

Westfield Superintendent to Retire; BOE OK's \$9.85 Mil. HVAC Project

By JENNIFER GLACKIN
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WESTFIELD — Superintendent Margaret Dolan, Ed.D., announced her retirement at Tuesday night's board of education meeting. Dr. Dolan began her career in Westfield Public Schools in 1996 as principal of Franklin Elementary School. She then became assistant superintendent for human resources in 2001 and assistant superintendent for curriculum, instruction and programs in 2005. Dr. Dolan became the district's first female superintendent in 2007. Her retirement will become effective on July 1, 2021.

"It has been a great honor to serve the Westfield Public Schools," said Dr. Dolan in a press release following Tuesday's meeting. During the 14 years she served as superintendent, the district has installed solar panels, upgraded security protocols and equipment, transitioned to standards-based report cards, incorporated "innovative uses of technology," updated its website, focused on the social and emotional development of students and navigated the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, according to the release.

"It's been a heck of a year," said Board President Amy Root. "And we are so thankful to have had you

at the helm." Many board members mentioned Dr. Dolan's calm presence as a key part of the district's



Dr. Margaret Dolan

ability to persevere during the pandemic. "There is much work to be done between now and June 30th," Dr. Dolan said. "I will be working hard with the board, the district staff and the parents for the benefit of our students, right up until the last day."

Part of that work will be the beginning of a \$9.85 million heating,

ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) project throughout the district. These upgrades were a part of the district's five-year, long-range facilities plan but have been re-prioritized due to the pandemic. The project is scheduled to roll out in three phases.

Phase one, which has an estimated cost of \$4.25 million, will install "enhanced ventilation, air conditioning and upgraded heating systems" in all elementary multipurpose rooms (except for Lincoln Early Childhood Center, which was already updated), according to the presentation made by district architect George Duthie of FVHD Architects and Planners.

The second part of phase one will equip all nurses' suites with outdoor air variable refrigerant flow systems, which will exhaust 100 percent of the room's air to the outside and will have high efficiency particulate air filtration. This phase of the project will be completed in summer of 2021. While delays are possible due to Covid-19, Mr. Duthie said he is hopeful that the timeline is achievable.

Phase two, which will be completed in summer of 2022 and cost approximately \$2.05 million, will upgrade ventilation systems in rooms used for small group lessons. Phase three will be completed the following summer, cost roughly \$3.55 million and focus on upgrades to main offices, guidance suites and faculty rooms. Mr. Duthie said the projected expenditures are "all in numbers" that include foreseeable expenses, such as engineering, electrical and concrete costs. The projections also allow for reasonable inflation in the coming years.

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Garwood OKs Duplex During First Meeting of '21

By JULIA BONAVITACOLA
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GARWOOD — In its first meeting of the year on January 13, the Garwood Planning Board approved construction of a new side-by-side duplex at 640 Willow Avenue.

Represented by attorney Stephen Hehl, MZ Homes applied for permission to build the side-by-side duplex in the empty lot at 640 Willow Avenue. The new duplex, designed by Andrew Podberezniak, will create two new residences in Garwood in a way that Mr. Hehl said will give the residents "better quality of life" compared to other top-down two-family homes.

The planned duplex will be two stories and measure 60 feet wide, will have two garages for each individual unit in front of a 20-foot-wide driveway, and will be insulated with a fire rated barrier between walls. Ed Dec, consulting municipal engineer of Garwood, said that the size of the duplex would "allow the house to be integrated into the...look of [the] block." All of the bulk measurements fell within the guidelines for the borough of Garwood, with the maximum height of 35 feet being exceeded by at least seven feet.

Through questioning, several board members expressed concern about lack of perceived storage within the

given layout of the house. Mr. Podberezniak said that the duplex would not have a basement but would come with a pull-down attic space for both individual units. This is in addition to the garage space that comes with each individual unit. Ultimately, the board decided that this was an adequate amount of space for the desired building.

Several conditions were mandated by the planning board, including two street trees, continuity of siding and roofing and that the duplex will be no higher than 28 feet. The board approved of the new duplex unanimously, saying that the given papers featured a sound design by Mr. Podberezniak as well as the look of the exterior of the new building.

The planned building prompted some concern among neighboring residents, however. Rosanne Barca and Maria Johnson, owners of the house neighboring 640 Willow Avenue, were concerned about the proximity of the new duplex to their own home, saying that they were nervous due to a previous experience with a neighbor's house fire. Both owners asked whether the new duplex could be moved two feet over in order to provide more space in case of an emergency. While their comments were discussed among the planning

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HONORING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR....A short interfaith commemorative service and peaceful procession was held this past Monday by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Association of Westfield. All residents who attended followed Covid-19 safety guidelines.



Ken Zierler for The Westfield Leader

COVID-19 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY...Forty-nine candles were lit along the path leading up to the bandstand in Mindowaskin Park during the Remembrance Ceremony on Tuesday, January 19 for residents who lost their lives to Covid-19. Church bells rang in town in memory of the lives lost.

Wychwood Property Owner Sues Town, Planning Board and HPC

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WESTFIELD — Lisa Varandas has filed suit against the Town of Westfield, the zoning and planning boards and the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), among others, alleging that they have refused to grant her permits and "unlawfully imposed material restrictions," which caused her to be unable to sell her property at 120 Wychwood.

Ms. Varandas purchased the property in November 2013, just over

two weeks before a fire, deemed accidental, burned down what was the Wychwood South Gatehouse. The house, which was built in the late 1920s, and its across-the-street neighbor were described in Westfield's 2002 Historic Preservation Plan section of the Master Plan as "whimsical interpretations of medieval fairy tale houses." Although the home was considered important historically, it was not officially designated as a historic home.

The Westfield Planning Board "agreed this property is listed as a historic site, but it is not a historically designated home," according to the minutes from the October 5, 2016 board meeting in which Ms. Varandas' team presented plans to "reconstruct the existing fire damaged home, and subdivide the property to create a conforming buildable lot, where a new single-family home will be constructed," the agenda stated. In the minutes from the meeting, it is stated that "the applicant worked very hard to recreate the design of the previous home."

According to the minutes, the project architect, Hector Baras, said "the applicant wanted to replicate the gatehouse, but it was not the greatest design in the world." According to the minutes, "Mr. Baras stated to rebuild the original house would not be practical, the applicant had to grow the house to be more functional."

According to previous reporting by *The Westfield Leader*, several board members "balked" at the requested variances and "complained that the variances would not be necessary if the lot was not being divided."

According to previous reporting by *The Leader*, Ms. Varandas' attorney agreed that Ms. Varandas would remove a carport, eliminate a circular driveway and remove a patio to conform to the zoning regulations. The plans would still need certain variances, which the board concluded were necessary because the applicant was trying to keep some historic features, so they "were essentially pre-existing conditions," according to previous reporting.

According to the meeting minutes, the board passed a resolution requir-

ing Ms. Varandas to meet with the planning board's Site Plan Review Committee, the Tree Preservation Commission and the HPC, as well as comply with "Town Planner's letter of September 30th."

Ms. Varandas got approval from the subcommittee as well as the Tree Preservation Commission in 2017 and then filed for a construction permit in August 2018, which was denied because she had yet to meet with the HPC, according to the lawsuit. She had revised her plans since 2017, so she resubmitted her plans to the subcommittee in December 2018 and was again approved.

Ms. Varandas met with the HPC on September 28, 2020. In the meeting, which *The Leader* received the recording of, Maria Boyes, the HPC's 2020 chairperson, said that the lot had since been subdivided and a new building was constructed on the front lot and that the commission was "asked to weigh in on" the proposed plans for the back lot where the original structure was located, particularly regarding "the materials that will be used as well as, you know, the overall exterior look and plans of the proposed home."

Courtney Schael, Ms. Varandas' sister and attorney, spoke at the meeting on behalf of the applicant. Ms. Schael was unable to answer questions from commission members about what types of materials would be used for the building. When Ms. Boyes suggested the commission email the project's architect to go over the materials, Ms. Schael replied that the purpose of the meeting, to her knowledge, was for the HPC to recommend materials and suggest cost-saving measures and that none of the suggestions were binding. Further, she said that the project did not have an architect and that the plan was to sell the property with the building plans so she had no way of dictating what materials the buyers use.

"You may be correct that it's non-binding, but that's certainly not how the resolution reads," Town Attorney Tom Jardim said at the meeting. "The resolution reads as if this was a voluntary condition of approval."

Ms. Schael disagreed and insisted

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Cranford Twp. Comm. Hears Department Budget Requests

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CRANFORD—On Saturday morning, the township committee hosted a municipal budget meeting, where all the local departments presented their financial plans for 2021. Most of the departments admitted that their accounts would be slightly higher this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The department that is between a rock and a hard place is the Swimming Pool Utility. Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty explained that, “the pool has been suffering declining memberships for the last [few] years.”

Chief Financial Officer Lavona Patterson remarked that the pools have become a liability, “because it is very hard to get the memberships.” In 2021, the pools received a budget of \$1.7 million, but only took in \$640,000, resulting in a deficit of more than \$1 million. As a financial solution, the pool applied to get financial help from the State and is permitted to repay the deficit over a five year period beginning in 2022.

Deputy Mayor Brian Andrews remarked on the pools’ situation by saying, “three pools are getting more expensive to run, less money coming in, and last year was a disaster.” Ms. Patterson required the committee to make some decisions to get over this deficit.

Because of Covid-19, the Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works have requested from the committee a salary increase for all their workers. In the police department’s case, the raise is for the crossing guards in the amount of 50 cents per hour.

However, the Fire Department raise is for the Office of Emergency Management (OEM). The goal is to get an increase of \$15,000 for 2021, bringing in a total of \$230,000. Fire Chief Dan Czeh explained that their petition comes from the competitive situation

that OEM has been facing with other emergency-management agencies for the last year since Covid started. He added that, “these agencies pay more, work more hours and offer additional benefits.” To face this competition, he believes that this increase will allow them to pay more for those “who are on the front line of Covid.”

Alongside the township committee’s decision to shift its meetings to remote, the department of the local channel of Cranford, TV-35, presented two new increases in its financial plan.

On the one hand, it proposed an increase of \$1.50 per hour, achieving \$12 per hour for the permanent workers. Studio Manager Edward Davenport clarified that “they couldn’t get volunteers to help,” forcing them to hire three people “who are helping to tape and, also, to do multiple jobs at multiple times.” Last year, TV-35 put on 189 shows, and this year will add 17 more since the workshop meetings are now streaming.

On the other hand, they request an additional \$15,000 to achieve \$60,000 to pay for new equipment, editors and the renovation of the studio and a new A-60 switcher unit. In the words of Mr. Davenport, this tape machine represents “good sense because we don’t think the Zoom thing is going to go away,” and with this new switcher, “we can do a complete broadcast show.”

The committee also received a proposal from the Buildings and Grounds department to fix all the streetlights by consulting a bigger company. Mayor Miller Prunty pointed out that, “there are a big number of lights that have been [an] issue for years and they’re not easy to fix.” Therefore, they will become “a big part of the funding” and “a big project” for the township.

After the hearings, the township committee will try to adjust the annual budget to all the proposals.



AN EVENING TO REMEMBER...Westfield Mayor Shelley Brindle delivered a heartfelt message at the Remembrance Ceremony for residents lost to Covid-19 this past Tuesday evening at Mindowaskin Park. Candles were lit along the path leading up to the bandstand where the mayor, town council, religious leaders and other dignitaries held candles at the solemn ceremony. All social distancing and safety requirements were upheld at the virtual event.

Garwood Board of Education Appoints Tracey Roland to Vacancy

By JULIA BONAVIDACOLA
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GARWOOD – The Garwood Board of Education (BOE) met on Tuesday for the second time this year in order to fill a vacancy on the board.

Candidates up for the position were interviewed at the beginning of the board meeting. The interviews were held in-person in the presence of several board members and Dr. Dennis Frohnapfel, district business administrator and board secretary. The interviews were watched by other board members through a camera that was set up behind the applicants.

Tracey Roland, a BOE member from 2016 to 2018, was the first to be interviewed for the vacant seat. Ms. Roland told the board about her previous service as a board member, including giving presentations on a potential finance course and her work in combating potential school shootings. When asked what she would like to see strengthened, Ms. Roland said, “I always think that we should welcome feedback ... from parents, teachers, property owners. We should be polling parents ... to see if there are other alternatives (to Arthur L. Johnson High School).”

Ms. Roland also said that she believes public speaking should be taught in the school curriculum and that tenure should be more transparent for teachers.

Linda Koenig was another candidate to be interviewed. When asked about what she would like to change, she said, “I’d like for us to explain what we do more ... People don’t know how it works.”

She said she wants the decisions of the board to be more accessible to the public and easier to understand for the people who attend and listen to the board meetings.

An executive meeting was held

after all of the interviews with the applicants were finished. This meeting was not open to the public. The board took 20 minutes before deciding on a new member.

Ms. Roland was elected to the board to fill the newly-vacant spot. She took her oath of office in front of all of the board members for the second time in five years. Dr. Frohnapfel, who administered the oath, congratulated Ms. Roland and said, “please take your seat.” Ms. Roland sat with the other board members in attendance for the remainder of the meeting.

Other orders of business were conducted as well. Gwen Thornton, a New Jersey School Boards Association field service representative, gave a presentation on the board’s role in personnel. This presentation focused on the process of approving new teachers to the Borough of Garwood. One important aspect of the presentation Ms. Thornton pointed out was the complications of approving teachers who are related to BOE members.

“If you had a family member employed in the district before you were a board member they are, of course, grandfathered. But once you become a board member ... [your family] can’t be employed in the school district,” Ms. Thornton said to all of the board members.

Ms. Thornton also said that all staff members need to be approved for their positions when the entire board is able to vote and that all rejections of staff members need to have valid reasons. She also went over the information that all members should have before voting on a new teaching position.

The last order of business was to

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trator Dana Sullivan, the project can be financed from capital reserve funds. The district has been able to save money on health insurance over the past few years since it is self-insured, explained Ms. Sullivan. Those savings get transferred into a fund balance and eventually moved to reserve accounts.

“Certainly, phase one will be from capital reserves, and we’re hopeful that all three phases will be able to come from that,” said Ms. Sullivan, but it will ultimately depend on how much the district is able to save.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 2.

determine whether or not board meetings should be recorded in the future for easy access. Presently, the board meetings are recorded solely for the secretary to assemble the minutes of the meeting. The board members were split on whether or not to make these videos accessible, with one member saying, “According to the bylaws ... we can tape, but it wouldn’t be for general distribution. If anyone wanted a copy of it or wanted to review it, they would have to make an appointment to come to the board office. Our bylaws right now do not support doing a recording for public distribution.”

Most of the concern came from the possibility of the tape falling into the public’s hands. The board members determined that if they were going to record the meetings, they still would not be able to record the next meeting in February, as they need to figure out the legalities of recording their meetings.

Duplex

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board and the witnesses to the duplex proposal, Mr. Hehl and planning architect Victor Graziano ultimately said that they would keep the original plan intact for “aesthetic” and “symmetry” reasons, in agreement with the board.

Construction of the duplex will begin with the amended requirements set out by the board after its approval.

Along with addressing the duplex application, the first meeting of the year brought some changes to the makeup of the planning board. Two new members were sworn in at the start of the meeting. Richard McCormack and Steve Barcan became the newest members of the planning board as alternates I and II respectively. Councilman Russell Graham was also sworn in for a one year term.

Members also held elections for positions on the board. Steve Greet was elected chair; Kathleen Villaggio, who was excused from this meeting, was elected vice-chair; and Adele Lewis was elected as secretary of the board. All three positions were approved unanimously by those present and all members were reelected to previously-held positions.

Originally, an application involving a two-family home at 337 Myrtle Avenue, was scheduled to be addressed at this meeting but instead was carried over to the planning board’s next meeting, set to take place on Wednesday, January 27.

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the resolution was never intended to be binding. “Quite frankly, if the whole thing isn’t approved, (Ms. Varandas will) just sell the property and they’ll build something else,” she said.

Also at the HPC meeting, Ms. Schael said the Site Plan Review Committee was looking over the building plans again after a few changes had been made to them. The lawsuit alleges that the committee looked over the plans on October 5 and reviewed the HPC’s material recommendations “even though it was not required by the resolution nor in the scope of the subcommittee’s review under the resolution.” According to the lawsuit, the committee members attempted “to unilaterally revise the approved Resolution” and indicated they would contact their attorney and discuss the issue at the committee’s November 2 meeting.

At the November 2 meeting, “the Subcommittee conceded that Defendant Jardim’s position that the HPC had approval authority over materials was wrong,” the lawsuit alleges. The lawsuit further alleges that the committee tried to get the plaintiff’s consent to “have the Subcommittee approve materials and/or suggested that Plaintiff’s proposed purchaser meet with the Subcommittee regarding materials.” Ms. Varandas allegedly refused and objected to the subcommittee reviewing or approving materials.

Approximately two weeks later, according to the lawsuit, the plaintiff received a denial for the permit applications, “indicating that Plaintiff had not met the conditions of the resolution approving variances for the construction.” Allegedly, the reason the building permit could not be issued was because the plaintiff had not complied with the resolution as the committee had not approved the plan’s materials.

Ms. Varandas had a number of purchasing inquiries, the lawsuit alleges. “Some interested purchasers have conditioned the purchase on the issuance of a building permit and/or the removal of any restrictions or approval by the Subcommittee or Planning Board on the materials to be used in construction.”

The lawsuit further alleges that Ms. Varandas lost purchasers due to being refused a building permit and/or because the defendants “have unlawfully imposed material restrictions and/or approval authority over materials to be used in the construction for the Property.”

Mr. Jardim was unable to be reached through the town as well as through his law firm. The plaintiff’s lawyers also could not be reached for comment.

Accreditation

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Receiving accreditation means the NJSACOP recognizes a department as being “at the top of its game,” Chief Battiloro said. Once the department obtains its accreditation, which the chief said he is confident it will, Westfield will be eligible for issuance discounts from its joint insurance fund.

Another benefit of accreditation is that it can reduce the likelihood of lawsuits against the police department, Chief Battiloro said, which can save money in litigation costs. Accreditation, he said, will not stop people from trying to sue the department, as lawsuits are “inevitable” because “nobody is ever going to be totally pleased with the police when they take enforcement action and people suffer damages.” However, Chief Battiloro said he thinks accreditation will demonstrate that the actions of Westfield’s police officers are in accordance with the law and with best practices.

“It won’t eliminate lawsuits,” he said. “It won’t create perfect policing. But I think it will certainly prepare us to better defend ourselves in instances where there are lawsuits.”



REMEMBERING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR...Donations of sandwiches and baked goods are dropped off at Garwood Borough Hall this past Monday in remembrance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



MLK DAY IN WESTFIELD...The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Association of Westfield held a short interfaith commemorative service and peaceful procession into town on Monday, January 18 at the MLK Monument on the South Avenue Circle. Almost 100 area residents attended the service, and everyone wore protective face coverings.

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Online Activities Offered for Residents with Special Needs

County – A new schedule of online classes for Union County residents, hosted by the Union County Office for Persons with Disabilities and Special Needs, is now available to residents. The schedule currently includes yoga, karate and arts and crafts.

“The virtual classes are a fun way to stay connected with the Union County community and enjoy programs that exercise the body and the mind,” said Board of Commissioners Chairman Alexander Mirabella. “We are currently planning additional activities, and we invite members of the public to contact the Office for Persons with Disabilities and Special Needs with any ideas or suggestions they may have.”

All classes in the new 2021 Virtual Program are free and will be offered through the GoToMeeting platform. Registration is required to receive a GoToMeeting link for each session.

To register online visit the Union County website at ucnj.org/opdsn-reg.

The 2021 schedule is:
Yoga for Teens and Young Adults (Ages 13 to 36), held Mondays from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Session 1 will be from January 25 to March 8 with no class on February 15.

Session 2 will be from March 15 to April 19.

Session 3 will be from April 26 to June 7 with no class on May 31.

Karate for Kids (Ages 15 and under), held Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Session 1 will be from January 27 to February 24.

Session 2 will be from March 10 to April 7.

Session 3 will be from April 21 to

May 19.

Session 4 will be from June 2 to June 30.

Karate for Teens and Young Adults (16 and up) will be held Wednesdays from 8 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Session 1 will be from January 27 to February 24.

Session 2 will be from March 10 to April 7.

Session 3 will be from April 21 to May 19.

Session 4 will be from June 2 to June 30.

Arts and Crafts for Children (Ages 5 to 15), will be held Thursday, February 11 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Please note that participants must register at least three days before class begins. Supplies will be available for pick-up from the Office for Persons with Disabilities and Special Needs, located in the County Administration Building in Elizabeth, at 10 Elizabethtown Plaza.

Arts and Crafts for Teens and Young Adults (Ages 16 and up) will be held Thursday, February 11 from 6:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Please note that participants must register at least three days before class begins. Supplies will be available for pick-up from the Office for Persons with Disabilities and Special Needs, located in the County Administration Building in Elizabeth, at 10 Elizabethtown Plaza.

For more information about the 2021 Virtual Program or to discuss ideas and suggestions for additional classes, contact Nicole DeAugustine, program coordinator, ndeaugustine@ucnj.org or call the Union County Office for People with Disabilities and Special Needs at (908) 527-4807 (for TTY dial 711).



IT'S A MITZVAH...The Rotary Club of Westfield thanks Noah Lieberman for running a food drive for his Bar Mitzvah project. The food collected is benefiting area families. Rotary has been helping during the pandemic. Each family received shelf-stable milk, bread, fresh produce and lots of pantry items. The balance of the money Noah raised will go toward The Rotary Club of Westfield's backpack project. Noah's project exemplifies Rotary's ideal of Service Above Self.

County Announces Three Emergency Food Distributions

COUNTY – The Union County Board of Commissioners will hold three food distributions events for Union County residents to aid those affected by COVID-19 in the month of January.

Saturday, January 23 - 8:30 a.m. - Union County Vocational Technical School, 1776 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains – Drive-up only

Tuesday, January 26 - 10:00 a.m. - Gerald B. Green Plaza, 200 W. 2nd Street, Plainfield – Walk-up only

Saturday, January 30 - 8:30 a.m., Warinanco Park (Skating Rink), Roselle – Drive-up and Walk-up. Residents should use the Park Avenue entrance.

The food distributions are open to all Union County residents. Food will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis and no registration is required. The events will take place rain or shine.

The food distribution is being co-ordinated by the County of Union with support from Village Supermarket and Gargiulo Produce.

“Food distributions have become a lifeline for our residents during the Covid-19 pandemic,” said County Commissioner Chairman Alexander Mirabella. “We are proud to be able to continue providing this valuable resource in 2021 to our residents.”

“Residents continue to face un-

precedented levels of unemployment, housing issues and food insecurity and we are working hard to help everyone put food on their table,” said Commissioner Sergio Granados who also serves as Liaison to the Human Services Advisory Council. “We thank Village Supermarket and Gargiulo Produce for their partnership in this effort.”

Residents wishing to pick up food at Union County Vocational Technical School must arrive in a vehicle. Walk-ups will not be accommodated in Scotch Plains.

Residents picking up food at the Roselle distribution can arrive in a car or walk-up to the distribution site at Warinanco Park.

Walk-up recipients in Roselle and Plainfield must wear masks at all times and maintain social distance. Walk-up recipients should bring a cart or be able to carry several food bags at the walk-up area.

Upon arrival, proof of New Jersey residency and indicate how many people reside in their household will have to be provided. Recipients will receive an emergency box of produce, dairy and shelf stable food, with enough to sustain a family for several days. Please note that only one box of food will be provided per vehicle or walk-up recipient at each distribution event.

This event will run in compliance with state Covid-19 orders, regarding social distancing and other protocols. All drive-up recipients must remain in their cars with windows rolled up at all times, otherwise masks are required. Food boxes will be placed in the trunk or truck bed of the vehicle by volunteers.

For questions and more information, residents may call the UCDHS Director's Action Line at (888) 845-3434 or (908) 558-2288.

For more information and updates on all Union County services during the Covid-19 outbreak, including the Drive-Through Test Center at Kean University, the Mobile Test Unit walk-up sites, vaccination information, emergency food distribution and other support services, visit ucnj.org/covid19. General information about COVID-19 is available through the New Jersey Department of Health at nj.gov/health.

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Suman Dahiya-Shah Fills Township Council Vacancy

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Scotch Plains Township Council has appointed Suman Dahiya-Shah, an IT professional in pharmaceuticals industry, to fill a vacant seat on the five-member governing body.

Dahiya-Shah, a Democrat, was appointed to fill a seat left vacant when Joshua Losardo was sworn-in as mayor. The councilwoman intends to run in November for the seat, to continue serving in the unexpired term, which expires at the end of 2022.

“We are pleased to welcome Suman to the Township Council,” Losardo said. “She is heavily involved in the community and shares our passion for local, effective government that serves the entire community. I’m pleased that voters will have the opportunity to see the quality of her civic work before she runs for the seat in the fall. I know everyone will be as impressed as we are.”

Dahiya-Shah moved to Scotch Plains ten years ago from Piscataway with her husband and two daughters. “I have always been a highly-engaged leader in the local organizations and schools wherever I’ve lived,” Dahiya-Shah said. She was a member of the Community Relations Committee with the Piscataway BOE. Most recently she has served as a member of Scotch Plains Zoning Board, as well as the township’s Affordable Housing Committee and Green Team. She is serv-

ing her second term on the Scotch Plains Democratic Committee.

“I’m very passionate about providing community engagement to support local businesses, better educational environment, youth leadership programs, and diversity and inclusion initiatives in Scotch Plains,” said Dahiya-Shah. She has been a Board Trustee for the Education Enrichment Foundation of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood (EEF) for six plus years and is now vice president. She has supported educator grants and student

leadership programs. She is also a Public Affairs and Emergency Services Officer, of the local Civil Air Patrol Squadron, a US Air Force Auxiliary, which provides aerospace and STEM education, leadership opportunities and training in emergency services. In addition, she is a member of the SPF Board of Education’s Racial Equity Taskforce, representing the South Asian community.

“I hold a strong belief that we are all responsible for preserving Scotch Plains as a family-friendly, economically strong and vibrant township with excellent schools,” Dahiya-Shah said. “True kindness and respect for others is needed in order to maintain safe neighborhoods. I’m dedicated to bringing people together to heal the differences and build a more inclusive community.”



Councilwoman Suman Dahiya-Shah

Poison Control Warns of Edible Marijuana Exposure

AREA — This week, a pre-teen was admitted to a New Jersey hospital experiencing adverse health effects after ingesting a large quantity of candy containing marijuana. The candy (medicated sour Skittles) was packaged almost identically to the popular and widely sold name brand candy. A month before this incident, a similar case occurred but in a young child. In this case, the 3-year-old needed to be admitted to the Intensive Care Unit, after eating that looked identical to a Nerds Rope, another favorite to candy consumers.

Although New Jersey is on the brink of a large-scale rollout of recreational marijuana products for adults, it is important to remember that marijuana can and does have toxic effects on children. As witnessed in other states with recreational marijuana programs, pediatric exposures to these products increase as edibles become more widely available. Poison Control Centers around the country have seen a significant increase in calls regarding children who have accidentally swallowed products containing THC. Further complicating matters are candy look-alike products, such as gummy bears or the products mentioned above, which are very enticing to kids.

In 2020, the New Jersey Poison Control Center assisted in the medical treatment of more than 55 children under the age of 5 and more than 30 children between the ages of 6 and 12 who consumed edible products containing THC – more than double those assisted in the previous year and six times as many as in 2018.

The New Jersey Poison Control Center is warning the public to keep marijuana edibles in secure, locked places in their homes. Children who ingest edibles are at high risk for marijuana overdose. Marijuana overdoses are unlikely to be fatal but can

lead to severe health effects.

“It is difficult for anyone, especially children, to distinguish an edible marijuana product from food when the packaging is almost identical to common everyday products,” says Diane Calello, executive and medical director of the New Jersey Poison Control Center at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, Department of Emergency Medicine. “For this reason, it’s important to safely store these products in the home. It’s also time to say – does that edible product really need to look that much like a favorite candy? Is it worth the risk?”

“Since edibles may be highly concentrated, limit the number of edibles you have at home if you live with young and school-aged children,” says Lewis Nelson, chair of Emergency Medicine at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School. Many edible products look and taste like store-bought treats and other food products, making it difficult for children to know the difference. Although edibles like brownies, gummies and lollipops can be fun and/or therapeutic for adults, high levels of THC (the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana), can lead to dangerous overdose symptoms in small children.”

Unlike in adults, marijuana exposure in children can lead to dangerous side including trouble breathing, loss of coordination, drowsiness and seizures. In severe cases, children may need to be admitted to an intensive care unit and even need a ventilator.

When using or storing marijuana products in the home, remember the following tips to prevent accidental exposure:

Store edible products in a secure, locked place in the home, out of sight and reach of children and pets.

Marijuana products can also cause severe health effects in pets.

Limit the amount/number of edible products you have in the house at one time.

Be aware of the potency (concentration of tetrahydrocannabinol/THC) of the edibles you have at home.

The effects of edible marijuana may be delayed and more severe hours later.

If you suspect a poisoning involving a marijuana product, call your local poison control center immediately at 1-800-222-1222 for medical treatment advice. Poison Control Centers are staffed by healthcare professionals 24/7. If someone is unconscious, not breathing, hard to wake up or having a seizure, immediately call 911.

New Jersey residents can reach their poison control center: by calling 1-800-222-1222, texting 973-339-0702 or chatting via website.

Bill Requiring Disclosure Letters Clears Committee

TRENTON – To protect New Jersey businesses from third-party organizations that misleadingly represent themselves as government entities, Assembly Democrats Vincent Mazzeo (D-Atlantic) and Annette Quijano (D-Union) are sponsoring legislation that would require third-party settlement organizations to include a disclosed letter stating they are not affiliated with any government agencies. The measure was approved January 13 by the Assembly Consumer Affairs Committee.

Currently, third-party organizations are contacting businesses while using a government seal, insignia, citation, name of a state agency or other symbol falsely alluding to a state government connection. The bill (A-4834) would require these organizations to include a letter stating, “This product or service has not been approved or endorsed by the State of New Jersey, and this offer is not being made by a State agency, department, commission, or program.”

The letter must be printed on a piece of paper that is at least eight and one-half inches by 11 inches in size and contain the full name of the person sending the solicitation; if the solicitation constitutes an offer to satisfy a state statutory obligation in exchange for a fee, a breakdown of the cost of the service to include the total amount of money to be paid to the state to satisfy the statutory obligation and the fee charged for the service and language printed in no less than 14-point, bold typeface 25.

“Third-party settlement organizations often disguise themselves as government entities and make businesses believe they are paying taxes to the state,”

said Assemblyman Mazzeo. “Businesses unknowingly pay this charge, and many have raised their concern about the issue.”

“Currently, no regulation exists for these instances and companies continue to be deceived when contacted by agencies that appear to be from the state,” said Assemblywoman Quijano. “This bill will regulate these third-party companies and make sure businesses are clear about who they are dealing with.”

Union County Baseball Cancels 2021 Awards Dinner

COUNTY – The Union County Baseball Association (UCBA) has announced the cancellation of its annual Hot Stove League Awards Dinner due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

“We held out hope that the 85th Union County Hot Stove League Dinner could be held as usual in February 2021,” said Jim Iozzi, UCBA president. “But, out of an abundance of caution, we have decided to cancel this year’s event.”

Since the first Union County “Hot Stove” event in 1937, the Union County Baseball Association has aimed to provide an outstanding program for the many baseball enthusiasts who attend the awards dinner each year. The honorees and guest speakers at the 2020 gathering included former New York Mets outfielder Mookie Wilson, and the players and coaches of the Elmora Troop-

ers baseball team, the 2019 Mid-Atlantic champions who finished in the top four at the 2019 Little League World Series in Williamsport, PA.

Sponsored by the Union County Baseball Association, in cooperation with the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Hot Stove League awards dinner is the primary annual fund-raising effort for the Union County Youth Baseball Leagues. The summer and fall leagues have given more than 45,000 boys and girls an opportunity to participate in an organized baseball program over the past 70-plus years.

For more information, visit www.UCBA-NJ.org; write to the Union County Baseball Association, PO Box 176, Fanwood, New Jersey 07023; or call Jim Iozzi, UCBA president, at (908) 917-2523.

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Garwood Council Updates Public on Diverse Issues

By JULIA BONAVITACOLA
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GARWOOD – The Garwood Council came together last Thursday to update the public on the status of various matters impacting the borough, among them Covid-19, pedestrian safety and affordable housing.

Borough Engineer Michael Disko gave his report at the outset of the meeting. The recreation complex netting was completed over the last week and a half. The tree and sidewalk project achieved the installation of trees in 45 locations.

Borough Administrator Christina Ariemma welcomed Municipal Attorney Catherine DeApplonio and Deputy Municipal Clerk Catherine Cameron.

Mayor Sara Todisco provided an update on Covid-19 numbers for the borough. There were 15 new cases of Covid-19 reported over the past week, bringing the cumulative total for the municipality to 166.

Mayor Todisco said the planning board will soon review requirements for height and story maximums that currently are in place for new houses.

The mayor has received the final version of the report from Police Chief James Wright on how to improve pedestrian safety initiatives. She also received a draft report for potential infrastructure improvements to be implemented in the borough. The full report will be available to the public by the next council meeting on Thursday, January 28. Mayor Todisco said she wants changes to come, “as soon as reasonably possible.”

Council members discussed a resolution passed by Long Hill Township concerning affordable housing. Councilman Sean Benoit, in his argument against the resolution, said that the resolution was “taking us back to the days of COAH (Council on Affordable Housing). ... The problem was COAH didn’t work.”

Mr. Benoit said many towns found loopholes around COAH so they did not have to construct their fair share of affordable housing. The council was in unanimous agreement. Mayor Todisco suggested re-writing the resolution so it would be more applicable to Garwood specifically. The council agreed.

Mr. Benoit reported that the Covid-19 vaccine was being rolled out and that Garwood residents can

find links to register online through the borough website and Facebook page. Council President Jen Blumenstock said residents also can register online on the Union County website for the Kean University location. Only certain members of the public, like frontline healthcare workers and residents over 65 years old, are able to get their vaccines at this time. Non-eligible residents are encouraged to register ahead of time, however. Other locations include ShopRite of Clark, ShopRite of Elizabeth and the City of Elizabeth Health Department.

Councilman and Police Commissioner Michael Ince said the first pedestrian-safety initiative — the distribution of safety vests — is now open to any resident after vests were previously handed out to senior residents of the borough. Residents can get their reflector vests by contacting the police department or Mr. Ince. “These vests are especially useful for anyone walking or running ... when the lighting is poor,” said Mr. Ince.

Councilman Vincent Kearney said he attended a full day of virtual training, hosted by the New Jersey League of Municipalities, for newly-elected members of local governing bodies. He said he looks forward to further training, specifically in budgeting and finance.

Councilwoman Blumenstock commented on the borough’s observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, during which residents were encouraged to participate in service activities from their own homes. Residents were invited to make sandwiches for the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, make cards or write letters in support of Operation Gratitude for active military or veterans, or make hygiene kits for Visions and Pathways, which serves homeless teens.

Councilman Russell Graham said the fire department has accepted Jake Anderson as a new full member of the department.

Mr. Graham closed out the meeting by reporting that Vic Vinegra has offered to hire and pay an artist to paint murals on the walls in the underpass. The council hopes to commission historical murals to decorate the underpass. All residents are encouraged to submit suggestions to Mr. Graham for the council to consider.

Local Man Seeks Living Liver Donor

By LAUREN S. BARR
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MOUNTAINSIDE — Rob Naulty and his family are praying that someone in the community can help save Rob’s life. The Mountainside resident and Westfield High School graduate is in need of a living donor for a liver transplant.

In the midst of the pandemic this past June, Rob became ill with internal bleeding, causing him to undergo multiple endoscopies, and leading to several infections. His wife, Betsy, told *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* that by November they were told he needs a new liver.

“My greatest accomplishment in life is being a father to my special-needs daughter, Caroline,” Rob said in a letter to friends and colleagues. “My wife, who is a nurse, has done an excellent job accompanying me on this journey, but to continue to care for Caroline and watch her grow is what keeps me fighting this disease.”

Caroline, who was diagnosed with Partial Agenesis of Corpus Callosum, is non-verbal but “very tech-savvy,” according to her mom. She uses sign language and computer devices to communicate. Caroline attends school in Chatham and takes regular swimming lessons at the Westfield Y, where her father was on the swim team in the 1970s.



Rob and Betsy Naulty with their daughter Caroline

The United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) says that 1,155 people died last year waiting for a liver transplant. According to Organdonor.gov, every nine minutes a new person is added to the donor waiting list, with the highest number waiting for a kidney transplant and liver being the second highest. The website says that, “Nearly 6,000 living donations take place each year. That’s about 4 out of every 10 donations.”

According to the Mayo Clinic, both the donor’s liver and the transplanted liver re-grow and restore normal liver functions. Betsy said that her insurance will cover all the medical expenses of the donor.

Potential donors must be in good shape and be between the ages of 18 and 55. According to Mr. Naulty’s doctors, potential donors can have blood types B, O, A or AB and Rh factor is not relevant.

“I would be eternally grateful to the donor,” Betsy told *The Leader/Times*.

To find out more information or to volunteer, visit montefiore.org/live-donor-form and identify Robert Naulty as the intended liver recipient.

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Westfield Planning Board Appoints New Chairman

By REBECCA MEHORTER
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WESTFIELD — The Westfield Planning Board held its reorganization meeting and then its first regular meeting of 2021 on January 6. The board elected Michael Ash as its chairman and Michael La Place as its vice chairman. Mr. Ash succeeds the late Robert Newell, who died in November.

“We have big shoes to fill, but I feel like his spirit and contributions are going to be with us throughout what I anticipate will be a very exciting and productive year,” Mayor Shelley Brindle said about Mr. Newell.

Ross Goldstein, Kris McAloon, Alexandra Carreras and Mr. Ash were sworn in as newly-appointed or re-appointed members. Town Planner Don Sammet and Town Engineer Mr. McAloon were sworn in to provide professional testimony for 2021. The board reappointed Mr. McAloon as its secretary and Alan Trembulak as its attorney for ordinary and extraordinary services.

The board appointed council liaison Linda Habgood and board members Anastasia Harrison, Ann Freedman and Mr. La Place to the site plan review committee. Mr. Goldstein will join the tree preservation commission as the planning board liaison. The appointment to the historic preservation commission was tabled until the board’s next meeting.

The board then jumped into its regular meeting agenda.

The board adopted a resolution for the first applicant, 923 Central Avenue, which was approved with conditions. The board next approved a resolution for Echo Lake Country Club, which also was approved with conditions. The board approved the last resolution, which was for Domenico Lettini of 2003 Grandview Avenue, and denied the application.

The board then heard a new application for 104 Winchester Way by Nicole and Barak Ulin. The Ulins proposed 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,” according to the application.

Applicant attorney James Foerst said the Ulins’ backyard meets up with their neighbor’s lawn in an “out-of-place” manner. He said there is a 400-square-foot, irregular area that the Ulins agreed to title, with the neighbor’s approval, in order to square off their lawn.

Mr. Ulin said that when they bought

the house that, “we didn’t realize how severe it was,” and that the jigsaw-like piece of land would be convenient for the Ulins as they plan to make improvements to their backyard. The board approved the application as submitted.

The next applicant was Villane Building and Development, LLC, of 412 Palsted Avenue. Applicant attorney Stephen Hehl said the applicant is looking to subdivide the property, which he said is more than twice the size permitted in the zone, into two lots that would conform in size. The applicant would demolish the existing single-family home that Mr. Hehl said has water issues and unfavorable characteristics like seven-foot-high basement ceilings.

One lot would not meet the minimum lot depth of 120 feet by approximately 22 feet. Mr. Hehl said that subdividing the lots would allow the builders to construct two single-family homes, which “provides a better alternative” than a larger, two-family home, which would be allowed in the zoning area.

Residents and board members expressed concerns about groundwater and drainage issues. The board and applicant spent 30 minutes “talking about theoretical drainage solutions that honestly should have been worked out and presented to this board in the application,” Ms. Habgood said. “I’m not looking to be argumentative. I’m just looking for us to have a sufficient amount of information for us to evaluate this application and make a decision, and I don’t think this gets solved in a resolution.” She suggested the applicant create an engineering plan.

Mr. Ash said that the board was having difficulty creating a resolution condition for the drainage issue but that the issue needed to be addressed before the board could approve the application. Mr. Hehl suggested the application be carried to next month so the applicant could make a plan and send it to Mr. McAloon and the board. The board accepted the suggestion, and the application will be heard at the next meeting, which will be held on Monday, February 1.

“Stormwater and drainage is a key priority and issue for this board and for this administration,” Mayor Brindle said. “So going forward, that should just be anticipated that that’s going to need a very specific prescribed solution that we’re going to want to know as part of any application.”



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Educator’s Corner: Find the Facts

By JENNIFER GLACKIN
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Life moves at hyper speed. News churns out as fast as journalists can write it. Information is constantly bombarding our eyes and brains at all hours of the day, thanks to 24-hour news channels and social media. Anyone with a computer or a smartphone can put out whatever they wish, on multiple platforms, whether it’s factual or not.

Fake news is not new. Merriam-Webster has evidence of the term being used in the late 19th century, but usage has been on the rise since 2016. It’s getting harder to tell what is truly false and what is actually real. If it’s difficult for adults to tell the difference, how do we teach our kids to be media-literate?

I’ve combed the internet for different advice on the subject, and here are tips to teach kids and teens to read news with a critical eye:

Know the source. There are many reputable sources out there that are well-established. For newer, online sources, look at the URL first. If there is a .infonet or .com.co at the

end of the URL – be suspicious. If the URL seems legitimate, Google the company. See what others are saying about them.

Check other sources. If a new story claims another organization gave them the information, check the original source’s website for accuracy. Also, check to see who else is reporting the same story. Do the facts match each other? You can also visit a fact-checking website, like snopes.com or factcheck.org.

Search for the support. What kind of evidence was given — data, facts? Were there any quotes from experts? What are the qualifications of those experts? A lack of these sources often indicates there’s something fishy about the information. Also, if there are pictures in an online article, you can reverse search the image on Google to see where it originated from or if it was doctored in any way.

Look out for language. Words matter to writers. If there is editorial-style language that uses descriptors like “wonderful,” “shocking,” or “blatant” – but they are not in

quotes from a source – they were purposely chosen to get a rise. (If they are in quotes, count how many times a word or synonym is used. Is it balanced with other opinions?)

Check your own emotions. Everyone has biases, beliefs and ideas. If the article gets an immediate and strong emotional response – stop and take a breath. Be as objective as you can.

Read widely. In the iconic words of Dr. Seuss, “The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

It takes time to hone these skills (not to mention time to look at the news critically), but it is worth it to build responsible media consumers.

You can take my word for it or you can check up on the information in the column. I used articles from mindtools.com and npr.org, research guides on Pace University’s website, “this,” from Deakin University in Australia and Real News/Fake News: Fact Checkers from UC Berkeley.

In 2020, Westfield residents had 237 newborn babies, 26 (12 percent) more than last year. There were 61 marriages among residents, 18 (13 percent) fewer than in 2019. Another 51 marriages occurred in town among nonresidents. Two hundred forty-two residents died, an increase of 63 deaths or 35 percent compared with last year.

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Information about all of the health department’s activities, including helpful health-related advice and recommendations, such as concerning telehealth, child health, flu vaccinations and tobacco control, and free education programs is available at <https://www.westfieldnj.gov/health>. Recent topics in the department’s monthly newsletter, Your Health Matters, include the new Covid-19 Alert NJ app, cervical health and alcohol-related diseases and conditions. It is available on the department’s website in the January Newsletter tab. You can sign up to receive health department information at <https://www.westfieldnj.gov/townupdates>. Also, congratulations to Megan Avallone, MS, RN, our regional health officer, for being named 2020 Tobacco Champion by the NJ Prevention Network Tobacco Collaborative.

The complete minutes of the January 11 board meeting will be posted after review and approval at our February 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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Letters to the Editor

Council Members Should Condemn Vandalism of Signs by Mountain Biker

Over the last week, several dozen “Save our Sanctuary — Protect Brightwood Park” lawn signs were stolen from in front of residents’ homes. Video footage from doorbell cameras show several instances of a man on a mountain bike removing the signs. The footage has been turned over to the Westfield Police Department and shared with neighborhood groups, social media outlets and our elected officials. The Friends of Brightwood Park has been formed to support maintaining the park as a nature preserve dedicated to passive recreation and a place of historical significance particularly for the African American community.

For three hundred years, citizens in our community — like our country — have held differences of opinion on thousands of issues. Concerned, aware and engaged citizens have passionately debated among themselves and with our civic leaders. Many times, the rhetoric was forceful and often it was angry, but the vast majority of the time, even when people vehemently disagreed on what the correct course of action was, they showed respect, courtesy and civility to each other.

Kathleen Browne
Westfield

Westfield Board of Health Recaps 2020, Looks to 2021

The Westfield Board of Health met on January 11 for its annual reorganization meeting. Maryann McClosky is the new alternate member appointed by the mayor with approval of the town council. Brendan Bertsch; Sharon Dorry, RN; Andrea Fleisch Marcus, PhD; Steven Gorelick, PhD; Daniel Halevy, MD; Zoe McKelvey, Esq; and Elizabeth Talmont, DNP, continue to serve as members. The board elected me as president and Dr. Fleisch Marcus, vice president. We also thank Bill Diamantopoulos, MD, who served on the board last year.

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Information about all of the health department’s activities, including helpful health-related advice and recommendations, such as concerning telehealth, child health, flu vaccinations and tobacco control, and free education programs is available at <https://www.westfieldnj.gov/health>. Recent topics in the department’s monthly newsletter, Your Health Matters, include the new Covid-19 Alert NJ app, cervical health and alcohol-related diseases and conditions. It is available on the department’s website in the January Newsletter tab. You can sign up to receive health department information at <https://www.westfieldnj.gov/townupdates>. Also, congratulations to Megan Avallone, MS, RN, our regional health officer, for being named 2020 Tobacco Champion by the NJ Prevention Network Tobacco Collaborative.

The complete minutes of the January 11 board meeting will be posted after review and approval at our February 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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President, Westfield Board of Health

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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. Spetches – The trimmings of skins and hides, used for making glue
2. Drepanium – In botany, a sickle-shaped cyme
3. Shote – A young pig
4. Limocolous – Living in mud

CARUCAGE

1. An uproar; clamor
2. A wolverine; badger
3. An itinerate tinker; vagrant; gypsy
4. Act of plowing

SMARAGDINE

1. Pertaining to a gray cobalt arsenide used as a blue pigment
2. Pertaining to the emerald
3. Scared; grooved
4. Having a look of disdain; sneering

WHIRRET

1. A perforated steel plate through which pipe or wire is drawn to reduce its diameter
2. To slap; to annoy
3. A small flesh-eating mammal related to the weasel, stoat and martens
4. A buzzing sound as made by the rapid movement a bird’s or insect’s wings

LILT

1. One of the holes of a wind instrument
2. To brush or comb
3. A gay, graceful song
4. A marsh at a river’s mouth

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

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Letters to the Editor

Praises for County Covid Vaccine Process

Kudos to Union County. I received my first Covid vaccination at Kean University. The process was very efficient and prompt. The staff was very courteous and helpful.

The Union County Commissioners should be proud of the staff for the positive experience.

I believe that Union County is ahead of other counties in distribution of the vaccines.

Robert J. Tarte
Westfield

Union County Vaccination Rate is Unacceptable

A 300-a-day vaccination rate is absurd! That is 35 +/- an hour for an 8-hour day.

That is the best you and the county can do? Shop Rite processes more people on a Saturday in an hour! Overlook Hospital has more cars coming into its parking decks per hour than that!

People are flying to Florida and getting vaccinated. There it is a 10-day waiting period in the Sunshine State for a shot, and they vaccinate out-of-state residents!

This is totally unacceptable: Cut the red tape, and get the shots in the arm.

Call Governor DeSantis and find out what he is doing that Governor Phil can’t figure out.

There is no income tax in Florida, and they figured it out. New Jersey has the one of the highest tax rates and can’t figure it out, as evidenced by our state’s administration failure to get the initial paperwork on time! If Governor Phil

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Food for Thought: America’s Body Image and Eating Disorder Epidemic

By LILY MCGUIRE
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In modern society, especially among young women, being skinny is seen as part of being beautiful. There are unrealistic expectations for the ideal body, and people of all ages and genders struggle with body image issues, which can manifest themselves through low self-confidence, mental health issues and eating disorders.

Social media plays a big role in setting body image expectations. Teens see celebrities with seemingly perfect bodies and admire them, but they do not know that the photos may be photoshopped or retouched when they ask themselves, “Why don’t I look like that?” Social media sets a precedent that in order to be celebrated for your beauty, like supermodels and movie stars, you have to be a stick thin woman or a muscular man.

In a survey from psychologytoday.com, 89 percent of women said they wanted to lose weight. Women admire beautiful models and celebrities with thin figures and will go to desperate measures to emulate their bodies.

To change this, there needs to be more representation of different body types in the media. Instead of having underweight models on every magazine cover, all body types must be recognized as beautiful to spread the message of body positivity and show people that all bodies are beautiful.

America is a country obsessed with dieting and health. It is impossible to look at the TV without seeing a commercial for the newest Peloton bike, to look at a magazine without seeing what celebrity lost thirty pounds or to go to a bookstore and ignore the aisle of health food cookbooks. With so much influence from the media telling us to get the perfect body, it is hard to

feel comfortable in your own skin. In a report from the National Eating Disorders Association, 20 to 25 percent of people who started with a “normal diet,” progress to having a full blown eating disorder.

Unfortunately, having more inclusive media is just a start to spreading body positivity because the media is dominated by misconceptions about being skinny. Many people are misled into believing that being thin means you are healthy, but this is not true. All bodies are unique, and if we all ate the same food and exercised the same amount, we would still have completely different bodies. The illusion that being thin means being healthy encourages body-shaming toward people who are naturally heavier.

Eating disorders often develop from body image issues. They can occur in people of all body types, genders and ages. Although teenage girls are especially susceptible to eating disorders, it is important to not discount the millions of men who struggle with eating disorders and body image issues. One in three people with an eating disorder is a man according to national eatingdisorders.org.

Sadly, men are less likely to seek help for body dysmorphia issues because of the stigma surrounding men having eating disorders. Many men avoid treatment because they fear the disease is characterized as feminine.

The media’s portrayal of body image is headed down the right path with new celebrities rising to fame who embrace unique, realistic body types. Hopefully young, impressionable audiences can identify with stars who represent all body types and celebrate their beauty. For every cover girl who looks like Kendall Jenner, there should be another who looks like Lizzo.

Social Security Admin. Offers Online Services

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But if you do need a replacement card and you live in New Jersey, please visit our website at www.ssa.gov/ssnumber to find out if you can take advantage of this convenient online service.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Township of Scotch Plains, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, at the office of the Township Clerk, Scotch Plains Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, 07076 (Attention: Bozena Lacina, Township Clerk) until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday February 9, 2021 prevailing time for **“Basketball Court Reconstruction at Farley and Jerseyland Parks Contract E2021-1.”**
Project Description
The project consists of the reconstruction of one basketball court at Farley Park and two basketball courts at Jerseyland Park. The work will generally include demolition of the existing backboards and foundations, milling, base pavement repair, pavement widening, new pavement, installation of Owner supplied backboard/posts systems, installation of sport court surface system, court striping, grading layout and control, site restoration and any other required miscellaneous work. Farley Park is located on Farley Avenue and Jerseyland Park is located on Beryllium Road. As the parks are not gated prospective bidders may visit the sites at their convenience. The contract completion time is sixty (60) calendar days from the date of the Notice to Proceed.
At the time and place stated above, such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. No bids shall be received other than at the time and place herein designated for their receipt, unless mailed to the Township Clerk for receipt at the designated time and place.
Copies of the Bid Documents may be obtained between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday-Friday (holidays excepted) from the

PUBLIC NOTICE
Township Clerk’s Office upon payment of **\$25** for each complete set of documents, which sum is non-refundable, beginning January 25, 2021. Written questions regarding the bid specifications may be submitted to the Township Engineer, at 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076 on or before 4:00 pm on January 28, 2021.
A certified check, cashier’s check or bid bond in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid, but in no case in excess of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), must be submitted with the bid guaranteeing that if a contract is awarded, the bidder shall execute the contract. Bidders must also submit a Consent of Surety with the bid, wherein the Surety agrees to furnish a performance bond if the Bidder is awarded the contract.
Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 and all other applicable statutes, laws or regulations.
Bidders are required to submit a valid Business Registration Certificate from the State of New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Revenue.
Each bid shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Township Clerk, bearing the name and address of the bidder, upon which shall be designated: **“Basketball Court Reconstruction at Farley and Jerseyland Parks Contract E2021-1.”**
The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2.
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Mayor Losardo Issues Statement on Capitol Attack

At the outset of this meeting, I feel compelled to express my horror and frustration, and just plain sadness, about last week’s attack on our Capitol.

I do not know how this country moves past this moment, but I know that we will.

There have been other times in our history when it appeared that our differences would tear us apart.

It’s hard to imagine now, for example, but there were colonists living not that far away from where we live today that supported the English King. And ever since then, Americans have had strong opinions, and have always shared them.

We, as Americans, argue amongst each other.

We, as Americans, debate the issues.

And then we vote.

And then we move on.

I understand the Scotch Plains Mayor’s bully pulpit is limited, so I won’t make this long... but I will share with our fellow residents, after consulting with my colleagues on this Council, that this elected Town Council looks forward to a day when Re-

publicans and Democrats are arguing about alternative ways of helping this Country and its citizens prosper, and no longer spewing alternative facts.

We think that change alone may improve the national discourse and get us all to a better place.

We have asked that the Scotch Plains flag be lowered to half staff for the remainder of this week in memory of Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick. Our condolences are extended to Officer Sicknick’s family. May we learn from his sacrifice.

Finally, this Town Council wishes an early congratulations and extends best wishes to our next President, Joe Biden, and Vice President, Kamala Harris, who shall be sworn into office tomorrow at noon. We hope that the inauguration festivities are what they should be - a celebration of our great American experiment.

Thank you.

Joshua Losardo
Mayor of Scotch Plains
Editor’s Note: Mayor Losardo delivered this statement at Tuesday night’s Township Council meeting.

Mayor Brindle’s Martin Luther King Day Ceremony Remarks

Thank you, Liz Wolf, and the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Association for inviting me to say a few words today. Joining you at this gathering every year is truly an honor and privilege.

When thinking about my remarks for today’s celebration, I contemplated what Dr. King would have to say about the unprecedented events of this past year -- a year when Black Lives Matter became a part of our daily vocabulary as incidents of police violence against people of color continue to be horrifying. I’m sure he would be dismayed by our lack of racial progress in so many areas since he was assassinated. But there is no doubt that Dr. King would have relished the Black Lives Matter movement, recognizing that his legacy of peaceful protest has been carried on by a new generation of young activists. I imagine he would have loved the fact that this nonviolent movement is powered not only by this younger generation, but strengthened by people of all ages and ALL colors, demanding long overdue justice and equality for all. Yes, indeed, Dr. King is surely looking down with pride upon the Black Lives Matter movement and its commitment to justice for those whose names we see erected on these handmade signs around us today.

And contrast that with what he would have thought about the recent events at the US Capitol, when the President of the United States urged his followers, many of whom are white supremacists, to storm the cradle of our democracy in an effort to overturn the results of our presidential election -- an election whose outcome was determined primarily by an energized and engaged Black electorate ensuring that their voices were heard, in spite of ongoing unjust efforts to suppress their votes. Like us, Dr. King, who preached the gospel of nonviolence, would have been ap-

palled and disgusted at this behavior. Violence, he said, is never the answer. Yet, he would not be discouraged. And neither should we. Even with the violent events of January 6, Dr. King would be hopeful because of what is transpiring this Wednesday when the first woman vice president -- the first Black and Indian vice president -- is inaugurated, a woman born just a few months before the Selma marches. Because Dr. King believed that “The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.” Yes it does.

These unprecedented events, happening in the midst of a global pandemic, have been dizzying, at times exhilarating, and often discouraging, causing emotional whiplash for most of us. But we must not succumb to the temptation of the most dangerous emotions of all, hate and anger, if we are to continue Dr. King’s march towards slow and steady progress. As he so eloquently stated, “Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

So I will leave you with those words, and with my immense love and gratitude to all of you for being here to ensure that the legacy of Dr. King is always remembered and celebrated in Westfield. I look forward to the days when we can once again return to our in person celebration. Thank you again for inviting me to be here today.

Shelley Brindle
Mayor of Westfield

Summit Seeks Farmers Market Vendors

SUMMIT -- Summit Downtown, Inc. (SDI) is announcing the start of the Summit Summer Farmers Market on Sunday, April 18. The market will be open every Sunday until November 21 and the selling hours are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The market is located at Park & Shop Lot #1, at the corner of DeForest Avenue and Woodland Avenue.

Any new vendor interested in applying to the Summit Farmers Market for the 2021 season will find all information and application on the SDI website <https://www.summitdowntown.org/events/farmers-market/>. Go to the New Applicant tab which contains all the required forms. All completed forms are due on or before Monday, February 15.

Letters to the Editor

Reader Responds to Last Week’s Editorial

Regarding the January 14, 2021 editorial ‘Riots and Responsibility: We Must Now Work Toward Unity’ (Anonymous editorial on page 4.)

“Was there voter fraud in the country? Of course there was. We can’t be so naïve to think there was none. We had arrests for attempted voter fraud right here in New Jersey”...

Really? How many in relationship to votes? If so, please provide proof and have the author sign his/her name under it.

The last sentence: “We hope it turns the right way.”

By itself? But in God’s name – how, if we are allowing our home-grown domestic terrorists and their lies printed in (no pun intended) black and white on *Westfield Leader* pages Anno Domini 2021?

Heavy fences (aka “Trump

Walls”) and tens of thousands of soldiers in Washington, D.C., instead?

Some 2021 military parade! Thank you, President Trump!

And where are the 20 million promised “Warp Speed” vaccines by the end of 2020? Perhaps the Space Force will deliver?

It was not that long ago when one prominent federal administration announced and even tried to “show and tell” how Iraq attacked us on 9/11 with aluminum tubes, etc., and off beyond the horizon, stars and stripes decorated gray aircraft carriers, at great cost went, to “accomplish the mission.” Was it accomplished?

Please, please no more lies.

Mirek Walus
Westfield

Senate Republicans Call for Override Gov.’s Veto on Bill to Aid Restaurants

We write to urge you to schedule votes to override Governor Murphy’s veto of legislation, A-4525, that was intended to help restaurants, bars, and breweries to survive the economic harm caused by nearly a year of indoor dining restrictions due to COVID-19.

At no time during the months the bill was under consideration did Governor Murphy express concerns with the bipartisan legislation, which passed through both houses of the Legislature without a single dissenting vote.

This legislation is a measured and temporary response to help struggling establishments in all our communities to remain viable by allowing expanded food and beverage service to outdoor spaces they own or lease, including patios, decks, yards, walkways, parking lots, and sidewalks.

We have been warned by representatives of the restaurant industry and operators of local establishments that many restaurants, bars, and breweries are on the brink of closing. They simply cannot make enough to pay their bills under current limitations.

Governor Murphy’s inaction on other fronts to support small businesses, including restaurants, makes the override of his veto of A-4525 all the more urgent. We urge you to schedule override votes in both chambers as soon as possible.

Thomas Kean, Leader
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Senator – District 12

Editor’s Note: This letter was originally sent to Senate President Steve Sweeney and Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin calling for votes to be scheduled in both houses of the Legislature to override Governor Phil Murphy’s veto of legislation (A-4525) intended to save New Jersey’s struggling restaurant industry.

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Such contract and Resolution No. 2021-103 authorizing said contract are available for public inspection at the office of the Township Clerk.
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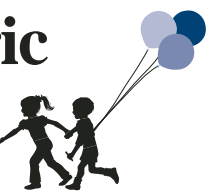
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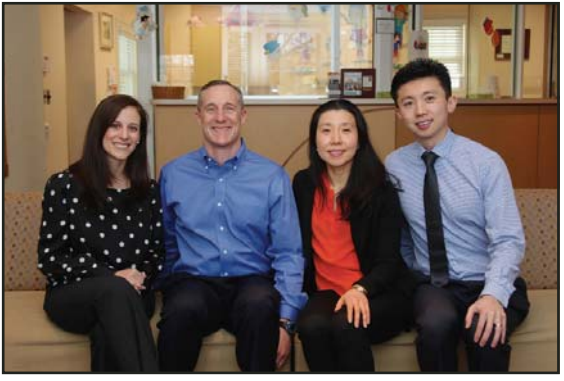
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Elizabeth Stamler on Bd. Of NJ Sharing Network Foundation.

NEW PROVIDENCE — The NJ Sharing Network Foundation Board of Trustees has announced the election of its 2021-2022 board officers to lead its strategic efforts to increase the number of lives saved through innovative research, family support, public awareness and education about the life-saving benefits of organ and tissue donation and transplantation. The officers' positions became effective January 1, 2021.

Elizabeth Stamler will serve as secretary of the board. A lifelong resident of Scotch Plains, she serves as an elected member of the township council and as deputy mayor for 2021. Ms. Stamler has been touched by organ and tissue donation in more ways than one. Her brother, aunt and father, the late Union County Prosecutor John H. Stamler, each received a life-saving heart transplant. Her other brother later passed away and gave the gift of life as a tissue donor, enhancing the lives of over 30 people. Ms. Stamler is a longtime volunteer at NJ Sharing Network and has served on the NJ Sharing Network Foundation Board of Trustees for four years.

Ms. Stamler is employed as a procurement specialist with Union County Emergency Services. She holds a master's degree in accounting from New Jersey City University and a certificate in Public Ad-

ministration from Kean University. She earned a bachelor's degree in criminology from The College of New Jersey.



Courtesy of Township of Scotch Plains
Elizabeth Stamler

The NJ Sharing Network Foundation Board of Trustees is comprised of a diverse group of individuals from both public and private sectors, many of whom have been touched by donation, including donor families and transplant recipients. Elisée E. Glennon, executive director with the NJ Sharing Network Foundation, described all the board members as "dedicated volunteers and advocates who hold a true passion for organ and tissue donation." She added that, "they are respected leaders who bring a wealth of diverse experience, talent and expertise in their fields to further our mission to save and enhance lives."

NJ Sharing Network is the federally-designated, non-profit organization responsible for recovering organs and tissue for the nearly 4,000 New Jersey residents currently waiting for a life-saving transplant. With headquarters in New Providence, the organization is part of the national recovery system, serving the 110,000 people on the national waiting list. NJ Sharing Network was selected by NJBiz as one of the state's "Best Places to Work" for the third consecutive year. To learn more, get involved and register as an organ and tissue donor, visit NJSharingNetwork.org.



Photo courtesy of The Gould Family
KIDS SHOW COMMUNITY SPIRIT...Jefferson Elementary School first grader Sebastian Gould and sister Olivia Gould, a fifth-grade member of the school's Early Act Club, help to deliver masks and handmade lanyards to the Westfield Fire Department and other first responders.

Jefferson Early Act Club Supports Community

WESTFIELD — Members of the Jefferson Elementary School Early Act Club spent the winter break and the weeks leading up to it making nearly 200 rubber band mask lanyards for local first responders.

The Early Act Club, an elementary-student service club sponsored by the Rotary Club of Westfield, and the school's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) donated masks with the handmade lanyards to the Westfield Police and Fire Departments, the Westfield Rescue Squad, and the Westfield Regional Health

Department.

"We are so appreciative of the first responders' hard work during this pandemic," said Jefferson Principal Susie Hung, Ed.D. "Thank you to our PTO for donating the masks and for supporting our efforts by supplying the rubber bands to make the lanyards."

Additionally, during the holiday months, club members collected more than 300 winter coats for the non-profit organization Jersey Cares and 400 pounds of non-perishable items for the food pantry at the Grace Presbyterian Church.

Nine Local Students Make Muhlenberg Dean's List

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — Nine local residents are among the students enrolled at Muhlenberg College and Muhlenberg College School of Continuing Studies who were named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2020 semester. Students with a term GPA of 3.50 or higher were recognized for this academic achievement.

Local students include Sullivan Grace of Cranford, Francesca Jones of Scotch Plains, Gabrielle Klauser of Scotch Plains, Thomas McGuire of Westfield, Douglas McIntyre of Fanwood, Niamh O'Donovan of Cranford, Maxine Stone of Westfield, John Veglia of Scotch Plains and Megan Webber

of Westfield.

Founded in 1848, Muhlenberg is a private, four-year residential, liberal arts college located in Allentown, Pa., approximately 90 miles west of New York City. With an undergraduate enrollment of approximately 2,200 students, Muhlenberg offers academic programs in the arts, humanities, natural sciences and social sciences as well as selected pre-professional programs, including accounting, business, education and public health.

The college is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. A member of the Centennial Conference, Muhlenberg competes in 22 varsity sports.

Student-Athlete Webber On Academic Honor Roll

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — Sixty-four Muhlenberg College student-athletes, including Megan Webber of Westfield, were named to the Centennial Conference Academic Honor Roll for the Fall 2020 season.

To be named to the Academic Honor Roll, a student-athlete must be a sophomore or higher in class standing and carry at least a 3.40 cumulative grade-point average.

A junior psychology major and field hockey player at Muhlenberg, Megan is a graduate of Westfield High School, where she earned three varsity letters in field hockey.

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Two Local Students Achieve Mount St. Mary's Dean's List

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Mount St. Mary's University has announced that 664 students earned Dean's List honors in Fall 2020. An additional 138 students were named to the President's List for earning a grade point average of 4.0.

Westfield residents Liam Jackson and Molly Jackson were among those named to the Dean's List.

Mount St. Mary's University is a private, liberal arts, Catholic university located in the Catoctin Mountains near historic Emmitsburg, Md., with a satellite campus in Frederick, Maryland's second largest city. The university offers more than 70 majors, minors, concentrations and special programs for traditional undergraduate students, and more than 20 adult undergraduate and graduate-level programs.

The Mount includes Mount St. Mary's Seminary, the second oldest in the United States, and the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, a shrine for spiritual reflection located on the hill above the university.

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Aidan Fink Among Students On Dean's List at Curry

MILTON, Mass. — Curry College has announced that Aidan Fink of Westfield has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2020 semester. Mr. Fink, majoring in sport and recreation management, is among the roughly 1,000 students who have received the distinction, a marker of academic excellence and high achievement.

To earn a place on the list, full-time

undergraduate students — those who carry 12 or more graded credits per semester — must earn a 3.3 grade-point-average (GPA) or higher.

Founded in 1879, Curry College is a private, four-year, liberal arts-based institution located on 131 acres in Milton, Mass. Curry extends its educational programs to a continuing education branch campus in Plymouth, Mass. The college offers 28 undergraduate majors, as well as graduate degrees in business, accounting, education, criminal justice and nursing, with a combined enrollment of over 3,700 students. For more information, visit curry.edu.

Angelina Iosso Is On SNHU President's List

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Angelina Iosso of Cranford has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Fall 2020 President's List. Eligibility for the President's List requires that a student accumulate an academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.7 to 4.0 and earn 12 credits for the semester.

Southern New Hampshire University is a private, nonprofit institution. Now serving more than 170,000 learners worldwide, the university offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, N.H.

Caramanica Awarded BS From Charleston

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Troy Caramanica of Cranford graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from the College of Charleston in December 2020.

Mr. Caramanica was among the more than 350 students awarded degrees. Located in the heart of historic Charleston, S.C., the College of Charleston is a public liberal arts and sciences university.



STELLAR ATHLETES...The Wardlaw+Hartridge School in Edison placed multiple athletes on the Greater Middlesex Conference's All-Division teams this past fall. A total of 17 Rams were named to their respective all-star teams. Among them were Alex Caiola of Westfield, cross-country, along with Kapriana Payam, Camila Martinez and Joanne Ding, all of Scotch Plains, Sydney Sweeney of Cranford and Shankari Theivanayagam of Summit, girls' tennis. Additionally, veteran tennis coach Ron Haynes was named Coach of the Year. Pictured are tennis team co-captains Sydney Sweeney, left, and Camila Martinez.

Leah Norton of Westfield Attains LVC Dean's List

ANNVILLE, Pa. — Leah Norton of Westfield is one of more than 800 Lebanon Valley College students who have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2020 semester. Dean's List students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.4 out of 4.0.

Ms. Norton is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education and Special Education at The Valley. She is a graduate of Westfield High School.

Lebanon Valley College is a private, coeducational college in Annapolis, Pa., offering more than 45 undergraduate majors plus self-designed majors and a range of minors, concentrations and pre-professional options.

The college also offers online and in-person graduate degree programs in accounting (MBA 3+1), applied kinesiology, athletic training, business administration, clinical exercise physiology, clinical mental health counseling, physical therapy, science in STEM education, speech-language pathology and sport performance, and certificates in healthcare management, integrative STEM education, leadership and ethics, online teaching and learning, modern band, and supply chain management and logistics.

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Garwood Expands Program To Provide Safety Vests

GARWOOD — The Borough of Garwood has expanded its reflective safety vest program so that any resident can now request a free vest to improve his or her visibility with motorists while walking at night.

Since the program launched last month, the Garwood Police Department and Garwood Police Commissioner and Councilman Michael Ince have distributed nearly 50 free reflective safety vests to senior citizens living in the municipality. Seniors were the focus of the first phase of the public-safety program because they are at higher risk for pedestrian fatalities.

"I'm excited to see that this important public-safety program is expanding to include all residents in the borough," Mayor Sara Todisco said. "I hope that the demand for these reflective safety vests remains high and that all of us living in the borough continue to do what we can to protect ourselves and prevent tragedies."

Twelve Local Students Make Bucknell Fall Dean's List

LEWISBURG, Pa. — Bucknell University has released its Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the Fall semester of the 2020-2021 academic year. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive Dean's List recognition. The following local students have achieved Dean's List status:

Julia Buoscio, Class of 2022, of Westfield; Joseph D'Angelo, Class of 2022, of Mountainside; Caroline Hendrix, Class of 2023, of Westfield; Madison Kurtz, Class of 2023, of Westfield; Miles Madigan, Class of 2024, of Mountainside; Brent Mankin, Class of 2023, of Scotch Plains; Max Martin, Class of 2021, of Westfield; Jackson O'Brien, Class of 2023, of Westfield; Natalie Patterson, Class of 2022, of Westfield; Arren

Puri, Class of 2021, of Scotch Plains; Kendall Robertson, Class of 2023, of Westfield, and Emma Wojcik, Class of 2024, of Westfield.

Located in Lewisburg, Pa., Bucknell University is a private, liberal arts university that offers majors in the arts, engineering, humanities, management, and social and natural sciences, along with broad opportunities outside of class, to its 3,600 undergraduates. Graduate programs are available in select disciplines.

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David B. Corbin (January 2018 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times
GETTING FIRST IN THE 200-FREESTYLE...Blue Devil Emma Conlon placed first in the 200-freestyle with a time of 1:58.84 during the meet with Trinity Hall at the Westfield “Y” on January 11, 2018. The Lady Blue Devils won 110-60.



David B. Corbin (January 2020 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times
FOURTH UCT TITLE...Despite the unusual leap by Raider Brandon Bowles Blue Devil Luke Hoerle won his fourth UCT title and became the all-time winningest WHS wrestler with his 119th career victory - *tying Corey Posey* (January 11, 2020).

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From the archives of *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* - complete accounts found at - www.goleader.com - year — month - week
January 9, 2020: Senior co-captain Jake Walsh assisted co-captain

leader (*tying Corey Posey*). Hoerle made his trip to the finals with a fall in 1:22 and a 15-1, technical fall in 3:51. The title bout with Raider Brandon Bowles was another match-up of two 2019 NJSIAA qualifiers. Hoerle emerged with an 8-5



David B. Corbin (January 2019 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times
PRESSURING A RAM...Blue Devils Tommy McGuire, left, and Colin Freer, right, put pressure on a Roselle Ram in Westfield on January 9, 2019.

Andrew Echausse on a semi Alley-oop play right from the start of their game with SPF which seemed to dazzle the Raiders into an immobilizing state of disbelief, setting the stage for an overwhelming, 55-20, triumph for the hosting Westfield Blue Devils. The Blue Devils won the first quarter, 18-0, and co-captain Griffin Rooney, who finished with three steals and two assists, scored eight of his game-high 10 points. Walsh finished with nine points and sophomore Logan Howland (block) led the team with seven rebounds and sank all six of his free throws. Junior Christian Piesch led the Raiders with seven rebounds.

January 11, 2020: Expectations of crowning a new Union County Tournament team champion would be put aside until next year when the Cranford Cougars placed all 13 of its wrestlers in the top-five, claiming two individual champions with four seconds, three thirds, a fourth and three fifths to capture their sixth straight title in Union. The Westfield Blue Devils, who placed a close second, with two individual champions, four seconds, three thirds, two fourths and a fifth, had a four-time UCT champ in Luke Hoerle (126-lbs), who also became the WHS all-time career win

decision. Seeded first at 160-lbs, Blue Devil Luke Scanlan whipped his way through the quarterfinals and semifinals with respective falls of 33 seconds and 1:02. In his title bout with Cougar Shane Kanterman, Scanlan built an 11-2 lead before pinning him with a wrist, half nelson in 3:24 to claim the title.

Cougar Justin Alpaugh-McLean seemed to get stronger as he advanced through the tournament at 182-lbs. In the title bout, he went after Jon Extivene (Roselle Park) and pinned him with a quick throw in 3:48. The final bout to be completed was Cougar Evan Kanterman (195-lbs), who breezed through his first two bouts with early falls. In the title bout with Iln Hall (Linden), Kanterman carried an 8-2 lead into the third period when he added an escape and a takedown for an 11-3, majority decision.

January 5, 2019: The Union Catholic Viking girls and boys took top honors at the Union County Indoor Track Relays held in Jersey City. The Westfield girls placed third, while the Blue Devil boys placed sixth. The SPF Raider boys and girls took fourth in their meets. For the boys, Raiders Kyle Estivene, Jacob Leigh, Justin Williams and Myles Singletary took



David B. Corbin (January 11 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times
WONDERING HOW TO GET AWAY...Blue Devil Nick Rotondo, bottom, tries to figure out how to escape the cross-body ride set up by Cougar Kyle Markovitch in his 135-lb. bout (January 10, 2011).

first in the 4x200 at 1:35.68.

January 5-6, 2019: Westfield junior CJ Composto captured first place in the 126-lb weight division and junior Luke Horele placed third at 120-lbs at the Sam Cali Memorial Invitational Wrestling Tournament held in West Orange. The event featured 40 teams, including several out of state teams and six New Jersey ranked teams.

January 7, 2019: Senior Lauren Williamson scored 25 points, which included two 3-pointers and seven free throws, while adding two assists and two steals, and KC Pringle pulled 14 rebounds and added three assists and three steals to lead the Cranford girls basketball to a 54-47 triumph over the visiting Watchung Hills Warriors. Gianna Toretta had 13 points, including trip 3-pointers, and three assists. Olivia Speer scored six points and added six rebounds. Jayden Baltuch led the Warriors with 16 points.

January 9, 2019: Griffin Rooney scored a game high 21 points to lead the Westfield boys basketball team past Roselle, 61-35, in Westfield. The win was the Blue Devils' fourth in their last five games and evened their



David B. Corbin (January 2018 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times
OUTSTANDING WRESTLER...Raider Sam Wustefeld, right, prepares to reverse Cougar Dylan Budnik in the 195-lb title bout. Wustefeld won and also received the OW Award for the upper weight classes (January 13, 2018).

season mark at 4-4. Michael Kane connected for 12 points.

January 9, 2019: Offensive instability was a problem for the Westfield girls basketball team, so strong defense was absolutely necessary and fortunately for the home team, the Blue Devils still had the key to lock the door and shut out any successful offensive assault from the Summit Hilltoppers' big guns in a 40-32 victory in Westfield. (*This game and the boys' game against Roselle that followed was dedicated to the memory of Maurice Boatwright, a 1999 WHS graduate and basketball player who tragically died in a automobile accident in July.*)

Sam Stravach led the team with 10 rebounds, equally distributed between the offensive boards and defensive boards, while adding a block, four points and an assist. Freshman Chloe Kreusser, who scored seven points, pulled eight rebounds and came through with five steals. Freshman Grace Klag, who led the team with 10 points, also pulled eight rebounds, while adding two blocked shots and a pair of steals.

January 10, 2019: The SPF boys basketball team dropped a close, 48-43 decision to Summit in Scotch

Plains. Summit guard Malcolm Sidebottom scored 16 points for the winners, including four 3-pointers. Summit currently leads the UCC Valley Division (2-0) and boasts an 8-1 overall mark. Justin Fletcher led Raider scorers with 16 points. Jayson Williams scored 13 points.

January 11, 2019: Three pointers throughout and very successful free throw shooting in the fourth quarter opened the lane for the Hanover Park Hornets to overcome an 11-point half-time deficit and make a bee line to a stinging 61-59 victory over the hosting Cranford Cougars. The 6-4 Hornets put in 10 3-pointers, including two late in the fourth quarter to put them in the lead. Hunter Goff had an outstanding game offensively and finished with a game-high 32 points. Arjun Petgrave and Dennis DeMarino finished with nine points each.

January 11, 2018: In a showdown between top boys swimming teams, Christian Brothers Academy (CBA) and Westfield, it was CBA that proved to be just a bit better during an 87-83 victory at the Westfield “Y” pool. CBA and Westfield dueled back and forth throughout the meet with the only real separation occurring during

Zebrowski and Katie Wright (1:54.65).

January 11, 2018: The SPF boys basketball team kept its unbeaten record intact with a 47-39 victory over Cranford in Scotch Plains. The Raiders' Jayson Williams buried a 3-

top-5 placements. Raider Sam Wustefeld won the 195-lb title and was named OW for the upper weight classes.

January 10, 2017: Top ranked Immaculate Heart Academy (IHA) needed every single point to claim an



David B. Corbin (January 2017 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times
GIVING IT HER ALL...Raider Stephanie Judge gives it her all in the butterfly leg of the 200-medley relay against IHA on January 10, 2017. The Raider foursome of Erika Fraiser, Rachel Maizes, Judge and Megan Small won the event in 1:48.12.

point shot with 1:20 remaining to open up a seven-point lead at 44-37 against Cranford after the Cougars had trimmed a 12-point deficit to just four points during a determined fourth quarter rally. Williams, a sophomore, scored 10 points in his first career start in place of senior guard Tommy Drubulis, who was out sick.

Raider Lamont Cruse had 11 points as did Ryan Muench. Dwight Laylor did the dirty work by hauling in 13 rebounds. Cranford got 15 points from Jeremy Ruka and eight points from Colin Budries.

January 13, 2018: Don't be surprised to see the defending champion Cranford Cougars clawing once again for top honors for Union County Tournament (UCT) supremacy was mentioned in *The Westfield Leader* (December 21) preseason analysis. Well the Cougars did indeed proceed to claw and when junior Rob Schork earned a 6-4 decision over Union's Bobby Emmanuel for the 220-lb title and Matt Savino secured third place at 285-lbs, that put them over the top to nip the Roselle Park Panthers by just two points for the UCT team championship at Union High School.

The Blue Devils claimed two champs, CJ Composto (106-lbs) and Luke Hoerle (113-lbs) and had seven

89-81 victory over the previously unbeaten SPF girls swim team in a highly anticipated dual meet at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains “Y” pool. In the 200 Medley Relay, Raiders Erika Frazier, Rachel Maizes Stephanie Judge and Megan Small won in a time of 1:48.12. Dee Dee Maizes won in the 200 Freestyle (1:55.00). Stephanie Judge claimed the 100 butterfly (57.37) with Erika Frazier (58.12) getting second. Rachel Maizes (1:08.68) and Anna Dunchus (1:09.80) went 1-2 in the 100-breast.

January 10, 2017: Chris Bondarowicz and Josh Cohen each scored a pair of victories to help the SPF boys swim team to a convincing 101-69 win over previously unbeaten Bergen Catholic at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains “Y” pool. Bondarowicz took first place in the 200 Individual Medley and the 100 Breaststroke. Cohen notched wins in the 200 Freestyle and the 500 Freestyle. SPF won the first five races of the meet and at (8-1) has lost just once this season to Westfield.

January 12, 2017: Control of the boards plus the Cranford Cougars' inability to find the mark from the outside allowed the SPF boys basketball team to maintain its unbeaten

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David B. Corbin (January 2015 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times
REVERSE CRADLE...Raider Alex Mirabella catches Cougar Nick Ballas in a Peterson Roll then pins him with a reverse cradle in his 220-lb bout. The visiting Cougars won the spirited showdown, 38-27, on January 9, 2015.

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IN A TIGHT RACE...Raider Josh Cohen, top, tries to keep ahead of his Bergen Catholic opponent in the 200-freestyle event at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains "Y" on January 10, 2017. Cohen finished in 1:41.98 to easily place first.



David B. Corbin (January 2017 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
GOING UP FOR A LAY-UP...Raider Lamont Cruse, No. 2, squeezes between a pair of Cougars in an attempt to make a lay-up in Cranford on January 12, 2017. Cruse scored 12 points and the Raiders remained unbeaten with a 48-33 victory.



David B. Corbin (January 2018 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
TAKING SECOND IN THE 200-IM...Blue Devil Colin Daniel, working the backstroke leg of the 200-Individual Medley, placed second in the event with a time of 2:00.46 in the meet against Christian Brothers Academy on January 11, 2018.

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record with a 48-33 victory in Cranford. The 9-0 Raiders were able to keep possession of the ball the majority of the game by amassing 41 rebounds, while the Cougars, usually a good outside shooting team, man-

Iakouchevitch to his back in 2:54 with a half nelson. Senior Vince Concina convincingly won his first UCT title and the OW Award (upper weights) with a pair of pins before defeating Quinn Haddad (GL), 11-4,

32 setback in Westfield. The 3-3 Blue Devils had difficulty trying to penetrate the Red Devils' stubborn defense, which resulted in numerous turnovers and very few opportunities to get off a shot.

Sophomore Molly Ryan led the Blue Devils with 10 points, including a pair of 3-pointers, and added two steals and two assists. Junior Shannon Devitt led Westfield with seven rebounds, scored nine points (5-for-6 free throws) and added three steals, an assist and a blocked shot. Senior co-captain Amalia Montes pulled five rebounds and added four points and one theft. Junior Danielle Rinaldi had four rebounds, three steals and an assist.

January 13, 2016: Aedan Collins scored wins in both the 200-freestyle and the 100-freestyle to lead the Westfield boys swim team to a 106-64 victory over Bergen Catholic at

won the 100-breast (1:00.01).

January 13, 2016: Immaculate Heart Academy showed exactly why it is recognized as the top girls' swimming team in the state by scoring a 119-51 win over Westfield at the Westfield Area YMCA pool. IHA remained unbeaten, sweeping to wins in 10 of 11 events against the host Blue Devils. Gwyn Devin won the 100-breaststroke (1:10.22).

January 9, 2015: The Roselle Park wrestling team won six head-to-head bouts and received four forfeits to defeat the Blue Devils, 50-18, in Westfield. John Fuller got things started for the Blue Devils with a 1:26 pin of Fabian Dedie at 126-lbs. Jack Miller edged Dave Forstenhauser, 1-0, at 152-lbs. Jarek Gozdieski stopped Joe Devito, 4-0, at 160-lbs. Cotter Spurlock got the Blue Devils' final victory when he pinned Sebastian Leo in 1:38 at 220-lbs.

the Lions salvaged a 37-33 victory.

Jackie Knapp finished with a team-leading 12 points, including a 3-pointer, and added a key steal late in the game. Senior Lil Scott put up 10 points, including a 3-pointer, Shan-

there long enough as the Cranford boys basketball team startled the Westfield Blue Devils, 61-47, at the Investors Games at Kean University in Union. Part of the Cougars' success came from their ability to hit



David B. Corbin (January 2020 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
DRIVING TO THE BASKET...Blue Devil Ray Hurrst, No. 2, drives to the basket in the game against the Raiders in Westfield on January 9, 2020.

aged to nail only two 3-pointers from downtown.

The leading Raider rebounders were Dwight Laylor and Tom Drubulis with eight apiece. Jack Brady (10 points, 3 assists), and Cooper Heisey (3-pointer, pair of steals) each pulled six rebounds and Nigel Nelson (4 points, 3 assists) grabbed five rebounds. Cougar senior Ryan Bakie led the team with 12 points and pulled seven rebounds. Chris Librera put in 11 points.

January 14, 2017: Cougar senior Tom DiGiovanni became the eighth individual to win four Union County Tournament (UCT) wrestling titles and as expected the Cranford matmen easily captured their third straight team championship with a total of 248.5 and claimed five individual champions at Union High. The Roselle Park Panthers took a distance second at 183.5 and had one champion and Westfield took third with 153 points and claimed three individual champions.

At 160-lbs, Cougar Brian McGovern claimed his second UCT title when he whipped ALJ's Sebastian

for the 170-lb crown. Alex Esposito won the 285-lb title when he nipped Dan Tomlinson (GL), 3-1, in overtime. Senior Chris Scorese claimed his third UCT title with a 7-2 decision over Chris Fuschetto (ALJ) at 132-lbs.

At 182-lbs, Raider Sam Wustefeld pinned his way to the championship and he finished his run when he stopped Panther Devin Hillburn in 3:04 with a corkscrew/Jimmy John. Blue Devil senior Jack Miller, seeded first at 195-lbs, edged Turner Haddad (GL), 3-2 for the title. Blue Devil Phil Ricca claimed the 220-lb title when he used a driving half nelson to pin Panther Vinny Figueredo in 1:46. Blue Devil freshman Luke Hoerle won the 106-lb title with a 10-3 decision over Panther Gabe Leo.

January 9, 2016: The Cranford boys basketball team made quick work of Koinonia Academy scoring a 72-48 victory at Martin Gymnasium in Cranford. Seniors Jack Schetelich and Hunter Remley scored 13 points each to lead the Cougar offense.

January 9, 2016: Trailing by 15 points after three quarters, the Westfield girls basketball team tightened up its defense and outscored the visiting Hunterdon Central Red Devils, 10-3, in the final quarter in a 40-



David B. Corbin (January 2016 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
COMPETING IN THE 200IM...Blue Devil Shannon Pyle works the butterfly in the 200-Individual Medley in the meet against Immaculate Heart Academy at the Westfield "Y" on January 13, 2016. IHA won, 119-51.

the Westfield Area YMCA pool. The meet was billed as a battle between two of the top 10 programs in the state and Westfield came out much the better in winning eight of 11 events overall.

David Lindros, Steve Warren, Colin Daniel and Ryan Bebel posted a winning time of 1:37.94 to win the 200-medley relay. Ryan Bebel won the 200IM (2:00.53). Senior Ryan Daniel notched another win in the 50-freestyle at 22.42. Colin Daniel posted a win in the 100-butterfly (53.94). The 200-freestyle relay was won by Collins, Griff Morgan, Walter Sincos and Eric Bebel at 1:31.35. Warren

January 9, 2015: Under lights focused solely on the competition, the SPF wrestling team and the visiting Cranford Cougars gave the fans all the excitement they needed. With four bouts remaining and trailing 24-23, the Cougars won the next three bouts to secure a 38-27 victory.

In the bout of the evening, Raider JT Beirne blasted out a 6-2 decision over Brian McGovern at 138-lbs. Dave Busch recorded a third period reversal to eke out a 2-0 decision over Sam Wustefeld at 152-lbs to put the Cougars back on top, 26-24. At 160-lbs, Cougar Gavin Murray performed an double arm bar sit through to stack Jeff Lieblich in 1:37. Andrew Tompkin secured the victory for the Cougars when he used a head throw to stick Julio Devia with 1:11 left in the second period at 170-lbs.

January 11, 2015: Zero points in the third quarter did not discourage the Westfield basketball Lady Blue Devils when they faced the 12th-ranked Roselle Catholic Lions in the Investors' Scholarship Games at Kean University. Trailing by 10 points entering the final quarter, the Blue Devils put Roselle Catholic to the test, closing the gap to within three points before



David B. Corbin (January 2017 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
FOUR TIME UCT CHAMP, OUTSTANDING WRESTLER...Cougar senior Tom DiGiovanni, top, fends off Summit's Phil Angelo, 2-1, for the 138-lb crown. DiGiovanni became only the eighth individual in UCT history to win four titles (January 14, 2017).

non Devitt sank four points and Hannah Liddy added four rebounds and a pair of steals.

January 10, 2014: Team speed on the part of the Cranford boys basketball team led to a 59-46 victory over the hosting SPF Raiders. From the second quarter onward, the 5-3 Cougars kept one step ahead of the 5-3 Raiders to keep expanding their lead.

Senior Mike Guarriello was one of four Cougars, who hit double figures, leading his team with 15 points. Point guard Tommy Trotter and Cameron Kutzer each scored 11 points, and

from 3-point range, and four of those 3-pointers were launched by Tommy Trotter, who led all scorers with 24 points, while grabbing seven rebounds and adding six assists.

Senior Dave Kane was the Blue Devils' main man under the boards with eight rebounds. He also added 10 points, three steals and an assist. Sophomore Chris Boutsikaris scored 14 points, including three 3-pointers, and sophomore Parker Hess hit a pair of 3-pointers and finished with eight points.

January 14, 2014: Johnny Fuller faced the pressure and succeeded with a 1-0 victory over Ray Wetzel in the



David B. Corbin (January 2016 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
DRIBBLING AROUND A RED DEVIL...Blue Devil senior Maria Nemeth, No. 10, dribbles around a Hunterdon Central Red Devil defender in Westfield on January 9, 2016. The Red Devils topped the Blue Devils, 40-32.

Jack McCaffrey sank 12 points. Luke Christiano added six points. Leo Ramos was the go-to man for the Raiders and finished with 12 points, six rebounds and a pair of assists

January 12, 2014: Momentum hopped in the Cougars' favor midway through the first quarter and remained

final bout of the evening to salvage a 36-31 victory for the Westfield wrestling team over the Brearley Bears in Westfield. The two Miller brothers, Jack at 132-lbs and Kevin at 138-lbs, came up with key pins. Jack recorded a back door takedown, a defensive spin around takedown and a three-point nearfall in the first period before showing Charlie Buckley the lights in 2:18. Kevin recorded a reversal on Jesse Goncalves, which led to a 3:03 fall using an arm bar half nelson combination. Matt Barber followed at 145-lbs with a pullback and smother pin of Aly Mohamed in 52 seconds.

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TOWN OF WESTFIELD
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Westfield Board of Adjustment adopted resolutions at its meeting on January 11, 2021, for the following applications decided upon at the meeting held on December 14, 2020.
Ernest Fantini, 787 West Broad Street.
Applicant sought approval to construct two dormers at the front right of the home and rear right of the home contrary to Section 11.09A, 11.09E, 11.09F, 13 of the Land Use Ordinance to allow a two family home where the Ordinance allows only single-family residential uses; to allow side yard setbacks of 7 feet and 8.7 feet where the Ordinance requires a minimum side yard setback of 10 feet; to allow a continuous wall length of 26.16 feet where the Ordinance allows a maximum continuous wall length of 25 feet. Application approved with conditions.
Zachary & Ashley Ostrowski, 501 Topping Hill Road (510 Kimball Turn).
Applicants sought approval to construct an addition contrary to Section 11.08E7 and 12.04E1 of the Land Use Ordinance to allow a rear yard setback of 12.5 feet where the Ordinance requires a minimum rear yard setback of 35 feet; to allow a floor area ratio of 38.86% (3,354 square feet) where the Ordinance allows a maximum floor area ratio of 37% (3,200 square feet). Application approved with conditions.
Anthony DeFoe, 714 Austin Street.
Applicant sought approval to enclose a portion of the existing open covered porch contrary to Section 12.04F1 and 12.03D of the Land Use Ordinance to allow a building coverage of 21.9% where the Ordinance allows a maximum building coverage of 20%; to allow a front yard setback of 29.8 feet where the Ordinance requires a minimum front yard setback of 30.85 feet. Application approved with conditions.
Gregory & Halliston Heintz, 218 Seneca Place.
Applicants sought approval to install a 10"x14" shed contrary to Section 12.04F1 of the Land Use Ordinance to allow a building coverage of 21.8% where the Ordinance allows a maximum building coverage of 20%. Application approved with conditions.
Westfield Senior Citizens Housing Corp., 1129 & 1133 Boynton Avenue.
Applicant sought an extension of one year for the previously granted site plan approval. Extension approved for one year to January 14, 2022.
Plans and applications are on file in the office of the Town Engineer, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey and may be seen Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Linda Jacus
Board Secretary
1 T - 01/21/21, The Leader Fee: \$57.63

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF WESTFIELD
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

WHEREAS, a need exists for the Town of Westfield's Board of Adjustment to retain professional legal services of Rogut McCarthy, LLC in furtherance and in conjunction with the duties of the Board of Adjustment Attorney for the Town of Westfield; and
WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq) authorizes the letting of contracts for professional services without competitive bidding; and
WHEREAS, the Town of Westfield's Board of Adjustment has determined to acquire the needed professional legal services in conjunction with the services provided by the Board of Adjustment Attorney without public advertising and without public solicitation seeking bids pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and
WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021; and
WHEREAS, a Certificate of the Chief Financial Officer, certifying the availability of adequate funds for this contract, prepared in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, has been furnished to the Town Clerk. Expenditure of funds pursuant to this contract is to be charged to the Legal Account.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
1. The Town of Westfield's Board of Adjustment enters into a contract with Rogut McCarthy, LLC to engage such firm to render legal services in furtherance of the extraordinary duties of the Board of Adjustment Attorney for the Town of Westfield.
2. The term of the contract will begin on January 1, 2021 and will end December 31, 2021.
3. The estimated total fees for extraordinary duties performed by the Board of Adjustment Attorney (and attorney's affiliated with Rogut McCarthy, LLC) as that term is described within the Code of the Town of Westfield for the term of the appointment shall not exceed \$20,000 with this expenditure charged to the Legal Account 120-212.
4. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-5 (1)(a).
5. A notice of this resolution shall be published in *The Westfield Leader* as public notice of the action in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a).
Linda Jacus
Board Secretary
1 T - 01/21/21, The Leader Fee: \$54.06

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF WESTFIELD
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021; and
WHEREAS, a Certificate of the Chief Financial Officer, certifying the availability of adequate funds for this contract, prepared in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, has been furnished to the Town Clerk. Expenditure of funds pursuant to this contract is to be charged to Legal Account 180-212.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
1. The Town of Westfield's Board of Adjustment enters into a contract with Diane Dabulas, Esq., of the firm Rogut McCarthy, LLC, 37 Alden Street, Cranford, New Jersey 07016-2106, to engage her to render legal services in furtherance of the ordinary duties of the Board of Adjustment Attorney for the Town of Westfield Board of Adjustment as described in the Code of the Town of Westfield.
2. The term of the contract will begin on January 1, 2021 and will end December 31, 2021.
3. The total fees for ordinary duties performed by the Board of Adjustment Attorney (and attorney's affiliated with Rogut McCarthy, LLC) as that term is described within the Code of the Town of Westfield for the term of the appointment shall be \$12,860.00 with this expenditure charged to Board of Adjustment Account 180-212.
4. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-5 (1)(a).
Linda Jacus
Board Secretary
1 T - 01/21/21, The Leader Fee: \$53.55

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF WESTFIELD
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

2021 RESOLUTION
JANUARY 11, 2021
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 20-13 WHICH FIXES SALARIES AND WAGES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.
BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey as follows:
SECTION 1. The following named officials and employees of the Borough of Garwood shall be entitled to an annual salary or wages hereinafter set forth opposite each respective classification:

POSITION	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Deputy Municipal Clerk	52,000	60,000

SECTION 2. The salaries and wages provided for in Section 1 hereof shall be payable bi-weekly unless otherwise ordered by resolution of the Mayor and Council.
SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith shall be and they are hereby repealed.
SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY
Notice is hereby given that Ordinance No. 21-01 was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Garwood, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on the **14th DAY OF JANUARY 2021**, and that Ordinance No. 21-01, will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at the meeting of said Borough Council to be held via VIRTUAL MEETING, on the **28th DAY OF JANUARY 2021**, at 7:15 p.m., or as soon thereafter as said matter can be heard, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.
In response to the COVID-19 emergency, pursuant to Governor Murphy's 2020 NJ Executive Orders Nos. 103, 107, et seq., and per the corresponding guidelines issued by the N.J.D.C.A. Division of Local Government Services, the meeting will be conducted virtually, via RingCentral, and the meeting is accessible to the public at the below login:
Join from Laptop/PC/desktop/cell phone:
https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/6432970558
Alternatively, you may dial in to hear/participate at audio dial-in:
Telephone: Dial: +1 (646) 357-3664,
Meeting ID: 643 297 0558
During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting the text of the full ordinance will be available to the general public on the Borough's website (www.garwood.org).
ATTEST:
Christina Ariemma
Municipal Clerk
Fee: \$77.52
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921 Mountain Ave. (Leader)
King's Supermarket
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7-11 of Garwood
309 North Ave. (Leader)
Baron's Drug Store
243 E. Broad St. (Leader)

Westfield Mini Mart
301 South Ave., W. (Leader)
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1819 East 2nd St. (Times)

Kwick Mart Food Store
190 South Ave. (Times)
Wallis Stationery
441 Park Ave. (Leader/Times)

Mountain Deli
2385 Mountain Ave. (Times)
Krauszer's
727 Central Ave. (Leader)



David B. Corbin (January 2013 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times
GETTING THE MAGIC NUMBER 1,000......Raider senior Taylor Sebolao, No. 23, scored her 1,000th career point with 2:06 left in the third quarter against Linden on January 10, 2013.



Fred K. Lecomte (January 2007 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times
NO STOPPING THIS GAL......Coming around determined and then scoring is Diana Venezia. The Blue Devil freshman pulled down six rebounds and poured in six points. Westfield beat Irvington, 32-29 (January 13, 2007).



David B. Corbin (January 2016 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times
WINNING THE 200IM......Blue Devil Ryan Bebel touched first in the 200-Individual Medley with a time of 2:00.53 in the meet against Bergen Catholic at the Westfield "Y" on January 13, 2016. The Blue Devil boys won in a rout, 106-64.

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

January 7, 2013: Missing several competitors from its normal lineup, the Linden Tigers could not keep pace with the hosting Westfield wrestling team that rolled to a 59-8 victory. However, the 4-1 Blue Devils

the buzzer in the first overtime to nip Dan Tibere, 4-2.

January 9, 2013: Seeding selections for the Union County Tournament are just around the corner and several bouts in the showdown be-

at 160-lbs, earned a 4-2 decision over Jim Dwyer. Cougar Corey Markovitch recorded the first bonus points of the evening when he clamped Kevin Frega in a cradle in 2:53 at 170-lbs. Blue Devil Brian Bulger got the bonus points right back and improved to 11-0 when he pinned Matt Russo in 56 seconds at 182-lbs.

January 9, 2013: Facing unbeaten Elizabeth, the hosting SPF wrestling team stepped up in a big way to deliver the Minutemen a 49-24 defeat before a roaring crowd. Seniors Steve Carrion (126), Dein Rice (152), junior Matt Ridge (170) and sophomores JT Bierne (113), Tom Cunningham (120), Brian Lapham (132) and Alex Mirabella (182) were the wrestlers to reap important bonus points.

January 10, 2013: Drums were pounding, horns were blaring, fans were roaring and a countdown was being peeled off the railings in anticipation to witnessing senior co-captain Taylor Sebolao breaking her 1,000th career point in the SPF girls basketball game against Linden in Scotch Plains.

Sebolao needed to sink 16 points, and with 2:06 on the clock in the third quarter, she reached that magic number when she took a pass from junior Katie Harper, drove to the basket and rolled in a lay-up. The 7-3 Tigers did, however, win the game, 60-50.

Her fete will place her in the rarified air of only a handful of Raider girls, who have attained that lofty status, which most recently includes all-time leading scorer Hillary Klimowicz (2007 – 1,948 points) and Maura Gillooly (2007 – 1,078).

January 9, 2012: The Cranford basketball Lady Cougars pounced on the Metuchen Bulldogs and cruised to a 43-29 victory in Cranford. Junior guard Jessica McCoy scored all 11 of her points in the first half and also led the team with 12 rebounds and five assists. She also had a pair of blocks and a steal. Junior forward Kaitlin McGovern grabbed six of her seven rebounds in the first quarter and finished the game with eight points, an assist and three blocked shots.

January 10, 2012: Three freshmen, a sophomore and a senior stepped to center court to face a veteran Roselle Catholic girls basketball squad in Westfield, but the Blue Devils were not intimidated and put a scare into the Lady Lions in a 49-42 loss. The Lady Blue Devils were in a neck-and-neck battle with the Lions

until the final two minutes. The intensity of freshmen Jackie Knapp (17 points), Lilly Scott (15 points) and Jamie Miller (4 points), who persistently drove to the basket, made the Lady Lions' defense nervous.

January 10, 2011: Enough swing bouts and a stunner went in the direction of the Cranford wrestling team in a 38-24 victory over host Westfield. Blue Devil Christian Barber, ranked fourth in the state at 152 lbs., bumped up to 160 lbs. and pinned Rob Kessler in 3:46 with a tight waist and an arm bar. Cougar J.P. Christiano bumped up to 189-lbs and grabbed an 11-0, majority decision over Mike DeLouisia.

The first toss-up bout, 215 lbs., went in favor of the Blue Devils. Kieran Cline had a reversal and added two stalling penalty points to beat Ray El-Khoury, 4-0. The stunner came when undefeated Blue Devil Mike Kalimtzis, a Union County and District 12 champion at 103 lbs. last year, bumped up to 112 lbs. to face Mike Helmstetter, who had defeated him in a dual match last year. Kalimtzis turned Helmstetter to his back with a wristlock/half nelson, but Helmstetter threw a hard bridge and turned the tables for a four-point move. In the third period, Helmstetter controlled Kalimtzis from the top position and added a penalty point to win, 5-3.

January 8, 2010: Two days after a grueling match with No. 8 David Brearley, the 5-2 Cranford High School wrestling team was handed a 47-24 setback by the hosting 4-0 Roselle Park Panthers. Cougar Joe Giaccio stuck Panther Jovanni Rameriz with a 54-second fall at 119-lbs. Matt DiGiovanni recovered well from his overtime loss against Brearley to grab an 8-4 decision over Panther Nick Longo at 135-lbs.

Another huge showdown took place in the 215-lb class and Cougar Julian Campo seized a 4-2 decision over Frank Yuro, last year's Union County champion at 189-lbs. Ian Henry recorded a 4:09 pin over Brendan Leary at 112-lbs. Cougar heavyweight Joe Brady, ranked seventh in the state, rolled along with a 39-second fall over John Canelao.

January 10, 2009: "Spread the wealth" was the intention of the hosting SPF boys basketball team and it worked well in a 74-44 victory over Philadelphia-based Mariana Bracetti Academy. Senior center Ishmil Raymond, who pulled down nine re-

bounds and scored 13 points, dished out five assists. Senior forward Kevin Maroney bucketed 13 points. Melvin Hanciles (3 assists, 2 steals) led the team with 14 points, including a pair

wrestling team offered no noticeable weak spots in a 48-18 victory over SPF in a Quad match in Kenilworth. The Raiders had to scramble for the four face-to-face bouts that they won.



David B. Corbin (January 2014 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times
JUST PASSING THROUGH......Cougar Mike Guarriello, center, passes the ball through Blue Devil defenders Ben Schumen, left, and Eric Shor, right, in the Investors games at Kean University in Union on January 12, 2014. The Cougars got on a hot streak early and kept on it throughout the game to win, 61-47.

won key bouts at 113-lbs and 126-lbs and topped it off when heavyweight Kyle Kania recorded a pin in the final second of the final bout.

tween the hosting Westfield wrestling team and the Cranford Cougars played a major role in which wrestlers would gain a more favorable slot. The Cou-



David B. Corbin (January 2015 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times
SCRAMBLING FOR POSSESSION......Blue Devil Jackie Knapp, No. 2, and Roselle Catholic Lion Allieyah Cabbage struggle for control of the ball at Kean University on January 11, 2015. The No. 12 Lions held off the Blue Devils, 37-33.

After Nick Kalimtzis pinned Tiger Javier Arrondondo in 40 seconds with a wrist/half nelson at 106-lbs, Blue Devil John Fuller yielded a first-period takedown but battled back in the second period to gain an escape and a backdoor takedown to defeat Josh Sheehy, 3-2, at 113-lbs. Just three days before, Sheehy placed first at the Minuteman Invitational. At 126-lbs, Blue Devil Anthony Aldana, after headhunting for a reversal in the third period, recorded a takedown at

gars came into the match with a 9-2 record and ranked as the No. 1 team in the county, but the Blue Devils found the right fit to win nine of 14 bouts and to roll to a 39-18 victory.

A highly anticipated bout at 132-lbs between Cougar Gavin Murray and Matt Barber ended in a 6-2 Murray win. Nick Velez defeated Cougar Corey Birch, 4-0, at 145-lbs. At 152-lbs, Cougar freshman Niko Cappello beat Nick Rotondo, 3-0. Blue Devil Colin Barber, ranked fifth in the state



David B. Corbin (January 2008 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times
EXPLODING WITH A HUGE THROW......Raider senior Mike Alleman exploded with a toss of 59'9.25" on his second throw and teammates Jason Boff and Matt McQuoid had respective throws of 40'10.5 and 40'11.5 to win the team shot put with a total distance of 141'7.25" (January 9, 2008).

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT, BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION SERVICES
1035 PARKWAY AVENUE, PO BOX 600
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625

Notice is hereby given that bid proposals will be received from Bidders classified under N.J.S.A. 27:7-35.2 via the Internet until 10:00:59 A.M. on 01/28/21 at which time the bid proposals submitted will be downloaded, and publicly opened and read, in the CONFERENCE ROOM-A, 1st Floor F & A Building, New Jersey Department of Transportation, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08625; for:
Long-Life Pavement Markings Contract, North - 2019, Routes: 10, 15, 19, 20, 27, 27Z, 28, 53, 62, 63, 67, I-80, 82, 120, 139L, 139U, 163, 181Z, 182, I-287 Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Union and Warren (Including and North of Route 57) Counties; Federal Project No: STBGP-FLEX-D00S(366); DP No: 19483
Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Specifically, the contractor, sub recipient or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate.
Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44, contractor must submit the Department of Treasury, Division of Revenue Business Registration of the contractor and any named subcontractors prior to contract award or authorization.
Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.51, contractors must be registered with the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Wage and Hour Compliance at the time of bid.
The Department, in accordance with Title VI Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252 U.S.C., 49 C.F.R., Parts 21 and 23 issued pursuant to such Act, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 will afford minority business enterprises full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not discriminate against any bidder on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin, or handicap in the project award.
Plans, specifications, any addenda to the specifications, and bidding information for the proposed work are available at Bid Express website www.bidx.com. You must subscribe to use this service. To subscribe, follow the instructions on the web site. Fees apply to downloading documents and plans and bidding access. The fee schedule is available on the web site. All fees are directly payable to Bid Express.
Plans, specifications, and bidding information may be inspected (BUT NOT OBTAINED) by contracting organizations at our various Design Field Offices at the following locations:
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Maintenance Fence Repair Contract, North - 2021, Various Locations, Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Union and Warren (Including and North of Route 57) Counties; 100% State; DP No: 21436
Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 (P.L. 1975, c. 127); N.J.A.C. 17:27.
Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.19, contractors must provide a Certification and Disclosure of Political Contribution Form prior to contract award.
Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44, contractor must submit the Department of Treasury, Division of Revenue Business Registration of the contractor and any named subcontractors prior to contract award or authorization.
Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.51, contractors must be registered with the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Wage and Hour Compliance at the time of bid.
Plans, specifications, and bidding information for the proposed work are available at Bid Express website www.bidx.com. You must subscribe to use this service. To subscribe, follow the instructions on the web site. Fees apply to downloading documents and plans and bidding access. The fee schedule is available on the web site. All fees are directly payable to Bid Express. Plans, specifications, and bidding information may be inspected (BUT NOT OBTAINED) by contracting organizations at our Design Field Offices at the following locations:
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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD

NOTICE TO THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH ERDODY; UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE ELIZABETH ERDODY LIVING TRUST

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, the TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD seeks relief by way of summary action pursuant to R. 4:67-1(a), by a summary proceeding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:47-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 2A:25-1 et seq., N.J.S.A. 2A:62-1 et seq., and for good cause shown; against defendants, ESTATE OF ELIZABETH ERDODY; UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES of the ELIZABETH ERDODY LIVING TRUST; JANE AND JOHN DOES 1 through 50 (fictitious name defendants); and ABC BUSINESS ENTITIES (fictitious name defendants), in Docket No. UNN-C-7-21, to appear before Hon. Robert J. Mega, P.J.Ch. at the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth on Block 573, Lot 12.021 at 11:00 a.m. and show cause why judgment should not be entered in favor of the Township of Cranford: Declaring that the plaintiff, Township of Cranford, has a valid interest in the property, that Defendants have no title nor interest in, nor encumbrance upon such lands described as Block 573, Lot 12.02 in the Township of Cranford and more particularly described in the Verified Complaint; Allowing the plaintiff, Township of Cranford to file a corrective deed, or other valid instrument in recordable form, containing the correct description to vest title of Block 573, Lot 12.02 in the Township of Cranford; Declaring that the plaintiff, Township of Cranford, has good and valid title in Block 573, Lots 9 and 10 and establishing a vesting instrument in recordable form; Granting such other relief as the Court deems equitable and just.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, where a defendant has just cause under law to contest the right of plaintiff, the Township of Cranford, to establish quiet title to Block 573, Lot 12.02, Cranford, or to re-establish a lost title instrument as to Block 573, Lots 9 and 10, or otherwise contest any aspect of this proceeding, such defendant shall file and serve a written answer or a motion returnable on the date of this Order to Show Cause and to the relief requested in the Verified Complaint, and proof of service of the same by January 27, 2021. If an answer or a motion as the case may be, is to be filed, it must be filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court in the county listed above and a copy of the papers must be sent directly to the chambers of Hon. Robert J. Mega, P.J.Ch.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, in the event that opposition is asserted by any defendant to the relief sought by way of this Order to Show Cause, as specified above, then plaintiff must file and serve any written reply to the defendant's Order to Show Cause opposition by February 3, 2021. The reply papers must be filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court in the county listed above and a copy of the reply papers must be sent directly to the chambers of Judge Hon. Robert J. Mega, P.J.Ch.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, if none of the defendants file and serve opposition to this Order to Show Cause as required above, the application will be decided on the papers on the return date, set forth above, and relief may be granted by default, provided that the plaintiff files a proof of service and a proposed form of Order at least three (3) days prior to the return date. In default thereof, this action may proceed ex parte and an Order, in accordance with the form of Order presented by plaintiff may be entered which shall constitute a final judgment.

Michael J. Ash, Esq.
Township Attorney
1 T - 01/21/21, The Leader Fee: \$75.48

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SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD SOCCER CLUB

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please take notice that the Scotch Plains Fanwood Soccer Club will hold their Annual General Meeting on January 26, 2021, at 8:00 PM, ending at 9:30 PM, to elect members to the Executive Committee. This is a virtual meeting, which will be held on Zoom - the link is as follows: <https://zoom.us/j/92404558057>. There will also be a Public Information Session and a Public Questions and Answer after the election.

The following persons are being nominated to the Executive Committee:
Paul Koblinska as Exec Vice President and Mike Mushaty as Vice President Junior Recreation
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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY

DOCKET NO. F-021213-19
FILE NO. 27309-19

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT (L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: EDWARD D SMITH; RICHARD A WOLF; JOHN A FOSS; HEATHER BROWN BY G/A/L MICHELLE BROWN; MICHELLE BROWN, INDIVIDUALLY; DORYANN ALLEN; PRIDE ACQUISITIONS; EQUABLE ASCENT FINANCIAL; WALSH SECURITIES INC;

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon PELLEGRINO AND FELDSTEIN, LLC, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 290 Route 46 West, Denville, New Jersey, an Answer to the Amended Complaint filed in a Civil Action, in which US BANK CUST TOWER DB VII TRUST 2017-1 is the plaintiff and JAMES BROWN, ET ALS; are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, UNION County and bearing Docket No. F-021213-19 within thirty-five (35) days after **January 21, 2021** exclusive of such date. If you fail to answer or appear in accordance with Rule 4-4.6, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for relief demanded in the Amended Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

You are further advised that if you are unable to obtain an attorney you may communicate with the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of Venue and that if you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County of Venue. The telephone number of such agencies are as follows: Lawyer Referral Service 908-354-4715 - Legal Services Office 908-354-4340.

THE ACTION has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing the following tax sale certificate:

1. A certain tax certificate 17-0039, sold on 10/19/2017, dated 10/25/2017, and was recorded on 12/20/2017 in Mortgage Book 14382 at Page 49, made by DAVID MARSHALL, Collector of Taxes of PLAINFIELD, and State of New Jersey to US BANK CUST TOWER DB VII TRUST 2017-1 and subsequently assigned to plaintiff, US BANK CUST TOWER DB VII TRUST 2017-1. This covers real estate located in PLAINFIELD, County of UNION, and State of New Jersey, known as LOT 7 BLOCK 121 as shown on the Tax Assessment Map and Tax Map duplicate of PLAINFIELD and concerns premises commonly known as 903-05 WEST 3RD STREET, PLAINFIELD, New Jersey.

YOU, EDWARD D SMITH, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on May 15, 2000, a judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Morris County, by Edward D. Smith against Adopt a Home; James Brown; John Bookhart; and Adopt A Family Inc disclosing a debt in the amount of \$227,291.07, plus interest and costs. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-089843-2000. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

WESTFIELD

Tuesday, January 12, a resident of the 100 block of Madison Avenue reported that a sign on the front of their property was stolen. The theft occurred around 6:20 a.m. The value of the sign is estimated at \$10. This is an ongoing investigation.

Tuesday, January 12, a resident of the 500 block of Hillcrest Avenue reported that their motor vehicle was burglarized while parked in front of their home. The resident reported that one or more unknown suspects entered their unlocked vehicle and then removed one gift card from the vehicle. The gift card had a balance of \$60. No other items were reportedly stolen from the vehicle. There are no suspects at this time.

Tuesday, January 12, during the course of an investigation of a burglary to a motor vehicle on the 500 block of Hillcrest Avenue, the investigating officer located another victim who had their vehicle burglarized. This victim stated that they parked their vehicle in front of their home in the street and that the vehicle was apparently left unlocked. Various items were rummaged through in the vehicle, but the resident reported nothing stolen.

Tuesday, January 12, a resident of the 400 block of Mountain Avenue reported their motor vehicle stolen. The vehicle is described as a 2019 Toyota valued at approximately \$25,000. The vehicle was parked in the driveway of the residence, unlocked with the vehicle keys inside. The vehicle was stolen between 10 p.m. the previous evening and 8 a.m. the morning of the report. The resident also reported that several items of value were inside the vehicle at the time of the theft, including clothing, jewelry and vehicle car seats. The approximate value of the items stolen is in excess of \$2,500. There are no suspects at this time.

Tuesday, January 12, three Belgian blocks were removed from the curb area of the 100 block of East Broad Street in the area of Prospect Street. The approximate value of each block is \$10, with the total value of the theft being \$30. This is an ongoing investigation.

Wednesday, January 13, a resident of the 500 block of Terrace Place reported that one or more unknown suspects entered their unlocked motor vehicle. The vehicle was parked in their driveway at the time of the burglary. The unknown suspect removed 16 quarters (U.S. currency) and as such the theft totaled \$4. There were no other items reported stolen. The resident reported that the theft could have occurred over the previous three days. There are no suspects at this time.

Thursday, January 14, a resident of the 400 block of East Broad Street stated that one or more unknown suspects utilized his information in order to lease an apartment in New York. The approximate amount for the lease of the apartment is \$3,005 a month. It was reported that the lease was signed

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YOU, RICHARD A WOLF, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on June 25, 2004, a judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Bergen County, by Edward A Wolf against Watertight Inc and James A Brown disclosing a debt in the amount of \$100,000.00. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-159168-2004. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

YOU, JOHN A FOSS, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on May 4, 2007, a judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Monmouth County, by John a Foss against James Brown disclosing a debt in the amount of \$450,000.00, plus interest. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-116439-2007. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

YOU, HEATHER BROWN BY G/A/L MICHELLE BROWN; MICHELLE BROWN, INDIVIDUALLY, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on January 16, 2008, a judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Passaic County, by Heather Brown by G/A/L Michelle Brown and Michelle Brown, Individually against James A Brown disclosing a debt in the amount of \$5,000.00. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-016051-2008. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

YOU, DORYANN ALLEN, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on March 14, 2012, a judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Essex County, by Doryann Allen against James A Brown and New Jersey Transit Corporation disclosing a debt in the amount of \$350,000.00, plus costs. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-058127-2012. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

YOU, PRIDE ACQUISITIONS, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on August 1, 2012, a judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Essex County, by Pride Acquisitions against James Brown disclosing a debt in the amount of \$32,186.73, plus costs. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-159522-2012. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

YOU, EQUABLE ASCENT FINANCIAL, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on February 18, 2011, a judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Union County, by Equable Ascent Financial against James Brown disclosing a debt in the amount of \$5,250.24, plus costs and interest. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. DJ-067748-2011. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

YOU, WALSH SECURITIES INC, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on January 25, 2007, a judgment was entered in the United States District Court, by Walsh Securities against James Brown, et al, disclosing a debt in the amount of \$509,092,378.00. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. CV. 003496-1997. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

DATED: January 15, 2021
Michelle M. Smith, Clerk
Superior Court of New Jersey
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for a year, thus making the victim liable to cover the cost for the entire 12-month lease — approximately \$36,060.

Friday, January 15, Jarrod Williams, 32, of Roselle was arrested and charged with possession of less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana pursuant to a motor vehicle stop in the area of Park Street and Central Avenue. Williams was transported to Westfield police headquarters, where he was processed and released on a summons pending a court appearance.

Saturday, January 16, a resident of the 100 block of Windsor Avenue was the victim of a burglary to their motor vehicle. The vehicle was parked in the victim's driveway during the overnight hours when it was entered by one or more unknown suspects and rummaged through. At this time there appears to be no proceeds taken from the vehicle.

Saturday, January 16, a resident of the 100 block of Windsor Avenue reported an attempted burglary to her motor vehicle. The victim stated that at approximately 2:25 a.m. that day two unknown males attempted to burglarize her 2019 Toyota Highlander, which was parked in the driveway. This incident was captured on video surveillance camera, which showed two suspects walking up to the vehicle and attempting to gain access by pulling on the front driver's-side door. The suspects failed to gain entry due to the vehicle being locked.

Saturday, January 16, a resident of the 1100 block of Boynton Avenue reported that her 2018 Subaru Impreza was stolen by unknown suspects. The victim stated that she parked the vehicle in the parking lot on January 14 at approximately 10 p.m. and that when she returned on January 16 at approximately 10:50 a.m. she noticed that her vehicle was missing. The victim recalled locking her vehicle and was in possession of both keys. In addition to the \$22,000 vehicle that was stolen, the victim estimated that \$255 worth of miscellaneous items were contained within the interior of the stolen vehicle.

Saturday, January 16, a resident of the 300 block of East Grove Street reported a burglary to his motor vehicle and the theft of items within. The vehicle was parked in the victim's driveway during the overnight hours. Proceeds from the theft appear to be the victim's wallet, containing \$200 in cash; credit cards and various forms of identification. There are no suspects at this time while an investigation is pending.

SCOTCH PLAINS

Tuesday, January 12, a resident of Ramapo Way reported a motor vehicle burglary. The resident saw a male inside his vehicle who fled the area in another vehicle. The incident occurred at approximately 5:45 a.m. and is under investigation.

Tuesday, January 12, at approxi-

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY

DOCKET NO. F-005422-20
FILE NO. 27696-20

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT (L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: MITA SHAH;

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon PELLEGRINO AND FELDSTEIN, LLC, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 290 Route 46 West, Denville, New Jersey, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a Civil Action, in which TFS C/F FIG CAP INV NJ13, LLC is the plaintiff and JOSE DINZEY, ET ALS; are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, UNION County and bearing Docket No. F-005422-20 within thirty-five (35) days after **January 21, 2021** exclusive of such date. If you fail to answer or appear in accordance with Rule 4-4.6, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

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THE ACTION has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing the following tax sale certificate:

1. A certain tax certificate 2017-0005, sold on 12/8/2017, dated 12/8/2017, and was recorded on 2/9/2018 in Mortgage Book 14404 at Page 738, made by RICHARD LORENTZEN, Collector of Taxes of RAHWAY, and State of New Jersey to TFS C/F FIG CAP INV NJ13, LLC and subsequently assigned to plaintiff, TFS C/F FIG CAP INV NJ13, LLC. This covers real estate located in RAHWAY, County of UNION, and State of New Jersey, known as LOT 14 BLOCK 86 as shown on the Tax Assessment Map and Tax Map duplicate of RAHWAY and concerns premises commonly known as 75 WEST EMERSON AVENUE, RAHWAY, New Jersey.

YOU, MITA SHAH, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on September 28, 2017, a judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Union County, by Mita Shah against Jose Dinzey disclosing a debt in the amount of \$21,297.33, plus costs. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-169193-2017. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

DATED: January 15, 2021
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mately 7:20 a.m. a resident of Country Club Lane started both of their motor vehicles to warm them up. The victim came outside 10 minutes later and both vehicles were gone. It was determined that a silver SUV was being driven in the area and two black males exited that vehicle and stole both of the victim's vehicles. The vehicles stolen were a 2018 black Nissan Rogue and a 2016 white Nissan Rogue, which were both entered as stolen. At approximately 9:50 a.m., police saw the black Nissan on Terrill Road and attempted to stop the vehicle. The vehicle fled and a pursuit was initiated. The vehicle was pursued onto Route 78 eastbound, where the driver attempted to get off at Exit 48 but lost control and struck a curb, disabling the vehicle on Route 24 in Springfield. Numerous police departments were on scene and three suspects inside the vehicle were taken into custody without incident. The driver, identified as Darnell Hunter-Perello, 20, of Plainfield, was charged with eluding police with a motor vehicle, theft and possession of prescription drugs. A passenger, identified as Yasmee R. Oates, 18, of Plainfield, was charged with theft. A juvenile female was taken into protective custody and turned over to her guardian. All were transported to police headquarters and processed. No injuries were reported.

Tuesday, January 12, a resident of Myrtle Avenue reported an illegal dumping. The incident is under investigation.

Wednesday, January 13, Timothy Parker, 54, of Plainfield was arrested on an active warrant out of Westfield during a motor vehicle stop. Parker was transported to police headquarters and processed.

Wednesday, January 13, a resident of Raritan Road reported the theft of a flag from the front of their house. The incident is under investigation.

Thursday, January 14, a resident of Farmingdale Road reported two males were seen in her driveway near her motor vehicle. The suspects fled the area in another vehicle when the resident's dogs started barking. The matter is under investigation.

Thursday, January 14, Derrick St-Vil, 32, of Plainfield was arrested on active warrants out of Scotch Plains, Roselle Park and Mountainside during a motor vehicle stop. St-Vil was transported to police headquarters and processed.

Friday, January 15, a police officer attempted to stop a blue 2015 Dodge Dart for a motor vehicle violation on Rahway Road. The vehicle accelerated in an attempt to elude him, lost control and crashed into a vehicle backing out of a driveway on Lenape Way. The driver, later identified as Randell S. Williamson, 33, of Piscataway, fled the scene of the crash on foot. Numerous officers from multiple agencies responded and a perimeter was set up. The Union County Sheriff's Department responded with a K-9 and the suspect was found hiding in a tree line on Raritan Road. He was taken into custody without incident. The resident struck was identified as a 44-year-old female Scotch Plains resident who complained of pain in her right shoulder, hip and back, and an ambulance was dispatched to assist her. The suspect was transported to police headquarters for processing. He was charged with driving under the influence, aggravated assault, criminal mischief and resisting arrest. He was transported to the Union County jail.

Monday, January 18, a resident of Country Club Lane started their 2016 Honda Accord to let it warm up. The victim exited their apartment and saw their vehicle being driven out of the complex. A witness dialed 911 and followed the vehicle into Plainfield while updating dispatch as to the vehicle's location. The vehicle ultimately got away. The witness stated that he saw another red vehicle in the complex that appeared to be with the stolen Honda. Officers were able to locate an unoccupied red Nissan Altima in the complex which had been reported stolen out of Plainfield. The matter is under investigation.

Monday, January 18, Kiyann C. Cagle, 20, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana. Also arrested was Elijah R. Clark, 33, of East Orange, who also was charged with possession of marijuana. Both arrests were the result of a motor vehicle stop. Cagle and Clark were transported to police headquarters and processed.

Wednesday, December 9, Venetia Hicks, 32, of Roselle Park was arrested and charged with driving under the influence following a motor vehicle collision at the intersection of Martine and South Avenues. Hicks was processed and released on a summons to a responsible adult.

Friday, December 11, a resident of Farley Avenue reported that a Lowe's credit card was opened in his name and used when he had never opened a credit card with Lowe's. The incident is under investigation.

Tuesday, December 15, a resident of Rainier Road reported a theft from his bank account that occurred in November. The incident is still under investigation.

Tuesday, December 22, the owner of a South Avenue gas station reported that an individual left the gas station without paying for gas. It was later determined that the motor vehicle in question was a stolen vehicle out of Plainfield. The incident is under investigation.

Tuesday, December 22, Jason Boff, 39, of Scotch Plains was arrested and charged with driving under the influence following a motor vehicle stop. Boff was processed and released on summonses to a responsible adult.

Wednesday, December 23, a resident of La Grande Avenue reported that numerous credit cards, a wireless phone account and bank accounts were opened using his name and Social Security number. The incidents are still under investigation.

Thursday, December 24, Mia Whallen, 19, of Rahway was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana under 50 grams pursuant to a motor vehicle stop in the area of North Avenue and Russell Road. She was processed and released on a summons.

Monday, December 28, residents of Terrill Road reported that while they were away in October items were taken from their apartment. The incident is still under investigation.

Wednesday, December 30, a resident of South Avenue reported that an unknown male tried to take his motor vehicle while it was unlocked and running in his driveway. The incident is still under investigation.

Monday, January 18, police responded to a home on Dutch Lane on a report of a fire. Upon arrival, the Scotch Plains Fire Department had determined a fire had started in the first-floor bathroom ceiling and firefighters were able to extinguish the fire. The home sustained minor damage.

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FANWOOD

Monday, December 7, a resident of Portland Avenue reported that someone used her old temporary tag and that she received tickets for toll violations for a motor vehicle that is not hers. The incident is under investigation.

Wednesday, December 9, a resident of Westfield Road reported that he had paid an individual money in October to work on his motor vehicle and that the work has not been done and the person's phone number has been disconnected. The incident is under investigation.

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Monday, December 28, a resident of La Grande Avenue reported numerous fraudulent charges on her credit card in September. The case is still under investigation.

Wednesday, December 30, a resident of South Avenue reported that an unknown male tried to take his motor vehicle while it was unlocked and running in his driveway. The incident is still under investigation.

Wednesday, December 30, a resident of Marian Avenue reported that someone used his "Cash App" and withdrew money from his bank account along with changing personal information in the app settings. The incident is still under investigation.

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

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Mixing With Zest

By HILLARY SHOPE

Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

Walnut Chocolate Raisin Granola Bars

These granola bars are chewy, nutty, and sweet. I make homemade “walnut butter” as the base of these granola bars, but hear me out: It’s really simple to do! It really gives these bars their signature savoriness. I love raisins, so I put ½ cup in, but if you want them less sweet or would prefer a different kind of fruit, feel free to swap that in!

This recipe makes 10 bars, depending on how big you slice them. You can also cut these into smaller squares for snacking or crumble them on top of fruit or yogurt.

Ingredients:

2 cups oats

½ cup pretzels, crushed

2 cups walnuts

4 tablespoons maple syrup

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

¼ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon cinnamon

½ cup honey

2 cups raisins

2 oz bittersweet chocolate, chopped

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.

Once the oven is pre-heated, pour 2 cups of walnuts onto a large baking sheet and bake for five minutes. You’ll use the oven again, so keep it on at 350.

While the nuts are baking, pour 1 ½ cups oats into large bowl.

Pour the remaining ½ cup of oats into a food processor. Blend until it has a powder-like consistency, then pour into the bowl of oats.

Put pretzels into a ziplock bag or other container and crush into small chunks/pieces (you can use your fist or a wooden spoon to do this). Pour the crushed pretzels into the bowl of oats.

Remove the walnuts from the oven and place onto a large dish towel.

Wrap the dish towel around the walnuts and rub. This helps remove some of the walnut skin.

Place the nuts into the food predecessor and blend on high for about four minutes — until the nuts are a smooth and creamy consistency. Make sure to pause occasionally to scrape the sides of the food processor to ensure even mixing.

Add the maple syrup, vanilla, salt and cinnamon to the food predecessor and blend for two minutes. (Some of the maple syrup won’t fully incorporate, but don’t worry!) Pour the nut butter and any remaining liquid into the bowl of oats.

Melt honey in a bowl in the microwave for about 20-30 seconds. Pour into the bowl of oats. Mix all ingredients thoroughly.

Chop your chocolate into small chunks, and add the chocolate and raisins

into the oat mixture. Stir to combine. Line an 8x8 inch pan with parchment paper on all sides. Make sure your strips of parchment paper are long enough to pull the bars out of the pan later.

Pour the oat mixture on top, and, using your hands or a rubber spatula, firmly press the granola mixture evenly into the pan.

Bake for 10 minutes at 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Remove and let cool for 10 minutes.

Place the pan of granola into the freezer for one hour and let chill.

Remove and slice into bars. Store in an airtight container.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF ADDENDUMS TO BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Addendum No. 3 to the Bid Specifications for the procurement of Recycling Collection Services, issued on December 3, 2020 by the Township of Scotch Plains, shall be made available to prospective bidders immediately.

Addendum No. 3 generally provides clarifications to the Bid Specifications and Contract Documents:

1. Provides further clarification to the bidders of bid specification items sought through vendor questions and answered by the Township regarding sub-contracting of service.

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
Alexander Mirabella,
Township Manager

Bozena Lacina,
Township Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE COMMISSION

PERSON TO PERSON TRANSFER

Take notice that HGC Shackamaxon, LLC, d/b/a Shackamaxon Country Club (“Applicant”) has applied to the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, in the County of Union, New Jersey, for a person to person transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 2016-33-013-003, heretofore issued to NJ Golf Partners Limited Liability Company, for premises located at 1607 Shackamaxon Drive, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076.

The following persons are the officers and members owning 1% or more interest of the Applicant:

Officers of Applicant:
Mark A. Burnett, President, Chief Executive Officer and Manager
5101 Marshal Farm Court
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

James M. Oliver, Chief Operating Officer and Club General Manager
25704 Green Ash Lane
Aldie, Virginia 20105

Members of Applicant:
HGC Holdings III, LLC
100 Saint Paul Street, Suite 800
Denver, Colorado 80206
100% Member of Applicant

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Objections, if any, should be made immediately in writing to: Bozena Lacina, Township Clerk, Township of Scotch Plains, Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076.

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Douglas J. Sherman, Esq.
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Roseland, New Jersey 07068-1717

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Union County Parks Get Spruced Up through ‘Adopt-A-Park’ Volunteer Program

COUNTY — Union County residents and visitors are the beneficiaries of a cleanup project at two Union County parks, thanks to a partnership between the County of Union’s “Adopt-a-Park” program and Clean Earth, an environmental services company. Employees from Clean Earth took part in park cleanups in December 2020 at Michael S. Bezega Park and Rahway River Park, both located in Rahway. The work included spreading new gravel on a trail at Bezega Park.

“The Board of County Commissioners is proud to support the volunteer efforts of residents and businesses through our Adopt-a-Park program,” said County Commissioner Chairman Alexander Mirabella. “Our volunteers play an important role in protecting and preserving county parks, and we truly appreciate their work.”

The Adopt-a-Park program is administered by the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation. The program welcomes individuals as well as students, community organizations, businesses and other groups to help beautify and improve Union County parklands.

Adopt-a-Park projects include litter and recyclables cleanup, planting of native plants, pruning existing vegetation, raking leaves, repairing and/or installing fencing, monitoring of bird nest boxes, maintenance and repair of hiking and/or

bridle trails and much more.

Groups that have recently participated include the Mountainside Girl Scouts, the Kean University Center for Leadership and Service student group, the Garwood Green Team and corporate volunteers from Amazon and Phillips66.

To learn more about the Adopt-a-Park program or to volunteer visit ucnj.org/parks-recreation/adopt-a-park or call the Department of Parks and Recreation at (908)789-3683.

For quick links to all Union County programs and activities related to recycling and the environment, visit The Green Connection at ucnj.org/green-connect.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL PERSON TO PERSON TRANSFER

TAKE NOTICE 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

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of our citizens and pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., and Executive Orders 103 and 107, the regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Scotch Plains, scheduled for Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. will be held by online/virtual means and telephonically only. The following application will continue:

Plainfield Gas Realty, LLC, 2246 North Avenue, Block 8201, Lot 1, R-3 Zone, who is requesting an Amended Site Plan approval. The Applicant is proposing the addition of a drive-thru window to the existing convenience store with internal Dunkin’, along with associated site improvements, which is not a permitted use, as indicated in Section 23-3.7 of the Township’s Ordinances.

Members of the public who wish to monitor and/or participate in these public meeting procedures may join from a computer or cell phone device at:

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81348369285>
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or join by telephone by dialing one of the numbers below and entering the Meeting ID when prompted:

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81348369285>

The application and supporting materials are on file and will be available for public inspection, free of charge, at least ten (10) days prior to the online/virtual hearing at:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zCGz1YjR9nNX_B47HfTcS3w08UvVbL2S

Alternately, members of the public may contact the Board Secretary by email at srapant@scotchplainsnj.com or by phone, during regular business hours, at (908) 322-6700 x 307 in order to make an appointment to review the application(s) and supporting materials at the Municipal Building located at 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

Shannon Rapant
Secretary to the Zoning Board

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Community Calendar

Brought to you by Trinitas Regional Medical Center



New Year, New Goals Free Virtual Workshop throughout the month of January. This month-long series is hosted by Stop & Shop Nutrition Partners. Topics will focus on goal setting, weight loss and healthy habits. Visit stopandshop.com/nutrition.

Storytime and Grab-and-Go Craft for Kids Thursdays, January 21 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.

Moving With Awareness for Better Balance and Fitness Fridays, January 22 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.

Charlie Chaplin: His life and Work Friday, January 22, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Online viewing of his success in detail with clips from his movies providing a backdrop to this intimate biography. Visit wmlnj.org.

My Fairytale Dream Princess Storytime Saturday, January 23, 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Experience a special Zoom visit from a Princess who will read stories. Visit wmlnj.org.

Steeple Concert at St. Paul Feautring Harpist Bridget Kibbey Sunday, January 24, 6 p.m. View the performance live on YouTube at youtube.com/channel/UCEuEtvy3kTyNDEm-18e11A.

Virtual Zumba Mondays, January 25 through February 15, 10 a.m. Join licensed fitness instructor, Audrey Rane, in a 7 week series of hour-long Zumba classes. Visit wmlnj.org.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY

DOCKET NO. F-020165-19

FILE NO. 27262-19

NOTICE TO REDEEM

USBANK CUST FOR TOWER DB VII; PLAINTIFF VS. CARLOS SILVA; ROARING BROOK CAPITAL RECOVERY LLC; STEPHEN SMEDLEY; MLF3 RAHWAY LLC; WEST GRAND CONDOMINIUMS INC; UNITY BANK; L & W SUPPLY CORPORATION; ASSOCIATED RADIOLOGISTS PA; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC; ASSOCIATED AUTO PARTS; FIRST INDEMNITY OF AMERICA INSURANCE; STATE OF NEW JERSEY; DEFENDANT(S)

TO: STEPHEN SMEDLEY; MLF3 RAHWAY LLC; WEST GRAND CONDOMINIUMS INC; ASSOCIATED AUTO PARTS;

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an order made on January 15, 2021, the Superior Court Fixed March 16, 2021, or the next business day, between regular business hours, at the office of the Tax Collector of ELIZABETH, located at 50 WINFIELD SCOTT PLAZA, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07201 as the time and place when and where you may pay to the plaintiff the amount so found due for principal and interest on its certificate of tax sale as follows:

LOT 204.A BLOCK 10 on the tax duplicate of ELIZABETH. Total amount required to redeem tax sale certificate no. 16-00219 is \$99,222.01, together with interest from December 18, 2020 and costs of \$1,833.92.

And that unless, at the same time and place, you or one of you redeem by paying the aforesaid sum so found due to plaintiff, then you, and each of you shall be debarrd and foreclosed of and from all right and equity of redemption of, in and to the lands and premises above set out and described. All persons interested will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance. Copies of Ordinance 2021-02 are available, for no fee, in the office of the Township Clerk, Cranford Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey, 07016, during the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (email pdonahue@cranfordnj.org or call 908-709-7210.) A copy of Ordinance 2021-02 has been posted on the Bulletin Board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Municipal Building of the Township.

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Deborah Feldstein, Esq.
Attorney for Plaintiff
290 Route 46 West
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(973) 586-2300

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Joachim Prinz: I Shall Not Be Silent Saturday, January 23 to Monday, January 25. The Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey will stream three films that explore the relationship between the Jewish and Black communities. For more information, contact Randi Zucker at rzucker@jccnj.org or (908) 889-8800, ext. 253 or visit jccnj.org.

Virtual Reading of Forever Mom by Megan Hoche Tuesday, January 26, 7 p.m. via Zoom. To register for the free reading of Forever Mom, visit premierestagesatkean.com.

The Power of Service Wednesday, January 27, 4 p.m. Join the GWACC Networking Meeting with Teresa K. Page, MBA to learn communication strategies and review ways to deliver individual messages that can help you enhance customer service. Register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9087222222>.

Virtual Cheese Tasting Thursday, January 28, 7 p.m. hosted by Birchrun Hills Farm in Chester Springs, P.A. Five cheeses will be shipped to your home and you will learn about the cheese making process, how to pair cheeses, and how to create a cheese board. Register by January 21 at one.bidpal.net/dfscheesetasting.

Snakes-n-Scales Reptiles + More Saturday January 30, 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Join Snakes-n-Scales on Zoom for a wonderful program all about reptiles and amphibians. Visit wmlnj.org.

Submit events at www.goleader.com/calendar

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE 2021-02

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, CHAPTER 367, ARTICLE I REPAIR OR IMPROVEMENT OF SIDEWALKS AND CURBS

WHEREAS, since at least 1968 the Township of Cranford has required the owners of land abutting the public right-of-way to reconstruct, repair or improve such right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford wishes to clarify that such obligation extends to all improvements within an adjacent public right-of-way, and not just sidewalks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 367, Article I, Section 1 is hereby amended as follows:

§ 367-1 Responsibility of property owners.

In accordance with the notice procedure provided in this article, the owner of any land and premises abutting on any public street or place shall be required to reconstruct, repair or improve all sidewalks, and curbs and retaining walls located in the public right-of-way and contiguous to such land and premises at his own expense except where the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:65-9.1 through 40:65-9.6 shall apply.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. Upon final passage and publication according to law, this ordinance shall become effective immediately.

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

The foregoing ordinance was introduced and approved on first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 and will be further considered for final passage after public hearing to be held at the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as this matter can be reached. All persons interested will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance. Copies of Ordinance 2021-02 are available, for no fee, in the office of the Township Clerk, Cranford Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey, 07016, during the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (email pdonahue@cranfordnj.org or call 908-709-7210.) A copy of Ordinance 2021-02 has been posted on the Bulletin Board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Municipal Building of the Township.

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Municipal Clerk

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Arts & Entertainment

Arts Involvement Can Help Chase Away the Pandemic Blues

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

AREA — Feeling frustrated or depressed during the isolation of the COVID-19 pandemic? We are all fed up with isolation, limited activity, and anxiety. This feeling even has its own name – Covid Fatigue. Since there is little we can do about it, find activities and events that might chase those blues away by lifting your mood, helping you cope, and giving you a more optimistic outlook during the next few months of winter.

The arts have survived plagues and pestilences through millennia. Explore them. Mood can certainly be lifted with self-improvement, so why not sign up for online tap dance, jazz, or yoga class? Safely nestled in your own home space, you can have fun, meditate, or just escape mentally while trying to work off the pandemic extra 15 pounds that many are experiencing. If that sounds too far out of your comfort zone, watch ballet on TV. Netflix's popular series "Tiny Pretty Things," ten episodes that spotlight ballet dancers at a prestigious school, is the perfect visually stunning show for dancers and would-be dancers alike. Twirl and jeté in your own bedroom with no one watching. Or listen to a podcast or online concert from New Jersey Symphony Orchestra or Mostly Music and compose your own choreography to express yourself in dance. Exercise creativity with freedom from judgment to make you feel terrific.

Brain experts say that performing tasks you have not done a certain way before helps wake up stagnant gray matter. Try writing or eating with your less dominant hand. Buy a kid's painting set online and explore your creativity through watercolor or acrylics. If that sounds ridiculous, remember, you do not have to post the finished product on Facebook or Instagram (or if you post it, you can hint it was produced in your home and let viewers infer it was your kid's work). Step out of your area of expertise into another world through YouTube videos to perfect any hobby you have not had time to master. Do

some creative writing. Start that "Great American Novel" we each supposedly have within us.

My personal exploration into something different was a Monday night class from September through December in the world of "Voiceovers for TV and Radio Commercials". Professional actor/voice-over artist Jim Conway ran a 90-minute weekly class through Mayo Performing Arts Center. Our zoom screen looked like "The Brady Bunch" TV show's intro with faces of participants from age 17 to 70. Most of us were there merely for fun or to learn about that unique world; some wanted to pursue it as a career. The class taught me, through listening to, reading, and observing commercials, that there are voice types and niches for various products. It was a joy to feel the exhilaration of reading a script expertly and realizing it is not as easy as it appears. A double bonus was seeing our teacher on TV commercials and recognizing his unique voice on radio spots or in cartoons.

Live life unexpectedly and take an online class in the theater – backstage or center stage. Improvisation with Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre or

McCarter Theatre can teach you to learn to laugh at yourself while being silly. If you are hungry for Broadway, like so many of us, go to Playbill.com or Broadway World.com to take showbiz quizzes, listen to show tune lullabies, or watch live taped theater. Support local theater online with Kean's Premiere Stages new play readings or join New Brunswick's State Theatre theater conversations, Broadway trivia, movie night trivia, and concerts are also available for a nominal fee. Union County Performing Arts Center (UCPAC) in Rahway is offering in-person viewing of classic films in their gigantic mainstage auditorium over the next few months as well as live theater productions. If you miss performing, read and perform portions of a play with others over a zoom platform with the Chatham Players.

Daydreaming is uplifting for the soul. Dare to dream of doing something artistic during this time that you have never done. Whatever you choose to break the chains of Covid fatigue, know that – like the song from *High School Musical* says, "We're All in This Together" and that embracing the arts is a way to breathe a bit of joy back into our lives.

Premiere Stages Announces 2021 Playwriting Award Winners

UNION – Premiere Stages, the professional theatre company in residence at Kean University, has named current Kean University student Lucien Edme (Class of 2021) and alum Megan Hoche (Class of 2008, 2010) as the winners of the 2021 Bauer Boucher Playwriting Awards, named for longtime donors W. John Bauer and Nancy Boucher. Both winners will receive a cash prize and a one-day developmental reading of their plays with a professional cast and director. This year, the readings will be held virtually via Zoom and are free and open to the public. A live Q&A

with the playwrights will follow each reading.

The virtual reading of *Councilman* by Lucien Edme will be held Tuesday, January 19 at 3:20 p.m. via Zoom. *Councilman* tells the story of Wesley Grande, a new kid at St. Thomas Public School, a middle school full of power-hungry tyrants in the making. Running for class president with his best friend, Wesley plans to "bring power back to the underdog," but Wesley soon has to decide what matters more to him: power or respect. To register for the free reading of *Councilman* visit www.premierestagesatkean.com.

Lucien Edme is currently a senior at Kean University pursuing a Bachelor's degree in theatre. Starting from a young age and never settling down since, Lucien has gathered many acting credits throughout his career. Past credits include Mr. Billy in *Sunday in the Park with George*, Riley in *Parade*, and Gomez Addams in *The Addams Family*. As a recording artist, Lucien has an EP titled "555", which is now available on all music streaming platforms.

The virtual reading of *Forever Mom* by Megan Hoche will be held Tuesday, January 26 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. In *Forever Mom*, Linda is a full-time caregiver to her adult son, Kevin, who has intellectual disabilities. With Kevin consuming her days, things like travel, relaxation and even aging seem like luxuries that are out of reach. But when a family member offers up a change, Linda begins to consider a life without Kevin for the first time. To register for the free reading of *Forever Mom* visit www.premierestagesatkean.com.

Born and raised in Edison, Megan started performing and writing from a young age. She attended Kean University, where she minored in theatre and received her Master of Arts in speech-language pathology. She now lives and works in New York City and is currently a writer for the Mission to (dit)Mars Propulsion Lab, where she developed and held a staged reading of her play *End of the Line* (2021 More Than Roses podcast feature). Her feminist play *A Period Piece* (2019 O'Neill National Playwrights Conference semi-finalist, 2019 Playwrights Foundation/Bay Area Playwrights Festival semi-finalist) had its world premiere in New York City in July 2019 with The ShriLL Collective. Her new play, *Forever Mom*, recently had a virtual reading as a part of Plays-in-the-Park's Sunday-in-the-Park Play Reading Series (www.meganhoche.com).

The Bauer Boucher Playwriting Award, established in 2014 through funding by Premiere Stages supporters W. John Bauer and Nancy Boucher, recognizes the work of one Kean University student and one playwright from the alumni community on an annual basis. The Bauer Boucher Award supports Kean University writers with enhanced visibility, dramaturgical feedback, cash awards and the opportunity to hear their plays read out loud by an ensemble of professional actors. The selected plays are directed by John J. Wooten, producing artistic director of Premiere Stages, and performed by a cast of professional Actors' Equity Association actors. The winning student receives a cash prize of \$1,000, and the winning graduate receives a \$2,000 award.

The 2021 Bauer Boucher Award Readings will benefit the Kean Foundation. Donations will help support Premiere Stages education initiatives, particularly those that support emerging artists. To make a donation, visit <https://www.keanfoundation.org/pages/giving-to-kean/premiere-stages-donate>.

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.

Steeple Concerts to Feature Harpist Bridget Kibbey

WESTFIELD — Steeple Concerts at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield will present a live online solo recital by celebrated harpist Bridget Kibbey this Sunday, January 24, at 6 p.m. Performed for the general streaming public, Ms. Kibbey's eclectic program will include music by Albéniz, D'Rivera, Grandjany and Valera from the 20th and 21st centuries, together with selections from Johann Sebastian Bach's *The Well-Tempered Clavier*. In addition, Ms. Kibbey will perform her own adaptation for harp of Bach's familiar masterpiece for organ, *Toccata and Fugue in D minor*.

Following current guidelines, the Kibbey harp recital will be offered as a streaming video performance in lieu of an in-person concert. This Sunday, the general public is invited to view the performance live at 6 p.m. on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeUetvj3kTyNDEm-18e11A>.

While tickets are not required, donations are encouraged to help cover the cost of presenting this professional, live-music event as part of the Steeple Concert series. Donations may be made online at steepleconcerts.org/donate. Also on the website are details about and links to this concert, as well as the upcoming Steeple 2021 season program.

Dubbed "the Yo-Yo Ma of the harp" by *Vogue* magazine, Ms. Kibbey has "gained a reputation for her diverse, energetic programming spanning the



Photo courtesy of Bridget Kibbey
STEEPLE HARPIST ON YOUTUBE...Steeple Concerts will feature noted harpist Bridget Kibbey.

baroque [period], French masterworks, and South America."

Ms. Kibbey is "the only harpist to win a position with the Chamber

Music Society of Lincoln Center's Chamber Music Society II," according to published biographical information about her. She also is a winner of Concert Artists Guild's International Competition, Astral Artist Auditions, and Premiere Prix at the Journées de les Harpes Competition in Arles, France.

She has toured and recorded with Dawn Upshaw and Plácido Domingo for SONY Records and Deutsche Grammophon. Her solo debut album, *Love is Come Again*, was named one of the Top Ten Releases by Time Out New York.

Ms. Kibbey is on the harp faculties at New York University, The Juilliard School Pre-College program and Vassar College. She holds both Master of Music and Bachelor of Music degrees from The Juilliard School, where she completed studies with Nancy Allen.

Steeple Concerts at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield are presented by the Friends of Music at St. Paul's, a 501(c)3 organization devoted to presenting the arts in Westfield.

JCC to Offer Films Focusing On Black-Jewish Alliance

SCOTCH PLAINS – Beginning this Saturday, January 23, the Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Central New Jersey will stream three films that explore the relationship between the Jewish and African-American communities. These true stories illuminate the Jewish/Black alliances that helped shape the Civil Rights Movement.

"As a community agency, we must use our voice to take a stand against racism, discrimination and social injustices. To move our nation forward, we have an obligation to educate ourselves and others to be allies, and to advocate for our friends and neighbors in the African-American community," said Beth Mitchell, the JCC's director of inclusion and diversity.

The series begins with *Joachim Prinz: I Shall Not Be Silent*, which streams from Saturday, January 23, to Monday, January 25. Mr. Prinz, as rabbi of Temple B'nai Abraham in Newark, became a leader of the Civil Rights Movement and worked to organize the 1963 March on Washington, declaring, "Bigotry and hatred are not the most urgent problem. The most urgent, the most disgraceful, the most shameful and the most tragic problem is silence."

Next up will be *They Ain't Ready for Me*, streaming from Saturday, January 30, to Monday, February 1. Filmmaker and Westfield native Brad Rothschild introduces Tamar Manasseh, the young inspiring black female Jewish rabbinical student who is leading the fight against killings of young black girls and boys on the south side of Chicago. The JCC will host an interactive Zoom with Ms. Manasseh on Tuesday, February 2, at 7:30 p.m.

The series will wrap up with *Shared Legacies: The African American-Jew-*

ish Civil Rights Alliance, streaming Saturday, February 6, to Monday, February 8. This film explores the often-forgotten story of the coalition and friendship between the Jewish and African-American communities during the Civil Rights Movement and current efforts to invigorate this vital relationship. As a follow-up to this film, there will be another interactive Zoom conversation with Rabbi Abraham and Leland McGee of Social Justice Matters on Wednesday, February 10, at 7:30 p.m.

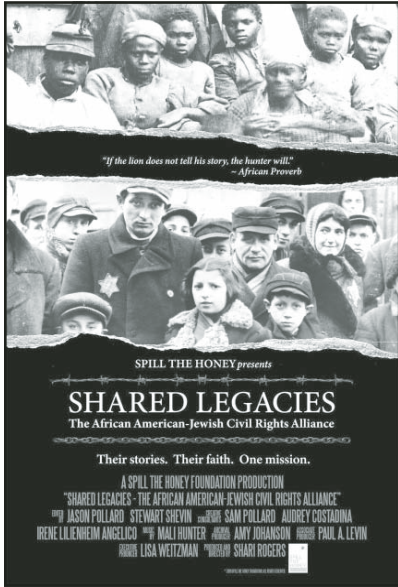
Randi Zucker, JCC director of arts and culture, invites the community to "please accept this film series and Zoom conversations as our forward-facing commitment to stand with and stand by African-Americans and People of Color in our community."

Registration for all events is required at jccnj.org. A link to each film and Zoom program will be emailed after registration.

This film series is presented in partnership with Social Justice Matters Inc., Congregation Beth Israel, Temple Emanu-El, Temple Shalom and Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ. It is 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.

For more information, contact Randi Zucker at rzucker@jccnj.org or (908) 889-8800, extension no. 253, or visit jccnj.org.

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



Plainfield Symphony Holds Virtual Talk On Mahler's 9th Symphony

PLAINFIELD — Despite the challenges that 2020 brought to everyone, the Plainfield Symphony Orchestra (PSO) continues to connect virtually with our valued audience until it is once again safe to return to in-person performances. The public is invited to virtually attend for the second installment of our "Chat with Charles" series of virtual lectures and archival performances featuring the monumental 9th Symphony by Gustav Mahler and his last completed work before his death in 1911.

As Plainfield Symphony audiences know, maestro Charles Prince is a keen interpreter and champion of the music of Gustav Mahler similar to his mentor and teacher, Leonard Bernstein. From his home in Vienna, Maestro Prince will offer personal insights and present a musical analysis of the work with key thematic excerpts played by musicians of the Plainfield Symphony. At the end of the lecture, the symphony will be performed in its entirety from a professionally recorded 2018 archival performance of the 9th Symphony by the PSO conducted by Maestro Prince. The viewer will have the option at the end of each movement discussion to go either to the archival performance for the movement or to the next lecture. You are guar-

anteed a passionate and intensely personal discussion and performance of this masterful work.

As Leonard Bernstein said in his "Four Ways to Say Farewell," his "personal introduction" to Gustav Mahler's 9th Symphony, "All Mahler symphonies look back nostalgically to the innocent past and having failed to find it, look forward (fearfully or hopefully) to some sense of resolution." In the 9th, each movement is a farewell: the 1st is a farewell to tenderness, passion - human love; the 2nd and 3rd are farewells to life - first to country life, then to urban society; the finale is a farewell to life itself."

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DRIVING TO THE BASKET ...Blue Devil Ray Hurtt, No. 2, drives to the basket in the game against the Raiders in Westfield on January 9, 2020.



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FOURTH UCT TITLE...Despite the unusual leap by Raider Brandon Bowles Blue Devil Luke Hoerle, right, won his fourth UCT title and became the all-time winningest WHS wrestler with his 119th career victory - *tying Corey Posey* (January 11, 2020).

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From the archives of *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* - complete accounts found at - www.goleader.com - year - month - week
January 9, 2020: Senior co-captain Jake Walsh assisted co-captain Andrew Echausse on a semi Alley-oop play right from the start of their game with SPF which seemed to dazzle the Raiders into an immobilizing state of disbelief, setting the stage for an overwhelming, 55-20, triumph

for the hosting Westfield Blue Devils. The Blue Devils won the first quarter, 18-0, and co-captain Griffin Rooney, who finished with three steals and two assists, scored eight of his game-high 10 points. Walsh finished with nine points and sophomore Logan Howland (block) led the team with seven rebounds and sank all six of his free throws. Junior Christian Piesch led the Raiders with seven rebounds.
January 11, 2020: Expectations of crowning a new Union

County Tournament team champion would be put aside until next year when the Cranford Cougars placed all 13 of its wrestlers in the top-five, claiming two individual champions with four seconds, three thirds, a fourth and three fifths to capture their sixth straight title in Union. The Westfield Blue Devils, who placed a close second, with two individual champions, four seconds, three thirds, two fourths and a fifth, had a four-time UCT champ in Luke Hoerle (126-lbs), who also became the WHS all-time career win leader (*tying Corey Posey*).

Hoerle made his trip to the

finals with a fall in 1:22 and a 15-1, technical fall in 3:51. The title bout with Raider Brandon Bowles was another match-up of two 2019 NJSIAA qualifiers. Hoerle emerged with an 8-5 decision. Seeded first at 160-lbs, Blue Devil Luke Scanlan whipped his way through the quarterfinals and semifinals with respective falls of 33 seconds and 1:02. In his title bout with Cougar Shane Kanterman, Scanlan built an 11-2 lead before pinning him with a wrist, half nelson in 3:24 to claim the title.
Cougar Justin Alpaugh-McLean seemed to get stronger as he advanced through the tournament at 182-lbs. In the title bout, he went after Jon Extivene (Roselle Park) and pinned him

with a quick throw in 3:48. The final bout to be completed was Cougar Evan Kanterman (195-lbs), who breezed through his first two bouts with early falls. In the title bout with Ibn Hall (Linden), Kanterman carried an 8-2 lead into the third period when he added an escape and a takedown for an 11-3, majority decision.
January 5, 2019: The Union Catholic Viking girls and boys took top honors at the Union County Indoor Track Relays held in Jersey City. The Westfield girls placed third, while the Blue Devil boys placed sixth. The SPF Raider boys and girls took fourth in their meets. For the boys, Raiders Kyle Estivene, Jacob Leigh, Justin

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GETTING FIRST IN THE 200-FREESTYLE...Blue Devil Emma Conlon placed first in the 200-freestyle with a time of 1:58.84 during the meet with Trinity Hall at the Westfield “Y” on January 11, 2018. The Lady Blue Devils won 110-60.



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PRESSURING A RAM...Blue Devils Tommy McGuire, left, and Colin Freer, right, put pressure on a Roselle Ram in Westfield on January 9, 2019.

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Williams and Myles Singletary took first in the 4x200 at 1:35.68.

January 5-6, 2019: Westfield junior CJ Composto captured first place in the 126-lb weight division and junior Luke Horele placed third at 120-lbs at the Sam Cali Memorial Invitational Wrestling Tournament held in West Orange. The event featured 40 teams, including several out of state teams and six New Jersey ranked teams.

January 7, 2019: Senior Lauren Williamson scored 25 points, which included two 3-pointers and seven free throws, while adding two assists and two steals, and KC Pringle pulled 14 rebounds and added three assists and three steals to lead the Cranford girls basketball to a 54-47 triumph over the visiting Watchung Hills Warriors. Gianna Toretta had 13 points, including trip 3-pointers, and three assists. Olivia Speer scored six points and added sis rebounds. Jayden Baltuch led the Warriors with 16 points.

January 9, 2019: Griffin Rooney scored a game high 21 points to lead the Westfield boys basketball team past Roselle, 61-35, in Westfield. The win was the Blue Devils’ fourth in their last five games and evened their season mark at 4-4. Michael Kane connected for 12 points.

January 9, 2019: Offensive instability was a problem for the Westfield girls basketball team, so strong defense was absolutely necessary and fortunately for the home team, the Blue Devils still had the key to lock the door and shut out any successful offensive assault from the Summit Hilltoppers’ big guns in a 40-32 victory in Westfield. *(This game and the boys’ game against Roselle that followed was dedicated to the memory of Maurice Boatwright, a 1999 WHS graduate and basketball player who tragically died in a automobile accident in July.)*

Sam Stravach led the team with 10 rebounds, equally distributed between the offensive boards and defensive boards, while adding a block, four points and an assist. Freshman Chloe Kreusser, who scored seven points, pulled eight rebounds and came through with five steals. Freshman Grace Klag, who led the team with 10 points, also pulled eight rebounds, while adding two blocked shots and a pair of steals.

January 10, 2019: The SPF boys basketball team dropped a close, 48-43 decision to Summit

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OUTSTANDING WRESTLER...Raider Sam Wustefeld, right, prepares to reverse Cougar Dylan Budnik in the 195-lb title bout. Wustefeld won and also received the OW Award for the upper weight classes (January 13, 2018).



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IN A TIGHT RACE...Raider Josh Cohen, top, tries to keep ahead of his Bergen Catholic opponent in the 200-freestyle event at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains "Y" on January 10, 2017. Cohen finished in 1:41.98 to easily place first.

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in Scotch Plains. Summit guard Malcolm Sidebottom scored 16 points for the winners, including four 3-pointers. Summit currently leads the UCC Valley Division (2-0) and boasts an 8-1 overall mark. Justin Fletcher led Raider scorers with 16 points. Jayson Williams scored 13 points.

January 11, 2019: Three pointers throughout and very successful free throw shooting in the fourth quarter opened the lane for the Hanover Park Hor-

nets to overcome an 11-point halftime deficit and make a bee line to a stinging 61-59 victory over the hosting Cranford Cougars. The 6-4 Hornets put in 10 3-pointers, including two late in the fourth quarter to put them in the lead. Hunter Goff had an outstanding game offensively and finished with a game-high 32 points. Arjun Petgrave and Dennis DeMarino finished with nine points each.

January 11, 2018: In a show-

down between top boys swimming teams, Christian Brothers Academy (CBA) and Westfield, it was CBA that proved to be just a bit better during an 87-83 victory at the Westfield "Y" pool. CBA and Westfield dueled back and forth throughout the meet with the only real separation occurring during the 500-freestyle in which the visitors swept first, second and third places on their way to collecting 13 points in the decisive race.

Westfield opened the meet with a victory in the 200-medley relay with Ryan Bebel, Steve Warren, Colin Daniel and Cooper Prieto touching in 1:37.78. Eric Bebel took the 50-free in 22.51 and won the 100-free in 49.11. Westfield won the 200-free relay where Eric Bebel, Conor Heffernan, Prieto and Daniel touched in 1:31.60. Ryan Bebel won the 100-backstroke in :54. Steve Warren won the 100-breast in 57.93.

January 11, 2018: Keeley Thompson took first place in the 50-freestyle and 100-freestyle and swam on a pair of winning relay teams to help the Westfield girls top Trinity Hall, 110-60, at the Westfield "Y" pool. The victory raised the Blue Devils' season mark to 7-1 and was Westfield's seventh straight since a season-opening loss to Bridgewater-Raritan.

Westfield opened the meet with

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TAKING SECOND IN THE 200-IM..Blue Devil Colin Daniel, working the backstroke leg of the 200-Individual Medley, placed second in the event with a time of 2:00.46 in the meet against Christian Brothers Academy on January 11, 2018.



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GIVING IT HER ALL...Raider Stephanie Judge gives it her all in the butterfly leg of the 200-medley relay against IHA on January 10, 2017. The Raider foursome of Erika Fraiser, Rachel Maizes, Judge and Megan Small won the event in 1:48.12.

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a thrilling victory in the 200-medley relay where Thompson, Ellie Cestero, Kayla Penn and Muriel Maloney took first in a time of 1:54.63 barely edging out the Trinity Hall's team of Marie Conrad, Lauren Joyce, Jess Zebrowski and Katie Wright (1:54.65).

January 11, 2018: The SPF boys basketball team kept its unbeaten record intact with a 47-39 victory over Cranford in Scotch Plains. The Raiders' Jayson Williams buried a 3-point shot with 1:20 remaining to open up a seven-point lead at 44-37 against Cranford after the Cougars had trimmed a 12-point deficit to just four points during a determined fourth quarter rally. Williams, a sophomore, scored 10 points in his first career start in place of senior guard Tommy Drubulis, who was out sick.

Raider Lamont Cruse had 11 points as did Ryan Muench. Dwight Laylor did the dirty work by hauling in 13 rebounds. Cranford got 15 points from Jeremy Ruka and eight points from Colin Budries.

January 13, 2018: Don't be surprised to see the defending champion Cranford Cougars clawing once again for top honors for Union County Tournament (UCT) supremacy was mentioned in *The Westfield Leader* (December 21) preseason analysis. Well the Cougars did indeed proceed to claw and when junior Rob Schork earned a 6-4 decision over Union's Bobby Emmanuel for the 220-lb title and Matt Savino secured third place at 285-lbs, that put them over the top to nip the Roselle Park Panthers by just two points for the UCT team championship at Union High School.

The Blue Devils claimed two champs, CJ Composto (106-lbs) and Luke Hoerle (113-lbs) and had seven top-5 placements. Raider Sam Wustefeld won the 195-lb title and was named OW

for the upper weight classes.

January 10, 2017: Top ranked Immaculate Heart Academy (IHA) needed every single point to claim an 89-81 victory over the previously unbeaten SPF girls swim team in a highly anticipated dual meet at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains "Y" pool. In the 200 Medley Relay, Raiders Erika Frazier, Rachel Maizes Stephanie Judge and Megan Small won in a time of 1:48.12. Dee Dee Maizes

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David B. Corbin (January 2016 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
COMPETING IN THE 200IM...Blue Devil Shannon Pyle works the butterfly in the 200-Individual Medley in the meet against Immaculate Heart Academy at the Westfield “Y” on January 13, 2016. IHA won, 119-51.



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GOING UP FOR A LAY-UP...Raider Lamont Cruse, No. 2, squeezes between a pair of Cougars in an attempt to make a lay-up in Cranford on January 12, 2017. Cruse scored 12 points and the Raiders remained unbeaten with a 48-33 victory.

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won in the 200 Freestyle (1:55.00). Stephanie Judge claimed the 100 butterfly (57.37) with Erika Frazier (58.12) getting second. Rachel Maizes (1:08.68) and Anna Dunchus (1:09.80) went 1-2 in the 100-breast.

January 10, 2017: Chris Bondarowicz and Josh Cohen each scored a pair of victories to help the SPF boys swim team to a convincing 101-69 win over previously unbeaten Bergen Catholic at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains “Y” pool. Bondarowicz took first place in the 200 Individual Medley and the 100 Breaststroke. Cohen notched wins in the 200 Freestyle and the 500 Freestyle. SPF won the first five races of the meet and at (8-1) has lost just

once this season to Westfield.

January 12, 2017: Control of the boards plus the Cranford Cougars’ inability to find the mark from the outside allowed the SPF boys basketball team to maintain its unbeaten record with a 48-33 victory in Cranford. The 9-0 Raiders were able to keep possession of the ball the majority of the game by amassing 41 rebounds, while the Cougars, usually a good outside shooting team, managed to nail only two 3-pointers from downtown.

The leading Raider rebounders were Dwight Laylor and Tom Drubulis with eight apiece. Jack Brady (10 points, 3 assists), and Cooper Heisey (3-pointer, pair of steals) each pulled six rebounds and Nigel Nelson (4 points, 3

assists) grabbed five rebounds. Cougar senior Ryan Bakie led the team with 12 points and pulled seven rebounds. Chris Librera put in 11 points.

January 14, 2017: Cougar senior Tom DiGiovanni became the eighth individual to win four Union County Tournament (UCT) wrestling titles and as expected the Cranford matmen easily captured their third straight team championship with a total of 248.5 and claimed five individual champions at Union High. The Roselle Park Panthers took a distance second at 183.5 and had one champion and Westfield took third with 153 points and claimed three individual champions.

At 160-lbs, Cougar Brian McGovern claimed his second UCT

title when he whipped ALJ’s Sebastian Iakouchevitch to his back in 2:54 with a half nelson. Senior Vince Concina convincingly won his first UCT title and the OW Award (upper weights)

with a pair of pins before defeating Quinn Haddad (GL), 11-4, for the 170-lb crown. Alex Esposito won the 285-lb title when he nipped Dan Tomlinson (GL), 3-1, in overtime. Senior Chris Scorese claimed his third UCT title with a 7-2 decision over Chris Fuschetto (ALJ) at 132-lbs.

At 182-lbs, Raider Sam Wustefeld pinned his way to the championship and he finished his run when he stopped Panther Devin Hillburn in 3:04 with a corkscrew/Jimmy John. Blue Devil senior Jack Miller, seeded first at 195-lbs, edged Turner Haddad (GL), 3-2 for the title. Blue Devil Phil Ricca claimed the 220-lb title when he used a driving half nelson to pin Panther

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WINNING THE 200IM...Blue Devil Ryan Bebel touched first in the 200-Individual Medley with a time of 2:00.53 in the meet against Bergen Catholic at the Westfield “Y” on January 13, 2016. The Blue Devil boys won in a rout, 106-64.



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FOUR TIME UCT CHAMP, OUTSTANDING WRESTLER...Cougar senior Tom DiGiovanni, top, fends off Summit’s Phil Angelo, 2-1, for the 138-lb crown. DiGiovanni became only the eighth individual in UCT history to win four titles (January 14, 2017).

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Vinny Figueredo in 1:46. Blue Devil freshman Luke Hoerle won the 106-lb title with a 10-3 decision over Panther Gabe Leo.

January 9, 2016: The Cranford boys basketball team made quick work of Koinonia Academy scoring a 72-48 victory at Martin Gymnasium in Cranford. Seniors Jack Schetelich and Hunter Remley scored 13 points each to lead the Cougar offense.

January 9, 2016: Trailing by 15 points after three quarters, the Westfield girls basketball team tightened up its defense and outscored the visiting Hunterdon Central Red Devils, 10-3, in the final quarter in a 40-32 setback in Westfield. The 3-3 Blue Devils had difficulty trying to penetrate the Red Devils’ stub-

born defense, which resulted in numerous turnovers and very few opportunities to get off a shot.

Sophomore Molly Ryan led the Blue Devils with 10 points, including a pair of 3-pointers, and added two steals and two assists. Junior Shannon Devitt led Westfield with seven rebounds, scored nine points (5-for-6 free throws) and added three steals, an assist and a blocked shot. Senior co-captain Amalia Montes pulled five rebounds and added four points and one theft. Junior Danielle Rinaldi had four rebounds, three steals and an assist.

January 13, 2016: Aedan Collins scored wins in both the 200-freestyle and the 100-freestyle to lead the Westfield

boys swim team to a 106-64 victory over Bergen Catholic at the Westfield Area YMCA pool. The meet was billed as a battle between two of the top 10 programs in the state and Westfield came out much the better in winning eight of 11 events overall.

David Lindros, Steve Warren, Colin Daniel and Ryan Bebel posted a winning time of 1:37.94 to win the 200-medley relay. Ryan Bebel won the 200IM (2:00.53). Senior Ryan Daniel notched another win in the 50-freestyle at 22.42, Colin Daniel posted a win in the 100-butterfly (53.94). The 200-freestyle relay was won by Collins, Griff Morgan, Walter Sincox and Eric Bebel at 1:31.35. Warren won the 100-

breast (1:00.01).

January 13, 2016: Immaculate Heart Academy showed exactly why it is recognized as the top girls’ swimming team in the state by scoring a 119-51 win over Westfield at the Westfield Area YMCA pool. IHA remained unbeaten, sweeping to wins in 10 of 11 events against the host Blue Devils. Gwyn Devin won the 100-breaststroke (1:10.22).

January 9, 2015: The Roselle Park wrestling team won six head-to-head bouts and received four forfeits to defeat the Blue Devils, 50-18, in Westfield. John Fuller got things started for the Blue Devils with a 1:26 pin of Fabian Dedie at 126-lbs. Jack Miller edged Dave Forstenhauser, 1-0, at 152-lbs. Jarek Gozdieski

stopped Joe Devito, 4-0, at 160-lbs. Cotter Spurlock got the Blue Devils’ final victory when he pinned Sebastian Leo in 1:38 at 220-lbs.

January 9, 2015: Under lights focused solely on the competition, the SPF wrestling team and the visiting Cranford Cougars gave the fans all the excitement they needed. With four bouts remaining and trailing 24-23, the Cougars won the next three bouts to secure a 38-27 victory.

In the bout of the evening, Raider JT Beirne blasted out a 6-2 decision over Brian McGovern at 138-lbs. Dave Busch recorded a third period reversal to eke out a 2-0 decision over Sam Wustefeld at 152-lbs to put the

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DRIBBLING AROUND A RED DEVIL...Blue Devil senior Maria Nemeth, No. 10, dribbles around a Hunterdon Central Red Devil defender in Westfield on January 9, 2016. The Red Devils topped the Blue Devils, 40-32.



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REVERSE CRADLE...Raider Alex Mirabella catches Cougar Nick Ballas in a Peterson Roll then pins him with a reverse cradle in his 220-lb bout. The visiting Cougars won the spirited showdown, 38-27, on January 9, 2015.

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Cougars back on top, 26-24. At 160-lbs, Cougar Gavin Murray performed an double arm bar sit through to stack Jeff Lieblich in 1:37. Andrew Tompkin secured the victory for the Cougars when he used a head throw to stick Julio Devia with 1:11 left in the second period at 170-lbs.

January 11, 2015: Zero points in the third quarter did not discourage the Westfield basketball Lady Blue Devils when they faced the 12th-ranked Roselle Catholic Lions in the Investors' Scholarship Games at Kean University. Trailing by 10 points entering the final quarter, the Blue Devils put Roselle Catholic to the test, closing the gap to within three points before the Lions salvaged a 37-33 victory.

Jackie Knapp finished with a team-leading 12 points, including a 3-pointer, and added a key steal late in the game. Senior Lil Scott put up 10 points, including a 3-pointer, Shannon Devitt sank four points and grabbed four rebounds and Hannah Liddy added four rebounds and a pair of steals.

January 10, 2014: Team speed on the part of the Cranford boys basketball team led to a 59-46 victory over the hosting SPF Raiders. From the second quarter onward, the 5-3 Cougars kept one step ahead of the 5-3 Raiders to keep expanding their lead.

Senior Mike Guarriello was one of four Cougars, who hit double figures, leading his team with 15 points. Point guard Tommy Trotter and Cameron Kutzer each

scored 11 points, and Jack McCaffrey sank 12 points. Luke Christiano added six points. Leo Ramos was the go-to man for the Raiders and finished with 12 points, six rebounds and a pair of assists

January 12, 2014: Momentum hopped in the Cougars' favor midway through the first quarter and remained there long enough as the Cranford boys basketball team startled the Westfield Blue Devils, 61-47, at the Investors Games at Kean University in Union. Part of the Cougars' success came from their ability to hit from 3-point range, and four of those 3-pointers were launched by Tommy Trotter, who led all scorers with 24 points, while grabbing seven rebounds

and adding six assists.

Senior Dave Kane was the Blue Devils' main man under the boards with eight rebounds. He also added 10 points, three steals and an assist. Sophomore Chris Boutsikaris scored 14 points, including three 3-pointers, and sophomore Parker Hess hit a pair of 3-pointers and finished with eight points.

January 14, 2014: Johnny Fuller faced the pressure and succeeded with a 1-0 victory over Ray Wetzal in the final bout of the evening to salvage a 36-31 victory for the Westfield wrestling team over the Brearley Bears in Westfield. The two Miller brothers, Jack at 132-lbs and Kevin at 138-lbs, came up with key pins. Jack recorded a back door

takedown, a defensive spin around takedown and a three-point nearfall in the first period before showing Charlie Buckley the lights in 2:18. Kevin recorded a reversal on Jesse Goncalves, which led to a 3:03 fall using an arm bar half nelson combination. Matt Barber followed at 145-lbs with a pullback and smother pin of Aly Mohamed in 52 seconds.

January 7, 2013: Missing several competitors from its normal lineup, the Linden Tigers could not keep pace with the hosting Westfield wrestling team that rolled to a 59-8 victory. However, the 4-1 Blue Devils won key bouts at 113-lbs and 126-lbs and topped it off when heavy-weight Kyle Kania recorded a pin

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JUST PASSING THROUGH...Cougar Mike Guarriello, center, passes the ball through Blue Devil defenders Ben Schumen, left, and Eric Shor, right, in the Investors games at Kean University on January 12, 2014. The Cougars got on a hot streak early and kept on it throughout to win, 61-47.



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SCRAMBLING FOR POSSESSION...Blue Devil Jackie Knapp, No. 2, and Roselle Catholic Lion Allieyah Cubbage struggle for control of the ball at Kean University on January 11, 2015. The No. 12 Lions held off the Blue Devils, 37-33.

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in the final second of the final bout.

After Nick Kalimtzis pinned Tiger Javier Arrondondo in 40 seconds with a wrist/half nelson at 106-lbs, Blue Devil John Fuller yielded a first-period takedown but battled back in the second period to gain an escape and a backdoor takedown to defeat Josh Sheehy, 3-2, at 113-lbs. Just three days before, Sheehy placed first at the Minuteman Invitational. At 126-lbs, Blue Devil Anthony Aldana, after headhunting for a reversal in the third period, recorded a takedown at the buzzer in the first overtime to nip Dan Tibere, 4-2.

January 9, 2013: Seeding selections for the Union County Tournament are just around the

corner and several bouts in the showdown between the hosting Westfield wrestling team and the Cranford Cougars played a major role in which wrestlers would gain a more favorable slot. The Cougars came into the match with a 9-2 record and ranked as the No. 1 team in the county, but the Blue Devils found the right fit to win nine of 14 bouts and to roll to a 39-18 victory.

A highly anticipated bout at 132-lbs between Cougar Gavin Murray and Matt Barber ended in a 6-2 Murray win. Nick Velez defeated Cougar Corey Birch, 4-0, at 145-lbs. At 152-lbs, Cougar freshman Niko Cappello beat Nick Rotondo, 3-0. Blue Devil Colin Barber, ranked fifth in the state at 160-lbs, earned a 4-2 decision

over Jim Dwyer. Cougar Corey Markovitch recorded the first bonus points of the evening when he clamped Kevin Frega in a cradle in 2:53 at 170-lbs. Blue Devil Brian Bulger got the bonus points right back and improved to 11-0 when he pinned Matt Russo in 56 seconds at 182-lbs.

January 9, 2013: Facing unbeaten Elizabeth, the hosting SPF wrestling team stepped up in a big way to deliver the Minutemen a 49-24 defeat before a roaring crowd. Seniors Steve Carrion (126), Dein Rice (152), junior Matt Ridge (170) and sophomores JT Bierne (113), Tom Cunningham (120), Brian Lapham (132) and Alex Mirabella (182) were the wrestlers to reap important bonus points.

January 10, 2013: Drums were pounding, horns were blaring, fans were roaring and a countdown was being peeled off the railings in anticipation to witnessing senior co-captain Taylor Sebolao breaking her 1,000th career point in the SPF girls basketball game against Linden in Scotch Plains.

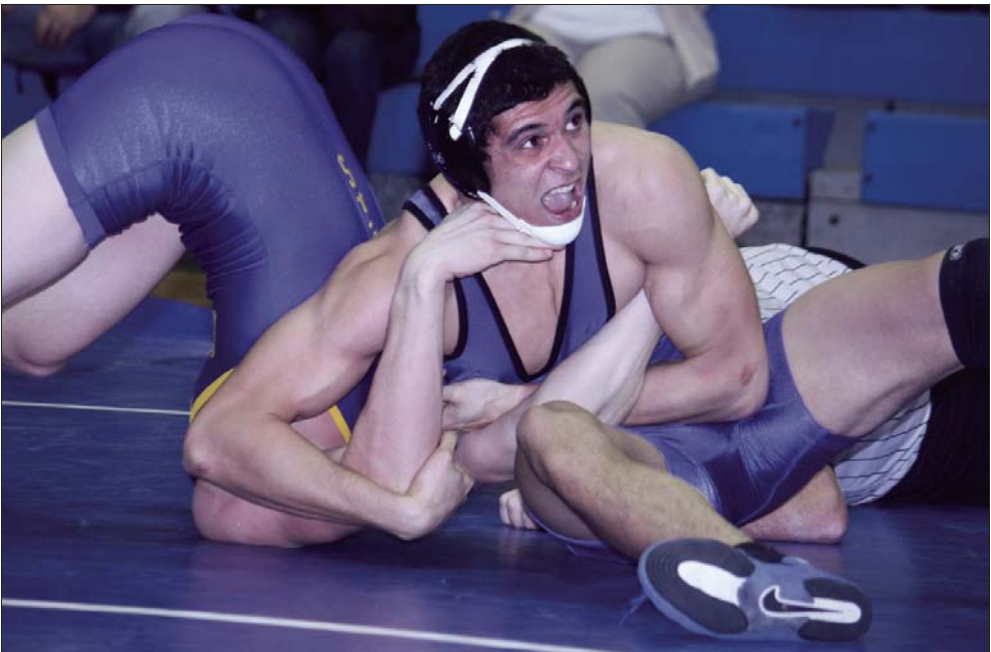
Sebolao needed to sink 16 points, and with 2:06 on the clock in the third quarter, she reached that magic number when she took a pass from junior Katie Harper, drove to the basket and rolled in a lay-up. The 7-3 Tigers did, however, win the game, 60-50.

Her fete will place her in the rarified air of only a handful of Raider girls, who have attained

that lofty status, which most recently includes all-time leading scorer Hillary Klimowicz (2007 – 1,948 points) and Maura Gillooly (2007 – 1,078).

January 9, 2012: The Cranford basketball Lady Cougars pounced on the Metuchen Bulldogs and cruised to a 43-29 victory in Cranford. Junior guard Jessica McCoy scored all 11 of her points in the first half and also led the team with 12 rebounds and five assists. She also had a pair of blocks and a steal. Junior forward Kaitlin McGovern grabbed six of her seven rebounds in the first quarter and finished the game with eight points, an assist and three blocked shots.

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DEFINITELY IN DOUBLE TROUBLE...Blue Devil Brian Bulger, front, has Cougar Matt Russo clamped in a double arm bar stack in his 182-lb bout. Bulger pinned Russo in 56 seconds to up his record to 11-0 (January 9, 2013).



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WONDERING HOW TO GET AWAY...Blue Devil Nick Rotondo, bottom, tries to figure out how to escape the cross-body ride set up by Cougar Kyle Markovitch in his 135-lb. bout (January 10, 2011).



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GETTING THE CAREER MAGIC NUMBER OF 1,000...Raider senior Taylor Sebolao, No. 23, scored her 1,000th career point with 2:06 left in the third quarter against the Linden Tigers on January 10, 2013.



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EXPLODING WITH A HUGE THROW...Raider senior Mike Alleman exploded with a toss of 59'9.25" on his second throw and teammates Jason Boff and Matt McQuoid had respective throws of 40'10.5 and 40'11.5 to win the team shot put with a total distance of 141'7.25" (January 9, 2008).



Fred Lecomte (January 2007 files) for *The Westfield Leader and The Times*
NO STOPPING THIS GAL...Coming around determined and then scoring is Diana Venezia. The Blue Devil freshman pulled down six rebounds and poured in six points. Westfield beat Irvington, 32-29 (January 13, 2007).



David B. Corbin (January 2012 files) for *The Westfield Leader and The Times*
TRYING TO SNATCH THE BALL...Blue Devil senior Carolyn Maguire, No. 21, tries to wrest the ball away from Lady Lion Danielle Franklin, No. 24, as Blue Devil Carly Friedman, No. 13, watches intently (January 10, 2012).

A Special Look Through the Rearview Mirror at Local Sports

January 10, 2012: Three freshmen, a sophomore and a senior stepped to center court to face a veteran Roselle Catholic girls basketball squad in Westfield, but the Blue Devils were not intimidated and put a scare into the Lady Lions in a 49-42 loss. The Lady Blue Devils were in a neck-and-neck battle with the Lions until the final two minutes. The intensity of freshmen Jackie Knapp (17 points), Lilly Scott (15 points) and Jamie Miller (4 points), who persistently drove to the basket, made the Lady Lions' defense nervous.

January 10, 2011: Enough swings bouts and a stunner went in the direction of the Cranford wrestling team in a 38-24 victory over host Westfield. Blue Devil Christian Barber, ranked fourth

in the state at 152 lbs., bumped up to 160 lbs. and pinned Rob Kessler in 3:46 with a tight waist and an arm bar. Cougar J.P. Christiano bumped up to 189-lbs and grabbed an 11-0, majority decision over Mike DeLouisa.

The first toss-up bout, 215 lbs., went in favor of the Blue Devils. Kieran Cline had a reversal and added two stalling penalty points to beat Ray El-Khoury, 4-0. The stunner came when undefeated Blue Devil Mike Kalimtzis, a Union County and District 12 champion at 103 lbs. last year, bumped up to 112 lbs. to face Mike Helmstetter, who had defeated him in a dual match last year. Kalimtzis turned Helmstetter to his back with a wristlock/half nelson, but Helmstetter threw a hard bridge and turned the tables

for a four-point move. In the third period, Helmstetter controlled Kalimtzis from the top position and added a penalty point to win, 5-3.

January 8, 2010: Two days after a grueling match with No. 8 David Brearley, the 5-2 Cranford High School wrestling team was handed a 47-24 setback by the hosting 4-0 Roselle Park Panthers. Cougar Joe Giaccio stuck Panther Giovanni Rameriz with a 54-second fall at 119-lbs. Matt DiGiovanni recovered well from his overtime loss against Brearley to grab an 8-4 decision over Panther Nick Longo at 135-lbs.

Another huge showdown took place in the 215-lb class and Cougar Julian Campo seized a 4-2 decision over Frank Yuro, last year's Union County champion at

189-lbs. Ian Henry recorded a 4:09 pin over Brendan Leary at 112-lbs. Cougar heavyweight Joe Brady, ranked seventh in the state, rolled along with a 39-second fall over John Canelao.

January 10, 2009: "Spread the wealth" was the intention of the hosting SPF boys basketball team and it worked well in a 74-44 victory over Philadelphia-based Mariana Bracetti Academy. Senior center Ishmil Raymond, who pulled down nine rebounds and scored 13 points, dished out five assists. Senior forward Kevin Maroney bucketed 13 points. Melvin Hanciles (3 assists, 2 steals) led the team with 14 points, including a pair of 3-pointers, and Brandon Boyd came off the bench and netted 12 points, including two 3-pointers, three rebounds,

three assists and a steal.

January 12, 2008: Some Bears may have been more talented than others but the No. 9 David Brearley Bears wrestling team offered no noticeable weak spots in a 48-18 victory over SPF in a Quad match in Kenilworth. The Raiders had to scramble for the four face-to-face bouts that they won. Tristan Bundy (119) edged Allan Phillips, 6-4, in overtime. Mike Ferrara (140-lbs) nipped Dillon Geoghagen, 3-2. Trevor Cannon topped Steve Margolin, 8-2, at 152-lbs. In a wild, snaky bout, Rob Desiato outlasted Wayne Hanns, 15-13 in overtime.

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