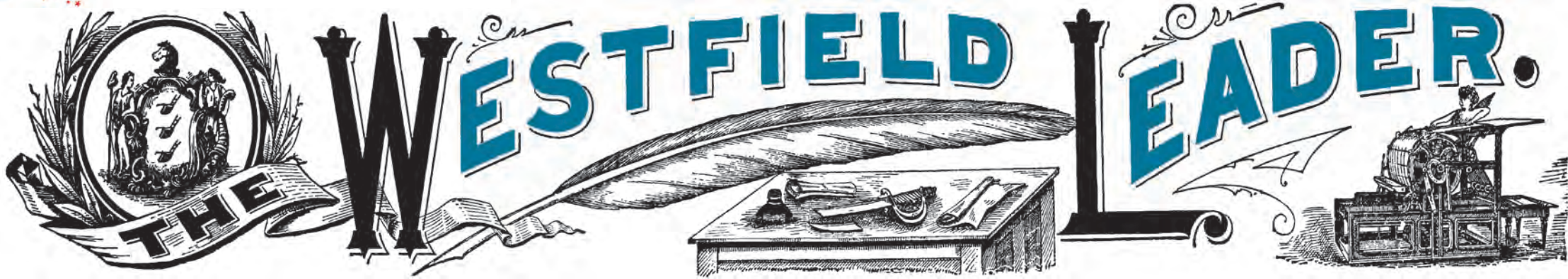




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Westfield Approves PILOT Agreement; Denies Marijuana

By JESSE WINTER
For The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Town Council's packed Tuesday night agenda saw the passage of financial agreements for a South Avenue redevelopment project, a first look at conceptual plans for a 162-unit residential development at Williams Nursery and the town's decision to opt out on marijuana dispensaries.

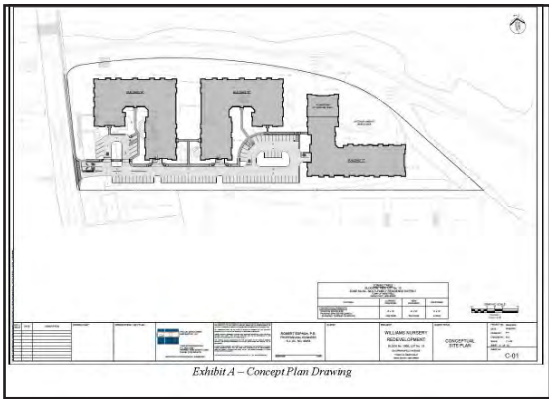
The council took the first step in authorizing a financial agreement, granting long-term tax-exemption status for real estate development firm Elite Properties of Warren for the construction of the sites outlined in the South Side Redevelopment Plan, known as Westfield Crossing.

The proposed financial agreement, a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT), exempts Elite Properties from property taxes for 30 years — instead requiring the firm to pay a percentage of its annual total revenues to the municipality.

Council members Linda Habgood, Dawn Mackey, David Contract, Scott Katz, Mark Parmelee and Michael Dardia voted yes on introduction of the ordinance. Mark LoGrippe voted no, with Councilman James Boyes not in attendance. Mayor Shelley Brindle also voted yes.

The deal, outlined during the meeting, would require Elite Properties to pay 10 percent of its total revenues for the first six years, with incremental percentage increases beyond that.

Year seven will see an 11-percent payout, year 13 a 12-percent payout, and year 21 a 13-percent payout to the town. As per New Jersey law, the town retains 95 percent of the revenue and 5 percent goes to Union County each year. Under state law, PILOT revenue does not have to be



CONCEPT...The first concept drawing of a proposal for 162 units on the 6.6 acre Williams Nursery property on Springfield Avenue was unveiled Tuesday night.

shared with the board of education.

Critically, if passed on final reading during the Tuesday, June 15 council meeting, the ordinance would set in motion a project that will see the town offer 36 units of affordable housing, fulfilling part of a court-mandated obligation to provide affordable-housing opportunities within the municipality.

The PILOT project, the first undertaken by Westfield, will see the creation of three mixed-use buildings consisting of 193 residential units.

The redevelopment plan also outlines 17,000 square feet of retail space and 320 parking spaces.

The sites sit on approximately 5.6 acres of property in an area of Westfield ruled to be "a non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment" by the town back in 2020. In early 2021, the council approved the South Side Redevelopment Plan, which includes areas of South Avenue East and Windsor Avenue on the east side of town on the border with Garwood. Currently, the lots within the redevelopment plan host light-industrial sites, and in some cases are vacant.

Under the PILOT agreement with Elite Properties, the developer also will be required to pay \$380,000 into the town's Park Improvement Fund. The South Avenue Redevelopment Plan also calls for the developer to construct a park within the site which will eventually be deeded over to the town for ownership.

Elite Properties' prior projects include nearby Fanwood Crossing.

During a presentation given to the council and public, members of the redevelopment team sought to assuage concerns over issues such as the potential influx of additional students into Westfield Public Schools.

Speaking before the ordinance's introduction Tuesday night, Robert Powell, managing director of Nassau Capital Advisors — a firm that assisted the town in negotiating the proposed PILOT with Elite Properties — cited a study done by Rutgers in 2018 dealing with housing demographics. According to his remarks, Mr. Powell anticipates the new apartments would attract 24 school-age children in grades 1 through 12.

Speaking to *The Westfield Leader* on Tuesday, ahead of the ordinance's introductory vote, Mayor Brindle explained that a PILOT proposal is the only way to make the Redevelopment Plan with the mandated affordable units financially "feasible."

"What this council wanted to do was to be able to assert more control over the outcome of this project," Mayor Brindle said.

Mayor Brindle noted the redevelopment plan allows the town to mandate the "quality of the materials," "the quality of the design" and "public improvements" in what is considered to be a gateway to the east side of Westfield from Garwood.

"Does every project warrant a redevelopment agreement, or a PILOT?"

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Paul Lachenauer for The Westfield Leader

A PIECE OF C.A.K.E...Westfield Mental Health Council representatives appear at the Westfield Farmers Market this past Saturday in conjunction with May being Mental Health Awareness Month. Their visit was to promote The C.A.K.E. Crumb Trail, a Council initiative that promotes Compassion, Acceptance, Kindness and Empathy.

Cranford Township Opts Out On Marijuana Sales

By MARTA ESQUIROZ
For The Westfield Leader

CRANFORD — The township committee prohibited via an ordinance the operation of any class of cannabis business during its official meeting Tuesday night.

Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty explained that this ordinance, "temporarily pauses the opening of cannabis businesses in Cranford."

"Taking this step allows Cranford to take the necessary time to review all aspects of the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Act and to determine how we can do the best fit in our commercial district," Mayor Miller Prunty said.

The law that Governor Phil Murphy signed legalized the use of marijuana by adults 21 years of age or older and established a regulatory and licensing scheme for commercial, recreational cannabis operations, use and possession. During the November 2020 elections, Cranford residents voted in favor of legalization 9,603 to 4,209.

"If we didn't take this action tonight, the township would be unable to adopt its own ordinances, its own zoning and its own regulations and control of cannabis business for a period of five years," Mayor

Miller Prunty said as she remarked that without this decision, Cranford would "have to act by the state regulations."

Commissioner of Public Safety Jason Gareis, who chairs the Cannabis Legislation Working Group that is reviewing the law, explained that the goal of this group is to "look at the issue of the legalization from all angles" to "figure out the best way to go for us (Cranford)."

"This ordinance is crucial to allow the working group time to review the state's anticipated guidelines and digest the opinions of our residents. As with all issues before the township committee, we are committed to a transparent process with input from all residents," Mr. Gareis said.

"What I want of this group is to find out what is a realistic timeline for Cranford as far as we're getting through it," he remarked.

Commissioner of Finance Mary O'Connor, also a member of this review committee, explained that the group is comprised of "many people with different areas of expertise" to ensure that "everybody is represented."

"No one on the working group is

going into this with an opinion, but looking for facts," Ms. O'Connor pointed out.

Mayor Miller Prunty clarified that the adoption of this ordinance, "isn't a permanent decision about how cannabis would be," but it will give time to the township "to continue to work on recommendations about how we can get the best course for Cranford."

The public hearing on the ordinance will be held on Tuesday, July 13, when opinions and suggestions from the public will be heard.

In other news, officials approved construction of a pedestrian mall on Eastman Street between North Avenue and Miln Street. This amendment aims to improve the movement, safety and enjoyment of pedestrians in this area.

However, Ms. O'Connor and Commissioner Thomas Hannen, Jr. voted against it since she is still "having concerns about the ordinance."

At the end of the meeting, Mayor Miller Prunty announced that the township's Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 31, at 9 a.m., starting at the community center on Walnut Avenue.

County Makes Room in Budget for Federal Aid

By JESSE WINTER
For The Westfield Leader

COUNTY — The Union County Board of County Commissioners passed two resolutions unanimously during its regular meeting held last Thursday, making room for federal aid in its budget.

The first resolution approves \$65,295,900 from the American Rescue Plan Act, the federal government's Covid-19 relief package aimed at helping local municipalities and county governments deal with the economic fallout from the pandemic.

According to a press release from the county issued on March 12, 2021, with the passage of the American Rescue Plan by Congress, the county will receive "\$221 million in direct assistance to Union County and its 21 municipalities through the American Rescue Plan." Moreover, the county government, "is poised to receive \$129.23 million in direct assistance. This is in addition to over \$92 million earmarked to go directly to municipalities within the county."

According to the United States Department of the Treasury, the American Rescue Plan aims to aid the

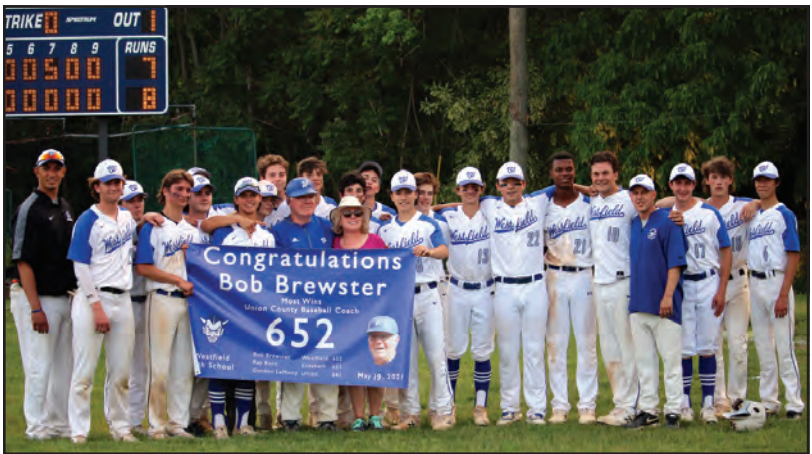
recovery effort of local governments. This includes county government and municipalities through "assistance to households, small businesses and nonprofits, aid to impacted industries, and support for essential workers," reads the Treasury website.

The second resolution passed by the commissioners modifies the county budget for a total of \$5,254,518 as part of an Emergency Rental Assistance Round 2 Grant. This funding, provided to the county government, offers financial aid for households unable to pay rent and utilities due to the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic, according to the U.S. Treasury.

"Millions of Americans face deep rental debt and fear evictions and the loss of basic housing security," reads the Treasury website. "Grantees use the funds to provide assistance to eligible households through existing or newly created rental assistance programs."

In other grant-related news, the commissioners celebrated a series of infrastructure grants for county municipalities.

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader
BREWSTER — HE'S NUMBER 1...Blue Devil baseball Head Coach Bob Brewster and his "Brew Crew" celebrate his 652nd career victory, making him the all-time winningest Union County coach after nipping Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 8-7, in 10 innings in Westfield on May 19 (See story on page 9).

Cranford BOE Recognizes Gov. Recognition Nominees

By JENNIFER GLACKIN
For The Westfield Leader

CRANFORD — The Cranford Board of Education began its meeting on Monday by honoring the district's nominees for the New Jersey Governor's Teacher/Educational Services Professional Recognition Program.

Kathleen Cox (Hillside Avenue School), Kathleen Gargiulo (Walnut Avenue School), Megan Green (Brookside Place School), Jillian Guarini (Livingston Avenue School), Kathleen Kloc (Bloomington Avenue School), Gretchen Lenehan (Cranford High School), Jodi Mathisen (Walnut Avenue School), Daphne Morrissey (Cranford High School), Andrew Nicastro (Orange Avenue School), Clare Pisapia (Hillside Avenue School), Susan Trojan (Lincoln Avenue School), Brenda Bishop (Brookside Place School) and Frances Corsaro (Orange Avenue School) are this year's selected professionals.

"Congratulations to the honorees.

They are absolutely heroes," said Superintendent Scott Rubin, Ed.D.

Cranford schools were recently recognized with Gold Star status in the Anti-Defamation League's No Place for Hate® program, Dr. Rubin announced.

The Social Emotional Learning (SEL) facilitators in each building "really stepped up to the challenge," said Gayle Colucci, coordinator of Culture and Climate, and provided programs such as the Week of Inclusion and Start with Hello Week and additional activities like Month of Gratitude and Mental Health Awareness Month.

Dr. Rubin also updated the public regarding new mask-mandate guidelines announced Monday afternoon. While the mask mandate lifts restrictions for some sectors, public elementary and secondary schools must continue to utilize masks, the superintendent revealed.

Board member William Hulse

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Ruth E. Maloney for The Westfield Leader

REVAMPING TRAILS AT TAMAQUES...Eagle Scout candidate Dhillon Patel was honored with a ribbon-cutting ceremony this past Monday for his project in Tamaques Park. The project included five improvements to the trails, among them trail markers, a trail head map, and adding stepping stones to typically wet areas. Dhillon received accolades from the mayor, town council members, his scoutmaster, project mentor and father, who stood with him as he cut the woody burlap "ribbon" to officially open the improved trails.

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Kathleen Rappa Presents Views as Comm. Candidate

By MARTA ESQUIROZ
For The Westfield Leader

CRANFORD — The Cranford Democratic Committee has selected Kathleen Rappa as its candidate to run for the township committee, setting up a Primary Election contest within the party with the current commissioner of engineering and public works, Thomas Hannen, Jr.

Ms. Rappa, a corporate auditor for six years, a real-estate professional and a mom, decided to jump into politics in 2016.

“I wanted to get involved because everything at the national level felt overwhelming, and the local level felt like a place I could dig in, learn and contribute in a meaningful way,” Ms. Rappa said.

Ms. Rappa has spent the last few years learning about the township by becoming co-president of the Newcomers Club and treasurer of the Cranford Public Library Board of Trustees. Further, at the end of 2019, Ms. Rappa joined the planning board in order to fill a vacancy, and she ended up becoming the environmental commission representative to the planning board this year. She said serving on the planning board has educated her about “strategy” for the “town development initiatives.”

“They are not deciding things on the fly. We have a plan for the future of the town,” Ms. Rappa said as she remarked that Cranford is “in a good position this year after a long time to be able to set the rules for the kind of development that we want to see in Cranford.”

Ms. Rappa believes that to satisfy the increasing demand of people wanting to live in the area, “we have to be really smart about the spaces the township owns” that are “in need of rehabilitation.” For her, these places

“could turn into more productive uses” such as “housing or retail.”

“By utilizing properties that the township already owns and meeting our affordable-housing obligations for every new redevelopment that comes to town, it will put us in a really good position going forward,” Ms. Rappa remarked.

Asked about the impacts that overdevelopment can have on different aspects of the township, especially on the school system and traffic, Ms. Rappa said that, “we can be strategic in our development.”

For Ms. Rappa, the development must be “focused on the downtown,” with the construction of “studios and one-bedroom apartments” that will have “less impact on schools.” She also advocated that such development be “close to the train and bus station” to have “minimum impact on the roads.”

The Democratic candidate added that township officials “don’t always have to take a developer’s word,” as she expressed the idea of bringing in “independent experts” to “get realistic numbers and realistic ideas of the true impact in the town.”

“My goal is to work towards development that is sustainable for Cranford, and it will have the minimum impact on schools and roads,” Ms. Rappa said.

Ms. Rappa believes that the major skills she could bring to the township committee if elected are the “number orientation” and the “financial impact,” which makes her seek “independent verifications of budget line items and impacts.” However, she said she also would bring the perspective of young parents to the table that, for her, is clearly “not representative in the township.”

“I am committed to serving Cranford, and I have a professional background that could bring a unique set of skills to the township,” Ms. Rappa pointed out.

Primary election day is Tuesday, June 8.

Cranford BOE

spoke with Assemblyman Jon Bramnick about the future masking guidelines and about two proposed bills in the New Jersey Legislature that would end the public-health emergency. According to Mr. Hulse, Mr. Bramnick said the most recent mask guidelines, which take effect on Friday, will most likely nullify the need for bills A5777 and S3820. Mr. Hulse also reported that Mr. Bramnick said some of the restrictions may be lifted “down the line.”

A sample template for the next school year also was released earlier in the day, said Dr. Rubin. He additionally said more information will be released in the coming weeks, and that the district is hopeful it will be able to share its plan for September with the community prior to the end of this school year.

The next board of education meeting will be Monday, June 14.



SERVICE ABOVE SELF...On Saturday, members of the Rotary Club of Westfield came together to prepare food packs for area families in need, the Westfield Food Pantry, and the food bank serving Union County College’s three campuses. Fighting food insecurity is a top priority for the club. To learn more, donate or join the club, visit westfieldrotary.com.

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Monday, May 17, a resident of the 500 block of Clark Street reported being a victim of fraud. The victim stated that one or more unknown suspects made an unauthorized withdrawal, in the amount of \$700, from her bank account. The victim believes that the individual or persons intercepted her newly-issued ATM card, which was being mailed to her, and used it to make the withdrawal.

Tuesday, May 18, a business on the 200 block of Central Avenue was burglarized by an unknown suspect, who kicked in the front glass door and stole approximately \$5,920 worth of Apple iPhones and iPads. The suspect then exited the business from the same point of entry.

Wednesday, May 19, a resident of the 100 block of Harrison Avenue reported that he observed an individual attempt to gain entry into one of his parked motor vehicles on the side of his residence. This incident was captured by the resident’s Ring doorbell. There currently are no suspects in custody as a result of this incident.

Wednesday, May 19, a customer at a business on the 200 block of East North Avenue reported a suspicious incident and a suspicious person who was in the same business. The customer stated that a male was following her through the store into various aisles. The customer believed the person was intentionally following her through the store and that it was not happenstance. The customer stated that the suspect acted suspiciously in other ways as well.

Wednesday, May 19, a resident of the 1300 block of Pinegrove Avenue reported being the victim of fraud. The victim stated that one or more unknown suspects contacted her requesting payment for an item she was believed to have purchased. The victim declined payment due to the fact that she did not purchase anything and was directed to a security department. She was then advised that her computer had been hacked by 17 hackers and that a program needed to be downloaded in order to remove them. The unknown suspects then requested that the victim obtain two gift cards and later requested a third. The victim was then directed to another store and was asked to purchase a \$500 gift card. However, this purchase had not gone through due to the actions of the store clerk. The total amount of money spent on the gift cards was approximately \$500. The gift cards were never provided to the suspects.

Wednesday, May 19, a resident reported illegal dumping in the area of the 1100 block of Lamberts Mill Road. The resident stated that she

observed two suspects dumping a large amount of lawn clippings and branches in a parking lot in the area. Upon further inspection, the items that were found to be illegally dumped consisted of leaves, lawn clippings, tree branches and small tree logs.

Thursday, May 20, a resident of the 400 block of Lenox Avenue reported suspicious activity. The resident stated that he received a phone call from an unknown number and an unknown male. The caller told the resident that the latter owed him several thousands of dollars due to an improper “rebate.” The resident then allowed the person remote access to his computer. Shortly after, the resident believed fraudulent financial transactions occurred with his banking institutions. However, after a thorough investigation, it appears that no fraudulent activity occurred. The resident suffered no monetary loss.

Friday, May 21, a resident of the 600 block of First Street reported being the victim of fraud. The victim went on to state that on April 28, 2021, she received her bank statement and discovered that a monthly direct deposit had been approximately \$235.95 less than her normal payment. One or more unknown suspects had opened up an account utilizing her Social Security number and proceeded to set up a payment plan.

Friday, May 21, a resident of the 500 block of West Grove Street reported being the victim of identity theft. The victim stated that on May 17, 2021, she received a call from a company employee stating that an unknown suspect had applied for unemployment with her information. She stated that she currently is employed at this time.

Saturday, May 22, residents of the 500 block of Topping Hill Road, the 200 block of Baker Avenue and the 600 block of North Chestnut Street reported that unknown suspects attempted to enter their motor vehicles, parked in the driveway of the residence. The suspect fled in a stolen vehicle after entry was not made. A search of the area was negative for the suspects and there are no suspects.

Saturday, May 22, a resident of the 1100 block of Prospect Street was reviewing footage on their Nest doorbell camera. Upon reviewing the footage, they observed two suspects exit a motor vehicle and proceed towards their driveway. The two suspects made entry into their parked vehicle and stole the garage-door opener, valued at \$25, from inside the vehicle. The suspects returned to their vehicle and left the area.

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

Thomas Hannen, Jr. Offers Views as Comm. Candidate

By MARTA ESQUIROZ
For The Westfield Leader

CRANFORD — Commissioner of Public Works and Engineering Thomas H. Hannen, Jr. announced he is seeking reelection for the fourth time. This time, Mr. Hannen did not get the nomination of the Democratic Party, which decided to support the candidacy of Kathleen Rappa, setting a Primary Election contest that, in Mr. Hannen’s words, is “rough.”

“Not being on the line is something that is definitely a disadvantage, but I am working on it,” Mr. Hannen said.

Mr. Hannen, who has served three terms, explained that public service is something that has been in his family “for many years” and that he learned through “my dad’s example.”

“As I was growing up, my dad was involved on the township committee in Winfield, right by Cranford,” Mr. Hannen said.

Raising his family in Cranford and feeling “pleased” about “how the town was, is, and hopefully will be,” Mr. Hannen believes that overdevelopment is “the biggest item” the township is facing. For him, it has the “potential to change the character” of a community that “always has been known as a nice suburban town with a walkable downtown.”

“We always had some traffic, but it was manageable, but what happens now is it takes 20 minutes to go from one side of the town to another one,” Mr. Hannen said, noting that when “development increases, traffic in-

creases,” as well as all “the pollution associated with cars.”

Mr. Hannen said that the best way to manage this overdevelopment is through redevelopment projects that will help to “reduce the impact on the community and municipal services, but more importantly, the impact on the school system.”

For example, Mr. Hannen stated that the “major project” at 750 Walnut Avenue was negotiated to get down to 260 units, as the township established that part of the property would be used for a commercial warehouse.

When asked about the downtown being named as the Best Downtown in New Jersey for two years in a row, Mr. Hannen pointed out that the township’s success comes from “keeping the rents down.”

“The rents in downtown have been manageable for businesses that want to start operations. Entrepreneurs know right away the specified minimum that they have to make every month to be profitable,” Mr. Hannen said, adding that the “minimum income supports those businesses” because “people are willing to shop and eat.”

Mr. Hannen declared that the only thing that the township can do about it is “to make sure that there aren’t developments that are going to be so overwhelming that the developers have to raise rents so high in order to cover the costs.”

“There’s a balance that you have to strike here,” Mr. Hannen remarked.

Reflecting on the future of the township, Mr. Hannen expressed that he has two goals for Cranford. The first is “to maintain the community that supports businesses” and does not let it overdevelop itself “to the point it loses its character.” The second goal is to partner with the federal government to create solutions on “flood control.”

Thinking about his candidacy, Mr. Hannen believes he is the best option for all the citizens in Cranford as he has a “proven record of leadership and experience” during his three terms. But primarily because he “is willing to listen to other people’s perspectives to understand why they feel the way they do.”

“Nothing is off the table,” Mr. Hannen said.

The Primary Election will take place on Tuesday, June 8.

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The grants, which target “shovel-ready projects,” according to Commissioner Christopher Hudak, are in their seventh installment with over \$10,500,000 of grant money delivered by the county to its participating municipalities. These grants require the municipality to match the county’s total for the proposed projects, coming out to be \$21,000,000 in infrastructure projects, explained Mr. Hudak.

Recipients include:

- Westfield, granted \$100,000 for improvements to Willow Grove Road.
- Cranford, granted \$90,000 for 2021 resurfacing projects.
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AN EVENING DOWNTOWN...As the weather begins to get nicer, Open Quimby in downtown Westfield is seeing more foot traffic from residents who are ready to enjoy some outdoor dining.

DWC Reviews Open Quimby, Renewal of Beyond Main App

By **JESSE WINTER**
For The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD — The Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC) further enhanced the Open Quimby Street experience after it spent \$18,426 to install outside bistro lighting last month, the DWC reported during its May 19 board meeting.

The pedestrian plaza, which hosts dedicated takeout for nearby restaurants, outdoor music and fitness activities such as yoga, started last year amidst the pandemic.

“We are using the same exact pattern we used last year in terms of traffic going from Central Avenue to Elm Street, but closed the other way,” said Bob Zuckerman, executive director of the DWC. “We have new plantings, new palm trees, three new tents, soon to be four.”

Although conceived before the outbreak of Covid-19, the Quimby Street plaza has proved to be an adaptable concept, providing an outdoor environment for patrons visiting downtown Westfield.

Other enhancements include improved signage and bistro tables and chairs on the Central Avenue side of the Open Quimby Plaza.

Mr. Zuckerman also announced that there will be further grant opportunities for Westfield and the DWC from the state’s Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Main Street New Jersey (MSNJ) program.

The mission of MSNJ is “to encourage and support the revitalization of downtowns throughout the state,” according to the DCA website.

Mr. Zuckerman, who has been in contact with a DCA official, said the MSNJ will be “gathering a budget” which it will then “siphon off to their Main Street programs, including Westfield’s.”

The expected amount is \$500,000 of available grant funding, noted Mr. Zuckerman.

“We’ll have to do some brainstorming for some exciting projects that we might want to see proposals for,” said Mr. Zuckerman.

He expects that the DWC will have to submit grant proposals by July.

In more DWC news, the board discussed whether it is worthwhile to renew online subscriptions for 17 local businesses using the Beyond Main app.

Mr. Zuckerman proposed spending \$3,000 to cover the cost of Westfield’s 17 participating businesses throughout 2021.

The Beyond Main website is an online marketplace featuring items and services from local establishments.

“I don’t recommend doing this forever. I think at some point the stores that are on Beyond Main have to financially participate,” remarked

Mr. Zuckerman.

Mayor Shelley Brindle, on hand for the virtual meeting, asked Mr. Zuckerman if the participating Westfield businesses were surveyed on how much they “value” and “rely” on the Beyond Main app. In response, Mr. Zuckerman said businesses saw an uptick in November, December and January, but noticed a significant drop-off afterwards.

The impact of the Beyond Main app has been minimal, according to Patricia Hanigan, chair of the DWC board of directors and owner of Patricia & Paul Artisans of Fine Oils and Balsamics, located on Elm Street.

Ms. Hanigan said the Beyond Main app accounted for \$1,000 worth of revenue during the holidays for her store, reflecting a low percentage of e-commerce business during the holidays. Moreover, Ms. Hanigan said she saw business from the app “trail off” afterwards, with just one purchase coming through Beyond Main in April.

Mr. Zuckerman advocated giving Beyond Main more time, and even floated the idea of advertising the service on the town’s voltage charging stations, “to push Beyond Main,” at no cost.

Mayor Brindle, who has supported the concept of the Beyond Main app, questioned “how much the user experience is suppressing the value of it.”

The mayor recommended surveying participating business owners before proceeding with renewal of subscriptions, with Mr. Zuckerman agreeing.

Downtown Westfield will see its first business closure of 2021 as the owner of Golden Age Fretted Instruments, located at 266 East Broad Street, has decided to retire.

The decision was not due to a lack of business, explained Mr. Zuckerman. Golden Age Fretted Instruments will officially close in the middle of July, according to DWC Assistant Executive Director Beth Brenner.

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Fanwood WWII Vets to Be In Memorial Day Spotlight

FANWOOD — It is a club with a shrinking membership but Fanwood is proud of its World War II veterans and will honor them during this year’s Memorial Day ceremony, to be held at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 31, at the Fanwood Memorial Library. The library is located at 5 Forest Road.

“Our town has a proud heritage of residents who have served in the military and, in many cases, given their lives,” said Mayor Colleen Mahr. “There are currently four vets we know of who served during World War II and still live here after serving their country and raising their families. I love what they represent to our town. We salute them and pay tribute to them.”

Both Fanwood and Scotch Plains honor local veterans on an ongoing basis with Hometown Heroes banners that hang along local main streets featuring each vet’s name, service record and photo. The project is sponsored by St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church and American Legion Post 209, including Master Sergeant Oshanda Erb, a Fanwood resident who has been on active duty with the U.S. Air Force for the past 23 years.

The four living World War II veterans known to currently live in Fanwood are:

Dante Mariani, 97, U.S. Army, Private First Class, 67th Signal Battalion. Mr. Mariani served from 1942 to 1945 in France. He and his wife, Betty, have been married for 67 years — the same length of time they have lived in Fanwood. They have four children and a total of 18 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Dante Mariani



Joe Nagy

Joe Nagy, 98, U.S. Army, 78th Infantry Field Artillery Battalion, retired as a major after serving 20 more years after the war. Mr. Nagy served in Japan and, as a 2nd lieutenant, had the sad duty of visiting the city of Hiroshima after the atomic bomb was dropped to see if it could be rehabilitated. During that October 1945 assignment, he found a small saki jug

in a pile of rubble which he still has today. Mr. Nagy has been married to Claire for 72 years. They have three children, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Mr. Nagy has been Fanwood’s unofficial historian and served on the board of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Scholarship Foundation, as well as being involved in many other volunteer pursuits.

Earl Phillips, 99, U.S. Navy, Petty Officer 2nd Class. Mr. Phillips served on the USS Thomas Jefferson. But on

D-Day, he was assigned to an ATR class rescue tug, possibly the USS ATR-2. Mr. Phillips has been married to Peggy for many years. He became a Fanwood police officer after the war and is the last surviving founding member of the Fanwood Rescue Squad. He also served for many years on the Fanwood Shade Tree Commission.

Joe Schott, 99, U.S. Navy, Radio Technician. Mr. Schott enlisted in October 1942 and served in Londonderry, Northern Ireland, for a year and a half, then shipped back to the United States. He and his wife, Nancy, moved to Fanwood in 1954. They have five children. Mr. Schott was active with the Boy Scouts for years in leadership roles and was an active volunteer with many Fanwood organizations including the Fanwood Environmental Commission, the Fanwood Recycling Association and restoring the Carriage House and three old horse-drawn sleighs.

“I invite all of our citizens to our ceremony on Monday, May 31, at 9 a.m., at the Fanwood Library, and to join me in honoring these and all military men and women who are currently on active duty and who have given their lives in service to our country,” said Mayor Mahr.

Photos of Mr. Mariani, Mr. Nagy and Mr. Phillips by Tom Kranz; photo of Mr. Schott courtesy of Mayor Colleen Mahr.

Union County to Hold Annual PRIDE Flag Raising

COUNTY — The Board of County Commissioners invites residents to the annual Union County LGBTQ Pride Flag Raising Ceremony event on Tuesday, June 1 at 1 p.m. on the steps of the Union County Courthouse located at 2 Broad Street in Elizabeth. The event is free and all residents are invited to attend.

“Raising the rainbow flag at the County Courthouse is a widely recognized symbol of inclusion and support for the equal rights of LGBTQ people in Union County,” said County Commissioner Chairman Alexander Mirabella. “We are proud to be one of the most diverse counties in New Jersey and continue to work to normalize acceptance.”

“The unity found through Pride events is essential to increasing awareness and advancing civil rights protections for LGBTQ individuals,” said Commissioner Vice Chair Rebecca Williams, liaison to the Commissioner Board’s LGBTQ+ Ad Hoc Committee.

The flag-raising ceremony program will include a Pride Month

Proclamation and guest speakers including Union County youth.

This event will run in compliance with state Covid-19 orders regarding social distancing and other protocols.

The Union County Office of LGBTQ Affairs provides a platform for leadership and collaboration to support equality, and serves as a catalyst for advocacy, awareness and action on current and emerging issues that impact the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer individuals.

For more information about the Office of LGBTQ Affairs, contact Danni Newbury, Coordinator, at (908) 527-4742 or dnewbury@ucnj.org or visit ucnj.org/lgbtq.

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BRIGHTWOOD HAPPENINGS...Jay Boyle, Executive Director of The Westfield Foundation, joined Rob Lombard and other members of the Friends of Brightwood Park on Saturday for a tour of the park. Mr. Lombard led the group as its Historian. The group is working very hard to restore this site, which at one time was actually a neighborhood.

Memorial Day Observances Set In Scotch Plains-Fanwood

SCOTCH PLAINS/FANWOOD — Memorial Day pays tribute to those American military personnel of all wars who made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in service to their country. These fallen heroes will be honored with special events in Scotch Plains and Fanwood on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31.

Observances will begin with a memorial service at 8 a.m. at American Legion Post 209, located at 237 Park Avenue at Sunset Place in Scotch Plains. At 9 a.m., a memorial ceremony and presentation of wreaths will take place at the Fanwood Memorial Library, located at 5 Forest Road. A memorial tribute and laying

of wreaths will be held at 10 a.m. at the War Memorial at Park Avenue and Front Street in downtown Scotch Plains.

Due to Covid-19 pandemic restrictions, there will be no parade this year. Nonetheless, in keeping with the tradition of selecting a parade grand marshal, the Memorial Day Committee has identified several World War II veterans from the local communities to serve as co-grand marshals, recognizing their dedication, commitment and sacrifice in service to America. The committee encourages residents to attend these events to express their gratitude to these individuals — members of the “Greatest Generation.”

Options for Casting a Ballot In the 2021 Primary Election

COUNTY — Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi advises Union County voters that Covid-19 pandemic restrictions are being lifted. Many more polling places will be open for in-person voting for the 2021 Primary Election on Tuesday, June 8 compared to last year.

“Many voters prefer to cast their ballot by voting machine in person, and others prefer to vote by mail. With the lifting of pandemic restrictions, in-person voters can once again use the polling place specified on the sample ballot,” said Ms. Rajoppi. “In addition, the secure drop boxes that were installed last year are still available to voters who plan to use a Vote-by-Mail ballot.”

Last year, elections in New Jersey were held primarily on a Vote-by-Mail basis in order to help stop the spread of the virus. Most local polling places were closed except for a limited number in each municipality. Drop boxes were installed in each municipality to provide Vote-by-Mail users with an additional contact-free option for casting their ballot.

Voters who plan to use a Vote-by-Mail ballot are advised that the County Clerk has automatically mailed ballots to those on the permanent list of Vote-by-Mail users in Union County. The mailings began on April 23 and concluded on April 29. The ballots were enclosed in bright yellow envelopes in order to stand out from other mail.

Voters who were expecting to receive a ballot automatically can check the status of their ballot by calling the County Clerk’s Elections Division at (908) 527-4996.

Those who are not on the automatic list can obtain a Vote-by-Mail ballot by submitting an application form. Any eligible voter can use a Vote-by-Mail ballot. The application process does not require voters to submit a reason.

Vote-by-Mail application forms in

English and Spanish are downloadable from the County Clerk’s elections website, unioncountylvotes.com. Forms can also be requested by email to ucvote@ucnj.org, or by calling the Elections Division at (908) 527-4996.

There are three options for returning a Vote-by-Mail ballot. Voters should be aware that Election Day deadlines are in force for the 2021 Primary Election:

Send it by U.S. Postal Service. All ballots must be postmarked on Election Day, June 8, at the latest.

Deposit it in a secure drop box. There is at least one drop box in each of the 21 municipalities in Union County. For a list of locations visit unioncountylvotes.com. All drop boxes are closed and locked when the polls close on Election Day, at 8 p.m.

Bring it in person to the County Clerk’s main office in Elizabeth in the County Courthouse at 2 Broad Street, or to the annex office in Westfield at the Colleen Frasier Building in the County Complex at 300 North Avenue East. Both offices will remain open until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Voters who plan on voting in person on Election Day can check the location of their assigned polling place by looking at their sample ballot or by visiting the County Clerk’s elections website, unioncountylvotes.com.

For more information about voter registration and all other County Clerk election services visit unioncountylvotes.com or contact the Elections Division at (908) 527-4996 or ucvote@ucnj.org.

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Cranford	321 North Ave E	TwnIntUn	8	3	2.1	1	\$515,000
Cranford	45A Myrtle St	CapeCod	9	4	2.0	1	\$550,000
Cranford	4 Clark St	SplitLev	7	3	2.0	2	\$581,000
Cranford	85 Belmont Ave	Bi-Level	8	4	2.1	2	\$612,000
Cranford	18 Berkeley Pl	Colonial	10	5	2.0	1	\$699,000
Garwood	416 3rd Ave	Colonial	9	4	3.0	0	\$500,000
Mountainside	1319 Birch Hill Rd	Colonial	8	4	2.1	1	\$761,121
Mountainside	1448 Forest Ct	Contemp	9	4	3.1	2	\$1,000,000
Mountainside	284 Partridge Run	CapeCod	12	4	3.1	2	\$915,000
Scotch Plains	447 Hunter Ave	RanchRas	8	3	2.0	2	\$390,000
Scotch Plains	426 Warren St	Colonial	7	3	2.0	1	\$405,000
Scotch Plains	2222 Greenside Pl	CapeCod	8	3	1.1	1	\$450,000
Scotch Plains	609 Taylors Way	Colonial	10	4	3.1	2	\$980,335
Westfield	217 Livingston St	HalfDupl	10	4	2.1	1	\$525,000
Westfield	256 Orchard St	Colonial	7	3	1.1	1	\$760,000
Westfield	1601 Boulevard	Colonial	8	5	3.2	1	\$989,000
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RELAX, REFRESH, RECONNECT, (LIVING LIFE FULLY RECHARGED) IS A HEALTH & WELLNESS EVENT...It inspired and recharged women from Westfield and surrounding towns. Speakers were Meghan Murphy, author of *Your Fully Charged Life*, Jessica Vasquez from Silver Lining Health & Fitness, Deven Burgio and Lauren Graves from Fresh Press Juice Co., Jennifer DeMaio from Face Aesthetic Artistry, and Marie and Chris Olguin from Space in Westfield followed with meditation and singing bowls. We want to thank all the ladies and the local merchants that attended the event at Shackamaxon Country Club. It started off with several merchant tables where the ladies got to walk around and learn about their services. Guests were enthusiastic about the afternoon. Stacey Weinman, who manages her husband’s dental practice in Westfield, said “Health and wellness has always been an important aspect of my life. I took the day off from work to attend this special event because I know I will learn the latest health and wellness trends to bring back to my patients.” A percentage went to Caring Contact. Pictured from left to right are: Co-Chair Jessica Vasquez from Silver Lining Health & Fitness, Meghan Murphy, author of *Your Fully Charged Life*, Co-Chair Beth Hornstein from Citara Events & Westfield Local, and Co-Chair Vasilia Vastardis from Limani Seafood & Grill.

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Town Administrator Speaks To Westfield Rotary Club

WESTFIELD — On May 4, Westfield Township Administrator, Jim Gildea, spoke to the Rotary Club of Westfield by Zoom at their regular weekly meeting. Jim grew up in Westfield and graduated from Westfield High School in 1988. His parents owned two stores in town: his dad owned Celtic Imports, Ltd. and his mom owned Juxtapose Gallery. Jim earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of Vermont in Small Business Management, and a Master's in Public Administration from Kean University.

Westfield has a different form of government than most towns in New Jersey. The council has nine members. There are four wards which each elect two councilmen, plus a mayor which is elected by a town wide election. No one on the council is compensated, they are all volunteers. The council makes the policy and the administrator implements it. He has 15 departments which report to him, including: fire department, police department, town clerk, tax collector, court administrator, library, town engineer, and the recreation department. Jim is especially fond of the recreation department because that is where he started in town government, first as a lifeguard at the town pool, then spending seven years in that department full-time after college. He started as the town administrator in 2001. Jim also has the human resource responsibilities for the township, which include negotiating with the six unions or bargaining units representing the township workers.

Jim answered a number of questions, which included paving the roads. Westfield has 100 miles of roads, but only has the budget to pave about five miles per year. The old roads lasted about 20 years, but the newer materials which are more eco-friendly, only last 10 to 12 years, and need to be replaced more frequently. However, Jim struck a deal with the utility companies serving Westfield that if they dug up a street, they would pave the entire street, curb to curb, and the entire length. This policy saves Westfield substantial tax revenues and allows the acceleration for the paving

implementation - to the point where the town is now having 20 miles of roads paved every year, instead of five. Within a few years we should be back up to having a high compliance of paved roads.

Jim remembers 1994 when the Rotary Club purchased a big screen TV for the recreation department teen center located at the town hall basement. The goal was to give teens a place to go after school, rather than having them hanging around on street corners. The Rotary Club has a long history of helping the town with service projects and providing scholarships to the high school students. The club will be celebrating its 100-year anniversary this year.

The Rotary Club members asked Jim if there is anything we can do to help the town, and he said there may be a planting coming up by Rutgers to put in a rain forest at Tamaques Park for which they may need volunteers. The Rotary Club has been actively planting trees every year in town. They planted 20 trees at Jefferson School with the help of the Rotary Early Act Club students, and 40 trees on Dudley Court. Trees are good for the environment, the leaves filter out heavy metal air pollution, they remove carbon from the air (reducing global warming), each tree produces enough oxygen for two people, most trees live 100 years, with oak trees living 300 years. In addition, the trees make Westfield more attractive, increasing property values.

The Rotary Club of Westfield meets the first three Tuesdays of the month at noon by Zoom. Guests are always welcome. Rotary is a coed service and business networking club. Successful business people who want to give something back to the community. Current projects are to help feed the hungry, help provide supplies and clothing to homeless Veterans, planting trees, scholarships and community grants. Website: www.westfieldrotary.com For Information please email Secretary Dr. D. Michael Hart at drmhart@yahoo.com.



Jim Gildea
Westfield Township Administrator

Area Food Drive Planned for June 11

AREA -- A food drive is planned to benefit Rahway Food for Friends food pantry on Friday, June 11. Donations of all non-perishable food items, along with adult and children's diapers, formula and socks are sought. Diabetic friendly foods are also in need.

Multiple, convenient drop-off locations will be located in Westfield, Mountainside, Garwood, Clark and Fanwood.

Drop points from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. will be:

Westfield - 1 Manchester Drive, Westfield
Mountainside - Liquid Church - 1180 Spruce Drive, Mountainside
Garwood - Cranford - Crossroads - 78 North Avenue, Garwood
Drop points from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. will be:
Clark - Bubbakoo's Burrito - 301 Central Avenue, Clark
Scotch Plains - The Goddard School - 324 South Avenue, Fanwood.

Rahway Food for Friends' mission is to feed hungry people via food distributions programs on a monthly and emergency basis. To operate a weekly soup kitchen, to feed the hungry, homeless, and needy families and to provide educational information on nutrition and social services, public assistance, etc. through literature and referrals.

Monetary donations may be made at rahaywayfoodforfriends.org.

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FIRE AWAY...The Garwood Fire Department begins its training this past Sunday in the parking lot of the future Garwood Lidl supermarket.

Physicians Licenses Revoked for Sexual Misconduct Towards Patients

NEWARK -- Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal announced that three physicians—including two doctors who pleaded guilty to criminal sexual contact with patients during office visits, and a psychiatrist who allegedly engaged in professional and sexual misconduct with a patient—are permanently barred from practicing medicine in New Jersey.

Under a Final Consent Order filed, the medical license of Dr. Carl J. Renner, 66, has been permanently revoked by the State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board"). As part of his plea to criminal sexual contact, Dr. Renner admitted that he intentionally touched six female patients inappropriately and without legitimate medical purpose or their consent, during medical procedures and examinations at his Hasbrouck Heights practice.

Another Final Consent Order also filed this week by the Board permanently revokes the license of psychiatrist Dr. Pritpal Singh, 71, for his alleged involvement in sexual activity with a female patient, violation of the standards for prescribing controlled dangerous substances (CDS), failure to utilize the Prescription Monitoring Program, and failure to monitor patient compliance with treatment.

And in a separate action, the Board also found Dr. Michael Tyshkov, 67, engaged in criminal sexual contact with patients that warranted the permanent revocation of his license to practice medicine. On December 3, 2020, Dr. Tyshkov pleaded guilty to sexual contact and endangering the welfare of a minor, after admitting to touching three female patients inappropriately, one of whom was a minor, during medical visits at his Summit practice.

The announcement follows sweeping reforms unveiled by Attorney General Grewal to crack down on sexual abuse and misconduct by licensed professionals on the twentieth anniversary of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

"Sexual abuse and misconduct is inappropriate in any setting, but especially troubling when the perpetrators are the professionals we entrust with our health and wellbeing," said Attorney General Grewal. "The egregious conduct in these cases warranted severe consequences, and these sanctions should serve as examples of how we will continue to protect the public by holding professionals involved in sexual misconduct accountable."

Attorney General Grewal issued Administrative Executive Directive No. 2021-3 on April 6, calling on the Division of Consumer Affairs (the "Division") to work with the 51 professional boards and committees to adopt new policies and improve existing processes to help prevent sexual misconduct from occurring, promote accountability among licensees, and ensure that victims who report incidents receive the support they deserve. The reforms affect approximately 700,000 New Jersey licensees, including physicians, social workers and home health aides.

The Directive stems from a comprehensive review conducted by the Division to identify additional ways to improve how the professional boards and committees deal with issues relating to sexual misconduct.

"Patients and clients shouldn't have to fear or second-guess the behavior of a licensed professional," said Kaitlin A. Caruso, Acting Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs. "I

commend the Boards for upholding their duty to protect the public's wellbeing by holding accountable those who engage in sexual misconduct."

Under the Final Consent Order, Dr. Renner is precluded from reapplying for his New Jersey license to practice medicine and surgery at any future time, and managing, overseeing, supervising, or influencing the practice of medicine or provision of healthcare activities in the State. Dr. Renner also agreed to divest himself from any current and future financial interest in, or benefit derived from, the practice of medicine in New Jersey. The Board also assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$30,000, of which \$10,000 is to be paid within 18 months. The remaining \$20,000 will be suspended as long as Dr. Renner remains compliant with the terms and conditions of the Order.

Dr. Renner's license has been suspended under an Interim Consent Order since June 25, 2019, pending the disposition of criminal charges against him, and he has been prohibited from entering his former medical practice during business hours when patients may be present.

Under the terms of the Final Consent Order, Dr. Singh is permanently barred from seeking a medical license or CDS registration in New Jersey, and must notify current patients of the cessation of his practice. The Board also assessed Dr. Singh costs in the amount of \$10,000, and Dr. Singh agreed to divest himself from any current and future financial interest in, or benefit derived from, the practice of medicine in New Jersey.

In a Final Consent Order, filed on April 1, 2021, Dr. Tyshkov is permanently precluded from reapplying for his license to practice medicine in New Jersey, and must divest himself from any current and future financial interest in, or benefit derived from, the practice of medicine in the State.

Dr. Tyshkov's medical license in New Jersey had been suspended since April 8, 2019 under an Interim Consent Order pending the outcome of the criminal case against him.

Dr. Renner, Dr. Singh, and Dr. Tyshkov are the latest physicians to have their licenses revoked by the Board of Medical Examiners for sexual misconduct in the workplace.

Since April 1, 2020, the occupational and professional boards have disciplined the following seventeen licensees for sexual misconduct in a professional setting, in addition to these three disciplinary actions.

Patients who believe that they have been treated by a licensed health care professional in an inappropriate manner can file an online complaint with the State Division of Consumer Affairs by visiting its website or by calling (973) 504-6200 to request a complaint form. For multilingual information about filing sexual misconduct complaints, you may visit the dedicated page on the Division's website.

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Union County Offers Free Recycling Event

COUNTY -- The Union County Board of Commissioners reminds residents that free countywide recycling events are coming up in June. All residents from any municipality in Union County can use any of these countywide events.

Detailed information on each event is available on the Union County website at ucnj.org/recycle, or by calling the Union County Recycling Hotline at (908) 654-9889.

Residents can also use the free Recycle Coach app for information and updates on their local municipal recycling programs as well as the countywide events hosted by Union County.

"The countywide recycling events are among the most popular programs we offer, and we encourage all residents to take advantage of every opportunity to participate in them," said Union Commission Chairman Alexander Mirabella.

The next Household Hazardous Waste Program will be on Saturday,

June 5 at Union County College in Cranford. Items for drop off include old pesticides & herbicides, pool chemicals, gasoline, used oil, and more. A list of accepted items is available at ucnj.org/recycling/household-special-waste. Please note that latex paints and other water-based paints are not accepted. These paints should be dried within the can and disposed with regular household garbage.

Visit ucnj.org/recycling for directions, hours of operation, and lists of accepted items for each countywide recycling event. Residents are reminded that only items specific to each event will be accepted.

For more information on all recycling programs hosted by Union County, visit ucnj.org/recycle or call the Union County Recycling Hotline at (908) 654-9889.

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

Social Security Tells Most Popular Baby Names in NJ

STATE -- The Social Security Administration today announced the most popular baby names in New Jersey for 2020. Liam and Olivia topped the list.

The top five boys and girls names for 2020 in New Jersey were:

Boys: 1) Liam 2) Noah 3) Lucas 4) Joseph 5) Jacob

Girls: 1) Olivia 2) Sophia 3) Emma 4) Mia 5) Ava

The agency announced last week that Olivia and Liam were the most popular baby names in the U.S. How does New Jersey compare to the rest of the country? Check out Social Security's website — www.socialsecurity.gov — to see the top national baby names for 2020.

Social Security encourages everyone to enjoy the baby names list and, while online, create a *my* Social Security account at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount. *my* Social Security is a personalized online account that people can use beginning in their working years and continuing while receiving Social Security benefits.

Social Security beneficiaries have instant access to their benefit verification letter, payment history, and complete earnings record by establishing a *my* Social Security account. Beneficiaries also can change their address, start or change direct deposit information, and request a replacement SSA-1099 online. People receiving benefits can request a replacement Medicare card online.

People age 18 and older who are not receiving benefits can also sign up for a *my* Social Security account to get their personalized online *Social Security Statement*. The online *Statement* provides workers with secure and convenient access to their Social Security earnings and benefit information, and estimates of future benefits they can use to plan for their retirement. Residents of most states may request a replacement Social Security card online if they

meet certain requirements.

The agency began compiling the baby name list in 1997, with names dating back to 1880. At the time of a child's birth, parents supply the name to the agency when applying for a child's Social Security card, thus making Social Security America's source for the most popular baby names.

In addition to each state's top baby names (and names for U.S. territories), Social Security's website has a list of the 1,000 most popular boys and girls names for 2020.

To see the fastest rising girls and boys names in 2020, go to www.socialsecurity.gov/news/press/releases/2021/#5-2021-2.

Lifelong Westfield Seeks Members

WESTFIELD -- Lifelong Westfield is currently seeking seniors to add to their mailing list of events and surveys. Over 4,000 seniors are living in Westfield according to the latest census data. Anyone interested in joining Lifelong Westfield can call (908) 301-1287 or email westfieldnjseniors@gmail.com.

Lifelong Westfield will be hosting a walk with the mayor and police chief on Tuesday, June 8 at 11 a.m. in Tamaques Park. The walk will include a brief presentation on walking safety for seniors and include a free safety vest for all seniors and caregivers. Participants should meet in the parking lot near the tennis courts. This is a great way to promote walking safety especially as the weather warms up and summer approaches. To participate, seniors and caregivers are asked to RSVP by calling (908) 301-1287 or emailing westfieldnjseniors@gmail.com. Covid safety protocols will be followed including social distancing and wearing a mask.

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SP Council Calls for Repeal Of Cap on SALT Deductions

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Township Council unanimously adopted a resolution on May 18 calling for federal lawmakers to immediately repeal a \$10,000 federal cap on deductions for “SALT,” an acronym for state and local taxes.

In 2017, the federal government modified its tax code, no longer allowing property taxpayers to have full deductibility of their property taxes as part of federal tax filings. This decision hit towns like Scotch Plains particularly hard, as many property owners pay more than \$10,000 each year.

“In all forms, the government’s decision created an unfair burden on the people of Scotch Plains,” said Councilman Matt Adams, who pushed for the resolution. “But we’re not asking for special favors as the SALT deduction does not unfairly benefit taxpayers in New Jersey or other high-tax states. To the contrary, low tax states are generally more dependent on the federal government, receiving more in federal funding than they pay to Washington.”

Councilman Adams noted the full deduction of state and local taxes has been part of the federal tax code for more than 100 years. In fact, in 1913, the first federal income tax form allowed taxpayers to deduct state and local taxes - one of only six deductions allowed at the time.

“By capping the deductibility of state and local taxes at \$10,000 in 2017, the federal government is forcing double taxation on many resi-

dents in Scotch Plains,” Mayor Josh Losardo said. “In fact, this unfair cap is an attack on all communities, creating more burden. We all rely on tax payments to support public services, such as K-12 schools, law enforcement and public safety, transportation and infrastructure, and vital community and public health services.”

The Township Council is voicing its support for legislation sponsored by Rep. Bill Pascrell (D-9th Dist.), H.R. 946, which has been called the “Stop the Attack on Local Taxpayers (SALT) Act.” The bill would eliminate the \$10,000 cap on property tax deduction and retroactively removes the cap, a benefit to all Americans, at all income levels.

Councilman Adams noted this deduction is especially critical for middle-income homeowners, as 50 percent of the deductions claimed by taxpayers earning \$50,000 to \$100,000 are for property taxes.

He also noted that many homeowners of relatively modest means have been hurt by the cap because it has reduced the market value of their homes. Before the SALT cap, being able to deduct property taxes made homes more affordable and helped boost values above where they would have otherwise been. When the deduction vanished, the opposite happened.

Copies of the resolution have been sent to President Joe Biden as well as all members of New Jersey’s Congressional delegation, urging action.

Union County SHero 2021 Award Winners Announced

COUNTY – The Union County Board of Commissioners is pleased to recognize 55 women with the 2021 Union County SHero Award. The award is administered by the Union County Office on Women, and was created to help raise awareness about the contributions of women in Union County during the COVID-19 crisis.

“This award recognizes women who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and commitment to their community during a history-making crisis,” said Commissioner Chairman Alexander Mirabella.

The 55 women recognized by the 2021 SHero Awards were selected based on nominations submitted to the Office on Women.

The following residents have been recognized with a 2021 SHero Award: Donna Aflalo, Berkeley Heights; Marie Avagliano, Summit; Kim Baglieri, Clark; Kisha Belton Chubb, Plainfield; Pam Bonifacio, Elizabeth; Dr. Pamela Bruz, Westfield; Jessica Cohen, Elizabeth; Sally Corvinus, Clark; Jennifer Costa, Elizabeth; Elaine Coupe, Scotch Plains; Katie Darcy, Summit; Susan DeLuise, New Providence; Bonnie Diaz, CDS, Clark; Nancy DiLiegro, Elizabeth; Zenaida Downey, Linden; Vikki Drake, Cranford; NJ Sewa In Unity, Face-Mask Making Group, Lin-

den; Michele Ford, Roselle; Krishna Garlic, Elizabeth; Gloria (Anny) Garris, Rahway; Yelena Horré, Linden; Kristin Imbimbo, Clark; Linda Karlovitch, Kenilworth; Eileen Kelly, Roselle Park; Kristen Koehler, EdD, Rahway; Lori Kowalski, Clark; Antonietta LaVecchia, Summit; Barbara Maher, Rahway; Mary McTigue, Elizabeth; Deana Mesaros, Linden; Phyllis Mirabella, Fanwood Borough; Diane Moore-Pender, Plainfield; Rebecca Morales Tantillo, Cranford; Kathleen Ollen, Cranford; Danie Orelieen Armstead, Linden; Pam Palmieri, Fanwood; Amanda Parrish Block, Summit; Amy Radick, Mountainside; Carmela Resnick, Scotch Plains; Jaheedah Roane, M.D., Rahway; Adrienne Robertiello, Scotch Plains; Nilda Rosario, Linden; Carmen Salavarietta, Plainfield; Michelle Salerno, Elizabeth; Mansi Sanghvi, Linden; Cindy Torres, Elizabeth; Gayle Turner, Kenilworth; Lauren Twombly, Mountainside; Juanita Vargas, Elizabeth; Debra Varnerin, Berkeley Heights; Coral Venturino, Westfield; Dahlia Vertreese, Hillside; Lawanna Wade, Hillside; Amy Wagner, Berkeley Heights and Christina Wilson, Rahway.

All SHero awardees will receive a certificate and will be featured on the Union County Office on Women’s webpage at <https://ucnj.org/shero-award/>

Denise Garrett Officially Kicks Off Campaign for Westfield Town Council to Represent Ward 2

Long-time resident emphasizes need for transparency and communication, improvements to parks and sports facilities, community safety and the prevention of overcrowding.

Surrounded by family, friends and supporters, Denise Garrett officially launched her campaign for Westfield Town Council to represent Ward 2 during a fun and casual kick-off event at her home. More than 75 attendees gathered to hear more about Garrett’s views on critical issues impacting Westfield, including our sports and recreation facilities, downtown planning and development, and community safety.

“I am ready and eager to collaborate with Westfield’s leadership to find fair-and-balanced solutions that will drive the change needed to ensure Westfield remains one of the most coveted destinations for current and future families,” said Garrett. “I am confident that my more than 20 years of experience in compliance and risk management provides me with the business acumen required to make thoughtful, yet timely decisions.”

Also in attendance were Westfield

Mayoral Candidate, JoAnn Neylan; New Jersey General Assembly Leader Jon Bramnick (R-Union); Senator Tom Kean Jr. (R- 21st Legislative District in the NJ Senate) Michele Matsikoudis, candidate for New Jersey General Assembly’s 21st Legislative District; Councilman Mark LoGrippo (R-Ward 3) and Amanda Como, candidate to represent Ward 1 in the Westfield Town Council.

Committed to de-politicizing local issues and the upcoming election, Garrett added, “The issues that matter to our community are not about Republican versus Democrat or ‘us’ versus ‘them’.” It is about what is best for the community and our residents.”

A resident for 16 years with her husband, Bill, Garrett explained that her sense of hope is why she is running for town council.

“If I have the honor to serve as your councilperson, my goal will be to focus on doing the right thing for our residents, our community and our children,” said the mother of three. “I have always admired the dedication our residents have to our town’s success. We are a community that remains focused on preserving nature, a community that respects and honors traditions all while creating a ‘home’ for everyone even after they move away.”

Garrett invited residents of Ward 2 and across Westfield to share their concerns and insights to help shape her views and priorities. She will be conducting small group events over the coming months to hear more from residents, as well as sharing specific ideas and proposals for how she will drive change and impact should she be elected.

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Letters to the Editor

Cannabis Commission Chairs Provide Context for Opt-Out Recommendation

Most of us know by now that the New Jersey Legislature passed, and the Governor signed into law, legislation legalizing and regulating recreational cannabis use and possession for adults 21 years and older. Among other things, this legislation requires municipalities to either “opt in” or “opt out” of the law’s provisions allowing none, one, or all of the six classes of cannabis licenses to operate within a town’s borders. These six classes include not just the operation of retail establishments within a town, but also cultivators, manufacturers, wholesale distributors and delivery services. Towns that “opt in” are committed to that decision for the next five years, while those that “opt out” may reconsider their decision at any time.

More than two-thirds of Westfield residents voted in favor of approving the 2020 New Jersey ballot initiative legalizing recreational cannabis use. So, to address this issue in a holistic and thoughtful manner, Mayor Brindle assembled a Cannabis Commission, which we led in our roles as Chairs of the Code Review & Town Property, and Public Safety, Transportation and Parking Committees, respectively, to make recommendations to the Town Council about how to move forward.

The Commission met for several hours on four occasions to, among other things, gather facts, review the law, and discuss the various issues faced by the Town as a result of legalization. One of the Commission’s meetings included a forum at which the public provided their opinions on the issue. In addition, the Town set up an email address (cannabiscomments@westfieldnj.gov) to which residents could email their thoughts and their position on whether the Town should allow cannabis sales and other cannabis activities in Town. Many residents took advantage of this opportunity, leaving insightful and constructive comments that covered a wide range of opinions on the issue. The Commission’s last meeting was held on Thursday, May 20th. At that meeting, the comments made by members of the public, as well as the many emailed public comments, were discussed at length by Commission members.

The comments from the residents of Westfield ranged from fully supportive to totally against. And without going into the detail of those comments, those in favor generally believed that we should benefit not only from the local tax revenue that can be generated from legal cannabis sales, but also from the foot traffic that such a retail location would generate. Those opposed generally believed that allowing local cannabis dispensaries would negatively impact the family-friendly nature of the Town. And in the Commission’s view, each position has varying degrees of merit.

The Commission was tasked with making a recommendation to the Town Council in what amounted to a relatively short and compressed period of time. This is because under the new state law, municipalities choosing to “opt out” are required to take affirmative legislative action by August 21, 2021. Any municipality that fails to take action by that date is considered, by default, to have opted in. Municipal decisions to opt out

must be memorialized in the form of a town ordinance, and all ordinances in New Jersey can only be adopted in a two-step process at two separate meetings – introduction at one Council meeting and adoption after a public hearing at a second Council meeting. And, because the “opt in/opt out” decision is a zoning law change, such ordinances must be reviewed by the Planning Board before being formally adopted by the Mayor and Council. Put simply, Westfield needed to begin acting now to comfortably meet the August 21 deadline.

In addition to the rushed timeframe, the Commission also had to make a recommendation with incomplete information. Under the new law, the Governor and Legislature directed the creation of a Cannabis Regulatory Commission, a body that is tasked with enacting rules and regulations regarding the specifics of how legalized and medical cannabis will operate within the State. The CRC is only beginning to develop regulations on zoning, licensing, local approval, health and safety, and to discuss other local municipal considerations. So, in other words, the law requires Westfield and other towns to make the initial opt in/opt out decision without yet fully knowing the rules of the road.

As a result, the Commission has recommended to the Town Council that Westfield “opt out” of the new cannabis law. Our recommendation is based primarily on the concern that, given the rushed manner in which towns must make the initial, important opt in/opt out decision, and considering that the rules have literally not been written yet, the appropriate step to take at this time is to adopt an ordinance “opting out” of allowing sales and other commercial cannabis activities in Westfield for the time being. Even though we are recommending an “opt out” now, Westfield can always decide to “opt in” at any time given the benefit of more information, an understanding of the applicable rules and regulations, and once we have satisfied ourselves that it is the right thing to do for our town. This recommendation should not be interpreted as the Commission being opposed for all time to allowing the sale and other commercial cannabis activities in Westfield; but in our view, while Westfield is a leader in many things, this is one area in which it would be smarter not to be a leader, given the significant unknowns.

We would be remiss if we didn’t express our immense gratitude at the thoughtful and incisive comments submitted to the Commission by so many members of the public. And as well, we are extremely thankful for the contributions of all of the members of the Commission, who have volunteered considerable amount of time and energy to evaluate the pros and cons of the issues involved here, to consider all of the known facts, and to listen with an open mind to all of the public comments.

Thank you.

**Councilmen Mark Parmelee and Mike Dardia
Chairs, Westfield Cannabis Commission**

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Ordinance was finally adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union, New Jersey, on the 18th day of May 2021.

ORDINANCE 2021-9

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ALL CLASSES OF CANNABIS LICENSED BUSINESSES IN RESIDENTIAL AND DOWNTOWN ZONES (R-1, R-2, R-2A, R-2B, R-2C, R-2D, R-3, R-3A, B-1, B-1A, B-2, P, C, ML-1, ML-2, ML-3, R-3B AND SC-1); PERMITTING THE OPERATION OF CANNABIS LICENSED BUSINESSES CLASSES 1-6 AND CONSUMPTION AREAS ONLY IN THE B-3 (HIGHWAY BUSINESS) ZONE; AND PERMITTING LICENSED CANNABIS BUSINESS CLASSES 1, 2, 3, 4 AND 6 ONLY IN THE M-1 AND M-2 ZONES WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS BY AMENDING CHAPTER 23 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ENTITLED “ZONING” AND BY CREATING A NEW CHAPTER ENTITLED “ESTABLISHMENT OF CANNABIS TRANSFER AND USER TAX”.

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The Benefits of Film Photography

By SIENA JABON
For The Westfield Leader and The Times

These days, it’s easy to obsess over a photo and want to edit it until you are satisfied with every last detail—such as the lighting, colors or a photo’s position; especially now that we all carry phones which allow us to have a camera on us at all times. Yet, it can be better for all of us to revert back to a different, slightly older way of taking photos. There are some key differences with taking an old-school photo that can make a person nostalgic while also improving a person’s mindset in terms of photography.

For starters, a digital camera will have the images stored in a memory card inside the camera. You can instantly see your photo, and reuse that same memory card more than once. With a film camera, the images are retained in the film. You cannot see the photos right off the bat; they have to be developed, and you cannot reuse a roll of film more than once. Many people will see digital photography as the obvious and easiest choice, but there is something very special about film photography and the process and skill that comes with it.

As simple as it is to take a picture with a phone, it’s just as easy to get caught up continuously retaking the same photo in the hopes that you will get the perfect one. This kills the joy you may have had at first, as the task of sorting through the phone memory becomes a chore that can quickly take away from the uniqueness of a photograph, and let’s be honest, you can waste a lot of time in this process. With film photography, things could not be more different.

The roll of film that you choose can determine the tones of the photo and how the colors show up in the shot when the photo is developed. There is no need to throw on a ton of filters to make the colors fit your aesthetic, because that usually comes with the type of film you buy. In fact, a lot of photographers who shoot digitally end up editing their photos to make it look like film.

Film photographers have a very limited number of exposures accessible to them on an individual roll of film. This allows them to visualize the image they want to capture, and think about it more deliberately before taking the shot. While it can be pretty costly to cover the price of film and can take time getting the film developed, it allows you to think about what you are shooting more carefully. There’s no room to take multiple e pictures, or potentially waste film. You’re not obsessing over a single picture, because you can’t see the photo right after you snap the shot.

Once you have finished shooting your film roll, you then have to get it developed. The film is taken to a lab where it is then processed and deliv-

ered back to you, but this doesn’t all happen right away. It’s a bit of a waiting process that may seem long. Nevertheless, that teaches patience. It is quite different from the rapidity of taking out your mobile phone and instantaneously snapping multiple shots. Most people end up with clutter on their phones or cameras.

The process is exciting, perhaps like waiting for a fun holiday. Alas, your photos have finished getting developed and are ready to view. Receiving the photos that you patiently waited for is like getting a little present every time you get your film back.

Of course, this type of photography takes some practice, like many other things, but the final product of your beautifully colored and well thought out photos is totally worth it. You learn patience, you learn to appreciate beauty and find the right shot and you have become a better photographer.

Knights List Dates For June Events

AREA — Knights of Columbus No. 3240 has announced three upcoming events at the Church of the Assumption, located at 113 Chiego Place, Roselle Park.

A pancake breakfast will take place on Sunday, June 6, after the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. masses. Attendees can pay at the door. For details, call John Ruiz at (908) 693-3702.

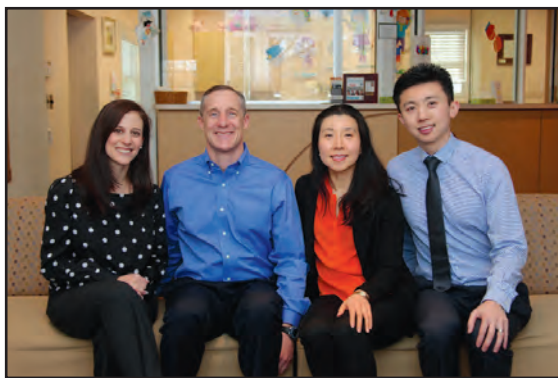
A one-day Feast of St. Anthony celebration will be held the following Sunday, June 13. A parking lot procession will follow the noon mass. Some Feast-style, takeout food will be available for purchase. For details, call Greg Delano at (908) 377-9939.

A blood drive is set for Tuesday, June 22, from 2 to 8 p.m., in the lower Church building. For details, call Greg Demeter at (917) 664-8563.

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PREPPING FOR SUMMER...A team of Flintlocks repairs tent platforms in preparation for the arrival of Scout campers in the summer. Additionally, the Flintlocks recently replaced the rafters and roof of a cabin and repaired multiple latrines. Winter storms had caused significant damage to the structures. The Flintlocks assist the Patriots' Path Council throughout the year by performing maintenance and repairs, as well as helping with Scout activities.

Flintlocks Help to Repair Scout Camps For Summer

AREA — The Flintlocks have sprung into action this Spring to help the Patriots' Path Council, Boy Scouts of America, repair the Scout camps in preparation for the summer campers. The Patriots' Path Council includes the Watchung Mountain District, which serves the communities of Berkeley Heights, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Westfield.

The Scout camps had sustained substantial storm damage over the winter, including to the roofs of latrines, the roof of the Winnebago cabin, and many tent platforms. One team of Flintlocks has been repairing the damaged tent platforms. There are 17 campsites at Camp Winnebago with 225 tent platforms. The storms last winter brought down branches which damaged the structures. The Flintlocks need to remove the damaged boards and replace them with new boards. They recently repaired 80 platforms over a four-week period.

Another team repaired the roof of the latrine in the Chippewa Campsite. A large tree fell on the roof and punctured it, leaving a huge hole. There also are other latrines which need to be repaired.

A third team of volunteers removed the rafters and roof of the Winnebago cabin, built new rafters and replaced the metal roof. A huge

tree fell on the cabin and damaged the roof so badly that half of the roof needed to be removed and replaced. The Flintlocks just finished this work on May 13.

The Scout camps sell the fallen trees to a lumber mill, which removes them. This small income helps the camp pay for the wood needed for repairs.

The Flintlocks are a group of retired Scouters who come up to the camps every week, all year round, to help the Patriots' Path Council. They perform most of the repairs and maintenance for the four Council camps, but also build new structures, such as cabins, waterfront structures, picnic tables and tent platforms. In 2018, they secured funding and built the STEM Lab at Allamuchy. Second, they make the craft kits for birdhouses and other activities, which are sold through the Scout Shops. Third, many Flintlocks volunteer to help run the many Council programs, such as Camporees and the University of Scouting. More than half of the Flintlocks have received a Silver Beaver Award, the highest award a volunteer may receive from a Council.

The Facebook page is "Flintlocks." For more information, contact Secretary Dr. Michael Hart at drmhart@yahoo.com.

Coles School Celebrates Staff With Week-Long Activities

SCOTCH PLAINS — J.A. Coles Elementary School in Scotch Plains celebrated Staff Appreciation Week, held April 26 to 30, with an array of festive activities reflecting the theme "You Lift Us Up."

The week started off with handwritten notes for teachers and staff from students. These notes went in balloon bouquets that were made by CZ Balloons, a business owned by a Coles mom. On Tuesday, the staff was treated to breakfast donated by Coles families and bagels from Fanwood Bagels.

Wednesday featured the popular Granola Bar with handmade granola from the Berdan family. On Thursday, Hershey's Deli catered lunch for the staff along complemented by more family lunch donations. The Friday highlight was a popcorn and candy bar — a fun treat for all the staff. Each staff member also was given a bag of goodies put together by Coles families.



YUMMY...This popcorn and candy snack bar was among the array of activities recently held at J.A. Coles Elementary School in Scotch Plains for Staff Appreciation Week.

Obituaries

Helen Christensen Britton 1925-2021

Helen Christensen Britton of Westfield, New Jersey, and Juno Beach, Florida, passed away peacefully at her home in Florida on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, just four months after her loving husband of 73 years, Robert Hill Britton.

"Chris" was born on July 30, 1925 in New York, New York, the only child of Bernt Ingemann and Kirsten Andersen Christensen. She moved to Plainfield, New Jersey, in 1930, and graduated from Plainfield High School in 1943. Chris earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics, class of 1946, from Vassar College. Chris enjoyed a short and dedicated career. In 1947, upon the end of World War II, Chris married Robert, her dear friend Barbara's older brother. When her husband Robert was called to rejoin the Army during the Korean War, Chris gave up her professional pursuits to travel with him to various Army bases around the country. In 1950, Chris and Bob moved to Mountainside, New Jersey. She then devoted her life to raising their children and serving the communities in which they lived. Summers were spent at their home in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire.

Chris was involved in numerous

civic and recreational groups as well as being a founding member of the Community Presbyterian Church in Mountainside, and a longtime member of Echo Lake Country Club and Tequesta Golf Club. Chris was a talented golfer, achieving two holes in one, accomplished pianist, gourmet cook, knitter, bridge player and world traveler.

She was a loving and supportive mother to her two children and four grandchildren.

She is survived by her devoted children and grandchildren, son Bruce Christensen Britton (Andrea); daughter Pamela Britton Kolb (David), and her three grandchildren, Adla (Ryan) Britton, Owen Britton and Kirsten (Ryan) Kolb; sister-in-law, Louise Basbas, and numerous nieces, nephews and relatives in the United States and Denmark. In addition to her husband, Bob, she was predeceased by her beloved grandson, Erik Kolb.

A Memorial Service celebrating the lives of both Robert and Helen Britton will be held for family in June.

The family kindly requests that expressions of sympathy be memorial donations to the Erik Britton Kolb '02 Memorial Scholarship, Lafayette College, 307 Markel Hall, Easton, Pa. 18042-1770.

May 27, 2021



Helen Britton



NEW LEAGUE LEADERS...The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League recently inducted its new officers for a two-year term. Pictured, from left to right, are: Sharon Shirago, corresponding secretary; Arlene Knox, president, and Betty Seery, vice-president. The League sells new and gently-used merchandise at its thrift shop, with proceeds benefiting community needs and scholarships.

F-SP Service League Inducts New Officers, Expands Hrs.

FANWOOD/SCOTCH PLAINS — The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League inducted new officers on May 17. A local, all-volunteer organization, the Service League runs the non-profit thrift shop at 1741 East Second Street, Scotch Plains. Assuming new duties for a two-year term are

Library to Host Talk On Breast Cancer

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Public Library will host a Zoom presentation on Thursday, June 3, from noon to 1 p.m., entitled "Breast Cancer — Causes and Prevention."

Beiqing Pan, MD, a medical oncologist with Astera Cancer Care, and Laura Bond, MD, a radiation oncologist with Steeplechase Cancer Center, will present the talk. They will discuss symptoms, screening, diagnosis and treatment options. This program is part of a continuing series.

Participants are welcome to submit general questions for the doctors in the registration form. 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 at scotlib.org.

Trustees to Meet; Library to Be Site For Primary Voting

GARWOOD — The Garwood Public Library, located at 411 Third Avenue, has announced two events that will take place in early June.

A meeting of the library board of trustees will be held on Wednesday, June 2, at 7:30 p.m., in the library. This meeting is open to the public. Masks and social distancing are required.

On Tuesday, June 8, the library will serve as a polling location for the Primary Election and will be open throughout the day.

The library is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ten people are permitted inside at a time for one hour; no appointments are necessary. One-hour computer use is permitted. Staff is available to copy and fax for the public. Curbside service also is available. For more information, visit youseemore.com/garwood.

Robert 'Bob' Zatorski, Family Man; Was Asst. Prosecutor, Law Firm Member

Robert "Bob" Zatorski of Fanwood, N.J., passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 19, 2021.

Surviving are his beloved wife of almost 47 years, Diane Moss Zatorski; his loving children, Allison (Matthew Levitt) and Michael (Fallon), and his adoring grandchildren, Avery, Jack, Max, Sophie and Aiden. Bob was the cherished brother-in-law of Carol and James Smith.

Bob was born on November 15, 1947. He was the only child of Victoria and Anthony Zatorski of Roselle, N.J. After attending Roselle Catholic High School, Bob graduated with honors from Rutgers University and received his J.D. from Rutgers Law School in 1972. An accomplished legal career followed, first at the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office as an Assistant Prosecutor and then as Chief Trial Attorney. It was at the Prosecutor's Office that he met Diane, who worked next door to his office. In 1982, Bob joined Cohn Liffand Pearlman Herrmann & Knopf LLP in Saddle Brook, N.J., as an associate. Bob was elected a member of the firm in 1986 and continued there until his retirement in 2013.

After retiring from the practice of law, Bob pursued his other passions. He was a lifelong collector

of stamps and brought the joy he found in this hobby to others through his company The Excelsior Collection. Bob enjoyed traveling to stamp shows across the country with his trusted friend, Allan Smith. Bob was a voracious reader (Tom Clancy and Stephen King were among his favorite authors) and he also loved gardening and feeding the birds in his backyard with his granddaughter Sophie. A loyal husband and father, he was also a dedicated fan of the University of Michigan Wolverines. He treasured watching all his grandchildren grow and was known for his signature sunhat at Avery, Jack and Max's sports games and swim meets. Bob's one-year-old grandson, Aiden Robert, is named after him. Most of all, Bob cherished spending time with the love of his life, Diane. A 40th anniversary trip to Hawaii with her was one of his most special memories.

Services are private and a celebration of Bob's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Bob's memory to the Community FoodBank of New Jersey (<https://cfbnj.org>) or the Mandy Reichman Feeding Program through Temple Emanu-El (<https://tewnj.org/social-action/>).

May 27, 2021

Book Sales to Return to Cranford Library in June

CRANFORD — The Friends of the Cranford Public Library has announced that its used book sales in the "Friendly Book Cellar" are returning. There will be two separate sales in June, including a children's book sale and an all-books sale.

Online registration is necessary. To register, go to cranfordlibrary.org and click on Friends of the Library. Attendance is limited to 45-minute sessions, with each session beginning on the hour. All attendees will be required to wear a face mask.

The children's book sale will only be open to Cranford Public Library card holders and attendees will not be able to purchase books from other sections of the Cellar. The two-day

sale will take place on Friday, June 4, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, June 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The all-books sale will be open to the general public and will be held over three days. This sale will take place on Thursday, June 10, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, June 11, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, June 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All sales will benefit the library, located at 224 Walnut Avenue, Cranford.

The Friends look forward to a relaxation of restrictions in the near future. In the meantime, the group hopes that the June sales will help to satisfy the need that many people have expressed to once again be able to purchase books and DVDs at a discount.

Robert Wendel to Discuss Revolutionary-Era Homes

WESTFIELD — As part of the Westfield Historical Society's First Wednesday Luncheon series, Robert Wendel will discuss "Westfield's Revolutionary War Era Homes." Once holding a gold mine of Revolutionary-era homes, Westfield has seen the destruction of more than 25 such homes in the past 30 years.

This will be an interactive virtual event taking place June 2 at noon. Guests will enjoy their own lunch, in place, while watching Mr. Wendel's live presentation. Instructions and the link to the event will be sent to all paid registered guests. For anyone who may not be familiar with Zoom meetings, the Historical Society can set up a tutorial session on how to participate in a Zoom presentation with the Society. Those interested in the tutorial are asked to call or email the Historical Society.

Westfield dates from 1720, officially, but had some homesteads as early as the late 1680s. These original homes of Dutch and English origin housed many of the Patriot farmers who fought for freedom from Britannic rule. Skirmishes often took place outside homesteads. Although there were no major battles in current-day Westfield, there were several significant battles throughout what was once the greater West Fields of Elizabethtown.

Mr. Wendel served for more than 25 years in the insurance industry in a variety of positions. Since leaving the corporate world, he has been working with his wife, Lisa, in their financial

consulting firm but also makes significant time for his love of history.

Since moving to Westfield in 1991, he has served as curator for the Westfield Historical Society Archives; was vice president of membership and community relations on the Historical Society Board, and currently serves as archivist at the Society along with the Miller-Cory Board of Governors. He is the former Town of Westfield historian and served for several years on Westfield's Historic Preservation Commission.

Additionally, he served as co-chair of the Westfield 300 celebrations for Westfield until Covid-19 truncated many of the proposed plans. Mr. Wendel also is a member of the Washington/Rochambeau Historic Trail Association and the Genealogical Society of the West Fields.

Those wishing to join the virtual luncheon may make a reservation by email to westfieldhistoricalsociety@gmail.com, or by calling (908) 654-1794, before Monday, May 31. The presentation fee is \$10 for Westfield Historical Society members and \$15 for non-members. The fee should be paid in advance (check payable to Westfield Historical Society) by mailing it to Westfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 613, Westfield, N.J. 07091; by Venmo to @Westfield-HistoricalSociety, or online at westfieldhistoricalsociety.org/registration. Payments should be received by May 31 to assure receipt of the emailed link to the event.



Robert Wendel



ULTIMATE VICTORY...The Westfield Ultimate teams traveled to Mercer County on May 15 for Ultimate Frisbee competitions against teams from the tri-state area. Westfield A triumphed in both games, beating Strath Haven High School, 13 to 3, in the first game, and then Holy Ghost High School, 11 to 9, in a tough competition. The team combined the event with a food drive for the Community FoodBank of New Jersey. Pictured are Westfield A Team members celebrating their win.

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Fanwood Library Friends to Celebrate 35 Yrs. With Party

FANWOOD — After 35 years of sustaining, serving and supporting the library, the Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library will throw a big, family, fun-in-the-sun party on Sunday, June 6, from 2 to 4 p.m. There is no rain date.

The event will feature music, refreshments, games and prizes. Masks and social distancing will be required. The library is located at 5 Forest Road, Fanwood.

Cellist Megan Sweet will play to a reading of Sandra Boynton’s book “Jungle Night.” A family Trivial Pursuit book lovers’ edition game will pit teams against each other to guess book titles, characters, plots and more for popular children’s and adult books.

Additional music will be per-

formed during the second half of the festivities, with Reckon So. Back by popular demand, this lively duo of Fanwood Library Director Dan Weiss and Mary Olive Smith will entertain guests on the library lawn.

“The party requires no registration and no entrance fee. But we sincerely hope the event inspires donations to fuel our spending on the library in the coming decades,” said President and founder of the Friends Carol Campell.

This early start could enable the 501(c)(3) organization to provide even more services, equipment, materials and programming, such as the children’s summer reading club and Museum Pass, than ever before, according to the Friends.



MOUNT SALUTATORIAN OF '21...Martha Byrne of Westfield has been named salutatorian of the Class of 2021 at Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung. She is pictured with S. Lisa D. Gambacorto, RSM, Ed.S., directress of Mount Saint Mary Academy.

Martha Byrne Is Salutatorian Of Mount’s Class of 2021

WATCHUNG – On the evening of May 17, during Academy Awards Night in Immaculate Conception Chapel, Martha Byrne received the prestigious distinction of being named salutatorian of the Mount Saint Mary Academy Class of 2021.

A Westfield resident, Martha will attend the University of Notre Dame in the fall, where she will major in economics and classics. Her experiences on the Mount’s Euro Challenge Team and Fed Challenge Team led to her decision to major in economics, while her Latin classes sparked a love of

classics.

Martha, a graduate of Holy Trinity Interparochial School in Westfield, is a National Merit Scholar, receiving the \$2,500 scholarship. She has been editor of the Mount Saint Mary Academy blog, *Peeks*, and has been active in campus ministry, band and various clubs.

A setter on the Varsity Volleyball team, Martha was proud and thrilled when the team won its division this year.

Martha is the daughter of Mr. William Byrne and Mrs. Gretchen Byrne of Westfield.

Ashley Cifrodello Among SNHU Dean’s List Honorees

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Ashley Cifrodello of Cranford has been named to Southern New Hampshire University’s Winter 2021 Dean’s List. The Winter term runs from January to May.

Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 are named to the Dean’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in the Fall or Spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits in either

EW1 and EW2, EW3 and EW4, or EW5 and EW6.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with an 88-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 150,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, N.H. To learn more, access snhu.edu.

Local Residents Graduate From University of Scranton

SCRANTON, Pa. — Ten local residents were among more than 800 bachelor’s degree recipients honored at the University of Scranton’s in-person undergraduate celebration ceremonies that were held on May 23. Degrees were conferred to graduates who had completed their academic degree requirements in August and December of 2020, as well as January and May of 2021.

Due to capacity restrictions in place because of the pandemic, separate ceremonies were held for the university’s Panuska College of Professional Studies, the Kania School of Management and the College of Arts and Sciences at the Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza, Wilkes-Barre. Among those who were awarded undergraduate degrees are the following:

Aaron J. Cancio of Cranford, who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Administration.

Alyssa N. Capone of Westfield, who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance.

Matthew M. DeBenedetto of Westfield, who earned a Bachelor of

Science degree in Operations Management and Philosophy.

Kiera E. DeProspero of Fanwood, who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Counseling and Human Services.

Olivia G. Gelling of Fanwood, who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

Jake R. Kloepper of Fanwood, who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

Katelyn F. Pelletiere of Westfield, who earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Advertising/Public Relations and Social Media Strategies.

Leigh S. Scarano of Westfield, who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Early and Primary Teacher Education.

Kelly U. Travers of Westfield, who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

Daniel R. Vargas of Cranford, who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology.

The University of Scranton is a Jesuit university located in Northeastern Pennsylvania. To learn more about the university, visit scranton.edu.

Christopher Johnson Is Univ. of Findlay Graduate

FINDLAY, Ohio — Christopher Johnson of Westfield has graduated from the University of Findlay, receiving a Doctor of Physical Therapy. He was invited to walk in the university’s commencement ceremonies on May 8. Nearly 900 graduates earned doctoral, master’s,

bachelor’s or associate degrees for the academic year 2020-2021.

Located in Findlay, Ohio, the University of Findlay was established in 1882 through a joint partnership between the Churches of God, General Counsel and the City of Findlay.

The university has more than 80 majors leading to baccalaureate degrees and offers 11 master’s degrees and five doctoral degrees. More than 3,500 students are enrolled at the university. For more information, visit findlay.edu.

Devin DeRosa Among Spring Graduates From Penn College

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Devin C. DeRosa of Westfield is a Spring 2021 graduate of Pennsylvania College of Technology, having earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in Building Construction Technology.

Fall 2020 Commencement ceremonies that were scheduled to take place December 19, 2020 were postponed due to governmental restrictions regarding the pandemic. Fall 2020 graduates were invited to participate in the Spring 2021 Commencement ceremonies.

Spring Commencement ceremonies took place on May 14, 15 and 16 at the Community Arts Center in Williamsport, Pa., to celebrate Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 graduates.

An affiliate of Penn State, Penn College is located in Williamsport, Pa. For more information, visit pct.edu.

Penn College Places Jack L. Hausle on Spring Dean’s List

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Pennsylvania College of Technology has announced its Spring 2021 Dean’s List. The Penn College Dean’s List includes all matriculated (degree-seeking) undergraduate students who earn six or more credits and have a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Among the honorees is Jack L. Hausle of Scotch Plains, who is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Residential Construction Technology and Management.

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Holy Trinity Posts GreekFest Details

WESTFIELD — The Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church will host its annual GreekFest celebration but in a to-go format. It will take place Friday, June 4, from 4 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, June 5, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Specialties such as pasticcio, souvlaki and gyros and desserts like baklava and galaktoboureko will be available to order online at njgreekfest.com/ and may be picked up in the parking lot of the church at 250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield. The telephone number is (908) 233-8533.

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McLANE NETS 4 GOALS, ASST., HAZARD WINS 11 FACE-OFFS

Blue Devils Turn Up Volume;
Jar Raiders in UCT Semis, 10-5

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

Trailing 3-2 midway the second quarter, the second-seeded Westfield High School boys lacrosse team stepped up it's midfield control and won all but one face-off from that point onward to pull away from the third-seeded Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders en route to a 10-5 victory in the Union County Tournament semifinal round at AL Johnson High School in Clark on May 20. The No. 6, 8-3 Blue Devils would face the top-seeded Summit Hilltoppers, 10-1 winners over Cranford, for the title on May 22.

Blue Devil attacker Aidan McLane was working in high gear throughout and whipped in four goals, while contributing an assist. Senior midfielder

Mack Prybylski, who had a goal and an assist to go with a pair of ground balls, played a major role in controlling possession. But midfielder Danny Hazard burrowed down midway through the second quarter and won 11 of the 12 remaining face-offs against Raider Ethan Filler.

"Danny Hazard does a great job every single game. He scouted this kid a lot. A lot went into his preparation but he's been reliable all season. Face-offs is a huge part, especially in big games. You got to take advantage of every possession you get," Prybylski emphasized.

"Danny Hazard did a great job. Normally you get a 50-50 ground ball and he was coming down the field just giving us opportunity after opportunity to get the shots. It all worked

out," McLane added.

What also worked out was McLane's left-handed overhead shot early in the first quarter that gave his team a 1-0 lead. Then a minute later with 8:25 on the clock, McLane connected on a right-side wraparound shot from about seven yards from the net.

"It was pretty fun. We were kind of feeling ourselves and I went out there, saw the cage and figured I would have some fun with the boys and put it in the back of the net," McLane commented.

Less than a minute after McLane's second goal Raider attacker Mikey Kloepper scored to make the score 2-1. Interestingly, the Raiders were actually winning the possessions but

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LOOKING TO PASS...Blue Devil midfielder Sean Hazard, No. 42, looks to pass the ball before Raider defender Anthony Robinson, No. 21, can get a stick on it during the Union County Tournament semifinal in Clark On May 20.

GOLDFEDER 17 OF 18 FACE-OFFS, CALDWELL 3 GOALS

Cougars Butt Rams, 8-7, in OT
In UCT Boys Lax Quarterfinals

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

Cougar senior midfielder Andrew Goldfeder certainly had the Midas Touch when it came to winning face-offs and senior attacker Nate Caldwell had an uncanny knack for penetrating the net during the Union County Tournament quarterfinal round between the fourth-seeded Cranford High School boys lacrosse team and the fifth-seeded Oratory Prep Rams at Memorial Field in Cranford on May 18. But it took only 26 seconds into overtime for a winner to be declared when midfielder Adam Kutzer (2 assists) set up attacker Andrew Curran to earn the Cougars an 8-7 victory

and the opportunity to face top-seeded Summit in the semifinal round.

Goldfeder actually won 17 of 18 face-offs, which included the first 14. The only one he yielded was on an infraction.

"I knew coming from last time they were going to have me on a pole, so I have been planning on what I have been doing since we knew we were playing Oratory. I knew I was going to get him off the back every time. I was really just working hard for my team, especially in that last play. I knew I had to win that. I wasn't going to let anyone stop me there, so I came out with it," Goldfeder explained.

The entire game, but especially in

the first half, was ruled by defensive takeaways. Despite Goldfeder winning all five face-offs of the first half, the Oratory Prep defenders managed to knock the ball away from an attacker and turn the ball up field. But the Cougars' defense returned the favor which resulted in a scoreless first quarter and a 2-1 Cougar lead at the half. By game's end, Goldfeder would scoop 16 ground balls, Kutzer would scoop eight and midfielder Amari Folk would scoop seven.

"Obviously it's a team sport. When Drew was winning all the face-offs, we still need a score, so our defense had our backs. They were still mak-

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GOOD AS GOLD IN THE PIT...Cougar senior Andrew Goldfeder, No. 7, won 17 of 18 face-offs in the Union County Tournament quarterfinal game against Oratory Prep on May 18 in Cranford. The Cougars won 8-7 in overtime.



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DIVING TOWARDS HOME...Blue Devil Mike McKenna dives towards home plate to score the seventh run of the first inning as Raider catcher Ryan Beauregard awaits the throw in Westfield on May 19. Westfield won in 10 innings, 8-7.

EDWARDS SCORES WINNER ON BERGER'S HIT IN 10TH

Brewster Earns 652nd in Tenth;
Blue Devils Sting Raiders, 8-7

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

"It Don't Come Easy!" (*Ringo Starr - 1973*). Blue Devil Head Coach Bob Brewster had to endure nearly three-and-a-half hours of pure drama during the Union County Tournament quarterfinal game with Scotch Plains-Fanwood on May 19 in Westfield until Jaden Edwards lashed a double to right field then scored on Dylan Berger's game-winning single in the 10th inning to deliver him with his 652nd career win with an 8-7 victory.

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

Ironically win No. 500 was also an 8-7, 10-inning classic against the

Raiders on April 3, 2012. The Raiders had scored five runs in the top of the 10th but the Blue Devils came back with six when Jon Gribbin rapped a two-run double to seal the deal. (*See April 12, 2012 edition*). Win No. 600 happened on April 27, 2017 on the new turf field in Cranford during a 1-0 pitchers' duel between Cougar Gordon Graceffo and Blue Devil Corey Hiltz. The difference was Matt LeCorte's double that scored Owen Kessler who had singled. (*See May 4, 2017 edition*).

"It was 500 when Jonny Gribbin had the winning hit and 600 was the 1-0 game in Cranford," Coach Brewster recalled.

The victory may have, but not really, overshadowed the remarkable performance by Raider Shawn Martin, who blasted a two-run home run in the first inning then hammered a two-out Grand Slam over the deep right-centerfield fence in the top of

the seventh to bring the Raiders to within one run of the Blue Devils. Then Chris Smith followed with a solo homer over the leftfield fence to knot the score and set up the three additional innings of drama.

Most of the scoring came in clumps and the first chunk came in the top of the first inning when Raider Ryan Jones (2-for-5, walk, 2 runs) hacked a single to right field then Martin stepped to the plate and yanked a two-out, two-run homer over the right field fence against starting pitcher Holden Grantz.

The biggest chunk, however, was the bottom of the inning and it began with Enzo Mizerek's double to straightaway center. Matt Melao followed with an RBI double to center. Edwards (3-for-4, walk) beat out a single deep in the hole near short and Jake Bencivenga was hit on the back to load the bases. Melao darted home

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SLIDING HOME FOR THE FIRST RUN...Blue Devil Jake Bencivenga slides home in the 2nd inning to score the first run as Cougar catcher Lucca Limeira leaps to get the throw during the UCT semifinal at Williams Field in Elizabeth on May 23.

HO TOSSES 3-HITTER, 8 K'S, RBI 2B; GALLAGHER K'S 9

Blue Devils Calm Cougars, 2-1,
In Union County Tourney Semis

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

Superpitching performances by Blue Devil Chris Ho and Cougar Will Gallagher kept bats relatively silent but, as it turned out, Ho had the tighter grip on the reins and tossed a three-hitter, while providing the deciding RBI double to earn the fourth-seeded Westfield High School baseball team a 2-1 victory over top-seeded Cranford before an enthusiastic fan base at Williams Field in Elizabeth on May 23.

Ho, who yielded only one walk and

struck out eight batters, never allowed more than one batter on the base paths in any given inning until the sixth inning when the 16-2 Cougars scored their only run with a walk to Jack Conley and an RBI double by Ryan Jaros, who also singled in the fourth inning. Six of Ho's strikeouts came in the final four innings.

"I don't know if I could stretch it too far as being my greatest game but it's definitely going to be one that I am going to remember forever. I was reading trying to see what they were

doing. They got to me last time (4-2 loss on May 7) but I made some adjustments and I made sure that I wasn't going to stop," Ho explained.

On several occasions, catcher Matt Melao would come out to discuss strategies with Ho. "He was just trying to calm me down. This is a situation that we have been playing through for our entire careers. He's actually the reason why I started playing baseball. Since kindergarten we continued to be friends. He always caught

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CLOSE PLAY AT HOME...Blue Devil Leo Mangiamiele slides home in the 2nd inning but gets tagged out by Cougar catcher Lucca Limeira during the UCT semifinal at Williams Field in Elizabeth on May 23, Westfield pulled out a 2-1 victory.

Blue Devils Calm Cougars, 2-1, in UCT Semifinals

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me and he knows how to calm me down out there when times get rough," Ho answered.

Gallagher struck out nine Blue Devils in six innings and allowed seven hits while walking two and hitting two batters. Rob Salvatore pitched the seventh inning and walked one, while striking out one.

Ho received some fine defensive help from shortstop Jake Bencivenga, who scooped a grounder deep in the hole and converted it to a putout in the second inning then pulled off a slick backhanded stab in the fifth inning that he converted to a putout. Melao gunned down Jaros, who had singled, while attempting to steal second base after Lucca Limeira

struck out in the fourth inning.

Ho lined a two-out single in the top of the first inning but Gallagher struck out the next batter. But in the second inning, Bencivenga hopped a single into leftfield, Leo Mangiamiele's grounder to short was muffed and Ian Gannaway walked to load the bases. After a failed pickoff attempt, Bencivenga scored but as Mangiamiele attempted to score, he was gunned down at the plate.

Blue Devil Jaden Edwards smacked a two-out double in the third but Bencivenga followed by grounding out to third. Jake Carter got the Cougars' first hit by beating out an infield single in the bottom of the inning. The Blue

Devils offered a threat in the fourth when Gannaway singled to center and Mike McKenna drew a two-out walk but Enzo Miserek (1-for-4) hit a sharp grounder to first baseman Tony Silva, who just managed to beat him to the bag for the third out. Jaros looped a leadoff single in the Cranford fourth but got gunned down at second by Melao after Ho struck out Limeira. Ho then struck out Silva.

In the Westfield fifth, Melao led off with a single past first then arced all the way to third on a botched pickoff attempt. Ho hammered his RBI double to right field, making the score 2-0, then attempted to take third when the relay got past the shortstop. Unfortunately he was nailed at third for the first out. Edwards and Mangiamiele were both hit by pitches in the inning but were left stranded.

Ho explained, "I knew that they were not going to go down without a fight, so I needed some insurance runs. I was able to get a piece of that ball and drive it to right. I got a little too much ahead of myself. Too much adrenalin and decided going to third. Not the smartest decision."

The Cougars finally got on the scoreboard in the sixth when Conley walked and scored on Jaros' long double to leftfield. Ho retired all three Cougars he faced in the seventh.

The Blue Devils would face third-seeded Governor Livingston, winners over Union, for the UCT crown on May 26 at Kean University.

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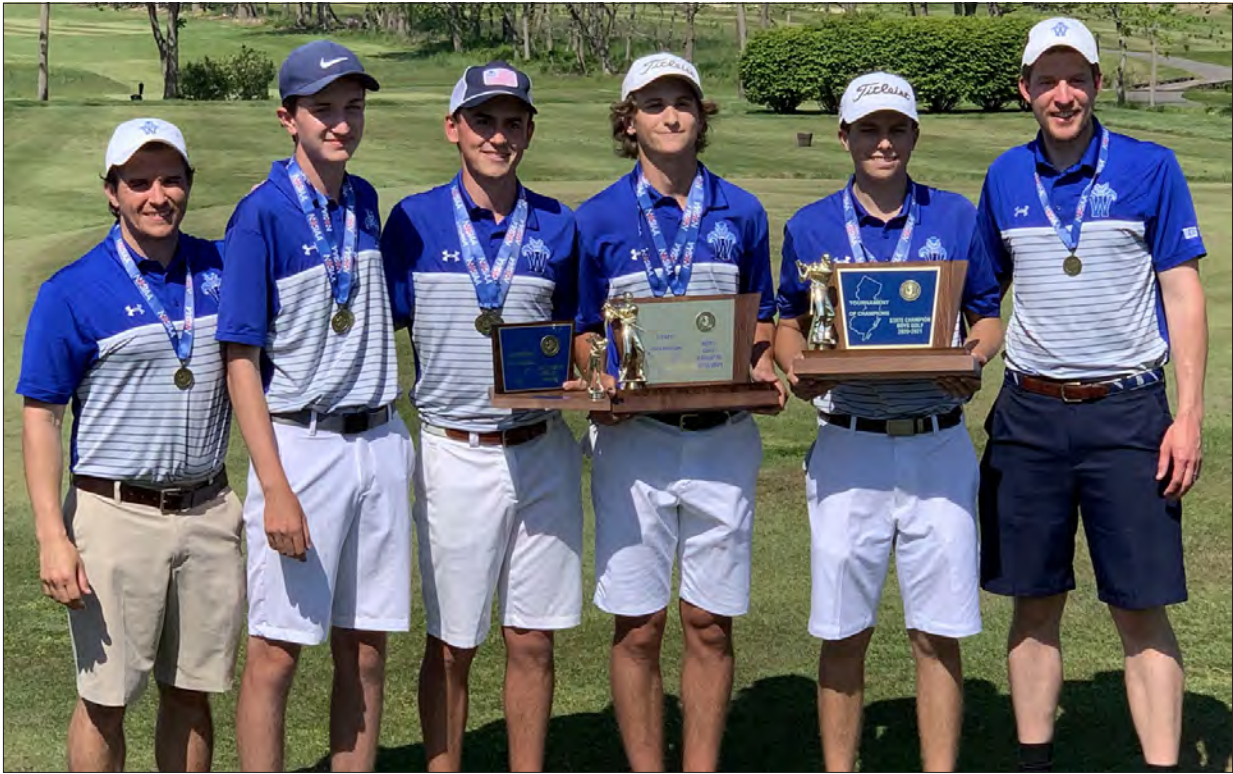
Blue Devil Golf Boys Win Tournament of Champions

The Westfield High School boys golf team was spinning on all cylinders to capture the Tournament of Champions at Hawk Pointe Country Club in Washington Township on May 19. The Blue Devils turned in a total of 284 to top the Chatham Cougars, who finished with 291, and Christian Brothers Academy at 293. The nearest Group 4 team was Hunterdon Central with a total of 316.

Blue Devil senior Colin Summers shot a seven-under par 63 on the 6,400 yard course beating out Chatham's Cole Ekert and Bridgewater-Raritan's Hunter Po both at four-under par 66 for the

individual crown. Summers birdied holes 5, 6, 7, 11, 13, 14 and 17. The rest of the Blue Devils were also on fire with sophomore Barnes Blake and senior Dave Givand both shooting a 73 and junior Nick Conti shooting a 75.

On May 11, the Blue Devils won the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 title with a total of 307 beating out Hunterdon Central at 310. Morristown took third at 327, followed by Livingston at 335 and Montclair at 356. Summers finished with a 72 just behind Hunter Po at 71. Blake shot a 76, Conti had a 78, Givand shot an 81 and junior Tom Smith had an 85.



TOC CHAMPS...The Westfield Blue Devils golf team won the Tournament of Champions on May 19 at Hawk Pointe Country Club in Washington Township. Pictured, left to right, are: Enrico Basso (Asst Coach), David Givand, Colin Summers, Nicholas Conti, Barnes Blake and Ryan Daly (Head Coach). Individual Champion: Colin Summers

Summit Jars Cougars In UCT Lax Semi, 10-1

The top-seeded Summit Hilltoppers defeated fourth-seeded Cranford, 10-1, in the semifinal round of the Union County Tournament in Clark on May 20. Luke DiNola netted five goals and an assist, while Mike Bruno scored three times for the 9-0 Hiulltoppers. Adam Kutzer scored the Cougars' only goal off Quentin Connolly's assist.

GL Highlanders Stop Baseball Raiders, 15-4

The 13-4 Governor Livingston Highlanders baseball team defeated Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 15-4, on May 20. Ryan Jones doubled, singled and scored once for the 9-7 Raiders. Chris Smith singled twice and had two RBI. Sean Kennedy doubled, scored once and had two RBI. Dallas Lorenzetti singled and scored once. Stefan Johnson singled and Joey DiQuollo scored once.

Montville Girls Stop Cougar Laxers, 15-10

Maddy Kelly scored six goals and added an assist, and Isabella Mangano stuffed in five goals, while Julia Bruno netted four goals to lead the Montville High School girls lacrosse team to a 15-10 victory over Cranford on May 18.

Delaney Bertrand and Kristina Lynch each had three goals for the 7-5 Cougars. Karena Andreassen and Clare Roussey each had a goal and an assist. Hannah Silverman and Sylvie Fernandez each scored once and Erin Esposito added an assist. Goalkeeper Serenz Barra made 17 saves.

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The Westfield Board of Education has awarded contracts without competitive bidding as a professional service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 a (1). The contracts and the resolutions authorizing them are on file and available for public inspection in the office of Westfield Board Of Education.

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No formal action will be taken by the Township Council at this Executive Committee session.

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WF – STRYKER WINS DISCUS, SHOT; SPF- JACKSON 200, 400 Raider Girls 2nd, Devil Boys 3rd At Union County Track & Field

Union Catholic High School took both titles in the boys and girls Union County Tournament Track & Field Individual Championships held at Hub Stine Field in Plainfield on May 20-21. The Westfield boys placed third in the team totals and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls placed second. *(The top-6 finishers in each event earn team points).*

The Viking boys placed first with a total of 85, followed by Elizabeth at 77 and Westfield at 62. The SPF Raider boys placed fifth at 45.5. The Viking girls breezed to the title with a total of 164, followed by the Raiders at 64. The Blue Devil girls placed sixth with a total of 27.

The Blue Devils won three events and senior Braden Stryker won two of them, the discus with a toss of 172-1 and the shot put with a shove of 51-6.5. Junior Max Owen won the pole vault with a clearance of 12-6. Raiders Rob Lerner (junior) at 137-10 and junior Mike Banic at 136-0 placed 2-4 in the discus. Banic was second in the shot put with a distance of 49-11.5 and Blue Devil senior Andrew Miller was fifth at 45-4. Raider Aiden Nyamiaka placed sixth in the pole vault with a height of 8-6.

Blue Devil senior Matt Shinnars placed second in the javelin with a toss of 156-0 and teammate Owen Paul (sophomore) placed fifth at 142-0. Raiders Kyle Robinson at 43-3 and Akin Akinwunmi at 41-7 placed 2-6 in the triple jump. Blue Devils Charlie Stock, Justin Colby, Joe Pierro and Rob McIntyre finished fourth in the 4x400 with a time of 3:25.11.

Raider junior Kenny Agwu finished second in the 110-hurdles with a time of 15.54 and teammates Anthony McDonald at 16.0 and Tommy Rodriguez at 17.55 finished 4-7. Agwu also finished fourth in the 400-hurdles at 58.89 and McIntyre finished sixth at 1:00.28. Cranford senior Matt Maggio finished fifth in the 200 at 22.55 and Agwu finished seventh at 22.68. Maggio finished seventh in the 100 at 11.36.

Blue Devil Stock finished fourth in the 1,600 with a time of 4:21.09, followed by senior Will McGlynn at

4:23.8. Blue Devil Conor Daly finished third in the 3,200 at 9:29.48. McGlynn took fifth at 9:41.18 and Avery Keith finished seventh at 9:45.26. Cranford Cougar Griffin Down finished fifth in the 400 at 50.81, followed by Blue Devil Charlie Garrettson at 51.05.



FOURTH IN 1,600...Blue Devil Charlie Stock finished fourth in the 1,600.

In the girls' events, Raider junior Julia Jackson crossed first in the 200 with a time of 24.43 just nosing out Kent Place's Christiana Nwachuku at 24.95. Raider junior Grace Kennedy finished seventh at 25.88. Jackson also crossed first in the 400 with a time of 55.23, while teammates Kennedy at 58.31 and sophomore Jenai Berry at 59.45 finished 5-6. Raiders Jackson at 12.08 and Corinne Lyght at 12.34 finished 3-5 in the 100.

Raiders Kennedy, Lyght, Berry and Jackson crossed first in the 4x400 with a time of 3:47.91 and Blue Devils Isabel Boufarah, Caroline Bielen, Sonia Olson and Katie Hamilton finished fourth at 4:04.74. Blue Devil senior Macey Cullen finished fifth in the 400-hurdles at 1:10.26, followed by Raider Danielle Most at 1:10.46 and Olson at 1:10.74. Raider Kayla Paprocki finished seventh in the 100-hurdles at 16.63.

In a very close 800-meter finish, Viking Kaleigh Gunsiorowski edged Blue Devil Boufarah 2:16.52-2:16.73 for first place. Berry was fourth at 2:19.19 and Blue Devil Caroline Collins finished sixth at 2:23.14. Boufarah finished fifth in the 1,600 at 5:13.3 and teammate Sam Salz finished seventh at 5:24.74. Raider junior Gabby Crona finished fourth in the 3,200 at 12:02.9.

AL Johnson's Carly Tarantino grabbed first in the high jump with a clearance of 5-6.25 and Raider junior Ashley DeFrancesco placed fifth at 4-10. Lyght at 17-9.25, Kennedy at 17-8 and DeFrancesco at 16-0.25 placed 3-4-7 in the long jump.

Blue Devil junior Maggie McCauley took second in the shot put with a distance of 36-2.5. Viking Alexandra Bonn at 36-10, Union's Leyila Fadael at 36-4.5 and Cranford Cougar Cielo Tumbokon at 36-0 took 1-2-3 in the triple jump. Cougar Zoe Hamilton took fifth at 35-0.5. Blue Devil junior Kathrine Palmer placed fifth in the javelin with a toss of 91-2 and Raider freshman Mackenzie Virgil placed seventh at 85-8. Raider Lauren Brenner placed fifth in the pole vault with a height of 8-0, followed by Cougar Rose Deeb at 7-6.



FIFTH IN 1,600...Blue Devil Isabel Boufarah finished second in the 800.

Cougars Butt Rams, 8-7, in OT in UCT Quarters

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ing stops until we got it going," said Caldwell, who finished with three goals and an assist.

"We just saw our defense kind of take off. At the beginning of the season, we were good but not great. Now we are coming on defense. They were playing lockdown today. I'm am really proud of them. They are really helping us out," Goldfeder added.

Oratory Ram Jon Demontagnac broke the scoreless tie with 8:05 left in the second quarter. But Caldwell's first goal was really slick when he came around the left side from behind the net and slipped in a backhand shot for the Cougars' first goal to knot the score with 6:57 left in the second

"The backhand goal I always fool around and try in practice. I never actually have done it in a game, so that was pretty exciting when that went in," Caldwell confessed.

Caldwell would net his second goal after a Cougar takeaway in the third quarter then add a nifty right-side wrap-around goal in the fourth quarter.

"The others were just what we practice every day. Just reps. That's all it is," Caldwell explained.

Oratory's John Bruzzese knotted the score on a right-side wraparound early in the third quarter then Harrison Lloyd scored the first of his four goals to put the Rams in front, 3-2. Caldwell scored his second goal then James

face-off and fired an overhead shot past Rams goalkeeper Kenny Heffernan near the end of the quarter.

"I'm always going for goal. Face-off guys' dream is win off the top and go in for goal. It was just a lot of hard work there from a lot of the guys, same as me. I got to go in at least once a game," Goldfeder chuckled.

Less than a minute into the fourth quarter, Kosty gave the Cougars a 6-3 lead. Two minutes later, Ram Mark Jacobello scored then Caldwell made good on his right-side wraparound to make the score 7-4 with 8:12 left.

Finally Goldfeder's face-off streak was broken and Lloyd capitalized with his second goal with 7:24 left. From



DANGEROUS ON OFFENSE...Cougar senior attacker Nate Caldwell, No. 31, scored three goals and added an assist in the Union County Tournament quarterfinal game against the Oratory Prep Rams.

quarter. Caldwell then set up Curran with his first goal to give the Cougars a 2-1 lead at the half.

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COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF PASSED ORDINANCE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing ordinance was approved for final adoption by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside in the County of Union at a Regular Meeting held virtually and by phone conference on May 18, 2021.

Martha Lopez
Borough Clerk

ORDINANCE 1295-2021
CALENDAR YEAR 2021
ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH
A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

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Kosty (2 goals) scored to put the Cougars up, 4-3. Goldfeder then set up himself on a goal when he won the

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

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

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

SERVICES: Architectural Services for the New Jersey Library Construction Bond grant application 2021(Resolution No. 2021-105)

DATE: May 18, 2021

BOZENA LACINA, RMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK

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that point, the Cougars went on a vicious four-minute assault of the Rams' goal area but goalkeeper Heffernan (13 saves) made four straight key saves.

"I know I missed a couple of shots. He saved me on a couple. He was reading my stick really well. He was really on today," Goldfeder said.

Then with 2:20 on the clock, Cougar keeper Matt Coates (11 saves) made a crucial save that really paid off because Lloyd would score his third goal moments later then add his fourth goal with 49.6 left in regulation.

Goldfeder won the face-off at the start of the overtime. Then Kutzer from behind the net, flicked the ball to Curran, who ripped in the winner.

Oratory	0	1	2	4	0	7
Cranford	0	2	3	2	1	8

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7-11 Westfield
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2385 Mountain Ave. (Times)

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Brewster Earns 652nd in 10th; Sting Raiders, 8-7

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on a wild pitch then Berger's chopping single would bring home Edwards and Bencivenga. Grantz ricocheted a single off second base and Mike McKenna (2-for-4, run) slashed a single to right. Mizerek, who would go 4-for-5, brought in the sixth and seventh runs with a single to right.

"My role on the team is to get on base, steal bases and score runs. That's what I wanted to do today and that's what I did at the plate. We all love

Raider starter Joey DiQuollo really settled down and tossed four straight scoreless innings, yielding only a single and a walk. Matt Drubulis relieved in the sixth and pitched the remainder of the game.

The dramatic seventh inning began with Johnson's single over second. Jones lined a one-out single, Sean Kennedy struck out and Dallas Lorenzetti was hit-by-a-pitch to load the bases with two outs. Martin dug in and crushed his Grand Slam to give

for-three (3-for-4) today and my one out was a liner, so I felt good at the plate. I ended up going to right-center that last at-bat. It worked out exactly as I planned. That was awesome," Edwards expressed.

"Brew has been here for so many years. To win it in this type of game is just awesome. Feels real special to be a part of it. I was happy to be a part of it. My mind set going out there was to just get on base. I wasn't thinking about the walk-off. I was hoping for



CAUGHT IN THE ACT...Blue Devil Enzo Mizerek, No. 9, gets tagged out by Raider shortstop Dallas Lorenzetti attempting to steal second in the ninth inning.

Coach Brewster. He's done a great job with the program and we wanted to be the ones to give him that win today and it's the best place you could do it with the walk-off in the bottom of the 10th. Scotch Plains played a great game and that inning was just something out of a movie. This game really showed our resilience as a team. We are well-coached and we fight no matter what. No matter what kind of storybook ending we need we go out as a team," Mizerek said.

Grantz got into a difficult situation in the second inning when Lucas Mackey, Stefan Johnson (2-for-3, walk, hit-by-pitch) and Brendan Karyczak all tapped one-out singles to load the bases but Blue Devil shortstop Bencivenga scooped Jones' grounder and flicked to second to initiate a 6-4-3 double play. From that point Grantz would settle down until the seventh inning. In the meantime,

the Raiders a ray of hope then Smith knotted the score with his solo blast.

Berger was called to the mound from his first base position and got the third out. Mizerek would step to the mound with one out in the eighth and finished the game to pick up the victory.

"That's kind of been what my role's been this year. I am not a starter. I am a reliever and I like coming in with a lot of pressure on me. My approach is strikes. I don't blow it by people but I like to keep people off-balance. Today I had an injured finger, so I was just throwing curveball and fastball only. It worked well," Mizerek explained.

In the fateful 10th, Edwards led off with his double to right, Bencivenga walked and Leo Mangiamiele lofted a long fly that was hauled in at the leftfield fence. Berger poked his single to right and the celebrating began.

"That double felt great. I was two-

Blue Devils Turn Up Volume; Jar Raiders in UCT

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Blue Devil defenders Jeremy Thompson (4 ground balls), Trey Brown and Eric Webb (ground ball each), along with midfielders Sean Hazard (4 ground balls) and James Csorba (3 ground balls) were able to secure some takeaways to return the ball to their attackers. That trio of defenders would remain solid throughout the game along with goalkeeper Matt Gruters (5 saves).

"Our defense has been easily one of the best defenses in the state this whole season and Trey and a lot of those guys really haven't had a lot of

the system that the coaches put in," McLane added.

Less than two minutes into the second quarter, Raider midfielder Chase Alber on an assist from attacker Sandro Frias, knotted the score then they took the lead when midfielder Alex Werkheiser was credited with a goal after a mad scramble near the net. But from that point, Hazard and the Blue Devils buckled down and seized possession. Attacker James Haley fired in a goal from the right with 4:07 on the clock. Then a minute later Haley nailed his second goal



KEEPING CLOSE TABS...Blue Devil midfielder Giovanni Gallo, No. 18, keeps close tabs on Raider attacker Sandro Frias, No. 26, during the UCT semifinal at Clark.

experience coming into this season from losing last year (Covid). I think it starts with Gruters in the net, a senior goalie. He takes control of those guys. I think all three of our guys just lockdown the defense. There's no weak part of our defense," Prybylski said.

"We wouldn't be able to score if we didn't have those guys. They just take the ball away from people possession after possession and we come down on offense and we are able to do our job. It starts with them and we all trust

from the center to give Westfield a 4-3 lead at the half.

Prybylski stretched the Blue Devils' lead to 5-3 with a sidearm shot early in the third quarter.

"They went into that zone pretty early on, so at halftime, our coaches told us go on the fly, shoot for the cage and I scored that to open up the second half. I was just letting it rip," Prybylski explained.

McLane's third goal, a left-side, left-hand sidearm slap shot to make the score 6-3, must have been fun

him look a little better than he is but we went out there, I guess we did our job, 10-5. But of course the goalie is going to make some good saves," McLane answered.

Prybylski added, "He played really well. I think the first half we were kind of playing to his strength, so our coaches told us we had to change plans. Second half we came out and I think that's why a lot more fell in the second half."

Sc PI-Fanwood	1	2	1	1	5
Westfield	2	2	4	2	10



GETTING INTO THE ACTION...Blue Devil midfielder James Csorba, No. 14, and defender Eric Webb, No. 13, get into the action during the Union County Tournament championship game against Summit on May 22 in Clark.

McLANE SCORES 3 GOALS, ASSIST; PRYBYLSKI 3 GOALS

Summit Holds Off Blue Devils For UCT Boys Lax Crown, 11-9

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

A wicked four-goal scoring frenzy within the first five minutes of the first quarter by the top-seeded, No. 2 ranked Summit Hilltoppers boys lacrosse team forced second-seeded, No. 6 ranked Westfield into a catch-up mode during the Union County Tournament championship game at AL Johnson High School in Clark on May 22. Although the Blue Devils did make a gallant attempt in the second half, the Hilltoppers managed to hold on for an 11-9 victory.

The 10-0 Hilltoppers got four goals and an assist from attacker Luke DiNola and four goals from attacker Mike Bonomo. Jim Persche, Matt Vigliotta and Dylan Sebastian provided their other goals. Senior attacker Aidan McLane flicked in three goals and added an assist for the 8-4 Blue Devils, while senior midfielder Mack Prybylski stuffed in three goals. Midfielder Sean Hazard netted a goal and two assists, while attackers James Haley and Ryan Waldman each had a goal and an assist.

Thanks to early domination from face-off man Jake Rainero, the Hilltoppers fired right out of the shoot with their four goals. The first one came within the first minute by DiNola. Less than a minute later, Hunter Schluter assisted Persche on his goal. Blue Devil Danny Hazard actually won the third face-off but the Hilltoppers recorded a takeaway, which resulted in Sebastian's sidearm shot into the net with 7:40 on the clock. Thirty seconds later DiNola whipped in an overhead shot for a 4-0 lead.

After Blue Devil senior goalkeeper Matt Gruters' deflection resulted in a

takeaway, possession headed toward Summit's domain and McLane scored from the left-center with 5:30 left in the quarter. Three minutes later, Prybylski scooped a ground ball, ran downfield and stuffed the net to make the score 4-2.

Rainero won the lion's share of the face-offs in the second quarter and the Hilltoppers went on a 4-1 roll to seize an 8-3 lead at the half. DiNola netted his third goal then Prybylski scored his second goal on an assist by Sean Hazzard. Bonomo scored his first goal then Vigliotta scored just 11 seconds later. With 32.9 left in the half, DiNola made the score 8-3.

A big change occurred for the Blue Devils in the third quarter. Sophomore Quinn Wojcik went in goal and sophomore Danny Hazzard began winning the majority of the face-offs. Prybylski hit the mark with an over-



LOOKING TO GET AN ANGLE...Blue Devil attacker Aidan McLane, No. 8, looks to elude a Summit defender during the UCT championship game on May 22 in Clark.

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Union County Senior 60+ Softball League Results:

60+ A DIVISION:		
TEAM	W	L
Renda Roads	8	0
Linwood II	7	1
Liberty Lighting Group	4	4
Linwood TapHouse 2	3	5
Cranford VFW	1	7

60+ B DIVISION:		
TEAM	W	L
Awnings Galore	7	1
Kenilworth VFW	5	3
Yogi's Boys	3	5
NJ Governmental Services	2	6
DeBellis Associates	0	8

Linwood II 17, Liberty Lighting 15

Lou Balestriere (3B, 1B), Pat Nigro (2 hits). Linwood - Pat Mooney and Bill Buteau (both 3-for-3), Al Genova, Steve Miscia, Ralph Genova and Glenn Sytko (key hits), pitcher Bill "The Judge" Daniel (2 great plays).

Renda Roads 18, Linwood 2 1

Renda - 31 hits, Bill D'Amico (lead-off HR, 4-4), Don Fischer, Tim Walsh (great defense) and Dennis Watson (all 3-3), Tom Straniero and Bernie Maguire (also 3 hits), Gary Pence (winning pitcher).

Cranford VFW 27, NJ Govt. Services 16

Cranford - 32 hits, George Merlo (4-5, 3R, 2RBI), pitcher Dave Rothenberg (5-5, HR, 4RBI) and Dave Woodruff (4-5, 2R), Gary Schaller (bases loaded 3B, 5 RBI, 4 runs), Charlie Wischusen (3-for-3, 2 runs, 4 RBI), Bill Early and Marty Joyce (triples and accounted for 7 runs and 3 RBI).

Gov't Men - Steve Falco (4 hits); Keith McDede, Mike Kelly, Anthony Abbaleo and Bill Moore (3 hits).

Awnings 5, Kenilworth VFW 1

Bill Vanderstreet (lone Kenilworth run with a HR). Pitching duel between George Brokaw of VFW and Tom Pasko of Awnings. Awnings Galore - Paul Newton and Rich Traub

(3B) were both 2-2, Danny Mendoza, Bruce Crawford, Rich Polonitza and Johnnie Jordan each singled.

Yogi's Boys 22, DeBellis 15

Yogi's Boys were led by Ken Hopper and Tony "Hit Man" Zarvos (3 hits each).

Renda Roads 21, Cranford VFW 25

Renda - Bill D'Amico (3-3, HR), Tom Baldowski, Tom Straniero, Bernie Maguire, Dan DiFedele, Joe DiFabio, Sal Martino, Dennis Watson (all perfect at the plate), Don Fischer (winning pitcher). Cranford - Bill Early (3-3, 2R) and Gary Schaller (2-2, 3RBI), Marty Joyce (2B, 2 runs, 2-for-3), Dave Woodruff (RBI sac fly).

Linwood II 15, Kenilworth VFW 11

Linwood scored 6 times in top of 7th inning - Bill Daniel singled, Bob Glassman (2-run HR to tie score), consecutive hits from Chris Paterrek, Mike Jones and John Amato loaded the bases, Al Genova (clear them with a grand slam HR), Right fielder Glenn Sytko (long over the shoulder catch). VFW - Ron Kulik, Carey Durrett (couple of outstanding catches), Chris Kaminski, Don Montefusco and Bob D'Meo all with 2 hits.

NJ Govt. Services 20, DeBellis 10

N.J. Gov't Services - Doc Henley Black (4-for-4), Steve Falco, Rich Conklin, Keith McDede and James Massarelli (each 3 hits), Joe Brown, Mike Kelly, Bill Moore, Tom Connolly and Teo Fernandez (2 hits each).

Awnings 26, Yogi's Boys 16

Awnings Galore - 30 hits - 4-4 performances by Danny Mendoza (2-2B), and Rich Polonitza (2-2Bs), and 3 hits apiece by Paul Newton, Rich Traub (3B), Frank Green and Bobby Lorincz.

Blue Devils Shut Out

Rahway in UCT, 11-0

Emma Pietrewicz went 3-for-3 with a double, an RBI and a run scored, while Molly Stogner went 2-for-2 with a walk, three RBI and two runs scored as the 16-0 Westfield High School softball team shut out Rahway, 11-0, in the first round of the Union County Tournament in Westfield on May 19.

Michaela Hobson was on the mound for three innings and struck out six while walking none. Sydnee Goulet pitched two innings and struck out four.

Hobson also had a triple, two RBI and scored twice. Aden Brooks doubled and had three RBI. Allie Fernandez doubled, scored once and had two RBI. Kalea Calugay doubled, singled and scored twice. Emily Gorden singled once and scored twice. Alivia Macaluso scored once.

Union Farmers Walk

By Blue Devil Nine

The Union Farmers took advantage of 17 walks and a hit batter to go with 10 hits to outdistance the Westfield Blue Devils, 20-10, on May 20. Chris Ho singled three times, scored once and had three RBI for the Blue Devils. Matt Melao doubled, singled, scored twice and had an RBI. Owen Callahan singled twice and scored twice. Ian Gannaway singled and scored once and had two RBI. Jake Bencivenga doubled, scored once and had an RBI. Chris Rizze singled and scored once. Enzo Mizerek singled, scored once and had two RBI. Aidan Scheper doubled and scored once. Jaden Edwards and Leo Mangiamele each singled once.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR VIRTUAL HEARING. In compliance with the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law, the General Ordinances of the Town of Westfield and the Rules and Regulations of the Township of Westfield Board of Adjustment, and in order to comply with the Executive Orders signed by Governor Murphy and in an effort to follow best practices recommended by the United States Center for Disease Control (CDC), PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that **The Board of Adjustment of the Town of Westfield, New Jersey** will hold a virtual meeting on **June 14, 2021, at 7:30 pm** to hear and consider the following appeals for bulk (c) and/or (d) variance relief from requirements of the Westfield Land Use Ordinance.

Timothy and Melissa Fern, 450 Beechwood Place, 3/17/2021. Applicant is seeking approval to remove an existing deck and construct a two-story addition contrary to Section 12.04F of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires maximum coverage by buildings and above grade structures 20% but not above 3,600 square feet. Proposed is 22.2%/2,122.6 square feet. **Application deemed completed April 30, 2021. 120 day decision date is August 28, 2021.**

The public can join the meeting and participate electronically or by phone by accessing the following link <http://bit.ly/WFBOAMeeting>. Meeting Dial-In Information Phone #: 470.381.2552 or 646.518.9805 Webinar ID: 602.589.976 and press # on your phone Passcode: 788726. The application plans, and all documents submitted in relation to the application are on file in the office of the Town Engineer, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey. A digital copy is available by contacting the acting Board Secretary Lyndsay Knight at zoning@westfieldnj.gov, or by viewing the documents on the Town of Westfield website: <https://www.westfieldnj.gov/>. Members of the public who have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the remote meeting process, or who are unable to access the plans digitally, should contact the acting Board Secretary Lyndsay Knight at (908) 789-4100, extension 4609, or by email zoning@westfieldnj.gov.

Vincentsen & Blasi Architects, L.L.C. 552 Westfield Avenue, 2nd Floor Westfield, New Jersey 07090 908.232.2730

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OLYMPIC TRIALS QUALIFIER...Westfield Devilfish Clare Logan qualified for the Olympic Trials by placing first in the 50-free prelims with a time of 25.77

Logan Gets Olympic Trials Qualifying Cut in 50M Free

The Westfield Area Y Devilfish swim team sent three swimmers to the TYR 18U Spring Cup long course meet in Richmond, Va. from April 29 to May 2. Clare Logan, Emily Constable and Bridget Thomas represented the Devilfish and earned the team 17th place out of 57 teams.

Constable made finals in both of her events coming in 12th in both the 100-breast with a time of 1:15.96 and the 200-breast with a time of 2:43.67. Thomas swam both the 400-free with a time of 4:38.02 and the 1500-free where she came in 17th place with a

time of 18 .98.

The most impressive swim of the weekend went to Logan who placed 1st in preliminaries in the 50-free with a time of 25.75 which is an Olympic Trials qualifying time. Overall Logan finished 4th in finals with a still impressive 25.92. In addition, she also made finals in her two other events coming in 5th in the 100-back with a time of 1:04.03 and 3rd in the 100-free with a time of 56.92.

The Olympic Trials Qualifying Wave 1 meet will be taking place in Omaha, Neb. from June 4-7.

High School Sport Shorts:

Cougars Rout Pioneers, Summit

In Union County Tourney Softball

Maddy DeLong whacked a home run, singled, scored three times and had two RBI as the second-seeded Cranford Cougars settled the New Providence Pioneers, 11-1, in five innings in the first round of the Union County Tournament in Cranford on May 19. Morrigan Gardiner tossed a no hitter, walked six and struck out 12 Pioneers.

On May 21, Liz McCaffery had a huge day at the plate going 4-for-5 with three RBI and four runs scored in a 15-5, five-inning victory over seventh-seeded Summit in the quarterfinal round. Mia Markase had three hits, which included a home run and a double, while scoring twice and added two RBI. Sophia DeMarco recorded eight strikeouts, while walking one, hitting a batter and allowing six hits.

Against the Pioneers, McCaffery singled, had two RBI, scored twice and stole a base. Ava Manfra singled and scored once. Emma Ingraham scored twice as did Erin Zarzecki. Gardiner doubled and had an RBI. DeMarco singled and had three RBI. Giulia Olear singled, scored once and had an RBI.

Baseball Cougars Tap Eliz. Minutemen, 14-7

Lucca Limeira doubled, singled twice, had five RBI and scored once, while Jake Carter doubled, singled, scored twice, stole three bases and had two RBI as the 16-1 Cranford Cougars defeated Elizabeth, 14-7, on May 20. Marcus Johnson singled twice, scored twice and had an RBI.

Ryan Jaros singled, was hit-by-a-pitch, walked once and scored three times. Jack Conley doubled, singled and had three RBI. Shane Van Dam scored twice. Will Gallagher scored twice, singled and had an RBI. Shea Grady walked three times and scored once. Don Abrahamsen pitched four innings and picked up the victory.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

2021 TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE NOTICE OF CHANGE OF DATES & FORMAT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that due to the public health emergency caused by Coronavirus, and the Governor's Executive Order 173, the Township of Scotch Plains will conduct the **remaining 2021 Council Business Meetings (schedule follows at bottom of notice)** beginning at **6:00 p.m.**, in the Council Chambers of the Township of Scotch Plains Municipal Building (430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076). There will be limited capacity for the in-person meetings. Seating will be limited to the appropriate COVID capacity limits for the respective meeting date; on a first come/first seated basis. If attending in-person, please ensure that you bring a mask and ensure proper social distancing.

PLEASE NOTE, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 (the "Open Public Meetings Act") Business Meeting will be open to the public by electronic means, and as such, members of the public may view the meeting by livestream on our public access **Channels FIOS 22 and Comcast 34**; and Public Comment will only be available in-person or through call in during the appropriate comment portions at (908) 322-2076. The meeting format is subject to change if Covid-19 emergency persists or worsens - please check Township website for updated meeting information - scotchplainsnj.gov.

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

2021 TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

June 7, 2021 (Monday)	Council Business Meeting	6:00 PM
June 15, 2021 (Tuesday)	Council Business Meeting	6:00 PM
July 20, 2021 (Tuesday)	Council Business Meeting	6:00 PM
August 10, 2021 (Tuesday)	Council Business Meeting	6:00 PM
September 21, 2021 (Tuesday)	Council Business Meeting	6:00 PM
September 28, 2021 (Tuesday)	Council Business Meeting	6:00 PM
October 5, 2021 (Tuesday)	Council Business Meeting	6:00 PM
October 19, 2021 (Tuesday)	Council Business Meeting	6:00 PM
November 9, 2021 (Tuesday)	Council Business Meeting	6:00 PM
December 14, 2021 (Tuesday)	Council Business Meeting	6:00 PM

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 (the "Open Public Meetings Act") and in adherence to the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) guidelines, the Meeting will also be open to the public by electronic means, and as such, members of the public may view the meeting by livestream on our public access Channel **FIOS 22 and Comcast 34**; or on Facebook Live; Public Comment will be available through call in during the appropriate comment portions at 908-322-2076.

Agendas will be posted for the public's viewing on the Township's official website at scotchplainsnj.gov

BOZENA LACINA, RMC TOWNSHIP CLERK Fee: \$79.56

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Union County Senior 50+ Softball League Results:

50+ A DIVISION:		
TEAM	W	L
Deegan Roofing	6	1
Jun's Pro Services	6	2
Douglas VFW	4	3
Phenomenal Boyz	4	4

50+ B DIVISION:		
TEAM	W	L
Linwood Tap House	5	2
All Pipes Plumbing	6	3
Rocky's Bar & Grill	5	3
Contact Lens & Vision	6	4
Cranford VFW	4	4
Sonia's BCE	1	6
FutoWorld	0	8

50+ C DIVISION:		
TEAM	W	L
Garwood Metal	4	4
Linda's Driftwood Bar & Grill	4	4
Suspenders	4	4
AJ Jersey	1	8

Rocky's Bar 17, Contact Lens 6

Rocky's Bar - Bill Hillier (3 hits), Matt Walsh, Pete Abene, Mike Valicky, Dave Martorano, Jerry Isolda and Todd O'Reilly (2 hits) and pitcher Frank Mastrocola.

Sonia's BCE 17, Cranford VFW 14

Sonia's - Diego Elliot (3 hits), Benny Elliot (4 hits), Cranford - Chris Kaminski (4 hits), Tom Klein and John Fiore (HR, 3 hits each), Bob Ghiretti and Joe Mascali (3 hits).

Phenom Boyz 16, Douglas VW 15

VW - Billy Buteau (3 hits, game tying HR), Pat Mooney, Farlan Alusik, Rich Gaul and Hector Munoz (all 2 hits), Mike Shriner, Al Genova and Harold Zayas (great defense).

All Pipes 19, Garwood Metal 14

All Pipes - Mario Fastiggi (key 2B), Brian Clark (4 hits), 3 hits by John McClung (HR), Joe Han and Alan Dente (6 RBI). Garwood - Ron Kulik, Dave Ball and Rich Polonitza (3 hits each).

Jun's Pro 13, Linwood Tap 8

Jun's - Pete Matarazzo (rally-ending 6-4-2 DP, clutch 2-out hit), pitcher John Segledi, Bruce Evans and Robbie Stratton (Impressive hitting), Jose Lora (2-for-3, clutch 2 RBI 1B). Tap House - Brian Latham (4-for-4), Ron Patterson (3 hits, HR), Kevin

Raiders Rap Pioneers

In UCT Lacrosse, 13-2

The third-seeded Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys lacrosse team defeated the sixth-seeded New Providence Pioneers, 13-2, in the Union County quarterfinal round on May 18. Chase Alber netted four goals and Jake Monroy scored a goal and had four assists for the Raiders, while Mikey Kloefer had two goals and Brian Roessle put in three.

Giovanni Marra had a goal and two assists. Sandro Frias had a goal and an assist. Zach Harmer scored once, while Alex Werkheimer, Tim Paprocki and Matt Power each had an assist. Ethan Filler won eight of 11 face-offs.

Summit Lax Girls Nip

Blue Devils, 6-5, in UCT

The No. 2 Summit Hilltoppers had their work cut out for them but managed to squeak out a 6-5 victory over the Westfield Blue Devils on May 19 to advance to the Union County Tournament championship game. LJ Kehler scored two goals and had an assist for the 8-5 Blue Devils, while Avery Hoeft had two goals and two assists. Sofia Della Rocca scored once and Liz Healy had an assist. Goalkeeper Mia Fleming made 12 saves.

STANDINGS (MAY 22):

TEAM	W	L
St. Anthony	2	0
St. Sebastian	2	0
St. Wolfgang	2	0
St. Francis	1	1
St. Ignatius	1	1
St. George	1	1
St. Vincent	0	2
St. Joseph	0	2

St. Anthony 14, St. Ignatius 4

Captain Bobby Camisa's St. Anthony squad jumped out to 7-1 lead after two innings. St. Anthony offensive included Ross Alpert (2B, 3B, HR), Rob "Z" Zerafa (4-5, 3RBI) and Jimmy Devlin (4-5, 2RBI), along with Mike Abram, Todd Feinberg, Gerry Reipe, Bobby Camisa and Karl Grossmann with multi-hits. St. Ignatius under Bob McGuinness was led by Floyd "Mr. Championship" Roberts (3-3), Pete Chemidlin, Rick Cintron and Bryan Munoz (all with multiple hits).

St. Wolfgang 10, St. Joseph 3

The Wolf Pack pushed across seven runs in the fourth inning. Geoff Dickstein, Dan Margolis, Donnie "Baseball" Rinaldo (3-3) and Matt "PePe" Marino strung together consecutive RBI hits. Jimmy Barba (4-4,

Robinson (HR), Shawn Smith, and Mark Grossman (2 hits each).

Linda's Driftwood 8, Suspenders 7

Linda's plated 3 in the final frame. Deegan Roofing 19, FutoWorld 13

Deegan - James Nardello (4 hits, 2B, HR), Nelson Santiago, Doug Fischer and Kevin Woodring (3 hits each). FutoWorld - John Miller and Dave Wayman (both 4-for-5), Pete Corvelli and Tom Rena (3 hits each).

Linwood Tap 24, Contact Lens 9

Linwood - Dave Dudas (solid pitching, 3 hits), Brian Latham and Bill Sharkey (4 hits), Mark Grossman (3 doubles, HR), Ronnie Patterson, Slope Rzewuski (2 BB), Tim Mulhall, Rich Sergeant, Paul Cassidy, Kevin Robinson and Shawn Smith each with 2 hits.

Douglas VW 24, Rocky's Bar 11

Douglas - 35 hits, Billy Buteau (5 hits, 2 3Bs, 2B), Farlan Alusik (5 hits), Pat Mooney, Mike Shriner, Harold Zayas (all with 4 hits), Eddie Rodriguez and Joe Caliguari (3 hits), defensive prowess of Mike Hoffman, Al Genova and Dean Battaglia. Rocky's - Matt Walsh and Dave Grandmaison (3 hits each), Bill Hillier, Pete Abene, Dave Martorano, Jerry Isolda and Dave Kirsch (each with 2 hits).

Garwood Metal 26, AJ Jersey 15

Garwood - Don Montefusco and Greg Hartnett (4 hits apiece), Carey Durrett, Rich Polonitza, Rory Caldwell and Tom DeRocco (3 hits apiece).

Suspenders 25, FutoWorld 24

Suspenders 35 hits - Brad Steele (2-run walk off HR, 4-for-5, 2 dingers), Tony Taddeo and Carl Brennan (4-for-4), FutoWorld's John Miller (5 hits), Lenny Santolo (4 hits), Anthony Muzzicato and Mike Jones (3 hits each).

All Pipes 22, Sonia's BCE 7

All Pipes - Chris Morrison (4 hits), Alan Dente (HR, 5RBI), Matt Hoynowski (HR, 4RBI), Mike Parkhill (HR, 4RBI), Chris Jones, Mario Fastiggi (3RBI) and Dennis Maluchnik with 3 hits apiece. Sonia's - Lou Soto (HR), Al Colon (3B), Diego Elliot (2 doubles), Jose Cortez (3 hits).

Deegan Roofing 16, Jun's Pro 13

Deegan - Pitcher Peter Appolito (3 hits, 3 RBI), Charlie Collins, James Nardello, Nick Russo and Joe Sheridan (3 hits each). Jun's - Bruce Evans (2-for-3, vacuum at first), the two Pete's - Costello and Matarazzo, Dave Eckert and Rob Stratton (2-for-3), Nick Mennona (4-for-4). Tom Ulichny (3-for-4, over the shoulder catches).

Cranford VFW 11, Linda's 2 10

Joe Mascali (game-winning single through a drawn in infield), Chris Kaminski (HR) and John Fiore (3 hits each), Juan Moreno and Jerry Veglia (nifty up the middle defense) led the VFW.

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TEAM	W	L
Yellow	4	0
Lou's Blues	1	3
Red Foxxes	3	1
Green	0	4

Yellow 14, Lou's Blues 3

Yellow 12, Lou's Blues 4

Redd Foxxes 13, Green 11

Redd Foxxes 16, Green 7

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

TEAM	W	L
St. Anthony	2	0
St. Sebastian	2	0
St. Wolfgang	2	0
St. Francis	1	1
St. Ignatius	1	1
St. George	1	1
St. Vincent	0	2
St. Joseph	0	2

St. Anthony 14, St. Ignatius 4

Captain Bobby Camisa's St. Anthony squad jumped out to 7-1 lead after two innings. St. Anthony offensive included Ross Alpert (2B, 3B, HR), Rob "Z" Zerafa (4-5, 3RBI) and Jimmy Devlin (4-5, 2RBI), along with Mike Abram, Todd Feinberg, Gerry Reipe, Bobby Camisa and Karl Grossmann with multi-hits. St. Ignatius under Bob McGuinness was led by Floyd "Mr. Championship" Roberts (3-3), Pete Chemidlin, Rick Cintron and Bryan Munoz (all with multiple hits).

St. Wolfgang 10, St. Joseph 3

The Wolf Pack pushed across seven runs in the fourth inning. Geoff Dickstein, Dan Margolis, Donnie "Baseball" Rinaldo (3-3) and Matt "PePe" Marino strung together consecutive RBI hits. Jimmy Barba (4-4,

GSLW Gophers Hold Off Hokies 7-6

The Gophers of the Girls Softball League of Westfield jumped out to a 5-0 lead on the Hokies thanks to some timely hitting by Lexi Paul who finished the day 2-for-3 with 2 RBI. The Gophers rallied back in the top of the 4th with 5 runs thanks to key hits by Angelina Tessitore and Brooke Naznitsk.

The Gophers got two scoreless innings from Mia Zbranak to start the game. Talia Esposito came in to close out the game while giving up only one run in her two innings of pitching.

Defense was the name for Gophers as Phoebe Klag helped turn a double play in the first and then made a pivotal force out at 2nd base to stop a scoring threat later in the game. Lyla Bird also had a heads up play at shortstop ranging to her right to make another force play at 3rd base.

Solid defensive plays by Sofia Speronza and Bradie Donovan helped keep the Hokies close and Donovan added a key hit of her own as part of a 4th inning rally to spark the Hokies which ultimately fell short.

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RESOLUTION NO: 2021-385
AWARDED TO: French & Parelli Associates, Wall, New Jersey
SERVICES TO: to provide Engineering Design Services, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the 2022 Bridge Improvement Program for the Union County of Union, New Jersey
COSTS: for an amount not to exceed **\$121,685.00**
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RESOLUTION NO: 2021-406
amending (Resolution No. 2020-709)
AWARDED TO: Chasan Lamparello Mallon & Campuzzo, P.C. of Secaucus, New Jersey
SERVICES TO: for additional services in the matter entitled Richard Trigo v. Lyndsay Ruotolo, et als,
COSTS: in the additional amount not to exceed **\$25,000.00** for a total contract amount not to exceed **\$35,000.00**
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RESOLUTION NO: 2021-366
AWARDED TO: Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountainside, New Jersey
SERVICES: for the provision of the Special Child Case Management and Early Intervention Program
PERIOD: January 1, 2021-December 31, 2021
COSTS: in the amount not to exceed: **\$50,000.00**
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RESOLUTION NO: 2021-407
AWARDED TO: Florio, Perrucci, Steinhart, Cappelli, Tipton & Taylor, LLC, of New Providence, New Jersey
SERVICES TO: as Special Counsel to the County of Union to provide services related to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021/Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund
COSTS: in the amount not to exceed **\$50,000.00**
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RESOLUTION NO: 2021-384
AWARDED TO: Remington & Vernick Engineers, Haddonfield, New Jersey
SERVICES TO: to provide Engineering Design Services, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the rehabilitation of the Trenton Avenue Bridge in the City of Elizabeth County of Union, New Jersey
COSTS: for an amount not to exceed **\$218,295.00**
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RESOLUTION NO: 2021-394
AWARDED TO: Various Agencies
SERVICES: to provide Hospice & Home Care services to frail persons 60 years of age and older as a means to prevent premature institutionalization through the 2021 Aging
PERIOD: January 1, 2021-December 31, 2021
COSTS: in the total amount not to exceed: **\$508,000.00**
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RESOLUTION NO: 2021-393
amending (Resolution No. 2020-590)
AWARDED TO: Various Agencies
SERVICES: to provide activities, programs and services to promote long term self-sufficiency including housing
PERIOD: May 1, 2020-June 30, 2021
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RESOLUTION NO: 2021-395
amending (Resolution No. 2020-701)
AWARDED TO: SAGE Eldercare, Inc, of Summit, New Jersey
SERVICES: to provide information and assistance to seniors (age 60 years and older and or their caregiver)
PERIOD: April 1, 2020-September 30, 2021
COSTS: in the amount not to exceed: **\$16,000.00**
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RESOLUTION NO: 2021-365
amending (Resolution No. 2021-41)
AWARDED TO: Atlantic Health Systems, Atlantic Medical Group
SERVICES TO: to provide Pre-Employment Medical Examinations, drug screening and other related medical services to the Union County Sheriff's Office
COSTS: in the additional amount not to exceed **\$5,000.00**
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RESOLUTION NO: 2021-383
AWARDED TO: Remington & Vernick Engineers, Haddonfield, New Jersey
SERVICES TO: to provide Engineering Design Services, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Replacement of Plainfield Avenue Bridge in the City of Rahway County of Union, New Jersey
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The SpongeBob Musical follows our favorite eponymous yellow sponge and his undersea friends — like Patrick, Squidward, Sandy, and Mr. Krabs — in the ocean floor town of Bikini Bottom. When their community suddenly faces an existential threat, they soon learn the value of working together during the most uncertain of times. When speaking to Director Morgan Knight, he shared “*The SpongeBob Musical* actually touches on many themes which audiences will find surprisingly relevant: a community’s response to a disaster, and the everyday acts of heroism that get us through troubled times. This is a musical for right now.”

The entire community is invited to

share in this comical and heartwarming production. *The SpongeBob Musical* will be performed outdoors on a concert stage designed for this production. When asked about this unique performance setting, Assistant Director Courtney Nemec replied, “We’re so excited to put on a live performance! It’s been so much fun to rehearse outside in this beautiful spring weather. We can’t wait for the community to join us.”

The score of *The SpongeBob Musical* is unique for a modern musical. Trey Shore, the Pit Orchestra Director remarked, “*SpongeBob* is particularly interesting because it employed songwriters ranging the gamut from John Legend to Aerosmith, yet despite that it still manages to feel like one cohesive musical whole.” Choreographer, Kara Drake, is excited for the eclectic dance styles in *SpongeBob*. “The choreography of this show is fun and colorful, just like the characters. It has a little mix of every style — hip hop, jazz, musical theatre, and even tap...that’s what makes it so exciting!”

The SpongeBob Musical involves over 75 student actors, instrumentalists, stylists, and production crew from the Scotch Plains-Fanwood community. The cast and crew are under the artful direction of Morgan Knight (Director), Jan Allen (Musical Director, Producer), Ms. Nemec (Assistant Director), Kara Drake

(Choreographer), Mr. Shore (Pit Orchestra Director), Jeffrey Allen (Set Designer), and Joanne Sprague (Costume Designer). One of the biggest challenges for this year’s outdoor performance has been the social distancing protocols in place due to Covid-19. “Everything is different this year,” says Ms. Allen, the Musical Director and Producer. “It definitely requires some adjustments for the students vocally, but we are very excited for the presentation.” Safety for students, staff and patrons is a top priority this year. Audience seating will be arranged to allow for social distancing between parties and all patrons will be required to wear a mask.

The ticket cost for *The SpongeBob Musical* performances is \$18 for students and senior citizens, \$20 for adults. The live streaming option is \$20 and will only be available for the performance on Friday, June 4 at 5:30 p.m. Please visit spfrep.com for livestream and ticketing information. The Perry Tyson Field stadium is wheelchair accessible. Audience members in need of wheelchair accessible seating, along with any senior citizens who would like to use their “Gold Card,” may contact Victoria Fortna at vfortna@gmail.com or call (908) 787-7492 to make arrangements. *The SpongeBob Musical* is a rain or shine event. In the event of heavy rain or thunderstorms, a performance may be paused, delayed, or cancelled. All tickets are non-refundable and non-exchangeable, except in the event of a show cancellation.



THE SHOW MUST GO ON... This year, fifth graders at The Wardlaw+Hartridge School in Edison put a unique twist on their usual Greek Play project. In a typical year, students choose from among four classic Greek stories on which to collaborate in writing, directing and performing a play. However, last year, the students went virtual right after the grueling work of writing scripts, and never got to perform. This year’s fifth graders honored last year’s playwrights by performing their scripts — full of witty jokes, dramatic moments, and even a bit of romance. Featured stories included “Jason and the Golden Fleece,” “Theseus and the Minotaur,” “Perseus and the Gorgon” and “The Trojan War.” Pictured, from left to right, Ryan Zhao of Metuchen, Anna Zhang of Edison, Joy Patel of Iselin, Avery Rosen of Westfield and Max Ziering of Scotch Plains prepare to take a bow after their performance.

FAIRVIEW REMEMBERS OUR FALLEN VETERANS

Fairview will honor our many fallen Veterans on May 31st and salute all those who have served and continue to serve the United States. On this special American holiday we honor all who died while serving in the U.S. military. A national moment of remembrance traditionally takes place at 3:00 p.m.

Initially known as Decoration Day, Memorial Day originated following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials and participating in parades.

There are six main branches of the U.S. Military. Their respective flags and mottos are displayed below.

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Fairview Cemetery is open from sunrise till sunset and the public is welcome.
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Live from Cranford Dramatic Club: *A Doll's House 2*, a Sequel of Sorts

By SUSAN MYRILL DOUGHERTY
For The Westfield Leader and The Times

CRANFORD – Ah, live theatre is back! Cranford Dramatic Club’s choice of *A Doll’s House 2* couldn’t be better. Sequels – sometimes they work, sometimes not. This one is a beauty. The 2017 Tony-nominated modernized sequel (of sorts) of Ibsen’s classic work *A Doll’s House* is incredibly interesting, witty, and quite philosophical at times. From an actor’s perspective, Lucas Hnath’s sequel is a dream to perform. And audiences as well as critics loved it when it first opened on Broadway. That’s why it was nominated for seven Tony awards with Laurie Metcalf walking away with the win. Cranford Dramatic Club’s upcoming live presentation will bring fulfillment for the director, and actors as well as audiences on Friday and Saturday, June 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, June 13 at 3 p.m.

The best part of this sequel? You don’t have to brush up on your Ibsen to understand and enjoy this modern work. The play itself answers a slew of questions that Ibsen’s character Nora leaves with the audience. When she slams the door and leaves her husband Torvald and their three children, where does she go? What does she do to support herself? What was her mindset when she left? That was more than a century ago when the door slammed, and much of the world was aghast at the impertinence of a playwright who would suggest such an ending. The original play questioned the conventional roles of both women and men in a marriage in the late 1800s. The modern version/sequel takes us into a period drawing room, and with period clothing, but 15 years after the slamming door. That feminist character who walks back into the room has lots to say that is relevant in the 21st century.

It may look like a period piece, but the language is modern – and not suitable for children. This is a play with such richness in issues and topics, it needs to be discussed on the way out of the theatre. In fact, in speaking to *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* at an in-person, socially distanced interview at the Cranford Dramatic Club, director Sean E. Lough talked of the multi-layered characterization. “With the modern language of the play, each character gets to go toe-to-toe with Nora to let her know how her life was changed by her decision.” He explained that “Everyone has a moment, everyone makes choices. With ‘this is what happens next with Nora’, the audience gets to go along that journey to see where her choices led.”

Actress Lisa Barnette, who takes the lead role, spoke of her character in glowing terms. “My favorite things about Nora are her strength and her bold, take-no-prisoners attitude. She is very direct, and she stands her ground on what she believes.” She continued, “The biggest challenge in playing her is experiencing the desperation that Nora must have felt in leaving her children and her life.”

The actress shared, “I have to imagine the despair she felt in looking down a tunnel to doom that would force her to make that decision to leave. Today, we have more support groups, shelters, and ways of getting help for women who are abused or feel they must leave a marriage, but just before the 1900s, women didn’t have options and often became prostitutes, or begged on the streets. The man had all the power back then.”

Director Sean Lough spoke about the fact that “each of the characters has made choices- some based on their feelings or circumstance, or in

unload.” This is a mix of modern language and historical relevance, so it is filled with relatable issues of marriage, communication, power, and a host of other topics.

Kate Griggs, who plays Nora’s teen daughter Emmy said, “Rehearsing for a live show again is interesting, exciting, and scary to figure out and adapt to the new ways that we can interact with each other and how that affects everything, specifically the blocking.” The 19-year-old who has performed in shows at the 102-year-old Cranford Dramatic Club since she was 14, said, “I was drawn to this play specifically



WHAT’S NEXT FOR NORA?... Sean Lough, Cranford Dramatic Club’s director of the upcoming live performance of the Tony-nominated play, *A Doll’s House 2*, gives notes to Kate Griggs, who plays Emmy (seated), and Lisa Barnette, who has the lead role of Nora. For ticket information about the June 11, 12 and 13 performances at the theatre at 78 Winans Avenue in Cranford, visit its website at cdctheatre.org or leave a message at (908) 276-7611.

reaction to Nora’s choice.” He continued, “We did a lot of table work (reading and discussing characters’ backstories and motivation) before blocking the scenes at the theater.” He added that the females in the cast gave him insight and feedback as to what they thought their character was thinking and feeling. “It was a give and take situation in those discussions,” he said. So, the four actors have gotten a chance to delve inside their characters to see what makes them tick.

Thrilled to be back in the theater itself is Lauri Macmillan, who plays AnnMarie, the nanny. “I cried when I walked into the theatre. It was like coming home after being away for years,” she wrote in a communication. Concerning her role and the play itself, she said, “Three women, the consequences of their choices and the challenges they face. What could be more relevant?” Specifically of her character she explained, “Anne Marie is beautifully three-dimensional: she struggles, she sacrifices, she nurtures, she carries on. She would never have survived without her strength of character.”

Of course, Ibsen’s *A Doll’s House* was revolutionary at the time the play was produced in 1897 and there were protests and uproar about the perceived “morality” of Nora. “The beauty of the writing,” Mr. Lough said about the sequel, “is that each character gets to speak to Nora and

because I love the theater and the creative team working on this show. What I love most about my character, Emmy, is exploring the different aspects of her as a person and as a reflection of the other three characters and how they relate.”

According to Mr. Lough, “The characters take turns sharing their versions of what could have, would have, or should have happened, and there is unexpected humor to be found in the serious nature of the subject matter. While this play is a kind of deconstruction of the original play, it also stands on its own as we get to ask ourselves how much we think life has changed for Nora, and for women who see themselves in her, in a world that continues to have strong ideas about where she belongs.” No need for knowledge of the Ibsen forerunner to enjoy this Tony-nominated play. Listen to the knock on the door, and when it opens, be ready for a witty, philosophical, intriguing, emotionally intensive experience that will propel you to go for coffee afterward to discuss the play.

For tickets, visit their website at cdctheatre.org. Groups may purchase tickets and be seated together, six feet apart from other patrons. All audience members are required to be masked while at the theatre. The theater is located at 78 Winans Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016. Their recorded line is (908) 276-7611.

Mixing
With Zest

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

Snickerdoodle Skillet Cookie

This recipe was inspired by Joy Bauer’s incredible ‘*Skillet Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip Cookie*.’ It’s seriously one of the most delicious things I’ve ever tasted. In this cookie recipe, I use a similar base to Joy’s, but I transformed the recipe into one of my favorite classic cookies: the snickerdoodle! Feel free to improvise depending on what kind of nut butters you prefer, but I highly recommend incorporating the cookie butter. It really helps achieve that signature snickerdoodle flavor. I recommend storing leftover slices in an airtight container. Because this cookie is pretty gooey, leftovers tend to last a day or two (if they don’t get eaten before then!) Enjoy!

Ingredients:
• 1/2 cup cookie butter (I get this at Trader Joes)
• 1/2 cup smooth peanut butter
• 1/3 cup + 1 tablespoon maple syrup
• 1 egg + 1 egg white
• 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
• 1/4 teaspoon almond extract
• 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
• 1/4 teaspoon salt
• 1/4 cup oat flour (Joy notes that if you don’t have oat flour, you can use 1 cup of oatmeal to make your own by

blending it in a food processor).

• 1 teaspoon brown sugar
Directions:
1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.

2. Grease your cast iron skillet. (You can use butter, etc. but I used canola oil spray).

3. Heat the cookie butter and peanut butter in the cast iron skillet over low heat. Mix well. Once it’s fully combined, remove from heat and let cool.

4. Whisk your maple syrup, eggs, vanilla extract and almond extract in a medium bowl.

5. Once your wet ingredients are fully mixed, add the cinnamon, salt and oat flour. Whisk until there are no clumps of flour and the batter seems relatively smooth.

6. Pour the batter into your cast iron skillet and mix well with the melted butters. I find using a rubber spatula works best for this step.

7. Sprinkle the brown sugar evenly over the top.

8. Place the skillet in the oven and bake for ~30 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. You still want it to be slightly gooey, so don’t worry if there’s a few crumbs on the toothpick. I recommend letting the cookie cool for a few minutes so the slices come out of the pan nicely but are still warm. Enjoy!





EDWARDS DOUBLES, SCORES WINNER ON BERGER’S HIT IN 10TH; MARTIN GRAND SLAM, 2-RUN HR

Brewster Earns 652nd in Tenth; Blue Devils Sting Raiders, 8-7

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

“It Don’t Come Easy!” (*Ringo Starr* - 1973). Blue Devil Head Coach Bob Brewster had to endure nearly three-and-a-half hours of pure drama during the Union County Tournament quarterfinal game with Scotch Plains-Fanwood on May 19 in Westfield until Jaden Edwards lashed a double to right field then scored on Dylan Berger’s game-winning single in the 10th inning to deliver him with his

652nd career win with an 8-7 victory.

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

Ironically win No. 500 was also an 8-7, 10-inning classic against the Raiders on April 3, 2012. The

Raiders had scored five runs in the top of the 10th but the Blue Devils came back with six when Jon Gribbin rapped a two-run double to seal the deal. (*See April 12, 2012 edition*). Win No. 600 happened on April 27, 2017 on the new turf field in Cranford during a 1-0 pitchers’ duel between Cougar Gordon Graceffo and Blue Devil Corey Hiltz. The difference was Matt LeCorte’s double that scored Owen Kessler who had singled. (*See May 4, 2017 edition*).

“It was 500 when Jonny Gribbin had the winning hit and 600 was the 1-0 game in Cranford,” Coach Brewster recalled.

The victory may have, but not

really, overshadowed the remarkable performance by Raider Shawn Martin, who blasted a two-run home run in the first inning then hammered a two-out Grand Slam over the deep right-centerfield fence in the top of the seventh to bring the Raiders to within one run of the Blue Devils. Then Chris Smith followed with a solo homer over the leftfield fence to knot the score and set up the three additional innings of drama.

Most of the scoring came in clumps and the first chunk came in the top of the first inning when Raider Ryan Jones (2-for-5, walk, 2 runs) hacked a single to right field then Martin stepped to the plate and yanked a two-out, two-run homer over the right field fence against starting pitcher Holden Grantz.

The biggest chunk, however, was the bottom of the inning and it began with Enzo Mizerek’s double to straightaway center. Matt Melao followed with an RBI double to center. Edwards (3-for-4, walk) beat out a single deep in the hole near short and Jake Bencivenga was hit on the back to load the bases. Melao darted home on a wild pitch then Berger’s chopping single would bring home Edwards and Bencivenga. Grantz ricocheted a single off second base and Mike McKenna (2-for-4, run) slashed a single to right. Mizerek, who would go 4-for-5, brought in the sixth and seventh runs with a single to right.

“My role on the team is to get on base, steal bases and score

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runs. That's what I wanted to do today and that's what I did at the plate. We all love Coach Brewster. He's done a great job with the program and we wanted to be the ones to give him that win today and it's the best place you could do it with the walk-off in the bottom of the 10th. Scotch Plains played a great game and that inning was just something out of a movie. This game really showed our resilience as a team. We are well-coached and we fight no matter what. No matter what kind of storybook ending we need we go out as a team," Mizerek said.

Grantz got into a difficult situation in the second inning when Lucas Mackey, Stefon Johnson (2-for-3, walk, hit-by-pitch) and Brendan Karyczak all tapped one-out singles to load the bases but Blue Devil shortstop Bencivenga scooped Jones' grounder and flicked to second to initiate a 6-4-3 double play. From that point

Grantz would settle down until the seventh inning. In the meantime, Raider starter Joey DiQuollo really settled down and tossed four straight scoreless innings, yielding only a single and a walk. Matt Drubulis relieved in the sixth and pitched the remainder of the game.

The dramatic seventh inning began with Johnson's single over second. Jones lined a one-out single, Sean Kennedy struck out and Dallas Lorenzetti was hit-by-a-pitch to load the bases with two outs. Martin dug in and crushed his Grand Slam to give the Raiders a ray of hope then Smith knotted the score with his solo blast.

Berger was called to the mound from his first base position and got the third out. Mizerek would step to the mound with one out in the eighth and finished the game to pick up the victory.

"That's kind of been what my

role's been this year. I am not a starter. I am a reliever and I like coming in with a lot of pressure on me. My approach is strikes. I don't blow it by people but I like to keep people off-balance. Today I had an injured finger, so I was just throwing curveball and fastball only. It worked well," Mizerek explained.

In the fateful 10th, Edwards led off with his double to right, Bencivenga walked and Leo Mangiamiele lofted a long fly that was hauled in at the leftfield fence. Berger poked his single to right and the celebrating began.

"That double felt great. I was two-for-three (3-for-4) today and my one out was a liner, so I felt good at the plate. I ended up going to right-center that last at-bat. It worked out exactly as I

planned. That was awesome," Edwards expressed.

"Brew has been here for so many years. To win it in this type of game is just awesome. Feels real special to be a part of it. I was happy to be a part of it. My mind set going out there was to just get on base. I wasn't thinking about the walk-off. I was hoping for some body else to drive me in but this is how it worked out and I was glad I was able to do it," Berger explained.

Coach Brewster expressed, "It was a great game! We thought it was going to be over. Two outs top of the seventh. They never give up. They won their first round game with a three-run homer in the bottom of the seventh with two strikes. It's a great rivalry. Seven of eight games decided by one run between Westfield and Scotch Plains. Every game this year, 2-1, 4-3 and 8-7!"

"We had two outs, two strikes

and we were already getting the banner ready to celebrate Brew's new win as the Union County coach. From there, we handled some adversity but we stuck through it after a couple innings. We are celebrating now," Edwards concluded.

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Blue Devils Turn Up Volume; Jar Raiders in UCT Semifinal, 10-5





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Cougars Butt Rams, 8-7, in OT in UCT Boys Lax Quarterfinals





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Summit Holds Off Blue Devils for UCT Boys Lacrosse Crown, 11-9





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Blue Devils Calm Cougars, 2-1, in Union County Tournament Semi





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