

DWC Seeks Solutions to Local Worker Shortage

By JESSE WINTER
For The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD — The challenge facing Westfield small businesses in finding employees post-pandemic was a leading topic of discussion introduced by Executive Director Bob Zuckerman during the Downtown Westfield Corporation's (DWC) June 16 meeting.

Prior to Wednesday's meeting, Mr. Zuckerman had met with State Assemblyman Jon Brannick and Mayor Shelley Brindle, where they discussed the shortage of workers

for Westfield's restaurants and retail merchants.

"Especially with extended unemployment benefits, the extra three hundred dollars for each person on unemployment, it's been tough for service businesses to get help," explained Mr. Zuckerman.

He said the conversation led to a brainstorming of ideas that included creating a job fair in town for Westfield's restaurants and shops.

"I think there are a lot of retailers and restaurants having this issue," said Mr. Zuckerman. "We're think-

ing a job fair would be a real benefit for our merchants."

Mr. Zuckerman also discussed partnering with the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce (GWACC). Together, the organizations would compile a survey to send out to Westfield merchants. The intent would be to collect specific information on how businesses are being affected. This survey could be used to inform the planning of a future job fair, it was noted.

Regarding a timetable, Mr. Zuckerman floated the idea of a post-Labor Day jobs fair.

Other, more immediate solutions to the labor shortage also were discussed during last week's meeting. One such idea was put forth by Gene Jannotti, chief executive officer of the GWACC, where he proposed the DWC and Chamber compile and publish a list of Westfield merchants in need of employees. Mr. Jannotti suggested publishing the information "on some sort of regular basis."

Councilwoman Dawn Mackey proposed using the recently rolled-out new town website to post job listings.

"The Chamber and DWC could cover all the jobs that are available," said Councilwoman Mackey. "People are always looking; we could start training people — this [town website] is the place you can go."

In other news, the DWC took official action authorizing the agency

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SERVICE ABOVE SELF...Outgoing Rotary Club of Westfield President Liz Ensslin, right, and Rotary District Governor-Elect Shelby Rhodes, second from right, award Paul Harris Fellows to club members Maria Fuentes of Northfield Bank, left, Westfield Schools Superintendent Dr. Margaret Dolan, second from left, and United Fund Executive Director Deirdre Gelinne, center, for their service to the community on Tuesday night at Lion's Roar Brewery.

Cranford School District Releases September Reopening Plans

By JENNIFER GLACKIN
For The Westfield Leader

CRANFORD — The Cranford school district released its plans for a September reopening last week. Parents were emailed a presentation with the information.

The biggest change from this year is that students will be attending in-person school for a full day, including lunch.

Students will be seated at least six feet apart during lunch. Elementary schools will use a combination of lunchroom, classroom and outdoor seating to maintain the proper physical distance. Classes will each be assigned

locations for recess and will rotate through the stations each day.

The middle schools will each incorporate an additional lunch period to accommodate each grade level with the appropriate spacing. In addition to the cafeteria, students will use the auditorium and classroom 44.

The high-school students will follow a "Rotate and Drop" block schedule and lunches will follow each student's daily schedule.

Cleaning practices from this year will continue. Frequently-touched surfaces and bathrooms will continue to be sanitized often. More touch-less sanitizer stations and faucets will be in-

stalled throughout the summer to aid in hand washing and cleaning. Social-distancing markers in hallways and bathrooms will remain in place for next year.

Elementary students will be seated at least three feet apart in classrooms, per New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) guidelines. Middle- and high-school students will be spaced three feet apart during low and moderate transmission times and six feet apart if the district is ever placed into a high-transmission area by the NJDOH. High-school classes will be capped in order to adhere to social-distancing guide-

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Paul Lachenauer for The Westfield Leader
CHALK THE WALL...Artist Anthony Cappelto created a spaceman climbing the wall. The event is sponsored by the Westfield Public Arts Commission and Netfl Metro.



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BREW'S FINAL FOUR...Blue Devil baseball Head Coach Bob Brewster holds a photo of his team when he earned his 652nd career victory to become Union County's all-time winningest coach. Coach Brewster is retiring from coaching after 38 years as head coach. Pictured from left are team captains Matt Melao, Chris Ho, Coach Brewster, Jake Bencivenga and Holden Grantz. See story on page 9.

Judge William Daniel Named As New Union Co. Prosecutor

By JESSE WINTER
For The Westfield Leader

COUNTY — The county will have its first sitting prosecutor in years, after Judge William Daniel was appointed by Governor Phil Murphy to fill the Union County Prosecutor's position, replacing Acting Prosecutor Lyndsay Ruotolo, who will become the next director of the Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ), effective next month.

Official action was taken by the New Jersey Senate's Judiciary Committee on June 16, when Judge Daniel's appointment was confirmed

by a unanimous committee vote. As county prosecutor, he will act as the chief law enforcement officer and leader of the Prosecutor's Office, the county's largest law office.

Judge Daniel has served as a New Jersey Superior Court Judge since 2005. Prior to becoming a Superior Court Justice, Judge Daniel served his hometown of Linden as municipal judge, and before that, as municipal prosecutor and assistant municipal prosecutor.

According to the Union County Prosecutor's website, Judge Daniel will oversee hundreds of assistant

prosecutors, investigators, forensic scientists, forensic nurses, police training experts, victim-witness advocates and civilian team members.

"I'm truly humbled by Governor Murphy's nomination to the position of Union County Prosecutor. Thank you, Governor Murphy, for this opportunity," remarked Judge Daniel during the State Senate Judiciary Hearing on June 16.

"I've been fortunate enough to serve the citizens of my community, the County of Union, the State of New Jersey and America for about 45 years now, in various areas of our justice system, whether it be as a law enforcement officer, a prosecutor, or a judge," he said.

"And looking back on it, as a criminal defense attorney, too, when I was in private practice," noted Judge Daniel. "I have been on every side of the bench, so to speak, and on the bench."

During his remarks, prior to the committee's vote on June 16, Judge Daniel emphasized the importance of the "simple bedrock principles" that have guided the different stages of his career. One such principle has been ensuring he treated those he came into contact with in the same manner he would want to be treated, if he were in their position.

The second, "equally important bedrock [principle]," according to Judge Daniel, is preparation. "I've been prepared throughout my career in public service, to meet the demands of the privilege of being a public servant," he said.

Judge Daniel characterized his nomination as the incoming Union County prosecutor as occurring during "a critical time during our state's and nation's history." He expressed confidence throughout his remarks, drawing on the support of the communities he has served, and also his family and friends.

"I know I can meet the challenges of this crucial position and bring about a greater dialogue, positive interaction and better understanding of all facets of our criminal justice system, including our law enforcement and prosecution systems," Judge Daniel remarked.

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Garwood Students Discuss High School Preparation

By JULIA BONAVITACOLA
For The Westfield Leader

GARWOOD — Superintendent Teresa Quigley, Ed.D., brought four students to talk to the board of education Tuesday about their experiences in high school and, specifically, how Lincoln School prepared them for their high-school education.

Dr. Quigley introduced the students to the board early in the meeting. She said that the panel of students was an idea that the board had in order to hear their own thoughts on the public-school system. "We're planning to do this yearly or maybe more than yearly," said Dr. Quigley.

The four students chosen to speak to the board were freshman Abby Henkel, juniors Cris O'Reilly and Raina Ridente and senior Erin Hak. All go to Arthur L. Johnson (ALJ) High School except for Raina, who attends the Academy of Performing Arts in Scotch Plains.

Dr. Quigley asked each student about their experiences at their respective schools. Abby said that her first year in high school was a little "stressful" given the pandemic. "We were constantly switching schedules, going from virtual to in-person. And if there was a case, it'd be kinda (sic) scary because we didn't know who got it....," she said. However, she said that, overall, her grades did not suffer from the ever-changing situation.

Dr. Quigley asked all of the students how they thought that Lincoln School prepared them for the classes that they took in high school. Raina said that the amount of work she got in high school was comparable to her coursework in middle school. However, she said that she did not feel as

prepared in math and Spanish. "I was really behind in [math] because a lot of the other kids took algebra in eighth grade. So, things like the quadratic formula and the Pythagorean theorem, they already knew. And that was something I had to learn," she said.

Cris and Abby agreed with Raina. "I also do feel that the Garwood students, compared to the Clark students, I definitely felt that the Clark students strived in math a little more than the Garwood students," said Cris.

He also addressed the social aspect of going from Lincoln School to ALJ. He said that Clark students tended to be more "cliquey" when it came to social groups. "Going in to ALJ, the Clark kids stick with the Clark kids...there's a whole Garwood table of just Garwood kids. So you really need to start getting involved to really make those connections," said Cris. He suggested that Clark and Garwood students should start connecting a few years before high school in order to make integrating the Garwood students easier in the long run.

Erin said that she joined marching band in order to help socialize with the other kids from Clark. "That helped me a lot with making friends...I was afraid I wasn't going to be able to make new friends with the Clark kids because they all knew each other," she said.

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LEARNING TO GOLF...The Juneteenth celebration at Scotch Hills Country Club in Scotch Plains on Saturday, two days after it was named a national holiday, draws a large crowd including budding golfers taking lessons from the pros.

Fanwood Council Unveils '21 Budget; Opts Out on Cannabis

By REBECCA MEHORTER
For The Westfield Leader

FANWOOD — The Fanwood Borough Council introduced its 2021 budget at its Monday evening meeting. Officials also formally introduced Ordinance O-2021-16-S, which would “prohibit the operation of any class of cannabis businesses within” Fanwood, the ordinance reads.

The council first read multiple proclamations, including one declaring June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month. Additionally, the governing body recognized June 4 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day and June 19 as Juneteenth. The council discussed Social Justice Matters’ Juneteenth activities, and multiple council members said they had learned more about Black history in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood area as a result of the Juneteenth commemoration.

The council introduced the 2021 budget as, “it’s getting pretty late in the year,” Councilwoman Erin McElroy Barker said. “We had a tremendous amount of ground to make up from last year’s losses.” Ms. McElroy Barker highlighted the losses in revenue due to the Covid-19 pandemic and required increases in appropriations as significant challenges for the drafters to account for.

The council discussed the two other tax sections residents pay as well. Residents are expected to pay approximately \$40 less than last year to the county, but potentially “a couple hundred dollars” more to the school district this year, Councilwoman McElroy Barker said. The change for the municipal portion is unknown at this time, but will be “as minimal as possible,” she said.

The borough will receive approximately \$775,000 of coronavirus-related federal funding, Chief Financial Officer Fred Tomkins said. However, the borough must use the money to first “fund the emergencies we passed last year” like revenue losses and expenses and deficits in the sewage utilities.

The money cannot be used to reduce taxes or pay pension costs, Mr. Tomkins said. The money will help the budget in the future, as the borough dictated the municipality would pay for the emergencies in 2022.

The council passed all the items on

its consent agenda, which was discussed at length at the governing body’s June 7 meeting. The council also passed on second reading a bond ordinance that amends an earlier ordinance to include a grant from the county for road improvements, Mayor Colleen Mahr said at the May 17 meeting.

The council officially introduced Ordinance O-2021-16-S, which would opt Fanwood out of state mandates to permit cannabis sales. Mayor Mahr said that after Governor Phil Murphy signed the legislation permitting cannabis sales, a “clock started to tick,” giving municipalities 180 days to opt out of the bill.

“It’s kind of unfortunate because the way that the law is written, we don’t have the time” to discuss how residents would like to go about the process, Mayor Mahr said. If the borough were to not opt out, she said, licenses for cultivation, wholesale, retail delivery and micro businesses would be at the discretion of the state’s cannabis regulatory commission rather than the borough.

By opting out, she continued, borough leadership and residents can decide if Fanwood should allow cannabis sales, and if so, what type and where. Mayor Mahr said the borough can rejoin at any time.

The council also approved a resolution to promote Austin Louise to the position of assistant public works foreman. Additionally, the council appointed John Otchy to the board of health as an alternate member for the remainder of the year.

Mayor Mahr asked that the council discuss the results of the downtown survey at the next meeting. The survey received a tremendous number of responses, she said, and residents deserved a recap of the feedback.

The council then went into executive session to discuss personnel, contract negotiations and matters that fall under attorney-client privilege. The next Fanwood Council meeting will take place on Monday, July 6, at 7 p.m. Residents can join via Zoom or watch via Facebook Live. Residents also are welcomed to stop by Borough Hall, which has recently reopened to the public.

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SP-F Introduces Reopening Plan; Concerns Raised About Diversity Trainer

By JENNIFER GLACKIN
For The Westfield Leader

SCOTCH PLAINS — At the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education meeting last Thursday, Superintendent Joan Mast, Ed.D., and other administrative staff introduced the district’s plan for reopening in September. Dr. Mast said the district “is in a good position” to reopen.

School will be open full time for all students, including lunch at all levels. Elementary and middle schools will continue with the current end-of-year schedules. High-school students will follow the current block schedule, but their lunch break will be incorporated into the middle of the day instead of this year’s end-of-day lunch.

The district will use different spaces, plastic barriers, or additional lunch periods if necessary to help students distance during lunch time, said Director of Human Resources Peter Pitucco. Mr. Pitucco also reported that physical distancing and masking requirements will adjust according to state guidance at the time. “Students will be provided intermittent mask breaks to allow for healthy respiration,” reported Mr. Pitucco.

Lisa Rehimbas, director of special services, said the district will continue to conduct daily screenings for students and staff for as long as it is “needed and necessary,” and accommodations will be made for those with special needs. Ms. Rehimbas also said quarantine procedures and contact tracing will continue.

“The district will continue to provide appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities in respect to the health and safety policies,” said Ms. Rehimbas.

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Robert McGarry, Ed.D., said “social and emotional awareness and mental health is a big concern,” and that the district will continue its current efforts to help students, as well as implement new ways to support them.

Effective School Solutions will continue to provide “wrap-around” mental health services for students who need a high level of individual support, said Dr. McGarry. A recent partnership with Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care will provide the district with individual family and group counseling, crisis intervention, after-school programs and staff development, he added. End-of-summer programs also will be offered to help students who were learning completely remotely this past year or are struggling with anxiety about the full return, said Dr. McGarry.

Dr. McGarry also said Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) testing was used this year to assess student progress

and will be used next year as well to assess student learning and adjust academic instruction accordingly.

Dr. Mast stated that the plan will be reviewed and revised every six months until September 2023, as a part of special funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The extra funding will help schools “prepare for and respond to the impacts of Covid-19,” she said.

Scotch Plains resident John Denning expressed his displeasure at the district’s decision to hire Dr. Khyati Y. Joshi for staff development and diversity training. Mr. Denning objected to Dr. Joshi’s book, “White Christian Privilege,” and a recent Twitter posting about Georgia Republicans. Mr. Denning said the choice to hire her “is not worthy of our school district.” Fanwood parent Camelia Trepcu said the district paid \$30,000 for this training and felt the money could have been spent elsewhere.

Two Scotch Plains parents who are a part of the REAL (Representation, Equality, Anti-Racism, and Literary Diversity) Parents SPF group spoke about the issue. Michelle Gonzalez said the group stands behind the board’s decision to bring Dr. Joshi in for diversity training. Sara August, one of the REAL parents who spoke, is a teacher in Millburn public schools and is being trained by Dr. Joshi. She feels that the training has been incredibly helpful in creating a more respectful and inclusive environment for students.

“Anti-bias training is important,” said Dr. Mast. She continued by saying the intent of the training with Dr. Joshi is for all families and students to feel the “same level of comfort in our school,” which some families have told Dr. Mast they do not. As for the tweet to which Mr. Denning referred, “we do not stand behind that statement,” said Dr. Mast, who spoke with Dr. Joshi and the board about it. Dr. Mast said she and the administrators have worked with Dr. Joshi and that she spoke with other districts and groups who have been trained by Dr. Joshi, and they stand behind her training. In the fall, there will be an open public parent forum with Dr. Joshi for anyone to attend.

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NEW PREZ...Rotary District Governor-Elect Shelby Rhodes swears in Blake Width as the 2021-22 Rotary Club of Westfield President on Tuesday night at Lion’s Roar Brewery.

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TAKING THE PLUNGE...Above, world-renowned chalk artist Anthony Cappetto shows the design for what his 3D swimming pool will look like on Quimby Street when finished. Below, Mr. Cappetto, Mayor Shelley Brindle, Councilperson Dawn Mackey and Ben Perlin of Netti jump into the “pool” during the Chalk the Walk event.



Reopening

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lines, but there was no information as to what the number would be or if it would change based on classroom size.

High-school and middle-school locker rooms will remain closed next year, so students are encouraged to dress comfortably. Lockers will not be used again next year and students will be allowed to carry backpacks throughout the day.

Students and staff will have to fill out a monthly attestation form that they are free from Covid-19 symptoms, as opposed to this year’s daily form. School attendees also will be visually screened for Covid-19 symptoms upon entering the building, with accommodations made for those with disabilities. Masking guidelines will be in accordance with recommendations at the time.

Social and emotional well-being will remain a priority and be a part of student orientations. There will be an in-person orientation for new students and those who were fully virtual during the 2020-2021 school year. Additionally, sixth-grade students will meet with a transition counselor weekly to help with the change from elementary

to middle school. The counseling department also is “committed to meet with every student either individually or in groups” and to “follow up with individuals as needed,” according to the presentation.

For students who are struggling academically, the district will continue to use current assessment tools and the New Jersey Tiered System of Supports. Kindergarten through eighth-grade students will be assessed using iReady Universal screening for Math and Language Arts and other grade-appropriate assessments to determine if a student needs added support from the literacy or math interventionist team, Achieve Basic Skills, or another program.

The presentation also stated that “the district will provide a revised plan should restrictions be lessened in the future.”

Prosecutor

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Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Democratic Senator Nicholas P. Scutari, reacted to the appointment, speaking with *The Westfield Leader* last Friday.

“I’m really happy with the appointment,” said Senator Scutari, who also is the Majority Whip with an office based out of Linden. “There’s no one more qualified to become the next Union County Prosecutor.”

Union County has had six Acting Prosecutors since 2013 when Prosecutor Theodore Romankow was replaced by the appointment of Acting Prosecutor Grace Park.

Preparation

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After Dr. Quigley was finished asking questions of her student panel, she thanked them for taking the time to talk to the board. Christine Guerriero praised the students and their responses. “I think for the first time that we’re doing this on the board, you picked four incredible students who are very articulate and...have ideas about how to navigate the rough spots in high school,” she said.

Dr. Quigley said that she has a lot of other students that she can pick from for future iterations of a student panel.

The board of education will take a two-month break and will not meet again until Tuesday, August 17.

Shortage

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to cover the monthly \$29 subscription for its merchants using the Beyond Main app and online marketplace. The cost to cover the participating businesses totals \$3,000 out of the \$5,000 budgeted in 2021 for the project. The \$3,000 payment continues access to the DWC’s participating merchants until the end of the year. Mr. Zuckerman said afterwards it would be up to those businesses to continue using the online platform.

Members expressed support for the Beyond Main concept and optimism that the app will further catch on.

The DWC also is continuing support for the Open Quimby outdoor dining experience in town. The night’s business saw the DWC approve payment of \$3,000 for bistro tables and chairs recently rolled out. The next DWC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 21. The DWC anticipates a return to in-person meetings sometime in August.

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Transportation Access Bill Advances in Senate

TRENTON -- State residents diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder or developmental disabilities would have an easier time traveling independently under legislation sponsored by Senate Republican Leader Tom Kean and cleared this week by the Senate Transportation Committee.

The legislation (S-3442) requires the Department of Transportation (DOT), the New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJTC) and the Department of Human Services (DHS) to review current infrastructure design practices for highway

and public transportation projects.

"Our roads, buses and trains are not designed with people living with disabilities in mind," said Senator Kean (R-21). "We want to ensure residents who face mobility challenges have the same opportunity to travel that the rest of us enjoy. It is time to re-evaluate the way transportation systems are designed and built so all of our residents can benefit."

Under Senator Kean's bill, the three agencies are also directed to conduct a study of nationwide best practices and identify ways to operate public roadway facilities and public transportation services so they are more accessible.

"Our state can do better, and this is a step in the right direction," Senator Kean said. "Mobility is not a luxury in today's world. It is a necessity."

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GIVING BACK...The Salad House raised over \$7,000 for Spectrum360's Walk for a Lifetime, an annual fundraiser to help fund the school's programs and activities. Spectrum360 is a nonprofit organization serving children, adolescents, young adults and adults on the autism spectrum and with behavioral and related disabilities. The Salad House donated 20 percent of proceeds from all five active locations on June 7 in honor of a local young customer, Luke Bothe, who attends Academy360, a Private School for students on the autism spectrum and with behavioral and related disabilities. The check was presented at Academy360 in Verona, NJ on June 17.

Healthy Eating the Mediterranean Way

WESTFIELD -- Did you know that the Mediterranean Diet can help lower the risk of a heart attack or stroke and contribute to improved cardiovascular health? Learn about this and other ways to improve long-term health and wellness in a new webinar sponsored by Lifelong Westfield entitled "Improving Your Diet For Your Long-Term Health & Wellness."

The webinar will be taught by Dr. Karen Ensle, EdD, RDN, Family and Community Health Sciences Educator and Department Head of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County. During this virtual event, participants will learn about the foods recommended in the Mediterranean Diet (chosen as the #1 diet by US News & World Report in 2020) that can contribute to improved heart health and overall well-being.

The deadline for applications is Friday, July 2, by 6 p.m. Applications are available, at no cost, by visiting www.wpdnj.org/youthacademy or stopping by the Westfield Police Department. Enrollment will be on a first-come, first served-basis, and space is limited. No late applications will be accepted.

For more information, please contact Officer Tiffany Kenny (908) 789-4000 or tkenny@wpdnj.org, or Detective/Sergeant Lauren Maloney (908) 789-6086 or lmaloney@wpdnj.org.

Westfield Police Department to Host Annual Youth Academy

WESTFIELD -- The Westfield Police Department will host its second annual Westfield Police Youth Academy from Monday, August 9 through Friday, August 13 at the John H. Stamler Police Academy of Union County, located at 1776 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains.

The academy is open to Westfield students entering grades 9 to 12, and will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. The program allows the youth an opportunity to develop an understanding of the role of the police officer in the community.

Students will undergo physical training at the start of each day, drill training, instruction in motor vehicle stops, criminal investigation techniques, crime scene, first aid, evidence recovery, and patrol practices. There will be demonstrations from the police canine unit, SWAT team, and many more.

All students will be provided with an official Westfield Police Youth Academy uniform to wear during the course. Upon successful completion of the program, students will participate in a graduation ceremony and receive a certificate of completion. It should be noted that transportation to and from the John H. Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains will not be provided for the students.

The Union County Clerk is authorized to accept passport applications and forward them to the State Department for processing. This service is available in person and by appointment only.

To make an appointment at the County Clerk's main office in the Union County Courthouse at 2 Broad Street in Elizabeth, call (908) 527-4966.

To make an appointment at the annex office in the Colleen Frasier Building, at the Union County complex at 300 North Avenue East in Westfield, call (908) 654-9859.

Passport photos are also available at both offices for a nominal fee of \$10 each.

For more information about the County Clerk's passport service, visit online at ucnj.org/county-clerk/passport-services or call (908) 527-4966.

County Clerk Advises on Passport Processing Delays

COUNTY -- Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi advises residents to check their passport expiration date before making plans for international travel this summer, and fall, and early winter. Some countries will not allow entry for travelers with passports that are within several months of expiring.

"Depending on the country, travelers may be barred if their passport is due to expire within three to six months of their travel date," said Ms. Rajoppi. "In addition, travelers with expiring passports need to account for the time needed for the U.S. Department of State to process passport renewal applications."

The State Department currently estimates that it will take 18 weeks to renew an existing passport. For residents who agree to pay an expedited fee, the wait time is 12 weeks.

"Although my office can provide assistance with the initial filing of an application, unfortunately we have no control over the processing timeline because that is a State Department function," said Ms. Rajoppi. "This is the longest delay I have seen in years, and it appears related to the continuing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on their operations."

For the latest updates on wait times, and for additional details about renewing or obtaining a U.S. passport, visit the State Department online at travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.

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UCC Foundation Welcomes Six New Trustees to its Board

CRANFORD -- At the May board meeting of the Union County College Foundation, six community members were elected as new trustees to the board. They are: Rev. Dr. Selina D. Carter of Plainfield, Rev. Dr. Francis A. Hubbard of Berkeley Heights, Ken Orchard of Little Silver, Colleen Shea of Cranford, Steven St. Pierre Fernandez of Rahway, and Danielle Walsh of Westfield. All six members are strong supporters of the mission of the Foundation and believe that education is one of the most important factors to economic mobility.

Rev. Dr. Selina D. Carter, of Plainfield, Union '03, has more than 40 years of experience in technology management and 15 years of experience in the non-profit sector. She is currently employed at AIG Technologies and is also the Founder and Executive Director of Spirit of Excellence-Leadership, Inc., a non-profit organization for adolescent girls and women. Dr. Carter not only has a track record of success in getting program initiatives off the ground but ensuring they flourish as well, which will assist the Foundation with cultivating potential donors.

Rev. Dr. Francis A. Hubbard, of Berkeley Heights, is now a "retired" Episcopal priest, serving as an occasional Sunday substitute. During his career, he led a congregation that tripled in size and became more diverse. He established regional church policies to increase support for the churches and clergy in economically poor areas. Dr. Hubbard has extensive experience in writing and public speaking to inspire and motivate others. He is committed to sharing the mission of the College and its opportunities to prospective students.

Ken Orchard, of Little Silver, Union '74, recently retired as President of TriState Capital Bank's New Jersey operations. Prior to joining TriState Capital, Ken served as the New Jersey Division Manager for Capital One Bank where he led a team of 17 commercial real estate professionals. He also served as Senior Vice President, Division Manager for Wells Fargo Bank where he was responsible for a portfolio of approximately \$2 billion in commercial real estate assets. A financial services leader with extensive experience in group organization and sales motivation, Mr. Orchard brings his 50 years of banking and financial experience to the board.

Colleen Shea, of Cranford, is the Vice President of Sales for Pen Company of America in Garwood. This family owned business has been manufacturing pens in the U.S. for more than four generations. She joined the company in 2003. In 2020, at the onset of the pandemic, they pivoted from manufacturing pens to making face shields for the healthcare industry. This change also kept their employees employed and their business open. From the sale of the face shields, Pen Company of America made a generous donation to the Foundation and created the "Tomorrow's Healthcare Heroes" scholarship.

Steven St. Pierre Fernandez, of Rahway, Union '08, is an attorney with O'Toole Scivo, LLC. He has an active litigation practice, focusing on the areas of general liability defense, complex commercial litigation, and professional liability. He previously served as Project Specialist for U.S. Senator Cory Booker. In this position, he oversaw community projects with at-risk youth in Elizabeth. Mr. St. Pierre Fernandez has worked with various non-profits including the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless. He attributes his success today to the education, training, and leadership skills he attained while attending the College.

Danielle Walsh, of Westfield, has been active in the local community for more than 30 years as a community volunteer and non-profit consultant. She served 27 years on the Westfield Area YMCA Board of Directors, including as board president. Ms. Walsh has also served as an officer for the Westfield Board of Education, a member of the Westfield Municipal Planning Board, and is the current President of the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. As a non-profit consultant, she specializes in non-profit board governance, leadership, and effectiveness.

"The Foundation welcomes these six community minded leaders as new trustees to our Board. With their help, we will continue to expand the Foundation's mission in the community and share the opportunities available to students at Union County College," said Doug Rouse, Foundation Executive Director.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can change the lives of Union students, e-mail Doug Rouse at douglas.rouse@ucc.edu or call (908) 709-7113. To learn more about the Union County College Foundation go to www.uccfoundation.org.

PUBLIC NOTICE		PUBLIC NOTICE	
TOWN OF WESTFIELD, BOARD OF EDUCATION 302 ELM STREET, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY			
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD			
The Westfield Board of Education has awarded contracts without competitive bidding as a professional service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 a (1). The contracts and the resolutions authorizing them are on file and available for public inspection in the office of Westfield Board of Education.			
Whereas, there exists a need for professional services in the specific area(s) mentioned below for the 2021-2022 school year for the following professional services and whereas, funds are available for this purpose, and whereas, the Public School Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.) permits the award of contracts without competitive bids for Professional Services that require licensing and are regulated by law, and Whereas, the Public School Contracts Law requires that the Board of Education adopt a resolution awarding such contracts at a public meeting.			
		Dana Sullivan Business Administrator/ Board Secretary	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR			
Effective School Solutions Summit, NJ 07901	Therapeutic Mental Health Svcs	\$627,800.00 (School Year) N/C (ESY)	
NOT TO EXCEED \$627,800.00		\$627,800.00 Total	
Interim Healthcare of Northwest Edison, NJ	Registered Nurse	\$59.90/hr	
NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00	Licensed Practical Nurse	\$55.00/hr	
	Aide	\$25.00/hr	
Brett Di Novi & Assoc LLC Cherry Hill, NJ	School Services	\$55.00/hr Clinical Assoc., Travel \$55 \$130.00/hr BCBA, Travel \$130.00	
NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000.00	In-District	\$55.00/hr Clinical Assoc. 1/2 rate Travel \$24.88 \$125.00/hr BCBA 1/2 rate travel rate for both	
	Home Services	\$71.50 Clinical Assoc; mileage \$0.51 \$140.00/hr BCBA; mileage \$0.51	
Intensive Therapeutics, Inc. Fanwood, NJ 07023	OT Services	\$100.00/hr \$85.00/45 mins \$65.00/30 mins	
NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00		\$450.00/evaluation (incl 2hr w/child, written report & parent conference, fee may vary depending on time & testing)	
Leslie Eckenthal Westfield, NJ 07090	Speech Services	\$95.00/hr \$420.00/evaluation	
NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00			
Summit Speech School New Providence, NJ	Itinerant Teachers Deaf Services	\$160.00 or \$165/hr	
NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000.00	Staff/Student In-Service	\$160.00 or \$165/hr	
	Consultative Services	\$160.00 or \$165/hr	
	IEP/Planning/Meeting w Staff	\$150.00 call \$200.00 on-site	
	Equipment troubleshooting on site	\$200.00/hr	
	Review/Observation Intake (ROI)	\$250.00/hr	
	Consult directly/indirectly w/ Ed.		
	Audiologist email/phone/text/mail	\$200.00/hr	
	Diagnostic Report Review via email	\$100.00/hr	
	Extensive Record Review @ District		
	w/ recommendation	\$200.00/hr	
	IEP Planning meeting w/staff Conf Call	\$150, On site \$225	
Glasberg Behavioral Consulting Services, LLC Princeton, NJ	Functional Behavioral Assessments	\$150.00/hr \$225.00/90mins	
NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000.00	Independent Evaluations	\$150.00/hr	
	Teacher Consults	\$150.00/hr	
	Social Skills Groups In-District	\$125.00/hr	
	Direct Therapy	\$75.00	
	Summer BCBA Support	\$125.00/hr	
Therapy Travelers, LLC Anaheim, CA	Staffing-School Psychologist	\$88.00/hr	
NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000.00	Occupational Therapy	\$88.00/hr	
Phonemic Foundations LLC Mary Faella 303 Tote Road Mountainside, NJ 07092	Speech Services	\$95.00/hr	
NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000.00			
Lindamood-Bell Morristown, NJ 07960	Sensory-Cognitive Instruction	\$146/session	
NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00			
Bayada Home Health Care, Inc Pittsburgh, PA 15253-5906	RN	\$58.00/hr	
NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00	LPN	\$45.00/hr	
United Therapy Solutions Fanwood, NJ 07023	OT/PT/Speech Therapy	\$90.00/hr	
NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00	*Evaluations In District	\$350.00/evaluation	
	Evaluations Out-of-District	\$400.00/evaluation	
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Retired Summit Middle-School Teacher Arrested

SUMMIT -- A retired drama teacher and theater director at a middle school in Summit has been arrested and charged with committing criminal offenses of a sexual nature against a student while on school grounds several years ago, acting Union County Prosecutor Lyndsay V. Ruotolo and Summit Police Chief Andrew Bartolotti announced Monday.

Ronald Wells, 69, is charged with second-degree endangering the welfare of a child, third-degree aggravated criminal sexual contact, and fourth-degree criminal sexual contact.

An investigation by the Summit Police Department, assisted by the Prosecutor's Office's Special Victims Unit, revealed that the incident in question took place in 2016 in a private third-floor room of the Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School, according to Special Victims Unit Supervisor and Assistant Prosecutor Caroline Lawlor, who is prosecuting the case. At that time Wells allegedly asked the victim to join him after school hours to model costumes for a school play, and between costume changes, began touching the student in a sexual manner.

Wells, a Summit resident, was arrested without incident on Friday pending a first appearance and detention hearing scheduled to take place

in Union County Superior Court. Lawlor said she intended to file a petition to keep Wells detained pending the adjudication of the case against him.

"No child should be exposed to this kind of criminal conduct in our schools, especially from a person entrusted with their education," said Ruotolo. "I am grateful that the Summit Police Department and my office were able to collaborate to bring this suspect to justice."

Chief Bartolotti added, "I understand how difficult it is for a community when something like this happens so close to home. We will continue to work with the Union County Prosecutor's Office to investigate further allegations and encourage any additional victims to please come forward."

Anyone with information about this or similar incidents involving defendant Wells is being urged to contact Summit Police Department Detective Sgt. Ryan Peters at (908) 273-5871.

Convictions on second-degree criminal offenses are commonly punishable by terms of 5 to 10 years in state prison.

These criminal charges are mere accusations. Every defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

'Ban the Bag' to Help Keep Union County Parks Clean

COUNTY -- As the summer cook-out season approaches, the Union County Board of County Commissioners reminds residents and visitors to help prevent windblown bags and other litter in County parks. Instead of plastic bags, use sturdy totes, backpacks, or baskets to carry supplies for family celebrations and other outdoor gatherings.

Union County's 36 public parks provide a refuge for birds, fish, turtles, and other wildlife that can be hurt or killed when entangled in plastic bags that become lost or blown away by the wind. They can also be harmed by mistakenly ingesting plastic and other litter.

"Everyone can make a difference by switching to reusable bags when visiting County parks," said Commissioner Board Chairman Alexander Mirabella. "Getting into the reusable habit this summer can also help prepare everyone for next year's statewide bag ban."

As of May 4, 2022, New Jersey state law will ban plastic shopping bags at grocery stores and retail outlets. Paper bags will be also banned at large grocery stores of more than 2,500 square feet.

In addition, the new law will cover "clamshell" type food containers and other products that are only used once and thrown away, including plates, cups, food trays and utensils. Plastic straws at restaurants will be available only on request.

More details about the New Jersey bag ban are available from the New Jersey Clean Community Council at bagupnj.com.

Visitors to Union County parks are also reminded that lost fishing line can be hazardous to wildlife. Convenient "Reel in and Recycle" disposal bins are available at popular fishing spots in Union County parks for the safe disposal of broken or unwanted line.

For more information about Union County parks, including details about picnic area reservations and fishing spots, visit ucnj.org/parks-recreation.

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

Union County College Foundation Receives Grant

CRANFORD -- The Union County College Foundation recently received a \$5,000 grant from Investors Foundation to support a scholarship for Union County College students. The grant will be used to continue to fund the Investors Bank "First in the Family" scholarship.

Developed in 2018, this scholarship provides vital support to our first-generation college students. Investors Bank has been an avid supporter of the mission of the Foundation, to accelerate the pace of student success, for many years. In the past three years, they have contributed more than \$20,000 to this scholarship and has supported the Foundation's fundraising events.

"Thanks to the continued support

Indictments Charge Five With Operating High-End Vehicle Fencing Ring

TRENTON -- Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal announced that five defendants were indicted today on charges that they conspired to operate a Newark-based stolen auto trafficking ring that fenced stolen luxury vehicles. They were charged in an investigation by the New Jersey State Police Motor Vehicle Crimes North Unit and the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ).

The DCJ Specialized Crimes Bureau today obtained a state grand jury indictment charging the following defendants with second-degree conspiracy to receive and fence stolen property: Kian Barber, 36, of Newark; David Manning, 29, of East Orange; Tytaneisha Wilder, 32, of East Orange; Kasim Williams, 28, of Newark; and Tyshad Hawkins, 19, of Newark.

All of the defendants with the exception of Hawkins are also charged with second-degree receiving stolen property and second-degree fencing. In addition, Manning is charged with second-degree attempted theft; Hawkins is charged with third-degree receiving stolen property; and Williams is charged with third-degree escape from detention. After being placed under arrest on September 23, 2020, Williams allegedly attempted to escape by running away from officers.

The defendants and other unidentified individuals allegedly conspired to possess and fence 18 high-end stolen vehicles valued at more than \$1 million. Most of the vehicles were stolen in New York State and driven to New Jersey, where they most often were parked in the driveway of Barber's residence in Newark. The ring allegedly used the driveway to "cool off" the vehicles and make sure they were not equipped with tracking devices that would lead law enforcement to them. Barber and Manning allegedly led the ring, with Williams, Hawkins, and others working under them. Wilder allegedly assisted ring members by driving them to New York State to commit thefts or driving the "follow car" to bring ring members

home after they drove stolen vehicles out of state to be fenced.

"These defendants allegedly were trafficking stolen high-end vehicles, including Audis, Land Rovers, Mercedes, BMWs, and Maseratis," said Attorney General Grewal. "This was big business for these alleged ring members, who are charged with trafficking 18 stolen vehicles worth more than \$1 million in just over three months. By dismantling criminal networks like this one, we are reducing auto thefts and making our communities safer. I commend the New Jersey State Police and Division of Criminal Justice for their excellent work on this investigation and indictment."

"Organized auto trafficking rings greatly incentivize stealing high-end vehicles, which can at times lead to dangerous confrontations between car thieves and their victims as well as law enforcement who encounter them on patrol," said Colonel Patrick J. Callahan, Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police. "The tremendous efforts of New Jersey State Police Motor Vehicle Crimes North Unit and their partners was the first step in dismantling this dangerous enterprise, and the indictment of the five defendants today was the critical second step to ensuring that those responsible for this criminal network are held accountable."

The defendants were initially arrested on warrants issued in September 2020. Another lower-level ring member, Najai Diggs, 35, Newark, pleaded guilty in December to second-degree conspiracy and was sentenced on Jan. 28, 2021 to five years in state prison.

Deputy Attorney General Danielle Scarduzio presented the indictment to the state grand jury for the Division of Criminal Justice Specialized Crimes Bureau, under the supervision of Deputy Bureau Chief Jacqueline Smith, Bureau Chief Erik Daab, and Acting DCJ Director Annmarie Taggart. Attorney General Grewal commended all of the members of the New Jersey State Police Motor Vehicle Crimes North Unit who conducted the investigation.

Second-degree charges carry a sentence of five to 10 years in state prison and a fine of up to \$150,000, while third-degree charges carry a sentence of three to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$15,000.

The indictment is merely an accusation and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Joe Sarno Elected Scotch Plains GOP Chair

SCOTCH PLAINS -- Scotch Plains Republican Committeeman and Jack Ciattarelli's Union County Coordinator, Joe Sarno was unanimously elected the new Chairman of the Scotch Plains Republican Committee. Mr. Sarno has served as Tom Kean's Union County Coordinator in 2020, is the current Chairman Emeritus of the Young Republican Federation of New Jersey, and is a former councilman for the borough of Garwood. He has helped local candidates win in blue towns through Union County and has been on the ground throughout the state helping state legislators win tough races including organizing a national deployment in the first legislative District in 2019 to help NJ Republicans pick up seats statewide for the first time in three decades.

Locally in Scotch Plains, in 2020 Joe was responsible for launching a petition that garnered over 2,500 signatures supporting keeping the Columbus Monument on the Alan Augustine Green adjacent Township Hall, which was upheld by a 5-0 bipartisan vote on council.

"It is with these experiences where I believe we can have a two-year plan to take back control of the township council and have it run by the Republican Party," said Mr. Sarno. "We have seen the lack of leadership, gross nepotism, and non-transparent Democrats put our town back in neutral after Mayor Smith had our town moving for the first time in decades. By running strong campaigns in 2021 and in 2022 with candidates who embody the unique personality of Scotch Plains, we can win our majority again and begin putting Scotch Plains in the right direction under Republican leadership."

Mr. Sarno added, "I am thankful that our former Chairwoman Paulette Coronato and the rest of the committee see the value that I bring to the Scotch Plains Republican Party and how under my leadership will lead this committee to a position of the majority once again."



Joe Sarno

Lindsey Jandoli Honored by Saint Peter's Univ. Hospital

NEW BRUNSWICK -- Saint Peter's University Hospital, a member of Saint Peter's Healthcare System, paid homage to its outstanding nursing staff during a special ceremony held to mark Nurses Week 2021 on Tuesday, May 4. While the COVID-19 pandemic brought unforeseen challenges to healthcare workers everywhere, nurses were especially impacted, serving on the front lines and facing extreme stress, yet always responding with grace and determination. The ceremony included special remarks by Leslie Hirsch, FACHE, president and CEO of Saint Peter's Healthcare System, and Linda Carroll, MSN, RN-BC, vice president of Patient Care Services and chief nursing officer.

"While 2020 was a challenging year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our nurses were relentless in their efforts to always provide the highest level of safety and quality patient care -- truly delivering on Saint Peter's Catholic mission and culture of excellence. During this time, Saint Peter's achieved Magnet® designation for the sixth consecutive time, making it one of only five hospitals worldwide to attain this prestigious designation. The compassion, dedication and resiliency of our staff is the foundation of nursing excellence at Saint Peter's

Healthcare System," said Ms. Hirsch.

Westfield resident Lindsey Jandoli, BSN, CEN, RN, was honored with the Aspiring Nurse Leader Award. As a great role model, mentor and friend, Lindsey displayed exceptional leadership as an assistant nurse manager, going above and beyond to ensure her staff felt supported. She is active on many committees including chair of the PPC Committee for two years and recently gave a terrific presentation at the Sigma Theta Tau annual conference on Creating Healthy Working environments. Her colleagues admire her caring, calm and humble demeanor.

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TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY		Down Payment Appropriated \$ 4,765 Bond and Notes Authorized \$ 95,235 Period of Usefulness 15 years	
BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY			
ORDINANCE 2021-10			
The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey on June 15, 2021 and the 20-day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:		E. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new information technology equipment for the use of the Police Department consisting of (i) a computer aided dispatch (CAD) server, (ii) in-vehicle and body cameras and related equipment and (iii) mobile data terminals.	
TITLE: BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$5,525,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE VARIOUS GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.		Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 262,000 Down Payment Appropriated \$ 12,480 Bond and Notes Authorized \$ 249,520 Period of Usefulness 7 years	
The purposes, appropriations, bonds/notes authorized and grants appropriated in this multipurpose bond ordinance are as follows:		F. Acquisition of a new automotive vehicle, including original apparatus and equipment, consisting of an ambulance for the use of the Fire Department.	
SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS		Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 267,220 Down Payment Appropriated \$ 12,725 Bonds and Notes Authorized \$ 254,495 Period of Usefulness 5 years	
A. Resurfacing or reconstruction of various Township roads, as set forth on a list prepared or to be prepared by the Township Engineer, and placed on file or to be placed on file with the Township Clerk, and hereby approved as if set forth herein in full. Depending upon the contract price and other exigent circumstances, and upon approval by the Township Committee, there may be additions to or deletions from the aforesaid list. It is hereby determined and stated that said roads being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").		G. (i) Undertaking of various ventilation improvements at the Firehouse and (ii) acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of a rescue boat for the use of the Fire Department.	
Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$1,583,900 Down Payment Appropriated \$ 75,425 Bonds and Notes Authorized \$1,508,475 Period of Usefulness 10 years		Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 55,000 Down Payment Appropriated \$ 2,620 Bonds and Notes Authorized \$ 52,380 Period of Usefulness 15 years	
B. Undertaking of drainage improvements at Burnside Avenue and the vicinity thereof.		H. Acquisition of a new automotive vehicle including original apparatus and equipment, consisting of a pickup truck with plow for the use of the Department of Public Works.	
Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$1,504,800 State Grant Appropriated \$ 415,000 County Grant Appropriated \$ 90,000 Federal Grant Appropriated \$ 25,000 Down Payment Appropriated \$ 46,420 Bonds and Notes Authorized \$ 928,380 Period of Usefulness 40 years		I. Undertaking of various improvements to the recreation facility located at 375 Centennial Avenue (the former MHS Tennis Academy acquired by the Township). It is hereby determined and stated that said public building being improved is of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.	
C. Undertaking of drainage improvements at Edgar Avenue (from Henley Avenue to Riverside Drive).		J. Construction of a splash pad and slide at the Orange Avenue Pool property.	
Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 512,080 Down Payment Appropriated \$ 24,385 Bonds and Notes Authorized \$ 487,695 Period of Usefulness 40 years		Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 300,000 Down Payment Appropriated \$ 14,290 Bonds and Notes Authorized \$ 285,710 Period of Usefulness 15 years	
D. (i) Undertaking of drainage and storm sewer improvements at various locations and (ii) desilting of the Rahway River at various locations.		Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$5,525,000 Aggregate Grants Appropriated \$ 530,000 Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated \$ 238,000 Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized \$4,757,000	
Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 100,000		Section 20 Costs: \$711,580 Useful Life: 19.82 years	
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Educator’s Corner: Time to Take Chances and Get Messy

By JENNIFER GLACKIN
For The Westfield Leader and The Times

Valerie Frizzle is my teaching idol. Yes, I know she is a made up character with a magical mode of transportation, but the way she encourages her students to discover and make connections is #teachergoals.

Summertime is the perfect time for some outdoor, sensational science. Want to give the old egg drop experiment a try? Go for it! How about adding Mentos to soda? Grab some safety goggles and stand back! I’m always game for some homemade science experiments, and summer is the time for the experimental explorations to stay outside. So, get messy!

1. Build a Solar Oven – Have you ever heard the old saying “hot enough to fry an egg on the sidewalk?” Grab some tinfoil, a box, and some plastic wrap and give it a try! Like it sweet? Create enough heat in your oven to melt a marshmallow. Smore’s anyone?
2. Fill a balloon with Carbon Dioxide – Matter was my favorite science unit. We would study the properties of solids, liquids, and gases. Learn

about molecules and begin to introduce physical and chemical changes with simple experiments. You will need sodium bicarbonate tablets (Alka-Seltzer), empty water bottles, water, and balloons. Put the tablets into the water bottles. (It’s okay to break them to fit.) Next, pour the water in and snap the balloon on top as fast as possible! Watch the balloon fill up with the gas. Time it to see how long it takes. Experiment with different amounts of water and tablets. (Wear safety goggles and be careful!)

3. Bubbles – First, experiment to make the best bubble solution. Mix dish soap and water in varying amounts and test them out. (Try adding some light corn syrup to thicken it up.) Once you create the best, it’s time to use it! (If you have an extra-large laundry detergent container with a spicket, it makes a great dispenser.) Twist together pipe cleaners or tie string to a few thin dowels to make your own bubble blowing instruments. (A disposable catering tray is a good container for dipping big bubble wands.) Try

forming the wands into different shapes to see what happens to the bubbles!

4. Build a Water Balloon Catapult – Small catapults can be made from home store paint sticks or even spoons, but what do you have that can launch water balloons? A basic catapult needs a large flat plank and a fulcrum but you can try to design and build an advanced one. Use hula hoops or draw chalk targets and get ready to aim!
5. Non-Newtonian Fun – This fancy science substance, also known as “oobleck,” is a concoction that is solid when under pressure, but liquid when at rest. Made with equal parts water and cornstarch, this fun sensory experience can be used in a few ways. Add a bit of food coloring and make your own sidewalk chalk paint! Check out www.growingajeweledrose.com to make chalk rockets! If you have Netflix, take a look at Emily’s Wonder Lab to watch an oobleck dance party!

Messy science is a great way to get outside, expand your brain, and have a lot of fun!

From Languishing to Flow

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

Why do many people feel down-trodden and dreary, given that it’s early summer and vaccinations have landed in arms? Daylilies trumpet their sunrise-hued arrival. Roses blaze with fiery reds and resplendent shades of pink, apricot, and ginger. Linden trees perfume the air. We can be outdoors, inside too, without masks.

We expected that with this favorite season upon us, we’d blast out of the pandemic malaise, which had haunted all of us. Our kids can now go to camp, re-join summer programs canceled in 2020, and we can book family vacations and restaurant dinners with friends. Yet we’re feeling *meh* and humdrum: “Even though I can see more friends now, I’m indifferent about it.” “I’ve become comfortable inside my cocoon. Venturing out there more fully seems unsafe. I feel anxious.” “I’m not so excited about vacation.”

Is this a nationwide pandemic of depression and social and health anxiety? Are we all afflicted? No. Most of us don’t fit the diagnostic criteria for depression and anxiety. Rather, we feel depleted from coping with one of the toughest year-and-a-half of our lives. Our capacity for joy and plea-

sure is tamped down. Under-motivation is epidemic. Irritability and a low tolerance for conflict pervade many households. Social psychologists called this mood state “languishing.” “Languishing is the neglected middle child of mental health. It’s the void between depression and flourishing—the absence of well-being,” according to Adam Grant, the *New York Times* behavioral health columnist. “Languishing is a sense of stagnation and emptiness. It feels as if you’re muddling through your days, looking at your life through a foggy windshield.”

Psychologists will say, and research supports, that you automatically begin to feel better once you label an experience that had eluded definition. It helps to know that our lethargy and apathy are normal reactions to the Mount Everest of Covid-induced struggles.

Now that we know that “languishing” describes how many of us feel, what to do?

Flow, another psychological concept, is the answer. What is Flow? Flow is what we call “being in the zone”: fully focused, intensely concentrating, and feeling good. Here’s how psychologist Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi defines Flow: “Be-

ing completely involved in an activity for its own sake. The ego falls away. Time flies. Every action, movement, and thought follows inevitably from the previous one. Your whole being is involved, and you’re using your skills to the utmost.”

Here’s how to achieve Flow: 1) Balance challenge with skill level, and set reasonable goals. For example, if you’re learning to play the piano, paint, or write, stick to simple exercises. Hold off on aiming to create Rachmaninoff concerti, Matisse masterpieces, or Shakespeare sonnets until you’re ready. 2) Shake off self-consciousness. Act as children do. True masters of Flow, young kids build sandcastles and fingerpaint with abandon. Joyously, they moo like cows, quack like ducks, and clip-clop around like horses. 3) Losing track of time is a gift of Flow. Self-conscious, negative, and worrying thoughts drop away in Flow states

Share your Flow stories with me at *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

Helpful Gardening Tips to Combat Mosquito Season

By SHANNON WALSH
For The Westfield Leader and The Times

After we’ve got our gardens going, most everything planted and on a watering schedule, it’s time to sit back and enjoy it all. This is also when mosquitoes join the garden party, unfortunately. As always in nature, there are trade-offs to the various methods of control, and some work much better than others. I’m a preferred food for mosquitoes so I understand the desire to eradicate them.

Some people spray their lawns regularly, but some of these sprays are classified by the Environmental Protection Agency as carcinogenic and especially toxic to children. Most of them also decimate the beneficial insects in the garden, including pollinators—killing bees and butterflies on contact. These chemicals persist in water runoff, poisoning aquatic organisms like fish and the mammals that feed on them. The National Wildlife Federation cites chemical mosquito controls as a significant factor in worldwide insect declines, including insects we need for our own survival.

Bug zappers don’t kill mosquitoes or any other type of biting insects, but they do severely impact the insects that songbirds and small mammals depend on for food. There are new devices on the market called spatial repellents, small machines that emit a chemical vapor. This vapor often contains the same pesticides that harm pollinators, and perhaps people breathing in the vapor. They also don’t work well if there’s a breeze. Mosquito coils are another option, but they can’t be left unattended because they burn to produce smoke, and they emit an odor some don’t like.

Citronella candles and the Citronella plant (*Pelargonium citrosum*) have been widely marketed as mosquito controls, but they are of limited effect. Any smoke works but only in its limited area of coverage. Merely planting citronella or lemon

balm does nothing to repel mosquitoes. Essential oil skin repellents are initially appealing because they’re ostensibly plant-derived but because they aren’t regulated, it’s hard to know how effective they are, or what is actually in them.

Skin repellents with diethyltoluamide (DEET) are often thought to be toxic but they are usually not an irritant, and they are non-carcinogenic. Mosquitoes carry deadly disease so a safe chemical used correctly might be a better option. As someone who contracted a mosquito-borne illness one summer here in Westfield, I try to protect myself from bites with DEET.

The best way to control mosquitoes is to remove all standing water from your property. Mosquitoes proliferate in the shallowest water, so drain anything that they could use to breed. Wash out your bird baths every two days. If there is standing water you can’t remove, you can buy BT (Bacillus thuringiensis) dunks, small pellets of bacteria that feed on mosquito larvae. It’s non-toxic to humans, pets, and wildlife.

You can also attract natural mosquito predators by having a diversity of plants in your yard. Birds, dragonflies, damselflies, bats, lizards, frogs, and spiders are some of the natural enemies of mosquitoes. A yard and garden that is hospitable to them will also help you keep the mosquito population in check.

A very effective control when you want to sit outside on a summer evening is simply a big fan. Mosquitoes can’t fly well in as much as a light breeze. I’ve spent hours outside at night without a single bite this way. Place the fans low, where many mosquitoes (such as the one that carries the Zika virus) like to hide and bite.

Making a healthy and comfortable outdoor space may not require much beyond a little change in perspective. We’ll never eradicate mosquitoes, but we can live with them safely without harming the wildlife around us.

Letters to the Editor

PILOT Revenue Won’t Cover Cost of Edison Field Project

At last week’s Westfield Town Council meeting, Mayor Brindle said that it was “not an accident” that the council was voting on a massive tax break for a developer on the same night that they were moving forward with an \$18.2 million sports complex at Edison School.

It is also not an accident that the Brindle Administration approved Westfield’s first ever commercial PILOT property tax abatement that night, given that the Mayor has squandered the \$14.5 million in surplus funds she inherited in 2018. The Town’s budget estimates that those funds will total only \$5.8 million at the end of this year.

Where did almost \$9 million in surplus money go? Not to fund any new fields in town. So as a result of her mismanagement, Mayor Brindle has now cut a sweetheart property tax deal that allows a developer to pay no school taxes whatsoever on a \$52 million construction project, and also allows the Mayor to announce new and much needed playing fields in her re-election year. No accident there either.

Even Mayor Brindle can’t deny her bad math: the alleged \$15 million net benefit to the town from the PILOT, which is realized only over 30 long years, is not enough to cover the cost of the Edison sports complex, nevermind the new firehouse she says the PILOT will help pay for. How will she fund the multi-million dollar shortfall in those projects? With more surplus use and more tax breaks for developers, of course, resulting in less funding for our schools and higher property taxes for the rest of us.

Upon taking office, Mayor Brindle scrapped the Tamaques Park turf field plan, which was fully developed and ready for execution. That plan is one-third of the cost of the Edison proposal, does not require any tax breaks for developers, and because it is on town property, rather than a school, can be implemented more quickly. Let’s get back to that, and avoid future accidents, both financial and on the streets around Edison School.

Sam Della Fera, Jr.
Westfield

Reflecting on Westfield’s Pride, June Recognition is a Start

I spent the entirety of my childhood in Westfield. During the summers, my friends and our moms would go to the playground in Mindowaskin park. On Friday nights, we’d head to the Rialto. I was a proud second violinist in the Roosevelt orchestra until it became clear to me in seventh grade that I simply could not play the instrument. On weekday afternoons in high school, my friends and I would drink tea at Rockin’ Joe and avoid APUSH homework until the sunset.

I hid from who I was for 15 years, which is quite a lot less than many other LGBTQ people. When I came out in my freshman year at Westfield High School, I was terrified. We were teetering on the edge of marriage equality as a nation, and the simple act of being open about my identity as a gay fifteen-year-old felt intensely political. The conversation around LGBTQ visibility in Westfield seven years ago felt quite different than it does today; which is to say, it did not exist. I found support and kinship in the extracurricular parts of the school that openly queer students were rel-

egated to: theater and the Folio club. I am forever grateful to the friends and faculty who made those spaces so special, who gave me a place to feel normal.

Seeing the rainbow pride flag raised in front of town hall this month was an emotional moment of reflection for me. On one hand, the public display of visibility felt like a world of difference from the town I left just a few years ago. I can only imagine what that gesture of recognition meant to young queer people in Westfield who long to feel just a glimmer of normalcy in an environment that can otherwise be alienating. On the other hand, I’m reminded of all the progress that still has to be made for Westfield to become a place where more queer people come to live as adults, and where queer youth don’t only exist in the margins. Visibility during June is an important project -- but it’s just the start. I’m grateful to Mayor Brindle for spearheading this moment and creating space for LGBTQ recognition.

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

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

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

Answers to last week’s arcane words.

1. Chyme – Partly digested food
2. Spoffle – To worry about small things or trifles
3. Liphæmia – Blood deficiency
4. Manavelins – Leftovers; odds and ends

SAPOROUS

1. Of or having taste or flavor
2. Shameful; corrupt
3. Tentative; timid
4. Porous; leaky

PLANCHET

1. A parasitic worm such as the tape-worm
2. A slaughterhouse for cattle
3. A flat piece of metal ready to be stamped as a coin
4. A small European hawk

SOLDAN

1. A woman’s dressing gown or negligee
2. A sultan or any Moslem ruler or prince
3. Utter dismay; astonishment
4. A narrow pathway; a foot path

ANTHROPOPHAGY

1. Memory loss; amnesia
2. Arthritis of the pelvis and lumbar vertebrae
3. Cannibalism
4. A process of cleansing the body; fasting

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Letters to the Editor

Parents Ponder Lawsuit to Unmask School Children

The Garwood Board of Education has made the unilateral decision to force our kids to wear masks in school in September without any discussion with parents. This decision comes one day prior to the board meeting (June 22) and did not take into consideration the science or that every school district that has given the option to remove masks has not seen one case of Covid.

The science now shows that the masks are harmful and impedes the educational progress of students. A number of parents are looking into a possible lawsuit.

Sal Piarulli
Garwood

Letters to Editor Deadline
Monday 9 a.m.
Letters should be no more than 500 words. Due to the volume of letters we receive we are unable to respond to each letter. Not all letters will be published.

The Student View

A collaboration with the
Westfield High School Journalism Program

Why Juneteenth Should Be Taught in Schools

By AMANDA RICKERT
For The Westfield Leader and The Times

Juneteenth was last Saturday and celebrations spread across the nation to celebrate the holiday. Along with the festivities of parades and speeches, confusion was also at the forefront as some Americans found themselves asking, what is Juneteenth?

Juneteenth, also referred to as Freedom Day or Liberation Day, is an annual holiday on June 19 to commemorate the emancipation of slaves in the United States in 1865. The holiday has reemerged in the media as a result of the growing popularity of the Black Lives Matter movement.

So why are people unfamiliar with the holiday? Considering the holiday was only declared a National Holiday on June 17 this year and had previously been a State Holiday in 47 states could contribute to the lack of continuity and awareness regarding the holiday.

To mark this occasion, Westfield High School's (WHS) LGBTQ+ and Allyship and Race and Allyship, sub-committees of the No Place For Hate club, acknowledged Juneteenth and Pride Month by creating a display in the main lobby of WHS to inform students and staff about the two important events.

Other than the display case, I was shocked when Juneteenth was not mentioned in school considering the holiday is recognized at the state and federal level. No history lesson or announcement was made over the loudspeaker. In fact, the only place I saw people talking about Juneteenth was on social media.

Infographics about Juneteenth and why the holiday is celebrated flooded my Instagram feed and explore page. Students should not have to rely on Instagram infographics or posts on their social media feeds to be educated about these important events in U.S history.

This is why our history curriculums must be strengthened to include more aspects of Black History so students can learn more about American history and give appreciation to Black figures and their accomplishments.

Recently, WHS has taken an initiative to refine student's education about discrimination through the creation of the Power and Privilege course and the addition of LGBTQ+ figures in history classes for the 2021-2022 school year, there is still work that can be done to further students' education on inclusivity.

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If 2020 Was a Scene from TV: Pivot, Pivot, PIVOT!!

If 2020 was a scene from a TV show it would be the one where Ross is moving a couch up a tight stairwell on Friends.

First and foremost was the very real and very serious unprecedented global health crisis. We grappled with potentially life altering decisions for a pandemic that did not yet have a road map. It is critical for us to reflect on this time not through the lens of experience but from the perspective of the unknown and the crushing weight of responsibility thrust upon us as we tried to balance the safety of the residents with the fragility of the business community.

While the world slowed to a halt for so many it ramped up for some of us. As a resident I am grateful for the measured, honest leadership of Mayor Brindle during those early terrifying days. As an elected official I will never forget the pleas of constituents who are also neighbors, begging for help.

As the liaison to the DWC, there were daily calls from legitimately panicked business owners. I proactively sourced bulk supplies. I took every call offering suggestions where possible, connected them to resources and helped them to pivot to new models. It wasn't perfect but it was progress.

As part of a group comprised of the Westfield United Fund, Councilpersons Habgood and Parmelee, we created The We Love Local Fund, raising \$350k, placing relief in the hands of our businesses within one month of the shutdown. It wasn't just the funds that buoyed our businesses, it was the outpouring of support, signaling they were not alone and gave them the push they needed to continue.

I made sure that along with honoring our deserving first responders we took the time to thank the other essential workers- the grocery store employees at Trader Joes and Stop and Shop who never had the option to

'shelter at home'.

Faced with the pressure to scrap all of our annual plans, including our 300th celebration, I chose instead to pivot. We offered outdoor events, zoom experiences and visual enhancements.

Instead of postponing our first public art exhibit 'Art Takes Flight' we leaned in, marveling that the theme of butterflies was more appropriate as we had all essentially been cocooning. We worked with the business district to bring expanded outdoor dining and suspended permit fees to further aid recovery.

Looking to October - we pivoted again and Alt AddamsFest was hatched. New events were created for safe enjoyment - the Haunted Trail, and a virtual Jack-O-Lantern contest. Some old favorites continued-Haunt Your House and the Wicked Wind-dows of Westfield.

As the toll on our community grew heavier with grief, I helped organize a memorial so we could remember those we lost and mourn together.

For the holidays we prioritized promoting our downtown with a Shop Local campaign, a Welcome Center, shopping delivery service and the Beyond Main shopping platform. We hosted a Drive-By Santa, spent weeks with volunteers turning Westfield into a 'Hallmark Christmas Movie' to encourage visitors to come to town. Two successful initiatives - our ice sculpting event and the lighted seesaws achieved this goal - merchants remarked that they had the best winter months in years,

At a time when it would have been easy to hit pause and sit it out, I chose instead to lead with hope and action. Reminding the community that while things are not the same they can still be meaningful, and though we can not predict the challenges we may face, together, even while apart, we can make good things happen.

Dawn Mackey
Third Ward Councilwoman
Westfield

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The Township Committee of the Township of Cranford has authorized an award of contract for the provision of litigation and related legal services in connection with the action *New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, et al. v. Township of Cranford, et al.*, No. 2:21-cv-12306-KM-ESK. Such contract and Resolution No. 2021-238 authorizing said contract are available for public inspection at the office of the Township Clerk.

Awarded to: Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti, LLP, One Speedwell Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07962
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Date: June 15, 2021

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Township Clerk
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Awarded to: Mott MacDonald, 412 Mount Kemble Avenue, Suite G22, Morristown, New Jersey 07960

Service: Provision of Engineering Services in connection with the preparation of a Redevelopment Plan for specific properties designated as an area in need of rehabilitation and known as 201 Walnut Avenue, Block 484, Lot 19.01; 100-126 South Avenue, Block 478, Lots 1.01, 1.02, 2, 3, 4, and 5; 32 High Street, Block 478, Lot 6; and 2 Chestnut Street, Block 483, Lot 18.
Fee: Not to Exceed \$30,000.00
Date: June 15, 2021

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Township Clerk
1 T - 06/24/21, The Leader Fee: \$32.13

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 21-13-R AND PUBLIC HEARING

An ordinance was introduced by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood on June 21, 2021. Copies of this ordinance can be obtained without cost in the Clerk's Office, at the Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey between the hours of 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF ANY CLASS OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES AND AMENDING CHAPTER 184 OF THE FANWOOD BOROUGH CODE

This ordinance is scheduled for public hearing and adoption on JULY 19, 2021, at 7:00 P.M., via virtual conference and phone conference.

Kathleen Holmes
Borough Clerk
1 T - 06/24/21, The Times Fee: \$22.95

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NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

The TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS has awarded a Non-Fair and Open Contract for the following Contract. This Contract, and the Resolution authorizing it, are available for public inspection in the Municipal Building.

AWARDED TO: Nicholas J. Netta, AIA, Netta Architects, LLC, 1084 Route 22 West, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092

SERVICES: Architectural Services for Downtown Redevelopment Project (Resolution No. 2021-125)

DATE: June 15, 2021

BOZENA LACINA, RMC
Municipal Clerk
1 T - 06/24/21, The Times Fee: \$17.34

Union County Government Celebrates PRIDE Month 2021

June is PRIDE month, and Union County is presenting a series of inclusive events that help build awareness, alliances, and action on LGBTQ+ equality in our community, and beyond.

We kicked off the month with the raising of the PRIDE flag on June 1, at the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth. The flag-raising ceremony program included a Pride Month Proclamation and an inspiring original writing by local student Jeremiah LaPorte.

In celebration of PRIDE month, the band Rubix Kube, accompanied by comedian Amy Colon, will be the next performers at our free drive-in concert in Scotch Plains on June 5. Rubix Kube is known as the ultimate 80s tribute band and will perform some of the most celebrated anthems of the LGBTQ+ community. Reserve your free admission now before all the spots are taken, at ucnj.org/reserve.

On June 9, Micayla Mirabella hosted Queer Empowerment Hour, our series of online virtual conversations with some of New Jersey's most dedicated LGBTQ+ advocates, community leaders, and allies. We discussed how PRIDE came to be and where it is now, here in 2021. To learn more about the program and to get a Zoom link, please visit the Office of LGBTQ Affairs at ucnj.org/lgbtq.

For high school LGBTQ youth, as well as allies, on June 19 we offered Let Me Be Me, an LGBTQ+ youth empowerment field day.

How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World will be the featured movie for our free Family Movie Night series on Friday, June 25 at the Union County Vo-tech campus in Scotch Plains. Registration for the

event will begin shortly, at ucnj.org/reserve.

To close off PRIDE month, on Wednesday, June 30 we will host a fun LGBTQ+ trivia night at the Clubhouse, at Union County's Ash Brook Golf in Scotch Plains. To register yourself or your team, please visit the Office of LGBTQ Affairs at ucnj.org/lgbtq

The Commissioner Board established the Union County Office of LGBTQ Affairs to provide a platform for leadership and collaboration to support equality, and to serve as a catalyst for advocacy, awareness and action on current and emerging issues that impact the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer individuals. For more information, please contact Danni Newbury, Office Coordinator, at dneubury@ucnj.org or visit online at ucnj.org/lgbtq.

Let us all continue to reach out, connect with one another, and support equality and inclusion throughout the Union County community.

Alexander Mirabella
Chairman, Union County Board
of Commissioners

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

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The Township Committee of the Township of Cranford has authorized an award of contract for the display of fireworks in connection with the Township of Cranford's Fourth of July Celebration on July 2, 2021. Such contract and Resolution No. 2021-224 authorizing said contract are available for public inspection at the office of the Township Clerk.

Awarded to: Garden State Fireworks, Inc., P.O. Box 403, Carlton Road, Millington, New Jersey, 07946

Service: Display of fireworks in connection with the Township of Cranford's Fourth of July Celebration on July 2, 2021
Fee: Not to Exceed \$15,000.00
Date: June 15, 2021

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Township Clerk
1 T - 06/24/21, The Leader Fee: \$21.93

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-001318-21 FILE NO. 28265-20

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT (L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: LX FINANCIAL LLC; FIRST SELECT INC; BPD INTERNATIONAL BANK;

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon PELLEGRINO AND FELDSTEIN, LLC, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 290 Route 46 West, Denville, New Jersey, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a Civil Action, in which GSRAN-ZLLC CHRISTIANA TRUST CUST is the plaintiff and AMEN SOLIMAN ENTERPRISES, LLC, ET ALS; are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, UNION County and bearing Docket No. F-001318-21 within thirty-five (35) days after June 24, 2021 exclusive of such date. If you fail to answer or appear in accordance with Rule 4:4-6, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

You are further advised that if you are unable to obtain an attorney you may communicate with the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of Venue and that if you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County of Venue. The telephone number of such agencies are as follows: Lawyer Referral Service 908-353-4715 - Legal Services Office 908-354-4340.

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

1. A certain tax certificate 18-0112, sold on 10/11/2018, dated 10/17/2018, and was recorded on 1/14/2019 in Mortgage Book 14524 at Page 685, made by DAVID MARSHALL, Collector of Taxes of

PLAINFIELD, and State of New Jersey to GSRAN-Z LLC CHRISTIANA TRUST CUST and subsequently assigned to plaintiff, GSRAN-Z LLC CHRISTIANA TRUST CUST. This covers real estate located in PLAINFIELD, County of UNION, and State of New Jersey, known as LOT 17 BLOCK 133 as shown on the Tax Assessment Map and Tax Map duplicate of PLAINFIELD and concerns premises commonly known as 338-40 BERGEN STREET, PLAINFIELD, New Jersey.

YOU, LX FINANCIAL LLC, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on July 3, 2017, LX Financial LLC, recorded a UCC Financing Statement against Amen Soliman Enterprises LLC, which statement was recorded in the UNION County Clerk's/Register's Office as Instrument 27297, dated April 12, 2017. Said lien is subordinate to the Tax Sale Certificate being foreclosed herewith.

YOU, FIRST SELECT INC, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on June 6, 2001, a judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Monmouth County, by First Select Inc against Robert V Noel a/k/a Robert Noel disclosing a debt in the amount of \$3,519.05, plus costs and interest. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. DJ-106557-2001. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

YOU, BPD INTERNATIONAL BANK, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on November 18, 2002, a judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hudson County, by BPD International Bank against Robert Noel disclosing a debt in the amount of \$7,908.01, plus costs and interest. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. DJ-270378-2002. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

DATED: June 18, 2021

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26 Homes Sold June 13 – June 20, 2021 in Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Westfield								
TOWN	ADDRESS	STYLE	RMS	BRS	BTH	GAR	SALE PRICE	
Cranford	109 Oak Ln	Colonial	8	3	2.1	1	\$617,500	
Cranford	171 N Lehigh Ave	Colonial	10	5	3.1	2	\$760,000	
Fanwood	148 Paterson Rd	Colonial	10	4	3.2	2	\$999,999	
Mountainside	1347 Stony Brook Ln	Colonial	8	4	2.1	1	\$650,000	
Mountainside	232 Juniper Way	RanchExp	12	4	3.1	2	\$955,000	
Scotch Plains	805 Donato Cir	MultiFlr	6	3	2.1	1	\$399,000	
Scotch Plains	24 Tisbury Vlg	TwintUn	8	2	2.1	1	\$452,000	
Scotch Plains	2403 Richmond St	Bi-Level	9	3	2.0	1	\$505,000	
Scotch Plains	1201 Sunnyfield Ln	Colonial	8	4	2.1	2	\$615,000	
Scotch Plains	2082 Grand St	Colonial	11	5	3.0	2	\$940,000	
Scotch Plains	1561 Rahway Rd	Colonial	11	5	3.1	2	\$899,000	
Scotch Plains	1241 Cooper Rd	Custom	12	7	5.1	3	\$1,557,745	
Westfield	41 Faulkner Dr	SplitLev	7	3	1.1	1	\$585,000	
Westfield	316 Dudley Ave W	Ranch	7	3	2.0	1	\$610,000	
Westfield	252 Welch Way	SplitLev	7	3	2.1	1	\$725,000	
Westfield	236 Grove St	Colonial	10	5	1.1	2	\$761,000	
Westfield	145 Harrison Ave	Colonial	10	5	2.1	2	\$969,000	
Westfield	151 Effingham	Colonial	10	5	3.2	2	\$975,000	
Westfield	37 Barchester Way	RanchExp	11	5	3.1	2	\$1,230,000	
Westfield	410 Wychwood Rd	Colonial	11	4	2.1	2	\$1,100,000	
Westfield	203 W Grove St	Colonial	10	5	4.1	1	\$1,210,000	
Westfield	240 Sylvania Pl	Colonial	12	5	3.1	2	\$1,255,100	
Westfield	126 Harrison Ave	Victrian	11	5	4.1	2	\$1,269,113	
Westfield	620 Garfield Ave	Colonial	13	4	3.1	1	\$1,320,000	
Westfield	209 Edgewood Ave	Colonial	10	5	4.1	2	\$1,410,000	
Westfield	306 Massachusetts St	Colonial	10	5	4.1	2	\$1,700,000	

*Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Westfield, NJ data according to the Garden State MLS, as of 6/13/21 – 6/20/21. Featured properties may not have been listed or sold by the office/agent presenting this data. Information deemed RELIABLE. A home is one of the most important and significant purchases or sales you will make in your lifetime. If you are thinking about a move, now is the time to prepare. I will provide you with a market evaluation and mortgage update, create a thorough marketing plan and let you know my suggestions in staging. For more information on these or other real estate matters, contact Susan Massa Broker CRS SRES ABR at 908-400-0778, susan@susanmassa.com or susanmassa2@gmail.com. www.NJHomeShowcase.com www.summitwestfieldhomes.com.



GARDENING TOGETHER...For his Eagle Scout project, Conor Reilly created raised gardens for residents of Westfield Senior Citizen Housing. The gardens will provide the residents with fresh air, recreation and social opportunities. Several of the residents are pictured with Conor, a student at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. The Eagle is the highest rank in Boy Scouting.

Eagle Scout Creates Raised Gardens For Westfield Seniors

WESTFIELD — Residents at Westfield Senior Citizens Housing recently received two new raised gardens for spring planting as part of an Eagle Scout project at the housing complex.

The gardens were planned and built by Conor Reilly, a Scout in Troop 104 from Scotch Plains, who is working toward his Eagle Scout rank. He handed over the finished gardens in late May.

Elizabeth Fennik, executive director of Westfield Senior Citizens Housing, cut the ribbon to open the gardens, along with Randi Kass, the facility’s activities director, and residents Chris Samuel, Marie Greco, Rhonda Ricco and Lorraine Ciuba. They and other residents will use the gardens in coming months to plant a variety of plants and vegetables.

“The completion of the raised garden beds will have a long-lasting positive effect for our seniors and on aging,” said Ms. Fennik. “Gardening is good exercise; it provides a purpose in life as well as a sense of achievement. What a wonderful opportunity it provides to socialize and connect with others as the gardens blossom over time.”

“We are delighted that Conor selected WSHC for his Eagle Scout project,” she added.

The new gardens add 51 square feet of raised planting space. They

were constructed with accessibility in mind, to provide an easier way for older residents to garden. The gardens consist of one, L-shaped, standing-height garden and another rectangular garden that is accessible to those in wheelchairs or using mobility devices.

The gardens are located behind Building 1 at 1133 Boynton Avenue, a 172-unit complex for low-income seniors. The gardens complement an array of ground-level gardens, a greenhouse and an existing raised garden used by residents.

The new gardens were built over a month-long period by Conor, fellow Boy Scouts from his troop, family and friends. In addition, the Scouts created a crushed-stone walkway so residents can access the gardens from all sides. Conor also donated two sets of adaptive gardening tools for the residents to use.

Funding for the gardens was provided by donations that Conor raised as part of his project. “I hope these gardens will provide an opportunity for more residents to get outside and be active in their community,” said Conor, who is a rising senior at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. “I would also like to thank all the volunteers who generously gave their time and Westfield Senior Housing for its help in the project.”



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TOP TEACHERS...Edison language arts teachers Kimberly Swenson and Marc Lazarow are among four recipients of the 2021 Optimist Club of Westfield’s Intermediate School Teachers of the Year. Four intermediate-school nurse/health educators also were recognized by the Optimist Club.

Optimist Club Recognizes Intermediate Educators

WESTFIELD — Edison Intermediate School language arts teachers Marc Lazarow and Kimberly Swenson and Roosevelt Intermediate School science teacher Melissa Czerwinski and language arts teacher Carine Helwig have been recognized as outstanding intermediate-school educators by the Optimist Club of Westfield.

The Optimist Club, a not-for-profit service organization that supports youth and the community, presents an award annually to two Westfield intermediate-school educators — one each from Edison and Roosevelt. With the award put on hold last year due to Covid-19, a committee that included club members, school district administrators and past award recipients selected four teachers this year to receive the 23rd Annual Optimist Club Award. The award recognizes the importance of teaching at the intermediate level.

In addition, the Optimist Club created a special Nurse’s Award for intermediate-school nurses for outstanding performance during the 2020-2021 school year in ensuring that Covid-19 health and safety protocols were established and closely followed to provide a safe learning and working environment for all students and staff.

Recipients of the special award are nurse/health educators Martha Fico and Patricia Kelly at Edison and Christine DeSousa and Sharon Dorry at Roosevelt.

These eight members of the intermediate-school education community were recognized at the Westfield Board of Education meeting on June 1. They will be honored by the Optimist Club as well at a dinner at Echo Lake Country Club on Thursday, September 9.

“I congratulate all of these deserving educators,” said Superintendent

Margaret Dolan, Ed.D. “The Optimist Award recognizes teachers who provide an educationally stimulating and supporting environment during this critical stage of adolescence. I thank the Optimist Club for honoring our health educators/nurses as well during this challenging year.”

Letters of nomination express appreciation to Mr. Lazarow for his empathy, initiative, love of teaching, engaging lessons, dedication to professional growth, and for having “an invested interest in the success of his students, both academically and personally.”

Ms. Swenson is lauded for her compassion, kindness, positivity, passion for teaching, and for adapting easily to a new way of instruction during the pandemic while continuing to support and encourage her students to be successful.

For her “genuine interest and curiosity about science which she shares with her students,” nominators praised Ms. Czerwinski for outstanding teaching, commitment to her students, and for looking past how a student is performing academically to see the child as a whole, even if through a computer screen during the pandemic.

Nominating letters noted Ms. Helwig’s patience, determination, strength, love for children, true passion for education, desire to grow, and her devotion to her students both during class time and as a coach, club advisor and mentor for many after-school activities.

The selection committee consisted of Optimist Club members Robin Lynch, Marc Epstein and Maria Fuentes, along with Dr. Dolan, Edison Principal Matthew Bolton, Ed.D., Roosevelt Principal Brian Gechtman, and previous award recipients.

SUMMER BLOOMS...For more than 50 years, the Garden Club of Westfield has taken joy in choosing, planting and tending flower containers to beautify the center of town. On June 4, for the sixth decade, the club continued its tradition of planting summer flowers. This year’s display includes sweet alyssum, lantana, petunias, angelonia, salvia and Goldilocks lysimachia with a red canna in the middle. Pictured, from left to right, are: Carolyn Fleder, Rosemary Shire and Nicole Ozturan.

Bobby Frankfort On Spring Dean’s List At Ohio Wesleyan

DELAWARE, Ohio — Bobby Frankfort of Westfield has been named to the 2021 Spring semester Dean’s List at Ohio Wesleyan University.

To earn Dean’s List recognition, Ohio Wesleyan students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale in all applicable classes. For more information about Ohio Wesleyan, visit owu.edu.

Bondarowicz Graduates U.S. Naval Academy

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Christopher Bondarowicz of Scotch Plains has successfully completed four years of challenging academic, physical and professional military training, graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and a commission as a U.S. Navy Ensign. He is a graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

At the Academy, Ensign Bondarowicz was a member of the 14th Company and Navy Men’s Swimming and Diving, where he earned varsity letters all four years. He earned multiple All-Patriot League honors and medaled at the Patriot League Conference Championships each year he competed.

Ensign Bondarowicz, who also swam locally at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA and Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School prior to the Naval Academy, will compete at the USA Swimming Olympic Trials in Omaha this month.

Founded in 1845, the U.S. Naval Academy today is a prestigious four-year service academy that prepares midshipmen morally, mentally and physically to be professional officers in the naval service. More than 4,400 men and women representing every state in the United States and several foreign countries make up the student body, known as the Brigade of Midshipmen.

Midshipmen learn from military

and civilian instructors and participate in intercollegiate varsity sports and extracurricular activities. They also study subjects such as leadership, ethics, small arms, drill, seamanship and navigation, tactics, naval engineering and weapons, and military law. Upon graduation, midshipmen earn a Bachelor of Science degree in a choice of 25 different subject majors and go on to serve at least five years as commissioned officers in the U.S. Navy or U.S. Marine Corps.

The academy’s alumni includes one president, 21 members of Congress, five governors, 73 Medal of Honor recipients, two Nobel Prize winners, 52 astronauts and 4,000 admirals and generals.

Christopher Bondarowicz

Ten Local Residents Among St. Peter’s Prep Graduates

AREA — Saint Peter’s Preparatory School in Jersey City celebrated its 143rd Commencement at its outdoor athletic facility, Keenan Field, on May 19. Of the 226 graduates, 10 local residents were recognized. Their names, college destinations and honors are as follows:

Cranford: Andre Carcamo (Pennsylvania State University), Patrick O’Shea (Saint Peter’s University), John Scheurer (Scholar Athlete Award, Cum Laude, Siena College) and Michael Scheurer (Siena College).

Fanwood: Connor McElroy Barker (University of Scranton).

Westfield: Colin Brancatella (Southern Methodist University), Henry Brown (Pennsylvania State University), William Byington (Scholar Athlete, Cum Laude, University of New Hampshire), Liam Mooney (Fordham University) and John Thorburn (Scholar Athlete Award, Commended National Merit Scholar, Magna Cum Laude, and previous award recipients.

Walter Sincx Earns B.A. From Albright

READING, Pa. — Walter Herbert Sincx of Westfield has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Albright College. A graduate of Westfield High School, Mr. Sincx majored in fashion and music industry studies as a member of the Class of 2021 at Albright.

Albright graduates from the classes of 2020 and 2021 celebrated the 161st Commencement Ceremony together at Santander Arena on May 30.

Located in Reading, Pa., Albright enrolls more than 1,800 full-time undergraduates and 700 adult learners and graduate students. For more information about the college, visit albright.edu.

Noah Wohlsen Makes Spring Dean’s List At Baldwin Wallace

BEREA, Ohio — Noah Wohlsen of Cranford, a graduate of Cranford High School majoring in music theatre, has been named to the Dean’s List for the Spring 2021 semester at Baldwin Wallace University, according to Provost Stephen D. Stahl.

Any full-time student who achieves a GPA of at least 3.6 for 12 or more graded hours or part-time student who achieves a GPA of at least 3.6 for six or more graded hours in the Fall or Spring semester will be placed on the Dean’s List.

Baldwin Wallace University, founded in 1845, was one of the first colleges to admit students without regard to race or gender. An independent, coeducational university of 3,500 students, Baldwin Wallace offers coursework in the liberal arts tradition in more than 80 academic areas. The campus is located in Berea, Ohio, 12 miles from downtown Cleveland. For more information about the university, visit bw.edu.

William D. Lampert Graduates McDaniel

WESTMINSTER, Md. — William Davis Lampert of Cranford earned a bachelor’s degree in political science from McDaniel College during the 151st commencement held on May 22. McDaniel awarded nearly 600 bachelor’s and master’s degrees during the ceremony. The graduates hailed from nine countries and 25 states, plus the District of Columbia.

Founded in 1867, McDaniel College is a four-year, independent college of the liberal arts and sciences. It offers more than 70 undergraduate programs of study and over 20 graduate programs. Represented by the Green Terror, the college’s 24 athletic teams compete in the NCAA Division III Centennial Conference. To learn more about McDaniel College, visit mcdaniel.edu.

Anthony Demarino On Kutztown Dean’s List

KUTZTOWN, Pa. — Nearly 2,300 students have been named to the Spring 2021 Dean’s List at Kutztown University, including Anthony Joseph Demarino of Cranford.

To be eligible for the Dean’s List, an undergraduate student must be registered for at least 12 credits and have a minimum grade point average of 3.60.

Founded in 1866, Kutztown University is a member of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. The campus is located on 289 acres nestled in the East Penn Valley in Berks County, between Reading and Allentown, Pa. For more information about the university, visit kutztown.edu.

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Joyce H. Hintz, Beloved Mother, Grandmother, Aunt and Friend

Earlier this year, we lost our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and friend when Joyce Heyden “Pinky” Hintz, of Westfield, N.J., died after a brief battle with cancer. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Pinky was an inspiration to her entire extended family. She was active, informed and engaged throughout her life, right up until the end.

Pinky was born in Orange, N.J., in 1928, was raised in Cranford (except for several years in Texas, California and Argentina), graduated from Cranford High School, went to college, married a Cranford boy, taught dancing, raised three children, was president of the Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield, went to work at a full-time corporate job in New York City when her kids got older, started her own special events planning company, worked in retail after she retired, and maintained an unfailingly positive attitude throughout it all.

Pinky had a bit of a restless spirit. She probably caught the travel bug when she moved to Argentina by boat when she was 6 years old and the captain taught her to swim. Years later she found the perfect way to satisfy her wanderlust when she went to work at Canada Dry, as the first woman in management. One of her responsibilities was planning meetings and special events. This required her to do some traveling, both around the country and internationally (e.g., Australia and Bali), while allowing her homebody husband to stay at home. Talk about a win-win!

Pinky loved this part of her job, and with her excellent taste and natural flair, she excelled at it. After about 15 years at Canada Dry, she started her own special events planning company, which she ran until

she retired. But Pinky wasn’t ready to stay home. She went to work in retail, first at The Plumquin and then at Paperfolio, both in Summit. It wasn’t until she was in her eighties that she finally stopped working altogether.

Pinky had two philosophies about getting older: 1) Avoid spending too much time with old people, except loved ones, because all they do is talk about their ailments. She much preferred working or spending time with her kids and grandkids and their friends. 2) Don’t stop moving, or you won’t be able to move. She really took this one to heart. She was driving herself to stores and to the gym until COVID hit. In fact, she missed the gym so much that her family gave her a treadmill for her 92nd birthday, less than four months before she died.

Pinky adored her family and found particular joy in her grandchildren. She was disappointed that she couldn’t spend more time with the two that lived halfway across the country, but she dealt with that by spending lots of time with the two that lived nearby, showering them with much-appreciated love and attention.

Pinky is survived by her daughter, Catherine W. Hintz (Peter) of Cranford; her son, Douglas M. Hintz (Jacqueline) of Flower Mound, Tex.; her four grandchildren, Michael C. Hintz of Austin, Tex., Samantha M. Hintz of Flower Mound, Tex., Mattison W. Morone of Cranford, and Weston J. Morone of New York, N.Y.; and her two great-grandsons, Easton of Flower Mound, Tex., and Beckham of Austin, Tex. She is predeceased by her husband of 45 years, Otis A. “Bud” Hintz, and her son, Robert W. Hintz.

Services were held privately.

June 24, 2021



Joyce H. Hintz

— Obituaries —

Susan Pound Snauffer, 77, Beloved First-Grade Teacher In Westfield

Susan Pound Snauffer, 77, passed away on Saturday, June 19, at St. Barnabas Hospital, holding the hand of her husband of 50 years, Robert Snauffer.

Born in 1944 in Catonsville, Maryland, she moved to Westfield, N.J., in 1971. She was a beloved first-grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary School and Wilson Elementary School for over three decades. After she retired in 2006, she made a point to travel the world and visited over 20 countries from India to China to Africa, even to Nepal, where she flew over Mount Everest. She was an avid bridge player, a passionate gardener, and a fully devoted and cherished grandmother.

Surviving and heartbroken are her husband, Robert Snauffer; her daughter, Mary Lorraine Snauffer, her son-in-law, Gavin Shulman, and her grandchildren, Quinn, age 6, and Asa, age 1, of New York City. Surviving in Catonsville, Maryland, is her sis-

ter, Patsy Masters, and brother, Stephen Pound, as well as her nieces, Stephanie Pound, Katie Cecil, and Maura Masters of Austin, Texas. She is predeceased by her brother, John Pound, and her parents, John and Mary Pound.

She died after a courageous and heroic seven-year battle with breast cancer, including the last four years of metastasized, stage IV breast cancer. She never complained once. Those who knew her know she was truly one of a kind and she will be missed very deeply.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 26. Visitation hours will take place at Dooley Colonial Funeral Home in Westfield, N.J., from 10 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., followed by a mass at 12 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Church in Westfield, and a reception at her home. All are welcomed. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

June 24, 2021



Susan Pound Snauffer

Funeral Mass Is Saturday For Andrew Kowalczyk

Friends of Andrew Kowalczyk, who passed away from Covid-19 on April 6, 2020, are invited to a Funeral Mass celebrating his life. It will be held on Saturday, June 26, at St. Helen’s

Church in Westfield, at 11 a.m. Andy attended all Westfield schools, graduating from Westfield High School in 1975.

June 24, 2021

CWC of Westfield Awards \$40,000 In Scholarships

WESTFIELD — The College Woman’s Club of Westfield (CWC) awarded \$40,000 in scholarships at its Annual Meeting on May 25 via a live teleconference event. The awards were presented to five young women from Westfield to help them pursue their college education. The recipients were selected based on academic achievement, community service and financial need.

Caroline Bielen was awarded the \$3,000 Grant in Memory of Katharine Jaruzelski. Caroline plans to serve as a counselor at a Girl Scout day camp this summer before starting her pre-law studies at the University of Pittsburgh in the fall.

Elizabeth Bielen was awarded the \$5,000 Marjorie McCormack Scholarship. She will attend Lehigh University in the fall.

Martha Byrne was awarded the \$2,000 Past President’s Scholarship and the \$10,000 College Woman’s Club of Westfield Scholarship. She is off to the University of Notre Dame

in the fall.

Rebekkah Dayon was awarded the \$10,000 College Woman’s Club of Westfield Scholarship. She begins her studies at Montclair State University this fall.

Sophia Principato was awarded the \$10,000 College Woman’s Club of Westfield Scholarship. She will attend the University of Delaware in the fall. To learn more about the accomplishments of these young women, go to bit.ly/CWC2021Scholars.

Scholarship applications are available through local high-school guidance departments in February of each year and are evaluated by a committee of CWC members each spring. Funds for the scholarships come from community donations, nominal membership dues, interest on investments and legacies from club members. To learn more about the CWC, go to cwclubwestfield.org. Interested persons also may contact the College Woman’s Club directly by email at cwc.westfield@gmail.com.

Eight Residents Earn Honors At U. of Wisconsin-Madison

MADISON, Wis. — The University of Wisconsin-Madison has recognized students named to the Dean’s List for the Spring semester of the 2020-2021 academic year.

Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester. To be eligible for the Dean’s List, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Each university school or college sets its own GPA requirements for students to be eligible to receive the distinction. Most call the honor “Dean’s List,” but some grant the “Dean’s Honor List” and “Dean’s High Honor List.”

Eight local residents are among the students who have received this

honor for the Spring semester. They are as follows:

Mountainside residents Jay Post, College of Letters and Science, Dean’s List, and Drew Rittman, College of Engineering, Dean’s Honor List.

Westfield residents Andrew Cohen, School of Business, Dean’s List; Sarah Hacker, College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, Dean’s List; Emma Jackler, College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, Dean’s List; Luke Pardo, College of Letters and Science, Dean’s List; Jacob Rock, College of Engineering, Dean’s Honor List; and Jordan Sacher, College of Letters and Science, Dean’s List.

For more information about the University of Wisconsin-Madison, visit wisc.edu.

Cranford Schools Show They Are ‘No Place For Hate’

CRANFORD — This year, the Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) facilitators of the Cranford school district partnered with the Anti-Defamation League in an initiative entitled “No Place for Hate.”

No Place for Hate (NPFH) is a self-directed program for grades K to 12 that assists all members of the school community in providing an inclusive and equitable learning environment while also decreasing acts of bias and bullying.

The SEL facilitators in each building were tasked with submitting school-wide activities that represented the components of NPFH. Each facilitator also was responsible for being creative in reaching students and encouraging them to pledge to be a member of a NPFH environment.

Each SEL facilitator kept a folder with the activities and lessons used for reaching the designation for their school. Listed below are several of the activities/initiatives that were facilitated throughout the school year, both virtually as well as in person.

Start with Hello activities in September.

Inclusive Schools Week in December.

No Name-Calling Week in March.

Say Something Week in March.

Google forms were created for older students to take the pledge.

Bulletin boards were decorated with positive messaging.

The No Place for Hate tour assembly program came to Cranford High School for a virtual presentation.

“While the banners that we will receive for each school representing our participation in NPFH will be displayed proudly, more importantly, our students have demonstrated through their actions that Cranford is truly a No Place for Hate district,” read a statement from the district.

“The lessons that have been taught, the images that they see daily, the announcements that are spoken, are representative of the resiliency, empathy, kindness and inclusiveness of our students and staff members,” the statement continued. “The commitment that we as a school community made to become a No Place for Hate district will be celebrated and honored in each school.”

Alfred ‘Al’ Morasso, Jr., 94, Veteran; Ret. Ocean Marine Shipping Executive

Alfred “Al” Morasso, Jr., 94, of Somerset, N.J., formerly of Westfield, passed away on Wednesday, June 16, 2021.

Born in New York City on April 8, 1927, to the late Capt. Alfred O. and Rosetta (Mildred) Morasso, Al spent his early years in West Orange, N.J., and graduated from West Orange High School in 1945 as Acting President of his senior class. He played on the varsity football and baseball teams and was later inducted into the West Orange Athletic Hall of Fame.

In 1948, Al graduated from the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y., with a Bachelor of Science in Marine Transportation, a Third Mates License, and an Ensign commission in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

He then served as a Deck Officer for Moore-McCormack Lines and Marine Transport Lines and circumnavigated on the USNS Mission San Carlos. During the Korean Conflict, he served in the U.S. Navy on the USS Gunston Hall (LSD-5) as Operations Officer and Navigator, participating in the Inchon, Wonsan, and Hungnam landings and redeployment. He spent 16 years in the Naval Reserve, retiring with the rank of Commander.

After release from active duty, Al obtained his Unlimited Masters License and spent the next forty years ashore in various senior Operations

and Chartering capacities with Marine Transport Lines, Marcona, Inc., and retired in 1992 as Vice President-Charting from Maritime Overseas Corporation in New York City. Al obtained his MBA from New York University. From 2003 until 2006, he also served as President of the Circumnavigators Club, in New York City.

In addition to his parents, his brother, Everett DuVal, predeceased him.

Surviving are his loving wife of 67 years, Mary Elizabeth (Betty Pleased); his children and their spouses, Janet (Bruce Shrake), Nancy (John Reger), Alfred (Kristine), Margaret (Joseph Dunn) and James (Charlotte); ten grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 10, at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 414 East Broad Street, Westfield, N.J., with interment to follow in The Garth. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the United States Merchant Marine Academy Alumni Association and Foundation, Inc., Kings Point, N.Y., or to St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Friends of Music, Westfield, N.J., in his memory would be appreciated.

Arrangements are by Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street, Westfield. Please go to www.grayfuneralhomes.com to offer condolences.

June 24, 2021



Alfred Morasso, Jr.

JFSCNJ Virtual Meeting To Feature Local Honorees

AREA — The Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey (JFSCNJ) Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 30, at 7:30 p.m., via Zoom. New and continuing officers and board members will be installed and volunteers will be recognized.

New board members include Jay Buchsbaum of Elizabeth, Jason Hoberman of Scotch Plains, Dr. David Hoffman of Springfield and Leah Kaminer of Springfield.

The program will include recognition of Volunteers of the Year. JFSCNJ will recognize RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) volunteers Judy Hurok of Scotch Plains and Robin Plattman of Berkeley Heights. The Rafal and Weisman families, both of Scotch Plains, will receive the Youth and Family Volunteer Awards. The Moms Helping Moms Foundation of Warren will receive the Community Partner Award.

A JFSCNJ volunteer since 2018, Ms. Hurok has helped in JFSCNJ’s Charlotte Shak Food Pantry for years and, throughout the pandemic, has been working in the food pantry weekly. She also supports several senior clients with weekly calls and visits. Ms. Hurok tutors students studying to attain their GEDs and also helps maintain the JFSCNJ Community Urban Garden. Prior to the pandemic, she also volunteered for the Memory Café, a JFSCNJ social program for individuals with Alzheimer’s and Related Dementias, and their care partners.

Ms. Plattman has been a JFSCNJ volunteer since early 2019. She has helped in the Charlotte Shak Food Pantry for years and, since the start of the pandemic, has volunteered her time for the food pantry on a weekly basis. Ms. Plattman also regularly helps with JFSCNJ’s virtual Café Europa program for Holocaust survivors, where she coordinates and delivers lunches to participants at their homes throughout Union County, and tutors ESL and GED students.

The Rafal family – Lisa, Alan and their children, Eliana and Ethan – joined the JFSCNJ team of vol-

unteers at the beginning of the pandemic and immediately became regulars in the food pantry. Lisa

has been driving seniors to get their Covid-19 vaccines and to other medical appointments, and also visits and shops for an isolated senior.

The Weisman family — Elise and her daughters, Rose, Violet and Willow — became involved with JFSCNJ at the beginning of the pandemic as part of a Mitzvah Project for Rose’s Bat Mitzvah. Over the course of the pandemic, the family initiated food collections and brought carloads of food collected from individuals in Scotch Plains to donate to the food pantry. They have regularly managed the weekly distribution of Shabbat Packages, helping countless families in need.

The Moms Helping Moms Foundation will receive the Community Partner Award for their donations of essential baby items and feminine hygiene products to the Charlotte Shak Food Pantry. Founded in 2010, the organization is a baby supply and diaper bank serving low-income and vulnerable New Jersey children from birth to age 5.

To receive a Zoom link for the virtual annual meeting, RSVP to info@jfscentralnj.org or (908) 352-8375 by Monday, June 28.

Jordan Binkowitz On ELON President’s List

ELON, N.C. — Jordan Tyler Binkowitz has been named to the President’s List for the 2021 Spring semester at Elon University. He is the son of Dr. Bruce S. Binkowitz and Mrs. Rachel S. Binkowitz of Westfield. The President’s List is composed of students with no grade below an A-minus in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Jordan is a rising senior double major in psychology and Adventure Based Learning. He recently completed a study abroad semester in Tanzania with other ABL students, culminating in successfully climbing to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro.

Garwood Library Kicks Off Summer Reading Program

GARWOOD — The Garwood Public Library, located at 411 Third Avenue, has announced that its Summer Reading Program is now underway. This program started on June 21 and will run through Tuesday, August 3, so there is still time to join the fun.

The theme this year is “Tails and Tales,” celebrating animals and stories from all around the world. For every 20 minutes participants 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 they spend reading and the more programs they attend, the more tickets participants will have entered in the grand-prize drawing.

The program will focus on a different type of tailed creature each week. Bird Tail of the Week will take place July 6 to 9. Participants can visit the library, view the hints for the Bird 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. During the week, participants also are invited to pick up their Bird Sleuth Explorer’s Guidebook at the library and become an expert observer of the birds all around them.

A Virtual Kid’s Craft will be presented on Tuesday, July 6, at 2 p.m. Participants can pick up craft supplies that day for a Summer Reading bird 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’s website, youseemore.com/garwood, or call (908) 789-1670. Kid’s Craft will take place once a week in July.

Remarkable Raptors will be featured on Thursday, July 8, at 10:30 a.m. Participants will meet a live hawk and owl and discover amazing facts about these birds of prey. This program will be brought to the public by the library in collaboration with the Tenafly Nature Center and Garwood Summer Recreation. The event will take place during Summer Recreation and participants must be registered for Summer Recreation to attend.

A Bird Scavenger Hunt will be held on Friday, July 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants can view a picture of the lost bird on the library’s Facebook and Instagram pages, and are invited to find it somewhere in Garwood. They are asked to leave the animal there for others to find and return to the library.

The 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. The library is closed on Saturdays in July and August.

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. The library will be closed on Monday, July 5, for the Independence Day holiday.



IN MEMORIAM...Amy Lovato, a member of the Westfield Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), along with her two children, participated in Memorial Day ceremonies with the Westfield Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). They placed flags on the graves of 80 Revolutionary soldiers at the historic Revolutionary Cemetery by The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. Pictured, from left to right, are: SAR members Jay Hershey and Richard Blundin and Ms. Lovato.

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THE WEEK IN SPORTS

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Bob Brewster Retires after 38 Years as WHS Blue Devil Head Coach

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

Another era has come to an end, and what an era it was! Westfield High School baseball Head Coach Bob Brewster has announced his retirement after 38 years at the varsity helm. During that time, Brewster has won 11 of WHS' 15 Union County Tournament (UCT) championships, five State Sectional championships, recently became Union County's winningest coach with win No. 652 and finished his career with a 655-342-3 record (1,000 games). Additionally this season, he was named New Jersey Baseball Coaches "Man of the Year".

A 1968 graduate of Westfield High School, who was a catcher for the Blue Devils, after graduating from then Montclair State College, Brewster began his teaching career at Rumson-Fair Haven.

"When I got out of college, I taught two years at Rumson-Fair Haven High

School and I coached football there. Near the end of that year, which was 74, John Ley was the (WHS) Athletic Director said (to his father), 'can your son teach science?' I did my interview, got the job and it was a baseball and a football job, so I ended up coaching football and baseball here. That was the season of 75," Brewster revealed.

Brewster coached at the JV level for eight years. "I actually was going to resign from coaching at that time because I saw that the head coach wasn't going anywhere. Then all the sudden he wasn't hired back. I put in for the job and I got it. That was the Spring of 83," Brewster recalled.

His first season as head coach began with a rocky start. Brewster explained, "It got to the point where I was questioning my ability as a coach because we were 4-10, didn't make the state tournament, got into the county tournament then we put on a run and went to the finals. We lost to



David B. Corbin (April 2012 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times

GOING AIRBORNE TO TOUCH HOME...Blue Devil James O'Rourke goes airborne to touch home plate in the first inning as Raider catcher Ryan Henkels stops the throw. The Blue Devils scored six runs in the bottom of the 10th to win 8-7, giving Head Coach Bob Brewster his 500th career victory (April 3, 2012).

DEEB CRUSHES THREE-RUN HOMER, FALK RBI DOUBLE

Summit Overcomes Cranford

In Cal Ripken 12U Districts, 7-5

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

Smooth sailing by the Summit 12U baseball team ran into some nasty turbulence in the bottom of the sixth inning and it forced an extra inning in its Pool A play game with Cranford in the Cal Ripken, Jr. 12U District 12 Tournament at Gumbert Field 3 in

were: John Deveau, Owen Sherman, Gianni D'Agostino, Matt McKeever, Andrew Matter, Ben DeLong, Gavin Schnall, Jack Lopuszynski, AJ Curiale, Grayson Eckhardt, Jackson Conroy and Brady Azurmendi with coaches William Deveau, Jeff Conroy, Mark Sherman and Joe DeLong.

The representatives for Cranford



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GUNNED DOWN AT THE PLATE...Cranford catcher Tyler Muccigrosso puts the tag on Summit's AJ Curiale, No. 10, in the second inning of the Cal Ripken, Jr. District 12 Pool A play game at Gumbert Field 3 in Westfield on June 17.

Westfield on June 17. Having witnessed its 5-1 lead diminish to a 5-5 deadlock, Summit rose to the challenge, scored twice in the seventh and held its opponent scoreless to claim a 7-5 victory.

Pool A consists of Cranford (2-1), Summit (1-1), South Orange-Maplewood (1-1), New Providence (1-1) and Scotch Plains-Fanwood (1-2). Records as of June 17.

The representatives for Summit

were: Charlie Springer, Cooper Falk, Tyler Muccigrosso, Gabe Deeb, Pat Bendert, Brody Ewing, Alex Affronti, Frankie Neglio, Mason McGrath, Aiden Capizzi, John Fiore and Luke Owens with coaches Dave Falk, Matt Singer and Jim Capizzi.

DeLong started on the mound for Summit and cruised through five innings, allowing only one run on three hits and one walk, while striking out two Cougars. But he got tagged for

pitched the remainder of the game and yielded four hits and a walk, while hitting a batter and striking out one.

Deeb was the big gun for the Cougars, going 2-for-2 with a three-run home run and a walk. Falk whacked an RBI double and scored once. Springer singled, scored once and had an RBI. Muccigrosso doubled and scored once. McGrath singled

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THE PERILS OF GETTING NUMBER 600...Head Coach Bob Brewster gets doused with Gatorade after attaining his 600th career victory after Westfield edged the Cougars, 1-0, on the new turf field at Memorial Field in Cranford on April 27, 2017.

a team that was Top-5 in the state, 9-8, and that was Elizabeth. The loss was caused by a short pop fly with the leftfielder, centerfielder and short-stop, it dropped between them. The next year we got better and we just got better after that."

Brewster's first UCT title (WHS No. 5) came in 1986 and he described the situation.

"The winning pitcher was Clint Factor. He was a sophomore. All the sudden Clint's out on the mound and he's starting to celebrate. 'We are going to win the counties!' They got a run. They got the bases loaded. We brought Chucky Mueller in to face their cleanup hitter. Chucky Mueller was a fabulous player for us, he was a great leadoff hitter and centerfielder. He goes out and he throws fastball here, here, and here. Game over!"

UCT title No. 2 came the following year. "Clint Factor was pitching again. As Ray Korn (Elizabeth coach) said, 'It was a game that threw baseball back 25 years.' We were down 9-2 in

the fourth inning. We won 13-12 in extra innings. I believe the winning run was scored on a walk with the bases loaded."

The following year, 1988, the Blue Devils were seeded first and lost in the first round. But, "We won the section. Only teams with winning records got in. There could be unusual numbers of teams."

Brewster was also present at the first four UCT's won by Westfield. "Westfield has won 15 county tournaments and I have been at the finals all 15 times. In 1963, I was a middle schooler and I was sitting on the hill at Rahway with my dad. From 66 to 68, I was on the team and in 78 when we won, I was an assistant coach coaching first base."

The Brew Crew has won 11 UCT titles but they have been in the finals 20 times. "Nine second places and we

had a string of four in a row that we won and a string of three in a row that we lost. The most unbelievable one was the one we lost to Scotch Plains in 10 innings with Jenkins (*See later in article*). We lost on a bad-hop base hit. My second baseman goes down to field it. The ball goes over his head."

The Blue Devils won three UCT title during the decade of the 90's and won their 10th in 1997.

Listed below are memorable UCT, Sectional and milestone games"

UCT No 11: The number 11 played a significant role at the Union County Baseball Tournament at Memorial Field in Linden on May 25, 2002. Not only did WHS win its 11th UCT title by defeating A. L. Johnson, 7-4, but also the number 11 showed up in several additional instances. The last

time the Blue Devils won a UCT baseball title was in 1997 when they toppled Summit, 7-1. Phil Orsini, an 11th grader at the time, was the hero with a two-run homer.

Senior pitcher Jay Cook and senior centerfielder Ben Koket (uniform No. 11) contributed to the majority of those 11s. Cook recorded seven strikeouts, yielded three walks and hit a batter – the sum equals 11. After a shaky start, he retired 11 straight batters from the third inning through the sixth inning. Koket (No. 11) got the first hit of the game and scored the first run. He also recorded the final putout with a brilliant catch in centerfield.

Note that the sum of the score equals 11. The Blue Devils also had 11 hits and hit the Crusader pitcher the hard-

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

BIG REASON TO CELEBRATE...The Blue Devils celebrate after defeating Ridge, 4-2, for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Championship in Basking Ridge on June 1, 2019. It was the Blue Devils second straight sectional title.

BROOKS 2-FOR-2, WALK; FERNANDEZ 1B, HOBSON 8 K'S

Livingston Outduels Blue Devils

In Group 4 Softball Semifinal, 2-1

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

Lancer freshman Sophia Mount and Blue Devil senior Michaela Hobson put on quite a show on the mound during the Group 4 Semifinal game between the North Jersey, Section 1 champion Livingston Lancers and the North Jersey, Section 2 champion Westfield Blue Devils in Westfield on June 15. Clinging to a 2-1 lead and with the leadoff Blue Devil on second base, Mount struck out the final three batters to secure victory and a trip to Ivy Hill Park to face Hillsborough on June 17.

Mount tossed a three-hitter and recorded 15 strikeouts while walking just two. Hobson tossed a four-hitter and also walked just two Lancers, while striking out eight.

"At this point in the season, you know you are going to face nothing but good teams. This one was another example. Their pitcher Mount was on from the very first pitch. She was able to take control of the game early on.

We did put some pressure on. Ultimately we didn't come through in a couple of spots," Blue Devil Head Coach Caitlin Cheddar said.

Both pitchers were on from the start. Hobson struck out two of the three batters she faced in the top of the first inning, while getting the other to ground out to second base. Mount did exactly the same in the bottom of the inning.

After striking out the first batter in the second inning, Hobson walked Haley Meierhofer. Deja Robinson laid down a sacrifice bunt to move the runner to second then Megan Downey drilled an RBI double to centerfield, putting the 20-4 Lancers up 1-0. After the second inning score, Hobson held her own against Mount.

"Michaela has been our rock all year. Today was no different. We just couldn't get enough runs. She was with her pitch for pitch. A couple of wild pitches and a walk. It put pressure on. A walk and a double! That's how they got that run. It happens,"

Coach Cheddar commented.

Mount struck out the side in the Westfield second inning then after Hobson walked leadoff batter Emily Hunter, she got the remaining three Lancers to ground out. Two of those grounders went to third baseman Alivia Macaluso, who made fine scoops on both.

In the Livingston fourth inning, Caitlin Mullen reached first base on a throwing error and advanced to second on a wild pitch. Meierhofer's bouncer deflected off Hobson's glove but second baseman Molly Stogner corralled it and fired to first for the out as the runner on second advanced to third then scored on a wild pitch.

Hobson yielded a two-out double to Nathalia Dilanni in the fifth then the 22-4 Blue Devils scored once in the bottom of the inning. Aden Brooks (2-for-2, walk) chopped a single into right field. Her courtesy runner Ali Verga (2 stolen bases) swiped second then sped to third on Grace Loder's

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NEARLY PICKED OFF...Livingston's Emily Hunter nearly gets tagged out by Blue Devil first baseman Cat Hefflin in the third inning of the Group 4 Semifinal game in Westfield on June 15. The Lancers held off the Blue Devils, 2-1.



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WILD STRETCH TO GET THE THROW...Blue Devil third baseman Jack Schwarzenbek, No. 15, makes a wild stretch to grab the throw as Chatham's Luke Brendle steals third during Pool B play of the 12U Cal Ripken, Jr. District 12 Tournament at Gumbert Field 2 in Westfield on June 19. Chatham defeated Westfield, 10-4.

CABRALES 2B, 1B, RBI; RUSSO 2 HITS, RBI; MEIXNER 2-3

Chatham Jars Blue Devils, 10-4, In Ripken District 12U Baseball

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

Offense began early for both teams then tapered off drastically in the final two innings but the Chatham 12U baseball team got the bigger jump to jar Westfield, 10-4, during Pool B play of the Cal Ripken, Jr. District 12 Tournament at Gumbert Field 2 in

twice and scored twice. Tony Marchetti doubled, walked and scored twice. Luke Brendle walked three times and scored three times. Parker Solak had a single and two RBI. Thomas Giroux had an RBI double. Cormac Leahy, Drew Speace and Jack Hadzima singled and scored once. Liam Egan singled once.



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CLOSE PLAY AT THE PLATE...Blue Devil pitcher Don Meixner, No. 35, gets the throw from the catcher but Chatham's Luke Brendle slides under his tag to score in the first inning

Westfield on June 19. As of June 20, Mountainside sits atop Pool B with a 4-0 record followed by Millburn-Short Hills at 3-1, Chatham at 2-2, Westfield at 1-3 and South Orange-Maplewood Black at 0-4.

The Chatham Cougars, who had eight hits, took advantage of numerous Blue Devil miscues and six walks to garner their runs. Tyler Jacobs whacked a two-run double, walked

The Blue Devils totaled nine hits and Pete Cabrales had a ground rule double and an RBI single, while scoring once. Ryan Zuckerman went 2-for-2 with a double. John Russo singled twice, scored once and had an RBI. Don Meixner singled twice, scored once and had an RBI. Jackson Rossitto singled and walked once.

Representing Chatham were: Marchetti, Leahy, Brendle, Jacobs,

Egan, Solak, Giroux, Marcus Valenzuela, AJ Schuck, Hadzima, Speace and Henry DeVerenne with coaches John Walewander, Brady Schuck and Mark Solak. Representing Westfield were: Liam Reed, Rossitto, Jack Schwarzenbek, Cabrales, Meixner, Grayson Madera, Russo, Kieran Kelly, Justin Boufarah, Zuckerman, Cole Zippler and Preston Nitche with coaches Kevin Zippler, Chris Schwarzenbek, Pete Cabrales and Rob Rossitto.

Hadzima started on the mound for Chatham and was relieved by Speace with no outs in the fourth. Hadzima yielded four runs (3 earned), seven hits and three walks, while striking out two. Speace allowed no runs on two hits and no walks, while striking out two. Meixner tossed the first two innings for the Blue Devils and allowed four runs (2 earned), three hits and two walks, while striking out three. Cabrales pitched innings three and four and allowed six runs (3 earned) on four hits and four walks, while striking out three. Schwarzenbek pitched the final two scoreless innings, yielding just one hit and no walks.

Although there was a number of errors, there was also a number of fine fielding plays. From behind the plate, Giroux gunned down a runner attempting to steal second, Hadzima made a great snag one inch off the ground in leftfield and Solak made a fine play at third to throw out the runner at first. Nitche made a slick belly bouncing catch in centerfield. Madera playing third base, managed to corral a deflection off the shortstop and fire to first in time for a putout. Madera added another long distance

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MURPHY 3 HITS, 3 RUNS; VOSSELER, TRIVISONNO 2 1BS EACH

Raiders Survive Summit's Rally; Win 9-8 in Ripken 12U Districts

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

Rolling nicely through five-and-a-half innings with a 9-4 lead, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood 12U baseball team nearly turned victory into defeat but held on in the nick of time to edge Summit, 9-8, in Pool A play of the Cal Ripken District 12 Tournament at Gumbert Field 1 in Westfield on June 20.

Although they won the game and finished with a 2-2 Pool A record, the Raiders failed to reach the playoff phase, while the Summit Hilltoppers, who also finished 2-2, received the second seed to play Chatham the third seed from Pool B. Cranford (3-1) received the top seed for Pool A and

Mountainside (4-0) received the top seed for Pool B. Millburn-Short Hills received to second seed for Pool B and New Providence received the third seed for Pool A.

The situation in the bottom of the sixth inning had reliever Davis Murphy on the mound for the Raiders with Gavin Schnall (1-for-3, double, RBI, run scored) leading off for Summit. Murphy recorded a strikeout and things appeared dandy then Ben DeLong (3-for-3, 2 RBI, run) laced a single to right field and stole a pair of bases. Andrew Matter hacked a Baltimore chop single that brought home DeLong and Jack Lospuszynski walked. Murphy fanned AJ Curiale for the second out but Brady

Azurmendi lined a two-run single to left-center and John Deveau (2-for-4, run) slashed an RBI single to right, making the score 9-8. Owen Sherman (2-for-3) walked then both advanced into scoring position after a wild pitch and the stage was set for a miraculous comeback. But Murphy buckled down and struck out the final batter to preserve a victory.

The Raiders had built a big lead early with six runs in the top of the first inning. Alex Tabares hacked an infield single. Tim DeMatteo reached base when his pop up was dropped and Murphy (3-for-3, 2 doubles, 3 runs) hacked another infield single to load the bases. Anthony Mustacciolo

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READY TO MAKE THE PLAY...Summit catcher Matt McKeever prepares to put the tag on Raider Tim Matteo, No. 8, in the first inning of Pool A play of the 12U Cal Ripken, Jr. District 12 Tournament at Gumbert Field 1 on June 20.

Brewster Retires After 38 Years as Head Coach

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est in the fifth and sixth innings – 5+6=11. Additionally, 11 Blue Devils stepped to the plate in those innings. Senior Jim McKeon (No. 22) – 2x11 – had a two-run double and a one-run single.

UCT Title No. 12: Before the “Big Bang” there was a “Puny Ping”. That ping that came off the bat of Alex Zierler in the second inning was followed by big bangs in the later innings as the third-seeded WHS baseball team blasted top-seeded and defending champion Roselle Catholic, 9-0, to capture its 12th UCT title at

2 runs scored) made the first big bang with a solo homer over the centerfield fence. Mike Murray added the final “bang” with a two-run shot over the right-centerfield fence.

Just Missed Title: Although the Blue Devils came up short, 2-1, in a 10-inning classic at Williams Field in Elizabeth on May 16, 2009, the UCT title game against the SPF Raiders featured two outstanding teams refusing to lose, two outstanding pitchers refusing to yield and a packed house full of civil fans of all ages rooting for their respective teams.



David B. Corbin (May 2002 files) for *The Westfield Leader and The Times*

THE BREW CREW...The Brew Crew sizes up their opponents before winning their 11th UCT on May 25, 2002 in Linden.

Memorial Field in Linden on May 20, 2006.

The 18-6 Blue Devils tagged Nick Nolan (5-1) for eight of their 13 hits in the first five innings to send him to his shortstop position for the final two innings. Blue Devil Craig Ellis, how-

Raider mound ace Gary Binkiewicz in a showdown with Stanford bound fireballer Chris Jenkins, went face-to-face for nine innings only to walk off the field in a 1-1 tie and leave the outcome in the hands of their relievers. Center stage came Nick Bonadies,

to be the winning run when John Maxwell chopped a bad-hop single over the shoulder of second baseman Dave Babetski to give the Raiders a 2-1 victory.

Section Title No. 2: A seesaw battle reached its climax when the second-seeded WHS baseball team plated four runs in the top of the seventh inning and held off a threat by top-seeded Perth Amboy to grab the North Jersey, Group 4, Section 2 championship with a 9-7 victory at Rudyk Park in Perth Amboy on June 3, 2011.

The 24-4, No. 7 Blue Devils used productive seventh innings to pull off all four of their sectional tournament victories en route to their first title since 1988. Jon Gribbin went 3-for-3 with three RBI.

Group 4 Title Game: If anyone relates an athletic event with history, the showdown between the No. 1 ranked Manalapan Braves and the No. 4 ranked WHS Blue Devils for the Group 4 baseball championship held at Toms River South on June 11, 2011 could have been reminiscent of an event that occurred at the Little Bighorn on June 26, 1876.

The 25-5 Blue Devils were outgunned early and found themselves in an 11-0 hole before the second inning was over, but battled to within three runs by the bottom of the fifth before the 28-3 Braves bombarded the plate with 12 runs in the seventh inning to seize a 29-14 victory and the title.

Steve Forgash, the king of the infield single, went 3-for-5 (2 infield singles) with three runs scored. James Barry went 2-for-3 with a three-run



David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader and The Times*

SWEET VICTORY...The Blue Devils erupt in celebration after defeating the Millburn Millers, 4-2, for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Championship at Bob Brewster, Sr. Field in Westfield on June 1, 2018.

ever, tossed a three-hitter and fanned 10 Lions, while walking six and hitting two batters.

Brandon Cuba (2-for-3, HR, 2 RBI,

who rapped a two-out single in the top of the 10th inning, zoomed to third on a hit-and-run single from Kevin Maroney, then scored what turned out

homer and two runs scored. AJ Murray went 2-for-5 with an RBI and a run scored, and Jon Gribbin banged a

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David B. Corbin (Blue Devil Classic files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times
MOC CHAMP IN THE 1600...Blue Devil senior Katie Hamilton finished first in the 1,600 at the Meet of Champions in South Plainfield on June 19.

WF's Hamilton, SPF's Jackson Win at Meet of Champions

Westfield High School senior Katie Hamilton and Scotch Plains-Fanwood junior Julia Jackson each won an individual event at the Track & Field Meet of Champions held at Frank Jost Field in South Plainfield on June 19.

Hamilton crossed first in the 1,600 meters with a time of 4:51.95, edging Lily Shapiro of Colts Neck. Blue Devil senior Isabel Boufarah finished 16th. Hamilton, Boufarah, Caroline Collins and Sonia Olson finished second in the 4x800 with a time of 9:21.35.

Jackson took first in the 400 meters with a time of 54.48 and teammates

Grace Kennedy at 57.16 and Jenai Berry at 57.8 finished 5-10. Kennedy, Corinne Lyght, Berry and Jackson also crossed first in the 4x400 with a time of 3:46.73.

For the boys, Blue Devil senior Braden Stryker placed second in the discus with a toss of 180-1 and Raider Rob Lerner placed 15th with a toss of 148-1. Stryker also placed seventh in the shot put with a shove of 54-6.25. Blue Devil Charlie Stock finished sixth in the 800 with a time of 1:55.12 and Max Owens took eighth in the pole vault with a height of 13-0.



David B. Corbin (Blue Devil Classic files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times
MOC CHAMP IN THE 400...Raider junior Julia Jackson took first in the 400 at the Meet of Champions in South Plainfield on June 19. Jackson, Grace Kennedy, Corinne Lyght and Jenai Berry finished first in the 4x400.

Summit Overcomes Cranford

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and scored once. Owens and Capizzi each singled once.

McKeever had a pair of singles, two RBI and scored once for Summit. Schnall doubled twice and scored once. D'Agostino drilled an RBI double and was hit-by-a-pitch. Sherman singled, walked and scored twice. Eckhardt doubled and scored once. Lopuszynski had an RBI single. Deveau singled and scored once. Curiale singled once.

In the top of the first inning, Sherman lined a one-out single to left

D'Agostino was hit-by-a-pitch and McKeever singled to left. When Matter's grounder slipped through the legs of the second baseman, both runners scored. Cranford finally answered in the bottom of the inning when McGrath singled, swiped second, dashed to third on a throwing error and scored on Springer's groundout to second.

Although Springer at second, Deeb at first and Falk at short made fine plays in the fifth, Summit still managed to score once to make the score



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
PLAY THAT NEVER WAS...Summit second baseman John Deveau holds his glove up after tagging Cougar Gabe Deeb but neither realized it was a home run.

and D'Agostino slashed an RBI double down the right field line. McKeever cranked a difficult liner that centerfielder Ewing hauled in for the out then Bendert got the next batter to ground out. Cranford quickly threatened with a two-out double down the leftfield line by Muccigrosso and a walk to Deeb but the next batter grounded out to the mound.

Fine defensive plays by the Cougars limited Summit to just one run in the second inning. First baseman Deeb made a fine scoop for the first out then Schnall looped a double to right and scored on Lopuszynski's single past short. Curiale singled to right. After a ground out to third, Deveau singled but the outfielder relayed the ball to the pitcher, who in turn fired home to nail Curiale at the plate.

Summit upped its lead to 4-0 on two unearned runs in the third.

5-1 when Sherman walked and scored on McKeever's hopping RBI single past short.

Trailing by four, the Cougars were down to their last inning and Springer led off with a single to right. Falk sliced an RBI double to right and Muccigrosso walked. Deeb stepped to the plate and slammed a three-run homer over the centerfield fence to knot the score. Lopuszynski relieved and ended the scoring.

In the seventh, Eckhardt led off with a double to center and Deveau reached base on an error. After D'Agostino's deep fly ball to left was dropped, Eckhardt scored then Deveau scored on McKeever's sac fly to center. Lopuszynski limited the Cougars to just a single by Capizzi in the bottom of the seventh.

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Brewster Retires as Head Coach

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grand slam homer.

UCT Crown Number 13: Triskaidekaphobia was no issue when the third-seeded WHS baseball team took on eighth-seeded Union for the UCT championship at Williams Field in Elizabeth on May 12, 2012. The 17-3 Blue Devils overlooked a 3-0 deficit, manufactured a run in the third inning and demonstrated the "Big Inning Theory", exploding for 10 runs in the fourth, then added two more runs in the fifth to pulverize the Farmers, 13-3, to capture their 13th UCT crown. Mike Mondon was the winning pitcher.

RBI single past first then Manning scored when Jack Cifelli's grounder to short provoked a throwing error on an attempted double play. Matt Barmakian tapped a squibbling infield single as Manning scored.

On June 11, the Blue Devils, seeking the program's first state title, fell to Hunterdon Central, 7-0, in the state Group 4 championship game before a large crowd at Veterans Park.

Section Title No. 5: Four games into the season the WHS baseball team was staring at an 0-4 record and the outlook appeared cloudy but come sectional tournament time the Blue



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
2021 MOST VALUABLE SENIOR...Enzo Mizerek, right, stands with Westfield Booster Club President Jason McLane for being voted Most Valuable Senior.

Section Title No. 3: Anthony Perconte heeded Coach Brewster's assignment to perfection when he successfully executed a suicide squeeze bunt, scoring Eric Demers in the bottom of seventh inning to lift the WHS baseball team to a 2-1 victory over visiting Perth Amboy in the NJSIAA North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 semifinal round in Westfield on May 30, 2013. The very next day, junior left-hander Brad DeMartino tossed a four-hitter in a 4-2 victory over North Hunterdon in Annandale to seize the sectional crown, Westfield's second in three years.

A great ride finally came to an end for the WHS baseball team when it experienced an 8-1 defeat from the bats and aggressiveness of the No. 2 ranked Eastern Vikings in the Group 4 championship game at Toms River North on June 9. Matt Storcks singled and scored the Blue Devils' only run on Liam Devin's groundout.

UCT No. 14: Triskaidekaphobia no more! Clutch hits, run saving catches and a strong pitching performance from Brad DeMartino guided the third-seeded WHS baseball team to its 14th UCT championship with a 5-3 victory over top-seeded Governor Livingston at Kean University in Union on May 11, 2014. DeMartino recorded eight strikeouts and walked only one, while allowing six hits.

UCT No. 15: Key hits, especially in the top of the fourth and sixth innings, and a steady performance from senior pitcher Connor Scanlon kept the fourth-seeded WHS baseball team in the driver's seat en route to its 15th UCT championship with a 6-3 victory over second-seeded Cranford at Kean University in Union on May 12, 2017. Alex Pancini drilled a two-run double. Matt LaCorte laced an RBI double. Arthur Xiao, Mike Manning and Jake Lerie each had RBI singles.

Section Title No. 4: Two outstanding pitchers stepped on the mound in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Championship game between top-seeded Westfield and the second-seeded, defending Group 4 champion Millburn Millers at Bob Brewster, Sr. Field in Westfield on June 1, 2018, so a low-scoring game could be expected. After falling behind 2-0 with two outs in the top of the third inning, senior Cory Hiltz buckled down and retired the remaining 13 Millers he faced, while his teammates' bats went to work with a run in the third, two more in the fourth and another in the sixth to emerge with a 4-2 victory and their third sectional title since 2011.

Andrew Caminiti (1-for-2) launched an RBI sacrifice fly to right field. Jake Lerie hacked a leadoff single over the middle and Matt Manning (2-for-3, 2 runs) did the same. Mike Knapp (2-for-3) chopped an

Devils qualified as the eighth seed and proceeded to run the table culminating with a 4-2 victory over the second-seeded Ridge Red Devils for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Championship at Basking Ridge on June 1, 2019. Timely hitting, crucial defensive plays and the deceptive pitching performance from senior lefty MJ Catanzaro made it possible for the Blue Devils to capture their second sectional title in a row.

Catanzaro went the distance, allowing just four hits and striking out four against the Red Devil machine, while walking three — one intentional. The timely hitting came off the bats of Matt McIntyre, Sean Flynn and Andrew Caminiti. McIntyre was unstoppable at the plate, going 4-for-4 with a double, a stolen base and two runs scored. Flynn blasted a pair of long doubles and singled, while scoring once and knocking in two runs. Caminiti whacked a long double in the top of the first inning that would be the catalyst for catching everybody's attention on an interesting call at the plate.

Two days later, the Blue Devils lost to No. 4 Ridgewood, 6-1, in the Group 4 semi held at Kean University.

Milestones: Win 200 against Scotch Plains-Fanwood, Win No. 300 against St. Joe, Win No. 400 against Malcolm X. Shabazz

Win No. 500, 600 and No. 652: "It Don't Come Easy!" (*Ringo Starr - 1973*). Blue Devil Head Coach Bob Brewster had to endure nearly three-and-a-half hours of pure drama during the UCT quarterfinal game with Scotch Plains-Fanwood on May 19, 2021 in Westfield until Jaden Edwards lashed a double to right field then scored on Dylan Berger's game-winning single in the 10th inning to deliver him with his 652nd career win with an 8-7 victory.

The significance of that victory made Coach Brewster the all-time winningest Union County coach, surpassing Ray Korn of Elizabeth. Interestingly, Coach Brewster had to endure a battle with the Raiders to get his 500th victory then his 600th came with a dramatic 1-0 win over the Cranford Cougars.

Ironically win No. 500 was also an 8-7, 10-inning classic against the Raiders on April 3, 2012. The Raiders had scored five runs in the top of the 10th but the Blue Devils came back with six when Jon Gribbin rapped a two-run double to seal the deal. Win No. 600 happened on April 27, 2017 on the new turf field in Cranford during a 1-0 pitchers' duel between Cougar Gordon Graceffo and Blue Devil Corey Hiltz. The difference was Matt LeCorte's double that scored Owen Kessler who had singled.

It's been a great ride Brew! Keep rolling!



David B. Corbin (May 2006 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times
BIG DAY IN THE UCT SEMIS...Blue Devil Mike Murray slides safely into third base in the 3 inning against the Cougars. Murray drilled two doubles, a single, scored twice and had an RBI in the Blue Devils' 6-3 victory (May 13, 2006).



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
NICE THROW TO FIRST...Blue Devil thrd baseman Alivia Macaluso, No. 6, makes a fine play to get the putout on Lancer Hailey Reuter in the third inning.

Lancers Top Blue Devils, 2-1

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sacrifice bunt. Cat Heflin's groundout to second brought Verga home.

With two outs, Stogner reached base on an error and Casey Laguna entered as her pinch runner. The Lancers moved the infield in tight to face Allie Fernandez, leaving second base virtually unguarded against Laguna but Fernandez jumped on the first pitch and slapped it for a single into the outfield. Mount struck out the next batter to end the inning.

"Their third baseman was playing tight pretty much the whole game and largely, their shortstop was paying attention, so it is a chance that I wasn't sure I wanted to take to get an out," said Coach Cheddar, who added, "But we had to do little things like that."

Guilia Wilson beat out an infield single in the sixth but was gunned down at second by catcher Brooks. Mount struck out all three Blue Devils in the sixth then after fanning the first Lancer in the seventh, Hobson walked Downey who was replaced by pinch runner Katie Harrell. With two outs, Hunter doubled to left but as Harrell attempted to score, she was gunned down at the plate.

The Blue Devils got a ray of hope when Brooks led off with a single

over first base and her courtesy runner Verga swiped second but Mount buckled down and struck out the final three batters.

"A lot of the credit goes to her and them. They did a really nice job but we fought through till the end. We battled and didn't come through and that's OK," Coach Cheddar said.

In their previous 4-2 loss to Livingston, the Blue Devils faced their other two pitchers. "We picked them up in a night in that week where we had an opening, they had an opening. We thought it was good for both of us. We knew offensively what they were going to do. It was pretty much the exact same lineup as they had the last time, so we had that information. I think Michaela pitched a heck of a game and did a nice job with that information," Coach Cheddar said.

As to Mount's performance, Coach Cheddar expressed, "A freshman! I see a very bright future for her and for them no doubt. If I am looking back at our season, we faced three or four very good competitors at the end of the season. She's the best pitcher we've seen."

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Photo by Doug Allen and courtesy of MKA Athletics

TOP LAXMAN...Westfield resident Jake Waldman is enjoying a fine senior season for the Montclair Kimberley Academy lacrosse team which reached the June 9 Non-Public B state final vs. Pingry. Waldman, a standout on attack, had scored 59 goals and had 48 assists (107 points) through the first 17 games for 13-4 MKA. The Georgetown-bound laxer has also recently eclipsed the 200-point career plateau.

PUBLIC NOTICE	PUBLIC NOTICE
BOROUGH OF FANWOOD, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENTS AND SUMMARIES THE BOND ORDINANCE PUBLISHED HERewith HAS BEEN FINALLY ADOPTED ON JUNE 21, 2021 AND THE 20-DAY PERIOD OF LIMITATION WITHIN WHICH A SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING QUESTIONING THE VALIDITY OF SUCH ORDINANCE CAN BE COMMENCED, AS PROVIDED IN THE LOCAL BOND LAW, HAS BEGUN TO RUN FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS STATEMENT. KATHLEEN HOLMES BOROUGH CLERK	improvements. For the said Improvements there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$800,000, such sum includes the sum of (a) \$400,000 expected to be received as a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation; (b) \$40,000 expected to be received as a grant from the County of Union (collectively, the "Grants") (c) \$20,000 as the down payment (the "Down Payment") required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the "Local Bond Law"). The Down Payment is now available by virtue of provisions in one or more previously adopted budgets for down payments for capital improvement purposes." (b) The Ordinance is hereby further amended by deleting the reference of \$800,000 for the appropriation and estimated cost and substituting in lieu thereof \$840,000. Section 3. The capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolutions in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection. Section 4. This Section 4 constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. The Borough reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvements prior to the date that the Borough incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The Borough reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the Borough under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the Improvements is \$380,000. Section 5. All other provisions of the Ordinance shall remain unchanged. Section 6. This amendatory bond ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final adoption as provided by Local Bond Law.
ORDINANCE 2021-12-S BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 20-05-S FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD, NEW JERSEY ON MARCH 16, 2020 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS: Section 1. The Bond Ordinance of the Borough Council of the Borough of Fanwood, in the County of Union, New Jersey (the "Borough") entitled "Bond Ordinance Providing An Appropriation Of \$800,000 For Road Improvements (General Capital) For And By The Borough Of Fanwood In The County Of Union, New Jersey And, Authorizing The Issuance Of \$380,000 Bonds Or Notes Of The Borough For Financing Part Of The Appropriation" finally adopted on March 16, 2020 (the "Ordinance") is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. Section 2. (a) Section 1 of the Ordinance is hereby amended in its entirety as follows: "The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance (the "Improvements") are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough as general	1 T - 06/24/21, The Times Fee: \$91.80

Union County Senior 50+ Softball League Standings:

50+ A DIVISION:			
TEAM	W	L	
Deegan Roofing	9	3	
Jun's Pro Services	8	4	
Douglas VW	8	4	
Phenomenal Boyz	8	7	
50+ B DIVISION:			
TEAM	W	L	
All Pipes Plumbing	12	3	
Linwood Tap House	10	4	
Contact Lens & Vision	8	6	
Rocky's Bar & Grill	6	6	
Cranford VFW	6	8	
Sonia's BCE	4	8	
FutonWorld	1	14	
50+ C DIVISION:			
TEAM	W	L	
Suspenders	8	5	
Linda's Driftwood Bar & Grill	6	7	
Garwood Metal	5	9	
AJ Jersey	2	13	

Linwood 29, Cranford VFW 10
Tap House - Ron Patterson (2 HR), Richard Sergeant (5-for-5, HR) and Bill Sharkey, Tim Mulhall and Steve D'Amato (4 hits each). VFW - Chris Kaminski and John Fiore(both HRs), Juan Moreno, Tom Klein, Dan Ravetier, Jeff Nicholls and Bob Ghiretti (timely hitting).

Douglas VW 26, Phenom Boyz 17
Douglas VW -34hits -Dan Righetti (5-for-5, monster HR), Mike Shriner (5-for-5), Rich Gaul (4-for-4), Hector Munoz (4-for-5) and Farlan Alusik (4-for-5). Defensive standouts - Al Genova, Billy Buteau and Hector Munoz.

Suspenders 24, Sonia's BCE 23
Suspenders (28 hits) won on Roy Alexander's walk off hit. Four hits each - Alexander, Tony Taddeo and Brad Steele (4 RBI.), 3 hits by Angelo Puerari (HR 3 RBI), Frank Verducci and Bill Scheiner. Sonia's - Oswaldo Dominguez (HR) and Diego Elliot (2 doubles).

Rocky's Bar 27, Linda's 9
Rocky's - 34 hits - Pete Abene (5-for-5, 7 RBI), Dave Grandmaison and Matt Walsh (4 hits each), Bruce Crawford, Todd O'Reilly and Steve Ollie (3 hits each).

All Pipes 16, FutonWorld 13
Game ended with pitcher Mario Fastiggi snagging a hard line drive that would have tied the game with the bases loaded. All Pipes - Fastiggi (4 hits, 3 RBI), Chuck Morrison and Matt Hoynowski (each with 4 hits, 3 RBI), Alan Dente and Dennis Maluchnik (RBI) each added 3 hits. Futon - Mike Downey (4 hits), Dave

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Ordinances were finally adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union, New Jersey, on the 15th of June 2021.

ORDINANCE 2021-10
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER VIII (BUILDING AND HOUSING) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS TO UPDATE §8-1.3 (FEES).

ORDINANCE 2021-11
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1115 HETFIELD AVENUE (BLOCK 8405, LOT 15) TO APRIL AND ALLEN BICKOFF, CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY OWNERS.

BOZENA LACINA, RMC
Municipal Clerk
1 T - 06/24/21, The Times Fee: \$26.01

PUBLIC NOTICE
BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

The School Business Administrator / Board Secretary of the Mountainside Board of Education, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, by authority of said Board, solicits sealed bids for 2021-2022 Student Transportation Services. Bids will be received at the Mountainside Board of Education, located at 1497 Woodacres Drive, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092 up to 2:00 P.M. JULY 7, 2021.

2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION
Bid Number: MSD2022-01
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Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 21975, c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27), Affirmative Action.

The Mountainside Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2(s), (t), (x), (y), 18A:18A-4(a), 18A:18A-22, and to waive any informalities. No proposals shall be opened previous to the hour designated in the advertisement and none shall be received thereafter - N.J.A. 18A:39-5.

By Order of the Mountainside Board of Education.

Mr. Raymond Slamb
Business Administrator
Board Secretary
1 T - 06/24/21, The Leader Fee: \$55.59

Wayman and Tom Renna (3 hits each).
Garwood Metal 26, AJ Jersey 6
Garwood Metal - Carey Durrett, Paul Falzarano, Bob D'Meo (HR), Tom DeRocco, Greg Hartnett, Jose Jimenez, Joe Apruzzese and Rocky Pencinger each with 3 hits. AJ - Gary Roman (HR) and Mike Rosenberg (3B).
Jun's Pro 21, Contact Lens 2
Jun's - John Segledi (pitching brilliance), Mike McKenna, Dave Eckert, Tommy Ulichny, Nick Mennona, Pete Costello, Jack Thorburn, Walt Patrylo, Jose Lora and Bruce Evans (batting brilliance).

All Pipes 16, Linwood Tap 8
Pipe man Alan Dente blasted a grand slam in the fifth that changed the complexion of the game. Pipes - Dente (4H, HR, 7RBI), Vinnie Rappa (3H, RBI), and Brian Clark (3H, 2 RBI). Tap House - Paul Cassidy (3H, HR), Brian Latham (2H, HR), Kevin Robinson (4H) and Shawn Smith (2 doubles).

Jun's Pro Service 15, Douglas VW 9
Jun's - Tommy Ulichny (4/5, stellar defense), Nick Mennona (4/4, involved in an exciting force out behind the dish), Glen Gang, Dave Eckert and Jose Lora (each 3/4), shortstop Rob Stratton and third baseman Bruce Evans (strong defense). VW - Al Genova, Rich Gaul, Eddie Rodriguez and Mike Scheiner (all with 3 hits), Hector Munoz and Mike Shriner (shiny defense).

Phenom Boyz 24, Rocky's Bar 15
Rocky's - John Rachko (4 hits), Dave Grandmaison (3 hits).
Sonia's BCE 23, FutonWorld 17
Sonia's - Oswaldo Dominguez and Diego Elliot (3 hits each), Al Colon (2 doubles, triple). FutonWorld - John Tropeano, Sam Infante, Scott Dembeck and Sergio Brito (4 hits each).

Contact 17, Garwood Metal 16
Contact - Anthony Miccio's (3 hits, game-winning single in 8th), Mike Ramirez (perfect 4 hits), Carmelo Garcia, Neil Kauffman, Matt Kasper, Steve Wiczczak, and Tony Grabowski (all had 3 hits). Garwood - Paul Falzarano (nailed runner at plate in 7th, 3 hits, triple), Topm DeRocco (4 hits, stellar plays at short-stop), Ron Kulik, Carey Durrett, Greg Hartnett and Dave Ball (3 hits each), Rory Caldwell and Rocky Pencinger (each with HR, 3B).

Deegan 20, Cranford VFW 5
Deegan - pitcher Doug Fischer (3-for-3, 4 RBI), Damon Roth (4-4, 2-2B), Charlie Collins (3-3, HR, 5 RBI), Marty Bernstein (3-3, 2B, 3B, 5 RBI). Cranford - Chris Kaminski, Dan Ravetier, Jerry Veglia and Bob Ghiretti (nice plays at third) each had 2 hits.

UCSSL 70+ Division:			
70+ DIVISION:			
TEAM	W	L	
Red Foxxes	6	2	
Mellow Yellow	4	4	
Lou's Blues	3	5	
Green Machine	3	5	

Green Machine 7, Lou's Blues 4
Green Machine 12, Lou's Blues 11
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Redd Foxxes 17, Mellow Yellow 5

PUBLIC NOTICE
BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside in the County of Union, New Jersey, held on June 15, 2021 and that said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at the meeting of said Mayor and Council to be held in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey on July 20, 2021 at 7:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

Martha Lopez
Borough Clerk

ORDINANCE 1296-2021
AN ORDINANCE BY BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE, IN UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF ANY CLASS OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN ITS GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES AND AMENDING CHAPTER XXII OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE

WHEREAS, in 2020 New Jersey voters approved Public Question No. 1, which amended the New Jersey Constitution to allow for the legalization of a controlled form of marijuana called "cannabis" for adults at least 21 years of age; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2021, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2021, c. 16, known as the "New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act" (the "Act"), which legalizes the recreational use of marijuana by adults 21 years of age or older, and establishes a comprehensive regulatory and licensing scheme for commercial recreational (adult use) cannabis operations, use and possession; and

WHEREAS, the Act establishes six marketplace classes of licensed businesses, including:

- * Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator license, for facilities involved in growing and cultivating cannabis;
- * Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer license, for facilities involved in the manufacturing, preparation, and packaging of cannabis items;
- * Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler license, for facilities involved in obtaining and selling cannabis items for later resale by other licensees;
- * Class 4 Cannabis Distributer license, for businesses involved in transporting cannabis plants in bulk from on licensed cultivator to another licensed cultivator, or cannabis items in bulk from any type of licensed cannabis business to another;



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

SWIPING SECOND BASE...Summit's Owen Sherman, No. 21, steals second base in the fifth inning of the Cal Ripken, Jr. 12U District 12 Tournament.

Raider 12Us Edge Summit, 9-8

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(2 RBI) plopped an RBI single into shallow right field and Aden Yarnall lined an RBI single to left. Jacob Vosseler (2-for-3) added an RBI groundout. Ron Germinder poked an RBI single to left. Ryan Trivisonno (2-for-2) added an RBI sacrifice bunt and Luke Gorospe hammered an RBI double to centerfield.

Summit responded with three runs in the bottom of the first. Giovanni D'Agostino slapped a single to right, stole second and scored on Matt McKeever's single to right. Schnall drilled an RBI double to center and DeLong lined an RBI single to center.

The Raiders extended their lead to 8-2 in the second. Tabares walked and DeMatteo scribbled an infield single. Murphy's grounder to short caused a throwing error as Tabares scored. DeMatteo also attempted to score but he was gunned down at the plate by right fielder Grayson Eckhardt. Murphy scored on Mustacciuolo's grounder to third.

In the Raider third, Eckhardt initiated a double play when he grabbed a

line drive and fired to first in time to get the runner then in the bottom of the inning. Summit added another run. Deveau punched a single to right and Owen Sherman (2-for-3) beat the throw on an infield single. Later with two outs, DeLong bounced an RBI single over second as Deveau scored but Sherman attempted to score and was thrown out at the plate.

Neither team could score in the fourth and fifth innings but the Raiders added what would turn out to be the key insurance run in the top of the sixth. Murphy hopped a two-out double down the third base line. Mustacciuolo lofted a very high popup into shallow right field that was dropped and Murphy scored to make the score 9-4

Others representing Scotch Plains-Fanwood were: Braden Steer, Jack Tse, Logan Erath and Justin Timchak with coaches Joe Trivisonno, Pete Vosseler, Fred Tabares and Jason Trivisonno.

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Chatham 12Us Jar Blue Devils

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putout in the sixth inning.

In the top of the first inning, Machetti drew a leadoff walk and Leahy scribbled a single past third. Brendle walked and Jacobs looped a two-run double into right field. Brendle then scored on a wild pitch to make the score 3-0. Another Cougar scored in the second inning. Hadzima ricocheted an infield single off the shortstop's glove, strutted to second on a balk then scored when a routine popup was dropped.

Westfield responded twice in the second. Cabrales bounced his ground rule double over the centerfield fence and Meixner singled over second. Madera's groundout to second scored Cabrales then Russo slashed an RBI single over first.

Chatham upped its lead to 6-2 in the third. Brendle and Jacobs both walked then scored respectively on Solak's ground out to the mound and

Giroux's double to center. One Blue Devil scored in the bottom of the inning when Reed walked. Rossitto singled to right and Cabrales tapped an infield RBI single.

Chatham spread its lead to 10-3 in the fourth. Space wigged a single past first and would later score when Marchetti's fly ball was dropped in leftfield. Marchetti would score on an attempted pickoff at third. Brendle and Jacobs both drew walks. Brendle scored on a wild pitch and Jacobs would score on Solak's infield single.

Westfield scored once in the fourth. Russo singled up the middle, Zuckerman doubled to right and Niche walked to load the bases with no outs. Russo scored on a wild pitch but Speace relieved and stopped the bleeding. From that point onward, no runs were scored.

Chatham	312	400	10
Westfield	021	100	4

PUBLIC NOTICE

boundaries of Mountainside; and
WHEREAS, officials from two prominent non-profit organizations established for the purpose of advising New Jersey municipalities on legal matters (New Jersey State League of Municipalities and New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys) have strongly urged that, due to the complexity and novelty of the Act; the many areas of municipal law that are or may be implicated in decisions as to whether or to what extent cannabis or medical cannabis should be permitted for land use purposes or otherwise regulated in any particular municipality; and the relatively short duration in which the Act would allow such decisions to be made before imposing an automatic authorization of such uses in specified zoning districts subject to unspecified conditions, the most prudent course of action for all municipalities, whether or not generally in favor of cannabis or medical cannabis land development and uses, would be to prohibit all such uses within the Act's 180-day period in order to ensure sufficient time to carefully review all aspects of the Act and its impacts.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside, as follows:

1. Pursuant to section 31b of the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act (P.L. 2021, c. 16), all cannabis establishments, cannabis distributors or cannabis delivery services are hereby prohibited from operating anywhere in the Borough of Mountainside. Licensed cannabis delivery services situated outside the geographic boundaries of the Borough may deliver cannabis items and related supplies within the Township as permitted by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act, N.J.S.A. 24:6I-31, et. seq.

2. Chapter XXII of the Mountainside Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding to the list of prohibited uses, the following: "All classes of cannabis establishments or cannabis distributors or cannabis delivery services as said terms are defined in section 3 of P.L. 2021, c. 16, but not the delivery of cannabis items and related supplies by a licensed cannabis delivery service."

3. Any article, section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or other provision of the Mountainside Municipal Code inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

4. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision so adjudged, and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

5. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication and filing with the Mountainside Planning Board, and as otherwise provided for by law.

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Union County Senior 60+ Softball League Standings:

60+ A DIVISION:			
TEAM	W	L	
Renda Roads	13	1	
Linwood II	13	1	
Liberty Lighting Group	7	7	
Linwood TapHouse 2	6	8	
Cranford VFW	2	12	
60+ B DIVISION:			
TEAM	W	L	
Awnings Galore	10	4	
Kenilworth VFW	10	4	
Yogi's Boys	5	9	
NJ Governmental Services	4	10	
DeBellis Associates	0	14	

Linwood II 23, Cranford VFW 4
Linwood II - 27 hits - Steve Miscia, Bob Glassman, Bill Buteau and Chris Paterek (all perfect at the plate), strong team defense for pitcher Mike Jones. Cranford - Ken Murray's (1-for-2, 2 RBI), Dave Woodruff (1-for-1, R, RBI) drove in Charlie Wischusen (1-for-2), Gerard McDermott (1-for-1), and Kevin Carroll (1-for-2) scored the other two runs.

Awnings Galore 16, DeBellis 15
DeBellis scored 10 runs in the 5th inning to take the lead 15-13. But 3 runs in the bottom 6 by the Shadesters, propelled by Bruce Crawford's homer stifled their goal. Awnings - 3 hits each by Rich Polonitza (2B), Frank Green (3B) and Ozzie Osborn, 2 hits apiece by Danny Mendoza (2B), Mike Carnevale (2B), John Campanella (2B), Bobby Lorincz (2B) and Johnnie Jordan. Cranford also doubled.

Renda 14, Kenilworth VFW 13
Renda scored 3 in the 7th to win. Renda - Bernie Maguire and Joe

Massimino (each 4-4), Don Fischer (3 hits, defensive standout at 3rd). VFW - Chris Kaminski (3-30, Bill Vanderstreet, Bob D'Meo, John St. James, Tom Beninato and Jose Jimenez (all 2-3).

NJ Gov't Services 22, DeBellis 18
NJ Gov. - Mike Kelly (4-for-4), Rich Conklin, Keith McDede, Bill Moore, James Massarelli, Tom Connolly and Dave Goodman (3 hits each). Joe Brown (game-ending DP), Doc Henley Black, Anthony Abbaleo, Steve Falco and Rich Krov added two hits each.

Yogi's Boys 20, NJ Gov't Services 5
NJ Gov. - Joe Brown (3 hits), and Rich Krov and Joe Attanasi (2 hits each).

Kenilworth VFW 20, Awnings 12
VFW - Ron Kulik (2 HRs, 3 hits), and Bill Vanderstreet and Keith Durrett (4 hits apiece), Carey Durrett (HR), Bob D'Meo, Tom DeRocco, John St. James and Jose Santana with 3 hits each. Awnings - Bruce Crawford (2 3B's), Paul Newton and Ozzie Osborn (3B) with 3 hits apiece, Frank Green (3B, 1B), Danny Mendoza (2B), Rich Polonitza (2B), John Campanella (2B), Mike Carnevale and Johnnie Jordan all with 2 hits.

Linwood II 18, LLG 6
LLG - Pat Nigro (3 hits).

Renda Roads 10, Linwood Tap 5
Leading the offense for Renda Roads were Bernie Maguire 3-3, Dan DiFedele, Rick Wilson and Bill D'Amico. Gary Pence was the winning pitcher.

St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball League Standings:

STANDINGS (June 18):			
TEAM	W	L	
St. Wolfgang	5	0	
St. Sebastian	4	1	
St. George	3	2	
St. Anthony	2	2	
St. Ingatius	2	2	
St. Francis	2	3	
St. Vincent	1	3	
St. Joseph	0	6	

St. Vincent 8, St. Francis 5
St. Vincent scored four runs in the seventh inning to secure the victory. The big inning for St. Vinny came thanks to singles by Daryl Palmieri, Andy Wilbur and a triple by Captain Keith Karczyak. St. Vincent out-hit St. Francis, 24-15. St. Vinny's "Tiny" Villegas and Jack Kennedy were both 4-for-4, while Palmieri, Wilber, "Commish" Jim Killeen, Mike Kelly and John DeLuca all collected multiple hits. Frank Samuelian, Mike Markowycz, Ben LoBrace, Harold "you got it" Hopper, and Pat McDonnell all managed multiple hits for St Francis.

St. Wolfgang 5, St. Joseph 4
Crafty veteran Frank Chupko was sharp on the mound for St. Joseph, but St. Wolfgang snatched the lead late in the game. Gary Leichtigkeit got the start for St. Wolfgang. Leichtigkeit scattered 16 hits over seven innings. Tony "the mush no more" Perconte (3-3)

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the following Ordinances were passed on first reading by the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union, New Jersey on the 15th day of June 2021, and that said Ordinances will be considered for final adoption at a meeting of the said Township Council to be held virtually and by remote means, on the 20th day of July 2021 at 6:00 p.m., at which time and place a public hearing will be held prior to final passage of said Ordinances and all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same. Copies of said Ordinances can be obtained from the Township Clerk's Office at any time prior to final adoption at no cost to any member of the general public who requests same.

ORDINANCE 2021-13
ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS, CHAPTER 7, ENTITLED TRAFFIC, SECTION 7-3.4 "PARKING PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN HOURS ON CERTAIN STREETS," AND CHAPTER 7A-2 SCHEDULE II.

ORDINANCE 2021-14
AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING §16-20 THROUGH §16-20.7 OF CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE 2 ENTITLED "FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT-STORMWATER CONTROL ORDINANCE"

ORDINANCE 2021-15
ORDINANCE ADOPTING A NEW AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES OF THE RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 30-1.1 "CREATION" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS.

ORDINANCE 2021-16
ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XXIII ENTITLED "ZONING" OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE B-2 BUSINESS ZONE ORDINANCE IN ORDER TO UPDATE AND CLARIFY THE PERMITTED PRIMARY USES AND THE PERMITTED SECONDARY USES AND THEIR RESPECTIVE BULK AND DESIGN STANDARDS IN THE B-2 BUSINESS ZONE DISTRICT.

BOZENA LACINA, RMC
Municipal Clerk
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and Rei Santiago each collected multiple hits, and Brian Weber contributed a solo home run for the Wolf Pack. Steve Pirella (3-3), "Sweet" Louie Balistiere, Brian Stitt, Bill Aumenta, Chris Millar, Chris Paterek and Tom Swales all had multiple hits for St Joseph.

St. George 18, St. Joseph 10

In a father-son match-up, Sal Gano Sr. collected three hits and St. George defeated Sal Jr.'s St. Joseph squad. Trailing by four runs, the Georgie boys played 10 runs in the fifth inning. St. George was boosted by Gus Alvarez (5-for-5, 8 RBI), Mike Surburg (HR, 5 RBI), Paul Bifani (4-4), Louie Blau, Charlie "Huggie" Baier, Gano and Mike Damato all chipped in with multi-hit games for St. George. Bill Aumenta, Chris Millar, Brian "CC" Stitt, Nash Warfield, Chris Paterek, Steve Pirella and Dave "Guido" Merkel each racked up multiple hits for St. Joe.

St. Sebastian 15, St. Anthony 0
Glenn "Gangster" Gang threw a gem for St. Sebastian, allowing six hits. Sebastian notched 11 runs in the fourth inning. Andrew Smyth (3-3, 4RBI), Dave Eckert, Dennis Reilly, Mike McKenna, Captain Wells Pikaart, Bill "The Pirate" Scheiner, Lance Abramowitz and Josh Baik each managed multiple hits for St. Sebastian. Captain Bobby Camisa led St. Anthony with two hits in two at bats.

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

TAKE NOTICE that on the 14th of June the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union took the following actions:

1. **Application # ZBA 21-001:** Adopted a Superseding Resolution of Memorialization for a correction of stated lot coverage incorrectly contained in prior resolution of memorializing granting of application for variance relief to allow deviation to remain for maximum building coverage that pertains to Block 130 Lot 31 as designated on the Township Tax Map also known as 25 Dartmouth Road.

2. **Application # ZBA 20-008:** Adopted a Resolution of Memorialization approving the request of Thomas & Jenny Ramos for two c(2) variances for construction of a new front porch and entryway to an existing single-family structure on Block 455 Lot 4 as designated on the Township Tax Map also known as 27 Carolina Street in the R-1 Zone.

3. **Application # ZBA 21-004:** Adopted a Resolution of Memorialization approving the request of Tesla Inc. for the installation of twelve (12) Tesla Supercharges on Block 319 Lot 11 as designated on the Township Tax Map also known as 370 North Avenue East in the C-2 zone. Amended site plan approval, a c(1) hardship variance, a c(2) variance for a rear yard setback where the minimum is 25 feet and 1 foot is proposed; a c(2) variance for front yard setback where the minimum is 20 feet and 3 feet is proposed; a c(2) for maximum lot impervious coverage where 75% is the maximum, 90% exists and 90.5% is proposed; \$255-34, a c(2) variance for Permitted Accessory Uses and Structures where no accessory structure shall be located in the front yard but the proposed charging stations would be located in the front yard along North Avenue East frontage \$255-38A(3); a design waiver/exception where parking area minimum setback is 20 feet from right-of-way and 3 feet is proposed for new parking stalls/EV charging locations \$255-26G(3)(a); a design waiver/exception where the minimum parking space area of 180 sf is required and 162 sf is proposed \$255-26G(3)(a)(1); and a design waiver/exception for parking space dimensions where 10 feet by 18 feet is required and 9 feet by 18 feet is proposed \$255-26G(3)(A)(1).

4. **Application # ZBA 21-006:** Granting approval to Basil and Andea Yurcinis to permit construction of a new 800 sq. ft. 3-bay garage to replace the existing garage and to construct a partial second story for storage purposes only on Block 178 Lot 4 as designated on the Township Tax Map also known as 215 Orchard Street in the R-1 Zone.

Kathy Lenahan
Board Administrator
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WESTFIELD

Monday, June 14, a resident of the 700 block of Highland Avenue reported an attempted motor vehicle burglary. The resident stated that she observed an unknown motor vehicle stationary next to her husband's vehicle, which was parked on the roadway in front of her residence. She stated that an unknown suspect exited the suspect vehicle and attempted to gain entry to the vehicle. The suspect vehicle was described as a dark gray sedan, possibly older, with a chrome accent band around it and out-of-state plates.

Monday, June 14, a resident of the 400 block of Birch Avenue advised of an attempted burglary of her husband's motor vehicle. While conducting a follow-up investigation, it was determined that the suspect vehicle stopped briefly next to her husband's vehicle, which was parked and secure in the roadway in front of the residence. The suspect vehicle was described as a newer four-door vehicle that was dark gray in color.

Tuesday, June 15, a resident of the 500 block of Hillcrest Avenue reported that one or more unknown suspects committed a burglary to their detached garage, which was unsecured at the time. The unknown person or individuals then committed a theft by stealing a mountain bicycle from inside the garage. The resident reported the value of the bicycle as more than \$275. There was no reported damage as a result of this incident. This is an ongoing investigation.

Residents of the following addresses reported that they were victims of identity theft, specifically, that one or more unknown suspects 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 15, 1100 block of Tice Place; 200 block of Seneca Place.

Wednesday, June 16, 300 block of Grove Street; 200 block of Massachusetts Street; 200 block of Baker Avenue.

Thursday, June 17, 400 block of Saint Marks Avenue.

Friday, June 18, 100 block of Archbold Place; 100 block of Hardwick Avenue; 900 block of Harding Street.

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Tuesday, June 15, a resident of Lenape Way reported the theft of a 2017 Nissan Pathfinder. The motor vehicle was unlocked in the driveway with the keys inside the vehicle. The matter is under investigation.

Tuesday, June 15, a resident of Tussell Lane reported that someone had fraudulently applied for unemployment benefits in their name. The matter is under investigation.

Tuesday, June 15, Cyndi Y. Bernard, 60, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property and on active warrants out of Union. Also arrested was William B. Oneal, 53, of Irvington, who was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. Police located a 1995 Honda Accord which was reported stolen out of Middlesex Borough being operated by Bernard. Police conducted a motor vehicle stop and both individuals were arrested without incident. They were transported to police headquarters and processed.

Wednesday, June 16, Desmond R. Middlebrooks, Jr., 25, of Irvington was arrested on an active warrant out of Irvington during a motor vehicle stop. Middlebrooks was transported to police headquarters and processed.

Friday, June 18, a resident of Waverly Place reported damage to their motor vehicle. The matter is under investigation.

Friday, June 18, a resident of Eastham Court reported that someone fraudulently applied for unemployment benefits in their name. The matter is under investigation.

Saturday, June 19, Frackinde

Germain, 28, of East Orange was arrested on an active warrant out of the Essex County Sheriff's Department during a motor vehicle stop. Germain was transported to police headquarters and processed.

Sunday, June 20, Jay A. Sachkowsky, 45, of Scotch Plains was arrested on charges of driving under the influence and possession of cocaine during a disturbance call at his home. Sachkowsky was transported to police headquarters and processed.

Sunday, June 20, a resident of Spruce Mill Lane reported that someone had fraudulently applied for unemployment benefits in their name. The matter is under investigation.

Monday, June 21, a resident of Dona Lane reported that someone had fraudulently applied for unemployment benefits in their name. The matter is under investigation.

Monday, June 21, a resident of Church Street reported that someone had fraudulently applied for unemployment benefits in their name. The matter is under investigation.

GARWOOD

Wednesday, June 16, the Garwood Police Department received a call about a suspicious motor vehicle, a silver Dodge Caravan with a Utah license plate, driving erratically in the Garwood Mall parking lot at 300 South Avenue before heading southbound on East Street.

Officers responded and observed the vehicle, which had moved to the intersection of Hazel Avenue and East Street, idling and occupied by the operator; no further description is available.

As the officers approached the vehicle on foot, the operator drove away westbound on Hazel Avenue and then northbound on Center Street. The officers proceeded after the vehicle with emergency lights and sirens activated and observed the vehicle continue to drive erratically, swerving back and forth on Center Street and refusing to stop. The officers followed the vehicle until they reached Mountain Avenue and Orchard Street in Westfield and terminated the pursuit when the suspect vehicle increased to an unsafe speed.

The Westfield Police Department as well as surrounding agencies were notified of the incident, including a description of the vehicle and operator. Shortly thereafter, the Westfield Police Department located the vehicle, which had crashed on Elm Street and was found unoccupied.

The subsequent investigation determined that the vehicle is owned by Enterprise Rental Car and was being stored at a lot on South Avenue in Garwood prior to being taken without consent of the owner by the unknown suspect.

Anyone with information that can further this ongoing investigation is encouraged to notify Detective Captain Douglas Stoffer at (908) 789-1500.

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June Pops Concert, Saturday,

June 26, 7 p.m. The Plainfield Symphony Orchestra will live stream, under the direction of Maestro Charles Prince will conduct a concert of iconic American composers and other favorites. www.plainfieldsymphony.org

Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow, Monday, June 28, 7 p.m. The Scotch Plains Public Library will host the New-York Historical Society for a virtual presentation. Learn about both Southern and Northern roles in this dark chapter of our history as well as Black New Yorkers' organizing and community-building in the face of discrimination. To register, please visit scotlib.org/event/black-citizenship-in-the-age-of-jim-crow.

Westfield Fitness Studio Kettlebell Swing Workshop, Wednesday, June 30, 7 p.m. on Quimby Street under the tents. Come learn the quintessential kettlebell exercise—the swing—from RKC and Art of Strength trained instructors. B.Y.O.B.'s (bring your own bells) \$10 per person or borrow bells for \$20 per person. To register, call (908) 487-7244 or email westfieldfitnessstudio@gmail.com.

109th Season Summer Concert by Westfield Community Concert Band Thursday, July 1, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free and located at Mindowaskin Park, East Broad Street, Westfield.

Free Firecracker Flow for All, Sunday, July 4, 7 a.m. at Meet at Nomahegan Park behind the lake to Flow with Gina from Alluem

Yoga. Parking is available in the UCC lot.

Cyber Security - Understanding and Protecting Against Ransomware, Wednesday, July 7, 10 a.m. What is ransomware, how does it get in, and how can small businesses protect against it? To register, please visit score.tfafforms.net/17?EventID=a105a000006v1pU.

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 <https://www.instagram.com/RebeccasCocktailClasses>. To register, please visit scotlib.org.

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Pork Arepa with Spicy Kale Slaw

I was in college when I made arepas for the first time with a friend from Venezuela. Since then, I've been hooked. They take some time to make, but with only a few ingredients, they're pretty easy on the grocery list. You'll use P.A.N., a special pre-cooked corn meal, to make the arepas. If you've never bought P.A.N. before, it's in a bright yellow bag at the grocery store. An arepa looks like a pancake, but it is much denser and more savory. You normally make the arepa, slice it partially open, and then stuff it with your choice of meat, cheese, guacamole, etc.

If you don't like spice, feel free to leave out the cayenne and red pepper flakes when sautéing your kale. If you prefer to leave the spicy mayo sauce off as well, feel free to omit. Enjoy!

Ingredients for arepa:

- 3 cups P.A.N.
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 ½ cups lukewarm water
- 2 tablespoons coconut oil (more or less depending on how much you end up needing to use in the skillet. I recommend using cast iron.)

Ingredients for pork:

- 1 package of Niman Ranch Ground Pork (pre-seasoned)
- 1 shallot
- Olive oil (~1 tablespoon)

Ingredients for spicy kale slaw:

- 1 scallion
- 1 bunch of kale (or an entire bag if you're getting it pre-packaged)
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne (use ¼ teaspoon for sautéing the kale and ¼ teaspoon for the spicy mayo mix)

- ¼ teaspoon onion powder
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- ¼ red pepper flakes
- Juice of ½ lemon
- Salt (to taste)
- Olive oil
- 1 tablespoon mayo

Directions:

1. Use the directions on the P.A.N. bag to make your arepas. This will involve 1) mixing your lukewarm water, salt and P.A.N. together in a bowl 2) forming the dough into pancake-like discs 3) sautéing the arepas

in a skillet with melted coconut oil 4) baking the arepas on a parchment-lined baking sheet for ~10 minutes in a 350 degree oven (this last step isn't in the P.A.N. directions, but it will just



heat them up nicely and make sure they're cooked all the way through).

2. While your arepas are cooking in the skillet, rinse and dry your kale. Make sure to flip your arepas every few minutes before transferring them to a baking sheet to finish up in the oven. (They may stick to the bottom of the skillet slightly, but don't worry, they'll be fine.)

3. Start heating another large skillet with olive oil.

4. Tear your kale into small, bite-size pieces and place in the skillet to sauté on low.

5. Add the remaining ingredients to the kale, including ¼ teaspoon of cayenne (save the rest for the spicy mayo sauce), onion powder, black pepper, red pepper flakes, lemon juice and salt. Stir to combine and continue to cook on low until the kale is soft and wilted. When it's finished, remove from heat and let cool.

6. While your kale is sautéing, add a little olive oil and one diced shallot to another hot skillet. Add your ground pork and cook until brown. Remove from heat when finished.

7. If you'd like to make the spicy slaw, mix the mayo and remaining ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper in a small bowl. Add your sautéed kale and mix until the 'sauce' is evenly distributed.

8. Last, build your arepas. Once the arepas have baked, remove them from the oven and let cool slightly. Partially cut the arepa along its edge, just enough to fill it with the ground pork and kale. Enjoy and store leftovers in the fridge!

Dreamcatcher Announces Summer Season Shows

SUMMIT -- Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre, in residence at Oakes Center at 120 Morris Avenue in Summit, is presenting three programs this summer, which include improv, readings of one-person shows, and a cabaret. The improv show will be live-streamed from an outdoor stage, and the readings and cabaret will be outdoors with live audiences.

Dreamcatcher's improv team The Flip Side is holding its first performance since 2020 where the improvisers are all in the same place. The show will be on Saturday, June 26 at 7:30 p.m., a free performance that is streamed on YouTube. Donations are encouraged. The Flip Side includes Clark Carmichael (Montclair), Laura Ekstrand (Livingston), Noreen Farley (Clinton), Lulu French (Maplewood), Dave Maulbeck (Maplewood), Scott McGowan (Maplewood), David Lee White (Bordentown) and Emily Williams (Hackettstown). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xPdW7i5IKHU>.

On every Wednesday in July at 6:30 p.m., Dreamcatcher presents its Summer Solos series (formerly Monologues@MONDO), where actors perform one-person plays that are come-

dic, dramatic or both. This intimate format provides an opportunity for the audience to experience a personal story in an informal setting. Summer Solos include *Donna Orbits the Moon* by Ian August, *I Hate This (a play without the baby)* by David Hansen, *Harry Clarke* by David Cale, and *Forever* by Dael Orlandersmith. This year's series will be performed on the lawn at the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey at 68 Elm Street in Summit. Patrons should bring lawn chairs or a blanket, and are welcome to bring a picnic dinner or snacks. All tickets are \$20, and must be purchased in advance at <https://www.dreamcatcherrep.org/summer-solos-2021>.

On Wednesday, August 4 at 6:30 p.m., Songs in the Garden will be performed in the amphitheatre at the Reeves-Reed Arboretum at 165 Hobart Avenue in Summit. All tickets are \$25, and can be purchased at <https://www.dreamcatcherrep.org/songs-in-the-garden-2021>.

For information on these or any of Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre's programs, visit www.dreamcatcherrep.org or contact Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre at info@dreamcatcherrep.org, business phone (908) 514-9654.



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Free Screening of *How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World* on June 25

AREA -- The Union County Board of County Commissioners invites all residents to a special drive-up screening of *How to Train your Dragon: The Hidden World* celebrating PRIDE Month at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools Campus, located at 1776 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains on Friday, June 25. The parking lot will open at 7 p.m. with a DJ and a free “PRIDE in a Box” collection of give-

aways for each registration. The movie will begin at dusk. The rain date for this event is Saturday, June 26. Admission is free but attendees must register to reserve a spot by visiting ucnj.org/reserve. Only one registration is required per vehicle. “The Union County Drive-up movie series provides families with a great way to enjoy a night out with safety in mind,” said County Commissioner Chairman



MONA UNMASKED...Joseph Mandel, Westfield High School Class of 2015, has decided that it is time to un-mask Mona along with the other vaccinated community members. Known as Covid Lisa, Maska Lisa or Mona Maska, this work has stood as a south side monument to the pandemic for over a year. Mr. Mandel was inspired while working through his personal experiences and the societal impact of the pandemic and decided to add a styling of fine art using obviously recognizable imagery, adding a mask for flair (inset).

Alexander Mirabella. “The Commissioner Board is proud to include this family friendly event as part of our month long celebrations of PRIDE.” “LGBTQ representation in children’s media should be unabashedly positive. Incorporating diversity into children’s media is essential not just for representation, but for instilling empathy and normalizing acceptance,” said County Commissioner Vice Chair Rebecca Williams, liaison to the LGBTQ Ad Hoc Committee. “While more representation and exposure is needed, we celebrate progress. With Dreamworks’ “How to Train Your Dragon” series we celebrate the LGBTQ character Blacksmith Gobber.” The following rules and guidelines apply to residents wishing to attend: The event will run in compliance with NJ Executive Order <https://nj.gov/info/bank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-142.pdf>. The event is open to Union County residents ONLY. The event is free to attend but pre-registration is required. To help promote social distancing, no walk-ups, bikes or chairs are permitted. Attendees must bring their own snacks and drinks. There will not be any food or drink available for purchase. Alcohol is not permitted. Vehicles will be arranged at least 6 feet apart with adequate social distancing. Port-o-johns will be available. Attendees must stay in their vehicles (unless they need to use the port-o-johns) Further details will be available to residents upon registration.

Making Virtual Music In Westfield Public Schools

WESTFIELD -- In a normal school year, the winter and spring calendars are filled with musical concerts, as student voices and instruments ring out in joyous acknowledgement of the seasons. This is not a normal year but, despite the pandemic, students and their instructors have found ways to share their music, going to great lengths to learn new technologies and create virtual ensembles that showcase their considerable talent. “One of the overlooked challenges in creating these virtual choirs has been the students’ effort in navigating new technology for these projects. Although we are lucky to have audio/video recording programs, we do not take for granted the challenging process of learning how to use these programs from the student perspective,” said Edison vocal music directors Stephen Markowski and Kenneth Horn. “Despite the countless hours poured into these projects, we always kept in mind the intention of the finished product: a chance to be reconnected in a world that has been isolated for so long. We are honored to have the opportunity to provide that through music in any way that we can.” Under Mr. Markowski and Mr. Horn’s direction, sixth graders perfected an upbeat virtual performance of “Old Man Winter” while the eighth grade chorus blended together the words and melodies of “In the Bleak Midwinter,” a virtual contrast of the bleakness of the winter season with the hope that spring brings. Edison seventh graders came together virtually to sing “Dona Nobis Pacem.” ““Dona Nobis Pacem” was a perfect choice for this year,” said Mr. Markowski. “This simple and moving message of peace is matched with a lyrical melody that the seventh grade students performed beautifully while adjusting to new voice parts in a strictly virtual setting.” “Our music instructors rose to the challenge of providing an ensemble experience for their students,” notes K-12

Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts Thomas Weber. “The majority of our teachers were not experienced with these audio/video recording technologies and production approaches prior to the pandemic, but spent many hours experimenting and learning. Many of the final projects took over 20 hours to complete.” Jefferson Elementary School students

There were uplifting and heartwarming holiday performances in December, including a virtual rendition of “Deck the Halls” sung by McKinley fifth graders and directed by Christina Toullos, vocal music instructor for both McKinley and the Lincoln Early Childhood Center. The Westfield High School Choraleers and Band each shared virtual holiday greetings combining musical and technological skills. “We sent a greeting to senior residents in Westfield in December for the holidays,” said WHS Band Directors Christopher Vitale and Trevor Sindorf. “The performers in the video were members of the



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created three virtual projects this spring with music teacher Kirsten Meyer that included the school song to the tune of “The Addams Family” and the choreographed use of flashlights to the melody of Camille Saint-Saens’ “Aquarium.” The Franklin Elementary School fifth Grade Glee Club mastered a virtual version of “Winter Sun/Winter Fun.” “For the fall, the Glee Club only met virtually and had to remain muted throughout our rehearsals so I couldn’t actually hear how they sounded and the students couldn’t hear each other,” said Franklin music instructor Brent Geyer. “After several rehearsals, the students recorded their videos into [a video app] while singing along with an accompaniment track that I had made” Mr. Geyer said, once all of the videos were submitted, he resized and edited each video, using a variety of digital video editing tools to mix the student voices and create a virtual ensemble. “The whole process for one video took about a week to complete but the end result was worth it,” Mr. Geyer added.

Wind Ensemble, but other students in the band offered season’s greetings throughout the video.” Mr. Weber said the majority of final virtual projects were viewed during class so that students could discuss and critique the overall performances. Copyrighted materials prevented most of the virtual ensembles from being shared with the public. “All of our teachers went to great lengths this year to celebrate our students’ talents by learning and utilizing new technologies,” said Mr. Weber. Superintendent Dr. Margaret Dolan said she is awed, but not surprised, by these virtual efforts. “We are fortunate to have a robust visual and performing arts community in the Westfield Public Schools, talented students and instructors who take pride and pleasure in performing at their very best,” Dr. Dolan said. “The fact that these student musicians and music directors took the initiative to learn these new technologies to be able to continue to perform in virtual ensembles speaks volumes about their dedication and resilience.”

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BROOKS GOES 2-FOR-2, WALKS; FERNANDEZ SINGLE, HEFLIN RBI; HOBSON 8 STRIKEOUTS

Lancers Outduel Blue Devils in Group 4 Softball Semi, 2-1

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

Lancer freshman Sophia Mount and Blue Devil senior Michaela Hobson put on quite a show on the mound during the Group 4 Semifinal game between the North Jersey, Section 1 champion Livingston Lancers and the North Jersey, Section 2 champion Westfield Blue Devils in Westfield on June 15. Clinging to a 2-1 lead and with the leadoff Blue Devil on second base, Mount

struck out the final three batters to secure victory and a trip to Ivy Hill Park to face Hillsborough on June 17. Mount tossed a three-hitter and recorded 15 strikeouts while walking just two. Hobson tossed a four-hitter and also walked just two Lancers, while striking out eight. "At this point in the season, you know you are going to face nothing but good teams. This one was another example. Their pitcher Mount was on from the

very first pitch. She was able to take control of the game early on. We did put some pressure on. Ultimately we didn't come through in a couple of spots," Blue Devil Head Coach Caitlin Cheddar said. Both pitchers were on from the start. Hobson struck out two of the three batters she faced in the top of the first inning, while getting the other to ground out to second base. Mount did exactly the same in the bottom of the inning. After striking out the first batter in the second inning, Hobson walked Haley Meierhofer. Deja Robinson laid down a sacrifice bunt to move the runner to second then Megan Downey drilled an RBI

double to centerfield, putting the 20-4 Lancers up 1-0. After the second inning score, Hobson held her own against Mount. "Michaela has been our rock all year. Today was no different. We

just couldn't get enough runs. She was with her pitch for pitch. A couple of wild pitches and a walk. It put pressure on. A walk and a double! That's how they got that run. It happens," Coach Cheddar commented. Mount struck out the side in the Westfield second inning then after Hobson walked leadoff batter Emily Hunter, she got the remaining three Lancers to ground out. Two of those grounders went to third baseman Alivia Macaluso, who made fine scoops on both. In the Livingston fourth inning, Caitlin Mullen reached first base on a throwing error and advanced to second on a wild pitch. Meierhofer's bouncer deflected

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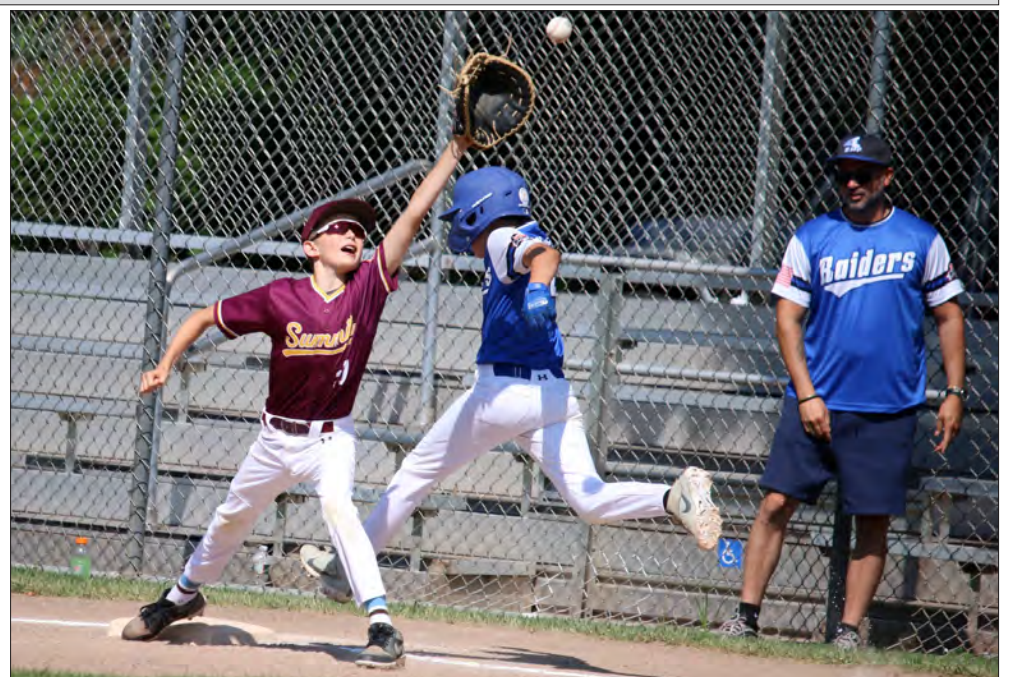


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Chatham Jars Blue Devils, 10-4, in Ripken 12U District Ball





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