph A. Dorne' in 1941. While Joseph went off to war, Marie left work and became a full-time homemaker while raising their young daughter, Pamela. Upon Joe's return from service, the family welcomed three more children, Karen, Mark and Michael. The family settled in Westfield, N.J., in 1953. Together they devoted their lives to family, friends and community. Marie and Joseph were married for 69 years, until Joseph preceded her in 2010.



Marie Catherine Dorne'

As a longtime resident of Westfield, Marie was a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church and held positions at the Woman's Club of Westfield. Marie was an original cast member of The Grant School annual musical. She was an avid bridge player, bird watcher, fan of the tennis channel, and loved to travel. Marie enjoyed completing the daily crossword puzzle, loved gardening, and took great pride in her home. She was a collector of antiques and enjoyed displaying her knickknacks.

Known lovingly as Grum, Marie is survived by her four children, Pamela, Karen, Mark and Michael, and their wives, Teresa and Coreene, respectively, as well as her 10 grandchildren, Dana Adams, Todd Venckus, Ryan Venckus, Scott Ghedine, Michael Barrett Dorne', Jarred Dorne', Lily Dorne, Myriah Wolosik, Jeffrey Dorne' and Tricia Sias, and her 16 great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Saturday, February 6, 2021, at Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home, 582 Springfield Avenue, Westfield.

February 11, 2021

Elizabeth Dunphy Lally, Beloved Wife,
Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Aunt

Elizabeth (Betty) D. Lally, 94, of Westfield, N.J., passed away peacefully in her home, surrounded by her children, on Monday, February 8, 2021.

Born and raised in Florence, Massachusetts, Betty was married to her husband, Vincent F. Lally, for 55 years at the time of his passing in 2008. The oldest of her three siblings, Betty is survived by her sister-in-law, Mary Dunphy; her children, Vincent, Thomas, John, Elizabeth, James and Maria; her twelve grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, in-laws, and friends who are too numerous to list, but will all miss her dearly. In addition to her husband, Betty was predeceased by her brother, Jack; her sister, Julie, and her daughter Patricia.

Betty worked as a nurse both at the VA Hospital in Holyoke, Mass., and

at Union County Vocational School in Scotch Plains, N.J., while raising her large family and continuing her education. After retiring, she happily committed herself to summers at her beloved family cottage on Cape Cod at Big Sandy Pond and being the kind of grandmother who has a signature dish or treat for each grandchild. In her role as matriarch, she could be counted on to keep her ever growing family in line while also being quick with a laugh and slow to leave a party, especially when the whole Lally crew was together. Her absence will be deeply felt, but her influences will be carried forward for generations.

Private services are entrusted to Dooley Colonial Home in Westfield; www.dooleycolonialfuneralhome.com.

February 11, 2021



Elizabeth D. Lally

TV Trivia Zoom Event on Tap

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Public Library will hold its second virtual trivia event for adults. Participants may test their television trivia knowledge via Zoom on Thursday, February 25, at 7 p.m. There will be four rounds of trivia, plus one lightning round.

Registration is required, and may be done via scotplib.org/event/tv-trivia/ for this program, in order to receive the link. Participants can register to play solo or on behalf of a team. In the

interest of safety, the library encourages those whose teammates do not live in their household to arrange a backup means of communication (group text, Google Meet, etc.) in order to privately discuss their answers.

More specific details about the game structure will be sent to registered participants before the program. For more information or to register, go to scotplib.org, email library@scotplib.org or call (908) 322-5007, extension no. 204.

— Obituaries —

Elaine Cummings, 93, Devoted Mother,
Talented Soprano, Gourmet Chef

Elaine Emma Pankopf Cummings died peacefully in her sleep on Sunday, January 10, 2021, at nearly 94 years of age. She spent her last day happily with numerous family members spanning four generations, in person and remotely. She had lived independently until four months ago.

Elaine was a mother extraordinaire. She mothered and guided not only her own three children but also her elderly parents and in-laws, the three generations of her descendants, extended family members, and friends. She was the epitome of what a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother should be: unconditionally devoted, caring, loving, nurturing, and tireless. Always present and eager to do whatever was needed, she was the center of her family for decades.

A consummate chef, she loved to prepare gourmet meals for everyone around her. Among the multitude of condolence letters her family has received, many highlighted signature dishes that people adored. Elaine is also widely remembered as a voracious, lifelong reader, always with a book at her side. In addition to enjoying this herself, she read tirelessly to family members in younger generations. A master of grammar, she relished teaching these rules to work colleagues and family. Additional passions included music, painting, drawing, knitting, embroidery, and extensive world travel.

Elaine was born on April 11, 1927 in Passaic, N.J. The second daughter of Walter Pankopf and Lucy Diehm Pankopf, she was raised in Rutherford, N.J., with her sister, Ruth. Elaine was valedictorian of her high school class. She graduated from Middlebury College, majoring in English, with minors in music and art. She worked for NBC Radio in New York City for several years, before pausing her professional career to raise a family. During World War II, she volunteered for the Red Cross.

An accomplished coloratura soprano, Elaine performed and recorded frequently. While delivering a solo recital at New York City's Metropolitan Opera House in 1952, she met Donald Edward Cummings, who became her husband of 56 years, until his passing in 2010. The two were married on May 8, 1954 and moved to Westfield in 1957.

Thereafter, Elaine lived continuously in Westfield until shortly before she passed. She was a cherished mem-



Elaine P. Cummings

ber of the Westfield community, maintaining many strong friendships there and participating for decades in the Newcomers Club, Musical Club, College Women's Club, and Bridge Club. She and her daughter Carolyn Cordeiro both raised their families in a historic Wychwood, Westfield home, where Carolyn and her husband still live today. For many years, Elaine served as Secretary for the Cowperthwaite Square Condominium Association.

Highly active in community service, Elaine volunteered for the Service League, PTA, Thrift Shop, Consignment Shop, and Wilson School as a homeroom mother. She sang in the Presbyterian Church choir throughout

her many years in Westfield, frequently as the soloist. After raising her children, Elaine worked for 25 years as the Administrative Assistant to the Berkeley Heights Superintendent of Schools.

She is survived by her three children, Diane Simonds of Nobleboro, Me. (WHS 1973), Carolyn Ray Cummings Cordeiro of Westfield (WHS class of 1976), and Professor David Eustace Cummings MD of Seattle, Wash. (WHS 1978).

Others surviving include spouses of Elaine's children, Peter John Simonds, Professor Peter Gabriel Cordeiro MD, and Felicia Park Cummings MD; her seven grandchildren, Christina Nicole Cordeiro Mitchell MD (WHS 2005), Catherine Cordeiro Gabb (WHS 2007), Julia Elaine Barnes, Andrew Peter Cordeiro (WHS 2010), Elliot Walker Barnes, Nathan Avery Cummings, and Cameron James Cummings; four great-grandchildren, Haven Christopher Gabb, Leo Christopher Ibáñez-Barnes, Gabriella Gwendolyn Mitchell, and Magnolia Ray Gabb; and her only sibling, Ruth Leonie Lubow (age 101).

Elaine's funeral service took place on Saturday, January 16, in the Suzanne Cummings Smith Memorial Chapel at Woodbrook Cemetery in Woburn, Mass. A small, COVID-compliant family group attended in person, and dozens more joined via video-conference. To celebrate her life, Elaine's extended family will congregate this summer at Newfound Lake, N.H., where she and her family have spent their summers for more than 60 years.

Memorial donations may be made to The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, where Elaine was a featured choir soloist for decades.

February 11, 2021

Frances A. Ridge, 87,
Lifelong Resident of Westfield

Frances A. Ridge, 87, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 7, 2021, surrounded by her loving family. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to visit the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue, Westfield, on Friday, February 12, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated following the visitation at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Interment will be at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Frances was born in Westfield on November 11, 1933 and spent her whole life in her hometown. Frances was a hairdresser by trade. She also worked for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, but her favorite job

was taking care of her house and children. She enjoyed gardening, cooking and spending time with her grandchildren, who she adored.

Frances is predeceased by her husband of 60 years, Walter Ridge.

She is survived by her two daughters, Maureen A. Gabriel and her husband, Jeffrey, and Kathleen A. Ridge, along with her grandchildren, Jeffrey and his wife, Alessandra, Laura and Erin Gabriel. Frances also has one great-granddaughter, Francesca Rose.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Westfield Rescue Squad.

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Library Offers Adults
Necklace-Making Kits

CRANFORD — Adults looking for a creative outlet are invited to pick up a grab-and-go kit from the Cranford Public Library and try their hand at a new art project. Each kit contains the supplies needed to create a necklace.

Kits will be available on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 17. The Friends of the Cranford Public Library fund a new project every month. To learn more, visit cranfordlibrary.org.

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Gerald Joseph (Duke) Gerardiello, Jr., 66

Duke passed away at too young an age, but, peacefully, on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, after a brief battle with cancer. He is survived by his sister, Cynthia M. Gerardiello, and many loved cousins, nieces and nephews. Duke was preceded in death by his parents, Edith and Gerald.

Joseph Gerardiello, Sr., who owned the iconic Jerry's Barber Shop on East Broad Street in Westfield for over 50 years. Always witty and funny, Duke lived larger than life and thoroughly enjoyed it. He would give you his opinion, especially when you hadn't asked for it. He was passionate about many things and encouraged everyone to enjoy those things with him. Duke was always impeccably dressed and took pride in his health. He enjoyed working out and had explored yoga, Pilates and Tai Chi. Duke also had a penchant for great cocktails and exceptional dinners. Even though he was a very accomplished cook in his own right, he loved dining out for the experience and the fact that he hated doing dishes. Later in life, golf became his new obsession. It was not just for the sport and exercise, but, more for the time spent laughing with his friends.

A 1972 graduate of Westfield High School and then Franklin Pierce Uni-

versity in Rindge, N.H., he continued to increase his large circle of friends with whom he would remain in contact. After a trip to the 1976 Olympics, Duke visited Nantucket, thus beginning his love affair with the island. It was here that Duke dove into the restaurant business, working for years after college. Using those experiences, he wound up owning a restaurant on Long Island for several years. Duke then decided it was time to get serious and he jumped into the world of sports marketing and sales. After working at several sports magazines, he joined NFL Properties and enjoyed many years of great business and entertaining clients and friends. Later, Duke moved over to NASCAR and the train of friends continued to grow.

In every walk of his life, Duke developed lifelong relationships; even if it had been weeks or months, they would just pick up where they left off as if no time had passed. Duke will be sorely missed by the many who were lucky enough to live out loud with him.

The legacy he leaves is best described by L. Frank Baum:

"A heart is not judged by how much you love, but by how much you are loved by others."

Contributions can be made in Duke's name to the American Cancer Society.

February 11, 2021



Gerald Gerardiello, Jr.

Yoichi 'John' Asakawa

Yoichi "John" Asakawa, 77, passed away on Wednesday, January 27, 2021, of a brain bleed at Cleveland Clinic Indian River Hos-

pital in Vero Beach, Fla. He was born July 22, 1943 in Niigata, Japan, the son of Seiichi Asakawa and Kiyoko Handa. John graduated Niigata High School and then attended Rikkyo University, Panhandle University, and completed his master's degree at Oklahoma State University. He began his career at Price Waterhouse. In 1972 he joined the International Tax Division of KPMG in New York City. During his 28-year career with KPMG, he worked in both the New York City and Tokyo offices and became a partner with the firm. During his professional career, he was a frequent speaker at KPMG conferences and seminars. In 1996 he was named one of the top Asian Pacific tax advisors by International Tax Review. In 1998, he received the distinguished Accounting Alumni award from OSU. John decided to retire from KPMG in June 2000. He then became a full-time professor at the MBA program in Urasa, Japan, which he continued doing until 2019. He also was appointed an auditor at Takeda



Yoichi 'John' Asakawa

Pharmaceutical and served for four years.

John and his wife, Mickey, resided in Westfield, N.J., for 28 years before moving to Vero Beach, Fla., in 2014 to join their daughter, Mie; son-in-law, Byron, and two grandchildren. John was an avid traveler and enjoyed experiencing new cultures, especially the cuisine. He enjoyed skiing, visiting over 40 resorts around the world. John continued to play golf throughout the years and also took up bridge lessons at the local Vero Beach Bridge Center.

He is survived by his wife, Mickey (Thelma); daughter, Mie Powell; son-in-law, Byron Powell; two sisters, Ikuko Miyazawa (Noboru) and Keiko Hara (Koichi), of Japan; two grandchildren, Naomi and Noah Powell; nieces and nephews; his Oklahoma family; his KPMG family, and many friends all over the world. There will be no service at this time. John did not want donations made in his memory, but wished for people to show an act of kindness to another person. He wanted people to be tolerant of other cultures and for there to be peace in the world. Condolences may be shared online at www.millenniumcremationservice.com.

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Donors Urged to Give Blood
To Honor Black Hist. Month

AREA — In honor of Black History Month this February, the American Red Cross encourages eligible donors, and especially those who have recovered from Covid-19, to give blood to honor the legacies of African-Americans like Dr. Charles Drew and Dr. Jerome Holland.

Dr. Drew, an African-American surgeon, was the medical director of the first Red Cross blood bank in 1941. His research about the storage and shipment of blood plasma proved that blood could be stored for transfusions. Many of the processes he developed are still in use today.

Dr. Holland was the first African-American chair of the Red Cross Board

of Governors. His commitment to providing the safest possible blood products for patients in need helped inform many safeguards the Red Cross has in place today to not only protect patients but also blood donors.

Donors can create a legacy of their own by giving blood, platelets or plasma to help patients in need. Covid-19 survivors are especially needed to address a convalescent plasma shortage. These individuals may have antibodies in their plasma that could help patients currently battling the virus.

A blood drive will be held between 2 and 7 p.m. on Monday, February 22, at the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad, located at 1000 Summit Avenue, Summit.

To make an appointment, donors may 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 give this February will receive a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card via email, courtesy of Amazon. Restrictions apply. Additional information is available at RedCrossBlood.org/Together.

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Educator’s Corner: Love is (Also) in the Air

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

Valentine’s Day was a celebration of love for centuries before candy and greeting cards. Fun fact: the first written valentines can be traced back to the 1400s. Cupid’s arrows will fly in a few days, so plan some fun activities you and your kids will “love!”

Cook and Bake with Love – My mom’s family is Italian, so for us food equals love. (I know it’s a bad psychological association – but don’t tell my grandmother that!) Make treats for a doorway delivery to family and friends. Homemade chocolate truffles or heart-shaped cake pops make sweet, transportable delights. For a fun twist, put a marshmallow and a Hershey’s Kiss® on opposite ends of a pretzel stick to make “cupid’s arrows.” Not really a sweets person? Make a sheet pan frittata or a grilled cheese sandwich and cut out pieces with a heart shaped cookie cutter. Another savory idea? Make pink pasta for dinner! Dye boiling water with red food coloring and cook your favorite macaroni. As the pasta absorbs the red water, it changes color! (That’s science!)

Valen-slime –Slime recipes and variations are all over the internet. (My daughter’s favorite is fluffy slime!) Basic slime: 8 oz white or clear school glue, teaspoon of baking soda, 2 to 3 tablespoons contact solution. Optional: food coloring and glitter. Mix the glue with the food color and glitter first. Then stir in the baking soda. Finally, add in the contact solution. Stir, then knead the slime until it becomes a stretchy, homogenous mixture. Have fun playing with this yourselves or pack it in small containers and (safely) give away to loved ones. (Tip: to make it fluffy, add in one cup of shaving cream!)

Write about Love – Kids can create poems, stories, or songs about what love means to them. If your child loves music, have him or her analyze the lyrics of a song and compare it to their ideas on love.

Parent/Child “Date” –Pre-pandemic, my husband and I would take turns taking our daughter on Daddy or Mommy Cookie Dates. We would go to a local coffee shop and chat over a huge chocolate chip cookie. During the pandemic we turned these into one-on-one tea parties at home. Either way, we got to spend a little quality time with our oldest. Carve out some time for the special kids in your life, especially if it can be one-on-one.

Spread the Love – Valentine’s is when we take a little extra

time to remind those around us that we love them. Why not do a little good for others, too? Send a virtual valentine to the children at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Visit <https://www.stjude.org/get-involved/other-ways/valentines-day.html> Other children’s hospitals around the country, such as Texas Children’s Hospital, Children’s Hospital Colorado, and Boston Children’s Hospital Trust that have similar programs.

It has been a tough 11 months, and we can all use an extra bit of love this year. Happy Valentine’s Day!

Brightwood Has Friends Who Seek To Preserve It For All To Enjoy

Friends of Brightwood Park (FOBP) is blessed to have members who individually, or as part of other group efforts, have been dedicated to ecology of the park for many years. Those with scientific backgrounds recognized the damage caused by invasive plants to old-growth trees and understory and voluntarily made considerable efforts to cut back Wisteria and Knotweed for years. Others of our members have routinely cleared trash from the park. Thanks to the spotlight shone on the park by the mayor and the Master Plan, we came together as a group. Our scientists have educated us on the delicate ecological balance that must be revitalized. Our educators have brainstormed nature and fitness programming for all ages. Together we formed an organization to pool our talents with a goal of revitalizing the park’s ecology for all to enjoy for years to come. In the mid-70s, the town created the park as a nature preserve with Green Acres funding. As part of the original design, the park included approximately 1.6 miles of nature trails. Dog walkers, birders and nature lovers, including hikers and recreational bikers, have peacefully shared these trails for years. Unfortunately, more recently, some mountain bikers created unsafe and illegal trails and caused damage to hiking trails, sapling trees and stream beds. Additionally, some mountain bikers have raced through the park at average speeds of up to 17.5 mph (per recorded Strava data). The mountain biking proposal does not involve trail maintenance of existing trails but rather the construction of an entirely new serpentine 2’ wide mountain biking course through

old growth forest areas, wetlands and streams. Ecologists who have studied the park have found that this activity will have deleterious consequences on the ecology of the park and will make revitalization of native flora a futile effort. Contrary to the claim that the new trails will be “multi-use,” given the configuration and narrowness of the proposed course, it would not be sufficiently wide for hikers and bikers to safely use at the same time. Troublingly, some mountain bikers who oppose our efforts to revitalize the park have engaged in acts of attempted intimidation and criminal activity. Members have witnessed individuals on mountain bikes ride up on private property to run down lawn signs and over shrubbery. We have videos and photographs of mountain bikers stealing signs. For months, FOBP replaced signs at a cost of hundreds of dollars. Police Chief Battiloro has advised that this type of vandalism and criminal activity is of concern to the department and directed us to report each incident. We are deeply concerned by the actions of those who do not respect and cause damage to private and public property. Friends of Brightwood Park came together spontaneously as a group to demonstrate widespread support for preserving all that a nature park offers. We welcome everyone to join us in our efforts to improve the park, regardless of expertise or place of residence. Visit www.FriendsOfBrightwood.org to see what we have planned and join as a member.

**Friends of Brightwood Park
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The Student View

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Saying “I Don’t” To Marriage

By CLAIRE CAMPBELL
Specialty Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Growing up, I envisioned my older self as the single teacher from Matilda, tucked away in a cobblestone cottage in the woods, not the married princess in a castle that many of my friends longed to be. With age, my negative views towards marriage have only been solidified.

Marriage is often portrayed as a unifying force between two people that represents the love and commitment they’re making to one another. The number of married couples has dropped over time, but the practice is still prevalent in many societies and expected amongst certain religions and cultures.

In reality, the institution is rooted in dated principles and it fosters a sense of dependency that prevents people from properly evolving or exploring their own true values.

According to livescience.com, when marriage was first introduced, it wasn’t related to relationships or emotional connections; the practice was used to form alliances with families of similar socio-economic status.

By getting married, people perpetuate the idea that marriage is a mean of advancement, even if that’s not their intention. Even today, there are various incentives for couples to upgrade to marital status, including tax returns and spousal immunity in criminal cases. For skeptics, these benefits might be the reasons they wed.

The formality is also rooted in sexism that goes beyond the expectation that women take their husbands’ last names in heterosexual relationships. Women were trained to fit the restrictive mold created by their husbands, one where they were submissive, ignorant and glad to perform any household duties. Despite the overwhelming success of the feminist movement, these stereotypes still exist, which teaches women to accept the imbalance of power that marriage too often results in.

Additionally, monogamy is an unre-

alistic expectation in which people are forced to suppress their desires to appease their partners. This suppression often leads to partners being unsatisfied or unfaithful.

Twenty percent of men and 13 percent of women recorded that they’ve cheated on their spouse, according to a General Social Survey cited on ifstudies.org.

Cases of infidelity often transition into divorce or the continuation of unhappy marriages in which one partner resents the other and their actions. For spouses with kids, divorce doesn’t only affect them, but also the wellbeing of their children and familial connections.

Time.com estimates that about 39 percent of married couples are destined for divorce. This number has gone down in the last few decades since more people are choosing not to marry for these very reasons.

While long-term relationships are a solution because they allow partners to escape the gender roles and documentation that come with marriage, they often have the same emphasis on monogamy.

Open relationships aren’t for everyone, but avoiding exclusivity allows people to become more comfortable with independence and act on natural instincts that are suppressed in traditional marriages.

Some people need the structure successful marriages provide them, but while the practice is seen as a confirmation of prospering love, it limits the development of a species that is intended to be autonomous.

Saying “I don’t” to marriage isn’t the same as giving up on love. It’s recognizing that no one should be expected to legitimize their relationship with weddings bands, certificates or empty vows.

I have no way of knowing whether I’ll end up in a remote cobblestone cottage by myself or an apartment in a bustling city with a partner. Either way, unless some major changes are made, I don’t see marriage in my future.

Letters to the Editor

Westfield Board of Health
Recaps February Meeting

The Westfield Board of Health met on February 1. The public link for the meeting unfortunately did not work. Therefore, the recorded meeting is posted on the Westfield Regional Health Department website at <https://www.westfieldnj.gov/health> and all agenda items will be carried over to next month.

The health department continues to be focused on the control and prevention of Covid-19. Westfield had 483 residents with Covid-19 in January, which is the most in any month since the pandemic started. Altogether, over 1,600 residents are confirmed cases and 51 residents have died, including those who were living in a long-term care facility that was their primary address. It appears that the recent rise in cases was mainly the result of holiday-related, small indoor gatherings with insufficient precautions.

As noted previously, December was a turning point and marked the beginning of vaccination programs. They are now open for people in state-designated risk groups. The sites are generally county-based, but others have also been given vaccines for distribution. Although there have been vaccine shortages, more vaccines will come. As a clinician who has been vaccinated, I urge you to register for the vaccine, too. You can sign up at the Union County registration site at <https://ucnjvaccine.org>. Then, you should be contacted as soon as vaccine is available for you.

At this time, however, vaccinations by themselves are not enough. Although the authorized vaccines decrease the risk of becoming sick when exposed to the virus, the extent that they prevent virus transmission and their durability still need to be determined.

Therefore, you should still practice the 4 W’s, which are well-established effective health promotion infection control measures:

- Wear a mask.
- Watch your distance.
- Wash your hands.

Work or school only when well.

These simple measures remain essential to lessen the impact of Covid-19 on our families, friends, schoolmates, coworkers and community until enough of us have been vaccinated. Please, we don’t want to repeat the past month when so many people in town became infected and ill.

More information is available at the Westfield Coronavirus Information Center at <https://www.westfieldnj.gov/coronavirus> and the State Covid-19 Information Hub at <https://covid19.nj.gov/forms/datadashboard>.

Cats, raccoons and a groundhog had rabies last year in Union County. To protect their cats and dogs, residents must license them through the Town Clerk and get them vaccinated against rabies. In addition, cats should be kept indoors and dogs should be supervised when outdoors to prevent them from biting people or other animals or being bitten by a wild animal.



Information about all of the Health Department’s activities, including helpful health-related advice and recommendations, such as concerning flu vaccinations, e-cigarettes and hepatitis A prevention, and free education programs are available at <https://www.westfieldnj.gov/health>. Recent topics in the department’s monthly newsletter, “Your Health Matters,” include Covid-19 vaccine registration, marijuana risks and healthy hearts. It is available on the department’s website in the February Newsletter tab. You can sign up to receive health department information at <https://www.westfieldnj.gov/townupdates>.

The complete minutes of the January and February Board meetings will be posted after review and approval at our March 1 meeting, which starts at 5:30 p.m. and will be virtual. As always, the public is invited to attend.

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Diction Deception

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

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

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

Answers to last week’s arcane words.

1. Thoooid – Wolflike; a jackal
2. Delassation – Fatigue; weariness
3. Wheedle – To flatter or coax
4. Larrikin – A rude, disorderly person

GYMNOTUS

1. South American freshwater electric eel
2. A naked cell or mass of protoplasm
3. A sports meet
4. An animal having one side male and the other side female

AMYOUS

1. Having no outlets or pores
2. Friendly; likeable
3. Lacking muscle or muscular strength
4. Drawn up so that it does not touch the ground; elevated

SIRIASIS

1. In Scots law, a legal stay of proceedings
2. A sunstroke
3. A skin condition, causing extreme dryness, itchiness, redness and patching
4. A siren or a charm

POLEMY

1. Warfare or opposition
2. A small flying squirrel, native to Northern Europe
3. A sort of coarse canvas
4. A long handled battle-ax

Letters to the Editor

The Deadline is Monday 9 a.m.
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500 words.

All The News



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Candidates forelected office are
invited to submit op-ed columns
each week. Columns should be
between 250 and 500 words, and
be issue based with no personal
attacks on opponents.

Letters to
the Editor

Visit The Little Free
Libraries Scattered
Around Town

The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library have established several Little Free Libraries throughout the town where residents can “Take a Book and Return a Book.” There is a Little Free Library on Walnut Street across from the Board of Education building. Each library consists of a wooden box approximately two-feet high by two-feet wide and 18-inches, deep mounted on a wooden post at approximately eye level. The door is a clear piece of lucite. Unfortunately, the lucite in the door on the Walnut Street Little Library was broken and before we could arrange to have it repaired, some very kind thoughtful person fixed it.

We do not know who you are but if by chance you read this letter we want you to know that we are very grateful.

**The Board of the Friends of the
Westfield Memorial Library**

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Repotting and Fertilizing Your Houseplants

By Shannon Walsh
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

You’ve got your new plant in the right light, properly watered, and it seems fine. Does it need to be repotted or fertilized? It depends. The main food for plants is light so if you have your new plant in good potting soil and in the right light, it should be fine for months. The soil that your plant came in is usually good growing soil.

Some say not to repot in winter, but I’ve never had problems doing this. However, never take houseplants out in the cold to repot them. Just a brief blast of icy air on some of them can affect them. Most plants do not need repotting every year, but those whose roots are coming out the bottom of the pot probably should be. Research whether or not your plant likes to be root bound. If the plant can get large and you want that, go up one pot size each year, no more than two inches in diameter.

Watering over time drains out soil and nutrients so in the spring add new, nutritious soil to the top of your houseplants. Spring is also the time for the first fertilizer application.

Plants need three main nutrients: nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium (NPK), and a few others in smaller quantities. You can tinker with NPK levels for certain outcomes, but any balanced fertilizer is fine. You’ll see numbers on the container that read, for example, 10-10-10 or 10-15-10. These are the levels of NPK, and they should be about equal for most houseplants. The numbers themselves don’t matter, but the ratio does. Products labeled for specific plants can be used for any plant because all plants need the same nutrients.

There are a few types of fertilizers.

Liquid concentrates require dilution with water and they’re applied once a month or so in the growing season. Slow release capsules can be applied to the soil and these usually last six weeks or more. If you are growing plants you plan to eat, use organic fertilizer such as seaweed-based products.

With liquids or slow-release, try not to let the fertilizer touch the plant. Fertilizers can burn green growth, and should be absorbed in soil and taken up through the root system. Also, if the plant is in any way already stressed (e.g. fungus, pests), do not fertilize. Fertilizer is only for healthy, growing plants.

Do not over-fertilize. It’s worse than never fertilizing. Some houseplant experts recommend ignoring the advice on the container and cutting the recommended amount in half. Most houseplants are either succulent or tropical—and both types naturally live in nutritionally poor soil. In fact, most succulents never need fertilizer.

Soil scientists also recommend worm castings (basically, worm manure) as fertilizer for plants, indoor and outdoor. In addition to being high in nutrients, worm castings also make some of these nutrients easier for the plant to absorb. Some tests show that worm castings are better for new seedlings, help ward off common plant pests (like mites, aphids, mealybugs) and enhance flower and fruit production. You can use this fertilizer as a top dressing on the soil or dilute it in water. Worm castings don’t build up salts in the soil like synthetic fertilizers do, and the best part is that it’s hard to over-fertilize with them, if at all.

Watson Coleman Leads Call for Consistent Prosecution of Insurrectionists

WASHINGTON, D.C. — On February 5, Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman (NJ-12) led 13 members of Congress in a letter to Acting Attorney General Monty Wilkinson calling for the Department of Justice to consistently and appropriately weigh in on requests for bail and other pretrial processes in the cases of perpetrators of the January 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

Many of those who have been and will be charged in the assault on the Capitol are the clearest possible version of a public threat yet have been

allowed to return to their homes or, more incredible still, travel internationally. The letter identifies a contrast between the treatment of perpetrators who are white and the treatment of black and Hispanic perpetrators in the insurrection and further expresses concern that white privilege has led to extremely lenient pretrial treatment, particularly when these cases are compared with the treatment of minorities accused of other crimes. The letter is also signed by Congressman Donald M. Payne, Jr. (NJ-10) as well.

Trinitas Celebrates 15th CEO Gold Standard Award

ELIZABETH -- Trinitas Regional Medical Center celebrated its 15th consecutive CEO Gold Standard award, given by the CEO Roundtable on Cancer. Trinitas has qualified for the award every year since its inception in 2006.

The Gold Standard provides a framework for employers to have a healthier workplace by focusing on cancer risk reduction, early detection, access to clinical trials and high-quality care. Members of the CEO Roundtable on Cancer work

collaboratively to develop and implement initiatives that reduce the risk of cancer, enable early diagnosis, facilitate access to the best available treatments, and hasten the discovery of novel and more effective anti-cancer therapies in an effort to eliminate cancer as a personal disease and public health problem.

About Trinitas Regional Medical Center, a major center for comprehensive health services for those who live and work in central New Jersey, is a Catholic teaching medical center sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth in partnership with Elizabethtown Healthcare Foundation. With 12 Centers of Excellence across the continuum of care, Trinitas has distinguished itself in cardiology, cancer care, behavioral health, renal care, nursing education, diabetes management, wound healing and sleep medicine. For more information on Trinitas Regional Medical Center, visit TrinitasRMC.org or call (908) 994-5138.

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The Leader/Times Monthly Crossword Puzzle Answers

By Ruth B. Margolin

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21 Homes Sold Jan 31 – Feb 7, 2021 in Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Westfield

TOWN	ADDRESS	STYLE	RMS	BRS	BTH	GAR	SALE PRICE
Cranford	514 E LINCOLN PARK	TwnEndUn	4	2	1.0	0	\$236,000
Cranford	144 SEVERIN CT	CapeCod	6	3	1.0	1	\$410,000
Cranford	231 CRANFORD AVE	Colonial	8	4	1.1	0	\$447,000
Cranford	18 ROGER AVE	CapeCod	7	3	1.0	1	\$465,000
Cranford	221 RANKIN AVE	CapeCod	7	3	2.0	1	\$585,000
Cranford	16 HERNING AVE	Colonial	8	3	1.1	1	\$590,000
Fanwood	237 CORRIELL AVE	CapeCod	8	4	2.0	1	\$515,000
Fanwood	129 HELEN ST	SplitLev	9	3	2.0	1	\$561,999
Fanwood	170 FARLEY AVE	Colonial	8	4	2.1	2	\$865,000
Mountainside	1074 SUNNY VIEW RD	Ranch	7	3	2.1	2	\$637,500
Scotch Plains	394 ACACIA RD	CapeCod	8	4	2.0	1	\$535,000
Scotch Plains	1425 GOLF ST	SplitLev	8	3	2.1	2	\$590,000
Westfield	953 HARDING ST	Colonial	8	4	1.1	1	\$735,000
Westfield	853 TICE PLACE	Colonial	10	4	1.3	2	\$775,000
Westfield	6 HAWTHORN DR	SplitLev	10	3	3.0	2	\$810,000
Westfield	256 KIMBALL AVE	Colonial	11	5	3.1	0	\$975,000
Westfield	941 WYANDOTTE TRL	RanchExp	12	5	3.0	2	\$1,055,000
Westfield	566 COLONIAL AVE	Colonial	10	5	3.2	2	\$1,299,000
Westfield	14 WYCHVIEW DR	Colonial	13	6	6.1	2	\$1,700,000
Westfield	808 LAWRENCE AVE	Colonial	13	6	7.1	3	\$2,400,000
Westfield	1021 MINISINK WAY	Colonial	18	6	6.1	3	\$2,650,000

*Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Westfield, NJ data according to the Garden State MLS, as of 1/31/21 – 2/7/21. Featured properties may not have been listed or sold by the office/agent presenting this data. Information deemed RELIABLE. A home is one of the most important and significant purchases or sales you will make in your lifetime. If you are thinking about a move, now is the time to prepare. I will provide you with a market evaluation and mortgage update, create a thorough marketing plan and let you know my suggestions in staging. For more information on these or other real estate matters, contact Susan Massa Broker CRS SRES ABR at 908-400-0778, susan@susanmassa.com or susanmassa2@gmail.com. www.NJHomeShowcase.com www.summitwestfieldhomes.com.

Covid 19 is dramatically changing the way we are conducting Real Estate. New procedures have been implemented in keeping all those involved safe. Every precaution is being made. Limited number of people may view public open house with masks and gloves.

County Clerk Reminds Residents on Travel Rules

COUNTY – Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi reminds Union County residents applying for passports, and all residents with international travel plans, that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a new rule last month to require Covid-19 testing for boarding an international flight during the pandemic.

The Office of the County Clerk assists residents with passport applications and periodically updates travelers on alerts and rule changes issued by federal agencies.

“Please avoid travel if at all possible, but if you must take an international flight be sure to check for the latest updates on Covid-19 rules and have a backup plan ready in case you test positive for Covid-19 while out of the U.S.,” said Ms. Rajoppi.

Under the new rule, all air passengers arriving to the U.S. from a foreign country must present a negative Covid-19 test, taken within three days of departure, or proof of recovery to the airline before boarding the flight.

The U.S. Department of State encourages U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to avoid non-essential travel at this time. Those who

must travel should consider purchasing medical travel insurance that covers the pandemic. Travelers should plan ahead for unanticipated expenses if they unexpectedly test positive while overseas.

The State Department also advises that travelers may encounter difficulty obtaining a Covid-19 test and receive the results within the three-day window. Mandatory quarantines, travel restrictions and closed borders may create additional disruptions.

To help stay up to date on international travel rules during the pandemic, follow the State Department (@TravelGov) on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram and enroll in the Smart Traveler Program at step.state.gov to receive alerts from the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

For more information on the new Covid-19 test rules, visit the State Department online at travel.state.gov/C19testingOverseas. Information is also available from the CDC at cdc.gov/COVID19travel.

To contact the Passport Offices of the Union County Clerk call (908) 527-4966 for the main office, located at 2 Broad Street in Elizabeth, or call (908) 654-9859 for the Annex Office, located at the Colleen Frasier Building in the Union County Complex at 300 North Avenue East in Westfield.

For more information about all county clerk programs and services, visit online at ucnj.org/county-clerk or call (908) 527-4787.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

2021 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Environmental Commission of the Township of Scotch Plains has changed the format of their Meetings scheduled for the remainder of the calendar year 2021 to be held by remote access at 7:00 p.m.

Due to the public health emergency caused by Coronavirus, and the Governor’s Executive Order 107, the Environmental Commission will conduct the remainder of their 2021 Meetings remotely and by electronic means for its Commissioners and public. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 (the “Open Public Meetings Act”) Meeting will be conducted through Zoom. The Zoom meeting ID and password is posted on the Township of Scotch Plains Website to allow for public participation. Members of the public who wish to monitor and/or participate in the public meeting may join from a computer or capable device.

February 24th

March 31st

April 28th

May 26th

June 30th

July 28th

August 25th

Sept. 29th

Oct. 27th

Nov. 17th

Dec. 22nd

During the pandemic COVID-19 the meetings will be **online on Zoom at 7:00 pm. The Zoom link to follow:**

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83068759082?pwd=STEVQk9mOVFwZDE1YjFjZjFhOXMlQT09>

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

BOZENA LACINA,
Municipal Clerk
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Assemblywoman Muñoz Announces Reelection Bid

SUMMIT – Assemblywoman Nancy Muñoz, today announced her re-election campaign for State Assembly in the 21st legislative district.

“I look forward to continuing my work in the State Assembly,” said Muñoz (R-Union). Whether assisting constituents navigate the unemployment system, the Motor Vehicle Commission or helping small businesses find pandemic relief, it is an honor to advocate for the needs and concerns of the residents of our district. There is still much work to be done as we continue to overcome the pandemic.”

“I am fortunate to have been able to call Tom Kean Jr. a running mate and a friend. He has been a tremendous mentor and representative for the residents of our district and the people of the state of New Jersey. I look forward to campaigning and serving with Assembly Republican Leader Jon Bramnick as he seeks the State Senate seat in our district. Jon is a fierce

advocate who has called for civility and commonsense from our elected officials for over a decade. His message is more important than ever.”

Muñoz is endorsed by all three Republican county chairs that comprise the district: Laura Ali (Morris) Glenn Mortimer (Union), and Tim Howes (Somerset). She has also been endorsed by 21st district Republican municipal chairs: Heidi Cohen (Berkeley Heights), Scott Mitzner (Bernards Township), Patti Page (Chatham Borough), Andis Kalinins (Cranford), Janis Pulton-Vallone (Far Hills), Steven Blaufeder (Garwood) Jay Woloshen (Kenilworth) Carol Prasa (Long Hill Township) J.D. Bryden (Mountainside) Alex Kogan (New Providence) Mariann Brenner (Roselle Park) Jerome Fernandez (Springfield) Steven Spurr (Summit), Derrick Freijomil (Warren), Debra Joren (Watchung Borough), and JoAnn Neylan (Westfield).

Bill to Expand Crime of Bias Intimidation Clears Asm. Panel

TRENTON – To strengthen New Jersey’s bias intimidation laws, legislation expanding statute on crimes motivated by prejudice against others based on race, color, religion, sexual orientation, gender, disability or ethnicity was recently released by the Assembly Homeland Security Committee.

The bill (A-4833), sponsored by Assemblymen Gary Schaer (D-Bergen, Passaic) and Daniel R. Benson (D-Mercer, Middlesex), would establish additional penalties for the crimes of bias intimidation, harassment and cyber-harassment. Additionally, it would provide a process to secure compensation for damages incurred due to bias intimidation. The bill will also amend the current statute to augment the definition of cyber-crimes to include swatting and cyber-harassment within the list of enumerated crimes.

The sponsors issued the following joint statement on the bill:

“This legislation builds upon our work to modernize existing laws to ensure every New Jerseyan is protected from harassment and intimidation. Technology has allowed our

world to become more interconnected. It is essential that we do not allow it to become a tool to further bias intimidation. We must prosecute cyber-crimes to the same extent as any others.”

Under the legislation, additional penalties would be imposed for a conviction of bias intimidation, for each offense, in the amount of \$2,000 for a crime of the first degree, \$1,000 for a crime of the second degree, \$750 for a crime of the third degree, \$500 for a crime of the fourth degree and \$250 for a disorderly persons or petty disorderly persons offense.

The penalties would be deposited into the Bias Crime Prevention Fund, established under the bill, for the purpose of investigating and prosecuting bias intimidation crimes, supporting community response to bias crime incidents, funding training and educational programs on bias crimes and diversity as well as other programs designed to enhance public awareness of bias crimes and diversity.

The bill will now go to the Assembly Speaker for further consideration.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL PERSON TO PERSON TRANSFER

TAKENOTICE that application has been made to the Town of Westfield to transfer to Riddhi Ganesh Siddhi LLC (DBA Bianchi Wine & Liquors) Plenary Retail Distribution License No. 2020-44-017-011, as a pocket license, heretofore issued to SAAMRO, LLC.

The individuals who will hold an interest in this license are:

Bianca U. Shah
946, Country Club Road
Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807
Objections, if any, should be made immediately in writing to Tara Rowley, Town Clerk, Town of Westfield, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.

Bianca U. Shah
946 Country Club Road
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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2208

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

General Ordinance No. 2208, a summary of which is included herein, was introduced at a Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Westfield held on February 9, 2021 and was read for the first time. This ordinance will be further considered for final passage by said Town Council at a meeting beginning at 8:00 PM on February 23, 2021 or at any time and place to which such meeting may be adjourned. All persons interested will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.

Due to the pandemic and the current closure of the Westfield Municipal Building, the meeting on February 23, 2021 will be held virtually. The public may connect to the meeting and participate via Zoom webinar using the following link: <https://bit.ly/2021WestfieldTownCouncilMeeting>, or via telephone by calling 646-518-9805, Webinar ID 873 4615 6495#, Passcode 233043.

In the event the Town Council meeting scheduled for February 23, 2021 can be held in person, the meeting location will be the Westfield Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.

Copies of this ordinance are available in full at the Office of the Town Clerk, Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.

Tara Rowley, RMC
Town Clerk

A summary of General Ordinance No. 2208 is as follows:

PUBLIC NOTICE

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY, TO MODIFY THE MUNICIPAL STORMWATER CONTROL ORDINANCE IN THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD

SUMMARY:

This ordinance is being adopted in order to conform to the Town’s local stormwater regulations with regulatory changes made to NJ Department of Environmental Protection Stormwater Management rules, N.J.A.C. 7:8. The major changes in the ordinance including replacing the current requirement that major developments incorporate nonstructural stormwater management strategies to the “maximum extent practicable” to meet groundwater recharge standards, stormwater runoff quantity standards, and stormwater runoff quality standards, with a requirement that green infrastructure be utilized to meet these same standards. The changes include clarifying and modifying the definition of a “major development,” which defines the scope of projects to which these rules apply. Consistent with the revised DEP regulations, the ordinance also adopts changes to apply the total suspended solids (TSS) removal requirement to the runoff from motor vehicle surfaces and to eliminate the TSS removal requirement as it applies to runoff from other impervious surfaces not traveled by automobiles, such as rooftops and sidewalks. Finally, various definitional changes have been made, such as the definition of “Tidal Flood Hazard Area,” and new definitions, such as “Green Infrastructure” and “New Jersey Stormwater BMP Manual,” have been added, consistent with revised DEP regulations.

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THE WEEK IN SPORTS

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MACHENO SCORES SOLE GOAL; WILSON DELIVERS ASSIST

Blue Devils Icemen Knot 1-1 Tie With Livingston Lancer Icemen

In their fifth game of the season, the Westfield High School boys varsity hockey team's winning streak took a pause. It was Senior Night for the Livingston Lancers and Westfield had a tough game with a pesky Livingston squad in an evening match-up at Richard Codey Arena. The starting offensive lineup for the evening included senior Dan McDonald, junior Matt Beke and sophomore Matteo Mancheno with varsity veterans senior Kyle "The Azzz" Azzareto and junior sensation Thomas Conrad on defense.

The Lancers broke through and struck early on the Blue Devils in the first period scoring three minutes into the game. Despite trailing for most of the game, Westfield continued to battle. The penalty box was not kind that evening to the Devils and as a result, shifts were shorthanded. Westfield continued to work hard throughout the penalty kills and prevented the Lancers from making any magic happen in the net.

On the flip side, Westfield found themselves on the power play with solid chances but with the Lancers blocking shots, the Devils could not convert. At the end of the second

period the score remained 1-0 Livingston.

Westfield was buzzing in the second but could not break through. There was a bit of a game delay and questionable call during the second period as the biscuit crossed the goal line but the net was knocked off. Fresh face defenseman Michael Wilson was found using his debating skills with the referee on the controversial call. Unfortunately, the replay was not available and it was labeled no goal.

The game proved to be gritty

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Photo courtesy of Bruno Tedeschi

GOING AFTER THE PUCK...Blue Devil senior Mason Garnhart, No. 24, goes after the puck in the game against the Livingston Lancers. The Blue Devils and Lancers wound up in a 1-1 tie.



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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

GUARDING A LION...Blue Devil senior co-captain JJ Milstein, right, attempts to prevent RC Lion Woodlynn Duvalien from making a pass. The Blue Devils defeated Roselle Catholic, 57-33, in Westfield on February 8.

RYAN 15 PTS, KREUSSER 11 RBS, CHADOWITZ 6 ASSISTS

Lady Basketball Blue Devils Rout Roselle Catholic Lady Lions, 57-33

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

Junior co-captain Chloe Kreusser and sophomore Annie Ryan came out of the gates quickly to give the Westfield High School girls basketball team a 14-2, first-quarter lead on the visiting Roselle Catholic Lions on February 8. Then after a three-minute hiccup late in the second quarter and early in the third, they came back with the magic to emerge with a 57-33 victory.

Kreusser and Ryan would each score five points in the first quarter then in the second quarter, the Blue Devils would extend their lead to 29-5 with a 15-3 run led by sophomore Sutton Factor who scored seven points. Factor (4 steals, 5 rebounds) would finish with 12 points, includ-

ing a pair of 3-pointers plus hitting all four of her free throws. Freshman Clare Logan (5 rebounds, 2 steals) netted four of her six points but would later get injured.

"It's too bad Clare got injured during the game. She's a freshman and she has a lot to bring to this team," Kreusser commented.

"We have a really good group of girls when someone goes down, someone steps up and they've all got each other's back," Blue Devil Head Coach Liz McKeon added.

But the 1-4 Lions would answer with an 8-0 run to finish the quarter with Westfield carrying a 29-14 lead at the half. Lion Amaris Jenkins sank six of her team-leading 16 points and Nia Clemons sank four of her 11 points in the quarter. Blue Devil co-

captain JJ Milstein broke the run with a lay-up to start the third quarter but the Lions cut the lead to 31-21 within the first three minutes.

"We were pushing it the first half. We were playing good and I guess maybe we let it go a little bit. We took a timeout and we got the first score in the start of the second half," Kreusser said.

"Roselle Catholic, they are a good team. They are going to make runs. Basketball is a game of runs. We didn't relax. They put the pressure on. They definitely got back into the game and then we needed to make one our self, work on our patience, do what we do best, boxing out and making lay-ups," Coach McKeon explained.

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Hilltoppers at 364 and the Raiders at 300. For the boys, the Blue Devils also regained their title after yielding to Summit by a slim margin last year, 405-400. The Blue Devils finished

McKinney took top honors in the 400-free relay at 3:37.17. Abby McKinney won the 100-fly in 57.18. Raider Julia Bonhote won the 50-free at 24.21 and also won the 100-free in 52.88. Lily Hughes won the 100-back at 57.61. Cougar Maggie O'Donnell took top honors in the 200-free at 1:55.26.

In the boys events, the Blue Devils won two relays and one individual event, while the Raiders won an individual event. Blue Devils Colin Kavanagh, Jeremy Kronheimer, Colman Scanlan and Kyle Altman finished first in the 200-free relay at 1:29.47. Kavanagh, Seth Camacho, Altman and Roan Baker finished first in the 400-free relay at 3:17.41. Baker won the 100-back in 53.49. Raider Matt London placed first in the 50-free at 21.78.

12 rebounds to go with seven points and two blocks. Justin Guy scored nine of his 11 points during the first half and Liam Mahr netted eight of his 10 points in the half. Jaden Carter would lead the Raiders with 12 points, which included a pair of 3-pointers.

Griffin Rooney, who led the 11-3 Blue Devils with 21 points and five steals, scored 14 of his points in the second half. Jake Walsh hit four of his five 3-pointers in the first quarter and finished with 17 points to go with four assists. Logan Howland finished with eight points, six rebounds and two blocks. Jack Spellman finished with five rebounds and two blocked shots.

January 29, 2020: Key bouts, with the exception of one, went in Westfield's favor, which resulted in a 44-22 Blue Devil blowout over the Cranford Cougars in a wrestling show-

third period where Ciotta escaped and added a four-point barrel roll-to-back to claim a 9-5 victory.

Key bout No. 2, was at 170-lbs. Blue Devil James McDermott trailed

earned a 3-1 sudden victory with a spin around takedown.

The biggest key bout of the evening had Cougar Luke DiGiovanni (2nd UCT at 138-lbs) dropping to 132-lbs



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DRIVING TO THE BASKET...Blue Devil freshman Chloe Kreusser attempts to drive past Cougar Lauren Williamson, No. 10, and to the basket in Cranford on January 26, 2019. The Blue Devils controlled the boards and won, 43-34.

January 26, 2020: Five years of UCT dominance by the SPF girls swim team finally came to an end at Sonny Werblin Pool at Rutgers University when the Westfield Blue Devils regained the crown with a team total of 386, followed by the Summit

with a total of 430, followed by Summit at 332 and the Raiders at 321.

Blue Devils Erin McKinney, Vivian Jeckell, Marcelina Krowinska and Erin McAndrew took first in the 200-free relay at 1:38.93. McAndrew, Lauren Lane, Krowinska and Abby



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FIRST IN THE 200-FREE...Blue Devil Colin Daniel touched first in the 200-freestyle at 1:47.22 and also won the 100-butterfly in the meet against Bergen Catholic at the Westfield "Y" on January 25, 2018.

January 28, 2020: Learning well from their previous meeting with the Westfield boys basketball team, the SPF Raiders became the aggressor right from the start and proved they could play at a high level with a very good team at SPF. Unlike their humiliating loss in their first outing when they were scoreless in the first quarter and trailed 33-6 at the half, the Raiders took it to the Blue Devils, especially in the second quarter, to grab a 31-23 lead at the half but the Blue Devils regrouped to pull out a 59-51 victory.

Contributing heavily to the Raiders' early success was Justin Fletcher, who would finish with a team-leading

down that was expected to be much closer at Westfield. Each coach jiggered their lineups in a chess match of wits but in the end, the Blue Devils won nine of the 14 bouts to up their season record to 13-2 and to elevate Head Coach Glen Kurz as WCHS's all-time winningest wrestling coach.

The first part of the chess match and the first key bout began at the 152-lb class when Cougar Shane Kanterman (2nd in UCT at 160-lb) dropped down to face Anthony Ciotta (3rd UCT at 152-lbs). Ciotta hit a double-leg takedown. Kanterman answered with a pair of escapes and a takedown to carry a 4-3 lead into the



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ARM BAR AND WRIST...Blue Devil Jarek Gozdieski, top, works an arm bar/wrist maneuver on Cougar Josh DeChillo in his 160-lb bout on Alumni Night in Cranford on January 29, 2016. Gozdieski pinned DeChillo with a cradle in 3:39.

Chris Hecht, 1-0, entering the third period but he converted a Merkel maneuver to a half nelson to record a pin in 5:32. Key bout No. 3 at 285-lbs pitted Blue Devil Jon Heard (2nd in UCT at 220-lbs) against Kevin Shriner (2nd UCT at 285-lbs). With the bout knotted 1-1 in regulation, Shriner

to face Jeremy Silber (2nd UCT at 132-lbs). DiGiovanni burned Silber with three double-leg takedowns. But something clicked with Silber as he answered with a lateral throw and a nearfall, while DiGiovanni escaped to cling onto an 8-7 lead. DiGiovanni

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APPEARING IN DEEP TROUBLE...Blue Devil Tim Miller gets lifted off his feet by Rahway's Sam Dorian in the 170-lb bout but manages to fight off the takedown. Miller did it again later en route to a 3-2, OT win (January 27, 2018).



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MAKING HIS MOVE...Blue Devil Griffin Rooney, No. 5, makes his move to get by Raiders Liam Mahr, No. 35, and Justin Guy, No. 1, during the game in Scotch Plains on January 28, 2020. Westfield overcame an 8-point deficit to win 59-51.



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WINNING THE TIPOFF...Blue Devil senior Shannon Devitt, left, wins the tipoff over Crusader Amy Wysocki, No. 25, in the game against AL Johnson in Clark on February 4, 2017. Westfield won a very tight battle with the Crusaders.



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WORKING AN ARM BAR/WRIST...Blue Devil freshman CJ Composto, top, works an arm bar/wrist control on Cougar Patrick Kalnins in his 106-lb bout. Composto recorded an 18-3 tech fall at Cranford on February 3, 2017.



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REALLY GOING AFTER THE BALL...Cougars Jack McCaffrey, left, and John Oblachinski, right, put the pinch on Raider Jack Poillon in Cranford on January 30, 2014. The Cougars defeated the Raiders, 56-41.

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had a 10-9 lead entering the final period but Silber responded with a reversal that he converted to a wrist/half nelson nearfall to grab a 13-10 decision.

January 31, 2020: Two days after dropping a 34-32 stinger to the 11-6 Elizabeth Minutemen in Elizabeth the SPF wrestling team hosted the Plainfield Cardinals in a special Alumni Nightmatch. Although the 13-10 Raiders won big, 68-3, the most important part of the evening was an honoring of former head coach Len Zanowicz, who was at the helm from 1973 to 1994 and amassed a 201-77-4 record. In addition to his many other accomplishments, it had been decided that the Annual Senior Male and Female Athletes of the Year Awards would be known as the Len Zanowicz Awards.

The key showdown bout against the Minutemen came at 126-lbs when Jasiah Queen (120-lb UCT champion)

Chloe Kreusser and five from junior Caroline Dwyer.

Senior KC Pringle led the 6-8 Cougars with eight rebounds and added two blocks, two steals and two points. Olivia Speer had six rebounds and added seven points. Kirsten Williams finished with three rebounds, six points and two steals. Lauren Williamson had four rebounds and five points and Elizabeth McCaffery had four rebounds and sank a 3-pointer.

January 25, 2018: Seniors Colin Daniel (200-free, 100-fly) and Eric Bebel (50-free, 100-free) each scored a pair of individual victories to help lead the Blue Devil swim boys past Bergen Catholic, 90-80, at the Westfield “Y” pool. The Blue Devils took first in eight out of 11 races on their way to improving their season mark to 9-2.

Ryan Bebel claimed the 200-Individual Medley. Steve Warren won the

the Rahway Indians wrestling team and the Blue Devils at Westfield. With the pressure on and his team trailing 27-26, entering the final bout at 138-lbs, sophomore Luke Scanlan re-

got a balanced scoring effort with five players scoring at least eight points in the game. Senior guard Teddy Willmott led the way with 11 points including three 3-point baskets. Chris



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HIGH PRESSURE DEFENSE...Blue Devils Grace Elliott, No. 12, and Molly Ryan, No. 2, apply a lot of pressure on Pioneer Katie Kinum, front, especially in the second half. The Blue Devils succeeded in holding Kinum scoreless in the second half. The Pioneers won in overtime, 44-38 (January 30, 2016).

corded a second-period reversal and added a penalty point to defeat Antonio Santoni, 3-0, to reward the Blue Devils with a 29-27 victory.

At 160-lbs. Blue Devil Isaiah Reese recorded a five-point lateral throw in overtime to defeat Jason Winters, 8-3. At 170-lbs, despite being swept off his feet twice by Rahway’s Sam Dorielan, Tim Miller kept his balance and took the bout into overtime where he controlled him from the top position to win 3-2.

February 1, 2017: “Senior Night” was more than just “Senior Night” for the No. 4 ranked Cranford wrestling team in its match with the Brearley Bears in Cranford. Anthony Capece and Brian McGovern became the fourth and fifth seniors, respectively, on the team to attain 100 career victories, joining Chris Scorese, Tom DiGiovanni and Vince Concina in the shutout over the Bears, who just had the misfortune of having their best wrestlers matched up with the 17-0 Cougars’ top wrestlers. Additionally, Pat Gorman received his 99th career win as the Cougars’ head coach. Senior Alex Esposito tackled Cearon Dorougherty to his back in eight seconds at 285-lbs.

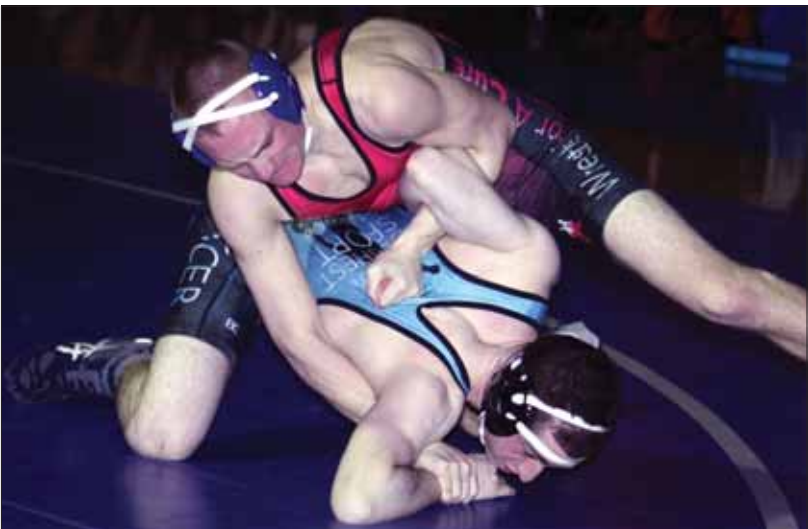
February 2, 2017: The SPF basketball boys continued to prove that they are the real deal this year with an impressive, 64-50, win over Cranford in Scotch Plains. The Raiders (17-1)

Librera led the Cougars with 13 points.

February 3, 2017: Shifting of some personnel by both teams, perhaps in preparation for the postseason, made for a few interesting match-ups but the end result was a 47-20 victory by the No. 4 Cranford wrestling team over the Westfield Blue Devils in Cranford. The victory was also the 100th career win for Pat Gorman as Cougar Head Coach, who just joined five of his seniors as members of the “100 Club”.

Senior co-captain Zach Rabinowitz stepped on the mat at 120-lbs and became the victim of a 10-2 major decision to Anthony Capece, who just recorded his 100th career victory two days prior against Brearley. Cougar Conor Halpin used a spin-behind takedown and an escape to edge Jeremy Silber, 3-1, at 126-lbs. AJ Bencivenga topped Jordan Simpson, 7-3, at 145-lbs. Blue Devil Tim Miller recorded a head-and-arm walk-around takedown and a pair of escapes to defeat a much improved Matt Doran, 4-2, at 160-lbs.

February 4, 2017: Dogged tenacity on the part of the A.L. Johnson Crusaders convinced the Westfield Lady Blue Devils to change their game plan midway through the third quarter in a basketball showdown in Clark. That shift in strategy enabled the Blue Devils to overcome a 31-25 deficit and to emerge with a 44-38 victory.



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A BAR AND A WRIST...Blue Devil Kevin Miller begins to turn Raider Jeff Lieblich to his back with an arm bar and wrist combination, (January 31, 2014).

The 13-4 Blue Devils initially worked to establish an outside offensive presence and senior Danielle Rinaldi scored her team’s first five points, one being a 3-pointer, early in the first quarter. Rinaldi, who finished with six steals, three assists and four rebounds, hit seven of her team-leading 11 points in the quarter. Senior Shannon Devitt (9 points, 3 blocks, 2 steals) led the team with 15 rebounds. Grace Elliott had 9 points, 3 assists and 3 rebounds. Jenna Iorio sank 10 points and Molly Ryan had 5 points and 6 steals.

January 28, 2016: Key victories by Sam Wustefeld and Guillaume Hardin spearheaded a strong Raider effort in a 39-27 loss to the Union County Tournament (UCT) champion Cranford Cougars wrestling team at SPF. Trailing 27-22 with four bouts remaining, the Cougars recorded a fall, two majority decisions and a

points, 29-13, at halftime to New Providence, the Westfield girls basketball team made remarkable defensive adjustments to make up for that deficit leading to a 36-36 tie at the end of regulation on Senior Day in Westfield. Unfortunately for the 6-8 Blue Devils, the 11-4 Pioneers, who had defeated Westfield, 49-37, on January 14, found the mark in overtime to come up with a 44-38 victory.

Blue Devil junior Shannon Devitt proved to have all-around effectiveness. She led the team with 14 points, pulled six rebounds, made two blocks and had a pair of steals. Senior Co-Captain Amalia Montes (4 points, 2 steals, 2 blocks, 2 assists) came on especially strong under the boards in the second half and finished with 11 rebounds.

January 30, 2014: Senior John Oblachinski sank five of his 12 points and added an assist, which ignited a



David B. Corbin (February 2020 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
SETTING UP A TILT...Raider Joey Larmore sets up a tilt on Cardinal Joe Lopez in his 113-lb bout. Larmore claimed a 17-2, 3:39 tech fall (January 31, 2020).

decision to secure the victory.

Hardin faced Mike Nigro (3rd in UCT at 138-lbs) and used his snaky mat style to catch Nigro in a three-point Spladle nearfall en route to 6-4 decision. Wustefeld faced Andrew Tompkins (2nd in UCT at 170-lbs) and claimed a 5-0 decision.

January 28, 2016: For a while it looked like the Cranford boys’ basketball team was stuck in the deep freeze that piled two feet of snow on Central New Jersey last week. The Cougar offense was ice cold from long range at the start of their game against Oratory Prep before thawing out in the second half. A 16-3 third quarter run helped Cranford separate itself from the Rams before claiming a 62-47 victory in Cranford. Michael Smith led all scorers with 22 points and Sean Leonard added 16 points for the Cougars.

January 29, 2016: The Westfield boys basketball team may have played its best game of the season by making quick work of Paterson Kennedy, 83-72, in Westfield. The Blue Devils roared out to a 15-2 first quarter lead and extended to a 38-17 advantage midway through the second quarter. Westfield used a balanced scoring attack with four players scoring 15 points or more and assaulted the visiting Knights with a non-stop barrage of 3-pointers.

The Blue Devils consistently found open spots in the corner for Parker Hess (17 points) and Jelani Pierre (16 points) to bomb away. Westfield also got 16 points from Nick Mele. Owen Murray added 15 points.

January 30, 2016: Down by 16

13-3 run in the first half of the third quarter to put the Cranford boys basketball team on the road to a 56-41 victory over Scotch Plains-Fanwood in Cranford.

Jack McCaffrey led the Cougars with 22 points and five steals. Chris Gibbons led the 8-8 Raiders with seven rebounds and nine points. Leo Ramos (4 points) and Quayree Bull (2 points) each had six rebounds.

January 31, 2014: All the chips were on the line when Raider senior Matt Ridge stepped on the mat to face Blue Devil sophomore Kevin Frega in the final bout at 195-lbs in the “Pin Cancer” Alumni Night between the SPF wrestling team and Westfield at Scotch Plains. All proceeds from the ticket sales and the concession stands were to be donated to the “Pin Cancer” program.

Both coaches were juggling around their lineups throughout like a “chess” match to get the most advantageous match-ups for their team and with the Raiders trailing, 33-30, the final move was made when Ridge bumped up from his regular class at 182-lbs to face Frega and the winner would deliver the victory for his team. Frega took the initiative with a takedown attempt, but Ridge countered to get the takedown and a two-point nearfall. Ridge recorded a side roll reversal in the second period and added a defensive takedown to claim an 8-0 majority decision.

February 4, 2014: Blue Devil junior Lillian Scott may or may not have known how many points she needed to break 1,000 career points; how-

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ever, the ever increasing chatter from the boys in the stands must have given her a resounding clue as she approached that magic number late in the second quarter when the Westfield girls basketball team went on to trample Rahway, 60-20, in Westfield. Scott needed 18 points to reach 1,000 and she hit numbers 18 and 19 when she swished a set shot with 2:08 remaining in the second quarter to give the Blue Devils a 44-7 lead. After a ceremony, she took a seat and relaxed for the remainder of the game.

February 7, 2014: Criteria decision put the Cranford wrestling team over the top in a wild match with Northern Highlands, which ended in a 31-31 draw in Cranford. Each team won seven bouts and the 13-6 Highlanders recorded two pins to



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

SETTING UP A GUILLOTINE...Cranford Cougar Dave Busch, top, sets up a guillotine tilting maneuver in his 126-lb bout with Highlander Jake Paparozzi in Cranford on February 7, 2014. Busch earned a 10-1 majority decision,

Cranford's one, but forfeits, disqualifications and defaults in a Criteria count as pins also and the 15-4 Cougars received two forfeits to boost their total to three.

Niko Cappello bumped up a weight class to square off with Brandon Latierno, who entered the bout with a 25-3 record, one of seven Highlanders with 20+ wins. Cappello recorded a low double-leg takedown in the first period and added an escape and another takedown in the second period. With a 5-2 lead, Cappello managed to control Latierno throughout the third period to gain the crucial victory.

The first bout of the evening came at 160-lbs, and Cougar Corey Birch bumped up to face Jack Castiglia and came out on top, 4-1, after recording a double-leg takedown and a reversal. Dave Busch punished Jake Paparozzi with three takedowns, an escape and a nearfall to claim a 10-1 majority decision at 126-lbs.

January 27, 2013: The No. 1 Westfield and SPF girls swim teams each broke two meet records as the Blue Devils won their 21st Union County title with a total of 440 and the Raiders finished second with 281 at Rutgers University. Cranford placed seventh with 150 points. Although not winning an event, the Blue Devils boys claimed their 58th county championship in 62 years with 450 points, while Summit placed second at 415 points, the Raiders took third at 324 and Cranford took sixth at 137.

Blue Devil Caroline Baldwin broke her own meet record of 56.36 (2012)



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REGISTERING CAREER VICTORY NUMBER 100...Raider Sal Gano, top, made quick work of Warren Hills 125-pounder Anthony Gaito, pinning him in 23 seconds with a Mallory to record career victory No. 100 (February 8, 2007).

in the 100-backstroke by touching first at 56.26. Baldwin, Gwyn Devin, Ellie Reinhardt and Sarah Cronin broke Westfield's 2012 time of 1:37.93 In the 200-free relay by touching first in 1:37.16. Raiders Isabella Iacona, Jodie Thompson, Melissa Harris and Sarah Davis touched first in the 200-medley relay at 1:50.86 to break Westfield's 2011 record of 1:51.26.

Thompson touched first in the 100-breaststroke at 1:04.96 to break the old record of 1:06.28 set by Abby Pires (Governor Livingston) in 2011. Cronin, Courtney Day, Devin and Reinhardt touched first in the 400-free relay at 3:38.59. Cronin touched first in the 200-free at 1:54.78 and the 100-free at 52.63. Baldwin touched first in the 50-free at 23.7. Cougar Julie Byrne touched first in the 100-butterfly at 57.34.

For the boys, Raider Ryan Gajdzisz

touched first in the 200-free at 1:42.86. Gajdzisz also won the 500-free in 4:39.77.

January 30, 2013: Freshman Vin DiFilippo delivered an emphatic pinning combination, while Nick Velez and Kyle Kania earned key victories to lead the 13-1 Blue Devils wrestling team to a 41-21 victory over the 8-5 Rahway Indians, who had previously had a six-match winning streak, in Westfield.

DiFilippo used his good balance and defensive savvy to ward of several attacks from Indian Davon Jefferson in the first period of his 145-lb bout. From the top position in the second period, he slipped in a devastating leg-and-arm combination to pin Jefferson with a Spadale maneuver in 2:28.

January 31, 2013: Senior Reggie

Green's effectiveness under the boards and accurate shooting from beyond the perimeter was prevalent in the Cranford Cougar boys basketball team's 58-44 victory over the Raiders in Scotch Plains. Green pulled down 11 rebounds and added three blocked shots and a steal, while sinking six points and contributing three assists. Raider senior forward Tom Bonacum turned out to be effective in nearly every aspect of the game. Bonacum also had 11 rebounds, but he was also very dangerous offensively under the board, from mid range and from beyond the perimeter. He finished with a game-high 25 points, which included three of the Raiders' six 3-pointers.

February 1, 2013: Opportunities for both teams to end the game in regulation were missed so it took two free throws from Lil Scott, after Carly Friedman's key offensive rebound to seal a 54-50, overtime victory for the Blue Devil girls basketball team over the hosting Raiders.

Friedman finished with 10 rebounds, two assists and a steal. Jackie Knapp (3 steals) led the Blue Devils in scoring with 24 points, including three 3-pointers, and Scott, who led the team with six steals and five assists, finished with 21 points, including two 3-pointers. Taylor Sebolao (6 rebounds, 2 steals) led the Raiders with 16 points, including three 3-pointers and six assists. Katie Harper (2 steals, blocked shot) sank nine points, including a pair of 3-pointers.

February 2, 2012: Speed verses speed made for an exciting evening

ranked Watchung Hills Warriors kept plugging away, winning seven of the last nine bouts to earn a 31-24 victory over Westfield in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 semifinals in Warren. A "never quit" attitude came in the third bout, 195-lbs, between Blue Devil Ozan Oral and Warrior Alex Fornelos. Oral was on the short side of an 8-0 score in the third period; however, all along he kept trying to set up a Peterson roll, but to no avail. Finally it worked! Oral hit the move and caught Fornelos on his back for a fall in 5:26.

Colin Barber improved to 24-2 when he recorded three takedowns and a reversal to win by 7-3, decision over Kyle Murray at 152-lbs. At 138-lbs, Ellis Opoku recorded a dump takedown and an escape to defeat Anthony DiRosa, 3-1.

February 3, 2011: Two swing bouts shifted drastically in the third period in favor of the Roselle Park Panther matmen in a 42-35 victory over Cranford in Cranford. Cougar Mike Helmstetter (112) was shocked, 7-4, by Giovanni Ramirez and Jon Acosta scored a third period takedown to stun Cougar Jim Dwyer, 10-8, at 152-lbs. Cougars Joe Giaccio (126), Cory Markovitch (135), Matt DiGiovanni (145), JP Christiano (160) and heavy-weight Ray El-Khoury recorded pins.

February 4, 2011: The Blue Devil wrestling team tacked on a pair of victories with a 52-22 settling of the New Providence Pioneers and a 48-24 taming of the Linden Tigers in a tri-match in Westfield. Blue Devil senior Christian Barber added a pair of wins via pin to boost his season record to 26-0 and his career record to 94, but just five days before, he had his biggest victory to date with a 5-3 decision over third-ranked (Coaches Association Poll) Connor Brennan of Brick at the All-Star Invitational at Brick.

February 5, 2011: Joe Greenspan controlled the defensive boards, and Scott Toresco stood tall under the offensive boards as the Blue Devil boys basketball team turned back the ALJ Crusaders, 69-38, at the Bernosky Games in Rahway. Greenspan pulled down 14 rebounds, blocked three shots and had two steals, while leading all scorers with 16 points, including a pair of three-pointers. Toresco grabbed five of his nine rebounds from the offensive boards.

February 4, 2010: "Blackout Day" may have had an effect, but one thing was for sure, the shooting of Pat



David B. Corbin (Westfield/IHA meet February 2013 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times

A RECORD BREAKER...Blue Devil Caroline Baldwin broke her own meet record of 56.36 (2012) in the 100-backstroke by touching first in 56.26 at the Union County Tournament (January 27, 2013).

Dougher and Doran Nelson did, as the Raider boys basketball team shocked the visiting Blue Devils, 57-54. Dougher finished with a team-high 20 points. Nelson finished with 18 points, including two 3-pointers. Blue Devil junior forward Ryan Hess bucketed six of his 20 points in the first quarter and senior center Pat Sabatino pulled seven boards and scored 14 points.

February 11, 2008: Blue Devil Adam Bergo cleared 6'6" to take top honors in the high jump event at the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 meet at the Jersey City Armory.

February 11, 2008: The Raider girls basketball team stopped Hillside, 48-39, in the first round of the Union County Tournament in Cranford. Kaylin Jaichon pumped in 12 points, grabbed 12 rebounds and had seven blocks. Jackie Law had 11 points, four rebounds and four assists.

February 8, 2007: Seemingly always cruising under the radar, Raider senior Sal Gano "quietly" but swiftly earned his 100th career victory with a 23-second fall with two bouts remain-

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Westfield Planning Board, at their meeting on February 1, 2021, adopted the following resolution for an application acted upon at the January 6, 2021, meeting.

PB 20-09 Nicole & Barak Ulin, 104 Winchester Way & 101 Barchester Way, Block 5204 Lots 16 & 17. Applicants sought approval to move the lot line in the rear of both properties to incorporate approximately 400 square feet of lot 16 into lot 17 squaring off both lots. Application approved.

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

Kris McAloon
Planning Board Secretary
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Shannon Rapant
Secretary to the Zoning Board
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SCRAMBLE UNDERNEATH THE BOARD...Blue Devil freshman Clare Logan, No. 11, finds herself in a battle with Lions underneath the board during the game against Roselle Catholic on February 8.

Blue Devils Rout Roselle Catholic Lions, 57-33

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The Blue Devils certainly did answer and it came with emphasis when Ryan banged her first 3-pointer to ignite a 17-8 run. Millstein (7 points, 3 rebounds, assist) sank five points, including a 3-pointer. Factor nailed her second 3-pointer, while sophomore Phoebe Chadowitz (3 steals, 3 rebounds) who led the team with six assists, Kreusser and sophomore Paige Gorczyca (4 points, 2 rebounds, steal) each added two points. Ryan also added a 2-pointer.

"Annie is doing a great job of stepping up. She is only a sophomore but she has the ability to play like an upperclassman. I think everything goes through Chloe though. She is our leader whether it's through the stat line or just being the voice and taking command out on the court," Coach McKeon pointed out.

The Blue Devils won the fourth quarter, 9-4, and it began with Gorczyca getting inside for a lay-up and ended with Ryan banging a three from the outside.

"Annie definitely stepped up this game and hit a couple of threes. She's really coming up as a leader on the team, especially as a sophomore. And we have Paige back today, which is really helpful. She had a couple of good shots inside and played really well. Also Phoebe played phenomenal. We had good chemistry on passes and everything," Kreusser said.

It's great to have Paige. It's her first game of the season. She started off slow. She should! She hasn't played since last year. I thought she did a great job of keeping her composure and stepping up in the second half," Coach McKeon said.

"I think overall we played well as a team and having players like JJ coming out and playing really well. Paige, her first game coming back and playing really well too. All the sophomores, Sutton, Paige, Annie, they all were able to step up. It's good that anyone on this team can step up and bring our team to life," Kreusser emphasized.

Roselle Catholic	2	12	15	4	33
Westfield	14	15	19	9	57

Lady Blue Devils Roll Past Raider Basketball, 49-31

Defense stepped up in a big way after the first quarter as the Westfield High School girls basketball team swept past the hosting Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders, 49-31, on February 5. Junior co-captain Chloe Kreusser was operating in high gear both offensively and defensively as she led the 1-1 Blue Devils in scoring with 24 points, including a pair of 3-pointers. She also pulled 10 rebounds and made five steals to go with three blocks and an assist.

Annie Ryan became the chief thief with six steals and added 12 points, including a 3-pointer, three assists, four rebounds and a block. Freshman Clare Logan grabbed eight rebounds, while contributing four points, two steals, a block and an assist. Co-captain JJ Milstein had four points and a rebound. Sutton Factor had four rebounds, two points, two assists and a steal. Phoebe Chadowitz had four assists, four rebounds and a block. Kalea Calugay had three points.

Ashley DeFrancesco led the 3-1 Raiders with eight rebounds, while adding 10 points, four steals and an assist. Emily Friscia netted 10 points and grabbed seven boards, while adding an assist, a steal and a block.

Blue Devil Icemen Knot 1-1 Tie With Livingston Lancer Icemen

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throughout the third period. Penalties continued for both opponents. With two minutes left in the third, Mancheno sniped a brilliant goal with an apple coming from Wilson to tie it up 1-1. Junior goalie Jake Watson continued his calm and steady behavior recording 23 saves for the game as the buzzer wrapped the game at a 1-1 tie.

"It was an important game for us," said senior Westfield captain Brendan Kotiga after the game. He continued, "We wanted the win, unfortunately we didn't come home with that tonight."

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

PLEASE BE ADVISED that at the Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting held on February 4, 2021 the Board memorialized the following Resolutions:

Vincent K. Loughlin, Esq., an attorney of the State of New Jersey with the Loughlin Law Firm, 838 East Second Street, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, was **appointed** Attorney to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the period effective from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

Ferriero Engineering, Inc., 180 Main Street, Chester, New Jersey, was **appointed** Consulting Engineer to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the period effective from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

Neglia Engineering Associates, 200 Central Avenue, Suite 102, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092, was **appointed** Consulting Planner to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the period effective from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

Copies of said Resolutions have been filed in the office of the Board and/or the office of the Municipal Clerk and are available for public inspection during regular business hours.

Shannon Rapant
Secretary to the Zoning Board
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UNION COUNTY
INSURANCE FUND COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, please be advised that the regular meetings for calendar year 2021 of the Union County Insurance Fund Commission, a public entity established under N.J.S.A. 40A:10-6, have been scheduled on the dates listed below. All regular meetings will begin at 10:00 AM. In adherence to the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government (DLGS) guidelines, the Insurance Commission Meetings will be open to the public by electronic means, and as such, will be conducted through a teleconference via ZOOM until further notice using the Call in Number: 312-626-6799, the Meeting ID: 579 506 9590 or <https://zoom.us/j/5795069590>. Any member of the public wishing to participate in the teleconference meeting may do so by downloading Zoom to their individual electronic device. Members of the public who prefer not to, or do not have the means to participate in the teleconference, may continue to participate in the Insurance Commission meeting by e-mailing comments relative to any Commission issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the County to Cathy Dodd, cdodd@permainc.com no later than noon of the day prior to the corresponding Regular Meeting date and, as is always the case, must include the public member's full name, and town of residence. All relevant comments received will be read into record during each Regular Meeting's Public Comment Portion. Agendas will be posted for the public's viewing on the Commission's official website at: <http://ucifc.org>. A copy of this notice has been filed with the office of the County Clerk.

February 17, 2021
March 17, 2021
April 21, 2021
June 16, 2021
July 21, 2021
September 15, 2021
October 20, 2021
December 15, 2021

In addition such other meetings as may be required shall be scheduled and held, pursuant to and with such additional notice as may be required by statute.
By: PERMA Risk Management Services Administrator
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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD
WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY
GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2206
NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

General Ordinance No. 2206, a summary of which is included herein, was introduced at a Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Westfield held on February 9, 2021 and was read for the first time. This ordinance will be further considered for final passage by said Town Council at a meeting beginning at 8:00 PM on February 23, 2021 or at any time and place to which such meeting may be adjourned. All persons interested will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.

Due to the pandemic and the current closure of the Westfield Municipal Building, the meeting on February 23, 2021 will be held virtually. The public may connect to the meeting and participate via Zoom webinar using the following link: <https://bit.ly/2021WestfieldTownCouncilMeeting>, or via telephone by calling 646-518-9805, Webinar ID 873 4615 6495 #, Passcode 233043.

In the event the Town Council meeting scheduled for February 23, 2021 can be held in person, the meeting location will be the Westfield Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.

Copies of this ordinance are available in full at the Office of the Town Clerk, Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.

Tara Rowley, RMC
Town Clerk

A summary of General Ordinance No. 2206 is as follows:

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, CHAPTER 13

SUMMARY:

Amends Chapter 13 of the Town Code of the Town of Westfield as follows:

1. Section 13-6 – “Stop Intersections” of the Town Code shall be changed by adding the following language in its entirety:

Sherbrooke Drive and Sherman Street Stop signs shall be installed on Sherbrooke Drive.

2. Section 13-21.5 – “Handicapped parking space – On street.” is amended to read as follows:

121 Cacciola Place, beginning at a point two hundred sixty five feet northeast from the intersection of the easterly curb line of Central Avenue as extended with the northerly curb line of Cacciola Place as extended and from such beginning point extending northeasterly for a distance of twenty five feet.

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NEWS RELEASE

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Regional School District will be participating in the 2020 Summer Food Service Program from February 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 whereby this Food Service Program also is being offered during the COVID Pandemic through June 30, 2021. The Summer Food Service Program is a federally funded Program of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Services. All children 18 years of age and under who are enrolled in Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools will receive the **same free meal** in accordance with a menu approved by the State agency regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, and reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Children who are part of households that receive food stamps or benefits under the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TNAF) are automatically eligible to receive free meal benefits at eligible program sites.

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Summit Community Center To Serve as Vaccination Site

SUMMIT – As part of ongoing efforts to fight the Covid-19 pandemic, the City of Summit, in partnership with Atlantic Health System's Overlook Medical Center, has established the Summit Community Center on 100 Morris Avenue as a location to administer Covid-19 vaccines. Starting Monday, February 8, individuals in Phases 1A and 1B may register with Atlantic Health System online to receive the Covid-19 vaccine at the Community Center or another Atlantic Health location. At this time, vaccine supply is extremely limited and appointments will only be made available to eligible recipients as supply allows. To learn more about who is eligible, visit covid19.nj.gov. Vaccinations will be by appointment only beginning on Monday, February 8, 2021 and administered Monday to Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. when vaccine supplies are available. No walk-ins will be accepted. The process requires people to register to receive a vaccination appointment alert at <https://www.atlantichealth.org>. When vaccine is available, Atlantic Health System will send a notification to schedule an appointment. Those with an appointment are asked to arrive no sooner than 15 minutes before their scheduled time. Wearing a mask and social distancing will be required. For parking and additional instructions, please visit the Atlantic Health System website or visit the City of Summit online. Senior citizens and residents without internet access may call the Department of Community Services at (908) 277-2932 for assistance with signing up for a vaccination alert notification. Please do not contact the DCP to schedule an appointment; they will only be assisting people without internet access to receive a vaccination appointment alert notification. All appointments will be scheduled through Atlantic Health System.

New Union County Fire/EMS Training Academy is Open

COUNTY – The Union County Board of County Commissioners cut the ribbon February 3 on the new Union County Fire/EMS Training Academy. The new facility provides classroom spaces for professional and volunteer firefighters in training as well as current firefighters and EMTs who are continuing their education.

Forty-four firefighters from Hillside, Linden, Rahway and Union Township have commenced classroom instruction at the new Fire Academy, formerly the site of the Union County Juvenile Detention Center, located at 1075 Edward Street in Linden.

“We had a building that was available for repurposing, and this works out well for the county as well as for local fire departments,” said Board of Commissioners Chairman Alexander Mirabella. “We are proud to be able to offer a conveniently located facility for Union County’s firefighters and EMTs to work toward the completion of their training.”

Future plans include the development of a course catalog with public safety classes such as CPR training available to members of the general public.

“I am extremely excited about this new academy; it has been a long time coming. This gives our firefighters from all the different municipalities the ability to start their careers by training together while building relationships. They will be seeing each other on the various fire grounds throughout their careers,” said Michael Scanio, chief of the Township of Union Fire Department and president of the Union County Chiefs Association.

Currently, the county has an existing facility located on Lower Road in Linden that will continue to provide a realistic environment for conducting live burn training for both career and volunteer firefighters.

The Fire Training Academy is operated by the Union County Department of Public Safety. For more information, please visit: ucnj.org/public-safety.

Shooting in Plainfield Under Investigation

PLAINFIELD — A shooting that left a woman dead and a man seriously injured in Plainfield earlier this week is under active investigation, acting Union County Prosecutor Lyndsay V. Ruotolo and Plainfield Police Director Lisa Burgess jointly announced February 5.

The deceased victim has been identified as Johanna Cordova-Salazar, 29, of Plainfield.

Shortly before 4:15 p.m. on Wednesday, February 3, Plainfield Police Division patrol units responding to a report of shots being fired traveled to the area of Lee Place and South Second Street and found Ms. Cordova-Salazar and another shooting victim at that location, according to the preliminary investigation. Ms. Cordova-Salazar was subsequently pronounced dead, while the surviving victim was transported to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick for emergency treatment.

At this time, neither shooting victim is believed to have been the intended target of the gunfire.

This investigation is being led by the Union County Homicide Task Force and assisted by members of the Plainfield Police Division, Union County Police Department Ballistics Unit and Union County Sheriff's Office Crime Scene Unit.

Anyone with information about this matter is urged to contact Prosecutor's Office Detective Angela Concepcion at (908) 341-5416 or Lt. Jose Vendas at (908) 358-3048. Tips can also be submitted anonymously by phone at (908) 654-TIPS (8477) or online at www.uctip.org.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD
WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY
GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2207
AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING 417 PROSPECT STREET, SHOWN ON THE TOWN TAX MAPS AS BLOCK 1004, LOT 10 AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK AND MODIFYING THE ZONING MAP

WHEREAS, by application to the Westfield Historic Preservation Commission, Joyce Lee Goldstein requested to deem the property located at 417 Prospect Street a historic landmark, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions contained within the Historic Designation and Preservation Ordinance of the Town of Westfield, the Historic Preservation Commission gave full and complete consideration to the petition for historic designation of the property; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission held a duly-noticed public hearing on December 28, 2020, on the proposed historic designation of the property, where all those who desired to be heard were heard; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission adopted a resolution on that date setting forth its findings of fact and providing its rationale for its recommendation to the Town Council that the Council approve the application for historic preservation designation of 417 Prospect Street, shown on the Town Tax Map as Block 1004, Lot 10; and

WHEREAS, at a public meeting held on February 1, 2021, the Town Planning Board reviewed the proposed designation pursuant to the Historic Designation and Preservation Ordinance of the Town of Westfield and New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law Section 40:55D-26 and found that designation of 417 Prospect Street, shown on the Town Tax Map as Block 1004, Lot 10, would be consistent with the Historic Preservation Element of the Town Master Plan and the goals and objectives contained within the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town Planning Board also recommends that the Historic Preservation Ordinance, Subsection 14 be amended to include the property at 417 Prospect Street, shown on the Town Tax Map as Block 1004, Lot 10, and the Zoning Map be amended to identify the property as a designated historic landmark.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield, in the County of Union and the State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION I. The Zoning Map shall be and is hereby amended and supplemented by identifying the following property as shown on the Official Tax Map of the Town of Westfield as a Historic Preservation Designated Landmark:

Tara Rowley, RMC
Town Clerk
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WESTFIELD

Sunday, January 31, Emily Loveras, 20, of Staten Island, N.Y. was arrested and charged with possession of fraudulent government identification pursuant to a motor vehicle stop near the area of Raritan Road and Central Avenue in Clark Township resulting from a traffic violation which occurred in Westfield. Loveras was transported to police headquarters for processing and later released with a summons.

Tuesday, February 2, a resident of Willow Grove Parkway reported being the victim of fraud. The victim stated that he bought \$1,500 worth of gift cards using his credit card. He then provided the gift card numbers to an unknown individual, who falsely pretended to be an Apple customer service employee.

Wednesday, February 3, a resident of the 400 block of West Broad Street reported that one or more unknown suspects contacted him that day via phone call, identifying themselves as law enforcement agency employees. The suspect(s) were able to obtain personal information from the victim and ultimately were able to fraudulently access \$10,000 from the victim's bank account.

SCOTCH PLAINS

Monday, February 1, a resident of Essex Road reported unauthorized transactions on a credit account. The case is under investigation.

Wednesday, February 3, a resident of Donato Circle reported unauthorized transactions on several credit accounts. The case is under investigation.

Friday, February 5, Kevin Kennedy, 30, of Scotch Plains was arrested during a motor vehicle accident investigation and charged with driving under the influence. Kennedy was transported to police headquarters and processed.

Sunday, February 7, a resident of the 300 block of Farley Avenue reported the theft of tools. The case is under investigation.

Monday, February 8, a resident of Country Club Lane reported the theft of their 2011 Honda Pilot. The victim had left the vehicle running and a witness saw an unknown male jump in the vehicle and drive away. The vehicle has been entered as stolen and the case is under investigation.

FANWOOD

Thursday, January 7, Milton Hill, 3rd, 36, of Plainfield was arrested on an outstanding warrant issued by the Trenton Municipal Court during a motor vehicle stop around South Avenue and 1st Street. Hill was released by the Trenton Municipal Court.

Thursday, January 7, a resident of Paterson Road reported that someone used their personal information to apply for unemployment benefits through their employer. The incident was referred to the United States Secret Service.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD
WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY
GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2205
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, CHAPTER 16, "PARKS AND RECREATION" BY CHANGING CERTAIN FEES IN THE MEMORIAL POOL AND BY ESTABLISHING CERTAIN NEW CATEGORIES.

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing ordinance was approved for final adoption by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield at a Regular Meeting held on February 9, 2021.

Tara Rowley, RMC
Town Clerk
1 T - 02/11/21, The Leader Fee: \$20.40

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD
WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY
GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2204
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD TO PERMIT EXPEDITIOUS REVIEW OF MINOR WORK ON DESIGNATED PROPERTIES IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Westfield (the "Town") recently adopted certain substantial amendments to the Historic Preservation Ordinance of the Town of Westfield; and

WHEREAS, the general intent of the Town's Historic Preservation ordinance is to protect the historic character of the Town of Westfield by permitting the preservation by local designation of certain properties that contribute to the architectural, cultural, economic, political, or social history of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council believe that the requirements applicable to those owning historic structures when they desire to make changes and improvements to those structures, should not be onerous, but should rather allow for the review of those changes and improvements in the most efficient, clearest, uncomplicated, and inexpensive manner possible; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance already allows for informal review by the Historic Preservation Commission to be performed on a historically designated structure; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to facilitate a faster and simpler review process for minor applications for locally designated properties, as permitted by the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Westfield, County of Union, New Jersey, that Appendix III to the Town of Westfield Local Land Use Law shall be and is hereby amended, as follows:

SECTION I. Section 7(J)(1) of the Historic Preservation Ordinance of the Town of Westfield is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. Minor Applications.

a. Minor applications may be scheduled for review at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission following notification to the applicant that the application has been deemed complete. No public notice other than that required for the meeting of the Commission pursuant to § 4.E.1

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vice, which leads all investigations into fraudulent unemployment claims.

Monday, January 11, a family member of a deceased resident of a care facility in the borough reported that while going through their family member's belongings, they noticed their mother's diamond stone is missing from the wedding band. The incident is under investigation.

Tuesday, January 12, a resident of Pandick Court reported that their motor vehicle was entered and ransacked while it was parked overnight on the street and unlocked. Nothing of value was taken from the vehicle. The incident is under investigation.

Tuesday, January 12, a resident of Herbert Avenue reported that two motor vehicles at their residence had been entered and ransacked, with items taken. Both vehicles were left unlocked. The incident is under investigation.

Thursday, January 14, a citizen's motor vehicle was stolen from in front of a South Avenue convenience store while it was left running and unlocked and the owner was inside the store. The vehicle was later recovered in Newark. The incident is under investigation.

Thursday, January 14, a resident of La Grande Avenue reported that their unlocked motor vehicle was entered and ransacked while it was parked overnight, and that items were taken from the vehicle. The incident is under investigation.

Friday, January 15, Maurice Walker, 40, of East Orange was arrested on outstanding warrants issued by the Municipal Courts of East Orange and Glen Ridge pursuant to a motor vehicle stop at Terrill Road and East 2nd Street. Walker was processed and released.

Sunday, January 17, Justine Alameda, 24, of Rahway was arrested for a drug-related offense and on a warrant issued by the Municipal Court of Carneys Point pursuant to a motor vehicle stop on Martine Avenue. Alameda was processed and released.

Tuesday, January 19, a resident of Farley Avenue reported that their unlocked motor vehicle was entered and ransacked while it was parked overnight on the street, and that items were taken from the vehicle. The incident is under investigation.

Wednesday, January 20, Desmond Middlebrooks, 25, of Irvington was arrested on charges of possession of under 50 grams of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, as well as on an outstanding warrant issued by the Municipal Court of Maplewood, pursuant to a motor vehicle stop at Terrill Road and South Avenue. Middlebrooks was processed and released.

Thursday, January 21, a resident of Poplar Place reported that she has been harassed via Facebook by two individuals. The matter is under investigation.

Friday, January 22, a resident of Coriell Avenue reported that it appeared that someone had tried to gain entry to their residence through a basement window. No entry was gained. The incident is under investigation.

Saturday, January 23, a resident of Paterson Road reported that an individual representing PSE&G had contacted him and stated that he had an overdue bill that needed to be paid immediately. Money was sent. The incident is under investigation.

Saturday, January 23, an unknown female shoplifted a bottle of wine from a South Avenue liquor store. The incident is under investigation.

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

and § 4.E.9, hereof, shall be required. The Commission Secretary shall consult with the applicant regarding scheduling. The applicant need not be present for the application to be considered and acted upon, however, should the applicant wish to attend the meeting, every effort shall be made, within the time limits prescribed for Commission action on the application (pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-111 and § 6.D and § 7.J., hereof) to accommodate the applicant's schedule.

b. As an alternative to subsection (1)(a) above, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-111 of the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law, in the case of a referral by the administrative officer of a minor application for the issuance of a permit pertaining to historic sites or property in historic districts, the chairperson of the Historic Preservation Commission or his or her designee may act in the place of the full Commission for purposes of issuing a certificate of appropriateness, without holding a public hearing. Such action by the Chairperson or his or her designee shall occur as soon as practicable after submission of an application by the property owner, but in no event later than 45 days after the application is deemed complete. In the event the Chairperson determines not to undertake such expedited review, the individual may still seek approval by presenting their case at a regularly scheduled full HPC meeting.

SECTION II. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with any part of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in conflict or inconsistent.

SECTION III. In the event that any section, provision, or part of provision of this ordinance shall be held to be unenforceable or invalid by any court, such holding shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so held unenforceable or invalid.

SECTION IV. A copy of this Ordinance shall be available for public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours for the required statutory period.

SECTION V. This Ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing ordinance was approved for final adoption by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield at a Regular Meeting held on February 9, 2021.

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Valentine’s Day Showcase of Ballroom, Latin, Show Dance

SUMMIT – Ballroom Dance of New Jersey (BDNJ), located at 214 Springfield Avenue in Summit, is presenting a special Valentine’s Day showcase of ballroom, Latin and show numbers on Sunday evening, February 14 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. live and on Zoom.

Dancers range in age from five years old to 82 years old and include many Union County residents.

Some will be dancing with their professional partners, who include owner Sergei Bezrodnov and instructor Alexander Mitronin. Other instructors include Olga Bezrodnov and Klaudia Petriti.

The holiday theme will be carried out with many Union County dancers. Local Westfield residents Joan and Joe Wright will be performing to “Love Potion 9.” Chatham resident Leslie Rieth will be dancing as a queen on a chess

board. Summit resident dancers include Nancy Polisin, Erin Schwartz, Nicholas Romeo and Margarita Ermolchik.

Mountainside residents include the Bezrodnov twins and Nicholas Romeo, who will be dancing cha-cha, samba, quickstep and waltz.

There will be many other dance routines for your enjoyment from beginner dancers to advanced dancers.

BDNJ welcomes you to attend live or on Zoom. There is a fee. To receive a link, please email: info@BallroomDanceNJ.com. For information about our Valentine show visit https://www.ballroomdancenj.com/news/2021/1/26/dance-event-valentines-dance. For further information call us at (908)838-9939 or visit our web site, https://www.ballroomdancenj.com.

Healing Voices: Caregivers’ Stories Presented at Kean

UNION – PremiereStages, the professional theatre company in residence at Kean University, will present *Healing Voices: Caregivers’ Stories* on Thursday, February 18 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Produced in partnership with the New Jersey Theatre Alliance, *Healing Voices: Caregivers’ Stories* weaves together short works of prose, poetry and theatre about personal caregiving experiences into an intimate theatrical performance.

Now in its fifth year, this year’s *Healing Voices: Caregivers’ Stories* will feature work from the 11 writers who were set to present their work at last year’s event, which was postponed due to the pandemic.

This year’s presentation will feature *Caregiving with the Homebound Elderly* by Robert Barkovitz, *The Snow* by Steve Benzell, *Make Yourself at Home* by Nancy Burke, *Made By Hand* by Darin Earl, *The Guru of Ozone Park* by Jack Feldstein, *Tvillah* (or *Arriving Where She Left*) by Bailey Garcia, *Red Rain* by Ross Hewitt, *Angel in The Driver’s Seat* by John Joseph, *Blank Canvas* by Cisely Martin-Breeden, *Lunch at the Memory Unit* by Christopher Parker and *Hope Lives* by Natalie Zaman.

Healing Voices: Caregivers’ Stories is free. Advance registration is required to attend the reading. For more information and to register for the reading visit www.premierestagesatkean.com.

Every year, the New Jersey Theatre Alliance invites caregivers to submit short works of prose, poetry, theatrical monologues and scenes for inclusion in an original theatrical piece about caregiving. Caregivers are not restricted to medical personnel; anyone who has provided care to someone in need is encouraged to submit a story about the experience.

“The Alliance is grateful that Premiere Stages is participating in the 2021 Stages Festival,” said John McEwen, executive director of the Alliance. “For more than 20 years, The Stages Festival has provided the-

atrical experiences for thousands of residents across New Jersey. While we may be gathering a bit differently this year, we are thrilled that theatre can remain a source of connection and joy in the Garden State. These efforts would not be possible without the wonderful help of partners such as Premiere Stages.”

A full calendar of events is available at www.njtheatrealliance.org/stages.

Healing Voices: Caregivers’ Stories will benefit The New Jersey Theatre Alliance. The mission of The New Jersey Theatre Alliance is to unite, promote, strengthen and cultivate New Jersey’s professional theatres and to advance the theatre community by developing innovative, collaborative and engaging programs and services for member theatres and their diverse audiences. To make a donation, visit https://njtheatrealliance.org/donate-now.

Premiere Stages offers affordable prices and provides free or discounted tickets to patrons with disabilities. Assistive listening devices and large print programs are available at all times; publications in alternate formats are available with advance notice. Please call (908)737-4077 for a list of sign-interpreted, audio-described or open-captioned performances. For more information, please visit Premiere Stages online at www.premierestagesatkean.com.

Visit www.JerseyArts.com for more information about other arts programming happening around the Garden State.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Westfield Board of Adjustment adopted resolutions at its meeting on February 8, 2021, for the following applications decided upon at the meeting held on January 11, 2021.

Ryan & Lori Spector, 132 Marlboro Street. Applicants sought a one-year extension of previous approval. Extension approved.

Matt & Julie Sachs, 24 Hawthorn Drive. Applicants sought approval to construct an addition contrary to Section 11.06E7, 12.06E5, 12.04F1, 12.04E1 of the Land Use Ordinance to allow a building coverage of 21.94% where the Ordinance allows a maximum building coverage of 20%; to allow a rear yard setback of 19 feet where the Ordinance requires a minimum rear yard setback of 35 feet; to allow a street side yard setback of 14.4 feet where the Ordinance requires a minimum street side yard setback of 20 feet; to allow a floor area ratio of 36.25% (3,727 square feet) where the Ordinance allows a maximum floor area ratio of 32% (3,600 square feet). Application approved with conditions.

Evan Molloy, 846 Cedar Terrace. Applicant sought approval to construct an addition contrary to Section 11.08E6 and 12.04F1 of the Land Use Ordinance to allow a building coverage of 21.81% where the Ordinance allows a maximum building coverage of 20%; to allow a side yard setback of 6.56 feet where the Ordinance requires a minimum side yard setback of 10 feet. Application approved with conditions.

Jeffrey Singer, 1141 Tice Place. Applicant sought approval to construct a patio and outdoor kitchen contrary to Section 12.04F1, 12.04F2, 12.04F3 of the Land Use Ordinance to allow a building coverage of 20.2% (2,398 square feet) where the Ordinance allows a maximum building coverage of 20% (3,600 square feet); to allow a building coverage with a deck of 5.18%/615 square feet where the Ordinance allows an additional coverage by a deck of 2%, but not above 400 square feet; to allow a building coverage with a deck and porch of 26.31%/749 square feet where the Ordinance allows a maximum building coverage with a deck and porch of 24%, not to exceed 420 square feet. Application approved with conditions.

Simon Block, 527 Coleman Place. Applicant sought approval to construct a garage contrary to Section 13.01GA, 12.04F1, 12.04G of the Land Use Ordinance to allow a setback of 0.9 feet where the Ordinance requires a minimum rear yard setback for an accessory structure of 5 feet; to allow a building coverage of 30.89% where the Ordinance allows a maximum building coverage of 20%; to allow an improvement coverage of 56.60% where the Ordinance allows a maximum improvement coverage of 50%. Application approved with conditions.

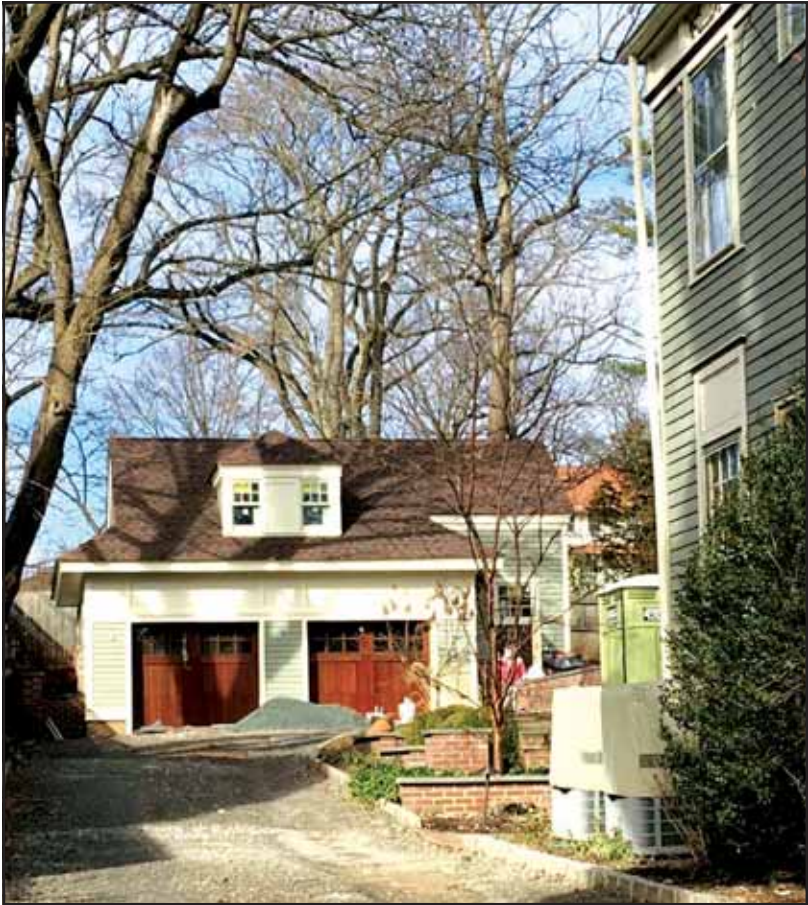
Plans and applications are on file in the office of the Town Engineer, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey and may be seen Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Board Secretary

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A GOODLOOK...With rooflines and dormers that exceed a standard garage, this newly-built carriage house benefits from its location in the Kimball Avenue Historic District by conforming in style and scale to the existing home.

HPC to Host Forum For Builders and Realtors

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) invites architects, contractors and realtors to attend a special presentation designed to clarify the new preservation ordinance on Monday, February 22, at 7:30 p.m. The presentation will be part of the commission’s regularly-scheduled virtual meeting, which is hosted on Zoom and can be accessed through the town’s website at westfieldnj.gov.

The presentation, titled “Building Blocks for Working Together: Connecting the HPC, Contractors and Realtors for a Better Westfield,” will feature an overview of the revised ordinance by HPC Chair Maria Boyes and a discussion with architect and HPC member Greg Blasi. The presentation will include examples of recent projects that have benefited from early interaction with

the HPC. A question-and-answer session will follow.

“The HPC can be a great ally in offering guidance towards renovating or marketing an older home,” said Ms. Boyes. “Members willingly share their expertise by providing historic context and design advice. In addition, there are potential advantages to designating a property historic that many sellers are not aware of.”

Established by municipal ordinance, Westfield’s Historic Preservation Commission is charged with preserving historical sites and structures while fostering an appreciation for these landmarks as an essential element of the town’s unique character. For more information, go to https://www.westfieldnj.gov/historicpreservation or email HPC@westfieldnj.gov.

Retired Scotch Plains Teacher Releases EP “Heart Walk”

SCOTCH PLAINS — When Gwyn English Nielsen, formerly of Westfield and now of Scotch Plains, retired from teaching English at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, she never dreamed she would be writing and recording music. However, now that she is in the next chapter of her life, she still desires to affect an audience of listeners, and Covid-19 has allotted her time alone to create musically. The result of her efforts is a recently released EP of three songs called “Heart Walk” that is now streaming on Spotify, YouTube, Amazon Music, Apple Music, iHeartRadio and all other music channels.

Ms. Nielsen has been singing professionally with various choirs, show and wedding bands and duos since 1981. For over 20 years, she has been a vocalist associated with Music For All Seasons (MFAS). MFAS books musical acts into safe houses, senior centers, prisons and elsewhere so that the artists’ music can heal or emotionally transform the captive audiences. Before Covid-19 hit, Ms. Nielsen was actively performing in area assisted living residences and nursing homes with her musical partner Mary Lu Farrell, former vocal music teacher at Terrill Middle School in Scotch Plains, whom she met while she was teaching language arts there. After March 2020, the duo were able to perform only two of the 20 performances they were previously scheduled to present.

Yet even before the pandemic, Ms. Nielsen thought about recording when her cousin Doug Gallo, Jr. of Rahway, former lead guitarist of Hodera, told her that he had established a recording studio, ASL Sound, in Cherry Hill. From October 2019 until now, Ms. Nielsen has written 17 songs. The three tracks on “Heart Walk,” which will become an album eventually, took three months to record, produce and master. Mr. Gallo arranged and also played lead guitar, bass and organ on “Heart Walk” and “Still Green,” and Ryan Hillsinger added the percussion. Ms. Nielsen’s daughter Saxony, a 2009 graduate of SPFH, plays bass on “I Lie, You Lie,” one of the EP’s more alternative tracks. Since Ms. Nielsen enjoys a variety of musical genres as a singer and listener, her music, classified as indie-alternative, reflects rock, pop, country and jazz influences.

Ms. Nielsen grew up on North Cottage Place and Hillside Avenue in Westfield and is a member in good standing of the Westfield Daughters of the American Revolution.

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Oratorio Singers of Westfield To Stream New Concert

WESTFIELD — For the Oratorio Singers of Westfield, under the direction of organist and composer Trent Johnson, 2020 was slated to be a banner year as the chorus was preparing a grand concert at the First United Methodist Church of Westfield to celebrate 40 years of music-making in the Westfield area. On the agenda was the always popular and well-known oratorio “The Creation of Franz Josef Haydn” for chorus, orchestra and soloists. Slated to participate were soprano Maureen Francis, nationally renowned tenor Rufus Müller and bass Erik Anstine. To round out the program, Mr. Johnson had composed a celebratory Hallelujah. Consisting of only one word, this work is at once joyful, contemporary and uplifting as it ascends to its grand finale.

The sudden appearance of Covid-19 created a serious roadblock in the Oratorio Singers concert March 2020 scheduling. Currently, there is no certain date for the anniversary concert. As the virus crisis lessens, concert information will be released. However, according to Mr. Johnson, the Oratorio Singers of Westfield is alive and well and he is pleased to announce an interim virtual online concert to be presented during February 2021.

To be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 21, the online concert will feature a chamber choir from the chorus singing the works of Wolfgang Mozart and Ralph Vaughan Williams. Soprano Maureen Francis will perform works of Mozart and G. F. Handel. Highlighting the presentation will be a narrated video with pictures and music designed to tell the history of the Oratorio Singers. Information on attending this online event can be

found at the chorus’ website, www.oratoriosingerswestfield.org.

The Oratorio Singers of Westfield was founded in 1980 by the Rev. Philip Dietterich. At the center of the chorus were singers from the choirs of the music ministry of the First United Methodist Church of Westfield. Oratorio Singers soon came to include adults and youth from many towns, churches, faiths and backgrounds. Although it was originally formed as a ministry of the church, it soon became a lively community chorus that brought to local audiences major large works and oratorios of numerous composers.

Upon the 1994 retirement of Rev. Dietterich, Trent Johnson assumed the baton when he conducted his first 1995 concert featuring G. F. Handel’s complete oratorio “Judas Maccabeus.”

Over the last 40 years, the Oratorio Singers has presented the Passions, B minor Mass, Magnificat, cantatas and motets of J. S. Bach. Also included in the four decades-long, ambitious performance repertoire were oratorios and major choral works by Mozart, Mendelssohn, Brahms, Verdi, Beethoven, Schubert, Bernstein, Elgar, Dello Joio, Kodály, Poulenc, Dvořák, Randall Thompson, Mack Wilberg and world premieres of compositions by Philip Dietterich and Trent Johnson.

For information regarding The Oratorio Singers of Westfield call (908) 656-7418.

Oratorio Singers of Westfield is a 501(c)(3) organization with concerts made possible by funds from the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

Playwrights Vie for \$500 Prize in Short Play Fest

AREA — Theater buildings may be closed, but theater companies can still Zoom. Join The Theater Project online, when it is showcasing eight short plays in its eighth annual one-act play festival, THINK FAST, held February 19–21. Made virtual by necessity, the competition is open to playwrights in the tri-state area. Tickets (\$15) may be purchased online www.theaterproject.org.

This event is part of the New Jersey Theatre Alliance’s Stages Festival, the state’s largest annual theatre festival, which provides free and discounted theatre events for all ages throughout the months of March, April and May.

The Theater Project invited submissions last fall and chose eight plays to be showcased in THINK FAST. The audience vote for Audience Favorite and a panel of playwright-judges give the \$500 Judges’ Pick awards. “It’s never an easy decision,” said Artistic Director Mark Spina. “And we like to remind everyone who participates that a competition is just an excuse to bring talented people together.” The 2021 finalists are Kevin Brofsky, Sarah J. Congress, Claudia Emanuele, George Cameron Grant, Leonard Goodisman, Betsy Maguire, Lawrence Rinkel and Cindi Sansone-Bratt. THINK FAST is part of The Theater Project’s commitment to new work and rising artists.

The eight short plays will be pre-recorded and broadcasted Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Each performance is followed by a live cast party on Zoom open to the THINK FAST actors, directors, playwrights and viewers. The audience is asked to vote for their favorite plays after each show. The Audience Favorite award along with the \$500 Judges’ Prize will be announced at the Sunday, February 21 post-show Zoom cast party. In addition to Best Play, the judges will nominate and select winners for Best Actor, Best Actress and Best Director.

The New Jersey Theatre Alliance 2021 Stages Festival is made possible by support from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, Bank of America, The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey, OceanFirst Foundation, the George A. Ohl, Jr. Trust, New Jersey Historical Commission and Fund for the New Jersey Blind. A full calendar of events is available at www.njtheatrealliance.org/stages.

The Theater Project, now in its 26th year, is proud to have converted virtually all of its programs to virtual platforms. To learn more about the company’s work, visit https://www.theaterproject.org/.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

SPECIAL MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021 7:30 P.M.

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR VIRTUAL HEARING TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT. In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., and in order to comply with the Executive Orders signed by Governor Murphy and in an effort to follow best practices recommended by the United States Center for Disease Control (CDC), PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Board of Adjustment of the Town of Westfield will hold a virtual Special Meeting on Thursday, February 18, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. Action may be taken.

The public can join the meeting and participate electronically or by phone by accessing the following link http://bit.ly/WFBOAMeeting.

Meeting Dial-In Information Phone #: 470.381.2552 or 646.518.9805 Webinar ID: 602589976 and press # on your phone Passcode: 788726.

Members of the public who have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the remote meeting process, or who like to access the plans digitally, should contact the Board Secretary Linda Jacus at (908) 789-4100, extension 4602, or by email ljacus@westfieldnj.gov.

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Arts & Entertainment

Fettle Market Opening in Downtown Cranford

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

CRANFORD—Amanda Vargas, Founder of Fettle + Fare, a gluten and dairy-free kitchen in Westfield, is expanding her business with the creation of Fettle Market in Downtown Cranford.

Fettle Market is opening on Tuesday, February 9 at 4 Eastman Street and will offer healthy pre-made foods that are gluten-free, dairy-free, paleo, vegan and more. Fettle Market will work hand-in-hand with Fettle + Fare, which Vargas built from the ground up.

“Fettle Market is going to be an offshoot of Fettle + Fare where we serve our restaurant cuisine, but in a grab and go model,” said Ms. Vargas.

Ms. Vargas hopes the market will make it easier for the community to shop and eat clean.

“The demand for gluten and dairy-free, because of health issues, has grown tremendously, and being able to cover more ground and help more people is definitely what I’m most excited about,” said Ms. Vargas.

Ms. Vargas’ drive for healthier

food and passion for wellbeing comes from her own lived experience, having been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis at the age of 21 and legally blind since the age of 8.

“I think what most people experience is that doctors just don’t really give you much hope,” said Ms. Vargas. “The doctor is telling you that this is going to go the way it goes, and you have no control over it. At a young age, you kind of think that’s nonsense. I don’t want to be blind and in a wheelchair by the time I’m 30, so that became motivating for me to find ways to take control of it.”

Ms. Vargas then started learning about functional medicine.

“That really led me to learn about inflammation, and foods that are inflammatory, and how cutting them out could be beneficial,” said Ms. Vargas.

She spent the next few years gathering information about clean eating, attending health conferences, and learning about others’ health journeys and struggles. It’s during this time she realized the importance of listening to bio-individuality, and how different people need different things in their diet - rather than a one size fits all.

“I encourage people to try different things and see what works for their body,” said Ms. Vargas. “Pay attention to your body. See what makes you feel good.”

Because everyone’s bodies handle food differently, Fettle tries to offer something for everyone.

“Wherever they are on their health journey is where we’re trying to meet people,” said Ms. Vargas.

In addition to meeting people where they are, Ms. Vargas said it’s important for customers to understand and remind themselves just how much control they have over what they put in their body and how they move their body every day.

“You can always do something,” said Ms. Vargas. “When you feel empowered and feel like you have

some control, it completely changes how you feel towards your disease.”

When Covid hit, Ms. Vargas took control by sending out a survey to all Fettle + Fare’s customers. The pandemic had impacted how they were doing businesses and they needed to pivot their business model.

“I think I had like 2,000 people on my email list and I said ‘what do you guys want — what do you guys need — what are we doing well — what are we not doing well,’” said Ms. Vargas. “The biggest response was [needing] kids’ stuff like mac and cheese and chicken fingers.”

Ms. Vargas said creating these recipes with her team, especially within the health-conscious guidelines they hold themselves to, was extremely challenging. In the end, their gluten, dairy, nut, and egg-free chicken fingers made it on the menu and customers are loving them.

In addition to their newer items, Fettle + Fare is also known for its soup and bone broth, which will both remain a staple at Fettle Market.

During the winter, Fettle Market will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and will expand their hours with the warmer weather.

Customers can follow along via Instagram and Facebook @fettlemarket @fettleandfare @fettlefounder and sign up for Fettle + Fare’s email list. They’re also planning to expand into other online platforms and texting services.

“Text is the new hot thing,” said Ms. Vargas. “It’s direct and we’ll be able to give people more coupons and exclusive offers through that,” said Vargas. “We’ll probably be launching a Fettle VIP program where we’ll offer discounts to people who patronize both stores.”

Ms. Vargas has her eyes on the future and looks forward to spreading Fettle’s message for years to come.

Local Valentine’s Day Meals and Sweet Deals

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

Below is a roundup of some special Valentine’s Day dinners, desserts and treats from local stores.

Bon Nut Butters and Sweets has dark chocolate-covered cocoa nib clusters made from Grade A cocoa beans from Columbia. Jennifer Nikitzuk, owner and creator, recommends these as a topping on yogurt, ice cream or as a snack on its own: bonbutter.com/shop/dark-chocolate-covered-cocoa-nibs.

Chez Catherine will be open from 12 to 6:30 p.m. on Valentine’s Day offering its regular menu. You can pre-order or make a reservation by calling (908) 654-4011.

Farinolio Cucina is hosting two Valentine’s events: an Italian vegan dinner on Friday, February 12 and an Italian dinner on Saturday, February 13. Only a few slots remain. Reservations can be made here at <https://www.farinoliocucina.com/>. Farinolio is also offering some specials from the kitchen, which include the below:

Heart-shaped millefoglie — Layers of crispy puff pastry filled with Chantilly cream,

Heart-shaped meringue — Baked meringue heart with a layer of Nutella topped with whipped cream, fresh berries and berry sauce,

Chocolate cake — gluten-free chocolate cake made with almond flour, a layer of strawberries, Chantilly cream and chocolate drizzle,

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Fat Dog Cookie is offering a

Valentine’s Day box through Tuesday, February 16. Each box (\$27) includes six classic chocolate chip cookies, six Valentine’s Day Spectacular Sprinkle cookies and assorted candy. Customers can place their orders at www.fatdogcookie.com/order.html.

Mulberry House’s Valentine’s specials include cupcake decorating “kits” (great for kids), its annual Valentine’s tea tasting (to-go!), Valentine scones, pastries and chocolate-covered strawberries! Orders must be placed by Thursday, February 11 and will be available for pick-up February 11–14. For all ordering, call (908) 233-3562 or email jenna@mulberryhouse.com. The restaurant’s tea tastings and pairings are as follows:

Pomegranate rosehip black tea paired with flourless chocolate cake, Cinna-vanilla black tea paired with white chocolate cheesecake, Strawberry green tea paired with a strawberry cheesecake mini-

muffin, Chocolate mint black tea paired with a dark chocolate and mint miniscone with clotted cream, Strawberry peach rooibos herbal tea paired with a chocolate-covered strawberry with white chocolate drizzle.

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Valentine’s Day with three packs available in different sizes and price points to cater to all gifting needs and cravings! Its February monthly minis are cinnamon swirl, red velvet and strawberries ‘n chocolate,

but its classic and oreo minis are also incorporated into each pack. The options are the Mini Love Pack (3 minis, \$12, min. 3 per order), the Galentine’s Pack (8 minis, \$30) and the Valentine’s Pack (16 minis, \$55). Customers can place an order via direct message on Instagram @nani.cheesecake or by emailing orders@nani.cheesecake.com.

Papa Ganache has an extensive menu of vegan and gluten-free desserts! The V-Day menu includes chocolate bonbons, red velvet bundt cakes with cream cheese glaze, raspberry swirl cheesecake brownies, chocolate-covered strawberries and so much more. Full menu here: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CK2AfQ7jVHO/>.

Patricia and Paul Artisans of Fine Oils and Balsamics is offering three gift sets for Valentine’s Day in addition to its monthly pairing, which is dark chocolate balsamic and blood orange olive oil. During the month of February, customers can take 15 percent off when they buy the pair at any size. Order online <https://patriciaandpaul.com/> or contact the store directly to place an order.

The chocolate gift set, \$38, includes a Pampa Bay candy dish, a mini dark chocolate balsamic sample, a milk chocolate-covered cherry and a dark chocolate peppermint square.

The sampler gift basket, \$45, includes four mini EVOO and balsamic samples, a Spanish pottery olive oil dipping bowl and a Swedish dishcloth.

The Kid’s Treat, \$19.95, includes two hot cocoa bombs from The Chocolate Bar in Westfield and vanilla cake-flavored

marshmallows (pre-order only)

Tavola Charcuterie says forget the flowers and the fancy takeout and surprise your Galentine or Valentine with salami roses and heart-shaped platters filled with cheese, fruits and nuts. All of the creations from owners, Claudia and Ruben Fernandez, can be found here at <https://www.tavolachar.com/order>.

Tomasello Winery Tasting Room in Cranford is offering Valentine’s takeout on February 12 and Valentine’s Weekend Tastings all day February 12–14. Reservations are required. Below please find a preview of the tastings. More details can be found at <http://tomasellowinery.com/locations-cranford/>.

Truffle Tasting, \$15, is a traditional tasting of five one-ounce samples of your choice, three gourmet chocolate truffles and a souvenir Tomasello wine glass.

The Sweetheart Tasting, \$20, is a Riedel Tasting; and includes eight one-ounce samples of your choice, three gourmet chocolate truffles and souvenir Riedel wine glasses.

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The Devlin Commendations: The Artist behind the Awards

By Jennifer Jaruzelski, Historic Preservation Commission
Sponsored by Carol Tener, Coldwell Banker West

The Westfield Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) honors outstanding examples of restoration with the Devlin Commendations, an awards program started in 1993 “to educate and encourage Westfield property owners to take into consideration the town’s heritage” when renovating or expanding older properties. The awards are named for Harry Devlin, a prominent author, artist and architectural historian whose love of older homes was chronicled in numerous exhibitions and books.



“Westfield Queen Anne” from *Portraits of American Architecture* by Harry Devlin.

A longtime local resident, Devlin made paintings and prints of several town landmarks, including the Miller-Cory House, Presbyterian Church, and Westfield Train Station. In his well-researched and richly illustrated volume, *Portraits of American Architecture*, he depicted several indigenous styles of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, ranging from Federal to Victorian to Colonial Revival to Shingle Style.

“The houses I have portrayed were chosen because they are accepted versions of the array of architectural styles that appeared in the last century. Many are, or were, in New Jersey,” wrote Devlin. “By the time styles reached New Jersey, building methods and stylistic characteristics had evolved to forms that would remain essentially constant as they moved westward across the continent.”

Devlin’s appreciation for these archetypes and their impact on both the local and national landscape is what the HPC seeks to foster with his namesake awards. Since the program’s inception, over 75 projects ranging from

period-appropriate painting to the adaptive reuse of commercial buildings have been recognized. By celebrating property owners for historically accurate improvements, whether grand or small, the Devlin awards encourage others to envision possibilities for their own historic homes.

Nominations for the 2021 Devlin Commendations are currently being accepted through March 31. Any property owner, neighbor, builder or architect can nominate a project; residential, commercial and institutional buildings may be considered. For an entry form with criteria, please visit westfieldnj.gov/historicpreservation.



226 W. Dudley Avenue, recipient of a 2018 Devlin Commendation for period-appropriate painting.

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Storytime and Grab-and-Go Craft for Kids Thursdays, through February 18, 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Enjoy a story and then create a special craft centered around the book. Supplies will be provided beforehand using the grab-and-go pickup. Visit [facebook.com/groups/WMLKidsRoom](https://www.facebook.com/groups/WMLKidsRoom).

Moving With Awareness for Better Balance and Fitness Fridays, through April, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The Scotch Plains Public Library is offering a series of gentle fitness classes live via Zoom, led by instructor, Yasmin Ofek. Register at scotlib.org/events.

Virtual Zumba Mondays, through February 15, 10 a.m. Join licensed fitness instructor, Audrey Raney, in a 7 week series of hour-long Zumba classes. Visit wmlnj.org.

Black Men in White Coats documentary Tuesday, February 16 through Thursday, February 18. Register at <https://indiescreening.com/screenings/2021-02-16/black-men-in-white-coats> to receive a passcode to access the documentary.

Cooking Class with the Food Gurus Thursday, February 18, 7:30 p.m. This is a virtual event for adults via zoom hosted by the Scotch Plains Public Library’s Cookbook Club. Learn how to make turkey taco chili

soup, cornbread muffins, and a dark chocolate avocado mousse. For more information or to register, visit scotlib.org.

Hiroya Tsukamoto in Concert Friday, February 19, 7:30 p.m. Hiroya’s performance will be streamed live from All Saints’ Episcopal Church in Scotch Plains. Ticket sales are \$20 and will begin the day of on Friday, February 19.

History of Jazz: Oxygen for the Ears Friday, February 19, 1:30 p.m. An award-winning documentary chronicling the rise of jazz, its players, followers and future. Visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87840981404>.

Make Miniature Furniture Tuesday, February 23, 10:30 a.m. Join Barbara Freiberg during this online art class and learn how to make your own dollhouse furniture. Register at libraryinsight.net/EventSignUp.asp?t=657556459&jx=wfp&lmx=%C6f%60%2C%AD%A5.

TV Trivia Thursday, February 25, 7 p.m. This is a virtual event for adults via zoom hosted by the Scotch Plains Public Library. There will be four rounds of trivia, plus one lightning round. For more information or to register, visit scotlib.org, email library@scotlib.org, or call (908) 322-5007 ex. 204.

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David B. Corbin (February 2020 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
MAKING HIS MOVE...Blue Devil Griffin Rooney, No. 5, makes his move to get by Raiders Liam Mahr, No. 35, and Justin Guy, No. 1, during the game in Scotch Plains on January 28, 2020. Westfield overcame an 8-point deficit to win 59-51.



David B. Corbin (February 2020 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
PULLING THE SWITCH...Blue Devil Ethan Composto pulls a switch on Cougar Will Fernandez during his 106-lb bout in Westfield on January 29, 2020.

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

January 26, 2020: Five years of UCT dominance by the SPF girls swim team finally came to an end at Sonny Werblin Pool at Rutgers University when the Westfield Blue Devils regained the crown with a team total of 386, followed by the Summit Hilltoppers at 364 and the Raiders at 300. For the boys, the Blue

Devils also regained their title after yielding to Summit by a slim margin last year, 405-400. The Blue Devils finished with a total of 430, followed by Summit at 332 and the Raiders at 321.

Blue Devils Erin McKinney, Vivian Jeckell, Marcelina Krowinska and Erin McAndrew took first in the 200-free relay at 1:38.93. McAndrew, Lauren Lane, Krowinska and Abby McKinney took top honors in the 400-free relay at 3:37.17. Abby McKinney won the 100-fly in 57.18. Raider Julia Bonhote won

the 50-free at 24.21 and also won the 100-free in 52.88. Lily Hughes won the 100-back at 57.61. Cougar Maggie O'Donnell took top honors in the 200-free at 1:55.26.

In the boys events, the Blue Devils won two relays and one individual event, while the Raiders won an individual event. Blue Devils Colin Kavanagh, Jeremy Kronheimer, Colman Scanlan and Kyle Altman finished first in the 400-free relay at 3:17.41. Baker won the 100-back in 53.49. Raider Matt London placed first in the 50-free at 21.78.

January 28, 2020: Learning

well from their previous meeting with the Westfield boys basketball team, the SPF Raiders became the aggressor right from the start and proved they could play at a high level with a very good team at SPF. Unlike their humiliating loss in their first outing when they were scoreless in the first quarter and trailed 33-6 at the half, the Raiders took it to the Blue Devils, especially in the second quarter, to grab a 31-23 lead at the half but the Blue Devils regrouped to pull out a 59-51 victory.

Contributing heavily to the Raiders' early success was Justin Fletcher, who would finish with a team-leading 12 rebounds to go with seven points and two blocks. Justin Guy scored nine of his 11 points during the first half and

Liam Mahr netted eight of his 10 points in the half. Jaden Carter would lead the Raiders with 12 points, which included a pair of 3-pointers.

Griffin Rooney, who led the 11-3 Blue Devils with 21 points and five steals, scored 14 of his points in the second half. Jake Walsh hit four of his five 3-pointers in the first quarter and finished with 17 points to go with four assists. Logan Howland finished with eight points, six rebounds and two blocks. Jack Spellman finished with five rebounds and two blocked shots.

January 29, 2020: Key bouts, with the exception of one, went in Westfield's favor, which resulted in a 44-22 Blue Devil blow-out over the Cranford Cougars in

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FIRST IN THE 200-FREE...Blue Devil Colin Daniel touched first in the 200-freestyle at 1:47.22 and also won the 100-butterfly in the meet against Bergen Catholic at the Westfield “Y” on January 25, 2018.



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SETTING UP A TILT...Raider Joey Larmore sets up a tilt on Cardinal Joe Lopez in his 113-lb bout. Larmore claimed a 17-2, 3:39 tech fall. The Raiders won all but one bout in a 68-3 thrashing of the Plainfield Cardinals (January 31, 2020).

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a wrestling showdown that was expected to be much closer at Westfield. Each coach juggled their lineups in a chess match of wits but in the end, the Blue Devils won nine of the 14 bouts to up their season record to 13-2 and to elevate Head Coach Glen Kurz as WHS's all-time winningest wrestling coach.

The first part of the chess match and the first key bout began at the 152-lb class when Cougar Shane Kanterman (2nd in UCT at

160-lb) dropped down to face Anthony Ciotta (3rd UCT at 152-lbs). Ciotta hit a double-leg takedown. Kanterman answered with a pair of escapes and a takedown to carry a 4-3 lead into the third period where Ciotta escaped and added a four-point barrel roll-to-back to claim a 9-5 victory.

Key bout No. 2, was at 170-lbs. Blue Devil James McDermott trailed Chris Hecht, 1-0, entering the third period but he converted

a Merkel maneuver to a half nelson to record a pin in 5:32. Key bout No. 3 at 285-lbs pitted Blue Devil Jon Heard (2nd in UCT at 220-lbs) against Kevin Shriner (2nd UCT at 285-lbs). With the bout knotted 1-1 in regulation, Shriner earned a 3-1 sudden victory with a spin around takedown.

The biggest key bout of the evening had Cougar Luke DiGiovanni (2nd UCT at 138-lbs) dropping to 132-lbs to face Jeremy Silber (2nd UCT at 132-lbs).

DiGiovanni burned Silber with three double-leg takedowns. But something clicked with Silber as he answered with a lateral throw and a nearfall, while DiGiovanni escaped to cling onto an 8-7 lead. DiGiovanni had a 10-9 lead entering the final period but Silber responded with a reversal that he converted to a wrist/half nelson nearfall to grab a 13-10 decision.

January 31, 2020: Two days after dropping a 34-32 stinger to the 11-6 Elizabeth Minutemen in

Elizabeth the SPF wrestling team hosted the Plainfield Cardinals in a special Alumni Night match. Although the 13-10 Raiders won big, 68-3, the most important part of the evening was an honoring of former head coach Len Zanolwicz, who was at the helm from 1973 to 1994 and amassed a 201-77-4 record. In addition to his many other accomplishments, it had been decided that the Annual Senior Male and Female Ath-

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David B. Corbin (January 2019 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
DRIVING TO THE BASKET...Blue Devil freshman Chloe Kreusser attempts to drive past Cougar Lauren Williamson, No. 10, and to the basket in Cranford on January 26, 2019. The Blue Devils controlled the boards and won, 43-34.



David B. Corbin (February 2018 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
APPEARING IN DEEP TROUBLE...Blue Devil Tim Miller gets lifted off his feet by Rahway's Sam Dorielan in the 170-lb bout but manages to fight off the takedown. Miller did it again later en route to a 3-2, OT win (January 27, 2018).

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letes of the Year Awards would be known as the Len Zanolowicz Awards.

The key showdown bout against the Minutemen came at 126-lbs when Jasiah Queen (120-lb UCT champion) bounced up to do battle with Raider Brandon Bowles (2nd in UCT at 126-lbs). It was a very defensive bout but Bowles pulled out a 2-1 decision. Larry Shoyoye defeated Pierre Francois, 6-3, at 195-lbs. Against Plainfield, Bowles bumped up to

132-lbs to face the Cardinals' top wrestler Tylik Epps. The bout went to the third overtime where Bowles controlled Epps for 30 seconds to claim a 2-1 decision. Shoyoye jumped up to 220-lbs to face muscleman Steve Gordon. The two gladiators were going at it with attempts on upper body throws but Shoyoye won the contest when he stuck Gordon to the mat in 2:42.

January 26, 2019: Senior Bailey Rosenmeier scored 21

points for Arthur L. Johnson as the Crusaders defeated the Lady basketball Raiders, 44-37, in Scotch Plains. Stefanie DeVizio led SPF with 11 points and chipped in seven rebounds. Hannah Lyman had six points and 14 rebounds and sophomore Corinne Lyght added 11 boards.

January 26, 2019: Control of the boards put the Westfield girls basketball team on the offensive and the hosting Cranford Cougars on the defensive resulting in

a 43-34 Blue Devil victory. The 11-5 Blue Devils received double digit rebounds from freshman Grace Klag, who pulled 13, and senior Sam Stravach, who grabbed 11, and also got eight from freshman Chloe Kreusser and five from junior Caroline Dwyer.

Senior KC Pringle led the 6-8 Cougars with eight rebounds and added two blocks, two steals and two points. Olivia Speer had six rebounds and added seven

points. Kirsten Williams finished with three rebounds, six points and two steals. Lauren Williamson had four rebounds and five points and Elizabeth McCaffery had four rebounds and sank a 3-pointer.

January 25, 2018: Seniors Colin Daniel (200-free, 100-fly) and Eric Bebel (50-free, 100-free) each scored a pair of individual victories to help lead the Blue Devil swim boys past Bergen Catholic, 90-80, at the Westfield

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WINNING THE TIPOFF...Blue Devil senior Shannon Devitt, left, wins the tipoff over Crusader Amy Wysocki, No. 25, in the game against AL Johnson in Clark on February 4, 2017. Westfield won a very tight battle with the Crusaders.



David B. Corbin (February 2017 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
WORKING AN ARM BAR/WRIST...Blue Devil freshman CJ Composto, top, works an arm bar/wrist control on Cougar Patrick Kalnins in his 106-lb bout. Composto recorded an 18-3 tech fall at Cranford on February 3, 2017.

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"Y" pool. The Blue Devils took first in eight out of 11 races on their way to improving their season mark to 9-2.

Ryan Bebel claimed the 200-Individual Medley. Steve Warren won the 100-breast. Ryan Bebel, Warren, Eric Bebel and Cooper Prieto won the 200-medley relay (1:37.23). Westfield had a 1-2 finish in the 200-free relay. Eric Bebel, Connor Heffernan, Teddy Diamantopolous and Daniel took first with Prieto, Jack Cifelli,

Johnny Stiles and Matt Barmakian coming in second.

January 25, 2018: Senior Molly Ryan got the ball into her hands and rolled in a lay-up with 9.2 seconds on the clock to give her team a one-point lead and the defense managed to withstand a final assault to earn the Westfield girls basketball team a 40-39 victory over the hosting Cranford Cougars. In the final two seconds, the Cougars actually took a shot, got the rebound

and took a second shot but both were just off the mark. It was that close. Ryan finished with 22 points and Grace Elliott had 11 points. Cougar Cam Wichelns netted 11 points and Olivia Speer put in 10 points.

January 25, 2018: Ibn Lynn scored 13 points to lead the Union Catholic boys basketball team to a hard fought 49-44 victory over the hosting SPF Raiders. Senior Lamont Cruse paced the Raiders with 15 points and was the game's

high scorer. Senior Dwight Laylor pulled 11 boards and had six points.

January 27, 2018: Six bouts could have gone either way but it came down to the final bout to determine the outcome of a showdown between the Rahway Indians wrestling team and the Blue Devils at Westfield. With the pressure on and his team trailing 27-26, entering the final bout at 138-lbs, sophomore Luke Scanlan recorded a second-period reversal and added a pen-

alty point to defeat Antonio Santoni, 3-0, to reward the Blue Devils with a 29-27 victory.

At 160-lbs. Blue Devil Isaiah Reese recorded a five-point lateral throw in overtime to defeat Jason Winters, 8-3. At 170-lbs, despite being swept off his feet twice by Rahway's Sam Dorielan, Tim Miller kept his balance and took the bout into overtime where he controlled him from the top position to win 3-2.

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ARM BAR AND WRIST...Blue Devil Jarek Gozdieski, top, works an arm bar/wrist maneuver on Cougar Josh DeChillo in his 160-lb bout on Alumni Night in Cranford on January 29, 2016. Gozdieski pinned DeChillo with a cradle in 3:39.



David B. Corbin (February 2016 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*

HIGH PRESSURE DEFENSE...Blue Devils Grace Elliott, No. 12, and Molly Ryan, No. 2, apply a lot of pressure on Pioneer Katie Kinum, front, especially in the second half. The Blue Devils succeeded in holding Kinum scoreless in the second half. The Pioneers won in overtime, 44-38 (January 30, 2016).

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February 1, 2017: “Senior Night” was more than just “Senior Night” for the No. 4 ranked Cranford wrestling team in its match with the Brearley Bears in Cranford. Anthony Capece and Brian McGovern became the fourth and fifth seniors, respectively, on the team to attain 100 career victories, joining Chris Scorese, Tom DiGiovanni and Vince Concina in the shutout over the Bears, who just had the misfortune of having their best wrestlers matched up with the 17-0 Cougars’ top wrestlers. Additionally, Pat Gorman received his 99th career win as the Cougars’ head coach. Senior Alex Esposito tackled Cearon Doroughety to his back in eight seconds at 285-lbs.

February 2, 2017: The SPF basketball boys continued to

prove that they are the real deal this year with an impressive, 64-50, win over Cranford in Scotch Plains. The Raiders (17-1) got a balanced scoring effort with five players scoring at least eight points in the game. Senior guard Teddy Willmott led the way with 11 points including three 3-point baskets. Chris Librera led the Cougars with 13 points.

February 3, 2017: Shifting of some personnel by both teams, perhaps in preparation for the postseason, made for a few interesting match-ups but the end result was a 47-20 victory by the No. 4 Cranford wrestling team over the Westfield Blue Devils in Cranford. The victory was also the 100th career win for Pat Gorman as Cougar Head Coach, who just joined five of his seniors

as members of the “100 Club”.

Senior co-captain Zach Rabinowitz stepped on the mat at 120-lbs and became the victim of a 10-2 major decision to Anthony Capece, who just recorded his 100th career victory

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two days prior against Brearley. Cougar Conor Halpin used a spin-behind takedown and an escape to edge Jeremy Silber, 3-1, at 126-lbs. AJ Bencivenga topped Jordan Simpson, 7-3, at 145-lbs. Blue Devil Tim Miller recorded a head-and-arm walk-around takedown and a pair of escapes to defeat a much improved Matt Doran, 4-2, at 160-lbs.

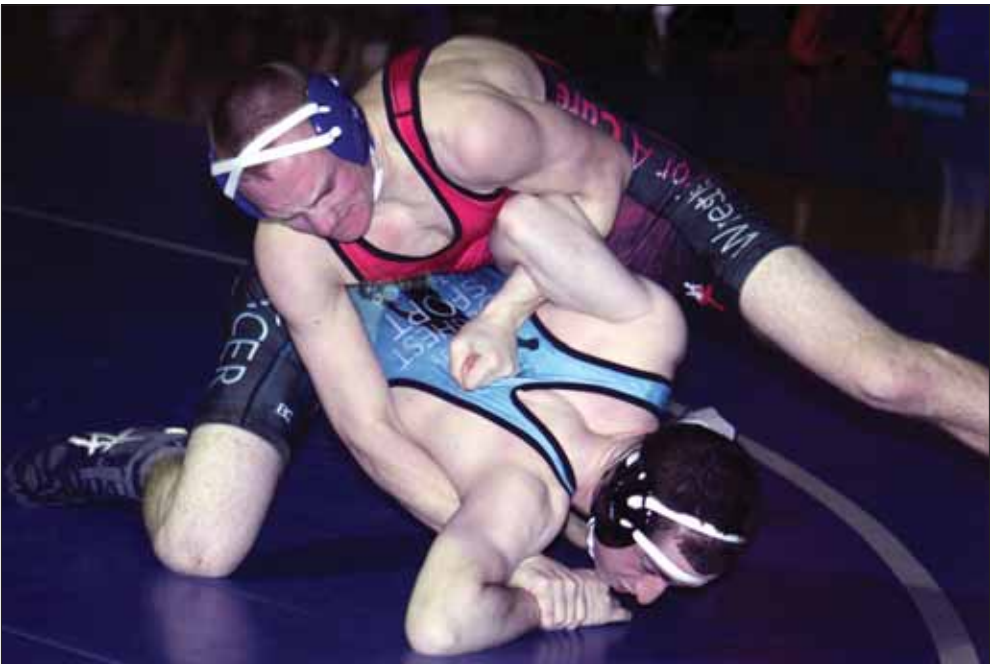
February 4, 2017: Dogged tenacity on the part of the A.L. Johnson Crusaders convinced the Westfield Lady Blue Devils to change their game plan midway through the third quarter in a basketball showdown in Clark. That shift in strategy enabled the Blue Devils to overcome a 31-25 deficit and to emerge with a 44-38 victory.

The 13-4 Blue Devils initially

worked to establish an outside offensive presence and senior Danielle Rinaldi scored her team’s first five points, one being a 3-pointer, early in the first quarter. Rinaldi, who finished with six steals, three assists and four rebounds, hit seven of her team-leading 11 points in the quarter. Senior Shannon Devitt (9 points, 3 blocks, 2 steals) led the team with 15 rebounds. Grace Elliott had 9 points, 3 assists and 3 rebounds. Jenna Iorio sank 10 points and Molly Ryan had 5 points and 6 steals.

January 28, 2016: Key victories by Sam Wustefeld and Guillaume Hardin spearheaded a strong Raider effort in a 39-27 loss to the Union County Tournament (UCT) champion Cranford

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David B. Corbin (February 2014 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
A BAR AND A WRIST...Blue Devil Kevin Miller begins to turn Raider Jeff Lieblich to his back with an arm bar and wrist combination, (January 31, 2014).



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REALLY GOING AFTER THE BALL...Cougars Jack McCaffrey, left, and John Oblachinski, right, put the pinch on Raider Jack Poillon in Cranford on January 30, 2014. The Cougars defeated the Raiders, 56-41.

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Cougars wrestling team at SPF. Trailing 27-22 with four bouts remaining, the Cougars recorded a fall, two majority decisions and a decision to secure the victory. Hardin faced Mike Nigro (3rd in UCT at 138-lbs) and used his snaky mat style to catch Nigro in a three-point Spladle nearfall en route to 6-4 decision. Wustefeld faced Andrew Tompkins (2nd in UCT at 170-lbs) and claimed a 5-0 decision.

January 28, 2016: For a while it looked like the Cranford boys' basketball team was stuck in the deep freeze that piled two feet of snow on Central New Jersey last week. The Cougar offense was ice cold from long range at the start of their game against Oratory Prep before thawing out in the second half. A 16-3 third quarter

run helped Cranford separate itself from the Rams before claiming a 62-47 victory in Cranford. Michael Smith led all scorers with 22 points and Sean Leonard added 16 points for the Cougars.

January 29, 2016: The Westfield boys basketball team may have played its best game of the season by making quick work of Paterson Kennedy, 83-72, in Westfield. The Blue Devils roared out to a 15-2 first quarter lead and extended to a 38-17 advantage midway through the second quarter. Westfield used a balanced scoring attack with four players scoring 15 points or more and assaulted the visiting Knights with a non-stop barrage of 3-pointers.

The Blue Devils consistently found open spots in the corner

for Parker Hess (17 points) and Jelani Pierre (16 points) to bomb away. Westfield also got 16 points from Nick Mele. Owen Murray added 15 points.

January 30, 2016: Down by 16 points, 29-13, at halftime to New Providence, the Westfield girls basketball team made remarkable defensive adjustments to make up for that deficit leading to a 36-36 tie at the end of regulation on Senior Day in Westfield. Unfortunately for the 6-8 Blue Devils, the 11-4 Pioneers, who had defeated Westfield, 49-37, on January 14, found the mark in overtime to come up with a 44-38 victory.

Blue Devil junior Shannon Devitt proved to have all-around effectiveness. She led the team with 14 points, pulled six re-

bounds, made two blocks and had a pair of steals. Senior Co-Captain Amalia Montes (4 points, 2 steals, 2 blocks, 2 assists) came on especially strong under the boards in the second half and finished with 11 rebounds.

January 30, 2014: Senior John Oblachinski sank five of his 12 points and added an assist, which ignited a 13-3 run in the first half of the third quarter to put the Cranford boys basketball team on the road to a 56-41 victory over Scotch Plains-Fanwood in Cranford.

Jack McCaffrey led the Cougars with 22 points and five steals. Chris Gibbons led the 8-8 Raiders with seven rebounds and nine points. Leo Ramos (4 points) and Quarryee Bull (2 points) each had six rebounds.

January 31, 2014: All the chips were on the line when Raider senior Matt Ridge stepped on the mat to face Blue Devil sophomore Kevin Frega in the final bout at 195-lbs in the "Pin Cancer" Alumni Night between the SPF wrestling team and Westfield at Scotch Plains. All proceeds from the ticket sales and the concession stands were to be donated to the "Pin Cancer" program.

Both coaches were juggling around their lineups throughout like a "chess" match to get the most advantageous match-ups for their team and with the Raiders trailing, 33-30, the final move was made when Ridge bumped up from his regular class at 182-lbs to face Frega and the winner

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GOOD ON DEFENSE & OFFENSE...Blue Devil juniors Jackie Knapp, No. 2, and Lil Scott, No. 20, were tight on defense and productive on offense against Rahway (February 4, 2014). Scott scored 19 points to break the 1,000-point plateau.



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SETTING UP A GUILLOTINE...Cranford Cougar Dave Busch, top, sets up a guillotine tilting maneuver in his 126-lb bout with Highlander Jake Paparozzi in Cranford on February 7, 2014. Busch earned a 10-1 majority decision,

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would deliver the victory for his team. Frega took the initiative with a takedown attempt, but Ridge countered to get the takedown and a two-point nearfall. Ridge recorded a side roll reversal in the second period and added a defensive takedown to claim an 8-0 majority decision.

February 4, 2014: Blue Devil junior Lillian Scott may or may not have known how many points she needed to break 1,000 career points; however, the ever increasing chatter from the boys in the stands must have given her a resounding clue as she approached that magic number late in the second quarter when the Westfield girls basketball team went on to trample Rahway, 60-20, in Westfield.

Scott needed 18 points to reach

1,000 and she hit numbers 18 and 19 when she swished a set shot with 2:08 remaining in the second quarter to give the Blue Devils a 44-7 lead. After a ceremony, she took a seat and relaxed for the remainder of the game.

February 7, 2014: Criteria decision put the Cranford wrestling team over the top in a wild match with Northern Highlands, which ended in a 31-31 draw in Cranford. Each team won seven bouts and the 13-6 Highlanders recorded two pins to Cranford's one, but forfeits, disqualifications and defaults in a Criteria count as pins also and the 15-4 Cougars received two forfeits to boost their total to three.

Niko Cappello bumped up a weight class to square off with Brandon Latierno, who entered

the bout with a 25-3 record, one of seven Highlanders with 20+ wins. Cappello recorded a low double-leg takedown in the first period and added an escape and another takedown in the second period. With a 5-2 lead, Cappello managed to control Latierno throughout the third period to gain the crucial victory.

The first bout of the evening came at 160-lbs, and Cougar Corey Birch bumped up to face Jack Castiglia and came out on top, 4-1, after recording a double-leg takedown and a reversal. Dave Busch punished Jake Paparozzi with three takedowns, an escape and a nearfall to claim a 10-1 majority decision at 126-lbs.

January 27, 2013: The No. 1 Westfield and SPF girls swim teams each broke two meet

records as the Blue Devils won their 21st Union County title with a total of 440 and the Raiders finished second with 281 at Rutgers University. Cranford placed seventh with 150 points. Although not winning an event, the Blue Devils boys claimed their 58th county championship in 62 years with 450 points, while Summit placed second at 415 points, the Raiders took third at 324 and Cranford took sixth at 137.

Blue Devil Caroline Baldwin broke her own meet record of 56.36 (2012) in the 100-backstroke by touching first at 56.26. Baldwin, Gwyn Devin, Ellie Reinhardt and Sarah Cronin broke Westfield's 2012 time of 1:37.93 in the 200-free relay by touching first in 1:37.16. Raiders Isabella Iacona, Jodie Thompson, Mel-

issa Harris and Sarah Davis touched first in the 200-medley relay at 1:50.86 to break Westfield's 2011 record of 1:51.26.

Thompson touched first in the 100-breaststroke at 1:04.96 to break the old record of 1:06.28 set by Abby Pires (Governor Livingston) in 2011. Cronin, Courtney Day, Devin and Reinhardt touched first in the 400-free relay at 3:38.59. Cronin touched first in the 200-free at 1:54.78 and the 100-free at 52.63. Baldwin touched first in the 50-free at 23.7. Cougar Julie Byrne touched first in the 100-butterfly at 57.34.

For the boys, Raider Ryan Gajdzisz touched first in the 200-free at 1:42.86. Gajdzisz also

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A RECORD BREAKER...Blue Devil Caroline Baldwin broke her own meet record of 56.36 (2012) in the 100-backstroke by touching first in 56.26 at the Union County Tournament (January 27, 2013).



David B. Corbin (February 2011 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
GOING IN FOR THE FIREMAN'S TAKEDOWN...Blue Devil Colin Barber, front, slips in for a fireman's takedown in his 145-lb. bout with New Providence's Jeff SanFilippo. Barber pinned SanFilippo in 2:55 (February 4, 2011).

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won the 500-free in 4:39.77.

January 30, 2013: Freshman Vin DiFilippo delivered an emphatic pinning combination, while Nick Velez and Kyle Kania earned key victories to lead the 13-1 Blue Devils wrestling team to a 41-21 victory over the 8-5 Rahway Indians, who had previously had a six-match winning streak, in Westfield.

DiFilippo used his good balance and defensive savvy to ward off several attacks from Indian Davon Jefferson in the first period of his 145-lb bout. From the top position in the second period, he slipped in a devastating leg-and-arm combination to pin Jefferson with a Spladle maneuver in 2:28.

January 31, 2013: Senior Reggie Green's effectiveness

under the boards and accurate shooting from beyond the perimeter was prevalent in the Cranford Cougar boys basketball team's 58-44 victory over the Raiders in Scotch Plains. Green pulled down 11 rebounds and added three blocked shots and a steal, while sinking six points and contributing three assists. Raider senior forward Tom Bonacum turned out to be effective in nearly every aspect of the game. Bonacum also had 11 rebounds, but he was also very dangerous offensively under the board, from mid range and from beyond the perimeter. He finished with a game-high 25 points, which included three of the Raiders' six 3-pointers.

February 1, 2013: Opportunities for both teams to end the

game in regulation were missed so it took two free throws from Lil Scott, after Carly Friedman's key offensive rebound to seal a 54-50, overtime victory for the Blue Devil girls basketball team over the hosting Raiders.

Friedman finished with 10 rebounds, two assists and a steal. Jackie Knapp (3 steals) led the Blue Devils in scoring with 24 points, including three 3-pointers, and Scott, who led the team with six steals and five assists, finished with 21 points, including two 3-pointers. Taylor Sebolao (6 rebounds, 2 steals) led the Raiders with 16 points, including three 3-pointers) and six assists. Katie Harper (2 steals, blocked shot) sank nine points, including a pair of 3-pointers.

February 2, 2012: Speed

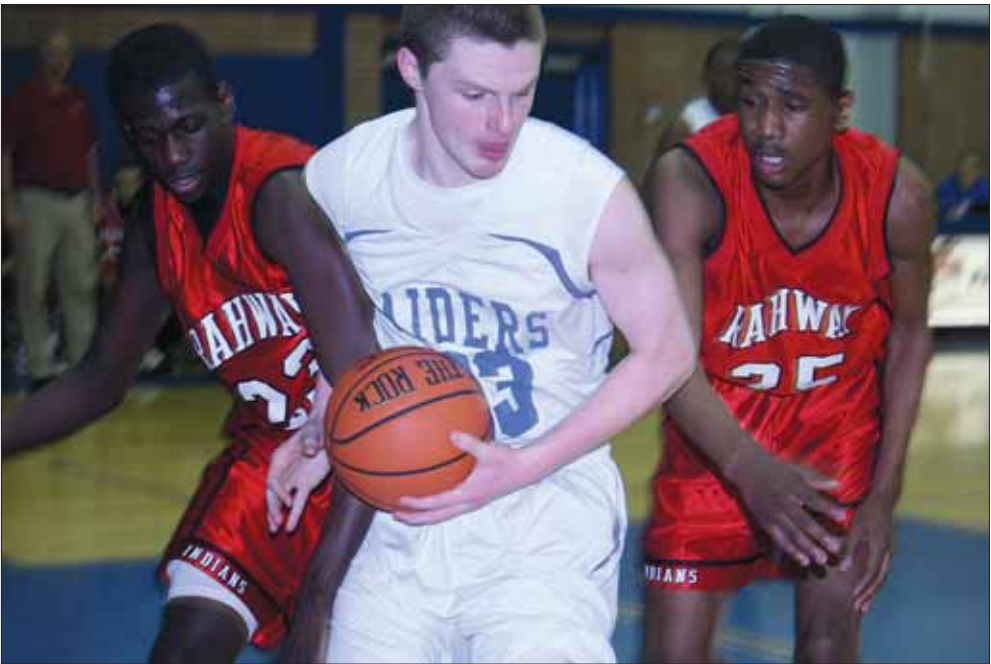
verses speed made for an exciting evening and a wild finish when Javon Allen rolled in a lay-up on a fast break to give the 16-2 Rahway boys basketball team a 64-62, double-overtime victory over the hosting Raiders. Senior Anthony Byers led the 10-8 Raiders with 22 points, including a put-back at the buzzer that sent the game into overtime.

February 3, 2012: An unselfish team approach, hustle under the boards and the hot hand of senior center Kurt Rutmayer led the Cranford Cougar boys basketball team to a 58-44 toppling of the Summit Hilltoppers in Cranford. Rutmayer led the Cougars with 19 points, including a pair of 3-pointers. Junior Reggie Green, who sank 11 points, and guard Tom Trotter (9 points) each

contributed three assists, and junior forward Stefan Fedorchak (7 points) added two, while Sean Babos led with six assists.

February 8, 2012: The 15th-ranked Watchung Hills Warriors kept plugging away, winning seven of the last nine bouts to earn a 31-24 victory over Westfield in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 semifinals in Warren. A "never quit" attitude came in the third bout, 195-lbs, between Blue Devil Ozan Oral and Warrior Alex Fornelos. Oral was on the short side of an 8-0 score in the third period; however, all along he kept trying to set up a Peterson roll, but to no avail. Finally it worked! Oral hit the move and caught Fornelos on his back for a fall in 5:26.

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CROWDED BY INDIANS...Raider Tom Bonacum, front, finds himself in a pinch between two Rahway Indians in Scotch Plains. Rahway won in double overtime, 64-62 (February 2, 2012).



David B. Corbin (February 2007 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
REGISTERING CAREER VICTORY NUMBER 100...Raider Sal Gano, top, made quick work of Warren Hills 125-pounder Anthony Gaito, pinning him in 23 seconds with a Mallory to record career victory No. 100 (February 8, 2007).

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Colin Barber improved to 24-2 when he recorded three takedowns and a reversal to win by 7-3, decision over Kyle Murray at 152-lbs. At 138-lbs, Ellis Opoku recorded a dump takedown and an escape to defeat Anthony DiRosa, 3-1.

February 3, 2011: Two swing bouts shifted drastically in the third period in favor of the Roselle Park Panther matmen in a 42-35 victory over Cranford in Cranford. Cougar Mike Helmstetter (112) was shocked, 7-4, by Giovanni Ramirez and Jon Acosta scored a third period takedown to stun Cougar Jim Dwyer, 10-8, at 152-lbs. Cougars Joe Giaccio (126), Cory Markovitch (135), Matt DiGiovanni (145), JP Christiano (160) and heavyweight Ray El-Khoury recorded pins.

February 4, 2011: The Blue

Devil wrestling team tacked on a pair of victories with a 52-22 settling of the New Providence Pioneers and a 48-24 taming of the Linden Tigers in a tri-match in Westfield. Blue Devil senior Christian Barber added a pair of wins via pin to boost his season record to 26-0 and his career record to 94, but just five days before, he had his biggest victory to date with a 5-3 decision over third-ranked (Coaches Association Poll) Connor Brennan of Brick at the All-Star Invitational at Brick.

February 5, 2011: Joe Greenspan controlled the defensive boards, and Scott Toresco stood tall under the offensive boards as the Blue Devil boys basketball team turned back the ALJ Crusaders, 69-38, at the Bernosky Games in Rahway.

Greenspan pulled down 14 rebounds, blocked three shots and had two steals, while leading all scorers with 16 points, including a pair of three-pointers. Toresco grabbed five of his nine rebounds from the offensive boards.

February 4, 2010: "Blackout Day" may have had an effect, but one thing was for sure, the shooting of Pat Dougher and Doran Nelson did, as the Raider boys basketball team shocked the visiting Blue Devils, 57-54. Dougher finished with a team-high 20 points. Nelson finished with 18 points, including two 3-pointers. Blue Devil junior forward Ryan Hess bucketed six of his 20 points in the first quarter and senior center Pat Sabatino pulled seven boards and scored 14 points.

February 11, 2008: Blue Devil Adam Bergo cleared 6'6" to take

top honors in the high jump event at the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 meet at the Jersey City Armory.

February 11, 2008: The Raider girls basketball team stopped Hillside, 48-39, in the first round of the Union County Tournament in Cranford. Kaylin Jaichon pumped in 12 points, grabbed 12 rebounds and had seven blocks. Jackie Law had 11 points, four rebounds and four assists.

February 8, 2007: Seemingly always cruising under the radar, Raider senior Sal Gano "quietly" but swiftly earned his 100th career victory with a 23-second fall with two bouts remaining in the North Jersey, Group 3 Section 2 wrestling championship match between the Raiders and Warren Hills in Washington. Unfortu-

nately, the Raiders' bid for their first sectional title fell short when the hosting Blue Streaks won the final bout to eke out a 33-29 victory.

February 8, 2007: Two rivals and high emotions set the stage before a packed house on Senior Day at Westfield High School. Senior Dan Pritsker hit two triples and two doubles in the fourth quarter to lead the Blue Devils to a 61-49 victory over the Raiders. Senior guard Mike Venezia scorched the nylon with 16 points for the Blue Devils. Pritsker finished with 13 points. Senior guard Tom Bonard (9 assists) tickled the twine with 15 points. Junior guard Bryan Dougher carried the load for the Raiders with 17 points, including two 3-pointers. Senior guard Greg Bayard scored 10 points.



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