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Local Businesses Feel Effects of Nationwide Worker Shortage

By **JESSE WINTER**
For The Westfield Leader

AREA — For many Americans, the arrival of summer and the increase of vaccinations in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic would usher in a return to normalcy. With the world beginning to open back up, many small business owners like Vincent Corso and his wife, Danielle Corso, of Westfield, thought the worst was behind them. The local owners and operators of Two Maids and a Mop, which offers commercial and residential cleaning throughout the greater Westfield area, the Corsos fought through and survived the pandemic — with their business and its employees deemed essential workers. But fast forward to summer 2021, and the couple and their business are fighting for survival. And it is not because of a lack of potential clients, but a shortage of employees needed to fill their ranks and meet the increased customer demand in a post-lockdown world.

“We got through the pandemic, we did not have issues with staffing, which you would think would be the issue,” noted Vincent Corso, speaking to *The Westfield Leader*. “It’s been the last four to five months. I’m getting very worried; this is how my wife, Danielle, and I support our family.”

The Corsos’ Two Maids and a Mop business is part of a franchise with a national presence. Mr. Corso noted a “surge in demand” for his business services, but he lacks the staff to meet it. For Mr. Corso, this is troubling, not only for his small business but for those whose well-being depends on his cleaning services, such as elderly and special-needs clients.

According to Mr. Corso, the next appointment they can offer prospective customers, given the staffing shortage, would be four to five weeks

away, or at some point in August.

In the case of the Corsos, they have taken and continue to take steps to attract new employees by frequenting job fairs, increasing their online presence through platforms like Indeed and CareerBuilder, and most significantly, through increasing wages and worker benefits such as employer-sponsored health care. The biggest issue, however, is getting prospective workers to follow through with an interview. Many express interest, and are engaging up to the point of showing up to the interview, which most fail to attend, Mr. Corso noted.

“We not only live in Westfield, we serve the community in which we live,” remarked Mr. Corso, who has 12-year-old twins enrolled at Edison Intermediate School, a boy and a girl. “If things don’t improve within the next 30 days, I’m extremely worried about what’s going to happen. I can’t do it alone.”

The Corsos are not alone. In fact, the nation itself is in the grip of a national worker shortage as the economy emerges from the pandemic. The food and services industry, a hallmark of Westfield’s downtown business community, have been hit especially hard nationally, according to the Associated Press (AP).

According to an article in the AP, the National Restaurant Association has reported “the eating and drinking industry shed 2.5 million jobs in 2020. Federal data show nearly 1.4 million job openings in the restaurant and hotel sector in April [2021],” with the worker shortage affecting restaurants “across the U.S.”

Reasons cited for the shortage of workers include the difficulty in finding child care, retirement and continued federal unemployment benefits, and according to another story in the AP, the shrinking of the worker-age

population in the United States.

“A healthy economic expansion has always depended on robust population growth to fuel consumer spending, justify business expansion and drive corporate earnings,” The Associated Press reported on July 3. “Without a sizable influx of new workers, growth could stagnate.”

Stakeholders in Westfield are not letting up the fight in the wake of serious challenges presented by a worker shortage.

According to Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce CEO Gene Jannotti, the chamber and the

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Jennifer Glackin for The Westfield Leader
STORYTIME WITH FIREFIGHTERS...Firefighter Wes Ditzel reads “Firefighter Ted” to a group of children during Downtown Cranford’s Storytime last Thursday.

Downtown Cranford Hosts Storytime with Police, Fire

By **JENNIFER GLACKIN**
For The Westfield Leader

CRANFORD — The rain held out long enough last Thursday for the first Storytime with Police and Fire at the gazebo in downtown Cranford. Children listened intently to “Officer Buckle and Gloria” by Peggy Rathman and “Firefighter Ted” by Andrea Beatty. Each book was read by one of Cranford’s emergency responders, with Lieutenant Matt Nazzaro representing the police department and Firefighter Wes Ditzel representing the fire department.

Caren Demyen, director of Cranford’s Downtown Management Corporation (DMC), came up with the idea and reached out to Police Chief Ryan Greco and Fire Chief Daniel Czeh, who agreed immediately. Ms. Demyen then contacted the Cranford Public Library, which supplied her with book titles. “We are lucky to have really supportive departments in town,” Ms. Demyen told *The Westfield Leader* during a phone interview.

In addition to reading the stories, the officers handed out lollipops and plastic fire helmets, as well as answering questions and offering tours of a police car and the fire department’s rescue truck. Eager children were able to “drive” the police car and turn on the lights and sirens. The police officers even let the children use the loudspeaker to say “hello” to their parents.

Storytime is a great way to engage with Cranford’s youngest generation, Lieutenant Nazzaro told *The Leader*, and he mentioned that the department is already looking for ways to make the event more inclusive. Officer Nazzaro said the department’s youth division has had training to make sure everyone in the community is comfortable during interactions with the police, which became evident when an officer asked if a child with his hands on his ears was “sound sensitive.” Lieutenant Nazzaro said they discussed turning the police vehicle

so the sirens would not be as loud for the children. “We want to make this a positive experience for the kids,” he said.

Firefighter Ditzel said the township’s firefighters are eager to get involved with the community this year, and particularly with children. Typically, the fire department visits Cranford schools in October for Fire Prevention Month but was unable to do so this past year because of Covid restrictions. Firefighter Ditzel said kids’ faces typically “light up” during school visits, and “to see that back on the kids’ faces (at the storytime) was pretty special.”

Different police officers and firefighters will volunteer each week at storytime.

Both the police and fire departments have other community outreach events planned this summer. The fire department will help local restaurant Avenue East refurbish the front doors. The police are running a “Hoagies for Helmets” program, where kids will receive a free “hoagie” or drink from the local Wawa if they are “caught” wearing their bike helmet by police officers. There also is a logo contest for youth artists ages 7 to 17, said Lieutenant Nazzaro. More information about the contest is available on the police department’s Facebook page.

The storytime event will be held weekly on Thursdays at 10 a.m. at the gazebo on North Union Avenue, which stands between the fire department and Cranford’s municipal building. Those interested in checking out the summer storytime program are invited to follow Downtown Cranford on Facebook and Instagram, where any necessary updates, such as weather cancellations, will be posted.

Ms. Demyen is happy the event was enjoyed by the children, parents, officers and firefighters. “All of our businesses are working really hard, and it’s been tough for families this past year and a half. Anything we can do to just bring some joy is a positive thing.”

Public Meetings Planned For Edison Fields Proposal

By **JESSE WINTER**
For The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD — It has been a little more than three weeks since Mayor Shelley Brindle and the Westfield Town Council unveiled plans to overhaul Edison Intermediate School’s fields into a multi-purpose field complex with LED lighting. In just about two weeks, the town will host its first of three “input sessions” at Edison School, on Wednesday, July 21, with two additional meetings set for Wednesday, September 1, and Monday, September 20.

During a council meeting last

month, Mayor Brindle, with authorization from the governing body, signed a letter of intent with the Westfield Board of Education. The Edison project, according to the official Westfield website, comes out of the town’s Strategic Parks Plan, a “road map for optimizing its parks, recreation opportunities, and open spaces.” The Strategic Parks Plan was adopted by the Westfield Town Council in January 2020.

During a presentation given to the public on June 15, the town outlined a conceptual fields plan that would overhaul the Edison School Field and create multi-purpose fields over the existing two baseball diamonds and include LED lighting and more resilient turf fielding. The proposed expansion of the facility to a multi-use field complex would add sport fields that would host lacrosse, field hockey and soccer. According to the presentation given by the Spiezle Architectural Group of Hamilton at the June 15 meeting, the multi-purpose fields and supplemental upgrades could cost up to approximately \$18.2 million if all the features of the project were pursued.

The proposal involves the town leasing the field from the board of education for \$1 a year for 30 years, and the town bearing the financial responsibility for the project.

Ahead of these meetings, residents have been vocal both in favor and against the overhaul to Edison Intermediate School’s fields.

The last town council meeting, held on June 29, featured substantial public comment during the public portion of the meeting, when residents expressed their views on the project.

One issue raised was turf fields and their long-term value versus grass fields, which generally are perceived to be a more enjoyable playing surface.

Resident Rich Pardo of Columbus Avenue brought up the fragility of grass fields given the amount of use they receive from town sports.

“I’ve seen what happens at the different fields around town; I know everyone would love to have grass on every field,” said Mr. Pardo. “But, I know, in this town, with the number of kids that we have and the numbers of kids that play multiple sports

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Cranford Residents Speak Against Overdevelopment

By **MARTA ESQUIROZ**
For The Westfield Leader

CRANFORD — The Cranford Township Committee has presented different redevelopment projects to meet its affordable-housing obligations. The projects spawned significant doubts among residents, who have expressed concerns about the magnitude, extension and consequences.

These questions led to creation of a group called Cranford Residents Against Overdevelopment, an informal association formed by residents who view redevelopment differently than the local government.

Chrissy Bradley was born in Westfield and lived there until she moved to Cranford for its affordable prices. As the redevelopment projects started coming into the spotlight, she started thinking that the way the township should manage the new projects should be different.

Thus, she decided to become a member of Cranford Residents Against Overdevelopment, which she described as a “very informal group,” formed by “residents with passion” who are looking to be represented at township committee meetings.

“Our goal is to make the residents

talk about their ideas for redevelopment, get their ideas heard and make sure they don’t blindly go along,” Ms. Bradley told *The Westfield Leader*.

Currently, the project generating particular controversy is the North Avenue Redevelopment, which proposes three stories of mixed-use development with up to 42 total units, eight of which would be designated as affordable housing. It also includes the construction of additional parking, eliminating the current parking behind the Fire Department, and addressing downtown flooding.

Ms. Bradley believes that the proposed project involves “too much for that space.” She pointed out that there is a difference between building something large outside of the downtown than when it is “in the very heart of the municipality.”

The group’s idea for this area, in the words of Ms. Bradley, is something “sensible and with common sense that is in line with how Cranford looks and that incorporates the business owners, giving them incentives to stay.”

“We want reasonable development, which fits with the character of our town,” Ms. Bradley said.

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Photo courtesy of Catherine Caffero
LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FUTURE...The Washington Elementary School Class of 2014 looks forward to the future as they come together on June 21 for an Alumni Graduation Celebration.

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STORYTIME WITH OFFICERS...Lieutenant Matt Nazzaro reads “Officer Buckle and Gloria” during Downtown Cranford’s Storytime last Thursday.



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Fanwood Council Prepares For 2021-22 Budget Hearing

By **REBECCA MEHORTER**
For The Westfield Leader

FANWOOD — The Fanwood Borough Council met Tuesday evening, at which time it adopted five resolutions. Officials also discussed the agenda items for their Monday, July 19 meeting, including four ordinances set for a second reading.

The governing body will hold its first budget hearing at the July 19 meeting. In the meantime, the council approved a resolution to extend the grace period for third-quarter taxes, as the bills have yet to go out. Councilwoman Erin McElroy Barker said the delay in passing the budget also delayed sending out third-quarter tax bills. The due date will not be set until the bills go out.

The council also approved a resolution to pass an emergency temporary appropriation, as it has approved every month this year, so the borough can pay its bills without an approved budget.

A resolution accepting an arbitration award with the Police Benevolent Association also passed, as well as a resolution implementing increases “as per the collective bargaining agreement with the Fanwood Police Department,” the resolution reads.

The last resolution passed at the Tuesday meeting authorizes the borough to enter into an agreement with the historical architect for the exterior design of the new library, not to exceed \$9,900.

Ordinance O-2021-13-R, the legislation that will opt the borough out of New Jersey’s new cannabis regulations, will be up for second reading at the July 19 meeting. Multiple people, none from Fanwood, spoke during the public portion of the meeting in favor of allowing cannabis businesses. Council members reminded the public that the ordinance is meant to give local stakeholders a chance to plan what type of businesses residents want and where they should be located.

Another ordinance for final ap-

proval allows the municipality to exceed budget appropriation limits and establish a cap bank.

Ordinance O-2021-15-S, also on second reading, would allow Fanwood to use borough-guaranteed lease revenue notes/bonds to receive the assistance of the Union County Improvement Authority to build a new Fanwood Public Works facility.

The last ordinance on second reading would permit the borough to use the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$8 million for the public works project.

On first reading at the meeting later this month will be an ordinance to amend the borough code to allow special law enforcement officers and a related ordinance ad-

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\$321,300. It also was reported that the project had been budgeted at \$420,000.

Separately, it was reported that a professional services contract was again awarded to Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro and Murphy as the borough’s labor attorneys, and that their annual bill not exceed \$45,000. The contract is set to run from July 20, 2021 until July 19, 2022.

It was announced that Michael Juzefyk has been appointed as the borough’s part-time electrical inspector starting on Thursday, July 29. It was said that he will receive \$40 per hour and that his work not exceed six hours per week.

Ordinance 1296-2021 is scheduled to have a second reading and public hearing at the governing body’s next meeting on Tuesday, July 20. In June, the ordinance was unanimously passed on first reading to prohibit the operation of any cannabis business within the Borough of Mountainside.

The July 20 meeting will be held in person in the municipal chambers and will start at 7:30 p.m.

justing this class of officers’ salaries.

Three resolutions will be on the table at the mid-July meeting, including a resolution for a contract increase for Shawn Schaffer and a resolution to cancel old grant balances as a method of cleaning up the borough’s books. The last resolution up for discussion will be to enter into a shared-service agreement with Rahway for construction code services, as a Fanwood employee currently works for both Fanwood and Rahway. Entering a shared-service agreement would help the individual as well as fit into Fanwood’s best practices.

Councilwoman Patricia Walsh gave an update from the Public Safety Committee. She said that the interviews for the police director are finished and that the committee will have three to five candidates to present to the council at the July 19 meeting.

Also at the meeting will be a short presentation featuring the findings of the downtown transit hub survey, including what residents want most from their downtown area and what issues the area currently faces.

The next meeting will take place on July 19 at 7 p.m. Residents can join via Zoom or watch through Facebook Live.

Edison

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through multiple seasons, the fields that we have, even if they were rehabilitated, are not going to last.”

A point of contention raised multiple times during the meeting was the impact LED lighting would have on neighboring residences, and why the project does not include other parts of Westfield.

Mona Chow of Normandy Drive asked why the residents living in the neighborhoods surrounding Edison have to “shoulder the burden.” She also asked why the new fields are going to be concentrated in this part of town and warned of lights potentially disrupting the sleep of children.

Carlos Soria of Raymond Street spoke in favor of the proposal.

“I’ve been in this town for 12 years; I’ve heard a lot of projects being discussed,” remarked Mr. Soria during public comment. “I really hope we can get something done before my own kids head off to college.”

Those in favor of the project, speaking at last month’s council meeting, echoed one another in the need for finding the right accommodations for Westfield’s robust sports programs.

During the course of the meeting, the governing body emphasized that the project is still in its early stages and that public feedback will play a critical role in shaping its future.

Westfield residents will have the opportunity to speak publicly at the next town council meeting on Tuesday, July 13, ahead of the first input session on July 21.

Residents also can email their comments to edisonfields@westfieldnj.gov.



Photo courtesy of Tom Kranz

RIDING IN STYLE...Kids got to experience train rides through Fanwood’s LaGrande Park this past Tuesday and enjoy yummy food, including hot dogs and ice cream, served up by recreation commissioners, Mayor Colleen Mahr and Councilwoman Trisha Walsh.



Photo courtesy of Tom Kranz

PARTY IN THE PARK...This past Tuesday, the Party in the Park returned to Fanwood’s LaGrande Park, drawing several hundred happy participants, many of them children like the ones above climbing the rock wall.



Photo courtesy of Tom Kranz

CRAFTS AND KARATE...The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA offered free kids’ crafts in the shade of the park pavilion on June 29 while the American Family Martial Arts Center, located at 34 South Avenue, presented a karate demonstration.

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FANS IN FANWOOD...Despite temperatures in the low 90’s, local residents of all ages enjoyed festivities organized by the Fanwood Recreation Commission and Recreation Director Bob Budiansky. The Fanwood Rescue Squad had a first aid station and one of the most popular attractions of the evening, a mist fan.

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Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC) are partnering to help local business owners find employees.

Recently, both the chamber and the DWC released a survey to members regarding a job fair, specifically probing where and when a job fair would be best suited for them. Also, Mr. Jannotti explained, both organizations would be compiling lists of businesses with job openings and publishing the lists online, “weekly, if not more frequently,” he said.

Speaking directly to *The Leader*, Mr. Jannotti was quick to emphasize that the worker shortage is not impacting one business sector, like restaurants or bars, but the vast majority of businesses. It was a point he highlighted when speaking about supply shortages and the lack of truck drivers throughout the country who are the lifeblood of small business.

“This just isn’t a local issue,” explained Mr. Jannotti, “We’re suffering like the rest of the country.”

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She also remarked on her rejection of the PILOT (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes) proposals that have been offered by two of the three different companies, TAG and Capodagli.

“The moment you accept PILOT programs, [it will be] the only proposals you will get in the future,” Ms. Bradley said, expressing her belief that if a municipality starts developing these kinds of programs, it will become a place that people avoid.

Further, Ms. Bradley quoted Township Attorney Ryan J. Cooper, who at the last township committee meeting said that, “Cranford needs to have the high density to be successful.”

“The town’s a weird formation, but it works, and I don’t think these apartments [will] bring more money or influx on the business,” Ms. Bradley said. She compared Cranford to neighboring community Westfield which, for her, “is the perfect mall” but its downtown has “many empty stores.”

Ms. Bradley encouraged the township to look at other problems that need urgent attention. For example, Ms. Bradley indicated that schools have infrastructure issues, like roofs or air conditioners.

“The high school is small. Our schools are old, and the schools need to have the appropriated money to fix these problems,” Ms. Bradley said.

Ms. Bradley stated that the township committee “is contradictory” and “isn’t listening” to the residents. She expects that bringing more people to the local meetings will “encourage them to listen” and find the ideal development for the township.

The next township committee meeting will be next Tuesday, July 13, at 7 p.m., at the municipal building.

Mary Margaret Engelhart, 84, Devoted To Her Family, Students and Church

Mary Margaret Engelhart, 84, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Thursday, July 1, 2021, at Center for Hope Hospice in Scotch Plains. Born in Queens to John and Catherine Coyne, she grew up in Woodhaven and attended St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Academy and Dominican Commercial High School. After high school, Mary became an executive secretary at Union Carbide in New York City, a position she held for approximately three years.

Mary met the love of her life, John, who also grew up in Woodhaven, while he was studying at St. John's University. John and Mary wed in 1959, the beginning of a beautiful 55-year marriage between them. Their sons John and Robert were born in 1960 and 1961 while John Sr. was studying at MIT. James and Michael followed in 1963 and 1968.

They settled in Westfield, N.J., where Mary has lived for 60 years. After focusing on raising her four children, Mary pursued her dream of getting a college degree and graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in education from Montclair State University. She went on to become a dedicated teacher at McKinley Elementary School, Westfield High School and Roselle Catholic High

School. In retirement, Mary volunteered her time with St. Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth, teaching computer skills to the underserved in the community.

Mary and John were always very active with St. Helen's in Westfield, where Mary taught CCD and served as a Eucharistic Minister.

Over the years, their family grew to include four daughters-in-law and eleven grandchildren: John and his wife Denise's Eric, Avril and Allison; Robert and his wife Michele's Brian, Kimberly and Katherine; James and his wife Lisa's Pamela, Michael and Christopher; and Michael and his wife Anne's Dilyn and Shay.

A visitation was held at Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue, Westfield, on Wednesday, July 7, from 4 to 7 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church, 1600 Rahway Avenue, Westfield, today, Thursday, July 8, at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Center for Hope Hospice, 1900 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076. For additional information or to sign the guestbook, please visit www.dooleycolonialhome.com.

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Balance Awareness Classes To Continue During July

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Public Library is continuing to host "Balance Awareness with Yasmin Ofek" on Fridays via Zoom. Classes will take place this month on July 9, 16, 23 and 30, at 10 a.m. Ms. Ofek's instruction integrates

Cookbook Club Plans In-Person Meeting

SCOTCH PLAINS — After a year of meeting virtually, the Scotch Plains Public Library's Cookbook Club will gather again in person on Thursday, July 15, at 7 p.m., to discuss "Husbands That Cook: More than 120 Irresistible Vegetarian Recipes and Tales from Our Tiny Kitchens" by Ryan Alvarez and Adam Merrin.

Individuals are invited to visit the library, select a recipe from the cookbook and register at the Adult Services Desk. They are asked to prepare the dish for the meeting and share their experience with other members. Participants must prepare a dish in order to take part in the meeting. The library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue.



The registration form and information about the library's entire month of programming can be found on the library's website, scotlib.org.

Moravian Names Three To Dean's Honor List

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Moravian College recently named 794 students to the Dean's Honor List for the Spring 2021 semester. Students who carry three or more course units during the Fall or Spring term and attain a GPA for the term of 3.50 or higher are placed on the Dean's Honor List.

Cranford residents Victoria Dalli, Lauren Grossmith and Rose Michetti all earned recognition on the Dean's Honor List.

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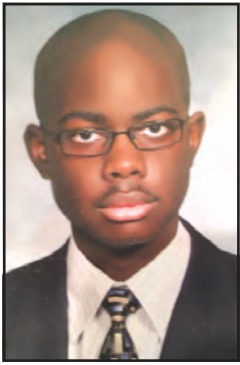
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Parker Enix-Ross, 28, Westfield High School Class of 2011

Parker Enix-Ross, 28, of Westfield, N.J., passed away on Tuesday, June 29, 2021, at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, from complications related to Lupus. Born in New York City, Parker attended the International School of Geneva, Switzerland, before moving to Westfield with his parents. Parker attended McKinley and Washington Elementary Schools, and Roosevelt Intermediate School, before graduating from Westfield High School in 2011. At Westfield High School, Parker played violin in the school orchestra and served as a Peer Mentor.



Parker Enix-Ross

At graduation, he was awarded the Mandeville-Rentrop Scholarship. Throughout high school, Parker was a camp counselor at Camp CHAT (Children Have Arthritis Too), helping campers who suffered from autoimmune illnesses. He was a frequent guest speaker at Lupus Foundation events, describing the challenges of managing his illness while striving to achieve his goals.

Parker attended Hampton University in Hampton, Va., and Union County College in Cranford, before transferring to Temple University, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the School of Theatre, Film and Media Arts in 2017.

Parker worked as a production assistant for NBC Universal, then as a research assistant for MSNBC, and finally as a production assistant for CBS News in Philadelphia. He also worked as a production assistant for the Tri-State Chapter of the Lupus Foundation, during their 2020 virtual Lupus Walk fundraiser.

Parker was a member of the First United Methodist Church (FUMC) of Westfield, N.J., where he participated in the youth group, including the RISE program, repairing homes for those whose living conditions are unsatisfactory and who cannot help themselves, due to physical and/or economic inability.

Parker is predeceased by his paternal grandparents, Pearl and Washington DuBois Ross, a World War II fighter pilot and Tuskegee Airman, and member of the Michigan and Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame; and his maternal grandparents, Mary and Lacell Enix, Jr. He is survived by his parents, Rodney Ross and Deborah Enix-Ross of Westfield, N.J.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, at 11 a.m., at the First United Methodist Church, 1 East Broad Street, Westfield, N.J. Family visiting hours will be Tuesday, July 13, from 5 to 8 p.m., at the Bradley Brough & Dangler Funeral Home, 299 Morris Avenue, Summit, N.J.

If you are so moved, please make contributions to either The Close the Gap Fund at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, N.J. 07016, <https://www.ucc.edu/blog/2021/06/04/union-county-college-foundation-to-host-6th-annual-close-the-gap-cocktail-reception/>, or the Lupus Foundation of America, Tri-State Chapter: <https://www.lupus.org/tristate>.

For additional information or to send condolences to the family, please visit www.bradleyfuneralhomes.com.

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UA Names Local Students To President's, Dean's Lists

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — A total of 11,813 students enrolled during the Spring 2021 term at The University of Alabama made the Dean's List, with academic records of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale, or the President's List, with academic records of 4.0 (all As).

The UA Dean's and President's lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or to undergraduate students who take less than a full course load.

Two local residents were named to the President's List. They are

Henry Devenny of Cranford and Elizabeth Lestrangle of Scotch Plains.

Five local residents were named to the Dean's List. They include Thomas Nakonechny of Scotch Plains and Westfield residents Diana Fitzmaurice, Anthony Iacoponi, Kaitlin Mackin and Megan Raftery.

The University of Alabama, part of The University of Alabama System, is the state's flagship university. It provides nearly 200 degree programs on its campus. For more information, visit ua.edu.



TEAM SPIRIT...Although the Westfield Ultimate A Team lost the New Jersey State Championship by one point in overtime to Columbia High School in Maplewood on June 5, the team finished the season as number two in the state. Pictured is the team with their coaches after the game.

Kenilworth Hist. Soc. Plans Tropicana Casino Bus Trip

KENILWORTH — The Kenilworth Historical Society will host a bus trip to the Tropicana Casino and Resort in Atlantic City on Saturday, July 31.

The bus will depart Kenilworth from the St. Theresa's School parking lot, located at 540 Washington Avenue, at 8 a.m. and return to Kenilworth at approximately 6:30 p.m. The \$48 cost includes comfortable motor coach transportation, an approximate six-hour visit to the casino and \$10 in free slot play.

There will be a 50/50 raffle and complimentary door prizes on the bus.

For further information and reservations, call (908) 709-0434. As space is limited, particularly for safe "social distancing" on the bus, reservations should be made by Saturday, July 17, to ensure availability. Gift certificates for the trip also are available for purchase.

Proceeds from the bus trip will benefit the Kenilworth Historical Society's historic Oswald J. Nitschke House by helping defray operating expenses, including the cost of an elevator that makes the restored "living history" museum and cultural arts center fully accessible to everyone.

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Ralph Berardinelli, 92, Lifelong Westfield Resident

Ralph Berardinelli, 92, passed away on Monday, June 28, 2021, at Overlook Medical Center in Summit. Born in Plainfield, Ralph was a lifelong resident of Westfield. He attended Westfield High School, and was the owner of Ralph's Auto Seat Covers on Central Avenue in Westfield for many years. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the United States Army. Ralph was also a fabulous cook, and worked as the chef at the Towne House Restaurant in Westfield.

He was predeceased by his parents, Mariani and Rose Berardinelli,

and by his sister, Elizabeth "Betty" Sisto. He is survived by his niece, Monica Sisto McMillan, and her husband, Gary; his great-niece, Dana McMillan DiSandro, and her husband, Anthony, and his great-nephew, Gary J. McMillan.

A graveside service will be held at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield on Monday, July 12, at 11 a.m. Please gather at the main cemetery office, and we will be led in procession to the gravesite. Arrangements are by Dooley Colonial Home in Westfield (www.dooleycolonialhome.com).

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YOUNG LEADERS...The First Congregational Church of Westfield honored 2021 graduates Nala Scott and Elizabeth Rehwinkel in May with this year's Marc Wesley Hardy Award. Pictured, from left to right, are: Eyad and Kristina Kaliefa, Marc's niece and her husband; Nala, Delores Hardy, Marc's mother; Elizabeth, FCC's Board of Outreach Ministries Chair Terry Van Liew, and the Reverend Joy Mounts.

FCC Marc Hardy Award Given to 2021 Graduates

WESTFIELD — The First Congregational Church (FCC) of Westfield presented its 2021 Marc Wesley Hardy Human Rights Award on May 23 to Nala Scott and Elizabeth Rehwinkel. The award is given annually to a young person who has been an outstanding advocate for social justice, human rights and the rights of the less fortunate — three causes that were of major importance to Marc in his life.

A Westfield High School graduate and lifelong member of the Westfield community, Nala decided at a young age to speak her mind about the lack of tolerance, harassment and bullying that she was experiencing. As a junior in high school, Nala was personally invited to serve on her school's new "No Place for Hate" committee, where students discuss ways for the school to encourage tolerance amongst the entire student body and faculty.

Nala also worked in partnership with other students to organize a Black Lives Matter rally in Mindowaskin Park. The event safely gathered together over 3,000 people of all ages, races and social classes. Guest speakers included Westfield Mayor Shelley Brindle, Senator Tom Malinowski and Governor Phil Murphy.

Nala continues to work at the school level and in the community to educate students about people of color and matters of social justice. One project that is still in progress is a high-school course entitled "POC (people of color) Origins." The course will teach about the historical experiences of different race groups in America and the numerous contributions that each has made to American innovation in science, literature, medicine and more.

"The Marc Hardy Award means a lot to me because this scholarship embodies my main goals and actions in civil rights, something that I have always been passionate about and that I will continue to be as I go off to college to find a career path in criminal rehabilitation, criminal psychiatry, or criminal justice system reform — all options are something I want to do for change," said Nala.

Elizabeth is a graduate of the Union County Academy for Performing Arts at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools and a member of FCC. In addition to her service work as a member of FCC's Youth Fellowship and her continuing work with the church's Board of Christian Education, she has advanced efforts to promote equality in women's rights, specifically in the STEM arena. She and her sister, Madeline, created a website with information and activities in support of women in STEM. Elizabeth also organized her high school's first-ever Women's History Month Showcase, as well as a Black Lives Matter silent protest on the front lawn at FCC, which was attended by many church and community members.

Elizabeth continues to work in all areas of social justice. In addition, she volunteers with the Little Stars Special Needs Dance Class, is active in student government and school service projects, has participated in the New Jersey Governor's STEM Scholars program, and has been a youth deacon and church school assistant at FCC.

"Often question whether I am the right person to speak up about different human rights issues, even if they are very important to me," Elizabeth stated while accepting her award. "As I go off to college and am presented with new opportunities, I will remember this day and I will remember Marc. I will take Marc with me in my heart and I will remember not to be hesitant because we will be taking action together."

Each of this year's honorees received a scholarship and certificate from the Board of Outreach Ministries at FCC during the Sunday worship celebration on May 23, which also was livestreamed on Facebook. Marc's mother, Delores Hardy, attended the service in honor of her son. The award is presented each Spring in remembrance of Marc, a member of FCC who was killed in a car accident in 1990 shortly before he was to graduate from Westfield High School. He was a National Merit Scholar, a gifted singer and actor, and was very passionate about the preservation of human rights.

The full presentation can be viewed on the FCC Facebook page, or by accessing fccofwestfield.org/marc-hardy-human-rights-award.

For more information on this award and all of the youth and adult outreach and education programs at FCC, visit fccofwestfield.org.

Ailene McNamara On Husson University President's List

BANGOR, Me. — Scotch Plains resident Ailene McNamara has been named to Husson University's President's List for the Spring 2021 semester.

During the Spring semester, Ms. McNamara was enrolled in Husson's Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

Students who make the President's List must be enrolled as an undergraduate student, carry a full-time load of 12 credit hours, complete all attempted courses in the time allotted for the semester, and achieve a 3.80 to 4.0 semester grade-point average. Credits from pass/fail classes do not qualify toward meeting the minimum credit hour requirement.

Founded more than 120 years ago, Husson University offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in multiple disciplines. Its educational programs span the fields of business; health and education; pharmacy studies; science and humanities, as well as communication. For more information about the university, visit husson.edu.

Alexandra Knapp On Tampa Dean's List

TAMPA, Fla. — Alexandra Knapp of Cranford earned Dean's List honors at The University of Tampa for the Spring 2021 semester. Students must maintain a GPA of 3.75 or higher to be eligible for the Dean's List.

A private, comprehensive university located on 110 acres on the riverfront in downtown Tampa, the university serves approximately 10,000 students from 50 states and most of the world's 195 countries. For more information, visit ut.edu.

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Scotch Plains	2208 Princeton Ave	RanchExp	7	3	2.0	1	\$500,000		
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Lehigh Names Fourteen Residents to Dean’s List

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Lehigh University has revealed the names of those students who earned Dean’s List recognition for Spring 2021. This status is granted to students who achieved a scholastic average of 3.6 or better while carrying at least 12 hours of regularly graded courses.

Fourteen local residents were among those on the Dean’s List. They are as follows.

Ellen Beatty of Westfield, Danielle Bonelli of Westfield, Alaina Brotman of Westfield, Daniela Fonseca of

Scotch Plains, Adam Freeman of Scotch Plains, Ryan Kessler of Scotch Plains, John Douglass Kikushin of Westfield, Jacqueline LaMastra of Westfield, Carl Mazzara of Westfield, Karl Peter of Westfield, Henry Shapiro of Westfield, Lauren Sgro of Westfield, Joshua Venick of Scotch Plains and Lexa Winograd of Fanwood.

Lehigh University’s five colleges — College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, College of Education, College of Health, and the P.C. Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science — provide opportunities to more than 7,000 students. For more information about the university, visit lehigh.edu.

Conor Reilly Receives Lehigh’s Nolan Award

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Conor Reilly of Scotch Plains, a student at Lehigh University, was awarded the J. Daniel Nolan Award in Spring of 2021. This award was established in 1961 in honor of Lehigh Hall of Fame member, All-American quarterback and three-sport athlete J. Daniel Nolan, Class of ’58. It goes to the outstanding first-year male student-athlete who exhibits talent, a high level of competitiveness, and consistent mental, physical and emotional toughness in executing his role.

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Westfield Fourth Graders Place First at State Law Fair

WESTFIELD — Fourth graders in the Westfield Public School District’s gifted education program recently placed first in the New Jersey State Bar Foundation’s Law Fair Competition for grades 3 to 8.

The Westfield team placed in the third-grade category, as they wrote “The Case of the Stolen Fossils: State of New York v. TheiVe Rey” when they were in the third grade. Due to the competition submission date, the students do not submit their work until the following January, when they are in the fourth grade.

“The students were invited and presented their winning case remotely to representatives of the Law Center on May 24,” said gifted program teacher Esther Van Riper, who attended the virtual competition along with parents and other family members.

Ms. Van Riper said the virtual case was presided over by retired justice Honorable Travis L. Francis, who served for 25 years as a judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey and as the Assignment Judge of Middlesex County.

Participating students included Lucas Basta, Franklin Elementary School; Timothy Carolan, Wilson

Elementary School; Jalen Fan, Tamaques Elementary School; Sophie Hohlfeld, Washington Elementary School; Charlotte Janson, Washington Elementary School; Lucas Lai, Tamaques Elementary School; Clara Matus, McKinley Elementary School; Brian Aro, Tamaques Elementary School; Aaro Rouvinen, Franklin Elementary School; Raghav Shukla, Franklin Elementary School; Siya Singla, Franklin Elementary School, and Karl Westerling, Franklin Elementary School.

The New Jersey State Bar Foundation (NJSBF) invites students in grades 3 to 12 to submit original mock trial court cases that they have created to the Law Fair Competition. Under the guiding philosophy that, “informed citizens are better citizens,” the NJSBF aims to educate people in New Jersey about their rights and responsibilities under the law.

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DUTY CALLS...Graduating Westfield High School seniors, Private Margot Motyczka, New Jersey Army National Guard, and United States Marine Corps recruit Matthew Melao meet up after commencement June 23 to congratulate each other and to wish each other good luck. They will ship off to separate military sites in South Carolina for basic training in different branches of the military. Private Motyczka will report in August and USMC recruit Melao will report in November. The new WHS alumni were the only two students at graduation to wear their military stoles, signifying their enlistment.

Matthew M. DeBenedetto Graduates U. of Scranton

SCRANTON, Pa. — Matthew M. DeBenedetto of Westfield has graduated from the University of Scranton, summa cum laude, as an operations management and philosophy double major.

Mr. DeBenedetto graduated from two programs of excellence at the university. He was among 37 members of the Class of 2021 to graduate from its Special Jesuit Liberal Arts Honors Program. Students in SJLA pursue a rigorous education designed to develop enhanced writing, oral and critical-thinking skills through specially-designed courses in philosophy, theology and literature.

Additionally, Mr. DeBenedetto was among 15 members of the Class of 2021 to graduate from the

university’s Business Leadership Honors Program. Students in this highly-selective program explore the basic theories and concepts of leadership through special seminars and courses in management, ethics, strategy and analysis, in addition to field trips to learn from top executives and projects in leadership, service and mentoring.

The University of Scranton is a Jesuit university located in northeastern Pennsylvania. For information about the university, visit scranton.edu.

Austin Williams On President’s List at Coastal Carolina

CONWAY, S.C. — Austin Williams of Cranford, a management pre-major, was among 898 undergraduate students at Coastal Carolina University to be named to the President’s List for the Spring 2021 semester.

Coastal Carolina University is a public comprehensive liberal arts institution located in Conway, minutes from the resort area of Myrtle Beach, S.C. It offers baccalaureate degrees in 95 major fields of study. Among the university’s graduate-level programs are 27 master’s degrees, two educational specialist degrees, and the doctorates in education and in marine science: coastal and marine systems science. For more information about the university, visit coastal.edu.



A NEW CHAPTER...Washington Elementary School Fifth Grade Junior Girl Scouts in Westfield bridge to Cadette on June 24. Cadettes learn new skills while earning badges, enjoy outdoor adventures, mentor younger Girl Scouts and work toward their Silver Award, among other activities.

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Seven Local Residents Earn Degrees From U. of Vermont

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Determined to maintain the spirit of joy and optimism that is the hallmark of the University of Vermont’s commencement ceremony, but doing so in a safe manner, University President Suresh Garimella conferred degrees on graduates at multiple, smaller school and college ceremonies.

An estimated 3,347 graduates, including 2,685 bachelors, 435 masters, 117 doctoral and 110 medical, earned degrees during the 220th commencement. Seven local residents were among the honorees. They are listed as follows, along with their degrees.

Emma Bearison of Mountainside, Bachelor of Arts.

Stella Billek of Westfield, Bachelor of Science.

Caroline Gilman of Westfield, Bachelor of Science.

Jack Humiston of Westfield, Bachelor of Science.

Cameron McLaughlin of Westfield, Bachelor of Science.

Chloe Schafer of Westfield, Bachelor of Arts.

Morgan Sturdevant of Westfield, Bachelor of Arts.

Located in Burlington, Vt., the University of Vermont is a Public Ivy and top 100 national research university educating 10,700 undergraduate students, 1,627 graduate students, 776 certificate and non-degree students, and 478 M.D. students in the Larner College of Medicine. For more information about the university, visit uvm.edu.

Buchanan Graduates SUNY New Paltz

NEW PALTZ, N.Y. — The State University of New York at New Paltz congratulates May 2021 graduate Wes Buchanan of Fanwood.

Located 90 minutes from metropolitan New York City, SUNY New Paltz enrolls about 8,000 undergraduate and graduate students. For more information about the university, visit newpaltz.edu.



TEENS LAUDED FOR VOLUNTEERISM...The Kiwanis Club of Greater Westfield honored members of the Westfield High School Key Club and presented them with scholarship awards. Outgoing Key Club President Emily Klag, left, received the gold award of \$1,000; outgoing Vice President Emma Hanley, center, received the silver award of \$500, and Officers Caroline Bielen, right, and Maddie Learner (not pictured) won bronze awards of \$350 each. During a June 27 luncheon at Ciao Bello in Cranford, Kiwanis Club members told family members present how valued their daughters were in their service to the community.

Greater Westfield Kiwanis Honors Key Club Members

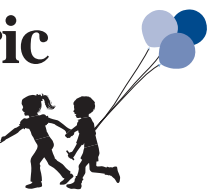
WESTFIELD — At a June 27 luncheon, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Westfield, the parent organization of the Westfield High School (WHS) Key Club, honored outstanding Key Club members with monetary scholarship awards.

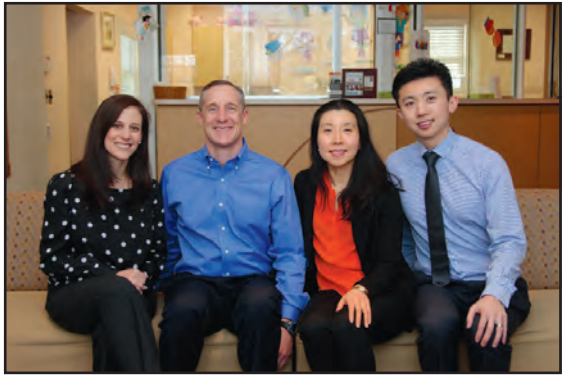
The Key Club officers were praised for their volunteerism in the community this past year despite the pandemic. Making peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwiches, writing notes and valentines to veterans and senior citizens, and donating art

supplies and toys to children in need were only some of the activities they accomplished under the direction of Key Club adviser Matt Gironde, a WHS mathematics teacher, and Westfield Kiwanis liaison Susan Dougherty.

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Westfield is part of Kiwanis International, an international service club. For more information about the Kiwanis Club of Greater Westfield, contact Ms. Dougherty at crusadersue@hotmail.com.

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Finding Gratitude in Mother Nature and Awe Walks

By PATRICIA STECKLER, Ph.D.
For The Westfield Leader and The Times

Quaking aspens with laughing leaves, mourning doves cooing their sorrowful songs, beech tree trunks entwined and embracing, goldfinches that look like escaped caged birds; all grace my Westfield neighborhood and are all spied on one morning walk!

Three “mothers” transformed my COVID-induced longings for far-flung family into a greatly enhanced appreciation for nature: Robin Wall Kimmerer, author of *Braiding Sweetgrass*, Florence Williams, author of *The Nature Fix: Why Nature Makes Us Happier, Healthier, and More Creative* and, naturally, Mother Nature, herself.

Nature invites us to step outside of ourselves. If we re-train our thoughts and enliven our senses, we calm down. Kimmerer, a Native American member of the Potawatomi tribe and a professor of environmental biology, says that “People can’t understand the world as a gift unless someone shows them how.” In her book, she guides readers to respect and relish nature, saying that “In some Native languages the term for plants translates to ‘those who take care of us.’”

Imagine taking a walk, newly informed by the notion that plants and

trees care for us. That’s an awe-walk. “It’s a stroll in which you intentionally shift your attention outward instead of inward,” according to Psychology Today. Here’s how to do it: Step outside, pause, breathe deeply, smell the freshness of the air and the pungency of blossoming flowers. Awaken your senses. Notice the variety of trees with mottled or smooth bark, dark or light-colored, multifaceted leaves, and branches that reach up to the sky toward the sun in balletic, almost reverential postures. Touch the bark. Lean in to smell the flowers. Listen to the choir of bird sounds: sopranos, altos, trilling, giggling, moaning.

Too often, our busy, worrying thoughts travel with us as we walk or do other tasks, keeping stress levels high despite the potential benefits of being outdoors. A recent argument with your spouse, the echo of a dissatisfied boss who reamed you out, and the endless anxiety-laced decisions of this re-entry phase of COVID-19 can dominate our minds. But we have the power to alter that self-defeating inner monologue. “As little as 15 minutes outside reduces levels of cortisol, the stress hormone,” according to The Nature Fix.

“A regular dose of awe walks can boost positive feelings,” according to a 2020 study published in the journal, *Emotion*. The awe-walkers, instructed to immerse themselves in nature, felt that they were in the presence of something larger and more consequential than themselves.

In contrast, the control group, given no special instructions, did *not* experience a change in perspective.

A quirky additional finding of this study found another difference between the two groups. All participants took selfies. “Over the course of eight weeks, the size of awe-walkers’ countenances shrank in relation to the scenery around them. Their faces grew smaller, the world larger. Nothing similar occurred in the photos from the control group.” Noticing nature gives perspective and significantly eases stress and tension.

Come outside, notice nature’s bounty, and feel good.

Share your nature stories with *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times* by writing “Gratitude” in the subject line and emailing: press@goleader.com or pattisteckler@gmail.com

Gratefully yours,
Patti

Educator’s Corner: Camp Style Fun at Home

By JENNIFER GLACKIN
For The Westfield Leader and The Times

The summer sun seems to give my kids extra energy, and yet, as their mom my energy seems to be shrinking. (Is there some sort of scientific principle that trades energy from parents to kids? Not sure if that’s measurable, but someone from the science world...can you get on that for me? Thanks!)

While my six-year-old is lucky enough to go to summer camp, my two-year-old is not there yet, so I find myself trying to create activities to fill our days. I’m planning a “summer camp at home” approach to picking activities, so I thought I’d share some of those ideas with you - in case you have also been wracking your brain trying to fill the (innumerable) waking hours.

1. Pick a theme – A big part of me that thinks themed weeks are unbelievably corny, but it usually loses out to the side that knows it’s easier to pick activities with a goal in mind. Wizard week, Around the World in Seven Days, Under the Sea, To the Moon, Snowman in Summer, Mad Science... you get the idea.

2. Arts and Crafts – There are the old stand-by, camp style crafts (jewelry making, lanyard stitches, clay pinch pots, etc.). If the themed week approach works for you, the crafts can follow! Use a paper plate and green construction paper to make a sea turtle or a paper bowl and crepe paper to make a jellyfish.

For a colorful fine motor activity, try a chromatography coffee filter. Draw lines on the filter with washable markers and use a dropper to drop water on the colors and watch the magic. Once dried, these filters can be used in tons of art projects: flowers, butterflies, fireworks on black paper, etc.

3. Water and Ice Play – This doesn’t have to mean “pool.” (Although that is certainly a fun option!) A large dishpan with water can be an instant water table. Fill it with cups, funnels, sponges, and any other toys you want. Try experimenting with water balloons. Think egg drop experiment, but with water balloons. Use the hose to create a rainbow. There are hundreds of water and ice experiments and crafts online, including a desalin-

ization project or a water pollution experiment. If it’s raining outside, grab some goggles and a bathing suit, and fill the bathtub.

4. Cardboard Construction – You can buy kits for this online, but you really don’t need to – all you need is some cardboard, a sharp cutting tool, and some tape. (Obviously, supervision with a cutting tool is necessary!) Create a cardboard air cannon to knock down a tower of cups. If you have a lot of cardboard, create a seat that holds your weight without collapsing. Build cardboard boats and race them in a small inflatable pool or the bathtub using your own “wind power.” Did your boat sink? Is there a way to prevent the water from soaking into the cardboard?

However you fill your time, have fun creating!

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Letters to the Editor

Westfield GOP Says DEMs Should be Talking About Issues, Not Polls

While Westfield residents are increasingly troubled by rising neighborhood crime, empty downtown storefronts, and disappearing municipal surplus, Westfield Democrats are losing sleep over...polls.

In a letter published last week, the local Democratic Committee condemned a rather typical poll about the upcoming November elections. They characterize the survey of local voters as an inappropriate “push poll,” but they do not bother to offer any examples of the questions they found so offensive, so that readers can judge for themselves. I will.

The Westfield Republican Committee did not commission or pay for the poll, but I have obtained the questions asked from someone who participated. They include: “Would you say that things in Westfield are heading in the right direction, or have things gotten off track? In your opinion, what is the most important issue facing Westfield today? If the election for Mayor of Westfield were held today, for whom would you vote?” Horrifyingly partisan, right?

Westfield Republicans welcome thoughtful voter engagement and,

unlike our local counterparts, are not triggered by legitimate inquiries. Ironically, in their letter the Democratic Committee wrote that they “will continue to talk about the issues that matter to Westfield’s residents,” but they then failed to name a single one. Here are a few: tax breaks to commercial developers to overbuild in town, the abandoned Rialto Theater, designating homes as historic without owner consent, and most recently Mayor Brindle efforts to hand over control of Tamaques Park to Union County without any town council or public input.

The focus of this November’s election should not be on questions that voters are being asked by pollsters. It should be on the answers that voters get when they ask those who seek to lead Westfield, both Republicans and Democrats, what their positions are on the real issues in town, including those noted above. I encourage all residents to find out.

Sam Della Fera
Republican Committee Chairman
Westfield

This is the Time to Get Solar Panels, Reduce Effects of Climate Change

I am writing this letter as I try to stay cool on another day of our second heat wave this month. It is also just after the heat wave in the Northwest US where Seattle had highs of 108 degrees and Portland, OR, hit 116 degrees! This is only June, the start of Summer!

For those climate change deniers, I say the recent heat waves are one more bit of data stating that climate change is underway and we need to do all we can to slow it down. Scientists now say we have less than nine years to reduce our use of fossil fuels by at least 50 percent if we want to reduce the future effects of climate change. What can we do? We can support local, state and federal government initiatives to reduce climate change (e.g., offshore wind power initiatives or rebates on electric vehicles). We can also do our part by buying hybrid or electric vehicles and adding solar panels to our homes.

It is a great year to get solar panels. For this year or next year, you will get a 26 percent tax credit when you add solar panels (or solar shingles) to your home! In NJ, you will get TREC’s (transition renewable energy credits) for 15 years after your solar panels start producing power. This can provide an income of about \$450 per year for a typical solar panel system. Over the course of the 15-year TREC program, you would receive about \$6,750. In addition, the electrical energy produced by your solar panels will be free to you and if you make more than you need on some days, you will get a credit from your electric company. These combined credits add savings mean that your solar panels will pay for themselves in about five years. Solar panels should last for at least 25 years, so you will be making money from them for the next

20 plus years.

So, do your part to reduce the future effects of climate change! If we work together, we can make a difference.

Walter A. Korfmacher, Ph.D.
Westfield

Resident Raises Concerns about Scotch Plains Redevelopment Plans

We read with interest *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* articles: “Scotch Plains Council Ends Agreement with Downtown Redevelopers” and “Both Sides Air Views on End of Redevelopment Negotiations”. We attended the last two redevelopment committee meetings virtually. Among other major concerns, the issue of parking and the idea of a multistory parking garage, which it totally unacceptable, should have been discussed early on. Taxpayers in the end may be relieved, as many aspects of the redevelopment plan, seem short sighted and not in our best interests. Of note, many of our neighbors know nothing about this redevelopment plan and many of us are opposed to taking down the town hall and relocating it with a new library on Bartle Avenue. Also of interest, what has been the cost of all this planning to taxpayers?

One topic that has come up at both redevelopment meetings is that the Mayor and Redevelopment Committee do not want trucks and other large commercial vehicles on Park Avenue. This was also an article in *The Times*: “Remedies to Truck Traffic on Park Avenue”. However, it is ok if 18 wheelers and other heavy trucks are diverted to Westfield Avenue, Westfield Road and now we heard onto Henry Street?

We urge our neighbors to attend the next Town Hall Redevelopment Committee meeting on Wednesday, July 14 at 7 pm. You can attend in person or listen in and are supposed to be able to call in with comments. At the last meeting, the mayor ended the meeting with no opportunity for us to call in.

We also wonder if you know that the Scotch Plains Township Council and Redevelopment Committee is planning on relocating the Scotch Plains Fire, Police and Rescue Squad to town owned land on Plainfield Avenue?

As Scotch Plains taxpayers we believe we need an immediate course correction regarding this extremely dangerous “plan” including the health/safety and a quality-of-life threat to taxpayers who live in the area. Putting the fire-police-rescue squad on Plainfield Avenue who would be traveling at high rates of speed 24-7 is reckless and perilous to those of us who live in the neighborhood. Also, how will this impact emergency services getting to emergencies on the other side of town? Of note, there have been many accidents over the years where the road curves as it intersects with the crosswalk at Belvidere Drive.

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. Vedro – A Russian liquid measure equal to 3,249 gallons
2. Crassamentum – The thick red part of the blood
3. Pandiculation – The act of stretching and yawning
4. Jager – A hunter or rifleman

JAGAT

1. In Hinduism, animate beings
2. A swordsman
3. A dwarf or pigmy
4. A fish net

PROTIST

1. An enduring conflict
2. An extra seat behind the driver’s saddle on a motorcycle
3. A religious sect of the early church, the Aguarians
4. Any one-celled plant or animal

RIEF

1. A claw
2. Robbery
3. Treason
4. Starvation

CURMUDEGEON

1. A miser; cantankerous fellow
2. A boil of the gums
3. An instrument for boring
4. A mendicant or homeless person

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

More Bussing Needed to Alleviate Terrill Road/ Vo-Tech Traffic

I am writing to you about the major inconvenience and potential danger of the massive line of cars on Terrill Road whenever students are being dropped off or picked up and a possible solution that I believe should be widely shared. This massive line is poorly managed and leads to bumper-to-bumper traffic, often for at least half of a mile in both directions. I can attest to this as a former student there, and I recall one time when the line was nearing Route 22 a few years ago. This completely stops traffic on one of the most high-traffic roads in our community and could potentially be dangerous, should emergency vehicles need to pass through. This issue must be dealt with by the Board of Education. A simple solution would be to increase the bus fleet at the school, which would reduce the amount of traffic significantly. Alternatively, traffic could be managed better or redirected. In any case, it is a pressing matter that must be promptly dealt with.

Owen Wasik
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Watering Plants in the Heat of Summer

By SHANNON WALSH
For The Westfield Leader and The Times

Hot weather arrived early this year, so it's time to think about watering strategies for healthy plants and good water conservation practices. But the first step isn't about water at all. If you've placed the right plant in the right spot into good soil with compost and mulch, it has a great start. Good soil and mulch aid in water retention and mulch also suppresses weeds, which take resources (like water) away from your plants.

As a rule, in the heat of summer without rain, a potted plant probably needs watering every other day. Look at your plants every day and make sure nothing is wilting. It also helps to know a little about your plants. Some plants, such as lantana, portulaca, and geraniums like to dry out completely between watering. Others, like any kind of impatiens, like to stay wet.

However, sometimes plants, potted or in the ground, will have heat wilt. These plants are deliberately taking water down into their roots as their own internal water conservation system. They will pop back up when the sun goes down. Check your potted plant by feeling the soil two inches down. If it feels dry, water.

New plantings of perennials, shrubs, and trees need a deep watering every day for the first week, and every other day for the second week. After that, all your plants need an inch of water down to the root zone once a week. Established plants (ones that have come back for two or three years) can tolerate drought much better than new plantings can.

Choosing a watering device all depends on how many and what kind of plants you need to water. Sprinklers, for example, are efficient at keeping lawns alive, but they're not good for much else. Sprinklers water shallowly, which can maintain grass, but most plants need a deeper watering. Even with grass, less frequent but deeper watering produce a greener lawn. Sprinklers in the heat of summer lose much of their efficacy to evaporation, and don't reach the root zone where the water needs to go.

Using a hose is fine, but requires time and patience. If you just have a few pots, this is a perfectly good strategy. If you have a number of garden beds and pots, you might want to spend more time enjoying them than watering them. Soaker hoses are terrific at deep watering. Once you have them set up, all you have to do is attach a hose and time it. Some companies make a multiple hose attachment for your outdoor spigot with timers you can set for different zones in your yard.

Irrigation systems are expensive to install, but can save you a lot of time and money in the long run. Newer systems are "smart," with wi-fi and moisture detectors to help you figure out when and where water is needed. You can also set up DIY drip irrigation for things like vegetable beds with some plastic piping and clips. It's not the most attractive system, but you might not care about that in your vegetable garden. It's all about finding the system that works for you and the plants you want.

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Adopt Storm Drain Program Does Not Absolve Government Responsibility

If you read last week's letter about the state of our storm drains throughout town, you learned that taxpayers are now left with two options: sign up for text message notifications that tell you when a street sweeper is coming your way or you can "adopt" storm drains close to your home and clean them yourself. Don't wait by your phone, however, because based on the town's own figures about the infrequency of drain cleaning that text message isn't coming any time soon.

Although our well-funded Downtown Westfield Corporation gets a regular, thorough scrubbing, you likely haven't seen a street sweeper in some time. Frankly, I've seen them more times at the Memorial Day Parade and 'Touch-a-Truck' events than on my own street. The two storm drains near my home were

orphaned by the town a long time ago leaving their maintenance to me and my neighbors. Despite declarations about 'hot zones' and other supposedly-prioritized locations for drain clearing, unless you become an amateur meteorologist and can get the DPW on the phone ahead of a rainfall, you'll be underwater.

My solutions to this problem are simple:

First, like any modern municipality, Westfield should have street cleaning rules. Once per month per ward. Guarantee a clear path for sweepers by mandating homeowners move their cars and, following a reasonable grace period, ticket those who don't comply. Revenue from those summonses can help subsidize this effort and, since parking enforcement effectively stopped during this administration, we'll be putting that unit of the police department back to work. Increased street sweeping will also certainly benefit our waterways.

Second, if you're willing to do the work to adopt your drain and inventory/haul that debris in your own vehicle to the Conservation Center you should be rewarded for your efforts with a free Conservation Center permit (a \$60 value). That's the least we can do.

Westfield residents pay among the highest taxes in New Jersey. Asking citizens to adopt storm drains does not absolve local government of its responsibility to maintain our roadways and infrastructure. It's time to start getting our money's worth.

Shawn Mullen
Third Ward Council Candidate
Westfield

The Leader/Times Monthly Crossword Puzzle Answers

By Ruth B. Margolin

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Avatar: The Last Airbender: A Cinematic Masterpiece

By KIMBERLY SU
For The Westfield Leader and The Times

I am a binge-watching addict. My name is Kimberly Su, and I acknowledge that this is a major problem for my sleep schedule. Being stuck in quarantine for so long definitely made this very unhealthy issue of mine worse, but at least I've discovered a whole bunch of new TV shows and fandoms to follow to satisfy the professional fan girl within me.

My latest obsession has been the Nickelodeon animated cartoon series, *Avatar: The Last Airbender*. Apparently, I'm not the only one who has also been watching this TV show during quarantine. After being released on Netflix on May 15, 2020, the show shattered records by appearing on the Top 10 Shows list for 61 days straight. This show was able to beat out other extremely popular series such as *Tiger King* (50 days), *13 Reasons Why* (28 days), and *The Office* (27 days).

Avatar: The Last Airbender takes place in a world made up of four nations: the Water Tribes, the Earth Kingdom, the Fire Nation and the Air Nomads. Each nation has its own respective benders, people who are able to control the element from which their nation is named after. The Fire Nation wages war against the other three nations, and it is up to the Avatar, master of all four elements, to stop them. The show follows the adventures of Avatar Aang, a 12-year-old monk from the Air Nomads, as he travels around the world making new friends and learning to master the four elements in order to end the war.

The first episode was released on February 21, 2005, and the last episode was released on July 19, 2008. Despite being over 13 years since the last episode came out, the show still has a cult following, proven by the Netflix record that it was able to achieve last year. Additionally, the series has a 98 percent average audi-

ence score on *Rotten Tomatoes*. So, what has made *Avatar: The Last Airbender* become one of the most popular shows of all time?

The main element (no pun intended) of the show that really captivated me when I first watched it were the characters. The series does a great job of creating a distinct personality for each character and making sure to develop it in some way as the episodes go on. This really pays off because it gives each character a role within the group and makes the audience feel more empathetic towards them. For example, Katara takes on the motherly figure within the group and is known for her caring and determined personality. She starts off the show as an insecure waterbender, but eventually unlocks and masters her fighting and healing abilities by the end. Her skills even play a crucial role in the series finale.

Avatar: The Last Airbender also brought something entirely new to the table by making all of the characters Asian (with some Inuit influences on the water tribe). Each nation was roughly based on different Asian cultures, which was something that I had never seen before. The Water Tribes were based on Inuit culture, the Earth Kingdom was based on Chinese culture, the Fire Nation was based on Japanese culture and the Air Nomads were based on Tibetan culture. Seeing this series for the first time as a young child who never really saw anyone who looked like them on the big screen was extremely influential and made me proud to see parts of my culture being represented.

Avatar: The Last Airbender is just one of those shows that you can re-watch time and time again. Despite being a show created for kids, I personally think that anyone and everyone can watch it no matter how old you are. But whatever you do, DON'T WATCH THE LIVE-ACTION MOVIE!

Cranford Police Deploy Unmanned Aerial System

CRANFORD -- Beginning on July 2 during Cranford's Independence Day Celebration at Nomahegan Park, the Cranford Police Department will combine cutting edge technology and extensive training to deploy equipment that enhances first responders' ability to respond to major events and emergencies in Cranford. With the support of the Cranford Township Committee and a partnership with Conrail (Consolidated Rail Corporation), the Cranford Police Department will begin deploying Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS/s) for the purpose of improving public safety and expanding first responders' situational awareness at critical events, fire scenes, missing persons responses, traffic crash investigations, pedestrian safety issues, and timely damage assessments after natural weather events.

In February of 2021, the Cranford Police Department worked in conjunction with senior management at Conrail which operates and manages the freight rail line that extends along the southern portion of the township. Citing concerns about the police department's accessibility to the tracks during calls for service about trespassers and high-tension power line issues, the Cranford Police Department and Conrail collaborated to discuss effective strategies to aid in emergency responses in these imme-

diately-unreachable areas -- which includes property abutting the Garden State Parkway, residential neighborhoods, an industrial business district, and the Rahway River. Conrail recognized this gap and also saw value in providing the Township of Cranford with a tool that could supplement public safety operations. The UAS/s has a powerful on-board camera that streams HD video back to the operator who in turn can immediately communicate critical, timely information with emergency personnel in the field. Because of Conrail's support and the Township Committee's approval, Cranford's UAS/s Unit was established and supplied with the necessary equipment and training to ensure its successful implementation and operation.

The Cranford Police Department designated four officers as UAS pilots who received wide-ranging training and passed federal testing requirements to safely, effectively and legally operate newly-deployed UAS/s. This training includes receiving a Part 107 Remote Pilot Certification issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Additionally, the Cranford Police Department has secured a Certificate of Waiver and Authorization by the FAA allowing public safety operations of the UAS program. Captain Guy Patterson currently serves as the Commander of the UAS/s Team.

"The purpose of the UAS/s program is to provide our officers and our emergency response partners with the necessary vantage point to assess, monitor, inspect, and assist in critical incidents or special events in our community," Chief Ryan J. Greco said. The Cranford Police Department's UAS/s program and all UAS/s operators shall be responsible for annual training, certification, deployment documentation and strict management oversight to ensure proper deployment practices. In addition to benefiting the Cranford Police Department, the opportunity to deploy UAS/s will serve the ever-changing, wide-ranging utility needs of other municipal departments in Cranford that require access to such technology.

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Pay Increase for Election Workers Approved by Senate

TRENTON -- In an effort to ensure that poll workers are being compensated fairly and that polling places are adequately staffed, the Senate today approved legislation sponsored by Senator James Beach and Senator Joe Cryan, which would raise the current pay rate for election workers.

"Each year on Election Day, our poll workers are tasked with ensuring that the day goes smoothly and efficiently as we cast our votes to elect our new local, state, and national representatives," said Senator Beach (D-Burlington/Camden). "Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., but poll workers are often times there much earlier and later than those times. The increased wages proposed for our poll workers is more reflective of the work they are tasked to do, including setting up and closing polls, signing in voters and helping them operate the machines."

The bill, S-598, would increase the compensation of election workers from \$200 per day to \$400 per day or the state minimum wage, whichever is greater. The bill would also increase the amount the state reimburses

counties for compensation of election workers to cover costs without increasing the counties' current portion of poll worker's pay, which is \$75.

"The poll workers put in long days to make our elections function effectively so that every voter has the opportunity to participate in the democratic process," said Senator Cryan (D-Union). "They should be compensated fairly for their service. It is difficult to recruit citizens to become poll workers, but this pay increase will be a great incentive to encourage citizens to take a more active role in our elections."

Under the bill, election workers at school board elections that occur at times other than the general election would also receive an increased compensation, from \$14.29 an hour to \$19.64 an hour.

In addition, the legislation would appropriate \$5 million to the Department of State to reimburse the counties for the costs of implementing the bill's provisions.

The bill was approved by the Senate with a vote of 38-0.

Bill to Establish Order of Protection for Judges Passes

TRENTON -- In an effort to prevent retaliatory acts of violence, the Senate passed legislation sponsored by Senator Nicholas Scutari and Senator Joseph Lagana that would establish an order of protection for current and former judges. The bill would also bar the same individuals who have protective orders against them from possessing firearms.

The bill, S-3916, would establish a process for law enforcement to obtain an order of protection on behalf of current or former judges upon the report of a threat, attempted crime or crime. Under this bill, the court would issue the temporary order of protection upon evidence shown in sworn testimony or petition by the law enforcement officer. The order would remain in effect until a judge issues a further order.

"Our judges carry a heavy responsibility within our New Jersey courts. Their personal safety and that of their loved ones should not be put at risk simply because they are doing their job," said Senator Scutari (D-Middlesex/Somerset/Union). "The

objective of this legislation is to prevent any further violence against our judges and ensure that they can continue to serve in our courts without additional risks."

In November 2020, Governor Murphy signed "Daniel's Law" following the July 19, 2020 murder of U.S. District Judge Esther Salas' 20-year-old son. The law protects the home addresses and telephone numbers of judges, prosecutors, and law enforcement officers from public disclosure.

"It is imperative that we do all that we can to ensure the safety of our judges. Each and every one of our judges work tirelessly to uphold the law in a fair manner, and we must protect them in situations where there may fear over the lives of themselves or their family," said Senator Lagana (D-Bergen/Passaic). "Our judges and their families should not be put in harm's way, and this legislation will be an essential step in guaranteeing their protection."

The Senate passed this bill by a vote of 38-0.

Lifelong Westfield to Host 'Healthy Aging in the Home'

WESTFIELD — Lifelong Westfield will host a Zoom presentation by Dr. Claire Mulry on Wednesday, July 14, at 11 a.m., entitled "Healthy Aging in the Home." It will focus on safety and preventing falls.

An associate professor in the Department of Occupational Therapy at Kean University, Dr. Mulry has practiced as an occupational therapist for more than 24 years. She specializes in adult acquired brain injury, aging in place consulting, community programming, community mobility, dementia care, environmental modifications and home care. She is the creator of the Let's Go Community Mobility program.

Dr. Mulry received her Certified Aging in Place Specialist (CAPS) certification from the National Association of Home Builders in 2009 and has been certified to deliver the

evidence-based Skills2Care™ program by Jefferson Elder Care. She is the co-founder of Independent Domain, LLC, which provides consultative services for productive aging, thriving in place, caregiver support and home modifications.

Dr. Mulry's passion is to promote meaningful occupational participation and engagement for individuals of all ages across the lifespan. Her recent grant-funded community work serves older adults living in subsidized senior housing buildings and provides fall prevention, the Let's Go Community Mobility Program and AARP's HomeFit© and home evaluations to promote productive aging, health and wellness for an underserved population while providing students real work experience.

To join the webinar, email westfieldnjseiors@gmail.com to receive the Zoom login information.

Random Acts of Kindness

The Westfield Foundation

For good...for ever...for Westfield

Last week a young man was skateboarding along North Avenue when he took a spill. Several cars stopped to check on him, including an unmarked government vehicle which pulled over with it's lights on to aid the young man. He was able to get up and continue on,

hopefully not too scraped up. It was lovely to see so many cars stopping to offer assistance.

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Letters to the Editor

Kudos to Rec Dept. For Memorial Pool

Although Opening Day at Westfield's Memorial Pool has long passed, my excellent impression of the complex remains today. It was a scorcher of a day with many families in attendance, yet the variety of water fun and the quality of the facility provided multiple options for its members.

We raised our daughters in Westfield and enjoyed what the pool offered when they were young. The newly renovated complex far exceeds what we experienced in the past. It is truly a pool complex to be proud of in this town. Even the park-like picnic area and playground are well kept alternatives to water fun. The lifeguards are attentive, the staff at the entrance are very welcoming, and the concession stand is appreciated as well. Our three generations of family members are truly enjoying it all.

Congratulations to everyone in our town government, particularly the Recreation Department, for its vision, care and continued service to the community.

Lorre Korecky
Westfield

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GARDINER RULED ON MOUND, McCAFFERY AT PLATE

Cougars Persevered; Won UCT, Section Softball Championships

Prepared By DAVID B. CORBIN
For The Westfield Leader and The Times

Perseverance paid off for this year's Cranford High School softball team. The Cougars knew they had a talented team but were overshadowed in the county and in the section early in the season by some highly touted teams. But they caught fire at the right time to win the Union County Tournament (UCT) title and North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 title then topped Roxbury, 1-0, before losing to Colts Neck, 2-0, for the Group 3 crown to

finish with a 24-6 record. During the regular season, the Cougars lost to Hillsborough, 6-1, North Hunterdon, 7-2, Columbia, 8-6, and UC rival Westfield twice, 9-5 & 8-0. But come tournament time, senior pitcher Morrihan Gardiner's effectiveness on the mound was spot on as was her effectiveness at the plate. Senior shortstop Liz McCaffery also really caught fire at the plate to lead the team with a .430 batting average (BA) - 90 at-bats or higher - going 50-for-114 with six home runs, three

triples, five doubles, 36 RBI, a team-leading 43 runs scored, nine walks, one hit-by-pitch and eight stolen bases.

Receiving the second seed behind top-seeded Westfield for the UCT, the Cougars defeated New Providence, 11-1, Summit, 15-5, and Elizabeth, 6-3, to advance championship where they halted Governor Livingston (GL), 5-1. Westfield was stunned, 2-1, in the quarterfinal round by the Brearley Bears, who lost to GL in the semifinals.

Way back as the sixth seed for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 Tournament, the Cougars stopped Millburn, 10-0. In that game, Gardiner tossed a no-hitter. Next came a 10-4 upset of third-seeded Colonia and a 5-0 shutout of West Morris where once again, Gardiner tossed a no-hitter. McCaffery tripled, doubled, singled and had three RBI.

In the section title game against top-seeded Nutley, Gardiner tossed a three-hitter in a 4-0 shutout and McCaffery blasted a two-run home run. In the Group 3 semifinal win over Roxbury, Gardiner tossed a four-hitter and struck out eight, while McCaffery, who had three singles, drove in the winning run in the ninth inning.

Gardiner had a .396 BA, going 44-for-111 with one home run, seven

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TURNING UP THE HEAT...Cougars pitcher Morrihan Gardiner really turned up the heat come tournament time.

JONES LED IN BA, HITS, RUNS; MARTIN LED IN RBI, HRS

Raider Nine's Season Featured Very Tight Games, Finish 12-10

Prepared By DAVID B. CORBIN
For The Westfield Leader and The Times

Down to the wire games seemed to highlight the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School baseball team's season. The Raiders finished 4-6 in the Union County Conference Watchung Division, which featured Westfield, Cranford, Governor Livingston, Union and Elizabeth, and had a 12-10 overall record.

4 quarterfinal round. Senior leadoff batter Ryan Jones led the team this season (more than 50 at-bats) with a .371 batting average (BA), going 23-for-62 with nine doubles, two triples, seven RBI and six walks, while being hit-by-a-pitch twice. He also led the team with 22 runs scored and eight stolen bases. Martin was right behind him with a .351 BA, going 20-for-57 with three

Martin also led the team with 23 RBI and swiped five bases.

Senior Sean Kennedy recorded a .339 BA, going 19-for-56 with 13 runs scored, 16 RBI, three doubles, two triples, four walks, one hit-by-pitch and five stolen bases. Senior Dallas Lorenzetti went 18-for-56 with 18 runs scored, 12 RBI, seven doubles, eight walks and four stolen bases. He led the team by being hit seven times. Senior



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READY TO GREET...The Raiders prepare to greet Shawn Martin after he crushed a grand slam home run against the Blue Devils during the quarterfinal round of the Union County Tournament in Westfield.

The tightest of all the match-ups were the three games against Westfield and all were decided by one run. The hosting Blue Devils won the first game, 2-1, but the Raiders came back to win the next regular-season game, 4-3. But the most memorable came in the Union County Tournament (UCT) quarterfinal round when the Raiders scored five runs in the top of the seventh inning, thanks to a grand slam by senior Shawn Martin, to tie the score, 7-7, only to lose it in the 10th inning, 8-7. Additionally, it was Westfield Coach Bob Brewster's 652nd career victory which made him the all-time winningest Union County coach.

The Raiders dropped a 3-2 decision to Governor Livingston (UCT champions) on April 30 and a 4-2 decision to Union. They did, however, nip Union, 8-7, in their first meeting. The Raiders edged Oratory, 5-4, in the first round of the UCT, defeated Roxbury, 10-8, late in the season then lost to Watchung Hills, 5-4, in the New Jersey, Section 2, Group

doubles, four triples, a team-leading five home runs, 19 runs scored and nine walks, while being hit four times.

Lucas Mackey had a .364 BA, going 16-for-44 with six runs scored, five

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LEADING COUGAR IN SCORING...Cougars senior attacker Nate Caldwell, No. 31, led the team in scoring with 29 goals and 18 assists for a total of 47 points.



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MAKING THE TAG IN TIME...Westfield pitcher Jack Schwarzenbek, left, puts the tag on Summit's Grayson Eckhardt in time for the out in the third inning of the New Providence Gold League game at Gumbert Field 2 in Westfield on June 29.

RUSSO, MEIXNER 2 HITS; SUMMIT'S SCHNALL 4-FOR-4

Summit 12Us Jar Westfield, 8-5, In New Providence Gold League

By DAVID B. CORBIN
For The Westfield Leader and The Times

Cal Ripken, Jr. District 12 Tournament play may be over but the intensity remained and the outcome of the New Providence Gold League game between the Summit 12U baseball team and Westfield took a sudden turn at Gumbert Field 2 in Westfield on June 29. Trailing 4-2 and with two outs in the top of the sixth inning, the 12U Summit Hilltoppers blasted open the flood gates and gushed forth with six runs en route to an 8-5 victory.

The Blue Devils had Jack Schwarzenbek on the mound for the first three innings and he permitted one run and four hits, while walking

no one and striking out two batters. Don Meixner pitched the final three innings and yielded eight hits, while walking no one and striking out two. Andrew Matter pitched the first inning for Summit and allowed three runs on four hits, while walking no one and striking out one. John Deveau pitched two scoreless and hitless innings, hitting a batter, while striking out four. Jack Lopuszynski pitched the next three innings and allowed two runs on four hits, while walking nobody and striking out one.

The front five batters accounted for 10 of the Hilltoppers' 12 hits, six runs scored and all of their RBI. The Blue Devils were unable to get the

best of Gavin Schnall, who went 4-for-4 with a double, two RBI and two runs scored. Deveau doubled, singled, scored twice and had an RBI. Matt McKeever doubled, singled and had two RBI. Matter whacked a two-run double and scored once, and Grayson Eckhardt tapped an RBI single and scored once.

The Blue Devil front five batters also accounted for seven of their eight hits, all of their runs scored and three RBI. John Russo had a pair of singles, an RBI and scored twice. Meixner doubled, singled and scored once. Jackson Rossitto rapped an RBI single and scored once. Schwarzenbek

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McLANE, HALEY, PRYBYLSKI, WALDMAN LED SCORING

Blue Devils Faced Challenges; Finished 11-5 in Boys Lacrosse

Prepared By DAVID B. CORBIN
For The Westfield Leader and The Times

Stiff challenges from beginning to end kept the Westfield High School boys lacrosse team on its toes but the Blue Devils pulled off a number of startling victories along the way, were 2-3 in the Fitch-Pitt Conference and finished its season with an 11-5 record.

The Blue Devils began their season with a 6-2 setback to Seton Hall Prep but they rebounded to knock off Hunterdon Central, 8-7, before being halted by Summit, 9-5. But a string of five huge wins followed. After a 13-1 thumping of Chatham, the Blue Devils stunned then No. 1 ranked Delbarton, 5-4, in triple overtime, leveled Hillsborough, 13-6, then retained the Bristol Cup with an 11-10, double overtime victory over Pingry. On May 8, the Blue Devils rattled Ridgewood, 11-8.

Their cruise came to an end with a 5-3 loss to Montclair but they came back to crumble Wall, 12-6. After a 10-5 win over Scotch Plains-Fanwood in the Union County Tournament semifinal, the Blue Devils had a thrilling battle with Summit in the finals but fell short, 11-9. A 10-0 shutout of Cranford completed the regular season.

As the top seed for the North Jersey, Group 4 Tournament, the Blue

Devils obliterated Passaic Tech, 23-0, and Hillsborough, 19-3, but were stunned, 13-11, by Hunterdon Central in the semifinal round.

Offensively, senior attacker Aidan McLane led the team in scoring with

for 40 points and senior midfielder Mack Prybylski scored 26 goals and added nine assists for 35 points. Sophomore attacker Ryan Waldman fired in 22 goals and added eight assists for a 30 total.



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LEADING BLUE DEVIL IN SCORING...Blue Devil senior attacker Aidan McLane, No. 8, led the team in scoring with 54 goals and 14 assists.

54 goals and 14 assists for 68 points. Junior attacker/midfielder James Haley netted 27 goals and 13 assists

Senior Sean Hazard put in 10 goals and had seven assists, and was credited

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CALDWELL RULED SCORING, GOLDFEDER FACE-OFFS

Cougars Finished 5-2 in Division, Finish Boys Lacrosse Season 8-7

Prepared By DAVID B. CORBIN
For The Westfield Leader and The Times

Stiff competition made keeping ahead of the game quite a challenge for the Cranford High School boys lacrosse team this season but the Cougars managed to finish 5-2 in the Kimber Division, 7-5 during the regular season and 8-7 overall.

The Cougars began their season dropping three of their first five games

with losses to Summit, Montclair Kimberly and an 11-9 squeaker to Verona to go with an 8-4 win over Newark Academy and an 8-3 win over Governor Livingston. Then the Cougars caught first with four straight wins beginning with the Columbia Cougars (8-6), Oratory Prep Rams (8-7), Old Bridge Knights (7-4) and the AL Johnson Crusaders (9-4) before being halted by a strong Scotch Plains-

Fanwood team, 12-4.

Receiving the fourth seed for the Union County Tournament (UCT), the Cougars pulled out another 8-7 thriller over the Oratory Prep Rams but were stopped again by top-seeded and eventual winner Summit. In their final two regular-season games, the Cougars fell to Westfield, 10-0, then stopped Newark Academy, 8-4. The

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David B. Corbin (Late May 2021) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
VERY EFFICIENT DEFENSIVELY...Raider senior Dallas Lorenzetti, left, was very strong defensively at his shortstop position throughout the entire season.

Raider Nine’s Season Featured Very Tight Games

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RBI, five doubles, a triple, one walk, was hit once and stole two bases.

Senior Chris Smith, who was out part of the season, had a .424 BA, going 14-for-33 with 17 RBI, seven runs scored, two doubles, a triple, a home run, a walk and a hit-by-pitch. Junior Ryan Beauregard went 15-for-48 with 12 RBI, seven runs scored, six doubles, three walks and two hit-by-pitches. Senior Stefan Johnson went 14-for-49 with four RBI, six runs scored, a double, four walks and a hit-by pitch and one stolen base.

Junior Zach Stagaard had six hits in 33 at-bats with a double, a home run, three RBI, two runs scored and three walks. Senior Joe DiQuollo rapped two doubles and three singles, while

scoring five runs, walking twice and adding two RBI. Junior Brendan Karyczak went 6-for-19 with a double, an RBI, a run scored and a stolen base. Junior utility player Jason Trivisonno went 4-for-15 with a double, five runs scored, two RBI and two stolen bases, while being hit twice.

On the mound, the Raiders worked with a number of pitchers. DiQuollo in 27.1 innings, allowed 29 hits, 18 runs (13 earned), six walks and hit four batters, while striking out 10. Matt Drubulis in 23.5 innings, ceded 27 hits, 15 runs (5 earned) nine walks and a hit batter, while striking out 16. Senior Alex Smith tossed 23.3 innings, allowing 25 hits, 14 runs (11 earned), 14 walks and three hits batters, while striking out 19.

Max Sponheimer pitched 14.2 innings, permitting 15 hits, nine runs (7 earned), 11 walks and two hit batters, while striking out 15. Senior John Shults in 12.1 innings, allowed 17 hits, 16 runs (13 earned), 10 walks and six hit batters, while striking out nine. Senior Alex Fazzino in 8.7 innings, yielded 13 hits, 18 runs (14 earned) and 13 walks, while striking out five. Staggard in 6.2 innings allowed four hits, two earned runs, a walk and two hit batters, while striking out five. Chris Smith pitched four innings and allowed six hits, seven runs (6 earned) and two walks, while striking out two.

The Raiders graduated a large number of starters, so a number of positions will be up for grabs.

UCC 70+ Division:

70+ DIVISION:		
TEAM	W	L
Red Foxxes	7	5
Mellow Yellow Fever	7	5
Green Machine	6	6
Lou's Blues	4	8

Green Machine 17, Redd Foxxes 8
Green Machine 11, Redd Foxxes 7
Yellow Fever 7, Lou's Blues 3
Yellow Fever 14, Lou's Blues 10

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD

CONTRACTOR: JESCO, Inc., 118 Saint Nicholas Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080

NATURE OF SERVICES: Purchase of 2021 John Deere Model 624P Wheel Loader under New Jersey State Approved Cooperative Contract #65MCESCCPS, Contract ESCNJ 18/19-25

DURATION: December 31, 2021

AMOUNT: \$199,048.62 charged to Special Ordinance 2221, account number C-07-21-222-1D1, using Purchase Order #21-01927

THE RESOLUTION AND CONTRACT FOR SAME ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK.

Tara Rowley, RMC
Town Clerk
1 T - 07/08/21, The Leader Fee: \$19.89

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS PLANNING BOARD

PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION HEARING 1770-1772, 1774-1778 & 1782 EAST SECOND STREET REDEVELOPMENT STUDY AREA

TAKE NOTICE on July 19, 2021 at 7:30 p.m., via electronic communications equipment, the Planning Board of the Township of Scotch Plains shall hold a public special meeting for the purpose of hearing persons who are interested in or would be affected by a recommendation to the governing body that the area described below, or any part thereof, be determined, or not be determined, to be an "area in need of redevelopment" according to the criteria set forth in Section 5 of P.L. 1992 c.79 (N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5) and to hear objections to, and evidence in support of, a determination that the area described below is and shall be determined to be a "Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area." Determination of whether or not the below described area, or any part thereof, will be recommended to the governing body to be an "area in need of redevelopment" shall be made by Resolution of the Scotch Plains Planning Board at the conclusion of the public hearing.

Pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(b), this meeting will be held via Zoom. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no members of the public shall be permitted to physically attend the meeting. The public, however, is invited to attend the meeting by the following teleconference:

Join Zoom Meeting
Topic: Scotch Plains Planning Board Special Meeting
Time: Jul 19, 2021 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
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The hearing scheduled for July 19, 2021 is the first step in a multi-step process in determining whether the area should be designated as a "Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area." After consideration

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by the Planning Board, a recommendation will be made to the governing body on this issue. In the event that at the conclusion of the process, some or all of the area is determined by the governing body to be an area in need of redevelopment, such a determination may have an impact on the property so designated.

The Scotch Plains Planning Board was directed by the Township Council, pursuant to Resolution No. 2021-95 dated April 20, 2021 and Resolution No. 2021-102 dated May 18, 2021, to conduct a preliminary investigation in order to investigate the area listed within the chart below and generally described as the Study Area to determine if the Study Area should be determined to be a Non-Condensation Area in Need of Redevelopment under the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq. (the "LRHL"). The following properties are included within the Study Area presently being investigated:

No. Address	Block	Lot
1 1770-1772 East Second St	1201	21
2 1774-1778 East Second St	1201	22
3 1782 East Second Street	1201	23

A copy of the Preliminary Investigation report, dated June 2021 (the "Report") prepared by Harbor Consultants, the Planning Board's consultant, includes a map showing the boundaries of the Study Area and the location of the properties included therein, as well as a statement setting forth the basis of the preliminary investigation of the Study Area being presently investigated. The report will be available for inspection and copying ten (10) days prior to the hearing at the office of the Township Clerk and the office of the Planning Board at, Scotch Plains Municipal Hall, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, Monday through Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. A copy of the preliminary investigation report will also be published on the Township website, scotchplainsnj.gov.

All persons who are interested in or would be affected by the preliminary investigation to determine whether the proposed area, or any part thereof, is a redevelopment area and should be determined to be a "Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area" according to the criteria set forth in Section 5 of P.L. 1992, c.79 (N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5), are invited to attend the meeting and ask questions and provide their objections to or evidence in favor of such determination either orally or in writing.

Respectfully,
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Cougars Finish 5-2 in Division; Finish Season, 8-7

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Cougars' season came to an end with an 8-4 loss to the Randolph Rams in the first round of the North Jersey, Group 3 Tournament.

Five seniors helped the team attain a winning record. Senior attacker Nate Caldwell led the team offensively with 29 goals and 18 assists for 47 points and added 53 ground balls. Senior Drew Goldfeder, who finished with 12 goals and four assists for 16 points, controlled the midfield with 122 ground

ground balls. Junior attacker Mike Brodbeck (14 ground balls) had four goals and two assists, and sophomore attacker Quentin Connolly finished with three goals and three assists.

In the early season victory over the Governor Livingston Highlanders, Curren notched three goals and an assist, and Caldwell flicked in a pair of goals and contributed a pair of assists. Goldfeder and Icklan each had a goal and an assist. The 8-6 win

Goldfeder had another big day in the first win over Oratory with three goals and winning 16 of 18 face-offs. Curren scored twice and added an assist. Caldwell came up big with three goals against Old Bridge and Goldfeder won 11 of 14 face-offs. In the UCT win over Oratory, Goldfeder won 17 of the 18 face-offs and scored once. Caldwell netted three goals and an assist, while Kosty and Curren each scored twice. Kutzer scored the



David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
VERY TOUGH IN THE MIDDLE...Cougar senior midfielder Drew Goldfeder, No. 7, won 167 of 241 face-offs this season and added 122 ground balls, 12 goals and four assists.

balls and won 167 of 241 face-offs. Senior defenders Adam Kutzer (2 goals, 5 assists) and Pat Benderoth finished with 93 and 61 ground balls, respectively, and senior goalkeeper Matt Coates recorded 216 saves.

Junior attacker Andrew Curren (19 ground balls) was second on the team offensively with 14 goals and nine assists for 23 points. Junior midfielders James Kosty (40 ground balls) recorded nine goals and seven assists for 16 points and Jake Icklan (46 ground balls) had seven goals and three assists for 10 points. Sophomore Jakob Andreassen had seven goals and three assists with three

over Columbia had a spectacular finish as Cranford, trailing, 6-2, scored six times in the fourth quarter. Caldwell netted four goals and an assist, and Goldfeder won 14 of 18 face-offs,

lone goal in the UCT loss to Summit. In the section tournament loss to Randolph, Caldwell and Icklan each had a goal and an assist. Goldfeder won nine of 15 face-offs and Kutzer scooped 10 ground balls.

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BOROUGH OF GARWOOD

2021 MEETING NOTICE REVISION

Take notice that the regular meetings of the Mayor and Council for the remainder of year 2021 as listed below will commence at 7:15 pm and be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 403 South Avenue, Garwood, NJ. Executive Sessions may be held at any meeting listed. Formal action may be taken at any meeting listed.

MEETING DATE

July 22
August 12 & 26
September 9 & 23
October 14 & 28
November 8 & 22 (Mondays)
December 9 & 23

Christina M. Ariemma, RMC
Borough Administrator/Clerk
1 T - 07/08/21, The Leader Fee: \$20.40

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS PLANNING BOARD

PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION HEARING 475 TERRILL ROAD REDEVELOPMENT STUDY AREA

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50+ A DIVISION:

TEAM	W	L
Deegan Roofing	11	4
Jun's Pro Services	11	4
Douglas VW	10	5
Phenomenal Boyz	9	8

50+ B DIVISION:

TEAM	W	L
All Pipes Plumbing	13	4
Linwood Tap House	11	5
Rocky's Bar & Grill	7	7
Contact Lens & Vision	8	9
Cranford VFW	7	9
Sonia's BCE	5	10
FutonWorld	3	14

50+ C DIVISION:

TEAM	W	L
Suspenders	8	7
Linda's Driftwood Bar & Grill	7	8
Garwood Metal	6	10
AJ Jersey	2	14

Garwood Metal 15, Suspenders 14

Suspenders grabbed a 10-2 lead after 2 innings, but Garwood Metal tied the game 13-13 after 6 innings. Suspenders scored once in the 7th inning but Garwood answered with two runs in the bottom half on a walk-off hit by Ron Kulik. Metal Men - Joe Apruzzese (3 hits, stellar outfield plays), and Kulik, Paul Falzarano, David Ball and Bob Greco (each with 2 hits). Pubsters - Brad Steele (3 hits), and Bob Dlugosz, Rookie Gregorio, Gregg Herzfeld, Bill Scheiner and Frank Verducci (few diving catches) each with 2 hits..

Linwood TapHouse 13, Linda's 2 5

TapHouse - Solid hitting, excellent infield defense and strong arms in the outfield, Eddie Kaminski (3-for-3), while Kevin Robinson, Dave Dudas, Tim Mulhall, Steve D'Amato, Ron Patterson and Mark Hochenberg (HR)

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF GARWOOD

2021 MEETING NOTICE REVISION

Take notice that the regular meetings of the Garwood Board of Health for September 12 and December 15, 2021, will commence at 6:00 pm and be held in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building at 403 South Avenue, Garwood, New Jersey. Action may be taken.

Kathleen J. Wierzbinski
Board Secretary
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On June 22 the Cranford wrestling program was lucky enough to have this years 165 lb National Champion and Tournament Outstanding Wrestler Stanford's Shane Griffith run the Cranford Open Mats. Shane was also a 3-time NJ High School State champ. Shane showed a few moves, talked about the importance of education and took questions from the wrestlers. Shane is known as the guy who saved Stanford Wrestling. Cranford has a different college wrestler or college run the open mats every Tuesday night. Pictured left to right, are: Logan Murray, Griffith and Colin Murray.

Union County Senior 50+ Softball League Standings:

50+ A DIVISION:

TEAM	W	L
Deegan Roofing	11	4
Jun's Pro Services	11	4
Douglas VW	10	5
Phenomenal Boyz	9	8

50+ B DIVISION:

TEAM	W	L
All Pipes Plumbing	13	4
Linwood Tap House	11	5
Rocky's Bar & Grill	7	7
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50+ C DIVISION:

TEAM	W	L
Suspenders	8	7
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Garwood Metal	6	10
AJ Jersey	2	14

with 2 hits apiece, Rich Sergeant (out of park HR).

Douglas 11, Deegan Roofing 10

The Douglas VW offense came alive in the bottom of the 6th. Rich Gaul's leadoff double and Dan Righetti's timely hitting and sneaky base running helped grab the lead. Douglas - Pat Mooney (3-for-3), Al Genova and Dan Righetti (3 hits each), Mario Lopez, Mike Shriner, Mike Hoffmann and Rich Gaul (all collecting 2 hits). Roofers - Doug Fischer (3-for-3), Nelly Santiago, Damon Roth, James Nardello, and Mike Juchnik (each with 2 hits).

Deegan 17, Douglas VW 2

Deegan Roofing - Pitcher Peter Appolito (stifled the VW bats), closer Doug Fischer (mopped up the final frame), Scott Mugele (3-for-3, HR, 4 RBI), Charlie Collins (3 hits, 3 RBI). Mike Shriner blasted 2 hits for VW. **Jun's Pro 34, Cranford VFW 15**
Jun's - 43 hits - Jose Lora (6-for-6), Tom Ulrichy, Glenn Gang, John Segledi and Bruce Evans (all 5-for-6). Segledi and Jamie Thorburn both excelled in the field. Cranford - 25 hits - Carl Gamba, Juan Moreno, John Fiore, Jerry Veglia and Phil McGovern paced the VFW offense.

Sonia's BCE 17, Contact Lens 16

Oswaldo Dominguez turned a 7-4 double play, while Kenny Zeidner hit a HR and made a nice catch in the outfield to spark BCE.

FutonWorld 11, Rocky's Bar 5

FutonWorld - Lenny Santolo, Billy Restaino and Pat Peterpaul (3 RBI), each went 3-for-3, Tom Renna (2 hits, HR). Rocky's - John Rachko, Billy Hillyer, Matt Walsh, Jerry Isolda, Steve Ollie and Dave Kirsch (each with 2 hits), Dave Grandmaison (HR). **Jun's Pro 24, Sonia's BCE 13**
Jun's - Pete Costello (4-for-4, 3 doubles), with Jack Thorburn, Dave Eckert (HR), Walt Paterlyo, Nick Mennona and Jose Lora all were 3-for-4, John Segledi (3-for-5, HR). Notable in the field for Jun's were Thorburn, Bruce Evans, Mennona, Costello and Pete Matarazzo.

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PRIESING, GILLEN, WALKER, KINARD LED SPF SCORING

Raiders Had a Banner Season; Finished 14-3 in Girls Lacrosse

Prepared By DAVID B. CORBIN
For The Westfield Leader and The Times

Another huge step upward was made by this year's Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls lacrosse team. The Lady Raiders were 7-0 in the Independence Division and finished their season with a 14-3 record. The Raiders' only losses came at the sticks of Mount St. Mary, 14-6, Kent Place, 7-5, in the quarterfinal round of the Union County Tournament and Northern Highlands, 11-6, in the quarterfinal round of the North Jersey, Group 3 Tournament.

The Lady Raiders won their first nine games, all nearly by wipeouts with the exception of a tight 17-15 victory over the Millburn Millers. In that run, they also handled the Cranford Cougars, 17-5. Before losing to Northern Highlands in the sectionals, the Raiders defeated Morris Knolls, 14-8.

A number of Raider girls received Independence Conference honors. Senior midfielder Hailey Kinard and senior defender Erica Schug, along with junior midfielders Elle Priesing

and Trish Gillen received First Team honors. Senior attacker Carly Walker, junior midfielder Isabella DiLollo and sophomore midfielder Kathryn Power received Second Team Honors and junior defender Francesca DiLollo was Honorable Mention.

Priesing led the team in scoring with 63 goals and 30 assists for 93 points, while scooping 45 ground balls. Gillen put in 38 goals and added 23 assists for 61 points, while recording 17 ground balls. Walker netted 28 goals and had 16 assists and Kinard was second in scoring with 61 goals, while contributing a pair of assists.

Power scored 21 goals and had 16 assists for 39 points and Isabella DiLollo had nine goals and 16 assists for a 25 total. Senior attacker Ryann Wall netted eight goals and nine assists for 17 points. Sophomore attacker Ali Murphy had four goals and eight assists for 12 points and junior attacker Ruby Calabrese had eight goals and two assists for 10 points. Sophomore Alyssa Barbosa and Sara Feeney shared goalkeeping duties.

In their win over rival Cranford, Kinard notched five goals, while Gillen had four goals and four assists and Priesing fired in four goals and added an assist. Priesing had seven goals and a pair of assists in the win over Millburn, while Power had three goals and an assist and Kinard stuffed in three goals. In their loss to 16-3 Mount St. Mary, Gillen and Kinard both had two goals.

Kinard scored twice in the UCT loss to Kent Place. The Raiders thrashed Morris Catholic, 20-3, and Priesing amassed four goals and six assists. Gillen had four goals and two assists, and Kinard netted four goals. Priesing had another huge game against Watchung Hills with six goals and an assist. Walker notched three goals and an assist, and Power flicked in three goals. In the sectional win over Morris Knolls, Priesing fired in four goals and Gillen had three goals and two assists.

With their two top scoring leaders returning, along with both goalkeepers, the Raiders should be a formidable opponent next year.



TEAM LEADER AND DEFINITE SCORING THREAT...Blue Devil senior midfielder Mack Prybylski, No. 3, was third on the team in scoring with 26 goals and nine assists

Blue Devils Faced Challenges; Finish Season, 11-5

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ited with 20 ground balls. Sophomore midfielders Dan Cano netted seven goals and four assists, and Anthony Bruscio netted two goals and four assists. Junior James Csorba had a goal and five assists. Freshman Cody Lam had three goals and an assist, and senior defender Jeremy Thompson, who contributed a goal and an assist, was credited with 25 ground balls.

Two sophomores handled the majority of the face-offs. Danny Hazard (34 ground balls) was credited with winning 78 of 126 face-offs. Mike Murphy (16 ground balls) was cred-

ited with winning 26 of 39 face-offs. Senior goalkeeper Matt Gruters recorded 68 saves and sophomore Quinn Wojcik recorded 49 saves.

In the regular-season win over Hunterdon Central, McLane scored four goals, while Prybylski and Sean Hazard each netted a pair of goals. Prybylski scored three goals and McLane scored twice during the endurance-run triumph over Delbarton. Prybylski, who had two goals and two assists, scored the winning goal against Pingry. McLane had four goals and an assist. Waldman had three

goals and an assist. Haley netted a pair of goals and a pair of assists.

The win over Ridgewood had McLane stuffing in five goals and adding two assists. Haley netted three goals and an assist. Waldman scored twice. In the UCT loss to Summit, McLane scored three times and had an assist. Prybylski notched three goals and Sean Hazard had a goal and two assists. In their sectional upset to Hunterdon Central, McLane fired in seven goals and Prybylski scored twice and had an assist, while Waldman and Haley each scored once.



DIVING BACK TO FIRST IN TIME...Westfield 12U's Liam Reed dives back to first as Summit first baseman Jack Lopuszynski prepares to catch the ball in the first inning of the New Providence Gold League game at Gumbert Field 2.

Summit 12Us Jar Westfield in N. Pr. Gold League

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slapped an RBI single, Liam Reed singled and scored once, and Ryan Zuckerman doubled. Kieran Kelly was hit-by-a-pitch.

Westfield tapped Matter for three runs in the bottom of the first inning. Reed beat out a high-chopping single and went to second on a failed pickoff attempt. Russo bounced an RBI single to center and scored on Rossitto's looping single over first base. Schwarzenbek followed with an RBI single to right field.

Westfield tried to threaten in the second inning. Kelly took a fastball to the back and Zuckerman launched a long fly ball to deep centerfield but Schnall made a great snag for the out then Deveau struck out a batter and got the next to pop up to short.

Summit scored once in the third when Schnall sizzled a single to right and scored on McKeever's ground-rule double to center. Westfield took a 4-1 lead in the fourth when Meixner doubled to left-center and scored on

Grayson Madera's ground out to short. In the fifth inning, Deveau singled to center and scored on Schnall's double to right field to make the score 4-2.

Zuckerman led off the Westfield fifth with a double down the right field line and Cole Zippler moved him to third with a sacrifice bunt. Lopuszynski retired the next two batters to escape damage.

Lopuszynski began the Summit sixth inning with a single past third. After a strikeout, Brady Azurmendi (1-for-3) reached on a throwing error as Lopuszynski skipped to third. Jackson Conroy laid down a bunt but Meixner alertly grabbed the ball, tagged him for the second out and held the runner at third.

Down to their potential final out, Matter unleashed a two-run double to right-center then Deveau put Summit ahead, 5-4, with an RBI double to right. Eckhardt hopped an RBI single over second base, Schnall wiggled an RBI single past short and McKeever

lined an RBI single to center.

Russo led off the Westfield sixth when he plopped a single into shallow center. After a strikeout, Schwarzenbek lined out to left but an errant throw allowed Russo to score. Meixner singled to right but Madera lined out to second for the final out.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the PLANNING BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD, after public hearing on May 26, 2021 granted approval to Charles Amato for driveway setbacks for property at 2 Russell Road, Fanwood, being Block 33 Lot 13.

Documents pertaining to this application are available for public inspection at Borough Hall during normal business hours.

Mr. Charles Amato
2 Russell Road
Fanwood, New Jersey 07023
1 T - 07/08/21, The Times Fee: \$15.30



VERY GOOD REASON TO CELEBRATE...The Cougars celebrate after defeating Governor Livingston, 5-1, for the Union County Tournament Championship in Linden. The Cougars had another reason to celebrate when they knocked off top-seeded Nutley for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 Championship.

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Summer Reading Program

To Feature Dinosaurs

GARWOOD — The Garwood Public Library Summer Reading Program will present Dinosaur Week from July 12 to 16. Summer Reading runs through Tuesday, August 3. This year's theme, "Tails and Tales," celebrates animals and stories from all around the world. The program is focusing on a different type of tailed creature each week.

For every 20 minutes youngsters read, they will receive a ticket to enter the grand-prize drawing. If they attend a program that takes place at the library, they will receive two extra tickets per program. The grand prize is a Nintendo Animal Crossing Switch Gaming Console.

The grand-prize winner will be drawn randomly from tickets collected throughout the Summer Reading Program. The more minutes participants read and the more programs they attend, the more tickets they will have entered in the grand-prize drawing.

During Dinosaur Week, participants can come to the library, view hints for the Dinosaur Tail of the Week and make a guess. Correct guesses will be entered in a random drawing for a prize. A winner will be drawn on Friday of that week.

"Dinosaurs and Fossils" will take place on Tuesday, July 13, at 2 p.m. Families are invited to gather in the library parking lot and take an up-close look at some prehistoric-looking reptiles like alligators, snapping turtles and lizards, and to touch a Mammoth tooth or a million-year-old Dinosaur poop. Registration is required and limited to 20 participants.

Additionally on July 13, "Virtual Kid's Craft" will be held at 2 p.m. Participants can pick up craft supplies that day for a Summer Reading Dinosaur craft and follow the Facebook tutorial at 2 p.m. Registration is required for craft kits and is limited to 15 participants. To sign up, visit the events calendar on the library website, youseemore.com/garwood, or call the library at (908) 789-1670. Kid's Craft will take place once a week in July.

"Dinosaur Scavenger Hunt" is scheduled for Friday, July 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants can view a picture of the lost dinosaur on the library's Facebook and Instagram pages, find the lost dinosaur somewhere in Garwood, and leave the animal there for others to find. They can then return to the library to collect a prize.

Themes for subsequent weeks will be announced. The Garwood Public Library is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. It is closed on Saturdays in July and August. The library is located at 411 Third Avenue.

Ten people are permitted in the library at a time for one hour; no appointments are necessary. One-hour computer use is permitted. Staff is available to copy and fax for the public. Curbside service also is available.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION NOTICE OF MEETINGS

(In Compliance with Open Public Meetings Act – Chapter 231) *Addendum to Regularly Scheduled Meetings*

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education will meet on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for Executive Session and 7:30 p.m. for Public Session. Action will be taken. This meeting will take place in the Administration Bldg., 512 Cedar Street, Scotch Plains.

Deborah S. Saridaki
School Business Administrator
Board Secretary

1 T - 07/08/21, The Times Fee: \$15.81

PUBLIC NOTICE

WESTFIELD MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING NOTIFICATION

TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Westfield Memorial Library will hold a special meeting on Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Westfield Memorial Library Meeting Room. The purpose of the meeting is regarding Personnel.

1 T - 07/08/21, The Leader Fee: \$12.24

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Monday, June 28, a passerby in the area of the 500 block of Edgar Road reported an abandoned bicycle. The bicycle is described as a Silver Next Power Climber brand. It will be held for a designated time period pending being claimed by the owner.

Monday, June 28, the owner of a 2019 black Land Rover Range Rover reported being the victim of a motor vehicle theft in the area of the 500 block of Springfield Avenue. The stolen vehicle was parked in a parking lot with the key fob left inside the vehicle. The unknown suspect removed the vehicle from the parking lot and fled the area. Located inside the vehicle were various pieces of jewelry, U.S. currency, golf equipment and miscellaneous items. The total value of the items stolen, to include the value of the motor vehicle, is approximately \$124,970.

Wednesday, June 30, residents of Plymouth Road and the 700 block of Knollwood Terrace reported being the victims of identity theft, specifically, that one or more unknown suspects established a checking account at a financial institution in their names. The residents stated that they are unaware who opened the account without their authorization or what information was used to open the account. The victims reported no financial loss at this time.

Wednesday, June 30, representatives of a business on Ross Place reported a victim of theft by deception. The representatives stated that a credit card was used to make the purchase. However, the owner of the account the purchase was associated with contacted the business stating that they did not authorize the purchase and that they had their credit card in their possession. Hence, a misrepresentation was made by the suspect to make the purchase. This is an ongoing investigation, as multiple credit cards were used to make the purchase.

Thursday, July 1, a resident of the 600 block of Fourth Avenue reported being the victim of a burglary and theft. The victim stated that between June 27 and July 1, 2021, one or more unknown suspects entered his unsecured garage and removed two bicycles without his authorization. Both bicycles were described as Specialized Epic Mountain Bicycles; one was black with blue highlights with a value of \$2,500 and the other was described as black with green highlights with a value of \$1,000.

Friday, July 2, police arrested Ronald Welsh, 25, of Perth Amboy on charges of motor vehicle burglary and theft in the area of East Broad Street and Springfield Avenue. The suspect was observed by officers entering the vehicle and stealing items. The total proceeds stolen were \$1.90 in U.S. currency. Welsh was transported to police headquarters for processing and later released upon receiving a summons.

Residents of the following addresses reported being victims of identity theft; specifically, that an unknown suspect used their identity to make a fraudulent claim of unemployment in their name to the New Jersey Department of Labor. The victims reported no other suspicious activity and suffered no monetary loss.

Tuesday, June 29, 1300 block of Overhill Street.

Wednesday, June 30, 400 block of Everson Place.

Thursday, July 1, 600 block of Clark Street; 700 block of Knollwood Terrace; 800 block of Wallberg Avenue; 100 block of Effingham Place.

Friday, July 2, 800 block of Fairacres Avenue; 800 block of Summit Avenue.

Saturday, July 3, 600 block of Prospect Street; 1100 block of Rahway Avenue.

SCOTCH PLAINS

Wednesday, June 30, a resident of Victor Street reported that someone had fraudulently applied for unemployment benefits in their name. The matter is under investigation.

Wednesday, June 30, a resident of Lyde Place reported that someone broke the front window to their home during the overnight hours. The matter is under investigation.

Thursday, July 1, a resident of Spruce Mill Lane reported an attempted motor vehicle burglary. The residents saw a Black female looking inside their front window. They went outside and saw a Black male entering their rented U-Haul, which was parked in front of their house. Both suspects fled the scene when they saw the homeowners. The matter is under investigation.

Friday, July 2, there was reported damage to the public restroom located inside Farley Park. The matter is under investigation.

Friday, July 2, a resident of Cooper Road reported that someone had fraudulently applied for unemployment benefits in their name. The matter is under investigation.

Saturday, July 3, a conignment business located on Park Avenue reported the theft of items from the store. The matter is under investigation.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

2021 RECREATION COMMISSION SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Recreation Commission of the Township of Scotch Plains has scheduled the following time and place for their 2021 Summer Business Meetings. The meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Recreation Commission
2021 Summer Meeting Dates:

July 12th - 7:30pm Jerseyland Park
August 9th - 7:30pm Brookside Park
September 13th - 7:30pm Green Forest Park

In the case of inclement weather, the Recreation Commission may conduct the meeting remotely and by electronic means for the public. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 (the "Open Public Meetings Act") Business Meeting will be open to the public by electronic means, and as such, the Commissioners and members of the public may view the meeting through Zoom. The Zoom meeting ID and password will be posted the day of the meeting on the Township of Scotch Plains Website to allow for public participation. Members of the public who wish to monitor and/or participate in the public meeting may join from a computer or capable device.

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

BOZENA LACINA,
Municipal Clerk

1 T - 07/08/21, The Times Fee: \$35.70

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD

CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM CHANGE

Please take notice that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford will hold its previously-scheduled Workshop Meeting on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 108, Cranford Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey 07016. Formal Action may be taken. The Agenda for the Workshop Meeting will be available on Friday, July 9, 2021 (accessible at www.cranfordnj.org or by requesting the Agenda from Township Clerk Patricia Donahue, p_donahue@cranfordnj.org, telephone: 908-709-7210.

During the Coronavirus public health crisis, the Township Committee held their Workshop Meetings either virtually or in Council Chambers (Room 107.) Effective July 12th, the Workshop Meetings will now be held in their traditional place: Room 108, Cranford Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey 07016.

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Township Clerk

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Editor's Note: The students listed above were inadvertently left off of the honor roll list published on June 24.



OUTREACH INITIATIVE...The team of Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey (JFSCNJ) registered nurses is making home visits to administer Covid-19 vaccines to homebound elderly and disabled individuals under the age of 60. The program is made possible as a result of a cooperative arrangement between the Union County Division on Aging and the Union County Commissioners. JFSCNJ Registered Nurses have vaccinated individuals all across Union County. For further information, contact Natalie Zarrillo, assistant director of the Union County Division on Aging, at nzarrillo@ucnj.org or (908) 527-4870. Pictured, JFSCNJ Registered Nurse Nancy Rivera vaccinates a Union County resident.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the Town of Westfield in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at 10:00 AM prevailing time on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, for the following:

"FURNISHING AND DELIVERING OF CROSSING GUARD SERVICES FOR THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022"

The work of this contract shall consist of providing Crossing Guard services for approximately 40 established posts in the Town of Westfield, for the Westfield Police Department, as specified and described in the bid documents.

All bidders must submit with their bid a copy of their New Jersey Business Registration Certificate. Failure to submit proof of registration will disqualify the bid.

Proposals shall be in writing on the forms furnished and must be delivered at the place and before the hour mentioned above, and must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or Bid Bond, drawn to the order of the Town of Westfield for \$5,000.

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 et seq. A complete statement as to these requirements is included in the specifications.

Plans and specifications may be seen or procured at the office of the Town Clerk, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey. The Mayor and Council reserve the right to reject any bid, and to waive any informality in any bid, if in the interest of the Town, it is deemed advisable to do so.

Tara Rowley, RMC
Town Clerk

1 T - 07/08/21, The Leader Fee: \$40.29

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of our citizens and consistent with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., through standards promulgated by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, and Executive Orders 103 and 107, the special meeting of the Planning Board of the Township of Scotch Plains scheduled for Monday, July 19, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. will be held by online/virtual means and telephonically only. In addition to the public hearings scheduled to consider the preliminary investigations for redevelopment of properties at 475 Terrill Road, Block 204, Lot 5, and 1770-1782 East Second Street, Block 1201, Lots 21-23, which are the subject of separate independent notices, the following application will be heard:

Trinity Dominion, LLC, who is seeking a modification to a previously approved subdivision for the construction of a new in-ground pool for property located at 1228 Cooper Road, Block 14701, Lot 1.02, R-1 Zone, with variance relief required for the location of a detached secondary building in a front yard area.

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/14Gxhlw-RTsYqSzR9qSbMX3fmlLSO4FY77>

A copy of the preliminary investigation reports for the redevelopment studies, dated June 2021, as prepared by Harbor Consultants, the Planning Board's consultant, will be available for inspection and

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

copying ten (10) days prior to the hearing at the office of the Township Clerk and the office of the Planning Board at, Scotch Plains Municipal Hall, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, Monday through Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. A copy of the preliminary investigation reports will also be published on the Township website, scotchplainsnj.gov.

The agenda for the meeting on July 19, 2021 will be posted on the Township of Scotch Plains Website. Members of the public who wish to monitor and/or participate in the public meeting may join from a computer or capable device at:

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If any difficulty is encountered with the link, the information to access manually when prompted is:

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If unable to access by computer as noted above, the meeting can be joined by telephone by dialing 1 846 558 8656 and entering the above noted Meeting ID and information as prompted.

Alternately, members of the public may contact the Clerk/Land Use Secretary by email at mzseman@scotchplainsnj.com or by phone, during regular business hours, at (908) 322-6700 x 307 prior to the meeting in order to ask any questions if encountering any difficulty with the options described in this notice.

Melissa Szman
Clerk/Secretary to the Planning Board

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Community Calendar

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2021 Sweet Sounds Downtown Music Festival every Tuesday in July & August, 7 p.m. at three different locations in downtown Westfield - in front of Turning Point on Central Ave, on Quimby Street, or at Foundation Park across from the Lion's Roar Brewing Company on South Ave. For more information, please visit downtown.westfieldnj.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=75.

Virtual Mocktail Class, Thursday, July 8, 7 p.m. Join Rebecca Pinnell as she teaches a virtual mocktail class aimed to help you create mocktails in your home with depth and balance. Rebecca Pinnell is a cocktail evangelist and has taught over 400 cocktail classes since March 2020. You can visit her website at rebeccapinnell.com and www.instagram.com/RebeccasCocktailClasses. To register, please visit scotlib.org.

Balance Awareness with Yasmin Ofek Fridays, July 9, 16, 23 & 30, 10 a.m. Join the Scotch Plains Public Library on Zoom for a different approach to exercise. All you'll need is a chair and sneakers to experience this gentle but effective approach to moving confidently. To register, please visit scotlib.org or call (908) 322-5007 ex 204.

Bagels & Books Monday, July 12, 10 a.m. Join the Scotch Plains Public Library outdoors to discuss what you have been reading or listening to and pick up suggestions for future reading. To Register, please visit scotlib.org.

Garden Arts Dragons and Castles Tuesday, July 13, 10 a.m. Join the Westfield Memorial Library in the parking lot for a great hands-on gardening program for children to be able to each create their own mini-garden with a dragons and castles theme. To register, please visit libraryinsight.net/EventSignUp.asp?t=477426826&jx=wfp&lmx=%C6gc%23%AA%AD.

2021 Hot Summer Nights Concert Series Tuesdays, July 13, 20, 27 and August 3, 10, 17, at 7 p.m. Enjoy free musical performances on the Village Green in Summit. Refreshments will be available at food trucks during each concert. For more information, please visit summitcommunityprograms.com/178/Hot-Summer-Nights-Concert-Series.

Raya and the Last Dragon at Warinanco Park Tuesday, July 13, 7:30 p.m. The movie will begin at dusk, with everyone encouraged to bring a blanket or beach chair to the lawn. For more information, please visit ucnj.org.

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information, call the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4900 or visit ucnj.org.

Cookbook Club Thursday, July 15, 7 p.m. join the Scotch Plains Public Library to discuss *Husbands that Cook: More than 120 Irresistible Vegetarian Recipes and Tales from Our Tiny Kitchen* by Ryan Alvarez and Adam Merrin. To register or for more information, please visit scotlib.org. Participants must prepare a dish from the book in order to participate in the meeting.

Women's Wellness Retreat Tuesday, July 20, 7 p.m. at Little Flower Essential Oil Blends on North Ave in Cranford. During this retreat you will get acquainted with your energy centers, blend, create, meditate and learn how to manifest to start living the life you really want.

Scoob at Warinanco Park Tuesday, July 20, 7:30 p.m. The movie will begin at dusk, with everyone encouraged to bring a blanket or beach chair to the lawn. For more information, call the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4900 or visit ucnj.org.

2021 Screen on the Green Movie Series Thursdays, July 22, 29 and August 5, 12. Enjoy free summer movies on the Village Green in Summit. In the event of rain, movies will be shown on the following Monday. For more information, please visit summitcommunityprograms.com/177/Screen-On-The-Green.

The Croods at Rahway Park Stadium Tuesday, July 27, 7:30 p.m. The movie will begin at dusk, with everyone encouraged to bring a blanket or beach chair to the lawn. For more information, call the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4900 or visit ucnj.org.

Tom and Jerry at Warinanco Park Tuesday, August 10, 7:30 p.m. The movie will begin at dusk, with everyone encouraged to bring a blanket or beach chair to the lawn. For more information, call the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4900 or visit ucnj.org.

Black Panther at Warinanco Park Tuesday, August 17, 7:30 p.m. The movie will begin at dusk, with everyone encouraged to bring a blanket or beach chair to the lawn. For more information, call the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4900 or visit ucnj.org.

Aladdin - Live Action at Rutgers Avenue Park Tuesday, August 24, 7:30 p.m. The movie will begin at dusk, with everyone encouraged to bring a blanket or beach chair to the lawn. For more information, call the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4900 or visit ucnj.org.

Garwood STILL Rocks Sunday, September 19, 11 a.m. The Garwood Rocks Car Show & Street Fair returns on Center Street in downtown Garwood for live music, food trucks, vendors and more. For more information, follow [facebook.com/GarwoodRocks](https://www.facebook.com/GarwoodRocks) on Facebook.

Arts & Entertainment



Photo Courtesy of the Downtown Westfield Corporation
SWEET SOUNDS... Glenn Alexander performs on Central Avenue during the 2019 Sweet Sounds Downtown concert series.

Sweet Sounds Downtown Music Festival Returns

WESTFIELD -- The first night of the 24th Annual Sweet Sounds Downtown Music Festival, sponsored by Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC), will take place the evening of Tuesday, July 6. Residents, visitors, shoppers and diners are invited to enjoy the free music while strolling, dining and relaxing at the various outdoor venues around town featuring live musicians. The festival takes place every Tuesday evening during July and August, from 7 pm to 9 pm, with rain dates the next Wednesday of each week.

This year the festival will be featuring not just jazz, but also rock and roll, country music and other music genres. The music can be enjoyed at three downtown venues: 137 Central Ave. (by Turning Point Restaurant), 125 Quimby St. (corner of Quimby St. and Elm St.), and 439 South Ave. W. (Foundation Park).

The entire 2021 upcoming performance schedule is available online at www.westfieldtoday.com.

Westfield Community Concert Band July 15

WESTFIELD -- The Westfield Community Concert Band, under the direction of Dr. Thomas Connors, will perform its Summer Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 15 in Mindowaskin Park, East Broad Street, Westfield. The band's July 1 concert was postponed due to weather.

Family Concert Planned for Saturday

WESTFIELD -- On Sunday, July 11 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. the public is invited to enjoy an hour of family music with singer/songwriter Jon Troast. The concert will be held in Westfield's Mindowaskin Park at the gazebo.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church offers this free concert as a gift to the community - an event of both remembrance and celebration after this last year.

Mr. Troast has recorded nine albums, and has performed on NPR and ABC.

Attendees may bring lawn chairs and blankets to the event.

Mixing With Zest

By HILLARY SHOPE
Specialty Written for The Westfield Leader and The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

Savory Beet Dip

This summer, my family signed up for the Westfield Area Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), so we've been getting local New Jersey veggies fresh each week! This week, beets and sweet onions were included in our share. This recipe uses minimal ingredients but is packed with flavor. Be sure to limit the amount of cayenne if you don't want as spicy of a dip. Store leftovers in an airtight container. Enjoy!

Ingredients:

- Four beets
- One sweet onion
- Olive oil (for drizzling over beets and onion)
- ½ cup olive oil for blending
- ½ teaspoon cayenne
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper

Directions:

1. Roast beets according to your preferred recipe. I used *Spend With*

Pennies recipe for "Easy Roasted Beets:" <https://www.spendwithpennies.com/simple-roasted-beets/>. This includes: rinsing beets, slicing beets, placing in foil, covering with olive oil, salt, and black pepper and baking for about an hour at 375 degrees Fahrenheit.

2. Rinse your onion bulb and cut off the green top (you only want to use the white bulb). Cut into smaller pieces and place in a separate piece of foil. Drizzle with olive oil, salt and black pepper. Bake for one hour at 375 degrees Fahrenheit (in the same oven as the beets).

3. Once the beets and onions are soft, remove and

place into a food processor.

4. Add remaining ingredients including: olive oil, cayenne, garlic powder, salt and black pepper.

5. Blend on high until smooth and serve with pretzels, chips, veggies, etc.



TAILS AND TALES... The Garwood Public Library has selected the winners of its 2021 Bookmark Contest. Garwood students in Pre-K through eighth grade were challenged to submit original bookmark designs around "Tails and Tales," this year's Summer Reading theme celebrating animals. The eight winning artists are Chelsea Peniche, Matteo Di Iorio, Kendall Trentacosta, John Rivas, Haley Mason, Jacob Augustyn, Niko Koutzoulis and Tyler Lerouge. Winning designs were distributed in school, and additional copies may be picked up at the library. For a full calendar of events and information about getting involved with the library's Summer Reading Program, visit youseemore.com/garwood or stop by the library.

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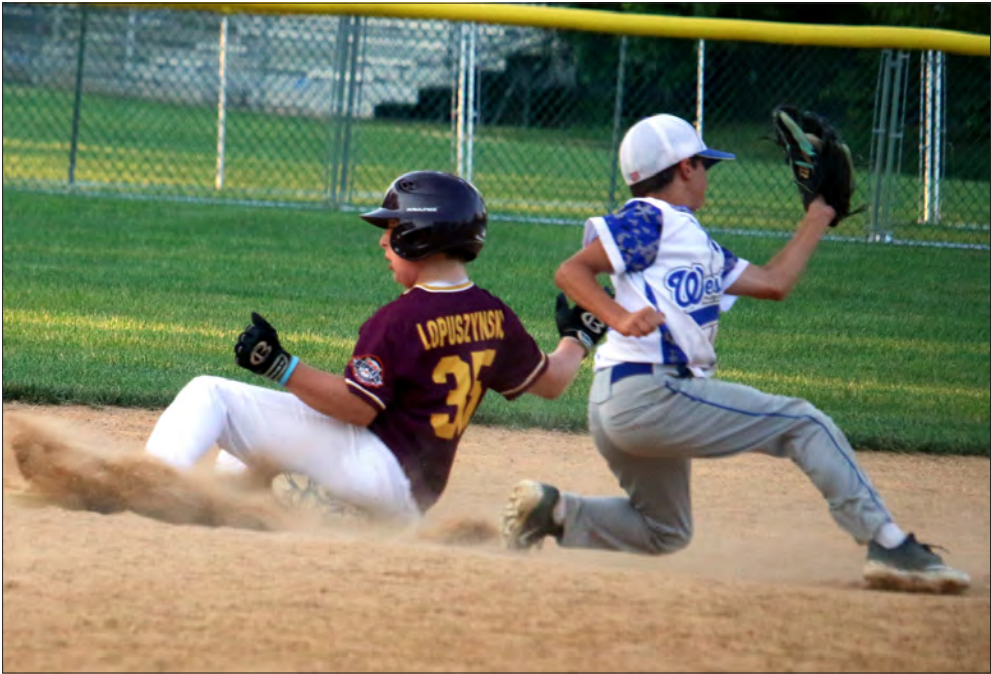


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RUSSO 2 HITS, 2 RUNS; MEIXNER 2 HITS; SUMMIT'S SCHNALL 4-FOR-4; DEVEAU , McKEEVER 2 HITS

Summit 12Us Jar Westfield in New Prov. Gold League, 8-5

By DAVID B. CORBIN
For The Westfield Leader and The Times

Cal Ripken, Jr. District 12 Tournament play may be over but the intensity remained and the outcome of the New Providence Gold League game between the

Summit 12U baseball team and Westfield took a sudden turn at Gumbert Field 2 in Westfield on June 29. Trailing 4-2 and with two outs in the top of the sixth inning, the 12U Summit Hilltoppers blasted open the flood gates and gushed forth

with six runs en route to an 8-5 victory.

The Blue Devils had Jack Schwarzenbek on the mound for the first three innings and he permitted one run and four hits, while walking no one and striking out two batters. Don Meixner pitched the final three innings and yielded eight hits, while walking no one and striking out two. Andrew Matter pitched the

first inning for Summit and allowed three runs on four hits, while walking no one and striking out one. John Deveau pitched two scoreless and hitless innings, hitting a batter, while striking out four. Jack Lopuszynski pitched the next three innings and allowed two runs on four hits, while walking nobody and striking out one.

The front five batters accounted for 10 of the Hilltoppers' 12 hits, six runs scored and all of their RBI. The Blue Devils were

unable to get the best of Gavin Schnall, who went 4-for-4 with a double, two RBI and two runs scored. Deveau doubled, singled, scored twice and had an RBI. Matt McKeever doubled, singled and had two RBI. Matter whacked a two-run double and scored once, and Grayson Eckhardt tapped an RBI single and scored once.

The Blue Devil front five batters also accounted for seven of their eight hits, all of their runs

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scored and three RBI. John Russo had a pair of singles, an RBI and scored twice. Meixner doubled, singled and scored once. Jackson Rossitto rapped an RBI single and scored once. Schwarzenbek slapped an RBI single, Liam Reed singled and scored once, and Ryan Zuckerman doubled. Kieran Kelly was hit-by-a-pitch. Westfield tapped Matter for three runs in the bottom of the first inning. Reed beat out a high-chopping single and went to second on a failed pickoff attempt. Russo bounced an RBI single to center and scored on Rossitto's looping single over first base. Schwarzenbek followed with an RBI single to right field. Westfield tried to threaten in the second inning. Kelly took a fastball to the back and Zuckerman launched a long fly ball to deep centerfield but Schnall made a great snag for the out then Deveau struck out a

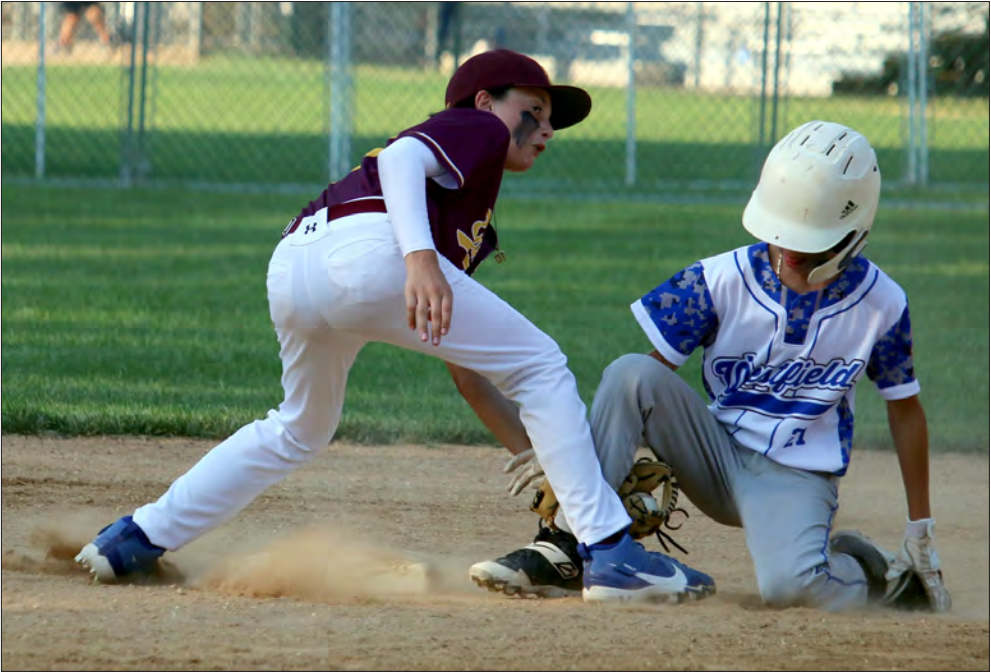
batter and got the next to pop up to short. Summit scored once in the third when Schnall sizzled a single to right and scored on McKeever's ground-rule double to center. Westfield took a 4-1 lead in the fourth when Meixner doubled to left-center and scored on Grayson Madera's ground out to short. In the fifth inning, Deveau singled to center and scored on Schnall's double to right field to make the score 4-2. Zuckerman led off the Westfield fifth with a double down the right field line and Cole Zippler moved him to third with a sacrifice bunt. Lopuszynski retired the next two batters to escape damage. Lopuszynski began the Summit sixth inning with a single past third. After a strikeout, Brady Azurmendi (1-for-3) reached on a throwing error as Lopuszynski skipped to third. Jackson Conroy laid down a bunt but Meixner

alertly grabbed the ball, tagged him for the second out and held the runner at third. Down to their potential final out, Matter unleashed a two-run double to right-center then Deveau put Summit ahead, 5-4, with an RBI double to right. Eckhardt hopped an RBI single over second base, Schnall wiggled an RBI single past short and McKeever lined an RBI single to center. Russo led off the Westfield sixth when he plopped a single into shallow center. After a strikeout, Schwarzenbek lined out to left but an errant throw allowed Russo to score. Meixner singled to right but Madera lined out to second for the final out.

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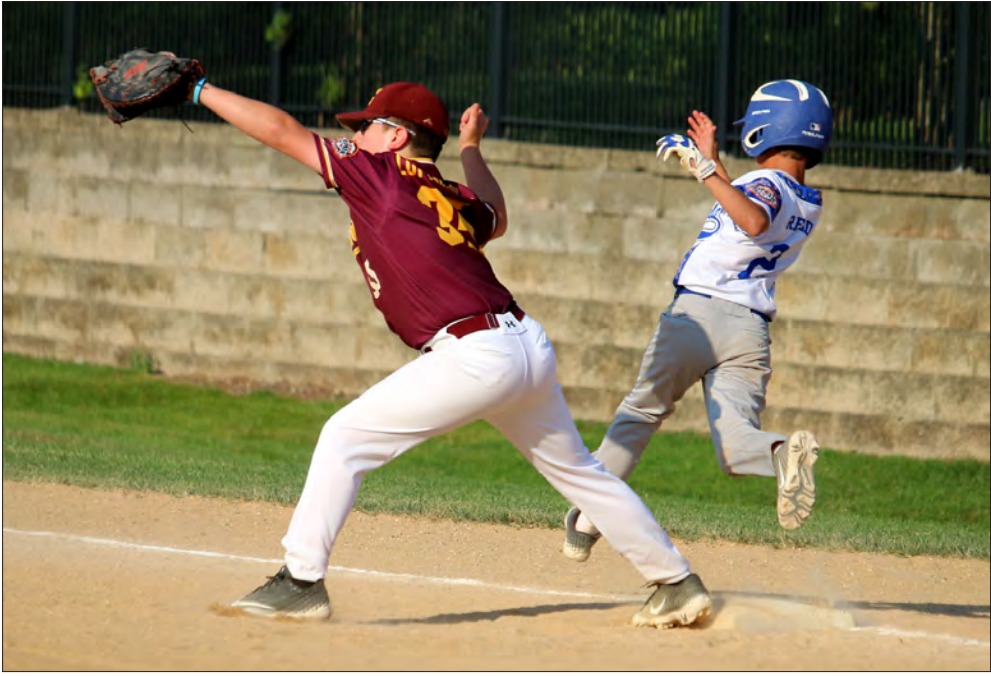


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Blue Devils Faced Challenges; Finished 11-5 in Boys Lacrosse





Cougars Finished 5-2 in Division, Finish Boys Lax Season 8-7

