

Westfield Council Designates 1757 Home as Historic

By JESSE WINTER
For The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD — Don't tread on history was the message the Westfield Town Council sent to the community during its Tuesday night meeting after the governing body unanimously passed an ordinance designating the house located at 923 Central Avenue a historical landmark.

The house, which was built in 1757, is colonial in the truest sense of the term — predating the American War of Independence by almost 20 years.

"This is a big night, one that marks a lot of intentional effort on the part of the planning board, the historic preservation commission, this council and the homeowner, Kenneth Abraham," remarked Councilwoman Linda Habgood.

The home at 923 Central Avenue still bears the marks of its original 18th-century construction, with the

central section of the house displaying peg and beam rafters along with marks left by a colonial carpenter, explained Councilwoman Habgood.

The councilwoman, referencing findings of the Westfield Historic Preservation Commission, noted the 264-year-old home also was included in a map of Revolutionary War-era homes by Union County and local historians in the late 1960s.

The ordinance's passage comes after the Westfield Historic Preservation Commission passed a resolution recommending the property be designated a historical landmark following a public hearing covering the historic property on March 22, 2021.

Subsequently, the planning board upheld the commission's suggestion, judging the decision consistent with the town's historic preservation elements during the planning board's last meeting held on May 3.

According to Councilwoman Habgood, the initial plan for the property was to have it subdivided in order to accommodate two new houses. But after the historical character of the house was revealed to the Historic Preservation Commission and Mr. Abraham, an effort was made to preserve the dwelling's unique past.

"The planning board did some work to subdivide the property in a very unusual way that enables the preservation of the old home, which the owner plans to completely renovate and refurbish," explained Councilwoman Habgood.

The Revolutionary War-era house will see a new house built adjacent to it that Councilwoman Habgood described as complementary to the historic character of the colonial-era house.

During her comments, Councilwoman Habgood commended the homeowner for coming to appreciate the historic value of the property and his patience throughout the process.

"This designation is a great example of the homeowner being open minded, and open to learning the history of the home," remarked Councilwoman Habgood. "And why we want to encourage all people in town to have conversations about their home before getting into the process of demolition."

Prior to the public meeting, the council met in executive session to discuss contractual and personnel matters.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 10

Lessons Learned Help Westfield Memorial Library to Grow

By JENNIFER GLACKIN
For The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD — Many places shut down when the pandemic hit in March of 2020. The Westfield Memorial Library was no different. It shut its doors, hoping to reopen in a few weeks, but then found itself facing similar hardships and had to find new ways to serve the community. Interim Director Jennifer Schulze told *The Westfield Leader*.

At first, the staff came in to do some "housekeeping," she said, before starting curbside service in June. There was a bit of a learning curve to curbside pickup, but the staff was proud to "greet and serve the people that way," said Ms. Schulze.

The library expanded its community outreach with an updated website and a strong push on social media by posting children's story-time read-alouds, Zoom presentations and book lists for patrons. Additionally, the library shared crafting videos on its Facebook page and made the supplies available for curbside pickup, so community members could follow along with the video. The "TGIF" video series became popular, too.

Connecting readers with new books via librarian suggestions was challenging as well, so the library created the "Book Match" program (called "Book Genie" in the children's department). Patrons would fill out an interest form on the library's website, and library workers would choose books based on the responses. In addition to this, the Books on Wheels delivery service continued.

The Westfield Memorial Library was able to reopen for browsing in early fall before facing another shutdown in November as Covid transmission rates increased, and then again in February for heating issues, during which time the library went back to curbside service.

Ms. Schulze believes that some community members may choose to continue curbside service in the future and said the library is ready to meet those needs.

The future of the library is definitely changing, after the retirement of long-time director Phil Israel. "He leaves a legacy that meets the needs but also set a standard for libraries of the future," said Ms. Schulze. She credited Mr. Israel for recognizing technology as "unshakeable in people's lives," and expanding the library's collection of e-materials. Mr. Israel also was an integral part of the 2007 remodel which introduced more computers, charging stations for phones, and murals on the walls, Ms. Schulze remarked. Mr. Israel knew that libraries had to "evolve for an evolving society," she said.

Ms. Schulze hopes that the upcoming strategic plan will help the library and community make those necessary advancements. According to the library's website, wmlnj.org, the collections will be thinned to create flexible space for new programs; new print and digital content will be added, and parking-related issues will be addressed. The full strategic plan will be unveiled in the next few weeks, but an overview can be found on the website under the "About Us" tab.

Community members looking to connect with the library can do so on Facebook, Instagram, Wowbary, or through the "Connect" tab on the library's website. Westfield residents also can "book" on over to the library, located at 550 East Broad Street, for some socially-distant browsing.

"We have changed for good," said Ms. Schulze, "and we have changed for the long haul." She continued by noting the most important part is that people feel "safe, welcomed, and happy."



LAX ATTACK...Senior midfielder LJ Kehler, No. 19, played a key role in the Blue Devils' 17-12 victory over Morristown at Kehler Stadium on May 4. Senior goalkeeper Mia Fleming also made her 300th career save. See story on page 11.

David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader



Kim Prata for The Westfield Leader

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS...The Rialto Theatre in downtown Westfield reminds us all to be kind, love each other, and stay safe during Mental Health Awareness Month.

Lawsuit Looks to Hold Boy Scouts, Schools Liable for Sexual Abuse

By JESSE WINTER
For The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD — The tidal wave of sexual abuse scandals that enveloped the Boy Scouts of America has made its way to Westfield.

On April 21 the law firm Rebenack, Aronow and Mascolo filed a civil action lawsuit case against various local

Boy Scout councils and Westfield Public Schools in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Union County, alleging that the organizations and institutions in question were liable in allowing one Robert Kerwin to sexually abuse an unnamed minor, the firm's client, from 1969 through 1971.

According to the suit, Robert Kerwin, a Cub Scout leader and volunteer, allegedly groomed and sexually abused the youth, who was between the ages of 9 and 10 when the sexual abuse occurred. The unnamed child, referred to as John Doe in the lawsuit, is an adult currently living in California.

The lawsuit seeks compensation from the responsible parties for the damages caused by Kerwin's alleged behavior.

These damages include, "physical and psychological injuries, including but not limited to, severe emotional and psychological distress," the lawsuit says. "Some or all of these injuries are of a permanent and lasting nature, and Plaintiff has and/or will become obligated to expend sums of money for treatment."

The alleged acts include Kerwin forcing the plaintiff to perform fellatio, along with fondling and masturbating the plaintiff, when he was a member of the Cub Scout troop led by Kerwin, according to the lawsuit. The alleged sexual abuses took place in a cabin, during gymnastics, hiking and merit badge activities.

The crux of the lawsuit targets organizations and entities that are liable for failing to protect the child entrusted to their care.

"This case arises from childhood sexual abuse and exploitation that Plaintiff John Doe suffered at the hands of the defendant's Scout leader and volunteer, Robert Kerwin, who the defendants knew, or should have known posed a danger to him and other children," the lawsuit reads. "Despite their knowledge, the defendants failed to take reasonable steps to protect Plaintiff John Doe from the danger of being sexually abused by Robert Kerwin."

Jay Silvio Mascolo, the attorney who filed the lawsuit and represents the plaintiff, provided further elaboration.

"Did anyone affiliated with that school or local organization have an idea that this perpetrator was a potential risk?" Mr. Mascolo told *The Westfield Leader*. "Did they have any knowledge of it [abuse] and if so, what did they do about it?"

In the lawsuit, Westfield Public Schools and Franklin Elementary School are named as defendants as they

sponsored, through a charter agreement, the Cub Scout troop led by Kerwin. Details as to how Westfield Public Schools and Franklin Elementary School acted in a manner that made them liable was not mentioned in specific detail.

Westfield Public Schools and Franklin Elementary School join the Patriot's Path Council Inc., Boy Scouts of America; Watchung Area Council, Boy Scouts of America; and Union County Boy Scouts of America as defendants.

The lawsuit was filed after New Jersey passed "look-back" legislation in 2019, which extends the statute of limitations on cases involving sexual abuse. The look-back law allows victims of sexual abuse to file civil suits until Tuesday, November 30, targeting entities liable for allowing predatory behavior.

According to the Zero Abuse Project, "Between December 2019 and November 30, 2021, survivors of any age who were abused as minors or adults can file a lawsuit against the person(s) who harmed them and negligent institutions, both public and private, who covered up and enabled the assault — no matter how long ago the harm occurred."

Mr. Mascolo is unaware of Robert Kerwin's whereabouts, or even if he is still alive — but did tell *The Leader* that he could potentially be sought out and subpoenaed if necessary. While Kerwin is identified in the lawsuit as John Doe's abuser, he is not a named defendant in the lawsuit. Tax records show a Robert Kerwin owning property in Westfield since 1965.

Mr. Mascolo emphasized the lawsuit revolves around compensation from organizations and entities liable in allowing Kerwin to prey on the plaintiff.

"The heart of the cases against the Boy Scouts," explained Mr. Mascolo, is if the Boy Scouts "knew about this problem, they knew deviants, for lack of a better word, were within their ranks and really didn't do anything about it."

In addition to the law firm Rebenack, Aronow and Mascolo, the firm Pfau Cochran Verteis Amala is listed as an attorney for the defendant.

Asked for comment on the civil action lawsuit filed on April 21, the Boy Scouts were "unable to provide comment at this time," according to a statement delivered via email.

Mary Ann McGann, coordinator of school and community relations, said,

CONTINUED ON PAGE 10

Westfield Zoning Board Hears Multiple Appeals

By JESSE WINTER
For The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Board of Adjustment held its monthly meeting on Monday, during which members discussed multiple applications for variances.

One application, which passed, dealt with a property at 230 Elizabeth Avenue. The owner, Gilbert Arroyo, was represented during the night's proceedings by attorney Gary Goodman.

After recommendations from the board of adjustment during a March hearing on the property, Mr. Goodman indicated that his client's updated plan reflected significant adjustments to the original proposal based on board feedback. The status of the application changed from one of new construction to renovation.

"What we have done is to try to scale it back, taking into account the board's suggestions," said Mr. Goodman.

The attorney's response came after the board of adjustment deemed the March application "too large, with too many variances," said Mr. Goodman.

Monday night's proposal will see the 230 Elizabeth Avenue property plan reduced by 30 percent overall, noted the architect involved in the project, Kermit Hughes.

The coverage of the new project was reduced from 33 percent down to 20.5 percent — only 0.5 percent over what the land-use ordinance mandates.

The architect also said the existing structure will retain 75 percent of its current walls. The original proposal came out to be 2,979 square feet of inhabitable space. The revised proposal presented by Mr. Goodman and Mr. Hughes Monday called for 2,190 square feet of inhabitable space.

The board voted unanimously to approve the application, with a new variance granted for .5 percent coverage over the land-use ordinance at 20 percent.

The board also recommended that the applicant build an asphalt roof utilizing metal on the portico, to which the applicant agreed.

"Here's one [application] where the applicant has taken the advice from the board and came back with an application that is much closer to meeting the ordinances of the town. There are definitely some challenges on the property being an undersized lot. Overall, I think the applicant did a pretty good job listening to the board," said Board Chair Chris Masciale. "I think it will be an improvement for the neighborhood that will be sized correctly."

In other business, an application put forth by Maureen Higgins for the property at 526 Hanford Place was approved for the construction of a swimming pool and extended patio.

The variance for no garage (which the property does not contain) and excess coverage was granted by the board.

The Higgins family is seeking to construct the outdoor pool for their handicapped son, who would benefit from aqua-therapy in the pool. The

CONTINUED ON PAGE 10

Publisher's Note

This week's edition includes the 49th annual *This Is Westfield* magazine. It is mailed to every home and business in Westfield, along with our subscribers in our neighboring towns and throughout the U.S.

In my first year as publisher, we've gone through many changes, not the least of which are a new website and now a fresh new look for *This Is Westfield*.

Our staff strives each week to provide you with in-depth coverage of local government, education, arts, events, sports, community organizations and the great work of our non-profits. It is my hope that you enjoy the newspaper and join us as a weekly subscriber or advertiser.

Lauren S. Barr

Lauren S. Barr
Publisher & Editor-In-Chief



Now More than Ever #LoveWhereYouLive



Facebook [/theisoldicollection](#)
Twitter [@HomesWestfield](#)
Instagram [@frankdisoldi](#)

Cell **908.787.5990**
Office **908.233.5555**
Web [theisoldicollection.com](#)



Cranford Committee Approves DMC Budget

By MARTA ESQUÍROZ
For The Westfield Leader

CRANFORD — The township committee returned to in-person meetings on Tuesday night, when the governing body approved and adopted the Downtown Management Corporation budget.

That \$178,853 budget will allocate \$82,435 for salaries and wages and \$96,419 for other expenses.

The township also passed the ordinance 2021-10, which authorizes the expenditure of \$5,525 to improve and acquire new additional and replacement equipment, technology equipment and new automotive vehicles.

Further, Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty announced the township's efforts to get approval from the Department of Transportation to allow the municipality to close Eastman Street.

"We are pushing the Department of Transportation to allow us to close a portion of Eastman Street so that businesses can use this space for dining, classes and events, same as last year," she said.

During the commissioners' comments, Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works Thomas Hannen, Jr. applauded the people who came to the meeting to ask questions and present their thoughts about township issues, including concerns about the potential increase of parking in Cranford.

Mr. Hannen confirmed that this extension of parking is "necessary," and that the only way to do it is "going vertical" because, "there's no more land," making this a "touchy situation" about the way "it will look like."

However, Mr. Hannen encouraged people to "come to the microphone...we need your help to make better decisions."

Alongside his colleague, Commissioner of Public Safety Jason Gareis addressed allegations that the government was not functioning effectively during the pandemic. He expressed that "the township has been working during those moments" and

cataloged those opinions as "distortion of the truth."

In other news, Deputy Mayor Brian Andrews confirmed that the township's Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday, May 31. Mr. Andrews explained that when the preparations started in March, things were difficult in terms of the high number of Covid-19 cases and limited vaccine access, and it seemed the parade may not happen.

"Since then," Mr. Andrews continued, "we have sustainable improvements, with cases going down and the vaccine more available," allowing the township to continue with the parade.

However, the deputy mayor advised that the event will be "different" and "smaller" because it has to be "safe for everybody."

Commissioner of Finance Mary O'Connor revealed that she has been "stalked" by someone through her Facebook and email since she voted against the Anti-Nepotism policy. Ms. O'Connor believes that these acts have been perpetrated by the same person and described them as "disturbing."

"If you have something to ask, ask me. I have nothing to hide," Ms. O'Connor said, expressing that what "surprises her the most" is that "this person is hidden." She hopes that "this individual will come out and identify" himself or herself.

Mayor Miller Prunty joined her and expressed that she also is dealing with an increasing amount of harassment.

"If you don't identify who you are, you don't deserve an answer," Mayor Miller Prunty remarked. "Racism, hatred and discrimination have no place in Cranford." She thanked all of those who have dedicated their time to things "that advance inclusion in the community."

The mayor also announced that the Cranford Unity Project is scheduled for this Sunday. It will feature a story time and graphic event at Sherman Park to celebrate Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Month.



MERRY-GO-ROUND...Kids are finally able to get out of the house and play after a long, cold winter. Families take to the playground at Mindowaskin Park that was renovated last year.

Kim Prata for The Westfield Leader

Cranford Approves Storefront Dental Office

By MARTA ESQUÍROZ
For The Westfield Leader

CRANFORD — The zoning board approved on Monday night the variances that allow South Ave. Dental Group to take over the space formerly occupied by Cranford Hardware at 104 South Avenue East.

Dr. Lajia Patel was seeking approval of two variances. The first variance was to occupy a space greater than 1,000 square feet on the first floor, adding storefront-type windows.

Planning expert Paul Grygiel, from Phillips Preiss Grygiel Leheny Hughes LLC, explained that the subject property could accommodate the proposed dental office within the existing building despite it "not meeting all the conditional use standards."

"It is an older building that provides a deeper space (75 feet) from the street than retailers in a downtown setting typically desire," Mr. Grygiel explained. He remarked that the building has been vacant for more than seven years.

"The building is therefore not readily adaptable, nor desirable, for most retailers. But the deeper space is actually advantageous for office use. It allows the building to maintain a storefront appearance or, in this case, improve it while putting space in the rear of the building to use by the applicant for medical procedures without any visibility from the street."

The second variance sought an exemption from the required off-street parking.

"When there's no on-site parking, you don't need a variance on parking," Mr. Grygiel pointed out. He remarked that the property is "in a convenient location" with "multiple parking options in short distance," highlighting the spaces on both sides of South Avenue, High Street and Walnut Street, as well as the parking lots at the train station.

To get approval of the variances, Dr. Patel agreed that all of her employees "will be parking in garages or elsewhere off-street" and that she would approach the neighbor business with a proposal to "share the handicap spaces."

Mr. Grygiel added that the Office of Downtown Business and Economic Development, in a report on February 2, 2021, called the project "a good one that would bring life to people and to an important part of our

downtown that has been vacant for years."

In conclusion, Mr. Grygiel brought up the Master Plan of Cranford, which recognizes the downtown area as "a major asset" and "encourages commercial uses that make it a destination."

"To ensure the downtown can continue to respond to the changing demands and interests, it is important to remain as a destination, while you encourage a variety of uses that contribute to a vibrant downtown," Mr. Grygiel said.

Ronald Marotta, vice-chair of the board, supported the application, stating his belief that, "all the variances would have a minimum impact on the neighborhood."

"As a positive aspect, I believe this application has more benefits than negatives. It will bring people, hopefully, out of the town to get to see our community and, therefore, having new patients to use our retailers in the area," Mr. Marotta said.

Justin Quinn, a member of the board, agreed with Mr. Marotta and added that this dentist, "will create a vibrant and diverse downtown."

"This is going to be a dentist office surrounded by local restaurants, and it will contribute beyond this business, but it will benefit all of them," he said.

The board voted in favor of approving the application with the conditions that the business' front windows and front door remain open not to block the reception area and the negotiation with the neighbor owner, Kilkenny House, to lease one of the handicap spots. Lastly, the owner must provide long-term permit parking for every employee.

Abuse

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

"We are in receipt of a legal document regarding events reported to have taken place in 1969. The district cannot comment on pending litigation."

The Boy Scouts of America national organization declared bankruptcy in 2020.

Historic

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

In other business, the council approved a resolution to award the 2021 contract for various road improvements to P&A Construction for \$1,514,106.

Additionally, the council approved a resolution implementing the retroactive salary increases for 2019 and 2020 for the police department. These increases are part of the recently-approved, five-year contract as previously reported in *The Westfield Leader*.

Correction

In the May 6 edition of *The Westfield Leader*, the dates given for the "adventure film" event in the Westfield Recreation Commission meeting story were incorrect. The event date is Thursday, July 8, with a rain date of Sunday, July 11; not July 8 through July 11. We regret the error.

County Commissioners Seek To Ramp Up Vaccinations

By JESSE WINTER
For The Westfield Leader

COUNTY — Even with Covid-19 infection rates falling, Union County will continue to ramp up its vaccination efforts, with the goal of offering vaccines to the county's most vulnerable residents.

"The County of Union has begun targeting under-vaccinated communities in order to achieve herd immunity," announced Union County Board of County Commissioners Chairman Al Mirabella.

The county's outreach plan, according to Mr. Mirabella, who spoke during the commissioner board's May 6 meeting, will include partnerships with hospitals, churches, schools, community-based organizations and youth groups.

The chairman said the county hopes to "build lists" and "target anyone" that has not been vaccinated.

The virus still "remains a threat," at indoor gatherings in particular, when unvaccinated individuals are present and when social distancing is difficult to maintain, according to the State of New Jersey's Covid-19 Information Hub website.

Mr. Mirabella characterized the next step in county outreach as a "door-to-door" campaign.

The county will establish mobile vaccination clinics serving communities that include Elizabeth, Plainfield, Roselle, Linden and Hillside. This outreach will begin at the end of May, the chairman announced.

The county government also has begun helping homebound residents get vaccinated, with efforts beginning two weeks ago and with more vaccinations to come, noted Mr. Mirabella.

"We continue to thank the many nurses and emergency personnel who have served this county so well during this entire pandemic," said Mr. Mirabella.

In other county news, the commissioners took official action to pass a resolution authorizing an expansion of the Union County Dispatch Center, a contract awarded to H&S Construction and Mechanical of Elizabeth for an amount not to exceed \$3,283,000.

The project, which passed unanimously, will see the dispatch center expand from its current nine dispatch consoles serving 14 municipal emergency-services agencies in the county to an improved facility housing 33 dispatch consoles.

"We're really excited for this program; our last dispatch expansion was 10 years ago," said Director of Public Safety Andrew Moran. "This expansion will set us up for the foreseeable future."

Mr. Moran said the new dispatch center plans could accommodate all the county's municipal emergency services if local agencies opt into the shared service.

"What's hard to quantify is dollars not spent," said Mr. Moran. "The dispatch center definitely cuts staffing on municipal levels."

Mr. Moran said he anticipates the expansion of the Union County Dispatch Center to be completed by "the first of the year."

The Commissioners Board also provided updates in connection to the upcoming Primary Election on Tuesday, June 8.

Board of Elections Administrator Nicole DiRado shared information with the commissioners and public.

"The governor has determined that this year will be back to a primarily in-person election," said Ms. DiRado. "Basically, we're going back to pre-Covid rules for elections."

Ms. DiRado said that polling places will be open and anyone whose polling place has changed will receive a notification.

Those voters eligible for voting by mail are individuals who applied for a mail-in ballot, or those who have requested to opt into the "All Future Elections List," where, subsequently, voters can choose to receive all ballots by mail until requested otherwise.

Those who are still not registered to vote in the upcoming Primary Election have until Tuesday, May 18, according to the county website and can visit unioncountyvotes.com to download a registration application.

The Primary Election will determine the candidate each party fields in the Tuesday, November 2 General Election.

POLICE BLOTTER

Your business can sponsor the Police Blotter
Call 908-232-4407 or email sales@goleader.com

WESTFIELD

Sunday, May 2, a resident of the 300 block of Vernon Place reported that one or more unknown suspects entered their neighbor's motor vehicle. The vehicle was left unlocked and parked in their driveway. The victim stated that no items were stolen from the vehicle. There are no arrests pertaining to this exact incident.

Sunday, May 2, a resident of the 400 block of Topping Hill Road reported that a suspect had entered their neighbor's unlocked motor vehicle. The owner of the vehicle did not report any missing items from within their motor vehicle. There were multiple incidents in the area involving burglaries to motor vehicles. There were no suspects arrested pursuant to this incident.

Sunday, May 2, a resident of the 1100 block of Wychwood Road reported that a suspect had entered their unlocked motor vehicle. The suspect stole multiple credit cards and approximately \$50 from the unlocked vehicle. There were multiple incidents reported in the area of burglaries to motor vehicles. There currently are no persons in custody resulting from this incident.

Sunday, May 2, a resident of the 700 block of Highland Avenue reported that they had observed a dark-colored SUV pass their residence approximately four times, followed by a dark-colored sedan. They observed two individuals exit the dark-colored sedan briefly, and then reenter the sedan. Both vehicles left the area. Westfield police officers searched the area with negative results.

Monday, May 3, a resident of the 100 block of Livingston Street reported that two separate checks were cashed against his bank account. Both checks were in the amount of \$2,500. The resident stated that he did not write or authorize either of these checks. The resident currently has suffered a monetary loss of \$5,000. There are no suspects at this time and no arrests have been made.

Monday, May 3, Matthew Strycharz, 53, of Westfield was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) pursuant to an investigation which occurred near the 100 block of Marlboro Street. Strycharz was transported to police headquarters for processing and later released with a summons.

Wednesday, May 5, two hand trucks were found in the roadway near the intersection of East Broad and South Chestnut Streets. The owner of the hand trucks is unknown. The hand trucks apparently fell off the back of a truck traveling on East Broad Street.

Wednesday, May 5, a resident of the 700 block of Marcellus Drive reported their Trek mountain bicycle was stolen from their rear yard. The resident stated that the theft occurred on or about April 22, 2021, but they delayed reporting the theft. The resident reported the value of the bicycle to be approximately \$150. The rear yard is not fenced and the bicycle could have been seen from the sidewalk. There

are no suspects at this time.

Thursday, May 6, a resident of the 200 block of Eton Place reported information regarding a suspicious motor vehicle. The resident stated that a neighbor had observed a motor vehicle, described as a dark-colored SUV, drive northbound slowly down Eton Place from Roger Avenue. The suspicious vehicle was occupied by a male driver. No further information was provided at the time.

Friday, May 7, during the early morning hours, a Jeep Grand Cherokee that was parked in a resident's driveway on the 500 block of Sherwood Parkway was entered and stolen by one or more unknown suspects. The theft is believed to have occurred at approximately 3:50 a.m. The investigation is ongoing.

Friday, May 7, a resident of the 600 block of Forest Avenue reported the theft of a tree from her property. She stated that sometime in the prior two weeks, one or more unknown suspects stole a hydrangea tree, which was planted in her front yard. The owner estimated the value of the tree at \$500. There are no suspects at this time.

Friday, May 7, a resident of the 400 block of Poe Avenue reported information regarding two suspicious motor vehicles idling in front of her residence. The resident described the vehicles as a newer dark grey sedan and a minivan. No further information was provided at this time.

Friday, May 7, a resident of the 800 block of Coolidge Street reported a suspicious incident which occurred that day at approximately 8:55 p.m. The resident reported that a loud noise was heard at their front door. The reporting party believed it to be someone trying to enter the home. The reporting party then hid in the home. Westfield police responded after being called and checked the home, with no positive results showing an attempted entry; however, a report was taken.

Saturday, May 8, a resident of the 600 block of Fairmont Avenue reported a suspicious incident. He stated that at approximately 11:45 a.m. that day, an unknown male suspect wearing a red hat was observed walking up his driveway. After being observed by the resident, the suspect immediately fled the area in a white van which was operated by another unknown male suspect. An on-scene investigation revealed that there was no attempt made to enter vehicles parked in the driveway and/or gain entry to the residence.

Saturday, May 8, a resident of the 500 block of Arlington Avenue reported that an unknown individual walked up to his front door, pulled on his storm door and rang his doorbell. The unknown individual then left the area. Westfield police searched the area, but were unable to locate the individual.

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

MOUNT SAINT MARY Summer Academy

Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung, NJ, will be offering an exciting slate of academic and athletic summer programs for girls who are entering the fifth through eighth grade. Our Enrichment courses will focus on STEM, science, math, Python coding, art and more! The Athletics Camp is designed for all levels of players — beginner, intermediate or advanced. Campers will have an opportunity to participate in a wide range of sports and will receive instruction by Mount Saint Mary's acclaimed varsity coaches through drills, practice, and games. These activities will not only aid each player's development but promote an environment of teamwork, integrity and good sportsmanship.

We will also offer our Entrance Test Prep Course this summer!

WEEK 1 - 7/19 to 7/22 9 am to 12 noon Basic Skills Class for rising 7th and 8th grade girls.	WEEK 2 - 7/26 to 7/29 9 am to 3:30 pm Engineering, Python Coding, Math, Chemistry (Fun in the Sun), Lacrosse and Volleyball for rising 5th through 8th grade girls.
WEEK 3 - 8/2 to 8/5 9 am to 3:30 pm Forensic Science, Digital Media, Art, Chemistry (Sculpting & Molding), Soccer and Basketball for rising 5th through 8th grade girls.	WEEK 4 - 8/9 to 8/12 9 am to 12 noon Entrance Test Prep Course for rising 8th graders

Register online and learn more about our schedule of Summer Academy offerings:

<https://www.mountsaintmary.org/admissions/summer-academy>

Contact Joanne Cadigan-Peters, Summer Academy Coordinator, at (908) 757-0108, ext. 4039 or jcadigan@mountsaintmary.org

Did you know you can check out books from the Library with your phone? CloudLibrary is our newest contactless service.

Visit

wmlnj.org/self-checkout-with-cloudlibrary/

for a few easy steps to set up the app. Have your library card number handy. Convenient and easy!

Visit our website or Facebook page for all programs and other services 908.789.4090

www.wmlnj.org www.facebook.com/wmlnj

POLICE BLOTTER

Your business can sponsor the Police Blotter
Call 908-232-4407 or email sales@goleader.com

are no suspects at this time.

Thursday, May 6, a resident of the 200 block of Eton Place reported information regarding a suspicious motor vehicle. The resident stated that a neighbor had observed a motor vehicle, described as a dark-colored SUV, drive northbound slowly down Eton Place from Roger Avenue. The suspicious vehicle was occupied by a male driver. No further information was provided at the time.

Friday, May 7, during the early morning hours, a Jeep Grand Cherokee that was parked in a resident's driveway on the 500 block of Sherwood Parkway was entered and stolen by one or more unknown suspects. The theft is believed to have occurred at approximately 3:50 a.m. The investigation is ongoing.

Friday, May 7, a resident of the 600 block of Forest Avenue reported the theft of a tree from her property. She stated that sometime in the prior two weeks, one or more unknown suspects stole a hydrangea tree, which was planted in her front yard. The owner estimated the value of the tree at \$500. There are no suspects at this time.

Friday, May 7, a resident of the 400 block of Poe Avenue reported information regarding two suspicious motor vehicles idling in front of her residence. The resident described the vehicles as a newer dark grey sedan and a minivan. No further information was provided at this time.

Friday, May 7, a resident of the 800 block of Coolidge Street reported a suspicious incident which occurred that day at approximately 8:55 p.m. The resident reported that a loud noise was heard at their front door. The reporting party believed it to be someone trying to enter the home. The reporting party then hid in the home. Westfield police responded after being called and checked the home, with no positive results showing an attempted entry; however, a report was taken.

Saturday, May 8, a resident of the 600 block of Fairmont Avenue reported a suspicious incident. He stated that at approximately 11:45 a.m. that day, an unknown male suspect wearing a red hat was observed walking up his driveway. After being observed by the resident, the suspect immediately fled the area in a white van which was operated by another unknown male suspect. An on-scene investigation revealed that there was no attempt made to enter vehicles parked in the driveway and/or gain entry to the residence.

Saturday, May 8, a resident of the 500 block of Arlington Avenue reported that an unknown individual walked up to his front door, pulled on his storm door and rang his doorbell. The unknown individual then left the area. Westfield police searched the area, but were unable to locate the individual.

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

STREETWORKS
DEVELOPMENT

Working together to reimagine
Westfield's future

Streetworks Development believes that great placemaking starts by understanding the unique needs, aspirations and character of the community. As your partners in reimagining Westfield's future, we want to hear from you:

Listening tour

Whether you are a resident, local business, nonprofit, community organization, arts and culture organization or a house of worship, we're looking forward to meeting with and hearing from you on what makes Westfield special.





Community survey

Be on the lookout for our development sentiment survey to provide your thoughts on what Westfield needs most.

Facebook Live series

Please join us for an upcoming Facebook Live forum with Mayor Brindle and Westfield's redevelopment experts to hear the latest and get your questions answered.





Join us for our upcoming Facebook Live forum, "Retail: (You Can't) Just Buy It Online" on Thursday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. Speakers will include retail expert Michael Berne of MJB Consulting and Bob Zuckerman of Downtown Westfield Corp! Visit Westfield's official Facebook page @TownofWestfield to tune in.

Stay connected

To make sure you're in the loop on every opportunity to stay involved, email us to get on our mailing list at: swd4westfield@streetworksdev.com

And visit our website for more information at: streetworksdev.com



Cranford BOE Appoints New HR Director; Discusses Turf Field

By JENNIFER GLACKIN
For The Westfield Leader and The Times

CRANFORD — The Cranford Board of Education appointed a new director of human resources at Monday night's meeting. Roseann Walker will replace Matthew Jennings, Ed.D., when he retires at the end of the school year. Ms. Walker began her career in education as a second-grade teacher in North Plainfield Public Schools and most recently worked in Edison Public Schools as a grant coordinator, supervisor of health and wellness, and interim director of human resources. She will begin her work in Cranford in July.

Orange Avenue School eighth graders Sienna Urso, Ashlyn Quigley, Jamison Thomas and Jayden Yip presented their findings for the Panasonic Student Eco Citizenship Project. Due to Covid-19 regulations, disposable cups must be utilized at water fountains, the students noted. Paper will decompose more quickly than the current plastic cups, they said, and they asked the board to consider ordering paper products moving forward. Business Administrator Robert Carfagno said future orders would replace the

plastic cups with paper ones.

Board member William Hulse presented an improvement project for Memorial Field to replace the turf field and track, which he said are in "desperate need at this time." Mr. Hulse showed pictures of the track with cracks and missing pieces, as well as turf that had separated from the field. The cost is expected to be near \$714,000, reported Mr. Hulse. A variety of youth sports clubs and local groups will sponsor the project.

The turf football field was originally installed in 2009 as a capital improvement project and was financed through the Cranford Athletic Turf Fund (CAT Fund), a 501(c)(3) organization. New turf was added to a baseball/soccer field in 2016. Local groups such as Cranford PAL, Cranford Baseball and Softball League and Cranford Soccer Club, among others, have agreed to contribute to the CAT Fund to help finance the new turf, according to Mr. Hulse's presentation. Local construction company Hull-Vicci also will donate and be the project manager.

According to Mr. Carfagno, school districts can only finance projects in a

five-year span, but the cost of this project would make that difficult for the school district and the local groups that are donating. Mr. Carfagno and Mr. Hulse had a preliminary meeting with Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty and other township administrators to see if the municipality would be able to help manage the project and put the money up initially, which would allow the school district and groups to finance the project over 10 years, but no decisions have been made at this time.

The current cost for upkeep of the turf field is approximately \$40,000, said Mr. Carfagno, and the payment amount for the replacement would run nearly the same.

Mr. Carfagno said the window to complete the six-week project is small, and that the ground breaking will need to occur directly after graduation in order to meet the needs of the many athletic programs that use the fields, including summer practice for the high-school football team. Mr. Carfagno expressed a desire to complete the project this summer, with the "worst-case scenario" being the summer of 2022.

Cranford Reviews Neighborhood Commercial Zone Regulations

By MARTA ESQUIROZ
For The Westfield Leader and The Times

CRANFORD — The planning board met last Wednesday night to review and pass an ordinance to establish new regulations for the Neighborhood Commercial Zone.

Board Planner Nicholas Dickerson explained that this basic amendment, "would change neighborhood commercial districts to permit some additional uses, which are bakery, coffee shop, delicatessen and florists."

Mr. Dickerson continued by saying that this ordinance is for those "commercial districts that have less intensity than the Downtown district," but which "are still providing local retail services."

"The intention for these districts is to provide convenient access to everyday goods and services to the surrounding neighborhood," Mr. Dickerson remarked.

Further, Mr. Dickerson claimed that this new law "satisfies some of the goals of the Master Plan," particularly those related to "economic development to existing non-residential uses," "attractions of new business," and "future development for non-residential uses in areas of specific notes."

"By allowing more uses, you can attack additional investment and hopefully revitalization of the existing business areas," Mr. Dickerson said as he explained that this amendment is "non-inconsistent with the Master Plan."

In the second part of the meeting, Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty ad-

ressed Cranford residents' ongoing concerns about the North Avenue redevelopment.

Mayor Miller Prunty expressed that, "there is a lot of confusion" about this process.

"A portion of North Avenue East was designated as an area in need of rehabilitation. The township took an extra step putting down a request for expression of interest, that invites developers to submit concept plans of how they envision the area might be developed," Mayor Miller Prunty explained.

She confirmed that "three plans were submitted," and she emphasized that these are not proposals, "but there are concept plans."

"The township has the opportunity to select elements that would go to the process of creating and eventually adopting a redevelopment plan, or to disregard all of them," Mayor Miller Prunty pointed out.

The township has created a committee that will be in charge of "reviewing the plans" to determine if they meet the criteria for the township.

This group will include Jason Boucher and Donna Petta from the planning board, Anthony Durante from the DMC Board, and the mayor. They will count on Township Attorney Ryan Cooper and Township Administrator Jamie Cryan for additional support.

In other business, Mayor Miller Prunty addressed rumors related to this request for expression of interest.

The first one was about the

firehouse "going away." Mayor Miller Prunty pointed out that item two of the document says explicitly that, "the firehouse is to remain." However, she confirmed that some equipment may be "relocated."

Mayor Miller Prunty also discussed a second rumor concerning the public parking and public space areas as also "going away" and "it was already decided."

"I know you know it's not true, but I would say it publicly. It's not true," Mayor Miller Prunty said.

Local Gym Seeks To Improve More Than Just Health

WESTFIELD -- In 2011 Tony Bianchino, founder of Out Run Your Fork Personal Training, left the corporate world to follow his dream of helping people live healthier, more vibrant lives.

Traveling from home to home all over New Jersey with nothing more than a few kettlebells and some resistance bands, he began his journey of owning the Top-Rated, Premier Fitness Location anywhere in the world.

Finally, in November 2019, Out Run Your Fork Personal Training was poised to open its first location in Westfield, N.J.

But, in March of 2020 the pandemic struck forcing a government imposed lockdown. The fledgling location would have to wait.

Bianchino and his wife, Melissa, moved swiftly to offer free services to the local community. From the first Open Quimby Street to Free Virtual Cooking Events and Free Virtual Training, to raising thousands of dollars to Feed Frontline Workers - Out Run Your Fork Personal Training aimed to bolster the community and come out of this stronger together.

But it wasn't to stay that way...

The Big Announcement

In July 2020 they finally got the green light to open the doors on Out Run Your Fork Personal Training and people began flooding in.

Bianchino created a brand new program aimed at helping busy Men and Women Lose Weight, Get Fit, Boost Energy and Increase Mobility without Sacrificing Time or Risking Injury.

Revolutionary, he called it.

After signing up over 200 people in only 10 months, Bianchino, made a stunning announcement:

"We're going to do something we've never done before," he be-

gan. "We're going to offer four lucky people the chance to win 8 weeks of Personal Training and Nutrition Counseling!"

But, why offer it for free when so many people are joining at a record braking pace?

"Simple," Bianchino vibrated with excitement, "we're doing it *because* people are joining at such a record pace. We're giving back to the community that has been so giving to us!"

"*But there's a catch,*" he cautioned, "This deal won't last forever. As a matter of fact, you have to apply by Friday, May 28. After that applications will be closed forever."

He doesn't plan on offering this deal ever again.

The Tears That Sparked The Idea

One day Bianchino was reading through the mail when he noticed a letter from his client.

His letter opener slid easily across the top of the envelope, revealing the note inside. He pulled out the letter and began reading. Tears welled up in his eyes and his voice cracked as he called his wife, Melissa, to come read the letter with him.

Soon, Melissa began to weep with him as she read those almost impossible words that leapt off the page to hug both of them.

"It was that very moment when I realized the profound impact we could have in people's lives," Bianchino's eyes glassed up as he spoke.

Want to know what was written in that letter? Bianchino shares it here: "(I weighed) over 300lbs. I was battling depression and diabetes. As the widowed father of three children I was desperate to get healthy again but dubious that I ever could. Tony's enthusiasm and logical ap-

proach to weight loss gave me some hope that maybe I could do this. As I progressed he continually adapted my program and continually challenged me but never overwhelmed me. A year and a half later is it not an understatement to say that Tony helped save my life. I am down 80 lbs and am living a much healthier lifestyle. My diabetes numbers have gone down drastically and my depression is very much under control. I can't begin to thank him enough for the hope he has given me."

Bianchino said he was speechless, but he now knew what he needed to do.

The Mission

Bianchino's mission is to help and impact people in a way that no other fitness studio ever could.

"We wanted to open up our doors to more people and give them an opportunity to work with us," Bianchino said. "And we felt that this sweepstakes program was a great way to do it."

"Everyone is encouraged to apply, but we're only going to select two people," Bianchino explains. "We want to give our two winners a unique experience and right now that's the appropriate number of people to bring in for this program."

How To Apply

If you're finally ready to Lose Weight, Get Stronger, Boost Energy and Increase Mobility without Sacrificing Time or Risking Injury, then get all the details on how to apply:

Visit www.outrunyourfork.com/sweepstakes.html or scan QR Code with your phone.

Paid Advertorial
www.goleader.com/advertorial

OUT RUN YOUR FORK

PERSONAL TRAINING AND NUTRITION



WE ARE GIVING 4 LUCKY WINNERS 8 WEEKS OF THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING AND NUTRITION COACHING WE OFFER

Discover The Best Way to Lose Weight, Get Stronger, Boost Your Energy and Increase Mobility ... Without Sacrificing Time or Risking Injury

You Should Apply For This Program If:

- You're struggling to **lose weight** and get back to your healthy self.
- You need **motivation** and accountability to help get yourself there.
- You want to **feel stronger** and increase your **energy**.
- You're frustrated with all the times you've lost weight and gained it back again.
- You're returning to work and need to **get healthy in less time**.
- You want to work out, but are **afraid of getting hurt** or making an existing injury worse.



Here's What You Can Expect To Happen:

- You will **lose weight / build strength** and create better habits that will stick with you for life.
- You'll **have less pain and avoid injuries** with the help of a personal trainer.
- You'll **stop craving bad foods** and start craving healthy meals.
- You will get a **flexible program** that will be strong enough to keep you accountable, yet adaptable enough so that you can **get results now and well into the future**.
- **Your confidence will soar** as you reach your goals. We'll establish the right checkpoints to make sure you're always on track.
- Don't be surprised when **your friends start begging to learn your secret**.

Visit:

www.outrunyourfork.com/sweepstakes.html
or scan QR Code with your phone
or call 973-348-9898.



Lose Weight
Build Strength
Stop Cravings
Build Confidence

DEADLINE TO APPLY:
FRIDAY, MAY 28TH

The Westfield Leader

— Established 1890 —

Legal Newspaper for the County of Union, New Jersey
and for Westfield, Mountainside, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Cranford and Garwood

Members of:
New Jersey Press Association • National Newspaper Association • Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce
Scotch Plains Business & Professional Association • Fanwood Business & Professional Association

Periodicals – Postage Paid at Rahway, New Jersey

P.O. Box 250 • 425 North Avenue, East
Westfield, N.J. 07091

Tele: (908) 232-4407 • E-mail: editor@goleader.com • Web: www.goleader.com

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to the offices of the newspapers at
P. O. Box 250, Westfield, New Jersey 07091

Published every Thursday by Gale Force Media, L.L.C.

Suzette F. Stalker
COMMUNITY EDITOR

Robert P. Connelly
BUSINESS OPERATIONS MANAGER

Lauren S. Barr
PUBLISHER & EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

David B. Corbin
MANAGING EDITOR & SPORTS EDITOR

Jeff Gruman
SALES MANAGER

Kim Prata
PRODUCTION ASSOCIATE

Reporters & Photographers

JULIA BONAVITACOLA, KIMBERLY A. BROADWELL, SUSAN MYRILL DOUGHERTY, MARTA ESQUIROZ, JENNIFER GLACKIN,
PAUL LACHENAUER, RUTH E. MALONEY, REBECCA MEHORTER, FRED T. ROSSI, HILLARY SHOPE, JESSE WINTER

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE

One-year – \$40 • Two-year – \$75 • Three-year – \$110

www.goleader.com/subscriber

WalletHub’s Ranking of Westfield Leaves Us Scratching Our Heads

WalletHub’s recent ranking of Westfield as the worst small city in which to start a business was, quite frankly, an unfair blow our town did not need. We know first hand the challenges that small businesses are facing locally. And as if running a business wasn’t hard enough, this past year a pandemic made it much, much harder.

Let’s be honest for a moment about ranking articles – publishers do them to make money. Not that there’s anything wrong with that. Ranking lists sell. Whether it’s best burger, best college, best doctor, or best high school – the public loves these types of lists. Reliable publications like *U.S. News, New Jersey Monthly* and others spend incredible amounts of time analyzing data to compile these lists. We’re sure WalletHub did, too, but there are several things about that list we take issue with, and we have a few questions, as well.

First and foremost, WalletHub used the average daily Covid-19 deaths per week per capita with a triple weight and the average daily Covid-19 cases per week per capita with a double weight. This is the most ridiculous data set to use. What that has to do with where anyone wants to open a business is completely beyond us. The use of this heavily weighted metric clearly skewed the results so that small cities in less densely populated parts of the country where Covid cases were less prevalent rose to the top.

St. George, Utah, was at the top of WalletHub’s list. St. George is located in that state’s Washington County (population 177,556) which has a total of 20,999 cases of Covid-19 with 204 deaths. Whereas, Union County (population 566,341) has had 59,762 cases with 1,709 deaths.

Which brings us to the next “flaw” in this analysis. No small city in New Jersey appears on the list at all until Princeton appears at No. 831. Why? Because it is expensive to live, work and own a

business in New Jersey. New Jersey is consistently in the top half of the most expensive states in the country — that’s why we’re also topping the list of most people fleeing when they retire. In 2019 (remember that year before the pandemic?), WalletHub ranked the best and worst states in which to start a business. Where was New Jersey, you ask? No. 49. Yes, that’s right, we just barely beat out Rhode Island for last place.

With all due respect to WalletHub’s analysis, we’re still scratching our heads as to how they even selected the 1,337 “cities” they ranked. Cities, but clearly not all cities, with populations between 25,000 and 100,000 were ranked. But so many New Jersey towns that fit those parameters were left off the list (Montclair, Livingston, Manalapan, etc.) ...as the kids would say, “WalletHub is Sus.”

Despite this most recent report, a pandemic and more empty stores than we would like downtown, every realtor will tell you that houses are flying off the market. Niche gave Westfield an A+ and called it the third best place to live in Union County. Downtown made the top five in NJ.com’s 2019 list, and NJMom.com recently said Westfield is among the top New Jersey family-friendly downtowns. In 2019 *New Jersey Monthly* ranked Westfield as the No. 49 town in the state and Westfield High School (WHS) as New Jersey’s No. 37 public high school in 2018. *U.S. News* put WHS at 992 nationally and 41 in New Jersey. The thing that makes *New Jersey Monthly* and *U.S. News* more reputable is that they rank ALL the towns and ALL the public high schools.

Starting a business is subjective to what kind of business you want to start. If livestock feed is your passion, then we would agree, Westfield is probably not a good place for you to hang up your shingle. We have an active chamber of commerce that runs net-

working events and festivals. The downtown is part of a Special Improvement District that has created events to drive more foot traffic into the stores. So if you’re looking to start a boutique, a restaurant, a law or medical practice, a fitness studio, or pretty much anything that doesn’t involve livestock, we say Westfield is a place where the sky is the limit.

Sun-Loving Annuals for Spring and Summer

It’s that wonderful time of year where we get to plant flowers and watch them grow and bloom. If you’re just getting started and wondering what to plant, I have some suggestions for easy to find and easy to care for annuals, or plants that bloom profusely all spring and summer but won’t come back next spring.

If you have at least six to eight hours of direct sunlight, you can grow full sun plants. In annuals, Vinca is a popular bedding flower because it is both drought-resistant and deer-proof. It comes in reds, pinks, purples, and white. Vinca forms small mounds, never needs dead-heading (removing spent blooms), and flowers profusely until frost. Ask for “flowering Vinca” at garden centers because there are a few plants with this name.

If you want bright yellows and oranges in a sunny spot, Marigolds offer another deer-proof option. Like Vinca, they are profuse bloomers and require little care. Marigolds will need a little more water than Vinca, however, and keeping them dead-headed encourages new blooms and improves their overall appearance. The flowers themselves are long-lasting so this isn’t as arduous as it might sound. Look them over once a week or so.

Petunias are another popular annual. They are tougher than they look and can tolerate all kinds of soils. Some need deadheading to look their best, but newer varieties don’t. They come in a rainbow of colors and some trail, working well in hanging containers and window boxes.

Sunpatiens are relatively new on the scene, a hybrid of New Guinea Impatiens, which are plants that need

The Student View

A collaboration with the
Westfield High School Journalism Program

It’s Time to Give Our Thumbs a Break

By MOLLY REILLY
For The Westfield Leader and The Times

It’s often said that teenagers are glued to their devices, but due to the pandemic, that glue has solidified. Throughout quarantine, the only viable means of communication for teens in Westfield has been texting or messaging on social media platforms.

The definition of texting varies based on who you ask, but in general it can be defined as sending messages digitally to another person or a group of people. The Pew Research Center has found that about 95 percent of teens in America have smartphones, and over 85 percent of the time that they are on the phone, they are connecting with others.

Major issues have come up for teens as texting time has increased, particularly dealing with our emotions. Texting becomes useful when you need to send a, “Hey mom and dad! You can pick me up now!” but when it comes to disagreements and accusations, the world of texting can become hostile.

In our teenage years, emotions and hormones are everywhere, and are integrated into every action. Generally, when you talk to someone, you can see their face change as they listen to your tone of voice, making conversations easy. However, on the smartphone, you can’t see someone’s face in the small blue bubbles forming in the text chain, making these

simple interactions far more complex.


As the pandemic has endured and texting cemented itself as practically the only means of communication for teens, many issues with friendships have arisen; promises are broken and people stopped talking based on a misconstrued or misinterpreted text message. When someone sends a text, it is up to the recipient to determine the tone, and to teenagers, there is so much more to think about. A simple “whatever” or “haha” looks like nothing out of the ordinary to a parent, but to teenage detectives, the next five minutes is devoted to word placement and punctuation analysis. I already do this in my English class, so I definitely don’t need to do it outside of school.

Clearly, we are in need of solutions that won’t put others at risk with this persistent virus, and luckily a more effective solution than texting is available just a tap away. Voice calls, FaceTime and Zoom are all options that allow kids like me, who prefer to hear a voice or see a face, the ability to talk fearlessly with friends again.

When you call someone, you can hear their voice and it feels like you’re with them in some way, which for a lot of people, is comforting. In fact, only 33 percent of people in America prefer texting to calling, according to the Pew Research Center. Additionally, this allows for more meaningful conversation because it’s so much more similar to having an in-person interaction. To me, knowing the other person on the line’s tone of voice makes conversations much simpler.

Overall, a phone call is better for communication than a text message because you can hear and connect with the person on the other line rather than assuming they are understanding social cues over text. Personally, I believe texting is effective in certain situations, but if I’m trying to talk to someone I know, I’d rather give them a phone call. My friendships are too valuable to lose over a misinterpreted, “I’m fine.”

ABCDICTIONOPQRSTIDECEPTIONUVWXYZ



Diction Deception

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

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

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

Answers to last week’s arcane words.

1. Uberty – Abundance
2. Depilation – The act of or process of removing hair from the body
3. Tzigane – A Hungarian gypsy
4. Katabasis – A retreat to the sea

TRIPARA

1. A woman who has borne three children
2. Abnormal fear of germs
3. Government by three men or coalition of three parties. A triumvirate
4. A ballet dancer

DEG

1. To please, charm or delight
2. To stretch or distort
3. To gnaw or chew
4. To sprinkle

TRILLACHAN

1. An active young man
2. A harem slave
3. An oyster catcher
4. A web-spinning spider

DEFLAGRATION

1. Combustion
2. A cooling or simmering
3. Punishing; chastening
4. Enlivening; exhilarating

Policy on Political Endorsements

We publish letters to the editor in the printed newspaper on issues of importance to our readers at the discretion of the editors.

Those who would like their political endorsements published in the printed newspaper can do so by using the paid service at www.goleader.com/advertorial.

Candidates for elected office are invited to submit op-ed columns for the printed newspaper each week at no charge. Columns should be between 250 and 500 words, and be issue based with no personal attacks on opponents. Columns should be emailed to editor@goleader.com by Monday at 9 a.m. for print in Thursday’s newspaper.

Write a Gratitude Letter: You’ll Feel Great

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

Dearest Fiona,

Grandpop and I can’t wait to see you later this week. Can you believe that it’s been nine months since we last enjoyed our nature walks? Picturing you hugging the sycamore tree in front of our Westfield house puts a happy grin on my face. Do you remember how we picked up rocks and pebbles, washed them in a bubble bath, then dried and painted them? I keep the yellow smiley face one that you made for me on the kitchen window sill. Every time I see it, I think of you.

And every time I think of you, I feel all warm inside.

Love, Mimi

Putting pen to paper to write a letter of gratitude will put a kick in your step and joy in your heart. Writing the above letter transported me back to last summer when Fiona and I watered trees, grass, and flowers in front of our home. She’d pointed to spider webs and taught me the unique features of spiders and other bugs. (She’d learned her insect facts from a favorite “Fancy Nancy” book.)

Seldom do we share our grateful thoughts with the people we’re thankful to. In psychotherapy sessions, patients may express how appreciative they are for an act of kindness shown to them by children, parents, teachers, neighbors, or friends. I’ll ask, “Have you told them how thankful you feel?” To which I often hear, “Don’t they know?”

Why assume that our family members and friends know how touched we are when they walk the dog without asking, set the table with flowers plucked from the backyard, drop off a surprise gift, or shovel our walkways after a snowstorm? Even if we do thank people with quick smiles or fleeting words, consider the value of a handwritten note.

A research study at Indiana Uni-

versity divided undergraduates receiving psychotherapy into three groups: 1) psychotherapy only, 2) a group that wrote expressively about deep feelings, and 3) a group that wrote gratitude letters to others. The first and second groups were unchanged after a twelve-week trial, whereas the gratitude writers reported a significant improvement in mood.

Start by asking yourself who you would thank today. Consider someone that you don’t give enough credit to and start there. “Handwritten letters are the gold standard because your handwriting is an extension of you,” advises author Gina Hamaday. She wrote “I Want to Thank You: How a Year of Gratitude Can Bring Joy and Meaning in a Disconnected World.”

Gratitude letters are a win-win. Both the writer and the recipient get a feel-good boost that lasts. “On the receiving end, opening a gratitude letter feels even better than you might imagine,” according to Amit Kumar, a social scientist. “It’s not like it makes some people feel great, and some people feel just OK, and some people feel kind of weird,” he said. “Almost everybody is saying that they feel really, really great.”

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

Gratefully yours,
Patti



Support Local Journalism!

goleader.com/subscriber



State LD-21 Sen. Thomas Kean, Jr. (R) 425 North Ave. E. Westfield, N.J. 07090 (908) 232-3673 Asm. Jon Brannick (R) 251 North Ave. West Westfield, N.J. 07090 (908) 232-2073 Asm. Nancy Munoz (R) 57 Union Place, Suite 310 Summit, N.J. 07901 (908) 918-0414	State LD-22 Sen. Nicholas Scutari (D) 1514 E. Saint Georges Ave. Linden, N.J. 07036 (908) 587-0404 Asm. Jim Kennedy (D) 34 E. Cherry St. Rahway, N.J. 07065 (732) 943-2660 Asw. Linda Carter (D) 200 West 2nd St., Suite 102 Plainfield, N.J. 07060 (908) 561-5757	7th Congressional District Representative Tom Malinowski (D) 75-77 N. Bridge St., Somerville, N.J. 08876 (908) 547-3307 [Westfield, Mountainside, Garwood, Summit and Cranford are in the 7th Congressional District]
LD-21 includes Westfield, Mountainside, Garwood, Summit and Cranford.	LD-22 includes Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Plainfield, Clark, Rahway and Linden.	12th Congressional District Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman (D) 850 Bear Tavern Road, Suite 201, Ewing, N.J. 08628 (609) 883-0026 [Fanwood, Plainfield and most of Scotch Plains are in the 12th Congressional District]
senkean@njleg.org, senscutari@njleg.org asmbrannick@njleg.org, asmnmunoz@njleg.org asmkennedy@njleg.org, aswcarter@njleg.org		

Union County Commissioners

Elizabeth, New Jersey
(908) 527-4200
Ed Oatman, Mgr., eoatman@ucnj.org
Alex Mirabella, Chairman
amirabella@ucnj.org
Sebastian D’Elia, Public Info.
(908) 527-4419
sdelia@ucnj.org

The Leader/Times Monthly Crossword Puzzle

By Ruth B. Margolin

ACROSS

1. Popular nickname for tennis star Nadal

5. Walk back and forth nervously

9. The Mayflower had three of them

14. "But then again..." in a text

15. Tennis great whose name sounds like 6-Down

16. Undo "I do"

17. General Douglas who commanded WWII Pacific forces

19. Pageant crown

20. Like the numerals in 2021

21. Go wild in the streets

23. Cozy hotel

24. 0, in soccer scores

25. It waves over Tiananmen Square

28. Big name in potato chips

29. Grad

30. Fire truck sound

33. Running ____ (out of control)

36. Indian flatbread

39. Brewery offerings

40. "The Scales" constellation

41. New Jersey Hall of Famer, morning TV host Kelly

42. Glitz

43. Not much, as of ointment

44. Minty Kentucky Derby drink

45. Roaring MGM symbol

47. Clickable computer desktop image

49. Luxury hotel option

53. Lumber cutting tool

56. Exclamation of disgust

57. "Bye, Luigi!"

58. Drink that often comes with an umbrella

60. Yale who endowed Yale

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

28

29

30

31

32

33

34

35

36

37

38

39

40

41

42

43

44

45

46

47

48

49

50

51

52

53

54

55

56

57

58

59

60

61

62

63

64

65

66

67

68

69

© 5/13/2021

62. What 17-, 25-, 40-, and 49-Across each has

64. 17-Across was awarded a Medal of ____ for his WWII service

65. Horse's pace

66. Word on a red octagonal sign

67. Balcony sections

68. Stitches

69. Strong desires

DOWN

1. Like the numerals in MMXXI

2. Big name in arcade gaming

3. ____ point (center of attention)

4. "Moby-Dick" captain

5. Irregular, as fog

6. Fire residue that sounds like 15-Across

7. Make butter the old

8. Creepy

9. Hot Wheels company

10. Grammy winner DiFranco

11. Postal delivery, informally

12. ____ profit (make money)

13. Language only a teen can keep up with

18. Puerto ____ (San Juan resident)

22. Japanese seaport

26. "Because ____ so!"

27. Friendly race for a good cause

28. "Do You Hear the People Sing?" musical, to fans

30. Droop

31. What we spent 2020 trying not to become

32. "Coke, it's the ____" (genuine article)

34. CEO's degree, often

35. Planet's pathway

37. Gibbon or gorilla

38. Siesta

40. Porch, in Hawaii

44. ____ Brothers (pop boy group)

46. Happens

48. "Rock Around the Clock" group Bill Haley and His ____

49. Oscar-winning actress Mercedes ____

50. Home made of ice

51. Whitewater river transports

52. French wine valley or its river

53. New Jersey, for one

54. Burr who duelled Hamilton

55. Thin puffs of smoke or clouds

59. "The ____ Bitsy Spider"

61. Garden tool

63. "I do," at a wedding

The Pandemic Prompted Some Needed Sprucing Up to Tamaques Park

As a girl from Brooklyn, I am not a nature girl. To be honest I prefer asphalt and concrete to grass. I do not often take time to "stop and smell the roses." But 2020 happened and nothing was the same. My calendar, always full in quarter inch increments, was suddenly wide open, untouched, and forgotten. Confined in my home, with my family like all the other families in this town, in this state, we watched the world from the inside out.

I remember the moment when the parks were allowed to open, and it felt like a portal appeared. Suddenly, I was at Tamaques, not because I had a flag football game but because I had time to take a daily walk with my husband and even ride a bike for the first time in years. I love this park. I have loved it from the sidelines; but now I was not a spectator, I was a part of it. And I was seeing things differently without the rush of the children in their opposing colors, the blur of a ball and the cheering of the parents. I was not seeing the park in action. I was seeing it at rest. And I noticed for the first time, that it too was tired. As I rode around the track, at first only twice, then three times, later in the summer, several areas came into focus. The neglected shuffleboard courts. Yes, we have them. They sparked memories of family vacations with shuffleboard and Bocci and the games you play with your children, your parents, and siblings that do not require electricity. And I stumbled across a peeling metal bridge that my dog would not cross to a pavilion that was showing its wear and some who said needed to come down. But what I saw was a respite in the pandemic. A place for a mother to bring her young child with lunch in a bag so they could eat outside and be safe. I saw a place for scouts to come and do crafts. A perfect location for friends to meet at a distance and be

together while apart. The tables were splintered and rusty, the roof of the structure was leaking and some of the boards were rotting. But it was all right there. The possibilities. And it needed to happen, and it had to be fast. I got to work.

As with many of the plans I have had the past few years, I picked up the phone and called several prolific volunteers, tenacious and always ready to roll up their sleeves. And the scouts. This time the boy scouts, ever ready to help the community. It is not easy to move things quickly within municipal government and especially not in a pandemic, but I was determined. With the support of Mayor Brindle, I made my case to the Recreation Commission, and soon we had secured funding to repair the roof. We spent three weeks sanding benches and tables and then painting the bases with fresh black paint. We sanded the tops and added varnish. The tables that were salvageable got artistic treatment from our talented volunteers, and we designed a beautiful compass rose mural for the floor that was outstandingly executed by Ward 4 resident Jen Wilner. It serves as an anchor in the middle of the pavilion. You are here. You are home. In keeping with our mission to create a more accessible, inclusive community we worked with Councilman Mike Dardia and the Access and Inclusivity Committee to select wheelchair accessible picnic tables, and the DPW installed a path from the park to the pavilion. It was the 30th anniversary of the ADA legislation and this seemed a fitting commemoration. We ordered new grills. And importantly, we committed to dedicating funding for routine park maintenance and quality-of-life improvements which has not been the case for many years.

As the project commenced, I returned one Sunday morning to apply another coat of lacquer to the tables and noticed the caution tape was down and gathered at the not-yet-finished pavilion were twenty something senior citizens with snacks in Tupperware, a boom box and decorations. They expressed their delight at the renovation, so I packed up my supplies and left them to enjoy the morning. This scene was repeated in the days of finishing touches. A grandmother with a basket of crafts, a girl scout troop, a couple on a picnic.

Sometimes, when you do stop and smell the roses you notice a task that needs to be done. And I, as always, pick up the phone, call in the volunteers who love this town as much as I do, and make it happen.

Submit Your Community Calendar Events

goleader.com/calendar

Deadlines

General News - Friday 4 p.m.
Weekend Sports - Monday 12 p.m.
Classifieds - Tuesday 12 p.m.
Ad Reservation - Friday 4 p.m.
Ad Submittal - Monday 12 p.m.

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.

Shawn Mullen

Candidate for Westfield Town Council - Third Ward

Criminals Are Taking Our Sense of Safety

The recent spate of break-ins and car thefts is having a profound effect on the psyche of our town. After being told for months to lock our cars and hide our valuables, that message seemed to be sinking in. However, brazen thieves are now entering homes—sometimes forcibly—and helping themselves to those coveted key fobs, along with residents’ wallets and other valuables. While on their way out of town those same criminals are taking with them not just vehicles, but something you can’t put a price on: our sense of safety and security. Westfield has typically been a safe town and, while many of us may have taken that for granted, we have a fundamental right to be secure in our homes and our possessions.

Westfield’s brave and dedicated police officers are doing what they can to confront this threat head on (literally) and often at great risk to their own personal safety. Fleeing offenders have rammed police vehicles on more than one occasion in the last several months.

Residents are understandably scared and many no longer feel safe. Some are putting extra security measures in place or are buying guns. Frankly, residents don’t care that this is happening in other towns or that Westfield is not alone in facing this problem. They also don’t care why thieves feel that they need to steal in the first place. They just want it to stop.

Clearly what’s been done so far is not enough to mitigate this threat and it’s time to think outside the box. Everything should be on the table: enhancing the police department’s overtime budget, hiring extra officers, redeploying personnel, increasing communication and exchanging video footage with residents, creating a neighborhood watch, and purchasing new or replacement technology. It’s also time to truly capitalize on interagency partnerships, which are effective force multipliers and something I saw firsthand during my time running a joint task force for the FBI. If this is a county or regional problem, let’s show some leadership and approach it from that angle by starting new initiatives.

Citizens can also take steps to make their properties and belongings less attractive to thieves. Locking up is always a safe bet, as is reporting suspicious activity to police. And while residents can support the police by doing their part, responsibility for public safety ultimately lies with our government and elected officials. Also, let’s not wait until August 3rd to observe the National Night Out Against Crime. Moving this event up a few months might go a long way to reassure residents and solidify relationships with our neighbors and first responders. It’s time for all parties to work collaboratively to confront and solve this problem.

Elections 2021

Being a Councilman is All About ‘Customer’ Service

“Holy Crow David, the men from the DPW are here, and they are fixing the potholes on our street. David, you are a Man of Action. Couldn’t have asked for more. I truly appreciate your help. YOU GOT MY VOTE! And my husbands too! You are the best. An appreciative member of the Third Ward.”

I received this email from a Third Ward resident last month after she had contacted me two days earlier asking for potholes on her street to be fixed. I responded back the same day, said I’d visit her street to inspect the road and take pictures, and then would alert the Department of Public Works (DPW) to the problem. Upon visiting her street later that day, I did see the large potholes she was concerned about. I submitted a pothole repair request using the Westfield Connect App (free for all Westfield residents from the App Store or Google Play store) which immediately alerted the DPW’s Road Crew to the issue. The DPW responded the next day, the potholes were repaired, and the resident was incredibly satisfied with their quick response and more importantly, getting the problem fixed.

I’m sharing this story because it illustrates one of the primary reasons why I ran for council four years ago and one of the most important things I have emphasized as a councilman since—Delivering Customer Service!

As I’ve done throughout my 20-plus year brand marketing career and my three and a half years as a councilman, I do everything I can to respond to and satisfy my customers. At work, my customers are the consumers and potential consumers of my brands. As a councilman, my “customers” are you—Ward 3 residents. I’ve focused on delivering excellent customer service since I was voted into office in three ways: being accessible to you, being responsive to your concerns and needs and keeping you informed at all times.

I think these three things (accessibility, responsiveness, and being informative) are among the most important aspects of being a councilman. When I ran four years ago, I was surprised by how many Ward 3 residents I spoke to said they didn’t know the names of either of their councilmen at the time, said emails to them would go unanswered and if they did hear from them, it was only during an election year.

I promised to be different and to build a two-way dialogue with Ward 3 residents. Since taking office, I’ve focused on delivering this promise every day including:

- Responding within 24-48 hours to emails, texts, phone calls and DMs on Facebook.
- Sending out email and social media updates after every council meeting to keep residents informed.
- Since Covid started, sending out email and social media updates nearly every day so you’d be kept informed about the pandemic at both a state and local level. By the way, if you’d like to receive my email updates (note: you don’t need to live in Ward 3 to join), just email me (see below) and I’ll add you to my list.

Many Ward 3 residents have told me that I’m the most responsive and informative councilman they’ve ever had. I really appreciate hearing this because it validates my focus on what I believe is an essential aspect of being a councilman.

I look forward to continuing to deliver this same level of “customer service” for Ward 3 for the next four years if you reelect me on Tuesday, November 2. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me at dcontract@westfieldnj.gov, call/text (917) 589-1197 or DM me @councilmancontract. Thanks!

David Contract

Ward 3 Councilman

Westfield

It’s Time to Put Shovels in the Ground to Improve Town Parks

Three years ago, I was watching my son play an in-town basketball game. Excitement was in the air—the buzz was around the finalization of the Tamaques Park Redevelopment Plan and all the benefits it would bring residents and our families in just a couple of years. Parents were giving each other high fives knowing how much impact these changes would have for our kids. Even our older children would have the opportunity to play on more modern facilities, which is something many of them worked tirelessly to make possible. After more than 5 years and \$80,000 spent on planning, consulting and engineering fees, a plan was devised...with an estimated cost of \$6.78 million.

It’s worth restating: \$6.78 million dollars. I wondered what that level of investment would net our community, which accounted for a lighted turf field, 60 additional parking spots, updated basketball courts, a park center as well as some renovations to the existing cabin and shuffleboard area.

At that point in time, I found myself at Tamaques Park several times a week. Spring through Fall for many sports - baseball, flag football and my own feeble attempts at improving my tennis game. I was familiar with Tamaques’ outdated facilities, yet it is so evident that Tamaques has the potential to be our community’s premiere sports and recreation destination. Tamaques is a park that every resident can find a reason to use, so why not improve its overall functionality?

I was so invested in the possibilities, I tuned into the town council meeting on February 27, 2018, during which residents were informed by Mayor Shelly Brindle that a decision had been made to delay the Tamaques Park renovation - a delay justified because it would enable the opportunity to fold the Tamaques Park Redevelopment Plan into the Town Master Plan process that was about to begin. It was further noted that the new town council members and many others had agreed to accelerate the Parks Master Plan to be concurrent with the Town Master Plan.

One town council member questioned how much longer the plan would be put off now that a decision to delay had been made. In response to this question, Mayor Brindle offered the following response: "...if we’re able to engage on this Master Plan process let’s just say by May, June, it only takes about 12 months, and that’s when the whole plan emerges and that’s when we can start prioritizing what projects should get done and how.”

Naturally, I was disappointed that approval was not granted since I was personally acquainted with many of the great and passionate minds behind the plan. But then it occurred to me: did the mayor just open the door to outline even more opportunities for additional parks by accelerating the Parks Master Plan? Edison and Memorial are — by all accounts — under-functioning facilities, so I was naturally encouraged to hear that our newly-elected mayor thought Westfield could do even more. I was energized by the idea that my kids could enjoy a best-in-class park system in addition to a top-notch education — an aspiration my husband and I shared and one of the reasons we settled down here. Like many, I moved on with the busyness of everyday life and

waited for another update in just a few short months.

Unfortunately, that update never came. Over the past two years, I have heard a lot about our fields and park system, but no updates on a plan of action or positive progress. Be it on a sideline or in the bleachers, we are all discussing how nothing has changed since that fateful night in February 2018. As the months have now turned into years, the opportunity for our growing teens and teenage children benefiting from any of the ideas outlined in the Master Parks Plan is limited. Ground has not been broken on any of the parks and budget has not been allocated even though the town’s surplus in the past four years has gone from a balance of \$14.5 million in January 2018 to a proposed \$5.8 million dollar balance as of December 2021.

The only outputs I can see from these efforts are a very nicely designed set of plans on www.westfieldnj.gov dated February 11, 2020, which at an additional cost of \$100,000 to taxpayers, gives us only an outline of a beautiful, multi-park improvement plan.

So, today I raise this issue not for my children, but as a voice and advocate for the young children of the families new to and moving to our beautiful town. Families with the same hopes my husband and I had for a premiere town in which to raise their families - one with ample and pristine green space, sports and recreation facilities they are proud to show off to visiting family and friends, where they will create memories of home runs, goals and field goals, and where they will spend hours driving to and from each week for practices and games.

My challenge to you is this: when you hit the fields this week for a practice or a game, question just how much longer you are willing to wait. I can tell you that I am not willing to wait much longer, which is why I am running for town council. I am ready to partner for change and improvement. I am ready to work on behalf of the residents of Ward 2 and all of Westfield to secure the monies allocated to improve our parks. Now is the time to focus on progress, not perfection. It’s time to put shovels in the ground and get to work, so we can make those fields of dreams a reality.

Denise Garrett

Candidate for Westfield Town Council - Second Ward

ARE YOU DIVORCING? DIVORCED?

HAS THE CORONAVIRUS CAUSED A SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN YOUR FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES?

If so, call the Family Law Department of Dughi, Hewit & Domalewski, P.C. for a **free introductory telephone call** and speak to one of our lawyers about your case:

DD

Mario C. Guerrieri, Esq.

KH

Kristin M. Capalbo, Esq.

JL

Jennifer L. Young, Esq.

Please contact us at (908) 272-0200

You may also visit us on our website at www.dughihewit.com

DUGHI, HEWIT & DOMALEWSKI, P.C.

340 NORTH AVENUE CRANFORD, NJ

Letters to the Editor

Westfield Bd. of Health Recaps May Meeting

The Westfield Board of Health met on May 3. Covid-19, its effects on Westfield and the programs to keep residents informed and to vaccinate them were the principal areas of discussion.

Currently, Covid-19 activity appears to be decreasing in New Jersey and in our town. Many Westfield residents have stepped up and have been vaccinated to help prevent infection for themselves and their families, friends and neighbors. As I write this, 79 percent of adult residents aged 18 years and older have received at least one dose of the vaccine and 60 percent are fully vaccinated, which are considerably higher vaccination rates than in the state or nation.

If you have not been vaccinated yet, I urge you to get vaccinated if you are eligible. There are walk-in clinics and the Westfield Regional Health Department has expanded its vaccine outreach efforts. Community settings, workplaces, assisted living facilities, houses of worship and other sites in town are being prioritized by the health department to make the vaccine as accessible as possible to our residents, including those who are homebound.

Although the situation is improving, the pandemic is NOT over. People continue to get infected, become sick and die. New Jersey, with over 25 thousand dead from Covid-19 since the start of the pandemic, has the highest overall rate of Covid-19 deaths in the country.

So, we need to continue to adhere to the 4 W’s when appropriate. These well-established effective health promotion/infection control measures are:

- Wear a mask when appropriate.
- Watch your distance when appropriate.
- Wash your hands.
- Work or school only when well.

More information is available at the Westfield Coronavirus Information Center at <https://www.westfieldnj.gov/coronavirus> and the State Covid-19 Information Hub at <https://covid19.nj.gov/forms/datadashboard>. These may help you go to several community resources to help you get vaccinated or find a vaccination site if needed.

In April, there were 3 reports of animal bites in town. Please protect the community through proper leashing. Also, please clean-up after your pet since we all share our streets.

Rabies is a continuing presence in Union County. It occurs most often in wildlife, particularly raccoons, bats and skunks. However, cats account for most of the rabies among domestic animals. Therefore, you must license your dogs and cats and protect them with vaccinations against rabies. You can obtain the license application through the Town Clerk office, which can be reached at (908) 789-4030. An owner of an unlicensed or unvaccinated dog or cat will be issued a summons.

Information about all of the Health Department’s activities, including helpful health-related advice and recommendations and free education programs, is available at <https://www.westfieldnj.gov/health>. Recent topics in the department’s monthly newsletter, Your Health Matters, include stroke prevention, tobacco cessation and osteoporosis. It is available on the department’s website in the May Newsletter tab. You can sign up to receive health department information at <https://www.westfieldnj.gov/townupdates>.

The complete minutes of the May Board meeting will be posted after review and approval at our June 7 meeting. As always, the public is invited to attend.

Lawrence D. Budnick, MD, MPH

President, Westfield Board of Health

Join the Rotary Club of Westfield

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

westfieldrotary.com



Photo courtesy of Westfield Public Schools
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL APPOINTED...Mary McCabe looks forward to the next chapter in her career with the Westfield Public School District after her appointment as assistant principal of Franklin Elementary School was unanimously approved during the Westfield Board of Education's virtual meeting on April 27.

Mary McCabe Appointed As Franklin Assistant Principal

WESTFIELD—At its virtual public meeting on April 27, the Westfield Board of Education unanimously approved the appointment of Mary McCabe as assistant principal at Franklin Elementary School, effective July 1, 2021. Mrs. McCabe has served as Franklin interim assistant principal since last July.

"As a graduate of Westfield High School and mother of two children in the Westfield Public School District, I have been delighted to serve as a teacher for many years at Franklin School," said Mrs. McCabe, addressing board members after her appointment. "This school year, I have enjoyed my role as interim assistant principal and I am so excited to continue in this position moving forward."

Mrs. McCabe was appointed to the interim position last year as Paul Duncan, Ed.D., began his new role as principal of Franklin. Her responsibilities included collaborating with colleagues to plan hybrid instruction during the Covid-19 pandemic; reviewing, communicating and implementing health and safety protocols; organizing student cohorts; creating weekly bulletins to share updates and information; supervising more than 40 teachers and staff members while developing professional growth plans, and facilitating one-to-one meetings with students to provide needed encouragement and guidance.

"Mrs. McCabe is a caring and knowledgeable leader. When we had to move to all-remote learning last spring, we did not have time to conduct a thorough search for a new assistant principal."

pal," said Superintendent Margaret Dolan, Ed.D. "Mrs. McCabe was appointed to the interim position and began work immediately. Now, having been able to set up an interview committee to vet candidates thoughtfully and thoroughly, we are very happy to recommend Mrs. McCabe as assistant principal at Franklin School."

"Mary immediately hit the ground running as interim assistant principal, and I am grateful for her calm leadership during this challenging year," added Dr. Duncan. "We work well together and it is with great confidence that I, too, recommend her for this important position."

Mrs. McCabe joined the district 17 years ago, teaching fourth grade at Franklin while serving as a literacy coach for grades 1 to 5. Prior to her years in Westfield Public Schools, Mrs. McCabe was a fourth-grade teacher at Holy Trinity School for two years and an assistant track and field coach for four years at Union Catholic High School. She earned a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Seton Hall University in 2009 and a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education in 2002 from St. Joseph's University.

"The Westfield School District is an exceptional community to be a part of and I am very proud to be Franklin School's assistant principal," said Mrs. McCabe. "We have learned so much from this extraordinary school year and I believe that we will be stronger because of it. I look forward to continuing my work with Dr. Duncan and the teachers, students and families of Franklin School."

Greta's Run For Imagine Set Virtually This Sunday

MOUNTAINSIDE/NEWARK — Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss has announced that the Eighth Annual Greta's Run for Imagine will take place this Sunday, May 16, and will be virtual again this year.

Last year, Imagine announced that it would be the new home and beneficiary of Greta's Run, a 5k founded in memory of Greta Schoenemann, a Westfield High School freshman who died from injuries sustained on September 11, 2002 when a tree branch fell on her and her classmates during lunch.

According to Imagine, more than 3,500 children and adults depend on the organization annually for support and education, and hundreds more look forward to Greta's Run every spring.

"Together, we will raise the money we need to continue providing free, life-saving grief support, education and training," said Imagine founder Mary Robinson.

Members of the community are invited to set up a Greta's Run for

Imagine page and to donate and accept donations from others. They can then join Imagine in one or more of the following ways:

Run, Walk, Roll: Participate individually anytime, anywhere, in their Greta's Run shirt the week leading up to May 16.

Share Their Story: Individuals are invited to share a post about the person or people they are participating in memory of to social media, using #IRunFor.

Prizes will be awarded to top fundraisers, including a Scream Truck social for up to 20 people for the top student fund-raising teams. Shirts can be picked up at Jack Rabbit in downtown Westfield or delivered in the mail. Interested persons may follow Imagine on Facebook and Instagram for updates. To register, sponsor, donate and learn more, visit imagineenj.org/gretasrun.

Anyone in need of free grief-support services is encouraged to contact Imagine at angela@imagineenj.org or (908) 264-3100.

Preservation Challenge to Continue Through May 24

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Historic Preservation Commission and the Westfield Historical Society are teaming up in celebration of National Preservation Month with the #WestfieldPreservationChallenge, a weekly Instagram contest where participants are invited to submit photographs in response to creative, history-based prompts. The challenge is designed to get families and residents of all ages to appreciate the town's architectural heritage in fun and original ways.

The contest will run through Monday, May 24, with a new challenge introduced each week. Prizes will be offered for the best individual challenges. The grand prize for the best three challenges will include a tote bag filled with Westfield history-themed merchandise, a one-year membership in the Westfield Historical Society, and an opportunity to ring the Town Bell on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31.

Entrants must use the hashtag #westfieldpreservationchallenge and tag [westfieldhistoricalsociety](https://www.instagram.com/westfieldhistoricalsociety/) when they post. Multiple entries for each challenge are allowed and encouraged. Challenges will be posted on the Westfield Historical Society Instagram page and the Westfield Historic Preservation Commission Facebook page.

Challenge No. 1 is: Cast a "W" shadow on a local historic marker. Extra points will be awarded for creativity and uniqueness of the marker. For ideas, visit <https://sites.google.com/view/westfieldhistoricalmarkers/>.

Challenge No. 2 is: Westfield has several famous sons and daughters. Participants are asked to take a photo

holding one of their works (such as a book) in front of their former residence or a building associated with them (for example, a church). For ideas, visit the Westfield Hall of Fame or Black History Walking Tour on the Westfield Historical Society's website, westfieldhistoricalsociety.org.

"The Westfield Historical Society is a tremendous resource for local history and we are delighted to partner with them in celebrating National Preservation Month," said Maria Boyes, chair of the Westfield Historic Preservation Commission. "We hope residents will have fun with this challenge and cannot wait to see the creative interpretations of our architectural history!"

Additional information, including contest rules, can be found at westfieldnj.gov/historicpreservation.

Established by municipal ordinance in 1985, the Westfield Historic Preservation Commission is charged with preserving historical sites and structures while fostering an appreciation for these landmarks as an essential element of the town's unique character. The nine-member commission is appointed by the mayor to review potential sites for historic designation.

The Westfield Historical Society was established in 1968 by a group of citizens interested in local history and preservation. The organization is based in the Reeve History and Cultural Resource Center, located at 314 Mountain Avenue, Westfield. The Historical Society also owns the Miller-Cory House Museum, a Colonial-era living history museum run by the Miller-Cory volunteers, as well as the Westfield Historical Society Archives. For additional information, visit westfieldhistoricalsociety.org.



Aidan Berman



Erika Bretz



Taliyah Williams

Westfield DAR Chapter Announces 2021 Good Citizen Award Winners

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Chapter of The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently presented the DAR Good Citizen Awards to three area high-school seniors: Aidan Berman from Westfield High School, Erika Bretz from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, and Taliyah Williams from The Wardlaw+Hartridge School in Edison.

Each school selected one Good Citizen from its senior class based on dependability (truthfulness, loyalty, punctuality); service (cooperation, courtesy, consideration of others); leadership (personality, self-control, responsibility); and patriotism (unselfish interest in family, school, community and nation).

All three students also participated in writing an outstanding DAR scholarship essay which was administered under strict guidelines without prior knowledge of the topic. The essays were then judged by three non-DAR judges. Aidan's essay won first place and was advanced to compete at the state level.

Each student has demonstrated exceptional DAR qualities in his or her everyday lives, according to

the Westfield DAR chapter. They have been involved in various school and community projects, holding leadership and advisory roles. All three students plan to go on to college and look forward to careers in law, pediatric oncology and finance.

DAR members presented the three winners with a DAR Good Citizen Certificate, pin and wallet card, and each winner received a \$100 cash prize donated by the Westfield DAR chapter. Due to the Covid pandemic, presentations were held outside at locations and dates chosen by the schools. The DAR is a non-profit, non-political, national women's volunteer organization which believes in promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism.

Township Library Hosting Balance Awareness Classes

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Public Library is hosting "Balance Awareness with Yasmin Ofek" via Zoom on Friday mornings at 10 a.m. Older adults in particular are encouraged to join these classes, which are designed to address the loss of balance and strength that can occur with age.

Ms. Ofek's instruction integrates principles from the Feldenkrais Method, which emphasizes moving with awareness to allow one's nervous system to discover easier, more efficient movement patterns. For more information about the method, visit mindthebodybalance.com/about-the-method.

With her knowledge of anatomy and experience as a fitness trainer, Ms. Ofek's classes can help participants establish a better connection between the brain and body, while also gently strengthening the muscles that keep the body upright. All individuals need for these classes are a chair and sneakers.

Participants need to register once to attend any or all of the classes in May. They will immediately receive an email with the Zoom link that will be used for all of the May classes. The remaining classes for the month will take place May 14 and May 28; there will be no class on May 21.

The registration form, and information about the library's entire month of programming, can be found on the library's website, scotlib.org. Participants also may register by calling (908) 322-5007, extension no. 204.

Shine a Spotlight on Your Business
goleader.com/advertorial

This is your new home we are talking about



Owen Brand
 Mortgage Development Officer
 Phone - 908.789.2730
 Cell - 908.337.7282
 Email - owen.brand@santander.us
 NMLS # 222999

All loans subject to approval. Equal Housing Lender. Santander Bank, N.A. is a Member FDIC and a wholly owned subsidiary of Banco Santander, S.A. ©2017 Santander Bank, N.A. All rights reserved. Santander, Santander Bank and the Flame logo are trademarks of Banco Santander, S.A. or its subsidiaries in the United States or other countries. All other trademarks are the property of their respective owners. C0427, 1/2 12/09/16



MOUNTAINSIDE MEMORIES...To find out the history behind this historic Mountain Side photo and many others, members of the community are invited to sign up for the virtual "Tour of Historic Mountain Side in Photos," to be held on Tuesday, May 25, at 7:30 p.m. Registration is required for this free event.

Virtual Photo Tour to Offer Look at Mountain Side's Past

MOUNTAINSIDE — The Mountain Side Restoration Committee will present a free virtual "Tour of Historic Mountain Side in Photos" on Tuesday, May 25, at 7:30 p.m.

Scott Daniels, chairman of the Mountain Side Restoration Committee, will hold a virtual Zoom presentation where many archive photos from Mountain Side's past will be shown and discussed.

There will be a question-and-answer period following the photo presentation. Anyone wishing to learn more about Mountain Side history is encouraged to join in. Reservations can be made by email

to hetfieldhouse1@yahoo.com. Interested persons are asked to make their reservation by Monday, May 24. A link to the Zoom presentation will be sent to all those registered.

The Mountain Side Restoration Committee is made up of volunteers whose purpose is to restore and maintain the Deacon Andrew Hetfield House and the Levi Cory House, and to collect and save historic information and items from destruction. For information on Mountain Side Restoration Committee events or to donate funds, call (908) 789-9420 or go to mountainsidehistory.org.

Liberty Hall Posts 'May Flowers' Event

UNION — Liberty Hall Museum on Kean University's campus will host Family Fun Day: May Flowers this Saturday, May 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The museum is located at 1003 Morris Avenue, Union.

Participants are invited to wander, explore and meet some of Liberty Hall's past residents who will chat about enjoying flowers through the centuries. This first-person interpretation of the gardens from some of the women of Liberty Hall will enable visitors to take time to smell the flowers while learning about fabric patterns, Victorian florography and more.

Tickets are \$10 for one child and one adult, \$8 for museum members and \$4 for additional children. Reservations are required for all museum tours and events. To reserve a spot, call (908) 527-0400 or visit libertyhall.kean.edu.

Hope Chest Returns To Regular Schedule

WESTFIELD — The Hope Chest is now operating under normal business hours, which are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Located at 26 Prospect Street, Westfield, the shop is run entirely by volunteers.

Every item for sale at the Hope Chest has been donated through the generosity of the community. All proceeds are donated to the Center for Hope Hospice and are used to pay for residential care.

The store accepts new and gently-worn clothing for men and women along with books and household items. Tax-deductible donations can be dropped off on Tuesdays and Saturdays. For information or to volunteer, stop in or call (908) 233-9973.



BUDDING READER...Lower School students at The Wardlaw+Hartridge School in Edison capped a three-week read-a-thon in April with some impressive numbers. The students logged 20,438 minutes of total reading. Total donations reached \$4,130. The proceeds will go toward a fund to diversify Lower School classroom libraries. Pictured, Noah Hollins of Westfield, a Kindergarten student at The Wardlaw+Hartridge School, enjoys a good book during the read-a-thon.

LAW OFFICES OF ROBERT G. STAHL, LLC



MOTOR VEHICLE TICKETS • DWI • DRUGS IN CAR
 STATE AND MUNICIPAL CRIMINAL COURT MATTERS -

CALL US TO SPEAK WITH OUR TEAM OF
 FORMER PROSECUTORS WHO CAN HELP.

CERTIFIED CRIMINAL TRIAL ATTORNEYS

53 Cardinal Drive, 3rd Floor, Westfield, NJ
908.301.9001 • www.stahlesq.com

Nancy Rygiel Is Recipient of Rotary Philhower Fellowship

WESTFIELD — Nancy Rygiel, an Achieve math teacher for grades 1 through 5 at Franklin Elementary School and Achieve language arts teacher, helping third- and fifth-grade writers at McKinley Elementary School – is the 2021 recipient of the Rotary Club of Westfield’s Philhower Fellowship. The award recognizes outstanding teaching at the elementary-school level.

Ms. Rygiel received the award at a virtual meeting of the Rotary Club on May 4 and was honored later that evening at a virtual meeting of the Westfield Board of Education.

“I became a teacher because I love working with students and watching them grow and mature, both as scholars and as citizens,” said Ms. Rygiel, who joined the Westfield Public School District in 1993, teaching language arts and mathematics at Edison Intermediate School. “I was fortunate to have teachers who impacted my life and I was raised by parents who both were teachers and have always been great role models. They say that it ‘takes a village to raise a child.’ I am so happy to be part of a child’s village and to help them make connections and grow.”

Ms. Rygiel said that watching students grasp concepts that originally were challenging is “so inspirational and rewarding.”

“I love helping students understand that, with practice, they can master things they have not mastered yet,” she added.

“Nancy is so deserving of this award,” said Franklin Principal Paul Duncan, Ed.D. “She has so much passion and brings a love of math to what she does. Her students know that she believes in them and she’s a constant advocate for them.”

“I have been so lucky to work with Nancy for many years at Franklin School and she has taught me what it means to be an educator,” added Franklin Assistant Principal Mary McCabe, who taught fourth grade at Franklin for many years before serving as interim principal last year. “She is a shining example of the difference you can make in the life of a child as a teacher.”

Dr. Duncan and Mrs. McCabe pointed out that Ms. Rygiel also serves as an Instructional Technology Support (ITS) teacher, constantly solving technology issues or finding innovative ways to use technology in the classroom. “She’s helped our staff become more successful during this challenging year,” Dr. Duncan said.

“Being an ITS this past year has tested my perseverance, but each day, I have been in awe of the technology advances my colleagues and our students have made,” said Ms. Rygiel, who credits the district technology team and master instructional technology teacher Jeanine Gottko for their hard work as well. “When life hands you lemons, you make lemonade. Well, the Westfield teachers have truly made some of the best lemonade in their use of technology this past year,” she said.

Colleagues and families submitted letters of nomination, supporting Ms. Rygiel for the Philhower Award. One parent — whose child is now in middle school — detailed in her nominating letter the positive effect Ms. Rygiel had on her son. “We all know how one teacher can impact the life of a child,” she wrote.

“Nancy’s passion for math is infectious and helps motivate her students to do their best,” said one nominator.

Another wrote, “In a year full of uncertainty and change, one thing has remained constant: Nancy Rygiel’s passion, heart, perseverance and determination.”

“This past year surely put all of us through our paces — the teachers, the students, the parents, the administrators, and all of our support staff,” Ms. Rygiel said. “For me, the hardest part has been the distance; we have been more isolated from our students and from each other as teachers. I learned many new things this year, as all teachers have, about technology, but I think what this year solidified for me is the belief that collaboration is the key to success.”

Ms. Rygiel noted that students, parents, teachers and staff worked together “more than ever before.” And, she said, despite the challenges, there are many silver linings.

“Although the beginning of the pandemic was rough, I think for me, as a mom, getting that extra time with my own kids at home that I would not have otherwise had was priceless. I think all parents feel that. There were more family dinners and family game nights than we had in years prior,” said Ms. Rygiel.

“I think the family time helped us realize the importance of spending time with those we love,” she continued. “As teachers, it really made us realize how much we love being with students. Missing that hustle and bustle of a successful elementary classroom and school filled with learners was tough — but teachers found ways to create that hustle and bustle and engage learners virtually, and there are so many great techniques, tools and strategies to learn and keep from that experience.”

Ms. Rygiel noted that, when she started at Franklin School, the current Westfield High School seniors were first graders. “I feel very connected to this class, partially due to that and partially due to having a daughter their age,” she said. “I want to wish the Class of 2021 all the best of luck as they continue to move forward. I hope they recognize all that they have overcome through this past year, and I commend them on their resiliency. Take time to celebrate all of your accomplishments and enjoy every moment, Class of 2021!”

The Philhower Fellowship was established in 1993 by the Rotary Club to honor former Westfield Rotarian Charles Philhower and to recognize the importance of teaching in the elementary grades. An educator for more than 50 years, Mr. Philhower, who died in 1962, was supervising principal (superintendent) of Westfield schools for three decades as well as co-founder and past president of the Rotary Club of Westfield.

“I am deeply humbled and extremely honored to receive this award,” Ms. Rygiel said. “I feel strongly that teaching, especially this past year, is a team effort, so I share this award with members of our community: my teacher friends who work tirelessly every day, but even more so this past year; our administrators, custodians, nurses and secretaries who help things run smoothly and keep us safe; the Westfield parents who partner with teachers to help us and support our best efforts; and most importantly our students, who have demonstrated how amazingly adaptive and resilient they are. This past year, every member of our community earned the title of Teacher of the Year.”



Kyle Matson and Darrell Ann Smith

Darrell Ann Smith To Marry Kyle Matson

Bob and Janet Smith of Westfield are thrilled to announce the engagement of their daughter, Darrell Ann, to Kyle Matson, son of Michael and Laurie Matson of Brookfield, Conn. The surprise engagement occurred on the beach at Sanibel Island, Florida, on April 15 as the sun set.

Darrell Ann is a graduate of Westfield High School and Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., where she majored in Communications and Advertising. She is currently working in pharmaceutical advertising at

an agency in New York City.

Kyle is a graduate of Brookfield (Connecticut) High School and Connecticut College in New London, Conn., where he majored in Psychology and minored in Philosophy. He is currently working at a financial planning firm out of Danbury, Conn.

Darrell Ann and Kyle both swam competitively in high school and college and enjoy traveling, boating, golfing, skiing and cooking together. They plan to marry next year.

‘Aunt Carrie’s Attic Sale’ Upcoming

WESTFIELD — The Miller-Cory House Museum will hold its annual Aunt Carrie’s Attic Sale on Saturday, May 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event is the museum’s biggest fundraiser of the year. The museum is located at 614 Mountain Avenue, Westfield.

Donations of items for the sale are being accepted. Individuals are asked to call the museum office at (908) 232-1776 if they have merchandise

to donate. The museum cannot accept textbooks, clothing, old electronics, computers, printers or any items that are broken or missing pieces.

Volunteers are needed to help sort, price and work the day of the sale. The museum will start organizing the sale on Thursday and Friday, May 20 and 21, and will need help setting up and finishing up on May 22. Interested persons are asked to call the museum office.



NATURAL WONDERS...The Westfield Recreation Department and Friends of Brightwood Park have been collaborating this spring to offer nature classes and family activities at Brightwood Park. Nature classes have been held for ages 2 to 7, and 80 family members of all ages took part in the Earth Day celebration April 22 at the park. Pictured, Friends of Brightwood Park teach children about both native and invasive plant species at the park. The youngsters measured an invasive wisteria vine, longer than all of them. They also received milkweed seeds to plant at home.



have the perfect wedding at

THE JAMES WARD MANSION

Make Our Mansion Your Mansion
“THE BEST KEPT SECRET” IN NEW JERSEY

Specializing in weddings, birthday parties, anniversaries, holiday parties and fundraisers.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY!

169 East Broad Street • Westfield, NJ 07090 • 908.389.0014 • 908.425.6947

www.JamesWardMansion.com

Westfield Schools Practice Environmental Stewardship

WESTFIELD — Whether cleaning neighborhood storm drains, tending to school gardens, or collecting gently-used toys and clothing to both aid those in need and reduce landfill loads, a tradition of environmental stewardship remains constant in the Westfield Public Schools community on Earth Day and year-round.

Environmental Science students at Westfield High School (WHS) are participating in several projects, among them teaming up with the Westfield Department of Public Works and the Westfield Green Team on the New Jersey “Adopt a Storm Drain” program (nj.adopt-a-drain.org).

Westfield “adopt-a-drain” organizers point out that, “when it rains, storm water carries grass clippings, leaves, garbage, pesticides, fertilizers, antifreeze, paint, gasoline, motor oil and animal waste directly into our local watersheds.”

“There are 2,400 storm drains in Westfield,” added WHS environmental science teacher Judith McLoughlin, who asked student volunteers to familiarize themselves with the “adopt-a-drain” program and to follow the tips to safely clean three drains near their home using a broom/rake, gloves, a waste bag and other tools. “While most of the students are seniors who will be heading off to college, we hope that raising awareness of this issue may help garner support for this endeavor among other students and residents,” she said.

Ms. McLoughlin also assigned her students to interview a person in their 60s or 70s to gain a historical perspective of environmental issues dating back to when Earth Day was first created in April 1970. The students will ask the same questions of people in the 16-to-26 age range as part of the project.

The K-12 curriculum includes units on earth systems, animal habitats, weather, pollution control and other aspects of earth and environmental sciences. Dedicated Green Team and other student clubs raise awareness about the environment, while students and staff participate in recycling initiatives. There are water bottle re-filling stations at each of the district’s 10 schools, with electronic counters that advise how many disposable plastic bottles will not wind up in landfills through use of the re-filling stations. Additionally, across the district, students and parent volunteers have begun springtime efforts in school gardens that provide important learning opportunities.

“It is the small actions that can really make a difference,” said Ms. McLoughlin.



Photo courtesy of Kimmy Su
GOOD STEWARD...Westfield High School AP Environmental Science student Kimmy Su is among a group of student volunteers who “adopted” several storm drains in their neighborhoods to help protect local watersheds.

Olivia Ruppel Is Among ESU Honors Students

EAST STROUDSBURG, Pa. — East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania (ESU) has recognized 344 students who were scheduled to be recognized at this year’s Annual Honors Convocation. Among them was Olivia Ruppel of Cranford. The event was not held due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Honors Convocation is sponsored by the Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties (APSCUF) with support from the ESU Office of the Provost.

The 344 students recognized have had great academic achievements at the university. Honor students must have a minimum quality point average of 3.50 reflecting at least 36 semester hours of work completed at ESU; completion of at least 96 semester hours in their col-

legiate career by January 1 of the year in which the award is considered, and a minimum of two semesters as a full-time student.

Certificates of recognition were sent to each student. For more information about the 2021 ESU Honors Convocation, contact Toni Heller in the ESU APSCUF Office at (570) 807-8197.

East Stroudsburg University, one of the 14 institutions in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, opened in 1893 as East Stroudsburg Normal School. Today, ESU is a comprehensive university in northeastern Pennsylvania offering 58 undergraduate programs, 21 master’s programs and two doctoral programs. More than 6,000 students are enrolled at ESU, while nearly 30,000 ESU alumni live in Pennsylvania.

Are you getting married?

Make an announcement!

goleader.com/wedding

Welcome to Our Neighborhood

Brought to you by
Susan Massa CRS
908-400-0778

Susan@susanmassa.com
www.NJhomeshowcase.com
188 Elm Street, Westfield NJ 07090
908-233-8502 x455



kw
KELLER WILLIAMS.
REALTY

23 Homes Sold May 2 – May 9, 2021 in Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Westfield

TOWN	ADDRESS	STYLE	RMS	BRS	BTH	GAR	SALE PRICE
Cranford	23 WALL ST	Bungalow	8	3	1.1	1	\$385,000
Cranford	29 ROSELLE AVE	CapeCod	7	3	3.0	1	\$544,000
Cranford	50 FAIRFIELD AVE	SplitLev	10	4	2.0	1	\$590,000
Cranford	236 DENMAN RD	SplitLev	7	3	2.0	2	\$619,999
Cranford	211 HOLLY ST	Victorian	11	4	2.1	2	\$999,999
Fanwood	12 SHADY LN	CapeCod	7	3	2.0	1	\$550,000
Fanwood	17 GLENWOOD RD	SplitLev	10	3	3.0	1	\$552,000
Mountainside	1182 WYOMING DR	SplitLev	8	3	2.1	2	\$706,500
Mountainside	1405 OUTLOOK DR	RanchRas	10	5	3.1	2	\$1,136,000
Scotch Plains	1996 PROSPECT AVE	Bi-Level	9	4	2.0	2	\$345,000
Scotch Plains	1806 E 2ND ST	Colonial	7	3	1.0	1	\$315,000
Scotch Plains	569 HUNTER AVE	CapeCod	6	3	1.0	1	\$450,000
Scotch Plains	220 WATCHUNG TER	Colonial	11	6	2.1	2	\$525,000
Scotch Plains	411 EVERGREEN BLVD	CapeCod	7	4	2.0	2	\$655,000
Scotch Plains	2044 JERSEY AVE	Colonial	13	5	4.0	2	\$956,000
Westfield	206 AVON RD	SplitLev	8	4	2.1	2	\$700,000
Westfield	634 DOWNER ST	Colonial	8	5	3.0	0	\$844,000
Westfield	620 LENOX AVE	Victorian	9	4	3.3	2	\$859,000
Westfield	809 NEW ENGLAND DR	SplitLev	9	4	3.1	2	\$920,000
Westfield	631 ELM ST	Colonial	8	3	2.1	2	\$1,055,000
Westfield	6 FAIRHILL RD	Colonial	9	4	2.1	2	\$1,225,000
Westfield	714 W BROAD ST	Colonial	11	5	3.2	1	\$1,200,000
Westfield	1111 WYCHWOOD RD	Colonial	10	4	3.1	2	\$1,350,000

*Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Westfield, NJ data according to the Garden State MLS, as of 5/2/21 – 5/9/21. Featured properties may not have been listed or sold by the office/agent presenting this data. Information deemed RELIABLE. A home is one of the most important and significant purchases or sales you will make in your lifetime. If you are thinking about a move, now is the time to prepare. I will provide you with a market evaluation and mortgage update, create a thorough marketing plan and let you know my suggestions in staging. For more information on these or other real estate matters, contact Susan Massa Broker CRS SRES ABR at 908-400-0778, susan@susanmassa.com or susanmassa2@gmail.com. www.NJHomeShowcase.com www.summitwestfieldhomes.com.

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



Photo courtesy of Westfield Public Schools
CONGRATULATIONS...Superintendent Margaret Dolan, Ed.D., left, pays a surprise visit on April 28 to Franklin Elementary School Achieve teacher Nancy Rygiel, recipient of the 2021 Rotary Club of Westfield’s Philhower Fellowship Award.

Professor/Author to Discuss How to ‘Dress Your Best Life’

SCOTCH PLAINS — Members of the community are invited to join the Scotch Plains Public Library on Saturday, May 22, at 2 p.m., for a special program with Dr. Dawnn Karen, author of “Dress Your Best Life: How to Take Your Look – and Your Life – to the Next Level.”

Dr. Karen’s work draws on her expertise in psychology and her love of fashion to offer individuals “styling from the inside out.”

Participants will learn how “clothes are a mood-altering substance.” Dr. Karen will share her theories of Mood Illustration Dress (dressing to match your mood) and Mood Enhancement Dress (dressing to change your mood for the better), and how to use each theory to one’s best advantage.

Dr. Karen holds a master’s degree in counseling psychology from Columbia University. She works with clients to uncover emotional issues reflected in their wardrobe and to help them use clothing to “soothe, strengthen and empower.” A pioneer of the academic field of fashion psychology, she is the first Black female psychology professor at the Fashion Institute of Technology, and the founder of the Fashion Psychology Institute. More information is available at fashionpsychologyinstitute.com.

Registration is required to receive the Zoom link to this program.

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

HONOR ROLL

Terrill Middle School - 3rd Marking Period

Your business can sponsor the Honor Roll
Call 908-232-4407 or email sales@goleader.com

8th Grade
Distinguished Honor Roll
Elizabeth Agnello, Shana Amsellem, Thomas Bastable, Christopher Bell, Matthew Benedetto, Emma Blair, Grace Burke, Isabella Caldwell, Reese Carberry, Caitlin Carter, Linxiang Chen, Samantha Cohn, Alexandra Compierchio, Madeline Coyle, Audrey Coyne, Atharv Dwivedi, Justin Ellazar, William Folger, Kashvi Furia, Caitlin Gannon, Sophie Gingold, Maia Gonzalez, Eboni Goodmen, Caroline Grandmason, Lacey Greene, Sabrina Hackett, Sophie Hughes, McKenna Jeans, Olivia Kanterman, Sarah Kaplan, Ava Khan, Olivia LaPorta, Caroline Lemansky, Amanda Leung, Xavier Levy, Edward Li, Caroline Lowder, Caitlyn Madden, Caden Matulonis, Margaret McNulty, Sophia Mekbebe, Elizabeth Messano, Mikaila Millard, Elyona Molina, Jeremy Montgomery, Samantha Nadel, Kevin Paredes, Tanvi Pawar, Marin Pecarsky, Sophia Poeschl, Olivia Scarpignato, Gabrielle Schiff, Jonathan Schwartz, Jaidev Sharma, Jordana Sheiowitz, Maya-Li Sneor, Robert Sorkin, Keira St John, Cooper Stahley, Claire Swensen, Dominique Tabley, Emma Teevan, Antonios Theocharopoulos, Lindsay Tse, Alyssa Verducci, Kate Wolff, Sarah Wong

Regular Honor Roll
Dylan Anger, Zuriel Battle, Francesca Benedicto, Anabelle Bernard, John Boyle, Annalise Brencons, Jackson Briamonte, Nadia Buck, Emerson Carton, Joshua Chaillet, Benjamin Ciampa, Aidan Cichocki, Elise Clifton, Dylan Condell, William Consoli, Emily Cruz, Salvatore Diaco, Harsh Doshi, Riley Dupuis, Antonio Ficazzola, Benjamin Filler, Brayden Gal, Tyler George, Anthony Guan, Eryn Gulbin, Gabrielle Johnson, Jack Kendall, Damien Lariviere, Justice Larkin, Max LeBrun, Samuel Lindell, Anthony Lorenzetti, Giovanni Marrese, Jack Masterson, Connor Matulonis, Isabella McCarthy, Logan McDonald, Shannon McGuinness, Kyle Miller, Malissa Morabito, Jacob Morrell, Alexis Moser, Nam Nguyen, Kathryn Novak, Dominic Olivito, Kenneth Paul, Devin Pearce, Devin Pedrero, Christopher Plenca, MacLaine Priesing, Annabella Pugliese, Vincent Qiu, David Ruiz, Claire Russo, Benjamin Sackett, Ava Salameh, Rohan Sangal, Maria Sao Jose, Lilah Seiden, Aliece Sena, Tyler Sklarin, Emily Sobolewski, Nicholas Squashic, Alissa Stumpf, Amber Swensen, Ellie Szopinski, Luca Tortorella, Jaralin Truselo, Sara Valencia, Marianne Wavelet, Evan Weber, Alyssa Wimer, Mary Clare Worthey, Elaina Yick

7th Grade
Distinguished Honor Roll
Juliana Abrantes, Uswah Agboola, Mason Atkins, Regan Auyeung, Parker Bauman, Alex Bolton, Ava Bonczek, Logan Brands, Ananya Chaudhari, Emily Clarke, Amelia Condell, Isabella DeSanto, Olivia Domingues, Holly Dore, Venny Ebrahim, Hannah Fox, Gabriela Franschman, Jesse Friedman, Erica Giuliani, Natalie Gorski, Juliette Gutierrez, Griffin Hough, Vivienne Hwang, Ashley Hynes, Asher Jackvony, Juilee Joshi, Tara Kilgannon, Sydney Klein, Matthew Krantz, Ava LaHuta, Rebecca Lacerda, Andrea Lerner, James Lester, Devin McAuliffe, Kaitlyn McKeon, Isabella Mirenda, Diane Morrow, Maxwell Nicholson, Jeffrey Noonan, Emma O’Hearn, Alison Park, Yael Perrotta, Gayatri Phatak, Maxim Pressman, Thomas Riley, Brayden Rites, Keira Rosa, Gianna Rundella, Alexandra Savare, Mia Savare, Michael Savare, Hamza Shah, Sadie Shapiro, Jordanna Silverstein, Benjamin Sohmer, Gabriella Suriani, Danielle Tabug, Emma Telpis, Jake Todaro, Alison Trafalis, Mia Trombetta, Rose Weisman, Aanya Wright, Agnes Yee

Regular Honor Roll
Alexander Abrams, Aarav Akarte, Chloe Altman, Brandon Aponte, Grace Assuncao, Madeline Ball, Opal Bangar, Patrick Barnett, Logan Bermingham, Anay Bhardwaj, Adrianna Bonaccolto, Paul Boyle, Daniel Burke, Madelyn Byrne, Brendan Campion, Sebastian Ceraulo, Sofia Cesario, Mahnoor Chaudhary, Zhaoxiang Chen, Lily Cirillo, Tessa Conley, Benjamin Dening, Liya Desai, Niam Desai, Darren Edelman, Alyssa Edwards, Daniel Ennis, Max Entin, Ethan Fellen, Brooke Ferguson, Cassidy Fitzgerald, Linden Fleckenstein, Gabriela Fraguas, Aaron Frank, James Gardella, Sophia Giachino, Colleen Gillen, Luke Gorospe, Lucas Grimm, Shawn Guzman, Keira Hoey, Liam Kendall, Anjali Koganti, Ella Krauss, Vince Larbi, King Liao, Tiago Liccone, Sophia Loewenthal, Spencer Martin, Andrew Medina, Tyson Moose, Nicholas Movsesian, Noah Needle, Kiersten O’Donnell, Daniela Paino, Everett Pasqua, Bradley Pearce, Kyle Pedrero, Molly Pickel, Athary Pillai, Lily Priel, Noah Rhodes, Brooke Ritter, Olivia Robinson, Olivia Rotondo, Sofia Sanchez, Samantha Savarese, Lila Sinetar, Jeremy Solis-Ledezma, Alexander Spencer, Garek Su, Kaitlyn Sullivan-Massa, Michael Tafur, Michaela Tang, Benjamin Travnick, Sophia Ursino, Maxwell Van Etten, Marc Vidone

6th Grade
Distinguished Honor Roll
Jack Alchus, Kyra Amsellem, Gabriella Antonellis, Nathaniel Asculai, Alexandra Bejarano, Jacob Benedicto, Rebecca Blanco, Jessie Boland, Brooke Bressler, Sawyer Briamonte, Alexandra Chung, Tessa DeGennaro, Valencia Duru, Russell Eschbacher, Reyna Facenda, Emily Fava, Bradley Feltingoff, Shayna Feltingoff, Elliana Fessock, Jane Fisher, Lara Fox, Samuel Galante, Leah Genato, Avery George, Ronald Germdiner, Jayden Giaimo, Rebecca Greisman, Shaan Gurnani, Kylie Hackett, Arianna Hamilton, Ava Handler, Max Handler, Aliya Hanjra, Victoria Hunter, Emily Hyland, Sophie-Francesca Isleta, Amy Jiang, Samuel Kaplan, Ryder Karp, Emerson Klaskow, Katie Kowalsky, Sara Kuchar, Ryan Levine, Marcelo Liccone, Matthew Lindo, Sophia Loew, Isabel Lowder, Lucas Lugo, Reese Madden, Olivia Mandy, Julia Marinaro, Alyssa Marrese, Aarav Mathur, Harrison McClure, Mercurius Mickail, Tyler Midrano, Noah Oon, Taylor Piazza, Hayley Plotnick, Holly Rein, Julia Rein, Juliette Rose, Hriday Sadhvani, Millie Saltzman, Aidan Schobel, Karla Segarra, Ishita Senkumar, Adriana Severino, Srishiti Shankar, Simon Shapiro, Henry Sherratt, Jacob Shipitofsky, Madeline Sobolewski, Leah Soifer, Arielle Solomon, Shyla Spagnoli, Sophie Spencer, Braden Steer, Andrew Szabo, Justin Timchak, Jack Tse, Molly Van Ostenbridge, John Verducci, Jason Villaverde, Bowen Zhang, Alexis Van Blijdestein

Regular Honor Roll
Steven Arrogante, Alisanne Ball, Henry Bastable, Thomas Blake, Justin Brace, Brittany Catalan-Ledezma, Anthony D’Elia, Annalyne DiMaggio, Joseph Donofrio, Alexandre Dumontier, Samantha Edwards, Safa Farouk, Mackenna Fischer, Liam Greten, Alexander Holston, Logan Hopkins, Jordin Iazzetti, Xavier Jimenez, Geetika Joshi, Molly Kinsella, Avery Klotz, Colin Kochanowicz, Sarah Kornfeld, Maxwell Kumparatana, Ryan LeBrun, Olivia Legros, Sofia Linderman, Christopher Lorenzetti, Ian Losardo, Aidan Maguire, Emily Maughan, Sarah Mihansky, Roma Miranda, Omar Mirza, Zainab Mohammed, Ella Movsesian, Jackson Murphy, Taylor Murray, Anthony Mustacciolo, Courtney O’Donnell, Peyton O’Donnell, Lia Passucci, Julia Pissarnitski, Sabrina Proenca, Isabella Rainero, Ivan Rego, Lauren Reynolds, Kyle Ricci, Sydney Richardson, Vanessa Rosario, Naomi Ryan, Hayley Sackett, Jayden Sanders, Marissa Schiff, Tyler Schobel, Avery Sesser, Manav Shah, Spencer Shulman, Andrew Smith, Julia Squashic, Aleksander Stevens, Aaron Thomas, Devin Tighe, Jack Voorhees, Jack Wilber, Mikayla Wong, Jack Yablonowitz

Union County Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
Date Adopted: 05/06/2021
Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of County Commissioners has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as an Professional service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) (i). This contract and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

RESOLUTION NO: 2021-333
AWARDED TO: IH Engineering, P.C. of Hackensack, New Jersey
SERVICES TO: to provide Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Replacement of Gordon Street Bridge over "Out of Service" Conrail Structure 2050150, Borough of Roselle and Roselle Park, County of Union, New Jersey
COSTS: for an amount not to exceed **\$702,506.92.00**
James E. Pellettiere, RMC, QPA, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners
1 T - 05/13/21, The Leader Fee: \$22.95

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
Date Adopted: 05/06/2021
Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of County Commissioners has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as an extraordinary unspecifiable service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) (11). This contract and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

RESOLUTIONNO: 2021-340
amending (Resolution no. 2021-306)
AWARDED TO: Various Agencies
SERVICES: for the purpose of providing services to Union County residents 60 years of age or older and/or their caregiver
PERIOD: January1, 2021-December 31, 2021
COSTS: in the amount of **\$60,000.00** to reflect a new total of **\$4,702,891.00**
James E. Pellettiere, RMC, QPA, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners
1 T - 05/13/21, The Leader Fee: \$22.95

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Block	Lot	Address
4813	32	923 Central Avenue

SECTION II. Appendix III of the Land Use Ordinance, titled an *Ordinance Establishing A Historic Preservation Commission and Providing for the Designation and Preservation of Historic Districts and Historic Landmarks in the Town of Westfield*, is hereby amended by adding a new Sub-section 14.Q., to read in its entirety as follows:
Q. The private residence owned at the time of its designation by 923 Central Ave, LLC located at 923 Central Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey, known as Lot 32, Block 4813 on the Town of Westfield tax map, being originally built circa 1757.
The Historic Preservation Commission shall be permitted to place an appropriate notation and plaque on said property indicating its historic landmark status.
SECTION III. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with any part of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in conflict or inconsistent.
SECTION IV. In the event that any section, provision, or part of provision of this ordinance shall be held to be unenforceable or invalid by any court, such holding shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so held unenforceable or invalid.
SECTION V. This ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing ordinance was approved for final adoption by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield at a Regular Meeting held on May 11, 2021.
Tara Rowley, RMC
Town Clerk
1 T - 05/13/21, The Leader Fee: \$91.80

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY
GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2214
AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING 923 CENTRAL AVENUE, SHOWN ON THE TOWN TAX MAPS AS BLOCK 4813, LOT 32 AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK AND MODIFYING THE ZONING MAP

WHEREAS, by application to the Westfield Historic Preservation Commission, 923 Central Ave, LLC, requested to designate the property located at 923 Central Avenue a historic landmark, and
WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions contained within the Historic Designation and Preservation Ordinance of the Town of Westfield, the Historic Preservation Commission gave full and complete consideration to the petition for historic designation of the property; and
WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission held a duly-noticed public hearing on March 22, 2021, on the proposed historic designation of the property, where all those who desired to be heard were heard; and
WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission adopted a resolution on that date setting forth its findings of fact and providing its rationale for its recommendation to the Town Council that the Council approve the application for historic preservation designation of 923 Central Avenue, shown on the Town Tax Map as Block 4813, Lot 32; and
WHEREAS, by Resolution dated April 20, 2021, the Town Council directed the Planning Board to review the proposed designation pursuant to the Historic Designation and Preservation Ordinance of the Town of Westfield and New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law Section 40:55D-26 to determine whether the designation of 923 Central Avenue, shown on the Town Tax Map as Block 4813, Lot 32, would be consistent with the Historic Preservation Element of the Town Master Plan and the goals and objectives contained within the Master Plan;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield, in the County of

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
Date Adopted: 05/06/2021
Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of County Commissioners has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as an Professional service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) (i). This contract and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

RESOLUTION NO: 2021-343
amending (Resolution No. 2019-263)
AWARDED TO: Remington & Vernick Engineers, of Secaucus, New Jersey
SERVICES TO: to provide design and construction administration & inspection services for an Azalea Garden located in Warinanco Park Borough of Roselle, New Jersey
COSTS: for an additional amount of **\$7,250.00** for a new contract amount not to exceed: **\$79,100.00**
James E. Pellettiere, RMC, QPA, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners
1 T - 05/13/21, The Leader Fee: \$23.97

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
Date Adopted: 05/06/2021
Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of County Commissioners has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as an Professional service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) (i). This contract and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

RESOLUTION NO: 2021-336
amending (Resolution No. 2019-550)
AWARDED TO: Remington & Vernick Engineers, of Secaucus, New Jersey
SERVICES TO: to provide additional Engineering Design Services, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the 2018 Bridge Improvement Program for the County of Union, New Jersey.
COSTS: in an amount not to exceed **\$27,270.00** for a new total contract amount not to exceed: **\$251,077.00**
James E. Pellettiere, RMC, QPA, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners
1 T - 05/13/21, The Leader Fee: \$24.99

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
Date Adopted: 05/06/2021
Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of County Commissioners has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as an extraordinary unspecifiable service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) (11). This contract and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

RESOLUTIONNO: 2021-324
AWARDED TO: JANUS Solutions, Ewing, New Jersey
SERVICES: to provide continued organizational assessment and improvements for the Division of Social Services
PERIOD: May 1, 2021-December 31, 2021
COSTS: in a total amount not to exceed: **\$60,000.00**
James E. Pellettiere, RMC, QPA, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners
1 T - 05/13/21, The Leader Fee: \$22.95

SHEELLEN'S CROSSING

EST. 2016

PUB & BISTRO

200 South Ave
Fanwood, NJ 07023

908-753-4500
SheelensCrossing.com

Call for Fathers Day reservations!
We cater for any occasion!
Private parties welcome.
Outside tent and patio now open daily.

Bistro
Tuesday - Thursday: 4pm – 9pm
Friday - Saturday: 12pm - 10pm
Sunday: 11am - 9 pm

Pub
Tuesday - Thursday: 4pm – 12am
Friday - Saturday: 12pm – 2am
Sunday: 11am - 9pm




Brunch
Sunday: 11am – 3pm

Best Pub & Grub in Union County

Voted Best Neighborhood Bar in Union County

Sunday brunch and \$8 burger night every Wednesday.
All meals are homemade and cooked to order!

Take out available curbside or delivery
by Uber Eats, DoorDash & Grubhub.



Coupon for Sheelen’s Fish Market

\$5 off \$20 or more \$10 off \$50 or more \$20 off \$100 or more

**** Must provide coupon at checkout. ** Redeemable until Saturday, June 12, 2021 ****



Fresh Fish



Live Crab



Cooked Crab

Now two great locations - one amazing menu!
Fresh and prepared fish ready for pick up.
Our fish is delivered from the famous Hunts Point Fish Market.

**383 South Ave
Fanwood, NJ
(908) 889-7000**



**527 Route 22 West
North Plainfield, NJ
(908) 588-2900**

SheelensFishMarket.com

"One Bite & You're Hooked"



Grab and go meals daily! Call ahead for pick up.
Monday: \$8 fish sandwich of the day. Tuesday: fish tacos 3 for \$10.
Wednesday: \$12 poke. Sunday: Buy one large soup get one small free
OR buy two smalls get third free. Curbside pick up available.



Poke Bowls



Prepared Foods



Homemade Soups



Fish Tacos



Lobster Rolls



Fish & Chips

See more photos at:
goleader.com Ballyhoo Sports

THE WEEK IN SPORTS

Sports Section
Pages 11-14

PRYBYLSKI NETS WINNER, McLANE'S GOAL FORCES OT

Blue Devil Lacrosse Boys Jolt Pingry for Bristol, 11-10, in 2 OT

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

Possession of a small "Bristol Cup" seemed to mean a lot to the fifth-ranked Westfield High School boys lacrosse team and 10th-ranked Pingry when the two foes battled it out into the second overtime at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield on May 5. Stalled at 10-10 throughout the first overtime period, senior midfielder Luke Prybylski (2 goals, 2 assists) on an assist from attacker Ryan Waldman (3 goals, assist), fired in the game winner with less than three minutes on the clock to earn the 5-2 Blue Devils the victory, along with the "Bristol Cup".

But there was definitely more to it than that. Pingry junior Luke Engelke (Westfield resident) ripped the net a little more than five minutes into the fourth quarter to cut Westfield's lead to 9-8. Then with less than two minutes on the clock, Engelke knotted the score. A minute later Ryan Palmer put Pingry on top 10-9. But just before

the buzzer, senior attacker Aidan McLane (assist) nailed his fourth goal to force the overtime.

The entire game was a tug-of-war with both team seizing the lead multiple times. The Blue Devils scored first when McLane on an assist from Prybylski, flicked in a left-handed side-arm shot with 10:26 left in the first quarter. Pingry though won three straight face-offs and converted on all to take a 3-1 lead. Cal McPherson slipped in a wraparound, Palmer fired in a long shot from the middle and Avery Kirby whipped in a sidearm shot.

Back came McLane with another sidearm shot then Blue Devil James Haley (Dan Cano assist) knotted the score with 41 seconds on the clock. Pingry took a 4-3 lead at the end of the quarter on Kevin Parnham's goal.

Pingry held the edge in face-off controls and increased it in the second quarter but the Blue Devils' defense was able to turn possession around and capitalized when Prybylski assisted Haley on a goal

then McLane assisted Waldman on a goal to give the lead back to Westfield, 5-4. Pingry retied the score with 4:17 showing then James Csorba assisted Waldman's goal to give Westfield a 6-5 lead at the half.

McPherson made it a 6-6 game early in the third quarter but McLane netted his third goal then Westfield carried an 8-6 lead into the final quarter on Prybylski's goal. Pingry's Harrison Josloff scored early in the quarter then Waldman scored to make it 9-7 Westfield. Engelke scored two straight goals then Palmer put Pingry on top 10-9 before McLane sank his game-tying shot the set up the overtime drama.

On May 1, the Blue Devils pulled off the big one by stunning No. 1 Delbarton, 5-4, in triple overtime when McLane (2 goals) became the hero. Prybylski scored three goals, including one to send the game into overtime. Haley had an assist and senior goalkeeper Matt Gruthers made 14 saves.

Pingry	4	1	1	4	0	0	10
Westfield	3	3	2	2	0	1	11



more photos at goleader.com
Ballyhoo Sports

REACHING A MILESTONE...Blue Devil senior goalkeeper Mia Fleming, left, made her 300th career save just before halftime of the game with Morristown in Westfield on May 4. The Blue Devils defeated the Colonials, 17-12.

FLEMING 300TH SAVE; BROWN, ASLANIAN RIPPLE NET

Blue Devils Step up in 2nd Half, Stop Mo-town Lady Laxers, 17-12

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

Senior goalkeeper Mia Fleming attained a milestone with 21 seconds remaining in the first half at Kehler Stadium on May 4 when she made save No. 300 then a stepped-up performance in the second half by seniors Ellie Kate Brown, Maggie Aslanian and LJ Kehler led to a 17-12 victory for the Westfield High School girls lacrosse team over the Morristown Colonials.

The 4-2 Blue Devils appeared to have control early on as junior attacker Addie Cummings (2 goals, 2 assists) slammed the net within the first four minutes then freshman middle Sofia Della Rocco (3 goals, 3 assists) on an assist from Cummings scored less than 30 seconds later. In less than three minutes senior midfielder LJ Kehler (goal, 3 assists) set up Della Rocco on her second goal to put Westfield in front 3-0. Within 15 seconds, Colonial Megan O'Brien on Amanda Chupak's assist made the score 3-1. However,

Aslanian set up Cummings for her second goal a minute later.

But the control seemed to elude them as the 3-3 Colonials won possession after four straight draws and converted on all four (Ava Washington, Chupak, Anna Rivetti, Liz Bozza, respectively) to seize a 5-4 lead with 13:53 left in the half.

"We just needed to dig ourselves out of that hole we put ourselves in. Sometimes that comes from sideline energy or just energy throughout the field. That's like our main thing this year. We just need to bring positive energy at all times. Everybody stepped up at that point and realized we needed to start gaining possessions. Defense needs to start really making some stops and attack gets our goals," Fleming explained.

The Blue Devils did start digging. Della Rocco scored on a left-handed stuff and so did junior attacker Avery Hoefft (2 goals, 2 assists) to regain the lead, 6-5. Washington knotted the score then Hoefft scored again but Morristown tied it again. Brown (3

assists) scored the first of her game-leading five goals with five minutes remaining then Fleming, who finished with 11 saves, began to put on her show with three key saves in the final four minutes. When she made No. 300, the game was temporarily paused.

"I think the defense started out (slow) because it was unexpected events because their attack was really killing us. We didn't expect it to come on our end. Then the defense picked it up at the end and that carried over to me," Fleming said.

As to her milestone, Fleming expressed, "I was so excited! Last game I kind of knew how many saves I needed to make going into this game. The numbers were freaking me out in the beginning. Like, 'oh! I needed to get those four.' Then when I kind of let it slip my mind when I finally got them. It was a great feeling. I wish we had that extra season but getting that 300 is such a big accomplishment."

The Blue Devils really buckled down in the second half, especially in

CONTINUED ON PAGE 13



GETTING A TAKE AWAY...Blue Devil defender Trey Brown, No. 17, scoops the ball away from a Pingry attacker during the quest for the Bristol Cup at Westfield on May 5. The Blue Devils stung Pingry, 11-10, in double overtime.

BLUE DEVIL GIRLS PLACE THIRD, RAIDER BOYS FIFTH

Blue Devil Boys Capture First; Raider Girls 2nd at UCT Relays

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

Grabbing every point possible really counted when came to determining which high school boys team would capture the title at the Union County Tournament Relays at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield on May 5-6. One particular event, the sprint medley relay (SMR), appeared to give the Westfield Blue Devils boys the boost they needed to slip past the Elizabeth Minutemen for the crown, 88-83.33, although the final event, the 4x400 was when the deal was actually sealed. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood boys placed fifth with a total of 44. In the meantime, Union Catholic ran away with the girls title, amassing 138 points, while the Raider girls finished second at 76, followed by Westfield at 69.

The Blue Devil boys were also first in the team totals on Day 1 with 48

and the Elizabeth Minutemen were close behind at 41.33, while the Raiders were fifth at 20. At the beginning of the meet, Blue Devils Will McGlynn, Conor Daly, Colin Kavanagh and Charlie Stock finished second in the distance medley relay (DMR) with a time of 10:34.37 behind Union Catholic at 10:23.92. However later in the afternoon, Enzo Bovo, Joey Pierro, Charlie Garretson and Charlie Stock seized top honors in the SMR with a time of 3:34.26. Cougars Griffin Down, Ryan Lanskey, Matt Maggio and Sam Bech finished seventh at 3:54.46.

When Stock, the anchor, received the baton, he had a lot of distance to make up but his kick down the home stretch overcame the Elizabeth front runner.

"I tried to stay through the first lap. I know we needed a lot of points to compete with Elizabeth team score

wise. So I wanted this win. With 300 to go, I turned it up and made a pass. We were stride for stride. It was a great finish," Stock described.

As when he won the DMR at the Blue Devil Classic, Stock has really had very strong kicks down the stretch.

"Like 300's we usually do. The last reps we are finishing hard, so I feel like that translates to this race," Stock explained. "It feels really good! I knew this race was going to be big."

Raiders Anthony McDonald, Kenny Agwu and Tommy Rodriguez won the 400 hurdles at 2:59.16. Blue Devils Rob McIntyre, CJ Maz and Mateo Beltran finished fourth at 3:10.5. Blue Devils Bovo, Joe Pierro, Justin Colby and Garretson crossed fourth in the 4x100 at 44.21, followed by Raiders Dimitri Laylor, Rodriguez, Kyle Robinson and Agwu at 44.98.

Blue Devil Braden Stryker with the meet's best toss of 171-2, Andrew Miller and Frank Altieri won the team discus with a distance of 380-8. Raiders Rob Lerner (127-0 - 3rd), Mike Banic and Tom Schmidt took second at 350-0.5. Blue Devils Paul Owen (132-8 - 3rd best), Mason Marino (130-9 - 4th) and Paul Cerro won the javelin with a distance of 375-11. Cougars Ryan Dooley, Declan Quigley and Benji McMahon placed sixth at 335-8. Blue Devils Max Owens, McIntyre and Tyler Sontz placed fifth in the long jump with a distance of 53-10.

On Day 2, the Blue Devils got a big boost in the field events as Stryker with the meet's best shove of 52-7, Altieri and Miller won the shot put with a distance of 138-8.25. Raiders Banic, Lerner and Schmidt took third at 127-2. Blue Devil Max Owens won the pole vault with a height of 12-0. Raiders Robinson (42-2 - 3rd best), Akin Akinwunmi and Rodriguez took

CONTINUED ON PAGE 12



more photos at goleader.com
Ballyhoo Sports

A TIME TO REJOYCE...The Cougars' bench storms the infield after Ron Jaros snagged Jaden Edward's liner and converted it to a game-ending double play in Westfield on May 7. The Cougars preserved a 4-2 victory.

LIMEIRA 2-RUN 1B; GALLAGHER, HO STRONG PITCHING

Cougars Sting Blue Devils, 4-2, On Game-Ending Double Play

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

Swinging right down to the final swing ended in a flash with a spectacular double play that preserved a 4-2 victory for the Cranford Cougars over the hosting Westfield Blue Devils before an exuberant crowd on May 7. With the bases loaded and one man out in the bottom of the seventh inning, Blue Devil Jaden Edwards drilled a shot that seemed destined to be a sure game-tying single to leftfield but shortstop Ryan Jaros made a leaping grab then scrambled to the bag at second to double up Chris Ho, which

caused the Cougar bench to storm the field in celebration.

Cougar Head Coach Dennis McCaffery expressed, "I said, 'this is a good one, this is a good one!' Credit to their first pitcher. He threw great and kept us off-balance. We were fortunate enough to get two runs later in the game, which was obviously the difference."

Chris Ho was the starting pitcher for the Blue Devils and tossed five innings, allowing two runs, on three hits and seven walks, while striking out five. Enzo Miserek pitched the sixth and seventh innings and gave up

two runs, three hits and three walks, while striking out two. Will Gallagher started for the Cougars and was relieved with one out in the seventh by Matt Chapman. Gallagher allowed seven hits, walked two, hit a batter and recorded 10 strikeouts, four who were caught looking at a call of strike three.

The Blue Devils scored twice in the bottom of the first inning and Miserek (2-for-4, run) started it all with a lead-off single over second. Matt Melao (2-for-4, run) sliced a single to left. After a double steal, Ho (1-for-2, walk,

CONTINUED ON PAGE 13



more photos at goleader.com
Ballyhoo Sports

LEADING OFF THE DMR...Blue Devil Isabel Boufarah, No. 2, runs the first leg of the distance medley relay that they won at the Union County Relays.



Barbara Lang
A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

908-403-6936
BARBARA.LANG@CBMOVES.COM
WWW.BARBLANGREALSTATE.COM

The spring market is in full swing!
If you're thinking of buying or selling, now is the time.
Call me today to discuss your options.

A Tradition of Excellence



Coldwell Banker Realty
600 North Ave West
Westfield
Office: 908-233-0065





SLIDING SAFELY INTO THIRD...Blue Devil Jaden Edwards slides into third base safely as Raider Jason Trivisonno receives the throw. The Blue Devils held off the Raiders in a classic pitchers' duel, 2-1, in Westfield on May 3.

GANTZ, SMITH ENGAGE IN A CLASSIC PITCHERS' DUEL

Blue Devils Hold Off Raiders In Dynamic Pitchers' Duel, 2-1

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

Sparkling defensive plays by both teams and a spectacular pitchers' duel resulted in a fast-paced game between the visiting Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School baseball team and the Westfield Blue Devils on May 3. Clinging to a 2-0 lead entering the seventh inning, Blue Devil senior pitcher Holden Grantz ran into some difficulty but received help from his infield to limit the Raiders to just a run in a 2-1 victory.

The Blue Devils' offense came off the bats of three seniors, leftfielder Enzo Miserek (1-for-2, 2 runs), right fielder Christian Ho (2-for-3, RBI) and shortstop Jake Bencivenga (1-for-2). Catcher Matt Melao rapped a pair of singles in his three at-bats and designated hitter Jadon Edwards singled.

With his mix of off-speed pitching, Grantz yielded just two hits, a double by Sean Kennedy and another double by Dallas Lorenzetti. Grantz, who struck out four Raiders, walked only one batter in the first six innings but hit a pair of batters in the tense seventh.

"My slider from the beginning of the day was feeling really good. I knew like, 'these guys aren't going to hit it,' so I kept throwing it. The most important thing in my opinion is just to throw strikes. I did that today. I was not happy in my last frame when I hit those two guys but I kept together and got out of it."

Raider pitcher Alex Smith, who scattered seven hits, did quite well striking out five batters, while walking just one and hitting two batters.

The Blue Devils managed to get a quick run in the bottom of the first inning when Miserek took a fastball to the thigh then came all the way around to score on Ho's double down the right field line. Ho also beat out an infield single in the third.

"This is a new spot for me in the lineup today. I got moved up to the 2 hole trying to switch things up because things have been a little stagnant recently. Today I got into a 1-2 count then I worked my way back to 2-2, fouled a couple of pitches off and then there was a fast ball right there and I went with it. I thought it was

going to be a triple. I was standing on second base like a deer in the headlights just waiting for the ball to come. The ball never showed up. I was a little angry at that point but I was just happy to get that run in," Ho recalled.

In the Raider second, Zach Stagaard drew a one-out walk then Lucas Mackey sizzled a hard grounder to short. Bencivenga made a diving smother and quickly flicked to second for a force out. Brendan Karyczak drilled a line to right that Ho chased down. Ho would make another running grab in the sixth.

"I been blessed with the opportunity to have all these experiences that I had. Just being able to be accustomed in right field knowing where the hops were and knowing where the ball was going to go today really showed," explained Ho, who added, "Holden did a great job. He really pitched well. He hit all his spots. All we could do for him was just make the plays behind him. We have been struggling with that and today was a positive."

Raider third baseman Jason

CONTINUED ON PAGE 14

Blue Devil Boys Capture 1st; Raider Girls 2nd

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11

second in the triple jump with a distance of 121-7.

Raiders McDonald, Rodriguez, Jayden Nyamiaka and Agwu won the 4x110 hurdles with a time of 1:06.89. Blue Devils Senu Glasco, McIntyre, Maz and Beltran finished fourth at 1:18.57. McGlynn, Stock, Jim Gildea and Daly took second in the 4x800 at 8:14.73. Blue Devils Avery Keith, Dan Cortese, McGlynn and Daly placed second in the 4x1600 at 19:08.4.

Stock, McGlynn, Pierro and McIntyre finished third in the 4x400 at 3:28.95 to ensure the title. Bove, Pierro, Colby and Garretson finished fourth in the 4x200 at 1:32.68.

For the girls on Day 1, Union Catholic had the team lead with 58 points, followed by the Raiders at 40 and Westfield with 35.

In the girls DMR a senior foursome of Isabel Boufarah (1200), Caroline Bielen (400), Caroline Collins (800) and Sammy Salz (1600) crossed the line first, 12 seconds ahead of Union Catholic, with a time of 12:31.49. Boufarah got it all started and dusted the field to give her teammates a huge cushion that none of their competition could overcome.

Boufarah and Collins, along with Katie Hamilton were the last persons interviewed by The Westfield Leader the day before the Pandemic shut everything down in March of 2020. All four expressed their excitement about competing on their home turf after that year shutdown.

Blue Devil girls Head Coach Joe Berardi, recalled, "That's right! We were talking about Nationals then Nationals got cancelled. It's good to be back here competing."

As to the girls' performance in the DMR, Coach Berardi said, "They ran really well. Isabel kept the tone. That

Sammy Salz did a great job. She went hard on the 16. She went a little bit faster than she did on Saturday at the Blue Devil. She really was kind of alone. She had a couple of girls she was able to lap and go by but it's tough in a relay when you are up and there are some good quality teams behind you. Everybody was aggressive."

The Blue Devil girls also took first in the shot put with Maggie McCauley (37-5 - 2nd best toss), Celia Frank and

45-2.75. Kennedy, Lyght, DeFrancesco and Jackson finished second in the 4x100 at 48.39 just behind Union at 47.94. Blue Devils Ellie Sherman, Bielen, Scheiner and Ava Ramano took sixth at 42.63.

Raiders Danielle Most (3rd best time), Emily Friscia (4th best) and Kayla Paprocki finished second in the 400 hurdles with a time of 3:39.61. Blue Devils Macey Cullen (2nd best), Kavya Panjwani and Elizabeth Shober



RECEIVING THE HANDOFF...Raider Ashley DeFrancesco receives the handoff from Corinne Lyght in the 4x100. The Raiders took second in the event.

Zhana Velkov totaling a distance of 94-11. Bielen, Darcy Scheiner, Sonia Olson and Hamilton, running the 800 leg, finished second in the sprint medley relay (SMR) at 4:09.62. Despite receiving the baton way behind the Union Catholic front runner, Hamilton nearly caught her at the end. Raiders Ashley DeFrancesco, Keira Kelly, Julia Jackson and Jenai Berry finished third in the SMR at 4:10.22.

placed third at 3:40.38. Raider Lauren Brenner had the second-best clearance in the pole vault at 8-0.

On Day 2, Raiders Kennedy, Lyght, Berry and Jackson crossed first in the 4x400 with a time of 3:53.54. Bielen, Hamilton, Cullen and Olson finished third at 4:09.8. Blue Devils Bella Hill, Collins, Kayleigh Quinn and Grace Kilbourn placed second in the 4x800 at 9:44.19. Raiders Friscia, Most, Peri Roper and Paprocki finished third in the 4x100 hurdles at 1:11.97, while Cullen, Victoria Gee, Panjwani and Shober finished fourth at 1:15.09.

Kennedy, Lyght, Berry and Jackson finished third in the 4x200 and 1:42.72. Collins, Grace Endy, Gianna Davis and Stacey Salz finished third in the 4x1600 at 23:03.36. Raiders Gabby Crona, Brenna Sullivan, Emily Sicoli and Julia Zambrio finished fifth at 23:36.77.

Blue Devils Katherine Palmer, Beka Dayon and Ryleigh Gildea took second in the javelin with a distance of 241-6. Raiders Mackenzie Virgil, Bridget Carter and Ava Billotto took fifth at 196-7. Most, Katie Ramalho and Amanda Daniel took third in the triple jump with a distance of 89-9. Cranford's Cielo Tumbokon had the third-best distance of 34-1.5.

Cranford Cougars Amanda Newport, Ariel Hsu and Mason Towery took fourth in the discus with a distance of 223-4. Blue Devils Maggie McCauley, Gildea and Palmer placed fifth in the discus at 222-6. DeFrancesco, Paprocki and Roper took third in the high jump with a height of 13-2.



WORKING TOWARD VICTORY...Raider Tommy Rodriguez clears a hurdle in the 400 hurdle event that they won with a time of 2:59.16 at the UCT Relays.

was kind of the game plan. We knew she had a good leg. Isabel is really strong. She's been training really well. We were just going to go out and play 'catch me if you can'. It set up the rest of the relay. It gave our 400 a cushion, it gave our 800 a cushion and then

Raiders Grace Kennedy (meet's best 18-1.5), DeFrancesco (17-1 - 5th best) and Corinne Lyght (17-0.5 - 6th) won the team long jump with a distance of 52-3. Cranford Cougars Cielo Tumbokon, Zoe Hamilton and Catarina Guinaraes placed fourth at

Circle of Excellence Sales Award®

2020 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Keller Williams Premier Properties of Westfield recognizes and celebrates the outstanding achievements of its exceptional real estate professionals. Let us know if we can be of service!

PLATINUM

908.267.0002

908.303.3466

908.590.0236

GOLD

908.347.5119

908.294.1421

SILVER

908.456.3093

908.494.7182

908.220.3464

BRONZE

908.723.2674

908.391.9295

908.392.6682

Each Office is Independently Owned and Operated.

188 Elm Street, Westfield, NJ 07090 | 908.233.8502 | KellerWilliamsWestfieldNJ.com



SLIDING HOME SAFELY...Blue Devil senior Emma Pietrewicz slides across home plate before Cougar catcher Mia Markase makes the tag in the second inning at Adams Field in Cranford on May 10. Westfield won 9-5.

CALUGAY BLASTS 2 HOME RUNS, 4 RBI; HOBSON 9 K'S

Softball Blue Devils Go Long; Defeat Cranford Cougars, 9-5

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

Kalea Calugay was wielding her "thunder stick" in a big way and blasted a pair of two-run home runs, the second one with a high degree of emphasis, as the Westfield High School softball team remained unbeaten with a 9-5 victory over the Cranford Cougars at Adams Field in Cranford on May 10.

The 9-4 Cougars scored all of their runs within the first two innings and all of them were unearned due to untimely errors. Blue Devil senior pitcher Michaela Hobson recovered well after her team's misfortune and finished the game, allowing six hits and walking only one, while striking

out nine batters.

Morrigan Gardiner pitched the first two innings for the Cougars and yielded six runs on five hits and five walks, while striking out two batters. Sophia DeMarco tossed the final five innings and allowed three runs on five hits, while walking one and striking out two.

Despite numerous miscues, there were several fine defensive plays made by both teams. Cougar second baseman Emma Grace Pachkowski made a smooth backhand grab that she converted to a putout in the third inning then in the sixth, she made an even more amazing diving catch. Centerfielder Ava Manfra, who made a couple of fine running catches,

gunned down Emma Pietrewicz attempting to stretch a single into a double in the seventh inning. Right fielder Maddy DeLong initiated a great relay throw that nailed a runner at the plate in the fourth inning and third baseman Giulia Olear absorbed a couple of hot grounders that she converted to putouts.

Blue Devil Calugay, at shortstop, turned a double play in the first inning. First baseman Cat Heflin made a diving snag in the third inning and third baseman Alivia Macaluso made a pair of fine scoops that she converted to putouts.

The game began with a leadoff single by Ally Fernandez (2-for-4, 2

CONTINUED ON PAGE 14

Area stores that carry The Westfield Leader and The Scotch Plains – Fanwood TIMES

7-11 Central Ave
800 Central Ave. (Leader)
King's Supermarket
300 South Ave. (Leader)

7-11 Garwood
309 North Ave. (Leader)
Krauszer's
727 Central Ave. (Leader)

7-11 Mountainside
921 Mountain Ave. (Leader)
Kwick Mart Food Store
190 South Ave. (Times)

7-11 Westfield
1200 South Ave., W. (Leader/Times)
Mountain Deli
2385 Mountain Ave. (Times)

Baron's Drug Store
243 E. Broad St. (Leader)
Shoprite Supermarket
563 North Ave. (Leader)

Westfield Mini Mart
301 South Ave., W. (Leader)

Fresh Mart
1928 Westfield Ave. (Leader/Times)
Westfield Tobacco & News
108 Elm St. (Leader)

Cougars Sting Blue Devils on Game-Ending DP

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11

hit-by-pitch) hopped an RBI groundout to second then Leo Mangiamiele yanked an RBI double down the leftfield line.

The Cougars scored twice in the third inning. Marcus Johnson drew a leadoff walk and Tony Silva walked with two outs. Shea Grady bounced an RBI single to right-center, Shane Van Dam walked to load the bases and Jake Chapman added an RBI free pass.

Both pitchers had to endure runners in scoring positions in other innings but each managed to escape further damage.

"I just got to stay relaxed. As long as I stayed relaxed, I knew I was going to pitch fine. Locate, hit my spots. You don't have to overpower hitters with a fastball. You just throw

off-speed and hit your spots. That's what I did today. I got the big outs. Got good hitters to ground out, strikeout," Gallagher explained.

"Credit to Will Gallagher. He kept us in the game. After giving up two runs, he threw five-and-a-third of shut-out baseball," Coach McCaffery said.

As the intensity grew and the mass of fans became more boisterous, the Cougars got it going offensively in the sixth. After Miserek fanned the first batter, Jake Carter (2-for-3) singled over third, Johnson walked and Lucca Limeira bounced a two-run single over third base to give the Cougars their 4-2 lead.

"I was hunting fastballs. I got one and I jumped on it. It felt very good," Limeira recalled.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

MAKING THE PUTOUT...Cougar first baseman Tony Silva gets the throw from second baseman Shea Grady in time to get Blue Devil Enzo Miserek in the third.

The drama of the seventh inning began with Miserek chopping a single to right. After Gallagher struck out the next batter, Chapman relieved and his first pitch hit Ho. Mangiamiele walked to load the bases then Edwards stepped to the plate and drilled his liner that was snagged by Jaros.

"It's one of those games where you are able to execute and put a couple of runs across that's the difference. We were fortunate at the end. They hit a ball right at our guy and he was able to double it up," Coach McCaffery said.

Gallagher bounced a two-run single over third base to give the Cougars their 4-2 lead.

"We have great chemistry. We work really well together. We are always on the same page. Nothing gets by him. It's a big backstop here. He's a little nervous but nothing got by him today," Gallagher said.

Limeira added, "It was nerve racking but we stuck it out and pulled through. We played our game today. We played very well."

As to the increased intensity brought on by the enthusiastic fans, Gallagher expressed, "Westfield and Cranford, we always got some good tensions, we got good beefs going on between the two towns. Our intercounty, interconference games get intense. Today it was intense."

"I was just living in the moment, playing good baseball, having fun. We live for stuff like this. We love it in this type of atmosphere. We thrive in it," Limeira added.

"These are the games you look forward to, the close games, it's all tight and I am looking forward it the rest of the season," Gallagher concluded.

Cranford	002	002	0	4
Westfield	200	000	0	2



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

CELEBRATING A MAGIC NUMBER...The Lady Blue Devils huddle around goalkeeper Mia Fleming after the game with Morristown to celebrate her 300th career save that she made with 21 seconds remaining in the first half.

Blue Devils Step Up in 2nd Half, Stop Mo-town

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11

gaining possession after the draw. Even if the Colonials knotted the score within the first 30 seconds, the Blue Devils worked the Aslanian/Brown combination to score three straight for an 11-8 lead. Aslanian would finish with three goals and four assists.

"From practice, we always work together. Throughout the game we always try to pick up each other. I'm really glad this game our energies matched and we did really well in that we both scored a lot together and kept the attack going," Brown said.

One of Aslanian's goals was of a slick wraparound nature.

"Everyone cleared out, so just being able to get around with that shot was really nice to have. Everyone was backing me up, cutting, getting open, distracting other defenders, so it made my job easy again," Aslanian explained.

Colonial Braeden Siverson broke the streak but Kehler on a stuff, sophomore Lily Dickinson, Aslanian and Brown, on Aslanian's assist, put the Blue Devils on top 15-9 with 10:34 on the clock. Several minutes later with the score 15-12, Kehler assisted Brown on a goal then after Fleming made another great deflection, Brown on Cummings' assist, scored the final goal with 38 seconds remaining.

"Ellie is a great finisher. She makes my job very easy. She gets open. I love playing with her. I think every one on attack is really talented. Just to have this game and play well with EK (Ellie Kate) gives us more confidence going into the next game, so I am excited for the rest of the season," Aslanian expressed.

The trio of Brown, Fleming and Aslanian were quite aware of the importance of winning possession after the draws.

"It's definitely important to have possession and to get comfortable with the ball and to see what the defense is giving us and how we are playing together that day. We are really lucky to have four great middies that get us the ball that much and EK takes the draws too, which is awesome. Yes it's important, especially as an attacker you want to get the ball

in your stick a lot," Aslanian said. "Our transitions looked great today when the defense did make a stop. Our attack and middies have such a high lacrosse IQ and they know when to slow it down or they know when to optimize on that fast break," Fleming added.

"The draw is one of the most important parts of the game. Once you get that draw, the attack is ready to go and get the ball to the goal. I think that makes us a better team," Brown answered.

"At the beginning of the game, our

defense wasn't biding well and we told them to make a few adjustments and they did in the second half. Towards the end of the first half, they started. With winning the draws, the momentum carries us into the attack. They thrive off of that and they were able to score," Blue Devil Head Coach Abby Cohn explained.

Morristown	7	5	12
Westfield	8	9	17

H.S. Sport Shorts next page

The Blue Devil Tradition Lives On Through Bruce Johnson

By KAVYA PANJWANI and AVA PRAVLIK
For Hi's Eye

WESTFIELD — "For me, nothing compares to a Westfield game. I'd much rather see the Blue Devils than anybody."

Each word uttered by WHS alum Bruce Johnson ('63) reveals his unwavering loyalty to his Westfield roots. A now tranquil demeanor does not mask the fearless pride that he takes in his identity as a Blue Devil.

"Although he doesn't live here anymore, he never lost sight of bleeding blue. He's a Blue Devil forever, even to this day," says WHS Supervisor of Athletics Sandra Mamary.

Mr. Johnson pursued a variety of athletic passions in his time at WHS, trying out football, basketball, baseball and tennis before eventually landing on swimming in his junior year. After just two seasons of swimming for Westfield, a return to basketball during his career at Fairleigh Dickinson University and service in the U.S. Navy, Mr. Johnson returned to WHS in 1994 for a coaching career that would land him a 2010 Hall of Fame induction. Under the 13 years of Mr. Johnson's tutelage, the boys swim team earned 12 county titles, 10 sectionals and six state titles. "We had a good run," Mr. Johnson reminisces. "It was one of the highlights of my life."

While he is quick to attribute his success to the talents of his athletes, the excellency of Mr. Johnson's coaching strategy is undeniable. "Bruce's biggest strength is that he loves to do research. His strength was finding the best lineup for each event," Ms.

Mamary says. "That's not easy to do." "We emphasized the team," Mr. Johnson elaborates. "We didn't emphasize the individuals. It's one thing to produce great swimmers, but it's another thing to teach them to put the team first. We had the kids willing to give up their individual glory to get the team glory."

Mr. Johnson's passion is echoed in the anecdotes of his greatest coaching moments. He details two of his most memorable state championships against Cherry Hill East in 2000 and Bridgewater in 2001 with a discernible sense of pride in his athletes. Of the Cherry Hill East meet, Mr. Johnson says, "We did it. We almost had a perfect meet where every single kid swam a best time. That was truly an amazing state title."

Mr. Johnson's Blue Devil pride carried over into his 50 years as a local sportswriter. As the author of "100 Years of Blue Devil Football," and former writer of *The Westfield Leader's* "Devil's Den" column, his work has always been centered around the triumphs of his town, never running out of ideas and dedicating much of his life to Westfield Athletics through both writing and coaching.

"The thing that makes that so cool is his passion behind it," says Ms. Mamary of Mr. Johnson's journalism. "So much of what he talks about, he experienced and watched. That's going to be with us forever. It's cementing what we have into print."

Mr. Johnson cites the most exciting moment of his sportswriting career as his opportunity to watch WHS alum Chris Campbell wrestle in his first NCAA championship match in 1975.

Campbell, a four-time Big Ten champion, two-time NCAA champion and Olympic wrestler is just one example of a WHS athlete who Mr. Johnson connected with through the community. "You end up following the kids all the way from Little League through high school and, in the case of Chris Campbell, following them to the wrestling mat," he says. "You get attached to the people. It's very personal."

Mr. Johnson continues to expand his legacy at WHS today, working with Ms. Mamary to update the gymnasium's championship banners and handing out awards at the annual swim banquet. Both he and Ms. Mamary are original trustees for the WHS Hall of Fame. "He's still a very big part of the fabric of that program," Ms. Mamary says. "As a reference for all of our sports, historically, he has always been my first phone call."

Mr. Johnson has a message for current student-athletes: "You have to do what you want to do in life, not what anyone else wants you to do. Basketball was my life and I ended up getting into the Hall of Fame because of swimming. We don't know how things are going to end up sometimes, but if you're a good person, it'll work out."

This article originally appeared on Hiseye.org on May 5, 2021 and was reprinted with permission.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

PERSON TO PERSON TRANSFER

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made to the Municipal Clerk of the Town of Westfield, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090, for a Person-to-Person transfer to Aashiv, Inc. trading as House of Wine & Liquor, Liquor Basket located at 115 Quimby Street, Westfield, New Jersey of the pocket Plenary Retail Distribution License No. 2020-44-013-008 heretofore issued to Shreeji Holdings, LLC trading as, Liquor Basket located at 115 Quimby Street, Westfield, New Jersey.

The person(s) who hold an interest in this license are:

Aashiv, Inc.
29 Forest Drive
Piscataway, New Jersey 08854

Nitin Amin
431 Delmore Avenue
South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080

Nimesh Patel
29 Forest Drive
Piscataway, New Jersey 08854

Sanjay Patel
5 Dayton Drive
Edison, New Jersey 08820

Objections, if any, should be made in writing to Tara Rowley, RMC, Municipal Clerk of the Town of Westfield, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.

Aashiv, Inc.
29 Forest Drive
Piscataway, New Jersey 08854

2 T - 05/13/21 &
05/20/21, The Leader

Fee: \$71.40

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD

BOARD OF HEALTH ORDINANCE #1-2021

AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PERSONNEL POSITIONS AND SALARY RANGES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY"

Be it ordained by the Board of Health of the Town of Westfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that Board of Health Ordinance #2-2020 is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1

The following personnel positions and salary ranges are hereby established for Officers and employees of the Board of Health and shall be effective retroactively from January 1, 2020.

Job Title	Salary Range
Regional Health Officer	\$120,000 — \$160,000
Public Health Nursing Supervisor	\$75,000 — \$102,600
Principal REHS	\$75,000 — \$102,600
Public Health Nurse	\$59,000 — \$70,000
Health Educator	\$59,000-\$70,000

Section 2

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after Final Passage and publication according to law.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Health of the Town of Westfield held on May 3, 2021 and was read for the first time. This ordinance will be further considered for final passage by said Town Council at a meeting beginning at 5:30 PM on June 7, 2021 or at any time and place to which such meeting may be adjourned. All persons interested will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.

Due to the pandemic and the current closure of the Westfield Municipal Building, the meeting on June 7, 2021 will be held virtually. The public may connect to the meeting and participate via Zoom webinar using the following link: <http://bit.ly/2021WestfieldBOHMeeting> or via telephone by calling 651-372-8299, Webinar ID 811 3629 5247 #. Passcode 169089.

In the event the Board of Health meeting scheduled for June 7, 2021 can be held in person, the meeting location will be the Westfield Municipal Building, Mayor's Conference Room, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.

Megan Avallone
Director/Health Officer
Fee: \$71.40

1 T - 05/13/21, The Leader

QUALITY TESTED

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

LIMITED WARRANTY - gheest.com for details

LeafGuard

16 YEARS BACKED BY THE SEAL

ENGLERT

LeafGuard

Get it. And forget it.®

Clog Free Guaranteed!

Guaranteed not to clog for as long as you own your home, or we will clean your gutters for free.

BONUS OFFER

Receive a \$25 Lowe's gift card

with FREE in-home estimate

All participants who attend an estimated 60-90 minute in-home product consultation will receive a \$25 gift card. Retail value is \$25. Offer sponsored by LeafGuard Holdings Inc. Limit one per household. Company procures, sells, and installs seamless gutter protection. This offer is valid for homeowners over 18 years of age. If married or involved with a life partner, both cohabitating persons must attend and complete presentation together. Participants must have a photo ID, be able to understand English, and be legally able to enter into a contract. The following persons are not eligible for this offer: employees of Company or affiliated companies or entities, their immediate family members, previous participants in a Company in-home consultation within the past 12 months and all current and former Company customers. Gift may not be extended, transferred, or substituted except that Company may substitute a gift of equal or greater value if it deems it necessary. Gift card will be mailed to the participant via first class United States Mail or e-mailed within 21 days of receipt of the promotion form. Offer not valid in conjunction with any other promotion or discount of any kind. Offer not sponsored or promoted by Lowe's and is subject to change without notice prior to reservation. Expires 6/30/21.

Seamless, one-piece system, keeps out leaves, debris & more.

Eliminates the risk of falling off a ladder to clean clogged gutters.

Durable, all-weather tested system.

85% Off Labor

Does not include cost of material. Expires 6/30/21.

Call Today for a FREE In-Home Estimate

(877) 929-9956

Tri State LeafGuard, 7300 N Crescent Blvd Bldg 5, Pennsauken, NJ 08110; Office: (856) 831-1720; (856) 240-0104. LeafGuard operates as TriState LeafGuard in Pennsylvania under HICPA license number PA126357, in New Jersey under NJDCA license number 13VH09010100, and in Delaware under license number LC8336



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

CLOSE CALL AT FIRST...Cougar first baseman Morrigan Gardiner awaits the throw as Blue Devil Emily Gordon dashes to the base in the fifth inning.

Softball Blue Devils Go Long; Defeat Cranford Cougars, 9-5

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12

runs, 2 RBI) then Calugay whacked a two-run homer over the right-centerfield fence. The Cougars answered with a leadoff single by Liz McCaffery (2-for-4, run, stolen base). Olear doubled down the leftfield line then Gardiner struck out but the ball was dropped and the errant throw to first allowed McCaffery to score. Next, DeMarco hit into a double play as Olear scored.

Control problems were on the side of Westfield in the second inning. Aden Brooks walked, moved to second on a wild pitch then slipped to third on Emily Gordon's sacrifice bunt. Pietrewicz (1-for-3) also walked then a wild pitch allowed Brook's courtesy runner Ali Verga to score. Fernandez tapped an RBI single to left and dashed to second on the throw home. Calugay walked and Hobson lined a two-run single to center, mak-

ing the score 6-2. Molly Stogner poked a two-out single and Grace Loder walked but Gardiner managed to strike out the next batter.

In the Cougar second, Pachkowski singled to left, Emma Ingraham walked and DeLong's bunt drew a throwing error that allowed Pachkowski to score. When Olear's easy two-out popup was dropped, Ingraham and DeLong scored.

The score remained 6-5 until the Westfield fifth. Brooks drew a lead-off walk and Gordon laid down a perfect bunt single. Fernandez added an RBI groundout then Calugay launched a monumental shot into the trees well above the scoreboard.

From that point, Hobson and DeMarco were able to keep opponents from scuffing home plate.

Westfield 240 030 0 9
Cranford 230 000 0 5

Union County Senior 50+ Softball League Results:

50+ A DIVISION:

TEAM	W	L
Deegan Roofing	3	1
Jun's Pro Services	3	1
Douglas VW	3	1
Phenomenal Boyz	2	3

50+ B DIVISION:

TEAM	W	L
Contact Lens & Vision	5	1
Linwood Tap House	3	1
Cranford VFW	3	1
Rocky's Bar & Grill	3	2
All Pipes Plumbing	3	3
Sonia's BCE	0	4
FutoWorld	0	5

50+ C DIVISION:

TEAM	W	L
Garwood Metal	2	2
Linda's Driftwood Bar & Grill	2	2
Suspenders	2	3
AJ Jersey	1	5

Contact Lens 11, All Pipes 10

Contact Lens squeaked by the Plumbers led by Neil Kaufman's 3-run HR and clutch hitting from Carmelo Garcia, Vance Barfield and Matt Kasper. Mike Ramirez shined defensively. All Pipes - John McClung (3 hits) and Joe Pank (2 hits, HR). Mario Fastiggi, Brian Clark, Mike Parkhill and Alan Dente added two hits apiece.

Garwood Metal 15, AJ Jersey 7

Garwood -23 hits - Don Montefusco (4-for-4) along with Carey Durrett, Tom DeRocco and Rocky Pencinger (3 hits each). Gary Roman provided AJ with a 2-run HR.

Douglas Volkswagen 11, Phenom 9

Douglas VW came from behind with 4 runs in the 7th highlighted by Farlan Alusik's two-out hit to take the lead. Mike Shriner (4H), Eddie Rodriguez (3H) and Harold Zayaz

(3H) led the attack on offense while Al Genova, Billy Buteau and Hector Munoz shined on defense. Pitcher Rich Gaul picked up the win.

Cranford VFW 20, All Pipes 17

The VFW (30 hits), plated 6 in the top of the 7th. Cranford - Jeff Nicholls, Bob Ghiretti and Tom Klein (Grand slam) each with 4 hits; John Fiore, Chris Kaminski, Jerry Veglia, Juan Moreno and Joe Mascali (3 hits apiece). All Pipes - Alan Dente (4 hits, HR, 5RBI) followed by Mario Fastiggi, Mike Parkhill and Dennis Maluchnik.

Contact Lens 25, Futon World 20

Contact - Carmelo Garcia (5 hits, over fence HR), Dave Rothenberg (4 clutch hits), Vance Barfield (4 hits, HR) and Neil Kaufmann also homered. John Tropeano was 4-4 with a grand slam HR. Sam Infante was 3-3 with a triple, while Pete Corvelli, Tom Renna and Dave Wayman each had two hits.

Rocky's Bar 23, Suspenders 14

Rocky's Bar & Grill - Dave Grandmaison (3-for-3, double, 2 Grand Slams, 10 RBI), Dave Kirsch, Pete Abene, Mike Valicky (5RBI) and Matt Walsh (3B, HR) each added 3 hits. Great pitching by Rocky's ace Frank Mastrocola. For the Pub, Tony Taddeo went 4-for-4 with 3B, 5RBI, while Ricky Gregorio also went 4-for-4 with a 3B and Rob Dlugosz went 3-for-4 with a 2B.

Linda's Driftwood 2 15, AJ Jersey 1

For AJ, Jeff Hoffman went 3-for-3, Chuck Serafin and Mike Rosenberg collected two hits each, and Mike Blancato was solid on the mound

High School Sport Shorts:

Blue Devils Topple GL, Minutemen, 11-1; Stop Roselle Park Softball Panthers, 15-3

The Westfield High School softball Blue Devils kept rolling as the team to beat in Union County with an 11-1, six-inning victory over the hosting Governor Livingston Highlanders on May 4. Then on May 6, the Blue Devils duplicated that score with an 11-1, six-inning rout of the Elizabeth Minutemen. The next day, the Roselle Park Panthers became the victim of a 15-3 setback.

Senior Michaela Hobson tossed a one-hitter against the 5-5 Highlanders, while walking two, hitting a batter and striking out four. Hobson also went 2-for-2 with a triple, two walks, two RBI and two runs scored. Alivia Macaluso tripled, scored twice and had two RBI. Aden Brooks tripled and scored once. Grace Loder singled twice, walked and had two RBI. Sam Hoffman went 1-for-1. Kalea Calugay doubled, singled, scored three times and had an RBI. Emily Gordon scored once and Emma Pietrewicz singled.

Against Elizabeth, Hobson tossed a two-hitter, while striking out seven and walking three. She also went 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles and three RBI. Allie Fernandez singled twice and scored twice. Pietrewicz doubled, walked and scored three times. Macaluso had three hits, four RBI and scored twice. Ali Verga scored twice. Loder, Gordon and Cat Hefflin each singled.

Hobson pitched three innings against the Panthers before taking a rest and recorded five strikeouts, while allow-

Raider Laxers Top Montgomery Boys, 9-7

Jake Monroy ripped in four goals and Mikey Klopfer notched two goals and two assists as the 7-2 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys lacrosse team defeated Montgomery, 9-7, on May 8. Chase Alber had two goals and an assist. Sandro Frias had two assists. Matt Power had a goal and scooped six ground balls. Ben Root scooped five ground balls. Ethan Filler won 11 of 19 face-offs.

Raider Laxers Fall To No. 2 Summit, 10-5

The No. 2 Summit Hilltoppers defeated the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raider boys lacrosse team, 10-5, in Summit on May 5. Mike Bonomo netted three goals and an assist and Colin Beatty scored three goals for Summit, while Luke DiNola had two goals and an assist. Mikey Klopfer had two goals and an assist for the Raiders, while Sandro Frias, Chase Alber and Brian Roessle each scored once and Jake Monroy had an assist. Sam Oross made five saves.

ing one hit and a walk. Sydnee Goulet tossed the remainder of the game. Calugay went 5-for-5 with two homers and a double, five RBI and three runs scored. Macaluso homered, singled, had an RBI and scored twice. Molly Stogner singled twice, scored twice and had two RBI. Fernandez (run scored) and Pietrewicz each singled twice and had an RBI. Samantha Hoffman and Loder both singled, had two RBI and scored once. Brooks and Gordon each singled and scored once.

Cougar Laxers Sink Old Bridge Boys, 7-4

Nate Caldwell netted three goals and James Kosty added a goal and an assist to lead the 5-3 Cranford High School boys lacrosse team past Old Bridge, 7-4, on May 8. Jake Icklan, Mike Brodbeck and Drew Goldfeder (won 11 of 14 face-offs) each scored once. Andrew Curren had two assists.

Summit Nips Westfield In Girls Lacrosse, 6-5

The No. 6, 8-1 Summit Hilltoppers edged the No 15, 5-3 Westfield Blue Devils, 6-5, on May 8. Sofia Della Rocco and Ella McLane each netted a pair of goals. Ellie Kate Brown scored once. LJ Kehler, Maggie Aslanian and Maddie Sullivan each had an assist. Mia Fleming made seven saves.

Westfield Lax Boys Rap No. 7 Ridgewood, 11-8

The No. 5 Westfield High School boys lacrosse team knocked off No. 7 Ridgewood, 11-8, on May 8. Aidan McLane fired in five goals and had a pair of assists in the triumph. James Haley turned a hat trick and added an assist. Ryan Waldman scored twice and Anthony Buscio scored once. Mack Prybylski had an assist. Goalkeepers Matt Gruters and Quinn Wojcik made three saves each.

Raiders Defeat ALJ In Baseball, 14-5

Ryan Jones had a bang-up afternoon going 5-for-5 with four doubles, four RBI and two runs scored as the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders defeated the ALJ Crusaders, 14-5, in Scotch Plains on May 7. Dallas Lorenzetti doubled, singled, scored once and had two RBI. Shawn Martin and Sean Kennedy (2 RBI) both doubled and singled. Stefon Johnson (RBI) and Lucas Mackey each singled twice and scored twice. Joe DiQuollo doubled, scored once and had an RBI. Jason Trivisonno and Max Niessen both singled.

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

Notice is hereby given that bid proposals will be received from Bidders classified under N.J.S.A. 27:7-35.2 via the internet until 10:00:59 A.M. on **05/27/21**, downloaded, and publicly opened and read, in the CONFERENCE ROOM-A, 1st Floor F & A Building, New Jersey Department of Transportation, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08625; for:

Smart Moves 2020 North, Contract No. SWI206000
100% State Funded; UPC NO: 206000; DP NO: 21602
Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 (P.L. 1975, c. 127); N.J.A.C. 17:27.
Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.19, contractors must provide a Certification and Disclosure of Political Contribution Form prior to contract award.
Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44, contractor must submit the Department of Treasury, Division of Revenue Business Registration of the contractor and any named subcontractors prior to contract award or authorization.
Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.51, contractors must be registered with the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Wage and Hour Compliance at the time of bid.
Plans, specifications, and bidding information for the proposed work are available at Bid Express website www.bids.com. You must subscribe to use this service. To subscribe, follow the instructions on the web site. Fees apply to downloading documents and plans and bidding access. The fee schedule is available on the web site. All fees are directly payable to Bid Express. Plans, specifications, and bidding information may be inspected (BUT NOT OBTAINED) by contracting organizations at our Design Field Offices at the following locations:
200 Sterli Court
Mt. Arlington, New Jersey 07856
973-601-6690
One Executive Campus Rt 70 West
Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08002
856-486-6623
3 T - 05/06/21, 05/13/21 & 05/20/21, The Leader
Fee: \$165.24



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

TAKING ONE FOR THE TEAM...Blue Devil Enzo Mizerek takes a fastball to the thigh in the game against the Raiders on May 3.

Blue Devils Hold Off Raiders In Dynamic Pitchers' Duel

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12

Trivisonno absorbed a vicious liner off the bat of Charlie Beurer in the second inning then second baseman Stefon Johnson initiated a key 4-6-3 double play to get Smith out of a jam in the third.

After Kennedy's double to lead off the fourth inning and Lorenzetti's fly out to left, Blue Devil first baseman Ian Gannaway snared Ryan Beauregard's low liner and tossed to second in time to double up Kennedy. "He's been great over at first. He stepped into the role. He hasn't played first base in a couple of years. He got the opportunity, he seized it and really has taken advantage of it," Ho said.

In the Westfield fourth, first baseman Mackey grabbed a low liner then Kennedy in right, chased down a difficult fly ball. Westfield third baseman Leo Mangiamela made a great stop in the fifth then the Blue Devils added an insurance run. Mizerek hopped a single into right, stole second and later scored on Bencivenga's sacrifice fly to left.

The Blue Devils threatened in the sixth with singles by Edwards and Melao but Smith got the next three

batters out to escape the jam.

Situations got a little shaky in the top of the seventh when Kennedy's leadoff grounder slipped between Gannaway's legs, Lorenzetti doubled down the right field line and Beauregard took a pitch on his elbow to load the bases with no one out. Stagaard stepped to the plate and popped up to Beurer at second. Grantz hit Mackey on the arm to send Kennedy home to make the score 2-1 then Joey DiQuollo lofted a sky-high shot that Bencivenga corralled in mid leftfield for the second out.

"That was really good! Bencivenga catches everything. Once the ball was off the bat, I was like, 'he's got it.' It was a big relief. And I knew I had that last guy too," Grantz expressed.

And he certainly did as he struck out Johnson to end the game.

"I knew it was just one runner and thankfully we got that run in the fifth to add on. My stuff felt good all day, so I knew I had to settle down and keep throwing strikes and the defense made the plays," Grantz said.

Sc PI-Fanwood 000 000 1 1
Westfield 100 010 x 2

Union County Senior 60+ Softball League Results:

60+ A DIVISION:

TEAM	W	L
Renda Roads	5	0
Linwood II	4	1
Liberty Lighting Group	3	2
Linwood TapHouse 2	2	3
Cranford VFW	0	5

60+ B DIVISION:

TEAM	W	L
Kenilworth VFW	4	1
Awnings Galore	4	1
Yogi's Boys	2	3
NJ Governmental Services	1	4
DeBellis Associates	0	5

Linwood II 24, NJ Gov. Services 10

Joe Brown was 3-for-3 for the Gov't Men, and Rich Conklin, Mike Kelly and Steve Falco had two hits apiece.

Renda Roads 21, Cranford VFW 3

Tom Baldowski led Renda's 30 hit attack with 3-3 including 2 HR. Tom Straniero, Joe Massimino, Don Fischer, Bernie Maguire, Tim Walsh and Rick Wilson were (3-3). For Cranford, Kevin Carroll's triple in the fifth drove in Gerard McDermott who had doubled leading off the inning.

Carroll drove in both Cranford runs while Ken Murray went two for three.

Liberty Lighting 20, Linwood 2 15

LLG - Pat Nigro (perfect night with 4 hits), Mike Backus (4-for-4, 3 run HR), Lou Balestriere and Don Miller (3 hits each), Coach Jeff Maglietta collected 3 hits then saved the game with a full prone diving catch to end a late inning threat.

Awnings 13, Kenilworth VFW 8

Awnings Galore scored 5 runs in the 6th frame to overtake Kenilworth VFW. For Awnings - Danny Mendoza (2-for-3, triple) and Carmine Priore and Frank Green (3-for-3). Also with two hits apiece were Paul Newton with some good defensive catches in leftfield, Bobby Lorincz and Bruce Crawford.

Bob D' Meo (3hits), and Carey Durrett, Chris Kaminski and Tom DeRocco (2 hits each) paced VFW.

Yogi's Boys 8 DeBellis Associates 2

Anardo Calderon and David McMorro led Yogi's Boys with two hits each.

WF Devilfish Send Swimmers YMCA Swimming Festival NJ

The Westfield Area Y Devilfish swim team sent 14 swimmers to the YMCA Swimming Festival NJ meet in Voorhees on April 8-11. This meet replaced YMCA Nationals which was canceled this year due to Covid-19. Many Devilfish contributed to multiple Top-16 finishes and several relays made it into the Top-8.

TOP-16 FINISHES:

FEMALE OPEN: Emily Constable (1st 200 Breast, 2nd 100 Breast); Lauren Lane(8th 200 Free, 13th 200 Back, 14th 500 Free); Clare Logan (1st 100 Free and 100 Back, 2nd 200 Free); Bridget Thomas (1st 1650 Free, 3rd 500 Free, 5th 200 Free, 16th 100 Free); Olivia Willemsen (5th 50 and 100 Free, 12th 200 Free)

MALE OPEN: Henry Brown (8th 50 Free, 15th 100 Free, 16th 200 Free); Colin Kavanagh (12th 200 Free)

DEVILFISH RECORDS SET:

Emily Constable broke 2 Women 15-18 records: 100 Breast 1:02.87 and 200 Breast 2:19.50; Clare Logan broke 4 Women 15-18 records: 50 Free 22.54, 100 Free 48.81, 200 Free 1:49.93, 100 Back 54.04; Bridget Thomas bettered her 500 Free time 4:58.21 and broke the Women 15-18 1650 Free record that has been standing since 1989 with a time of 17:02.32.

All 5 of the women's relays broke Devilfish records. Clare Logan, Olivia Willemsen, Erin McKinney and Bridget Thomas teamed up to set the Women 15-18 Free Relay record at 1:35.36 and the 400 Freestyle Relay at 3:26.72. Clare Logan, Emily Constable, Bridget Thomas and Olivia Willemsen teamed up to set the Women 15-18 200 Medley Relay record with a 1:45.25 and the 400 Medley Relay record with a 3:49.62. Finally, Clare Logan, Lauren Lane, Olivia Willemsen and Bridget Thomas set the Women 15-18 800 Freestyle Relay record at 7:34.36.

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

Notice is hereby given that bid proposals will be received from Bidders classified under N.J.S.A. 27:7-35.2 via the internet until 10:00:59 A.M. on **05/27/21**, downloaded, and publicly opened and read, in the CONFERENCE ROOM-A, 1st Floor F & A Building, New Jersey Department of Transportation, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08625; for:

Route 22 / Route 82 / Garden State Parkway Interchange, Contract No. 055058002, Grading, Paving and Structures, Union Township, Union County; 100% State Funded; UPC NO: 058002; DP NO: 21113
Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 (P.L. 1975, c. 127); N.J.A.C. 17:27.
Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.19, contractors must provide a Certification and Disclosure of Political Contribution Form prior to contract award.
Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44, contractor must submit the Department of Treasury, Division of Revenue Business Registration of the contractor and any named subcontractors prior to contract award or authorization.
Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.51, contractors must be registered with the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Wage and Hour Compliance at the time of bid.
Plans, specifications, and bidding information for the proposed work are available at Bid Express website www.bids.com. You must subscribe to use this service. To subscribe, follow the instructions on the web site. Fees apply to downloading documents and plans and bidding access. The fee schedule is available on the web site. All fees are directly payable to Bid Express. Plans, specifications, and bidding information may be inspected (BUT NOT OBTAINED) by contracting organizations at our Design Field Offices at the following locations:
200 Sterli Court
Mt. Arlington, New Jersey 07856
973-601-6690
One Executive Campus Rt 70 West
Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08002
856-486-6623
3 T - 05/06/21, 05/13/21 & 05/20/21, The Leader
Fee: \$171.36

BUY ONE, GET ONE
40% off
WINDOWS & PATIO DOORS
MINIMUM PURCHASE OF 4

Plus
NO Money Down
NO Interest
NO Monthly Payments
for 1 year!
MINIMUM PURCHASE OF 4 - INTEREST ACCRUES FROM THE PURCHASE DATE BUT IS WAIVED IF PAID IN FULL WITHIN 12 MONTHS

CALL BY JUNE 30
855-708-0571

Installation always included

RENEWAL by ANDERSEN
FULL-SERVICE WINDOW & DOOR REPLACEMENT
THE FULL-SERVICE REPLACEMENT DIVISION OF **ANDERSEN WINDOWS & DOORS**

*DETAILS OF OFFER: Offer expires 6/30/2021. Not valid with other offers or prior purchases. Buy one (1) window or entry/patio door, get one (1) window or entry/patio door 40% off when you purchase four (4) or more windows or patio doors between 3/1/2021 and 6/30/2021. 40% off windows and entry/patio doors are less than or equal to lowest cost window or entry/patio door in the order. Subject to credit approval. Interest is billed during the promotional period, but all interest is waived if the purchase amount is paid before the expiration of the promotional period. Financing for GreenSky® consumer loan programs is provided by federally insured, federal and state chartered financial institutions without regard to age, race, color, religion, national origin, gender, or familial status. Savings comparison based on purchase of a single unit at list price. Available at participating locations and offer applies throughout the service area. See your local Renewal by Andersen location for details. License number available upon request. Some Renewal by Andersen locations are independently owned and operated. *Renewal by Andersen and all other marks where denoted are trademarks of Andersen Corporation. © 2021 Andersen Corporation. All rights reserved. RBA12569

SEASONAL POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Senior Counselor
High school graduates needed to lead a group of up to 16 campers. Responsibilities include getting campers to/from their activities & participating in them, pre-camp phone calls, daily swimming, and mentoring 3-4 junior staff members on your team.

Shadow Counselor
Counselors needed as one-on-one shadows for campers with Special Needs. Must be experienced in working with children with special needs, and be willing to support the entire group - while still supporting the specific camper assigned to. Must be motivated, flexible, and able to think 3 steps ahead at all times.

Travel Camp Counselor
College students needed as counselors in travel camp. Multiple programs available with differing amounts of travel from 2 day a week day trips to 4 night overnight trips. Ability to function on little sleep while still being active & engaged is a must.

Rockwall Specialist
Supervise groups at the 40 foot rockwall, along with 2 trampoline bouncers. Ensure camper's safety by double checking harnesses & helmets before clipping them in to the self-belay rope system to climb. Groups will be accompanied by their day to day counselors to oversee behavior & general supervision.

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-122

RESOLUTION SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 2021-56 APPROVING THE 2021 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following is the schedule of Township Committee Meetings for the Year 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that formal action may be taken at Workshop or Official Meetings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Workshop Meetings and Conference Meetings held in-person will be held in Room 108 or Room 107/Council Chambers, and Official Meetings held in-person will be held in Room 107/Council Chambers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all meetings held between January 12, 2021 and April 30, 2021 will be held remotely due to the ongoing public health emergency and can be accessed via videoconference at https://meet.google.com/rkv-qdjp-nty, or by telephone at 213-634-2478, with the access code for telephone access published on the meeting agenda the Friday before the remote meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Workshop Meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m., and Conference Meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m., and Official Meetings will be held at 8:00 p.m.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during Combined Workshop and Official Meeting dates, the Workshop Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. and the Official Meeting at 7:30 p.m.;

Reorganization Meeting	Monday, January 4 th	6:00 p.m.
Combined Workshop and Official	Tuesday, January 12 th	6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Budget Meeting	Saturday, January 16 th	8:00 a.m.
Workshop Meeting	Monday, January 25 th	7:00 p.m.
Conference and Official	Tuesday, January 26 th	7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
Capital Budget Meeting	Tuesday, February 2 nd	7:00 p.m.
Workshop Meeting	Monday, February 8 th	7:00 p.m.
Conference and Official	Tuesday, February 9 th	7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
Combined Workshop and Official	Tuesday, February 23 rd	6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Workshop Meeting	Monday, March 8 th	7:00 p.m.
Conference and Official	Tuesday, March 9 th	7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
Workshop Meeting	Monday, March 29 th	7:00 p.m.
Conference and Official	Tuesday, March 30 th	7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
Workshop Meeting	Monday, April 12 th	7:00 p.m.
Conference and Official	Tuesday, April 13 th	7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
Workshop Meeting	Monday, April 26 th	7:00 p.m.
Conference and Official	Tuesday, April 27 th	7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
Workshop Meeting	Monday, May 10 th	7:00 p.m.
Conference and Official	Tuesday, May 11 th	7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
Workshop Meeting	Monday, May 24 th	7:00 p.m.
Conference and Official	Tuesday, May 25 th	7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
Combined Workshop and Official	Tuesday, June 15 th	6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Workshop Meeting	Monday, July 12 th	7:00 p.m.
Conference and Official	Tuesday, July 13 th	7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
Workshop Meeting	Monday, August 9 th	7:00 p.m.
Conference and Official	Tuesday, August 10 th	7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
Workshop Meeting	Monday, September 13 th	7:00 p.m.
Conference and Official	Tuesday, September 14 th	7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
Workshop Meeting	Monday, September 27 th	7:00 p.m.
Conference and Official	Tuesday, September 28 th	7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
Combined Workshop and Official	Tuesday, October 12 th	6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Workshop Meeting	Monday, October 25 th	7:00 p.m.
Conference and Official	Tuesday, October 26 th	7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
Combined Workshop and Official	Tuesday, November 9 th	6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Workshop Meeting	Monday, November 22 nd	7:00 p.m.
Conference and Official	Tuesday, November 23 rd	7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
Workshop Meeting	Monday, December 13 th	7:00 p.m.
Conference and Official	Tuesday, December 14 th	7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Certified to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 26, 2021.

1 T - 05/13/21, The Leader

CLASSIFIEDS

Place a Classified Ad online at www.goleader.com/form/classified

CRANFORD ESTATE SALE

21 Mendell Ave
Sat.5/15 -Sun.5/16
10am-3pm

Sofa, Loveseat, Artwork, Rugs, Dining Table w/4 Chairs, Kitchen Set, China, Glass, Kitchenware, Beds, Dressers, Glass Top Rattan Table w/4 Chairs, Desks, Typewriters, Mirrors, Lamps, Light Fixtures, Ladies Clothes, Purses, Costume Jewelry, Linens, Towels, Garden Tools, Washer, Dryer, Upright Freezer, & More! Masks & Social Distancing Required for Entry.

For Pics and Info
DovetailsUSA.com

POSITION AVAILABLE

Successful/Busy Cranford law firm looking for a motivated, dedicated and highly organized legal assistant to handle estate and trust files among other tasks.

25-27 hours a week with opportunity for more hours once trained. Competitive hourly rate.

Email resumes to:
Cranfordlawjob@gmail.com

MISCELLANEOUS

DIRECTV

Watch your favorite live sports, news and entertainment anywhere. More top premium channels than DISH. Restrictions apply. Call IVS - 1-855-548-7957

SHAPE UP FOR SUMMER!

Body By Jake FIRMFLEX Total Body Trainer. Space Saving Design. Padded Bench. Adj Height & Resistance. No Assembly. \$30. Call Jeff (908) 232-4407.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.5 at the Board offices located at Evergreen Avenue and Cedar Street, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076, from interested vendors for **Athletic Reconditioning** (herein referred to as the "Vendor") in accordance with the Bid Requests prepared by the Board.

A copy of the Bid Requests may be obtained by calling Ms. Deborah S. Saridaki, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary at (908) 232-6161 ext. 41301 or e-mailing dsaridaki@spfk12.org. All vendors submitting bids must use and complete all forms in the manner designated and include all information required in the Bid Requests. The Board assumes no responsibility for bids mailed or misdirected in delivery. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening thereof.

All vendors are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127, "Law Against Discrimination" and the Affirmative Action statutes and regulations, N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27-1.1 et seq.

Bids must be submitted to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education no later than 2:00 PM on Wednesday, May 26, 2021.

1. Submit two (2) copies of the completed bid package, one (1) with original signatures and one (1) copy in an envelope addressed to:

Office of the Business Administrator/
Board Secretary
Scotch Plains-Fanwood
Board of Education
512 Cedar Street
Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076
ATTENTION: Ms. Deborah S. Saridaki,
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

2. Plainly identify on the outside of the sealed envelope "Reconditioning BID May 21."

3. A Bid Bond or Certified Check for ten percent (10%) of the bid amount must accompany the Bid, but not in excess of \$20,000.

All bids will be opened and read publicly at that time by the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, or her designee.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any informality in the process if it is in the best interest of the Board. No proposal may be deemed accepted until the adoption of a formal resolution by the Board.

By order of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education in the County of Union, New Jersey.

Deborah S. Saridaki
Business Administrator
Board Secretary

1 T - 05/13/21, The Times Fee: \$60.69

POLISH CLEANING LADY

"Great work, Free estimates"
References Available.
If you need a hardworking person with great experience to clean your house or apartment
Call Agnes (908) 787-3003

AUTOS WANTED

DONATE YOUR CAR OR TRUCK TO HERITAGE FOR THE BLIND. Free 3 Day Vacation, Tax Deductible, Free Towing, All Paperwork Taken Care Of. 844-256-6577

WANTED TO BUY OR TRADE

FREON WANTED - We pay \$\$\$ for cylinders and cans. R12 R500 R11 R113 R114. Convenient. Certified Professionals. Call 312-291-9169 or visit RefrigerantFinders.com

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS: Do you want to reach nearly a million readers? Place your 25-word classified ad in over 90 newspapers throughout NJ for \$560. Contact Peggy Arbitell 609-359-7381 or visit www.njpa.org

PUBLIC NOTICES

Keeping an eye on your governments? Manually search the site or register to receive email notifications and/or save your searches. It's a free public service provided by NJ Press Association at www.njpublicnotices.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the PLANNING BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD, after public hearing on March 24, 2021 granted approval to Sorbo Bagchi for a setback and driveway width variance, for property at 9 Saville Row, Fanwood, being Block 116 and Lot 86.

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

Mr. Sorbo Bagchi
9 Saville Row
Fanwood, New Jersey 07023
1 T - 05/13/21, The Times Fee: \$15.30

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of our citizens and consistent with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., through standards promulgated by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, and Executive Orders 103 and 107, the regular meeting of the Planning Board of the Township of Scotch Plains scheduled for Monday, May 24, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. will be held by **online/virtual means and telephonically only**. In addition to the regular business as outlined in the agenda, the following application will continue:

Elite Properties at Scotch Plains LLC, who is seeking Preliminary and Final Site Plan approval for property located at 1770-1772 and 1774-1778 East Second Street, Block 1201, Lots 21 and 22, B-2 Zone. The applicant is proposing to consolidate the existing lots, demolish the existing building, and construct a three-story mixed use building, including retail business and personal service on the first floor, and 30 apartment units on the second and third floors with off-street parking.

The agenda for the meeting on May 24, 2021 will be posted on the Township of Scotch Plains Website. Members of the public who wish to monitor and/or participate in the public meeting may join from a computer or capable device at:

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82742950984?pwd=ekTlVBSzZlUjJlRjM3c3c1RUlphlphQT09>

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

Meeting ID: 827 4295 0984
Passcode: 686299

If unable to access by computer as noted above, the meeting can be joined by telephone by dialing 1 646 558 8656 and entering the above noted Meeting ID and information as prompted.

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

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/14Gxhlw-RTsYqSzR9gSbMX3fmlLS04FyT7>

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

Shannon Rapant
Clerk/Land Use Secretary
1 T - 05/13/21, The Times Fee: \$12.12

HIRING ANNOUNCEMENT

School Crossing Guard

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Job Title: School Crossing Guard Substitute

Employer: Township of Scotch Plains
Police Department
430 Park Avenue
Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

The Township of Scotch Plains is currently recruiting for several school crossing guard positions in the Police Department. You can be an important member of a successful team of individuals committed to the safety of school children in your community. School Crossing Guards work approximately 15-20 hours per week, Monday through Friday, during the regular school year at designated locations in the borough assisting elementary, middle, and high school students.

Example Schedule:

* Posts are typically 1 hour to 1.5 hours in both the morning and afternoon

* Times are subject to change on ½ day school schedules

Compensation:

Crossing Guards are paid at \$15.00 per hour.

Contact:

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

For more information and full posting, check www.scotchplainsnj.gov

For more information, please call Sergeant Brown at 908-322-7100 ext: 104 or email j.brown@scotchplainspd.org
The Township of Scotch Plains is an equal opportunity employer

REPORTERS WANTED

We are seeking detail-oriented, self-starting, disciplined journalists and communicators with integrity; who have a passion for reporting the facts. An individual who takes ownership of their news stories/beat and can work collaboratively with other reporters and editors. Report, write, capture visual content, edit and produce stories for multiple platforms on deadline. Experience in using social media for news gathering and promotion a plus. Please email resume and clips to: press@goleader.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS PLANNING BOARD

TAKE NOTICE, that on Monday, April 12, 2021, the Planning Board of the Township of Scotch Plains, Union County, New Jersey, approved the application for 725-735 Jerusalem, LLC for Preliminary and Final Site Plan approval with relief for property located at 725-735 Jerusalem Road, Block 6201, Lots 13, 14.01 & 16.02, Jerusalem Road Redevelopment Area. The Resolution memorializing said approval was duly presented and adopted by the Planning Board at its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 10, 2021. A copy of said Resolution has been filed in the office of the Planning Board and/or the office of the Municipal Clerk at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, and is available for public inspection. Should anyone encounter problems gaining access to the Municipal Building during the current public health crisis, please contact Shannon Rapant at (908) 322-6700, ext. 307 during regular business hours to discuss alternative arrangements on how to obtain a copy of the Resolution.

Shannon Rapant
Clerk/Land Use Secretary
1 T - 05/13/21, The Times Fee: \$27.03

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Notice is hereby given that bid proposals will be received from Bidders classified under N.J.S.A. 27:7-35.2 via the Internet until 10:00:59 A.M. on **05/27/21**, downloaded, and publicly opened and read, in the CONFERENCE ROOM-A, 1st Floor F & A Building, New Jersey Department of Transportation, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08625; for:

Re-Advertisement Maintenance Pavement Markings Contract, North - 2021, Various Locations, Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Union and Warren (Including and North of Route 57) Counties; 100% State; DP No: 21457
Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 (P.L. 1975, c. 127); N.J.A.C. 17:27.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.19, contractors must provide a Certification and Disclosure of Political Contribution Form prior to contract award.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44, contractor must submit the Department of Treasury, Division of Revenue Business Registration of the contractor and any named subcontractors prior to contract award or authorization.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.51, contractors must be registered with the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Wage and Hour Compliance at the time of bid.

Plans, specifications, and bidding information for the proposed work are available at Bid Express website www.bidx.com. You must subscribe to use this service. To subscribe, follow the instructions on the web site. Fees apply to downloading documents and plans and bidding access. The fee schedule is available on the web site. All fees are directly payable to Bid Express. Plans, specifications, and bidding information may be inspected (**BUT NOT OBTAINED**) by contracting organizations at our Design Field Offices at the following locations:

200 Stierli Court
Mt. Arlington, New Jersey 07856
973-601-6690
One Executive Campus Rt 70 West
Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08002
856-486-6623
3 T - 05/06/21, 05/13/21 & 05/20/21, The Leader Fee: \$171.36

The Law Offices Of

Lisa M. Black, LLC

53 Cardinal Drive, 3rd Floor, Westfield, NJ 07090

908-233-1803

lmb.blacklaw@gmail.com

www.lblacklaw.com

Specializing in all aspects of Family Law, Adoptions, Wills, Real Estate Sales and Purchases

Call for a free consultation

DAVIS AGENCY

INSURANCE Est. 1973



Do Your Homeowner & Auto Premiums Keep Going Up?

- Homeowner
- Auto
- Commercial
- Life

We represent multiple carriers - we can provide the coverage you need at a price that will put a smile on your face.

Call us for a no obligation quote today.

865 Mountain Avenue, Mountainside, NJ 07092

800-752-0150

908-233-8040

Goods & Services Directory

OLIVER A HOWARTH PAVING

Driveways • Parking Lots
Seal Coating • Railroad Ties
Belgian Block Curbing
Drainage Problems
Cement Sidewalks

"Serving the area for over 70 years"

Family Owned & Operated
Fully Insured • FREE Estimates

908-753-7281

CHECCHIO

BLACK TOP PAVING

DRIVEWAYS CONCRETE
PARKING LOTS BRICK PAVERS

908-889-4422
FREE ESTIMATES

SELLING YOUR HOME?
Spruce up your bathrooms and tile floors in a day or less!



**TILE REPAIR, REGROUTING,
GROUT STAINING AND SEALING**

Call for a free in-home estimate

973-634-7384

Want this AD space?

Contact the Space Man

908-232-4407 • sales@goleader.com

Single Size: \$25 per week • Double Size: \$40 per week

Call Jeff Gruman at 908-232-4407 or email sales@goleader.com

Cannabis Commission to Hold Public Meeting

WESTFIELD – The Town of Westfield Cannabis Commission will host a public meeting via Zoom today, Thursday, May 13, at 7 p.m. to provide an update on its activity to date, and will include the opportunity for public comment. The meeting will also be streamed via Facebook Live, but all those who wish to speak must join via Zoom at <https://bit.ly/051321Commission>. The meeting will remain available for replay on the Town’s Facebook page, website, and YouTube channel.

Under New Jersey legislation, all municipalities must take action to either opt in or opt out of permitting any class of cannabis establishment or distributor to operate in the municipality. Once a municipality permits cannabis establishments or distributor operations in their community (i.e., once they “opt in”), that action remains valid for five years. If a community opts out, it can thereafter decide to opt in, even before the expiration of the five-year period.

To address this issue in a holistic and thoughtful manner, Mayor Brindle has assembled a Cannabis Commission, led by Councilmen Parmelee and Dardia in their roles as Chairs of the Code Review & Town Property and Public Safety & Transportation Committees, respectively, to make recommendations to the Town Council about how to move forward.

This commission is composed of the following stakeholders, residents, and town employees: Police Chief Christopher Battiloro; Fire Chief Tony

Tiller; Detective Sergeant Lauren Maloney, Juvenile Bureau; Tom Jardim, Town Attorney; Jim Gildea, Town Administrator; Dr. Larry Budnick, Chair, Board of Health; Danielle Walsh, President, Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce; Diane Dabulas, Board of Adjustment attorney/Former Planning Board attorney; Mike Ash, Chair, Planning Board; Warren Thompson, Social Worker, resident; Peggy Brug, Founder, Ecquinabis; resident; Lew Kimble, Vice Chair, Downtown Westfield Corporation; Brendan Galligan, Vice President, Board of Education; and Sofia Zimmerman, Human Relations Advisory Commission member.

Advisors: Don Sammet, Town Planner; Megan Avallone, Regional Health Director and Rev. Alison Philip, Ministerium.

Part of the commission’s purpose and scope of work is to incorporate public input into their recommendations to the Town Council. This input should be focused strictly on Westfield, and not on the already-passed law at the state level.

Comments may also be submitted via email through Thursday, May 20 at cannabiscomments@westfieldnj.gov, which will be collected and taken under advisement as part of the commission’s work.

Additional details about the commission can be found at westfieldnj.gov/cannabis_commission.

Union County to Host Plant Swap on June 10

COUNTY — The County of Union invites all Union County gardeners to a “Native Plant Swap and Shop” event where they can trade an invasive plant from their yard for a colorful native plant. This free event will take place at the Union County Scout Camping Area in the Watchung Reservation in Mountainside on Thursday evening, June 10 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Pre-registration is required by filling out the online form at ucnj.org/plant-swap.

Pink, lavender, white, red, blue, and yellow flowering native plants are available for swap including swamp milkweed, beebalm, creeping phlox, wild senna, and hummingbird-friendly calico beardtongue and cardinal flower.

Attendees can come at any time during the event and stay for as long as they like. They may bring any number of invasive plants from their yards to the event, and will receive up to three native plants per household in their place.

Attendees who plan to bring invasive plants to swap should dig up the entire plant, including the roots, and bring it to the event in a box or bag that is tied up or taped.

Toadshade Wildflower Farm will be

on site with additional native plants to purchase. Preorders from Toadshade are encouraged through toadshade.com. Attendees are welcome to purchase additional plants even if they do not bring plants to swap.

The Scout Camping Area is located on the grounds of the Demonstration Gardens at Union County’s Trailside Nature and Science Center, at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside. Ample free parking is available on site. Signs for the event will direct attendees upon their arrival.

The Native Plant Swap and Shop event is hosted by the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation in partnership with the NJDEP Watershed Ambassador Program. For additional information, contact the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at 908-789-3683 or email wma13.njwap@gmail.com.

Quick links to all Union County environmental programs and activities, such as the Adopt-a-Trail and Adopt-a-Park programs and the popular Peregrine Falcon Camera, are available at The Green Connection, ucnj.org/green-connection.

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
TAKE NOTICE that on the 10th day of May the Zoning Board of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union took the following actions:

1. Application ZBA-20-007: Granted approval to South Avenue Dental Group LLC for a c(2) variance and a d(3) conditional use variance on the Township Tax Map also known as 104 South Avenue East, Block 478, Lot 1.02 in the D-C Zone. Offices are only permitted on the first floor in an existing space measuring less than 1,000 square feet in a building without storefront-type windows and is required to have off-street parking; the applicant will occupy 2,699 square feet on the first floor with storefront-type windows and provide no off-street parking \$255-398(18)(b) and (d). A minimum of 18 off-street parking spots are required and zero (0) is proposed \$255-44A.

2. Application ZBA 19-010: Adopted a Resolution of Memorialization denying approval to New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, T-Mobile Northeast LLC, New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, Union County College for preliminary and final site plan approval, a d(1), d(3) and a d(6) variance for a wireless telecommunications facility, \$255-371(5) and (6), plus numerous c(2) variances. A variance for height where the maximum height permitted is 70 feet, and 140 feet to the top of the tower and 148 feet to the top of the concealment branches is proposed \$255-371(10)(a), a variance for setback where the minimum required setback to the closest property line is 185 feet and 112 feet 9 inches is proposed \$255-71(10)(b)(1), a variance for separation from the nearest residential unit where the minimum is 444 feet and 229 feet 7 inches is proposed \$255-371(10)(c) and if so required, variances to permit more than one principal use on a lot, for the continuation of the existing non-conforming lot area \$255-37G(1)(c) and open space ratio \$255-37G(1)(e), designated on the Township Tax Map also known as 1033 Springfield Avenue, Block: 121 Lot: 2.01, in the E-1 Zone.
Also denied approval for their alternate

PUBLIC NOTICE
proposal of a facility consisting generally of an approximately 135-foot-tall monopole designed as a faux tree with branches extending to approximately 143 feet, located within a 40 foot by 60-foot fenced compound which will house the Applicants’ radio and emergency power equipment. The Applicants shall each seek the following variances: use variance to permit the telecommunications use which is not permitted in the E-1 Zone \$255-371 (5) and (6)), height variance to permit the tower to have a height of approximately 135 feet to the top of the tower and 143 feet to the top of the proposed concealment branches, with the top of the Verizon Wireless antennas proposed at approximately 138 feet, the top of the ATandT antennas to be approximately 128 feet and the top of the T-Mobile antennas to be approximately 119 feet above grade where a height of 70 feet is permitted in \$255-371 (10)(a); variance for the setback of the tower to the closest property line to permit a setback of approximately 59 feet 3 inches, rather than 178 feet 9 inches required by \$255-371(10)(b)(1); variance for the separation from the nearest residential unit to permit a separation of approximately 362 feet 10 inches to the dwelling on Block 119, Lot 17, rather than 429 feet required by \$255-371(10)(c); and setback variances to the interior property line to permit the equipment compound to have a setback of 43 feet 6 inches, the ATandT generator to have a setback of 47 feet 8 inches, and the Verizon Wireless generator to have a setback of 48 feet 1 inch, where a setback of 50 feet is required by \$255-37G(1)(b).
The alternative proposal is also located on Block 121, Lot 2.01 with access thereto utilizing Campus Road which is on Block 121, Lot 3, and if so required, variances to permit more than one principal use on a lot, for the continuation of an existing non-conforming lot area \$255-37G(1)(c) and open space ratio \$255-37G(1)(e), and any additional variances, waivers or other relief required by the Board after its review of this application. The alternate proposal is designated on the Township Tax Map also known as 1033 Springfield Avenue, Block 121, Lot 2.01 in the E-1 Zone.

Kathy Lenahan
Board Administrator
1 T - 05/13/21, The Leader Fee: \$92.82

estate sales • house sales • moving sales

**DOVETAILS**
3 Eastman Street Cranford, NJ 07016
www.DovetailsUSA.com
Est. 1995

Jean Pascarella 908 709-1638

Community Calendar
Brought to you by Trinitas Regional Medical Center



Senior Fitness Thursdays, May 13 and May 20, 12 p.m. A combination of seated and standing cardiovascular work, strength training and balance work suitable for the older adult. This class will run for six sessions and will be held at the picnic pavilion in Tamaques Park. Pre-registration is required, \$30. To register, please visit bit.ly/WRDseniors. For additional information, please contact Lauren at lharmer@westfieldnj.gov or (908) 789-4080 ext 4088.
Zumba Gold Thursdays, May 13 and May 20, 11 a.m. This is perfect for active, older adults who are looking for a modified Zumba class that recreates the original moves you love at a lower-intensity. This class will run for four sessions and will be held at the picnic pavilion in Tamaques Park. Pre-registration is required, \$40. To register, please visit bit.ly/WRDseniors. For additional information, please contact Lauren at lharmer@westfieldnj.gov or (908) 789-4080 ext 4088.
May Virtual Cookbook Club Thursday, May 13, 7:30 p.m. The Scotch Plains Public Library’s Cookbook Club will meet virtually to explore make-ahead meals, big batch and freeze cooking, and other meal prep methods that make it easier to prepare home-cooked meals on a regular basis. To register, please visit scotlib.org.
Bird Tour Saturday, May 15 join this bird tour at Fairview Cemetery led by Pete Axelrod. Discover the sounds of songbirds in a pastoral setting of blossoming fruit trees and daffodils. To register, please call (908) 232-0781.
Pizza Run 5K Sunday, May 16, 9 a.m. at Nomahegan Park in Cranford. Join in on the first-ever Pizza Run 5K. Come back to running and enjoy a beautiful course with good food. To register, please visit runsignup.com/Race/Register/?raceId=105058&eventId=460114.
First Jewish Americans: Freedom and Culture in the New World Monday, May 17, 7 p.m. Join the Scotch Plains Public Library and the New-York Historical Society during a virtual presentation to learn about how Jewish settlers came to inhabit and change the New World. To register, please visit scotlib.org.
Miss Andrea’s Latin Dance Moves Tuesday, May 18, 10 a.m. located in the Westfield Memorial Library side parking lot. Suitable for ages two and up, Miss Andrea will lead a high-energy dance activity featuring Latin music. To register, please visit libraryinsight.net/EventSignUp.asp?t=232361045&jx=wfp&lmx=%C6e%2C%AF%A4.
Afternoon Book Club Tuesday, May 18, 1 p.m. The Scotch Plains Public Library’s Afternoon Book Club will meet virtually to discuss Pearl S. Buck’s “The Good Earth.” To register, please visit scotlib.org.
Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Wednesday, May 19, 7 p.m. Join the Westfield Mental Health Council in a free workshop led by Dr. Jim Handlin to help learn the methods of Jon Kabat-Zinn for reducing stress and enhancing overall health and well-being. To register, please visit westfieldnj.gov.zoom.us/j/83683736822 with meeting ID: 836 8373 6822.
Forever Fit with Betsy Wednesdays, May 19 through June 16, 10 a.m. For individuals who are 65 and up. This class will take place at the Westfield Memorial Pool parking lot. Registration required, \$5 for seven classes. To register, please visit bit.ly/WRDseniors.
GWACC New Member Reception Thursday, May 20, 8:30 a.m. A free-flowing meeting for new members, or for those current members who would like a little refresher located at 212 Lenox

Avenue in Westfield. To register, please visit gwaccnj.com/events/new-member-breakfast-may-20-2021.
Dog Sees God Thursday, May 20 to Saturday, May 22, 7:30 p.m. The Theater Project will present an encore performance streaming live on Zoom. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit ontheatage.com.
Ready for Life Reimagined 2021, Saturday May 22, 11 a.m. at Cranford High School. Make a donation, honor cancer survivors, remember those we’ve lost, and fight back against a disease that has taken too much. To register, please visit relayforlife.org/cranfordNJ.
Dress to Boost Your Mood with Fashion Psychologist Dr. Dawnn Karen Saturday, May 22, 2 p.m. Join the Scotch Plains Public Library for a special Zoom program with Dr. Dawnn Karen as she shares her theories on Mood Illustration Dress (dressing to match your mood) and Mood Enhancement Dress (dressing to change your mood for the better), and how to use each one to your best advantage. To register, please visit scotlib.org.
Run for Clean Water Saturday, May 22 to May 23, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. located at 9 Wilshire Run in Scotch Plains. The only event where your friends determine how much you suffer. This is a livestream event that anyone can register for. To register, please visit runsignup.com/Race/Register/?raceId=110289&eventId=489444.
Nine Staples of the Mediterranean Diet Wednesday, May 26, 7 p.m. Join Dr. Karen Ensle via Zoom to learn about the number one dietary plan for good health and wellness in the U.S. and around the world. To register, please visit scotlib.org.
The COVID Blues Thursday, May 27, 12:30 p.m. Join a thought-provoking presentation and discussion via Zoom. To register, please visit eventbrite.com/event/covid-blues-tickets-136730539725?utm_medium=discovery&utm_campaign=social&utm_content=attendeeshare&utm_source=strongmail&utm_term=listing.
NJ Greek Fest To Go Friday, June 4 to Saturday, June 5, Holy Trinity will be selling some of your favorites like souvlaki, baklava, and koulourakia will be available for takeout through online ordering at 250 Gallows Hill Road in Westfield. For more information, please visit njgreekfest.com.
The Plainfield Symphony’s 2021 Garden Tour Saturday, June 5, 12 p.m. Enjoy musical performances by Plainfield Symphony Orchestra musicians and local artists at select gardens throughout the day. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit plainfieldsymphony.org.
Cranford’s Centennial Village Group’s Annual 5k Race Sunday, June 6, 9 a.m. starting at Lincoln School on Centennial Avenue, and looping through Centennial Village and Mohawk Park. The top three male and female runners overall will receive a prize and medals, and awards will be given to the top three males and females in defined age groups. To sign up or donate, please visit runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Cranford/TheCentennialVillageVelocity5k.
Wine & Cheese Networking Thursday, June 10, 6 p.m. at Echo Lake Country Club, 515 Springfield Avenue, Westfield. Join the GWACC for a summer evening networking with business colleagues and acquaintances. Contact Gene Jannotti at gene1@gwaccnj.com or (908) 233-3021.

Submit events at www.goleader.com/calendar

Youth Summer Programs Offered at Trailside Center

COUNTY – The Union County Board of Commissioners is pleased to announce a new and exciting season of summer programs for children and families at Union County’s Trailside Nature and Science Center, located in the Watchung Reservation at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside.

Registration begins Saturday, May 15 at 9 a.m. for Union County residents, and Monday, May 17 at 9 a.m. for non-county residents. To register, visit Union County’s secure registration site at ucnj.org/reserve. Please be advised the programs book up quickly.

“Trailside’s summer programs offer visitors of all ages a wonderful opportunity to spend time outdoors and have fun while learning about our natural heritage,” said Board of Commissioners Chairman Alexander Mirabella.

This summer, Trailside will offer a series of all outdoor, half day programs in July and August. Programs are designed to foster an awareness and appreciation of the natural world through hikes and engaging activities. Complete descriptions for all programs can be found on Trailside’s website, ucnj.org/trailside.

Half-day programs will be offered for children ages six to 12. Parents can enroll their children in a morning session from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. or an afternoon session from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Children ages 6 and 7 can investigate field, forest and wetland habitats to discover the diversity of plants and wildlife found in the Watchung Reservation in Have to Have a Habitat, or they can use their imagination in Around the World to learn about animals that live in North America, South America, Africa, Asia and Australia. Reptiles, amphibians, mammals, insects and birds are the focus of the Feather, Fur and Scales program, while Trail Tales teaches kids how to read a map, enjoy hiking and learn about the interconnectedness of all living things.

Participants ages 8 and 9 are invited to investigate the diversity of life in and around the Watchung Reservation’s wetland areas in Junior Naturalist. Campers will learn to catch, identify and release crayfish, tadpoles, frogs and aquatic insects. Trailside Treks will focus on the joy of hiking in the great outdoors; learn to read a map, visit the Deserted Village, hike around Lake Surprise and more. The Call of the Wild program celebrates the diversity of wildlife seen in the Reservation from flying squirrels and butterflies to coyote and black bear.

Children ages 10 to 12 can discover how to make an emergency shelter, build a safe campfire and find out how to survive in the wild in Backwoods Lore, or they can discover how to identify birds by sight and sound, learn to recognize tracks of common mammals, catch salamanders in the stream and discover the wonderful world of insects in the All About Animals program. The Nature Treks class will investigate a new trail system each day, visiting the more seldom seen sites of the Watchung Reservation.

Trailside will also offer evening programs for families with children ages 6 and older to explore the Watchung Reservation at night. Families can take a stroll as the sun sets and find out which animals become active at dusk. Families can also enjoy learning about fireflies and nocturnal animals as well as take part in a moonlight walk.

In order to follow Covid-19 guidelines, all programs will be limited in size. Masks are required and must be worn by all participants, and social distancing guidelines must be observed.

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

Union County Announces Free Drive-In Concert

COUNTY – The Union County Board of County Commissioners is pleased to announce that the Motown tribute band Shadows of the 60’s will headline a free, live drive-in concert at 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 15 at Cedar Brook Park in Plainfield.

The event is free, but registration is required online in advance to reserve a spot. Reservations will be available on a first come, first serve basis beginning at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 7 on the County website at ucnj.org/reserve.

Please note that space is limited and reservations book quickly.

Shadows of the 60’s pays tribute to the legacy of Motown’s Super Groups by recreating an authentic Motown concert experience. With stunning costumes and choreography, and performers that embody the spirit, style, and excitement of the original artists, Shadows of the 60’s offers live Motown music with the intensity of the original recorded performances.

“Shadows of the 60’s continues our concert series with another must-see show,” said Board of Commissioners Vice Chair Rebecca Williams. “Through their incredible singers, musicians, and performance, Shadows of the 60’s is able to bring Motown to life, and we are so happy to offer this authentic experience to Union County residents.”

This event will run in compliance with state Covid-19 guidelines regarding social distancing and other protocols. Attendees must bring their own snacks and drinks. There will not be any food or drink available for purchase.

To help promote social distancing, no walk-ups, bikes, or chairs are permitted. Vehicles will be arranged at least 6 feet apart with adequate social distancing.

Port-o-johns will be available. Masks will be required when using the port-o-johns. Attendees must stay in their vehicles (unless they need to use the port-o-johns).

Further details will be available to residents upon reserving tickets.

Westfield Pediatric Dental Group




Dentistry for Infants, Children Adolescents, and Special Needs

- New Patients Welcome
- Laser Dentistry
- In Office General Anesthesia

Timothy P. McCabe, D.M.D.
Board Certified

Julie Jong, D.M.D.
Board Certified

Kelly Walk, D.D.S.
Board Certified

John Chang, D.D.S.
Board Certified

908-232-1231
555 Westfield Avenue, Westfield
www.kidsandsmiles.com

Prepare for power outages with a Generac home standby generator



REQUEST A FREE QUOTE!
888-586-0683

FREE
7-Year Extended Warranty*
A \$695 Value!

Offer valid February 15 - June 6, 2021

Special Financing Available
Subject to Credit Approval

*To qualify, consumers must request a quote, purchase, install and activate the generator with a participating dealer. Call for a full list of terms and conditions.



NJ Festival Orchestra Presents *New Beginnings*

AREA — New Jersey Festival Orchestra is back! Stars from the Broadway stage, international opera houses and Dance Theatre of Harlem join NJFO to present *New Beginnings*, a musical message of hope, rebirth and enrichment. Featuring renowned tenor fare, dazzling dance classics and Broadway favorites, this NJFO made-for-television streaming special is set to restart the artistic engines and bring joy and hope to audiences in the Garden State and beyond.

“In the era of Covid-19, *New Beginnings* is a film representing NJFO’s renewal of activities through an artistic gesture of communal solidarity,” explained NJFO Music Director David Wroe. “We ‘gift’ this to you by doing what we do best: bringing together words, music and dance of the highest quality. It’s a “shot in the arm” to boost spiritual enrichment – just what the CDC might prescribe!”

New Beginnings, a two-part video special produced by NJFO in conjunction with Four/Ten Media, will premiere on May 20 and then made available on demand. Safely filmed at the Ward Mansion in Westfield, this must-watch event captures all the

magic of a live performance, promising a treat for the whole family – and comes free of charge thanks to generous support from John and James Ward, NJ State Council on the Arts, The Westfield Foundation and NJFO patrons Jerome and Helene Dreskin. “What an extraordinary year 2020 has been!” continued Maestro Wroe. “I believe we will look back and reflect on how we responded to such a calamity, as much as how it was visited upon us. My heart wells with pride in having the opportunity to design NJFO’s artistic response – a high definition, multi camera, sophisticated and diverse cultural product fit for a Hollywood audience!”

New Beginnings features some renowned old friends and some new upcoming stars. Audiences will likely remember special guest Marissa McGowan who starred in Broadway’s most recent production of *Kiss Me Kate*, and performed to great acclaim with NJFO on New Year’s Eve in 2017. Metropolitan Opera National Council Award winning tenor Jeremy Brauner has graced many national, and international operatic stages with his rich, and unprecedented range



BEAUTIFUL DANCERS...Dancers from Dance Theatre of Harlem join NJFO to perform dazzling dance numbers from *The Nutcracker* and more in NJFO’s brand-new concert film *New Beginnings*.

Historically Living

May is National Preservation Month

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

Over its 300-year history, Westfield has accrued an extraordinary inventory of distinctive architectural styles: Colonial-era farmhouses, Victorian “Queen Annes,” Edwardian mansions, 1920s Tudor cottages, Art Deco storefronts and more. These historic properties not only form a monument to the people and events that have shaped our town, they provide a lasting, visible link between generations.



Cultural Benefits

There are many tangible and intangible benefits of historic preservation. It maintains the cultural heritage of a community; preserves the legacy of important figures and significant events; and helps cultivate the unique character of the town. It strengthens civic bonds and community pride by creating a “sense of place.”

Economic Benefits

Home buyers commonly cite beautiful neighborhoods, a charming downtown and excellent schools as their primary reasons for moving to Westfield – historic preservation plays a significant role in all three. The unique character of the town helps drive the economic viability of Westfield by making it a desirable community in which to shop, work and live.

Besides exhibiting pride of ownership, residents who follow preservation standards when restoring their houses make a lasting investment in their own homes and provide a catalyst for property values for the surrounding neighborhood. Owners who choose to designate their properties may also be eligible for federal tax credits.

Community Benefits

Against the increasing spread of suburban sameness, Westfield’s historic properties, planned communities, and

diverse housing stock are a unique asset worth protecting. Historic preservation provides one of the few defenses against “tear downs” or inappropriate development. Designating an historic property helps protect it against demolition or encroachment and ensures it will be passed on to future generations. By promoting sustainability and reuse of materials, preservation is also a “green” alternative to the waste incurred by demolition and new construction.

The Westfield Historic Preservation Commission was established in 1985 by municipal ordinance to preserve and foster appreciation for our historical sites and structures. For a list of local landmarks and information on restoring or designating your historic property, please visit westfieldnj.gov/historicpreservation or email HPC@westfieldnj.gov.

Service and Integrity

“Well known and respected for her sales and marketing expertise and commitment to superior service, Carol Tener has been annually recognized as one of the area’s top Realtors for more than 35 years. Carol’s passion for Westfield can easily be seen through her continued dedication to serving the town in various ways. Carol’s ambitious work in preserving the history and all that is wonderful about Westfield is readily evident as she is an active member of the Westfield Historic Preservation Commission and the Westfield Historical Society serving on its board.

NJ Realtors® Circle of Excellence Sales Award®
1984-2018

Direct: (908) 233-2243
Cell: (908) 400-3670
Carol.Tener@cbmoves.com

Westfield West Office
600 North Avenue West
Westfield, NJ 07090



Carol Tener
Sales Associate

2021 Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC. Coldwell Banker® is a registered trademark licensed to Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC. An Equal Opportunity Company. Equal Housing Opportunity. Owned and Operated by NRT LLC.

Evalyn Dunn Gallery Celebrates 50 Years in Westfield

By **SUSAN MYRILL DOUGHERTY**
For The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD — There has got to be a secret to the longevity of the family business, Evalyn Dunn Art Gallery and Custom Framing. Could it just be a passion for art? Brilliant marketing? Financial savvy? According to Jaclyn (Dunn) Civins, owner of the gallery, and younger daughter of the late Benjamin and Evalyn Dunn, her secret sounds simple. “Our main business is customer service,” she shared with *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* during an in-person interview at the gallery at 549 South Avenue



Courtesy of Jaclyn Dunn Civins

LOOKING BACK...Sisters Amy, left, and Jaclyn Dunn, right, pose in front of the original Evalyn Dunn Gallery storefront.

West last week.

There has got to be more than that, however, to keep such a specialized, esoteric business afloat for more than a half-century. Her older sister, Amy Walsh, who was there at the gallery visiting her sister in Westfield for Mother’s Day, credits the success of the business to Jaclyn being able to “reinvent herself.” In fact, she praised her for “constantly changing with the times.”

During the pandemic, when stores and businesses were closing permanently, Jaclyn only closed the store for three months. “Many of our suppliers were closing, so we couldn’t get materials. Fortunately, we had a big job to continue to work on during that time, so we kept busy.” She also worked on the business’ social media presence – they have quite the online following on all platforms and they send out a monthly newsletter to their customers. Jaclyn said she continued to serve their customers with a “no-contact” drop-off area in front of the building.

And since they own that building, they did not have to worry about a landlord demanding rent. She credits her husband, Arnold, a C.P.A., and the financial advisor of the business, for the idea of buying that property back in 2000. They originally were located at 397 Cumberland Avenue in Westfield, a few blocks away. When they went looking for a place to relocate the business, her parameters required it to be close to the other location. The original space on South Avenue had two small workrooms, one that basically was two big tables put together, she said. After renovations, the space they have now has an immense workroom that houses a computerized mat cutter and ample space for storage and laying out the items to be framed as well as a separate, beautiful show-room of artwork and frames.

But it is not just artwork that is sold and framed. “We do shadow boxes of memorabilia and displays of tee shirts that are special to people,” she said. The store has branched out into selling glass art, specialty cards and unique jewelry. In late April, they held a free Appraisal Fair at the store, where an appraiser and a restoration expert were on hand to accommodate people who brought in their items at 15-minute intervals. “We were busy all day long,” she explained. She said she enjoyed providing the free service to the community.

Originally the business belonged to the parents, who began it in 1958 in Roselle and then later in Linden. “My mother, Evalyn, was a real pioneer back in the 1950s, a ‘strong, independent woman.’” Her parents even owned

two galleries at one time. It only seemed right for Jaclyn to carry on the tradition of the family business.

Before the pandemic, there were trips to art workshops and conferences where Jacie, as her friends call her, her sister Amy and their framer learned about the latest techniques and marketing strategies. Amy, the former marketer for the store said that at the last workshop they attended in Las Vegas, she heard about a way to grow customer support. The presenter suggested sending handwritten thank-you notes to customers. “I laughed to myself,” Amy shared, “because we have done that for years. We even send handwritten notes to people who come in after a long absence. It’s just what we do.”

The real secret of the gallery’s success is the personalization and individual service from Jaclyn Civins. This community-minded business owner loves Westfield. She, along with the help of a graphic designer, assembled a skyscape of Westfield’s most iconic landmarks. Some would think her storefront should be right up there front and center.

Most recently, on the first Saturday at the beginning of May, she said she was “honored to be a judge” in the Westfield Art Association’s Plein Air Festival called “Art in the Park” held in Brightwood Park. Jaclyn Dunn

Civins has inherited the “strong, independent woman” gene from Evalyn and is happy to share her time and talent. A combination of these attributes is the secret that makes this business owner and cheerleader for Westfield one of the reasons the spirit of her parents has lived on so long in the Evalyn Dunn Gallery.



Susan Myrill Dougherty for The Leader/Times

FAMILY TRADITION...Jaclyn Civins, owner and daughter of Ben and Evalyn Dunn, is celebrating the 50-year anniversary of Evalyn Dunn Gallery operating in Westfield.

Mixing With Zest

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

Savory Leftover Chicken and Rice

This recipe is a great way to repurpose leftover chicken breasts or rotisserie chicken. It’s easy and super versatile, allowing for tons of creativity. You can add or subtract ingredients depending on what you have available in your refrigerator. I used leftover rotisserie chicken in this recipe and roughly chopped it into bite size pieces. The below recipe makes about two servings and is perfect for a healthy and filling lunch (or dinner!). For ease, I used microwavable rice, but feel free to make rice according to your preference.

Ingredients:

- 1 (8.5 oz.) packet of microwavable Basmati rice (or make your rice on the stovetop)
- 1/2 lime
- Directions:**
- 1. Heat olive oil over low heat in a medium skillet.
- 2. Roughly chop your chicken into small bite size pieces. Add to the skillet.
- 3. Dice your green olives and to the skillet.
- 4. Add your seasonings and mix well until all flavors combine. (If you feel like your pan is getting dry, feel free to add a bit more olive oil or a pat of butter!)
- 5. Add your spinach and cook down for a few minutes until it’s slightly wilted.
- 6. In a small bowl, mix the miso and butter into a creamy paste using the back of a fork. Spread your miso butter onto the bottom of two plates evenly.
- 7. Make your microwavable rice and pour evenly over the miso butter. (The hot rice will help to somewhat melt the butter mixture)
- 8. Top your rice with the chicken mixture, a pinch of salt, pepper, and/or spicy seasoning. Squeeze a lime wedge over each dish and enjoy!



LIMEIRA CHOPS 2-RUN SINGLE; GALLAGHER, HO STRONG PITCHING, JAROS GAME-WINNING SNAG

Cougars Sting Blue Devils, 4-2, On Game-Ending Double Play

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

Intensity right down to the final swing ended in a flash with a spectacular double play that preserved a 4-2 victory for the Cranford Cougars over the hosting Westfield Blue Devils before an exuberant crowd on May 7. With the bases loaded and one man out in the bottom of the seventh inning, Blue Devil Jaden Edwards drilled a shot that seemed destined to be a sure game-tying single to leftfield but

shortstop Ryan Jaros made a leaping grab then scrambled to the bag at second to double up Chris Ho, which caused the Cougar bench to storm the field in celebration.

Cougar Head Coach Dennis McCaffery expressed, "I said, 'this is a good one, this is a good one!' Credit to their first pitcher. He threw great and kept us off-balance. We were fortunate enough to get two runs later in the game, which was obviously the difference."

Chris Ho was the starting pitcher for the Blue Devils and tossed five innings, allowing two runs, on three hits and seven walks, while striking out five. Enzo Miserek pitched the sixth and seventh innings and gave up two runs, three hits and three walks, while striking out two. Will Gallagher started for the Cougars and was relieved with one out in the seventh by Matt Chapman. Gallagher allowed seven hits, walked two, hit a batter and recorded 10 strikeouts, four who were caught looking at a call of strike three.

The Blue Devils scored twice in the bottom of the first inning and Miserek (2-for-4, run) started it

all with a leadoff single over second. Matt Melao (2-for-4, run) sliced a single to left. After a double steal, Ho (1-for-2, walk, hit-by-pitch) hopped an RBI groundout to second then Leo Mangiamele yanked an RBI double down the leftfield line.

The Cougars scored twice in the third inning. Marcus Johnson drew a leadoff walk and Tony Silva walked with two outs. Shea Grady bounced an RBI single to right-center, Shane Van Dam walked to load the bases and Jake Chapman added an RBI free pass.

Both pitchers had to endure runners in scoring positions in other innings but each managed to escape further damage.

"I just got to stay relaxed. As long as I stayed relaxed, I knew I was going to pitch fine. Locate,

hit my spots. You don't have to overpower hitters with a fastball. You just throw off-speed and hit your spots. That's what I did today. I got the big outs. Got good hitters to ground out,

CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

BALLYHOO

See & Subscribe at
goleader.com/ballyhoo

Submit commentary and items for publishing.
Email to ballyhoo@goleader.com

l'ennemi du journaliste

Support Local Journalism

goleader.com/subscriber



* Cougars Sting Blue Devils on Game-Ending Double Play, 4-2 *

strikeout," Gallagher explained. "Credit to Will Gallagher. He kept us in the game. After giving up two runs, he threw five-and-a-third of shutout baseball," Coach McCaffery said. As the intensity grew and the mass of fans became more boisterous, the Cougars got it going offensively in the sixth. After Miserek fanned the first batter, Jake Carter (2-for-3) singled over third, Johnson walked and Lucca Limeira bounced a two-run single over third base to give the Cougars their 4-2 lead. "I was hunting fastballs. I got one and I jumped on it. It felt

very good," Limeira recalled. The drama of the seventh inning began with Miserek chopping a single to right. After Gallagher struck out the next batter, Chapman relieved and his first pitch hit Ho. Mangiamele walked to load the bases then Edwards stepped to the plate and drilled his liner that was snagged by Jaros. "It's one of those games where you are able to execute and put a couple of runs across that's the difference. We were fortunate at the end. They hit a ball right at our guy and he was able to double it up," Coach McCaffery said.

Gallagher was grateful with his working with Limeira behind the plate. "We have great chemistry. We work really well together. We are always on the same page. Nothing gets by him. It's a big backstop here. He's a little nervous but nothing got by him today," Gallagher said. Limeira added, "It was nerve racking but we stuck it out and pulled through. We played our game today. We played very well." As to the increased intensity brought on by the enthusiastic fans, Gallagher expressed,

"Westfield and Cranford, we always got some good tensions, we got good beefs going on between the two towns. Our inter-county, interconference games get intense. Today it was intense."

"I was just living in the moment, playing good baseball, having fun. We live for stuff like this. We love it in this type of atmosphere. We thrive in it," Limeira added.

"These are the games you look forward to, the close games, it's all tight and I am looking forward it the rest of the season," Gallagher concluded.

Cranford	002	002	0	4
Westfield	200	000	0	2

Support Local Journalism

goleader.com/subscriber

This page is brought to you by:

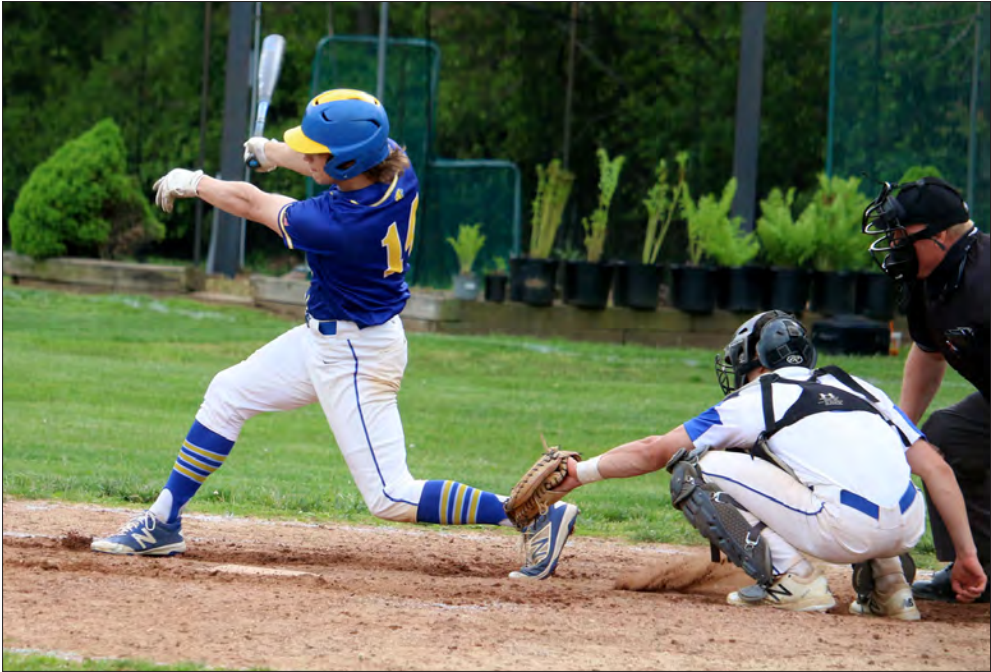
Christine Cosenza, State Farm Insurance Agent

908-233-9100 • www.christinecosenza.net



*** Cougars Sting Blue Devils on Game-Ending Double Play, 4-2 ***





*** Cougars Sting Blue Devils on Game-Ending Double Play, 4-2 ***





Blue Devils Step Up in 2nd Half, Stop Mo-town Lady Laxers, 17-12





Blue Devils Step Up in 2nd Half, Stop Mo-town Lady Laxers, 17-12





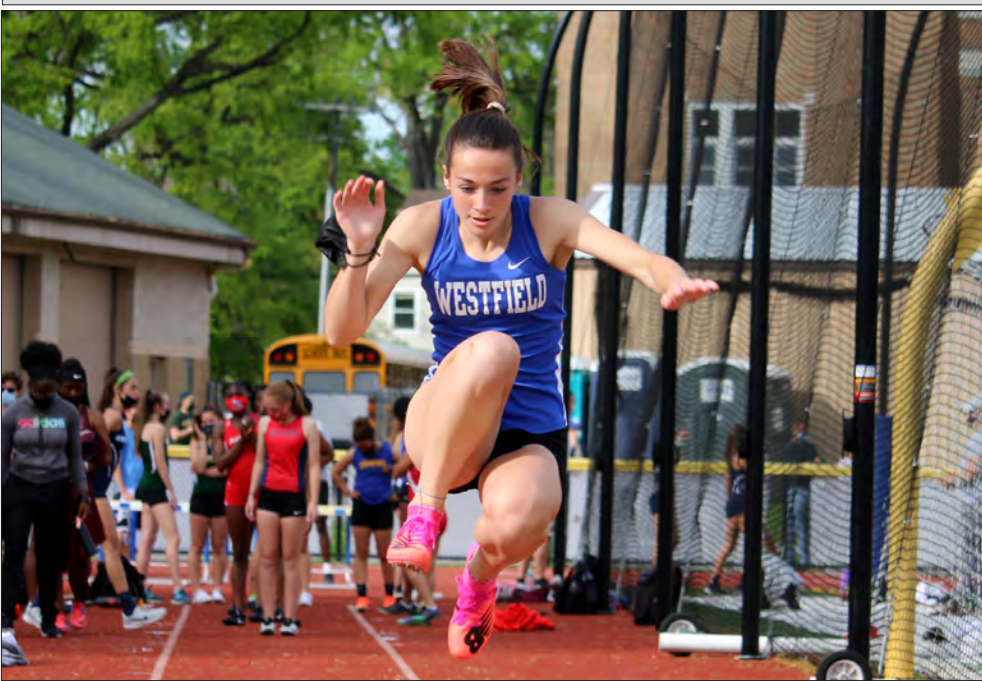


Blue Devil Boys Capture First; Raider Girls 2nd at UCT Relays





Blue Devil Boys Capture First; Raider Girls 2nd at UCT Relays



more photos next page



Blue Devil Boys Capture First; Raider Girls 2nd at UCT Relays





Blue Devil Boys Capture First; Raider Girls 2nd at UCT Relays





Blue Devil Boys Capture First; Raider Girls 2nd at UCT Relays





Blue Devil Lacrosse Boys Jolt Pingry for Bristol Cup in 2 OT, 11-10





Blue Devil Lacrosse Boys Jolt Pingry for Bristol Cup in 2 OT, 11-10





Blue Devil Lacrosse Boys Jolt Pingry for Bristol Cup in 2 OT, 11-10





Blue Devils Hold Off Raiders, 2-1, in Dynamic Pitchers' Duel





Blue Devils Hold Off Raiders, 2-1, in Dynamic Pitchers' Duel





*** Softball Blue Devils Go Long; Defeat Cranford Cougars, 9-5 ***





* Softball Blue Devils Go Long; Defeat Cranford Cougars, 9-5 *





*** Softball Blue Devils Go Long; Defeat Cranford Cougars, 9-5 ***

