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Council Reaffirms Commitment to Public Safety Following Crimes

By JESSE WINTER
For The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD—Acting Mayor and Councilwoman Linda Habgood reaffirmed the administration's commitment to public safety during Tuesday's town council meeting. Mayor Shelley Brindle was absent from the night's proceedings. Councilwoman Habgood's comments came in the wake of serious crimes that have rocked the Westfield community.

These crimes include the home invasion and sexual assault that took place last month on Longfellow Avenue, in which a suspect has been charged, along with a carjacking that occurred on the morning of November 3 in the parking lot of Summit Medical Group on Springfield Avenue. Westfield Police Chief Christopher Battiloro announced on November 5 that his department had arrested "three persons on numerous charges related to a carjacking." (See press release on Page 3).

"While the data shows that most types of crime are down in 2021 in Westfield, that does not dismiss the reality that recent, more violent acts reflect criminals who are emboldened, and are very disturbing and frightening for our residents," said Acting Mayor Habgood. "We share these concerns, and are working closely and regularly with the police department on additional mitigation efforts."

Ms. Habgood also announced that Mayor Brindle, Chief Battiloro, Town Administrator Jim Gildea and Councilman Michael Dardia, chair of the Public Safety, Transportation, and

Parking Committee, all met to discuss "regional crime trends and public policy, as well as an evaluation of our current police resources and Nixle alert policies."

The acting mayor emphasized that the administration's reminders to residents to secure their property, such as locking their cars and not leaving the digital key fob in one's vehicle, "is clearly not and never has been our exclusive area of focus."

Ms. Habgood said the administration is working on a "three-pronged approach" that will be "centered on emphasizing policy reform at the state level, securing additional resources needed by the police department, and implementing a more streamlined communication strategy." The acting mayor said all those factors "need to work in tandem to meet our shared goal of reducing crime and improving public safety for the community."

She said more information would be coming in the next weeks and months.

On the legislative front, the governing body introduced on first reading an ordinance selling town property at 2011 Boynton Avenue, Block 5707, Lot 17, a parcel described as "undeveloped real property," according to the ordinance. If passed on second and final reading, the town would sell the property to Keith Disko and Joanna Glinska, a married couple, for \$90,000. The couple inhabit the contiguous property. The property consists of approximately 5,877.75 square feet, or 0.135 acres, reads the ordinance.

Council members Mark Parmelee, David Contract, Mark LoGrippe, Scott Katz, Dawn Mackey and Mr. Dardia joined Acting Mayor Habgood in voting yes to the ordinance's introduction. Councilman James Boyes was absent Tuesday night.

In other business, the public comment portion of the meeting was dominated by two issues — the pending litigation involving the town and the Westfield Senior Citizen Housing Corporation, and the proposed fields project at Edison Intermediate School.

Currently, the town and WSHC are in litigation stemming from WSHC's desire to build 31 additional units and its request for a new land lease, which led to a dispute about funds owed to the town, as previously reported in *The Westfield Leader*. WSHC operates two separate buildings and corporations at 1133 and 1129 Boynton Avenue. The non-profit corporations are overseen by two boards of trustees, both of which have the same members.

Anthony Psomas of Birch Place, a longtime resident whose mother currently lives in one of the residences operated by the WSHC, addressed the governing body and public during Tuesday evening's meeting.

"I want to address the town's actions regarding the dispute with Westfield Senior Housing," said Mr. Psomas. "Westfield Senior Housing epitomizes what public housing should be. It's an excellent managed and maintained facility, providing safe, clean, affordable housing that

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HONORING OUR VETERANS... Veterans Jay Boxwell, Mark Schwartz, Braulio Liranzo, William Hinkle, and Jim D'Arcy from Cranford VFW Post 335 pose with members of the Cranford Board of Education at the board's November 8 meeting, where the veterans were presented with a resolution in honor of Veterans' Education Awareness Week.

Cranford School Board Honors Local Veterans

By JENNIFER GLACKIN
For The Westfield Leader

CRANFORD — Members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 335 were honored at the Cranford Board of Education (BOE) meeting on Monday. The board passed a unanimous resolution recognizing November 8 to 12 as Veterans' Education Awareness Week. Veterans who attended the BOE meeting included Jay Boxwell, Post Commander William Hinkle, Jim D'Arcy, Mark Schwartz and Braulio Liranzo.

Post No. 335 was finally able to open its hall after the pandemic shutdown in early 2020, said Mr. Hinkle, allowing members to celebrate their annual Veterans Day breakfast there. Six students from Orange Avenue School in Cranford read essays at the breakfast that were "excellent and outstanding," Mr. Hinkle said.

"We are so proud to honor and thank all military personnel that served in the U.S. armed forces," said Superintendent Scott Rubin, Ed.D.

The board also passed a Memorandum of Agreement and Salary Guides for the Cranford Education Association (CEA) from July 2021 to June 2024. The three-year agreement raises teacher salaries 3.0 percent for 2021-2022, 3.1 percent for 2022-2023, and 3.15 percent for 2023-2024. BOE member William Hulse abstained from the vote; all other BOE members voted in favor.

Brian Niemysyk, vice president of the CEA and a member of the negotiating team, thanked board members for their partnership and their time during the negotiations. He also said the Memorandum of Agreement received "an overwhelming yes vote" from the membership. BOE member Kristin Mallon, who was a member of the board's negotiation committee, thanked the CEA members for their efforts as well.

Dr. Rubin said the district plans to meet in early December with the referendum steering committee. He emphasized that busing will not be a part of any referendum planning, nor will any of the more controversial items that had been presented previously. The planning will be based on the results from a township-wide survey, where 71 percent of respondents supported facility enhancements such as updating science labs and modernizing library/media centers. Roughly 65 percent of respondents supported

full-day kindergarten if the program could stay at neighborhood schools, Dr. Rubin added.

BOE member Nicole Sherrin-Kessler updated the board on preliminary iReady fall assessments results. "In a normal year, 90 percent of our students are on grade level, according to iReady, and it's 87 percent this year," she said. Ms. Kessler said the similar result is a "credit to our staff" and their work over the past 18 months.

Ms. Kessler also said there are changes in progress for certain classes and programs, which she hopes the subject supervisors will be able to present in detail at future board meetings. One change is for the Social Studies World History class, which Ms. Kessler reported has been taught with a "Euro-centric approach," which

the district is looking to expand to a more global approach.

The Honors Senior Seminar for English/Language Arts will move to a more personalized approach, where students will have more choice to "own their own learning," which is something students have asked for, added Ms. Kessler. There also is a partnership with Rutgers that will allow students to get college credit for an expository-writing class. Students will be allowed to see their grades before deciding if they want to pay for the college credits, "which is such a cool thing," said Ms. Kessler. It was a sentiment that was echoed by the board's high-school student liaison, Gianna Pantastico.

The next meeting of the Cranford BOE is on Monday, November 22.

Cranford Planning Board Grants Application Requests

By JONATHAN CONNOR
For The Westfield Leader

CRANFORD — The Cranford Planning Board meeting on November 3 began with a time extension request on a site-plan-approval application on behalf of National Christmas Products, LLC, also known as National Tree Company, as stated by the applicant's attorney, Russell Finstein. Mr. Finstein explained that more time would be needed beyond the two years granted on March 6, 2019 to fulfill board-mandated condition changes to the applicant's site at 70 Jackson Drive, Block 637, Lot 6.01C-1.

The requested site lighting-fixture changes to the site plan consist of replacing overhead light installations with lower-wattage LED light cut fixtures. The new light upgrades will reduce unwanted overhead light pollution while still providing light to the target area. Due to Covid-19 health crisis economic complications, the business partners titled National Tree Company, PSE&G and hired engi-

neers, were delayed in their pursuit of construction implementations. The requested extension date for completion, June 6, 2022, was voted on and approved by the planning board.

The next application addressed by the planning board, represented by attorney Susan Rubright, was a site-plan approval with four (C) variances at The Edward K. Gill Apartments at 40 Meeker Avenue, Block 532, Lot 8. The applicant, Cranford Senior Living, is addressing the need for a new backup emergency generator because the current backup generator, given its age, does not produce enough wattage to power many of the utilities for its residents in an emergency power outage situation. The Edward K. Gill Apartments is a Section 8 affordable-housing residency for the elderly.

Cindy Rabinowitz, director of Cranford Senior Living, testified that "the current [emergency backup] generator allows for one elevator to be used, although the fire department advises against it [in a power outage

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County Commissioners to Purchase Land Through Open Space Trust

By JESSE WINTER
For The Westfield Leader

COUNTY — The Union County Board of County Commissioners will return to live meetings on Thursday, December 2, where several expenditures, including the purchase of land in Roselle Park, Elizabeth and Berkeley Heights will be on the agenda. Chairman Alexander Mirabella informed the public of the upcoming transition during the board's November 4 meeting held over Facebook Live.

"We will be returning to in-person meetings in December. So our two December meetings will be in person at the Administration Building," said Mr. Mirabella. "I, for one, am looking forward to getting back together with my colleagues on the dais and working with the public, working with the directors through our meeting agendas."

The announcement comes after the November 2 General Election, when incumbent Commissioners Mirabella and Kimberly Palmieri-Mouled joined newcomer Commissioner-elect James E. Baker in defeating the three Republican candidates. Their victories extend full Democratic control of the board into 2022.

"I wanted to offer my congratulations to you, Chairman [Mirabella], Commissioner Palmieri-Mouled and Commissioner-elect Baker," remarked Commissioner Christopher Hudak at last week's meeting. "I look forward to serving with you for the next three years."

Currently, the nine-member governing body consists of all Democrats. Commissioner-elect Baker will replace Commissioner Andrea Staten, who did not seek re-election to the board.

But before the next board takes

form in January, the current one will vote on three ordinances introduced last week.

The big-ticket ordinance, 2021-834, introduced by the commissioners on November 4, appropriates \$49,070,544 for the acquisition of equipment and materials for a range of government functions. This includes improvements to county properties and infrastructure, material support for county agencies, monies for various recreational projects — and the acquisition of properties owned by various municipalities within Union County.

The ordinance, if adopted in December, would authorize the county to issue bonds to cover approximately \$36 million worth of the estimated cost, with close to \$9 million coming from appropriated aggregate state grants; approximately \$1.6 million coming from county Open Space Trust Fund appropriations and \$1.5 million of appropriated aggregate down payments.

Notable acquisitions include approximately \$12 million for the "undertaking of road, intersection, bridge and culvert improvement projects," reads the introduced ordinance. Out of the \$12-million appropriated funds, close to \$9 million will come from state grants, with approximately \$3.1 million coming from bonds and notes, if authorized by the passage of the ordinance on second reading next month.

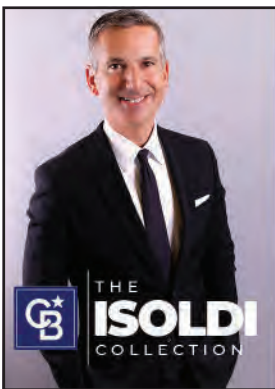
Galloping Hill and Ash Brook golf courses, in addition to the Watchung Stables, are slated to receive improvements in the proposed ordinance, to be approximately \$2.7 million. The money goes towards replacing "equipment and machinery" at the golf courses, along with "infrastructure and course improvements." According to the ordinance, the construction of a "therapeutic ring" is proposed at the Watchung

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Lauren S. Barr for The Westfield Leader

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CONGRATULATIONS, LYN!...Longtime Fanwood resident Marilyn “Lyn” Klingbeil is surrounded by borough emergency responders who paid a special visit to her home for her 100th birthday. Her centennial celebration also included a proclamation from Mayor Colleen Mahr and a bouquet of flowers from Apple Blossom Flower Shop. (See article on Page 6).

Planning Board

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situation because it is unreliable].” This would pose a serious problem for elderly residents who have lost mobility and can not use the stairs with the existing generator in a power outage. Also, the current emergency backup generator does not provide enough energy for heat and air conditioning. Ms. Rabinowitz specified other serious reasons for a new, better emergency backup generator. For instance, in times of power outages, the elderly residents will need the upgraded power source for health-related issues like energy to power sleep-apnea devices, the use of life-saving medical emergency equipment, refrigeration for medicines, refrigeration of food, the ability to receive telemedicine and the need for heart monitors, plus other necessities. There is a signed petition supporting the new emergency backup generator by approximately 100 of the total 141 residents at apartments.

Engineer Michael Fowler presented visuals of the apartments, portraying the property line and proposed location of the new, 1,000-kilowatt generator and two electrical cabinets. The new proposed utility installations will be on the front lawn, “which seems to be the best location,” according to Mr. Fowler and his team. The proposed generator will be within 400 square feet in size and 13 feet high. Jonathan Drill, board attorney, stated that, “the generator will consist of two setback variances, one from Meeker Avenue and the other from Winans Avenue.” Mr. Fowler also presented a landscape plan incorporating screen plants that will cover the proposed backup generator, consisting of five white spruce, four Norway spruce, five white pines, and 27 evergreen shrubs.

Robert Cioffi, electrical engineer, testified that his analysis of the application showed that the existing generator could only support 400 amps of backup power, which is not enough for the current backup energy load, which happens to be approximately 10 times that. He studied a full year’s utility bill from PSE&G and found an emergency backup generator that could match the rate of energy consumption from a typical previous year’s energy rate. In addition, it will

comply with the national electrical code requirements on life safety and standby mode energy output qualifications. Mr. Cioffi mentioned that the two variances would be for approval to place an ATS energy-transfer-switch device and an electric metering cabinet near the proposed backup generator on the front lawn.

Sean Moronski, lead planner, noted that there is no “substantial detriment to the public good” through the implementation of this application. He reaffirmed the proposed generator’s benefits, which consisted of good health and safety for the residents in an emergency power outage situation. Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty mentioned that this application would indeed be “an important improvement for some of Cranford’s most vulnerable residents.” The planning board approved the Cranford Senior Living application with a vote of all in favor.

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Mountainside Council Looks To Honor Oldest Resident

By KIMBERLY A. BROADWELL

For The Westfield Leader

MOUNTAINSIDE—Preparing for their upcoming regular meeting on Tuesday, November 23, members of the Mountainside Council discussed multiple topics at their Tuesday agenda meeting, among them the memorialization of the late Edward and Marian Verlangieri.

Mr. Verlangieri celebrated his 107th birthday in January, with various Mountainside groups bringing him gifts and honoring him at his house, while he sat socially distanced from his front yard.

According to records, Mr. and Mrs. Verlangieri moved to Mountainside in 1952 and were married for 69 years.

In other business, it was noted that Ordinance 1303-2021 would have a second reading and public hearing at the regular council meeting in two weeks.

During the last council meeting in late October, Ordinance 1303-2021 was passed upon its first reading. It imposes a registration and fee process for owners of vacant properties. It was noted that the first year would amount to a \$500 registration fee, the second year would require a \$1,500 registration fee and the third year would amount to \$3,000. All subsequent years would amount to a \$5,000 registration fee.

Councilwoman Rachel Pater cast the only no vote.

Officials noted that the ordinance was enacted to deter owners from va-

cating and abandoning properties. It was further noted that, to date, there were four vacant properties within the borough, some for a very prolonged period of time.

In addition, Ordinance 1305-2021 is scheduled to have a first reading at the November regular meeting. This ordinance will appropriate the sum of \$385,000 for the resurfacing of Constitution Plaza, Rolling Rock Road and a section of Birch Hill Road. It was noted that the borough would use a recently-awarded Department of Education (DOT) grant to fund the project.

In other business, it was noted that the Dish Network is looking to occupy a place on the borough’s cell tower that had been vacant for a few years.

It was revealed that after the space went out for bid, Dish Network offered \$3,000 a month, which will bring the borough an additional \$36,000 yearly in revenue.

The governing body announced that the Mountainside Restoration Committee will hold a Holiday Crafting Event on Saturday, December 4, from 2 to 4 p.m., on the lawn of the historic Deacon Andrew Hetfield House on Constitution Plaza.

In separate business, it was confirmed that Kyle Cravo will join the Junior Fireman’s Auxiliary program. In addition, it was noted that the borough’s 12U Baseball Team will have a proclamation read at the next council meeting.



Photo courtesy of Wallace Parker

HAPPY FALL...In the midst of Fall, trees all over town are changing colors like this beautiful tree pictured above.

Open Space

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Stables. Approximately \$2.6 million would come from bonds and notes if authorized.

Contained within the ordinance is financing for the acquisition of properties within the county. This includes parcels and properties in Elizabeth, 921-923 Elizabeth Avenue. According to the introduced ordinance, the property contains the Union County One-Stop Career Center and a parking lot, both currently being leased by the county. The total estimated cost is approximately \$7 million, with approximately \$6.7 million proposed to be financed through county-issued bonds and notes. Approximately \$353,000 will go toward an appropriated down payment.

Other property acquisitions are for the Roselle Park EMS Building, 535 Laurel Avenue, “for use by the County for EMS purposes,” reads the introduced ordinance. The total estimated cost is approximately \$7.6 million, with close to \$7.3 million coming from notes and bonds if authorized.

In Berkeley Heights, the county proposes acquiring the property at 735-737 Springfield Avenue, Block 501, Lots 1 and 3, on the municipality’s tax map — site of the shuttered Berkeley Plaza catering hall. The cost would be covered fully by appropriations from county Open Space Trust Funds totaling \$2,585,000.

The county also is looking to appropriate approximately \$1.86 million to enhance county facilities. This includes “various improvements to public buildings,” such as replacing and repairing roofs, upgrading elevators and the replacement of restrooms. Within the outlined proposed appropriation, the track at the Police Academy would be replaced, along with the entrance doors at the County Administration Building. If the ordinance passes, \$1.77 million of the financing would come from bonds and notes if approved.

The county also is looking to spend close to \$5 million on the “acquisition of new automotive vehicles” and related equipment. This will feature new and replacement equipment, with approximately \$4.7 million being financed by county bonds and notes if authorized, and \$247,922 as an appropriated down payment.

Commissioner Mirabella voted yes, with Vice Chair Rebecca Will-

iams not present for the vote. Commissioners Hudak, Palmieri-Moued, Staten, Angela R. Garretson, Sergio Granados, Bette Jane Kowalski and Lourdes M. Leon joined their colleagues on the county governing body, voting in the affirmative.

The other two introduced ordinances deal with salaries for the commissioners, department directors and professionals working directly with the county’s governing body.

More specifically, Ordinance 835-2021 deals with the salary of the commissioners, the county manager, county counsel and the directors of respective county departments in 2022. This measure received a yes vote from all attending members. Vice Chair Williams was not present for the vote.

Ordinance 833-2021 amends the Union County Administrative Code and includes the proposal of a Bureau of ADA Compliance that will fall under the “direction and supervision of the Deputy County Manager,” reads the introduced ordinance.

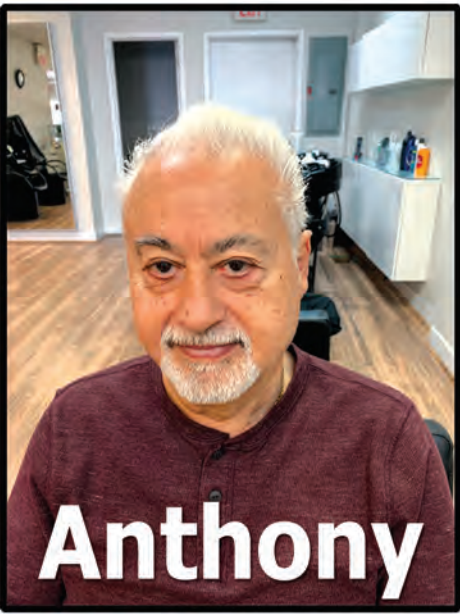
Part of the Office of Health Management’s responsibilities outlined in the ordinance include acting “as a lead public health official under the provision of the Emergency Health Powers Act” and participating as a member of the “local Emergency Planning Council (LEPC) in the periodic review of updates and modifications to the County Emergency Operation Plan.”

The Office of Health Management will have a director responsible to the director of public safety for its operation. Moreover, the Office of Health Management will consist of “The Bureau of Environmental Health, The Bureau of Local Public Health, The Bureau of Public Health Nursing and the Bureau of Emergency Preparedness and Response,” notes the introduced ordinance.

All the commissioners, with the exception of Vice Chair Williams, who was not present, voted for the ordinance’s introduction.

A final public hearing, open to members of the public, will precede the second and final vote on the three introduced ordinances.

The next Union County Board of County Commissioners’ meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 2 and will take place in the Union County Board of County Commissioners’ Meeting Room, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth.



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Westfield Leader, Union County HAWK Finalists for NJBIZ Business of the Year

AREA -- As the end of the year approaches, so too do end of the year lists. In 2021, NJBIZ's final awards program of the year will be Business of the Year, honoring companies and their leaders who strive for excellence, growth and contribute to the New Jersey business community.

Finalists for the NJBIZ Business of the Year Awards will be recognized, and winners revealed, during a virtual celebration on Tuesday, December 14.

The program features six categories: Business of the Year 1 to 50 employees, 51 to 101 employees and 101+ employees; Corporate Citizen of the Year; Emerging Business of the Year and Executive of the Year.

The 2021 Executive of the Year honoree is Chris Sullens, CEO of CentralReach.

Finalists appear listed alphabetically below.

1 to 50 U.S. employees: 1st Bergen Federal Credit Union, Ashley's Quest LLC, Crispy Green, Fantasy Island

Amusement Park, Last Bite Mosquito / Total Home Pest Control, The Westfield Leader & Union County HAWK.

51 to 101 U.S. employees: Caregility, Compu-Vision Consulting Inc., Levin Management Corp., Medical Indicators Inc., Silver Defender, The Wireless Experience Group of NJ.

101+ U.S. employees: Axtia Inc., Huntington Learning Center, LifeStation Inc., Orion Innovation, Pomptonian Food Service, Recovery Centers of America at Lighthouse, Summit Health.

Corporate Citizen of the Year: Bristol Myers Squibb, Cross River, Dialight, Health & Wellness Partners LLC, Mandelbaum Salsburg, NJMEP – NJ Manufacturing Extension Program, Suburban Propane.

Emerging Business of the Year: Claritas Financial Partners, Miles Man, The Boarding House, United Business Solutions Inc.,

Executive of the Year: Chris Sullens, CEO, CentralReach.

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Sunday, October 31, Michelle Strauss, 63, of Springfield was placed under arrest for shoplifting at a business located on the 100 block of Elm Street. Strauss was charged with being in possession of stolen goods valued at less than \$200 after a short curbside investigation pursuant to a motor vehicle stop. She was released on a summons with a pending municipal court date.

Sunday, October 31, Luann Roselle, 57, of Westfield was arrested after a motor vehicle crash investigation at West North Avenue and Traffic Plaza and charged with driving under the influence. She was released to a sober adult with a pending court date.

Sunday, October 31, police conducted a motor vehicle stop on West North Avenue near the intersection of Clark Street. During their investigation, they arrested the driver, Gustavo Barco, 19, of Fanwood, and charged him with being in possession of false government identification. Barco was released on a summons with a pending court date.

Monday, November 1, a resident of the 900 block of Grandview Avenue reported a fraudulent FEMA disaster assistance claim had been filed in her name. There was no monetary loss nor money paid out in association with this claim. The claim was filed using the resident's pedigree information.

Monday, November 1, a resident of the 0-100 block of Genesee Trail reported that there were several accounts opened fraudulently in her name. The balance owed was \$898. These accounts appeared to have been opened in the year 2020.

Monday, November 1, a private building located on the 300 block of First Street received anti-Semitic literature placed on photocopied paper threatening harm if they were not distributed.

Monday, November 1, residents reported observing an attempted burglary/theft of a United States Postal Service (USPS) mail truck that was parked near the intersection of Ludlow Place and Nelson Avenue. A two-door coupe, described as possibly a Honda, with heavily-tinted windows and an extremely loud exhaust system, was seen in the area. Two males described as being thin and wearing dark gray sweat pants and sweatshirts, with masks covering their faces, exited the coupe and approached the USPS mail truck. Witnesses stated that both males attempted to enter the truck by pulling on the door handles. When the males could not enter the truck, they immediately fled back to the coupe and the vehicle quickly exited the area.

Monday, November 1, a resident of the 800 block of Summit Avenue reported fraudulent charges to their bank account, in the amount of \$81.56.

Monday, November 1, Fabiola Brenis, 39, of Linden was arrested pursuant to a motor vehicle stop on an outstanding Elizabeth Municipal Court warrant. Brenis was transported to Westfield police headquarters, where she was processed and released with a new court date.

Tuesday, November 2, a resident of the 800 block of Lenape Trail reported that during the overnight hours between November 1 and November 2, her motor vehicle was burglarized while parked in her driveway. The vehicle was entered by unknown suspect(s) and a pair of Ray-Ban sunglasses, valued at approximately \$100, was taken.

Wednesday, November 3, a resident of the 300 block of Woods End Road reported that they were a victim of burglary to their motor vehicle as well as their home. The suspect entered the victim's unlocked vehicle while it was parked in their driveway. The suspect then opened the garage door of the residence using the garage-door opener that was in said vehicle. The suspect then entered the garage and possibly the home of the resident. The suspect

was observed by the resident fleeing the area down their driveway and entering an awaiting motor vehicle. The suspect retained the garage-door opener, thus constituting a theft. The value of the garage-door opener is approximately \$50.

Wednesday, November 3, an individual reported that an establishment on the 300 block of West South Avenue prepared and submitted a fraudulent tax return on her behalf. The victim stated that around June 27, 2020, she had her 2019 taxes prepared, and they were later submitted without her knowledge. She went on to state that the tax return that had been filed on her behalf was, in fact, in the name of another employee at the establishment. The victim's money owed to her totaled approximately \$3,600. This money was for the tax return as well as the stimulus checks supplied by the government.

Wednesday, November 3, a resident reported the theft of his bicycle from the area of West South and Summit Avenues. The resident stated that he parked his silver-colored Trek mountain bicycle and locked it in that area at approximately 7 a.m. Upon his return, at approximately 6:51 p.m., he found the chain cut and his bicycle gone. The bicycle is valued at approximately \$300.

Thursday, November 4, a resident of the 100 block of North Euclid Avenue reported that their motor vehicle was stolen overnight. The vehicle was parked in the roadway, unlocked with the key in the vehicle, at the time of the theft. The vehicle, a 2019 BMW, had an approximate value of \$32,000. A subsequent investigation determined that the vehicle was stolen between about 2 a.m. and 2:45 a.m.

Friday, November 5, a resident of the 500 block of Downer Street reported an incident regarding a fraudulent prescription. The resident stated that she had received a phone call from a pharmacy in town regarding a prescription that needed to be filled. At that time, it was determined that the resident was never prescribed a new medication. Attempts to speak with the issuing party regarding this incident produced negative results. The resident did not suffer any loss and the prescription was never filled.

Saturday, November 6, a business in the area of the 1000 block of East Broad Street reported that a burglary had occurred on their premise. Unknown suspect(s) entered a detached structure on the property. The suspect(s) then committed criminal mischief by cutting locks on employee lockers. The suspect(s) then stole over \$600.

Saturday, November 6, a business representative stated that he had witnessed a suspect attempt to open the door of a motor vehicle that was parked on their property on the 500 block of West South Avenue. The suspect was unable to gain access to the vehicle because the doors were locked. The business representative then yelled at the suspect, who ran back to an awaiting vehicle and fled the area.

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

Westfield Calls for Board, Commission Volunteers

WESTFIELD -- The Town of Westfield has opened its 2022 call for volunteers to fill anticipated openings in its boards, commissions, and mayor's advisory councils. Residents can visit westfieldnj.gov/volunteer to review full descriptions of each group and submit an application for their areas of interest.

"This is our fourth consecutive year placing the town's call for volunteers online, allowing for broad community access to information about the open appointments," said Mayor

By JESSE WINTER
For The Westfield Leader and Union County HAWK

WESTFIELD -- The Westfield Board of Adjustment held its monthly meeting Monday night, where the body granted various variances for outdoor improvements while also deferring the application for 918 South Avenue West to its December meeting.

The South Avenue application, submitted by Elite Performance LLC, a physical therapy practice owned and operated by resident Mohammed Nasser, proposed to construct a large addition to the property, requiring six variances.

The property and application proposed and carried to Monday, December 13, would be mixed use, expanding space for Mr. Nasser's practice while continuing to provide a residence for his family above physical therapy rooms and the proposed gym. South Avenue West is situated in a mixed-use zone in Westfield, GB-3.

Both Mr. Nasser and his wife are physical therapists who are looking to expand their current operation in order to more effectively treat the physical and rehabilitation needs of their patients, according to testimony. Four of those patients testified during the November hearing, highlighting the value of the Nasser's work and the greater Westfield community they serve, a point acknowledged by board members.

Monday's hearing came after the Nassers went before the board virtually in July, when the body recommended the Nasser application be scaled down, targeting major issues with the application including its variances for maximum floor area ratio, where zoning permits 50 percent at 5,000 square feet, with the applicant proposing 60 percent at 6,083 square feet.

Moreover, a variance for the property's setback was requested in the application, with the applicant proposing a setback of 23.46 square feet, where zoning permits 40 square feet. The other variances requested were for a minimum side-yard setback, which has to be 10 feet, where the proposed side-yard setback was 4.55 feet. Additionally, the Nasser application requested a variance for parking. Zoning requires 13 spaces for medical offices, where the proposed spaces were five. Another vari-

ance was requested for minimum driveway width of 20 feet, where the proposed was 12. The final variance requested was for maximum illumination at property line to be "0.3 foot candle," where the proposed was "0.5 foot candle."

Board Chair Chris Masciale took issue with the applicant, specifically the fact that Mr. Nasser, represented by attorney James Foerst of Spector Foerst and Associates, did not produce any revisions or modified plans after feedback provided by the board over the summer.

"I think there are a lot of positives to this application," said Mr. Masciale. "We were expecting to see revisions, we were expecting to see modified plans," the chair noted. "I would have been happy to see FAR [Floor Area Ratio] of 54 percent with new plans here. Not to hear after all this time we could do 54 percent."

Vice Chair Frank Fusaro, during his comments, said the applicants were asking for too much and that the board "very rarely moves more than 1 or 2 percent [Maximum Floor Area Ratio] as a general rule of thumb."

Mr. Masciale further emphasized that he understood "the benefits" of having Mr. Nasser's practice in town, but remarked, "I think the board is willing to work with you guys, but this is just still too much and there has been no give."

In other board business, Jared and Heidi Kanefsky of 26 Carol Road were granted variance relief for the construction of a patio, in-ground pool and "cored" portion of the patio, according to the application. Westfield's Land Use Ordinance allows maximum building coverage of 20 percent, 2,375 square feet. The applicants came in at 20.95 percent, 2,489 square feet.

The Kanefskys and their two small children recently moved into the residence. Providing expert testimony was their architect, Hildie Lazar, of Lazar Architecture.

The only condition offered to the application, from Mr. Fusaro, was the covered patio/pavilion is open on both sides. The applicant also agreed to install a fence in accordance with town zoning requirements.

The next Westfield Board of Adjustment meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Monday, December 13, at the Westfield Municipal Building.

BITS & PIECES

State Senate President Steve Sweeney, the state's longest serving legislator, has not yet conceded to Republican Challenger Edward Durr. Mr. Durr is leading Mr. Sweeney by over 2,000 votes with 100 percent of precincts reporting, but Mr. Sweeney says there are more votes to be counted. State Senator Nicholas Scutari (D-22) is poised to succeed Senator Sweeney as Senate President according to multiple reports. The move would bring the Senate Presidency back to Union County for the first time since Donald DiFrancesco held the post from 1992 until 2002.

Melissa Craven, 51, of Scotch Plains was killed Saturday afternoon in a motor vehicle accident on the North bound Garden State Parkway near mile marker 132. The cause of the crash is still under investigation

and State Police are seeking witnesses of the crash, or what led to it. Witnesses are asked to call the Bloomfield Station at (732) 441-4500 ext. 3400.

The Boy Scouts of American Patriots' Path Council has announced the sale Sabattis Adventure Camp, located in the Adirondacks. The sale comes with an agreement that the council may use the camp for at least five more years. The sale will help fund a portion of the \$3.7 million contribution that the Patriots' Path Council will be making to the Boy Scouts of America bankruptcy settlement trust.

On Friday, Congress passed the \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill. The bill includes \$12 billion in funding for the Gateway Tunnel project between Newark and New York Penn Stations.

Scotch Plains to Hold Small Business Saturday Event

SCOTCH PLAINS -- On Saturday, November 27, the Township of Scotch Plains, in partnership with the Scotch Plains Business & Professional Association, is hosting a Small Business Saturday event along with a "Cops, Cocoa, and Community" event sponsored by the community policing unit of the Scotch Plains Police Department.

Stop by the Alan Augustine Village Green from noon to 3 p.m. to pick up a "Shop Small" tote bag with coupons for businesses and free hot chocolate. Shop at any Scotch Plains business to earn raffle tickets. Prizes include five \$100 gift cards for use at any Scotch Plains business. Shoppers will earn one raffle ticket for

every local purchase. Anyone who shops in Scotch Plains on November 27 is eligible.

Any type of small business counts for this promotion, including restaurants, professional services, health and wellness services, spas, etc. All township businesses are included, so explore the great offerings on Park Avenue, East 2nd Street, Route 22, Mountain Avenue, Westfield Avenue, and North and South avenues.

Shoppers can bring a receipt as proof of purchase to the welcome table at the Alan Augustine Village Green on November 27 to enter the raffle. Winners will be announced at 3 p.m. and do not need to be present.


Business owners who wish to donate items for the bags or raffle should contact Lisa Mohn at Apple Blossom by calling (908) 322-4999 or stopping by her shop, 381 Park Ave. Small Business Saturday was created by American Express in November 2010. The campaign helps small, local businesses gain exposure and to help change the way consumers shop during the holiday season.

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25 Homes Sold Oct 30 – Nov 6, 2021 in Clark, Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Westfield

TOWN	ADDRESS	STYLE	RMS	BRS	BTH	GAR	SALE PRICE
Clark	56 Harding Ave	Ranch	4	2	1.1	0	\$405,000
Clark	47 Kathryn St	CapeCod	7	3	2.0	1	\$445,000
Clark	21 Blake Dr	RanchExp	7	4	2.0	0	\$510,000
Clark	90 Liberty St	SplitLev	9	3	2.0	1	\$569,000
Clark	171 Jupiter St	Bi-Level	8	4	2.1	2	\$650,000
Cranford	1A Retford Ave	Colonial	8	3	1.1	1	\$485,000
Cranford	61 Spruce St	CapeCod	7	3	1.1	1	\$585,000
Cranford	11 Arnet Pl	Colonial	12	4	2.1	2	\$870,000
Cranford	15 Norman Pl	Colonial	16	5	3.1	2	\$1,499,000
Fanwood	8 Mary Ln	CapeCod	6	4	1.0	0	\$350,000
Fanwood	80 Pleasant Ave	Colonial	9	4	2.0	2	\$689,000
Garwood	507 Willow Ave	CapeCod	6	3	1.1	0	\$385,000
Garwood	71 Fourth Ave	Colonial	7	3	2.0	1	\$499,000
Garwood	321 Hemlock Ave	SplitLev	9	4	2.0	2	\$559,000
Scotch Plains	1590 Lamberts Mill Rd	CapeCod	9	3	1.0	1	\$380,000
Scotch Plains	14 Harwich Ct	TwnIntUn	7	2	2.1	1	\$430,000
Scotch Plains	339 Hoe Ave	Bi-Level	8	4	1.1	2	\$560,000
Scotch Plains	510 Henry St	RanchExp	9	4	2.1	2	\$565,000
Scotch Plains	2004 Hill Top Rd	Custom	12	5	3.0	3	\$825,000
Scotch Plains	1471 Cooper Rd	Colonial	13	5	5.1	2	\$1,400,000
Westfield	245 Tuttle Pkwy	Colonial	9	4	3.2	1	\$740,000
Westfield	62 Michael Dr	Colonial	9	4	1.2	2	\$808,823
Westfield	210 Sunset Ave	Colonial	9	4	2.1	1	\$999,999
Westfield	142 Linden Ave	Colonial	13	6	5.1	2	\$1,875,000
Westfield	14 Kimball Cir	Tudor	12	5	5.1	3	\$3,400,000

*Clark, Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Westfield, NJ data according to the Garden State MLS, as of 10/30/21 – 11/6/21. Featured properties may not have been listed or sold by the office/agent presenting this data. Information deemed RELIABLE. A home is one of the most important and significant purchases or sales you will make in your lifetime. If you are thinking about a move, now is the time to prepare. I will provide you with a market evaluation and mortgage update, create a thorough marketing plan and let you know my suggestions in staging. For more information on these or other real estate matters, contact Susan Massa Broker CRS SRES ABR at 908-400-0778, susan@susanmassa.com or susanmassa2@gmail.com. www.NJHomeShowcase.com www.summitwestfieldhomes.com.

Multiple Arrests Announced Related to Recent Carjacking

WESTFIELD -- Westfield Police Chief Christopher Battiloro has announced the arrests of three persons on numerous charges related to Wednesday morning's carjacking, which occurred at approximately 8:17 a.m. in the parking lot of Summit Medical Group at 574 Springfield Avenue.

Salik Dunn, age 35, was arrested at approximately at approximately 5:40 a.m. this morning at his East Orange residence by Detectives from Westfield Police Department, who were working in conjunction with members of the New Jersey State Police and United States Marshal's New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force.

Dunn has been charged as a principal and/or accomplice with Carjacking, 2C:15-2A(2), a crime of the first degree, Conspiracy to Commit Carjacking, 2C:5-2A(1), a crime of the second degree, Robbery, 2C:15-1A(2), a crime of the first degree, and Receiving Stolen Property, 2C:20-7A, a crime of the third degree.

Additionally, Quinton I. Cohen, age 35, of East Orange, and Dishawn K. Bellamy, age 32, of Leesburg, were previously arrested by Detectives from the Westfield Police Department and members of the New Jersey State Police Auto Theft Task Force. This occurred at approximately 3:19 p.m. on Wednesday, the day of the incident, on the 20 block of Clinton Avenue in Newark. At the time of their arrest, both the carjacked vehicle, a 2022 Audi Q5, and a second vehicle, a 2010 Lexus RX350, which was used in the commission of the crimes, were recovered. It was later learned that the 2010 Lexus RX350 was stolen from Maplewood at approximately 7:10 a.m., just prior to the carjacking in Westfield.

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1A(2), a crime of the first degree, Receiving Stolen Property, 2C:20-7A, a crime of the third degree, and Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance, 2C:35-10A(1), a crime of the third degree. He was in possession of both cocaine and heroin at the time of his arrest.

Bellamy was charged with Receiving Stolen Property, 2C:20-7A, a crime of the third degree, and Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance, 2C:35-10A(1), a crime of the third degree. He was in possession of heroin at the time of his arrest.

The victim of the carjacking reported that he was approached while exiting his vehicle, told to leave his keys behind, and to turn over his cellular telephone. The victim further reported the suspect also told him that he was in possession of a gun, although one was not displayed. The police investigation indicates that the victim was followed from his Hudson County residence to Westfield via Route 22 and carjacked upon arrival at Summit Medical Group.

"This was some extraordinarily quick work by our Detectives," stated Chief Battiloro, who noted those involved were all arrested in less than 48 hours. "These are very serious charges involving some extremely dangerous persons, and once again, our Detectives did some absolutely incredible work," he further stated.

Chief Battiloro praised the collaborative relationship his department has with the New Jersey State Police Auto Theft Task Force. "Together, we continue to make arrests and recover stolen vehicles. Many of these arrested persons have some very extensive criminal histories, and our streets are undoubtedly much safer because of these law enforcement efforts."

Westfield, like many other suburban northern New Jersey municipalities, remains a very attractive target for vehicle theft. There have been 26 stolen vehicles to date this year, 23 of which have been recovered.

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Veterans Day Reminds Us to Thank Our Defenders of Freedom

The eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month — a triad recalling the end of one war while simultaneously commemorating all those who have fought for, died for, and safeguarded liberty during every chapter of our national history. Living or deceased, they represent a bridge across nearly two and a half centuries, from the colonial militias who took on the British Empire to contemporary troops deployed worldwide via land, sea, air, and now the Space Force.

Today we celebrate Veterans Day, paying homage to those men and women whose heroic service and sacrifice have literally shaped the course of history. Individually and collectively, they have helped forge a legacy not just for their fellow Americans but for generations on a global scale. Originally known as Armistice Day, Veterans Day is observed each year on November 11, the date in 1918 which, at the 11th hour, formally drew to a close hostilities between the Allied Forces and Germany during World War I. Once defined as “the war to end all wars,” it proved tragically not to be.

In the aftermath of that war and ever since, communities have sought to memorialize those who have given so much to their nation and their fellow Americans. Within our midst locally is the majestic spire at the North Avenue and East Broad Street Plaza honoring Westfield’s fallen “Boys of ’17,” along with other monuments, street signs and banners here and throughout surrounding towns, bearing the names and likenesses of neighbors who served or are presently on active duty.

As previously noted in this space, 2021 is distinguished by multiple milestones in the saga of our nation, its people, and its steadfast commitment to freedom and democracy. We formally declared independence from Great Britain 245 years ago. The attack on Pearl Harbor will have occurred 80 years ago on December 7, launching the United States’ entry into World War II. The Gulf War took place 30 years ago. On September 11, we observed 20 years since terrorists struck from the skies, while May marked the 10th anniversary of the daring Navy SEAL campaign that took down the mastermind of those attacks.

We recall today the members of our armed forces who were there during these events and/or their aftermath, as well as the countless others who have served our country, in every generation. By their service, American veterans also helped break through racial and social barriers and biases, strengthening not just our military but our nation overall. While certain names, places and dates loom especially large in history texts, all of our military personnel should be duly acknowledged. Our country, other nations, and humanity itself have triumphed again and again over tyranny and oppression because of each American who answered the call. To each of them we say, thank you for your service, and for the precious gift of freedom.

Educator’s Corner: Veterans Day

By JENNIFER GLACKIN
For The Westfield Leader and Union County HAWK

Today is Veterans Day. Veterans are brave people who gave their time and, in some cases their lives, to serve in one of the six branches of our military: Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, and Space Force. These brave men and women should be celebrated every day for protecting our freedom and keeping us safe. Here are a few activities that can engage kids on this important topic.

1. Teach the history – Originally known as Armistice Day, it celebrated the end of World War I on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. It was officially recognized by congress as such in 1926. In 1947, Raymond Weeks, a World War II veteran, arranged “National Veterans Day” in Birmingham, Alabama. The name of the holiday was officially changed to Veterans Day in 1954. For more information read, <https://www.va.gov/opa/publications/celebrate/vetday.pdf>. Make a historical timeline with your kids using the information. For younger students, check out PBS Learning Media Veterans Day video on YouTube.

2. Write a Thank You – Take some time to thank a member of our nation’s armed forces. If you do not know any veterans or active members personally, send a letter via an organization. A Million Thanks sends letters to active, reserve, and veteran military members. Their deadline for holiday letters this year on Wednesday, December 1, so now is the perfect time! Visit <https://amillionthanks.org/letter/> for details. Operation Gratitude is another option. They send care packages to active service members, veterans, first responders, and wounded soldiers. Letter writing information can be found here: <https://www.operationgratitude.com/express-your-thanks-virtual/write-letters-virtual/>.

3. Make Window Art – It’s easy to make art that looks like stained glass! You’ll need scissors, clear contact paper, colored tissue paper cut into small pieces, and black construction paper. Make an American flag or a poppy. (Poppies are more closely associated with Memorial Day, but the American Legion Auxiliary uses poppies on both holidays to “honor the fallen and support the living.”) Cut two pieces of contact paper in the shape of your project. Cut the black construction paper into the same shape and size. Then cut out the middle creating a black border. Peel the back off of one piece of contact paper and place the border on the edges. Then use the tissue paper pieces to create the picture. (All red with black spots in the middle for poppies or the stars and stripes of the flag!) Then cover with the second piece of contact paper. Voila! Stained glass art to hang on your window!

4. Read a Book – Books are a great way to help kids understand tough topics. *Twenty-One Steps: Guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier* by Jeff Gottesfeld and illustrated by Matt Tavares, *H is for Honor: A Military Family Alphabet* by Devin Scillian and illustrated by Victor Juhasz, *Hero Mom* and *Hero Dad* are both by Melinda Hardin and illustrated by Bryan Langdo. These books can help illustrate the sacrifices of military personnel and the importance of the holiday.

Letters to the Editor

Neylan Thanks Supporters, Congratulates Winners

The election is over and from the bottom of my heart I want to thank every person who helped me along the way throughout my wonderful and rewarding journey. The outcome is not what we had hoped for but as I often say, I can put my head on the pillow at night knowing that I did all that is right and all that I could do. Because of all of you, we led an energized and spirited campaign based on truth and integrity.

Whether you knocked on doors with me, or held a meet and greet, or wrote a letter, or so generously made a monetary donation, or expressed your views on social media- I cannot adequately thank you. The support my team and I received was both humbling and empowering. I sincerely hope many of you will stay engaged.

Congratulations to Senator Brannick, Assemblywoman Munoz, and Assemblywoman Matsikoudis,

JoAnn Neylan
Westfield

Thank you Westfield! Let’s Move Forward Together!

Thank you to everyone who cast a vote in Tuesday’s election, exercising our most treasured right and privilege. And thanks to JoAnn Neylan, Amanda Como, Denise Garrett, Shawn Mullen and James Restivo for running; we certainly appreciate the courage it takes to put yourself and your families out in public for scrutiny.

We, the Westfield Together team, are overwhelmed by the vote of confidence we received from you in each of our re-election efforts, and look forward to serving you for another four years!

As your mayor and councilpersons, we represent all of you, regardless of your political affiliation or how you cast your vote. First and foremost we are all residents, friends and neighbors, and we remain committed to listening, informing and engaging you.

Your local government is only as good as the people who volunteer to serve! Your talent and eagerness to volunteer is one of Westfield’s greatest assets, and we’re grateful to all who step up to devote their time and energy to benefit our entire community.

With an exciting four years ahead of us, we ask that you be part of it! The fifth annual open call for volunteers to serve on town boards, commissions and committees is now open! Please submit your applications by Monday, November 29 to westfieldnj.gov/volunteer.

As always, you can reach out to each of us directly with questions, ideas or concerns:

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With Gratitude and Appreciation,
Shelley, Linda, Mike,
David and Dawn
Westfield

Candidate Restivo Congratulates Winners, Thanks Supporters

Congratulations to Mayor Brindle, Councilwoman Mackey, Councilwoman Habgood, Councilman Dardia and Councilman Contract on your re-election.

While my bid to become the Ward 4 Councilman came up short, I consider my campaign a success. The lessons I learned, the friendships I made, the people I met and the chance to become more involved in the town I love are only some of the reasons why. I am proud of the campaign I ran, the only thing I would change is the result.

I would like to first thank my wife Jennifer and my children, Brennan and Maren for their love and support. The hardest part of running for this office was the time I spent away from you. Your understanding and belief in me kept me motivated throughout the campaign. I could not have ever thought about doing this without you guys in my corner, I love you.

Next, I cannot begin to express my gratitude to all those who supported me. The volunteers, the donors, those who hosted meet and greets and everyone who displayed a magnet or sign, your support is humbling and greatly appreciated. My campaign team, Dona Panagos and Mike Concannon, you kept me focused and driven, you gave your time and energy on my behalf and you stood by me in good and bad. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

To my running mates, you are an amazing group of people. JoAnn Neylan, your love for Westfield and dedication to public service is inspiring. I learned so much from you. Amanda, Denise and Shawn, you are incredible people. I am happy to call you friends and to have shared this experience with you.

And last but not least, thank you Westfield. Thank you for listening to what I had to say and reading what I had to write. Thank you for taking a few minutes to speak to me when I rang your bell or attend an event. Thank you for considering me and thank you if you voted for me. You make me proud to not only

Candidate Denise Garrett Thanks Residents, Supporters

What an amazing journey this has been. I committed to running a year ago with the desire to have a seat at the table so I can opine on key issues that impact Ward 2 and set a positive example for my children. However, I underestimated just how much I personally would gain. I have strengthened friendships, made new friendships, gained self-confidence, and strengthened my understanding of municipal government, fueling a passion I will drive forward into the future.

To my running mates, JoAnn Neylan, Amanda Como, Shawn Mullen and James Restivo I am forever indebted to you. I have learned so much from you not only as it pertains to the local issues currently impacting our town but personally. I developed new skills and became more open to new ideas. Thank you for ‘Working for Westfield’ and thank you for becoming my friend.

To my children Liam, Bridget and Tobin – You stepped up and gave up so your mother could work for change. We grew as a family through sacrificing time and picking up new responsibilities. Your patience with me is much appreciated and your support has been the greatest gift you could ever give me. To my husband Bill, you committed to supporting me and although we had no idea to what extent that meant in the beginning, we succeeded, I love you.

To my campaign team; my campaign manager Mike Hymans, my communication manager Suzanne Kimmelman, and my Treasurer Kenneth Donnelly, we ran a great campaign and had fun while doing it. You are all amazing and talented people, thank you for your tutelage, thank you for your commitment to ‘Working for Westfield’ and thank you for your friendship.

To the Westfield Together Team, I wish you a successful four years. This is a crucial time for our town and there are many exciting initiatives on the horizon. May you lead this town successfully into the future and listen to the many differing opinions of the Westfield residents. The Working for Westfield campaign may not have resulted in a victory, but it was successful in highlighting the opinions of a large number of residents who want to be heard. I urge you to listen and keep fighting the good fight.

Thank you, Westfield Ward 2 residents. I am humbled to live amongst you. I am committed to staying engaged with ‘Working for Westfield’ and I look forward to working besides you while giving back to our community in the years ahead.

Denise Garrett
Westfield

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

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

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

Answers to last week’s arcane words.

1. Toison – The fleece of sheep
2. Iconoclasm – The act of breaking or destroying images
3. Catallactics – In political economy, the science of commercial exchanges
4. Acrotism – Absence or imperceptibility of the pulse beat

FORZANDO

1. A large deep bowl used for salads
2. With force or stress
3. A malicious person
4. A crossbow of the middle ages

CARAPACE

1. Turned up at the tip like a pug nose
2. Carefree, feeling relaxed
3. Bristly hairs on the porcupine
4. The upper shell of a turtle, crab, etc.

FULIGINOSITY

1. Unhealthfulness; unwholesomeness
2. The act of making blind
3. Sootiness; smokiness
4. Temporary loss of memory of one’s surroundings

RAFFISH

1. Disgraceful; cheap
2. Confused; puzzled
3. Fatigued; exhausted
4. Fussy, petty

Letters to the Editor

RIP to Westfield’s Towne Barber Shoppe

It is so sad to see the Towne Barber Shoppe in Westfield close down after 75 years in business. More and more empty storefronts mar the quaint beauty of downtown Westfield. My wife and I move here in 1978 (we moved to Mountainside in 2006), and back then you had your choice of mom and pop clothing stores, stationery and gift shops, barber shops, pharmacies, and just about any other business you could think of right at your finger tips. I am not one who yearns for the “ good old days,” nor do I bemoan the inevitable march of progress, but the deterioration in the quality of downtown Westfield is unmistakable and quite regrettable . RIP Towne Barber Shop.

Bill Gottdenker
Mountainside

Editor’s Note: Anthony from Towne Barber Shoppe has relocated to Gian’s Hair Studio in Kenilworth.

Candidate Denise Garrett Thanks Residents, Supporters

What an amazing journey this has been. I committed to running a year ago with the desire to have a seat at the table so I can opine on key issues that impact Ward 2 and set a positive example for my children. However, I underestimated just how much I personally would gain. I have strengthened friendships, made new friendships, gained self-confidence, and strengthened my understanding of municipal government, fueling a passion I will drive forward into the future.

To my running mates, JoAnn Neylan, Amanda Como, Shawn Mullen and James Restivo I am forever indebted to you. I have learned so much from you not only as it pertains to the local issues currently impacting our town but personally. I developed new skills and became more open to new ideas. Thank you for ‘Working for Westfield’ and thank you for becoming my friend.

To my children Liam, Bridget and Tobin – You stepped up and gave up so your mother could work for change. We grew as a family through sacrificing time and picking up new responsibilities. Your patience with me is much appreciated and your support has been the greatest gift you could ever give me. To my husband Bill, you committed to supporting me and although we had no idea to what extent that meant in the beginning, we succeeded, I love you.

To my campaign team; my campaign manager Mike Hymans, my communication manager Suzanne Kimmelman, and my Treasurer Kenneth Donnelly, we ran a great campaign and had fun while doing it. You are all amazing and talented people, thank you for your tutelage, thank you for your commitment to ‘Working for Westfield’ and thank you for your friendship.

To the Westfield Together Team, I wish you a successful four years. This is a crucial time for our town and there are many exciting initiatives on the horizon. May you lead this town successfully into the future and listen to the many differing opinions of the Westfield residents. The Working for Westfield campaign may not have resulted in a victory, but it was successful in highlighting the opinions of a large number of residents who want to be heard. I urge you to listen and keep fighting the good fight.

Thank you, Westfield Ward 2 residents. I am humbled to live amongst you. I am committed to staying engaged with ‘Working for Westfield’ and I look forward to working besides you while giving back to our community in the years ahead.

Denise Garrett
Westfield

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Letters to the Editor

Board of Health Offers Meeting Recap

The Westfield Board of Health met on November 1.

The board considered the town's Sanitary Code concerning food trucks. Over the past half year, we have seen an increase in our neighborhoods of food trucks that deliver food reportedly cooked at a retail food establishment in another town and then heated and plated in the truck in Westfield. Although the trucks are inspected by the other town's health department, they are currently neither licensed nor inspected by the Westfield Regional Health Department, as required by the State Sanitary Code and the Westfield code. The department inspects and licenses all other food trucks in town, including those that operate in several towns or just come to Westfield for occasional events, e.g., FestiFall and Spring Fling.

The board voted unanimously to require that each of these trucks also be currently licensed and subject to inspection, as required by the Health Officer. The Board also will continue to review the regulations for the best approach to food trucks, consistent with the State mandates.

The board reiterated its commitment to prevent communicable diseases, including Covid-19, especially among our children and the vulnerable. We are grateful that the vast majority of our fellow residents agree with us, as evidenced by the fact that 99 percent of adults 18 years old and older have received at least one dose of Covid-19 vaccine and 95 percent are fully vaccinated.

The Board is thankful that children aged at least five years old are now eligible for Covid-19 vaccination, since almost 700 children have died of Covid-19 in our country. Our first clinic to vaccinate children five to 11 years old was held last Friday, November 5, at the Roosevelt Intermediate School.

The health department will continue to sponsor Covid-19 vaccination programs, as well as vaccinations for other diseases, including influenza. If you have not been vaccinated yet, now is the time to do so. Please help protect yourself, your family and friends, and your community. The health department has numerous outreach efforts to provide free vaccinations. Covid-19 pop-up walk-in clinics will be held during the next few weeks. The upcoming schedule of clinics can be found at <https://www.westfieldnj.gov/calendar.aspx?CID=29>. Also, any resident interested in receiving the vaccine can call (908) 789-4070. More information is available at the Westfield Coronavirus Information Center at <https://www.westfieldnj.gov/coronavirus> and the State Covid-19 Information Hub at <https://covid19.nj.gov/forms/datadashboard>.

A child in Westfield is being treated for lead poisoning. In an unrelated incident, a paint company was ordered to cease operations when it allowed paint dust to freely contaminate the neighborhood surrounding a house it was sanding. Lead paints were used until the 1970's and sanding an older house, without the proper controls, can result in elevated lead exposure in our community. This week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention lowered the level of actionable exposure to lead for children, due to lead's toxicity <https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/default.htm>. All parents should have their children tested for lead at one and at two years of age, since many houses in town may be potential sources of lead exposure. If you have a house sanded, please ensure that the company has a permit from the Health Department so it uses proper safety precautions, including HEPA filters, in its work.

There were four cases of dog bites in town in September. Please protect the community through proper leashing. Also, please clean-up after your pet since we all share our streets.

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

Information about all of the Health Department's activities, including helpful health-related advice and recommendations and free education programs, is available at <https://www.westfieldnj.gov/health>. Recent topics in the department's monthly newsletter, Your Health Matters, include lung cancer awareness, cigarette smoking prevention, and the health risks of two-stroke gas leaf blowers. It is available on the department's website in the November Newsletter tab. You can sign up to receive health department information at <https://www.westfieldnj.gov/townupdates>.

The complete minutes of the November Board meeting will be posted after review and approval at our December 6 meeting, which starts at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building. As always, the public is invited to attend.

Lawrence D. Budnick, MD, MPH
President, Westfield Board of Health

County Launches Free Covid Vaccines for Children

COUNTY—The Union County Board of County Commissioners is pleased to announce that all residents, from age five on up, are now eligible to receive a vaccine against the Covid-19 virus. Union County has added the 5 to 11 age group to its ongoing free vaccination program.

The Pfizer pediatric Covid-19 vaccine for ages 5 to 11 will be available free of charge through the Union County Covid-19 clinic at the Warinanco Sports Center, located at 1 Park Drive in Warinanco Park, in Roselle. The Pfizer vaccine for ages 12 and up will also be available at this clinic.

Adults and children ages 12 and up in need of vaccinations, including booster shots, can continue to use the Union County Covid-19 clinic located at Downs Hall at the Kean University campus, at 1000 Morris Avenue in Union Township.

Union County's mobile vaccination clinic will also continue to provide vaccinations to adults and children ages 12 and up.

To make an appointment visit ucnj.org/vax to set up an account and book an

appointment online. The Union County Covid-19 Call Center is available to offer additional assistance by phone during regular business hours, at (908) 613-7829.

Union County residents can visit any one of the mobile vaccination sites to receive a free Covid-19 test. Free Covid-19 tests are also available at the Kean University campus in Union Township and Gerald B. Green Plaza in Plainfield. For more information visit ucnj.org/covid19/covid-19-testing-options.

Union County residents who have difficulty leaving the home may be eligible for a vaccination visit. Call Union County's service provider, Mobile Medical Services, at (833) 256-2478 during regular weekday business hours to speak with an operator, or call after hours to leave a voice message for a callback. Requests for a callback can also be emailed to vaccine@mmst.io.

For information and updates on all Union County services during the Covid-19 outbreak, including free vaccination, free testing, emergency food distribution and other support services, visit ucnj.org/covid19.

Mountainside Library Friends Tell Book Sale Dates

MOUNTAINSIDE — The Friends of the Mountainside Public Library will host its Fall Book Sale on Friday and Saturday, November 19 and 20, from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Bag Day will be from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, November 21.

Browsers at the sale will find both hardcover and paperback books by subject, including history, art, cookbooks, general fiction, biographies, crafts, science, parenting and sports, as well as CDs, puzzles and games.

The funds collected from the sale enable the Friends to enhance the library's offerings to the community in the form of adult and children's programs, museum passes, book club selections, large-print books and many other items not covered by the library's annual budget.

Donations of books will begin on Friday, November 12, and continue until Wednesday, November 18, during regular library hours. The Friends cannot accept musty, yellowed or damaged books or any textbooks, magazines, dictionaries, encyclo-

dias or condensed books.

Masks must be worn in the library at all times. The library is located at 1 Constitution Plaza, Mountainside.

For further information, call the library at (908) 233-0115.

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Notice is hereby given that bid proposals will be received from Bidders classified under N.J.S.A. 27:7-35.2 via the Internet until 10:00:59 A.M. on **11/18/21**, downloaded, and publicly opened and read, in the CONFERENCE ROOM-A, 1st Floor F & A Building, New Jersey Department of Transportation, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, for:

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Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 (P.L. 1975, c. 127); N.J.A.C. 17:27.

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

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

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BOROUGH OF FANWOOD, NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY FOR NONPAYMENT OF TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND/OR OTHER MUNICIPAL LIENS

Public notice is hereby given that I, Colleen M. Huehn, Collector of Taxes of the Borough of Fanwood, County of Union will sell at public auction on Thursday November 18, 2021 in the Carriage House located on the grounds of Borough Municipal Building, 75 North Marine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey at 9:00 o'clock in the morning or at such later time and place to which said sale may be adjourned, all of the several lots and parcels of land assessed to the respective persons whose names are set opposite each respective parcel as the owner thereof for the total amount of municipal liens chargeable against said lands respectively, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-1, et seq. as computed to the 18th day of November 2021.

Take further notice that the hereinafter described lands will be sold for the amount of municipal liens chargeable against each parcel of said land assessed as one parcel, together with interest and costs to the date of the sale. Said lands will be sold at the lowest rate of interest bid, not to exceed 18%. Payment for said parcels shall be made prior to the conclusion of the sale in the form of cash, certified check or money order or other method previously approved by the Tax Collector or the property will be resold. Properties for which there are no other purchasers shall be struck off and sold to the Borough of Fanwood at an interest rate of 18%.

At any time before the sale I will accept payment of the amount due on any property with interest and costs. Payments must be in the form of cash, certified check or money order.

Industrial properties may be subject to the Spill Compensation and Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58-10-23.11 et seq.), the Water Pollution Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58-10A-1 et seq.) and the Industrial Site Recovery Act (N.J.S.A. 13:1K-6 et seq.). In addition, the municipality is precluded from issuing a tax sale certificate to any prospective purchaser who is or may be in any way connected to the prior owner or operator of the site.

In the event that the owner of the property is on Active Duty in the Military Service, the Tax Collector should be notified immediately. The lands to be sold are described in accordance with the last tax duplicate as follows:

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER NAME	AMOUNT	TYPE	PROPERTY LOCATION
1	3	MORSE, ANDREW P	164.24	S	9 MIDWAY AVE
15	6	KLINGMAN, RHODA - KALISKY, HILARY	7,722.82	T	205 FOREST RD
19	17	KALISKY, HILARY M	2,606.05	T	85 PLEASANT AVENUE
20	9	INTERIORS L L C	164.24	S	47 ST JOHN PLACE
26	6.01	ESTATE OF FRANK SHERRIFFO	171.64	T	MIDWAY AVE
26	47	ANWANDER, ARTHUR E	77.62	S	16 MARY LANE
26	51	ZERVOS, THEODORE & TRSTENSKY, PEGGY	11,504.04	T	24 MARY LANE
28	5	HERRMANN, JOHN ET ALL	9,230.66	T	168 MIDWAY AVE
48	12	ROSENTHAL, MATTHEW S & MARISSA N	164.24	S	31 PATERSON RD
49	14	MBNJ REALTY LLC	77.62	S	357 TERRILL RD
60	17	AGUILUCHO, MARIA T	77.62	S	199 LA GRANDE AVENUE
64	12	IAIONE, THOMAS JR	1,831.01	S	38 S MARTINE AVE
65	9	TAMPUSARI, RICKO	164.24	S	59 FIRST ST
69	4	AGUILUCHO, MARIA T	164.24	S	371 SOUTH AVE
70	30	VANADIUM, NICHOLAS & ARNAO, CYNTHIA	77.62	S	391 NORTH AVE
77	28.02	ANACZKOWSKI, E & I-GONNELLA, C	6,620.43	T	89 SHADY LANE
81	26	URIBE, JOSE I & MARIA C	163.43	S	151 VINTON CIRCLE
105	16	MALONE, WILLIAM J III & BARBARA J	164.24	S	187 KING ST

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Why Online Arguments Create a More Divided Society

By CAROLINE DONNELLY
For The Westfield Leader and Union County HAWK

It is widely understood that one of the most serious downsides of social media is the continued increase of provocative comments that are posted to antagonize others. Why is it that people are so much more aggressive when communicating with others online than they are face-to-face?

Behavior on social media is not an accurate representation of how people act in person. Some people hide behind usernames that don't include their real names, so that the comments they make online can't be traced back to them. Others use their real names, yet feel as though they can say anything on social media, no matter how malicious, when in reality they would never have the audacity to say something so bold to a person's face.

Social media removes the face-to-face aspect of confrontation, making it easier for people to make more aggressive comments. According to Cognitive Psychologist Steven Pinker, people have a genetic tendency to fight with others. Today, many fulfill this impulse to fight by arguing with others online. People act rashly because they perceive that the repercussions are minimized, but they don't always consider that their messages can negatively affect how others in the community view them.

While this behavior is often associated with teenagers, this immaturity is prevalent among all age groups that utilize social media regularly. Just visit a Westfield Facebook group and you will soon see adults leaving nasty and sometimes downright false statements about fellow residents.

According to *Fast Company*, in a 2021 poll that asked 257 people about their experiences with online arguments, 70 percent had engaged in a Facebook argument, and many spoke negatively of the experience. People said that it was difficult for them to sympathize with opposing viewpoints because they had an audience to impress on Facebook.

People are addicted to the adrenaline of winning an argument. But, what people fail to realize is that they will never really "win" an online argument. Arguing on social media never changes anyone's mind. Disagreements are a healthy aspect of society, but it's difficult to take part in productive conversations over the internet because aspects of speech such as humor, sarcasm and tone may not come across as intended. This can lead to misunder-

standings and escalating tensions.

This type of behavior is greatly amplified during election season. When a political candidate posts information about their campaign on their Facebook page, there are personal attacks against the candidate and comments unrelated to the topic of the post. One person will leave a comment attacking the candidate, and another person responds to the comment to defend the candidate. This quickly spirals into comment-section brawls fueled by divisive remarks with opposing opinions and ad hominem attacks. These types of arguments do nothing but cultivate a more polarized and tense society and form a toxic environment that inhibits civil debate and the associated progress.

Facebook group admins sometimes escalate the tension. Admins have the ability to respond to and delete comments, as well as ban people from a group. If an admin has a different point of view from someone commenting on the page, they may choose to suspend or remove them from the group. In other cases, admins may not do enough to reprimand those who are saying nasty things to one another. In either case, the result perpetuates a negative environment.

When adults argue viciously and act immaturely online, it makes me doubt society's ability to find common ground and create positive change.. Social media usage will only continue to grow, so it is imperative for people to understand the consequences of their digital actions. People should reflect upon the ways they interact with others online and learn to control their emotions in the heat of the moment, as they would likely do in a face-to-face interaction. Alternatively, sometimes the strongest action is not to engage at all.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Westfield Board of Adjustment adopted resolutions at its meeting on November 8, 2021, for the following applications decided upon at the meeting held on October 13, 2021.

Westfield Senior Citizens Housing Corp./Westfield Senior Citizens Urban Renewal Partnership, LP, 1129-1133 Boynton Avenue. Applicant requested a one-year extension of previous approval. **Approved.**

Stuart Maxwell, 519 Mountain Avenue. Applicant requested a one-year extension of previous approval. **Approved.**

Rebecca & Aditya Verma, 935 New England Drive. Applicant requested an extension of previous approval. **Approved for a 6 months extension.**

Xiaoyan Zhuang, 811 Grant Avenue. Applicant sought approval to construct a one-story addition on the front of the home contrary to Section 12.03C, D & E, 12.04F1 and 12.04E1 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a minimum front yard setback of 25 feet. Proposed is 22 feet 1 inch. Ordinance requires a maximum coverage by buildings and above grade structures of 20% but not above 3,600 square feet. Proposed is 23.36%. Ordinance requires a maximum floor area ratio of 37% but not above 3,200 square feet. Proposed is 38.82%. **Approved with conditions.**

Plans and applications are on file in the office of the Town Engineer, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey and may be seen Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Kristine Burd
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Westfield Library to Feature Craft, Financial Programs

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Memorial Library will present a Facebook craft program and a Zoom financial program, both on Wednesday, November 17. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street and the web address is wmlnj.org.

Librarian and craft expert Marge Barkan will present a holiday program at 1 p.m. on Facebook, entitled “Create a Candy Cane Wreath.” This wreath can be used on a door or wall. Anyone may watch the Facebook Premiere Video in which Ms. Barkan will explain what materials are needed and where crafters can get them. The first 10 people who register will be eligible to pick up a “Craft-to-go-Kit,” which includes all the materials needed to complete the project. Once participants register, they will be notified when the craft kits are available for pickup. Even if crafters do not get a kit, they can watch the program on Facebook at the scheduled time or anytime thereafter that is convenient for them.

At 7 p.m. that evening, the Seton Hall Investor Advocacy Program will present A Virtual Financial

Road Show on Zoom. “Financial Literacy-Becoming an Informed Investor” will cover such topics as demystifying certain challenges facing investors, avoiding investment pitfalls and putting credit cards into perspective. Participants must register for this program. After registering, they will receive a Zoom link via email a few days prior to the program.

Interested persons are asked to visit the library’s website at wmlnj.org to register for the Zoom program and <https://www.facebook.com/wmlnj> for the Facebook program.

Currently, Westfield Memorial Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 4:30 p.m.

More information about library programs and services for children and adults is available on the website and on Facebook. Library programs also can be viewed on the library’s YouTube channel, which can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/user/westfieldmemoriallib> or by clicking on the YouTube icon on the library’s website.



FURRY FRIEND...The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library, which provides educational and entertaining programs for all ages, is celebrating its 50th year of serving the library and the community. Pictured, the Friends hosted an Eyes of the Wild program featuring a live hedgehog. Additional events are planned throughout 2022.

Westfield Library Friends Celebrating 50th Year

WESTFIELD — The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library will officially celebrate 50 years of service to the library and Westfield in 2022.

Started by a dedicated group of PTO parents and members of the College Women’s Club, the Friends have been supporting the library with programs, capital improvements and cultural activities for citizens of all ages.

Last month, the Friends kicked off its celebration of 50 years of commitment to the town of Westfield with two programs that highlight one of the

group’s most recent investments — the renovation of the entrance to the children’s area at the library.

On October 14, the library officially “opened” the arches with a ribbon-cutting ceremony with Michelle Habayeb, president of the library board of trustees; a reading of a letter of recognition from Mayor Shelley Brindle, and a talk by artist Caren Frost Olmsted, who designed and painted the arches that welcome youngsters to the children’s area. The program closed with the introduction of new Westfield Memorial Library Director Allen McGinley.

On October 17, the library held a children’s program which entailed all things arches-related — from a storytime to a hunt for hidden items in the arches to a live animal-rescue presentation by Eyes of the Wild. The children enjoyed learning about animals as well as exploring parts of the library.

The Friends will host additional events throughout 2022 to honor and celebrate the group’s partnership with the library and the town of Westfield. For more information on Friends’ programs and events, visit fwmlnj.org.

Knights Schedule Blood Drive

AREA — Knights of Columbus Msgr. Loreti Council No. 3240 will sponsor a blood drive on Tuesday, November 30, from 3 to 8 p.m. It will be held in Lower Chiego Hall on the grounds of the Church of the Assumption, located at 113 Chiego Place, Roselle Park. Walk-ins will be allowed but appointments are suggested. For details, contact Brother Greg Demeter at gdemeter07@yahoo.com or (917) 664-8563.

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JUNIORS EARN BRONZE...Four troops from among the Girl Scouts of Cranford were honored for having earned the Bronze Award, the highest award that a Junior Girl Scout can attain. They included Troops 40098, 40688, 40744 and 40772. Each troop worked as a team on a project that makes a difference in their community.

Cranford Girl Scouts Honor Bronze Award Recipients

CRANFORD — The Girl Scouts of Cranford Service Unit 48 recently honored four troops for earning the Bronze Award, the highest honor a Junior Girl Scout can achieve. The award was earned while the troops were in fourth and fifth grade, but the recognition ceremony was delayed to accommodate Covid-19 safety protocols.

“The Bronze Award allows Girl Scout Juniors to team up and make a difference in their communities. Through collaboration, they learn new skills, explore passions and see how small actions can make a big difference,” explained Elayna Torsone, manager of Service Unit 48. “After a delay due to Covid, we were so happy to be able to recognize their achievements in person.”

Troop 40098 created an Ambassador Program at Saint Michael School in Cranford. Designed to help new students feel welcome and comfortable, the program included a buddy component as well as FaceTime meetings when students were not able to meet in person due to safety concerns.

Troop 40688 focused on boosting the pollinator population in Cranford. The troop members researched plants and pollinators such as bees and butterflies, raised funds through bake sales, and planted 20 pollinator-friendly plants in the community garden at Walnut Avenue School in Cranford.

Troop 40744 created birthday-themed boxes for children in need. The boxes included everything required for a special celebration and were distributed through a partnership with Isaiah House, a non-profit organization that works to prevent homelessness, hunger and unemployment in the Oranges and Newark.

Troop 40772 collaborated on a

project to reduce single-use plastics and educated the public on how to recycle less common items like plastic films and wrappers. Working with Trex Recycling, they established eight locations in Cranford to collect plastic films such as dry-cleaning bags, shrink wrap and other thin, plastic packaging. During the campaign they collected 2,896 pounds of these lightweight materials.

The Bronze Award recipients, who were recognized for their achievements at a special ceremony held in June at the Cranford United Methodist Church, include Abigail Behnke, Callie Blanton, Sophie Botsakos, Madeleine Brennan, Sarah Burnett, Annabelle Burns, Addison Deal, Kerrington Esteves, Mia Ferrara, Peyton Geis, Riley Greco, Clare Harrington, Margaret Harris, Alexis Jankowski, Melody Jennings, Riley McKeon, Emily O’Neill, Sara Phillips, Sadie Pizzella, Elliza Scardino, Leila Schuster, Ella Seeto, Clare Shuler, Addison Stroh, Caroline Tierney, Kaylee Werthmann, Megan Wukovitz and Adelaide Yurcisin.

The troop leaders also were honored. They are Heather Burnett and Jeanine Stroh (Troop 40098), Erin Esteves and Stephanie Patterson (Troop 40688), Jen Geis, Kristin Ferrara and Denise Alvarez (Troop 40744) and Andrea Yurcisin and Tracee Blanton (Troop 40772).

The Girl Scouts of Cranford comprises over 1,139 Girl Scout members in 71 troops and Juliettes, making it one of the largest non-profit organizations in the township. The Cranford Service Unit is a part of the Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey Council, which is part of the Girl Scouts of the USA. To learn more about local Girl Scouts or the Girl Scouts of Cranford, visit cranfordgirlscouts.com.

First Responders Make 100th-Birthday House Call

FANWOOD — Marilyn Klingbeil, a longtime resident of Fanwood, will never forget her 100th birthday. She was visited November 3 on her Glenwood Road front lawn by Fanwood police officers, firefighters and EMTs with a noisy and flashy drive-by, flowers and a proclamation from Mayor Colleen Mahr.

“Today is Marilyn Klingbeil Day,” announced Dianne Howarth, administrative assistant for the police department. As she did so, “Lyn,” as her friends and family know her, received a bouquet of flowers donated by the Apple Blossom Flower Shop in Scotch Plains. Suddenly, her lawn was populated by police officers, including Police Director Mike Bramhall, firefighters and EMTs, joining Lyn and her family.

“It is a rare thing for someone to

reach 100 years of age,” read the proclamation by Mayor Mahr, which was read by Sergeant Ann Piccola. “And from what I’ve gathered, you’ve made the most of every day. From one native New Jerseyan to another, I want to thank you for your career of public service to the residents of Union County.”

Mrs. Klingbeil was a longtime county employee, working as the matrimonial assignment clerk. She is a native of Newark, but moved to Fanwood in 1956 shortly after marrying her late husband, Lawrence. They honeymooned in Cuba and traveled the world together.

“You’re all so wonderful,” commented Mrs. Klingbeil, who also thanked Sergeant Piccola for his recent plumbing repair to her toilet.

“We’re a full-service police department,” remarked Police Director

Cadet Matthew Jones Wears The Citadel Class Ring

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Matthew Jones of Mountainside has joined the thousands of alumni who proudly wear The Citadel class ring.

More than 550 cadets, active-duty and veteran students from the Class of 2022 were celebrated during the Ring Presentation Ceremony on October 1, after marching across Summerall Field, directly into Summerall Chapel, where the rings were presented.

“The presentation of the rings represents our commitment to The Citadel and our accomplishments as a class,” said Cadet Kathryn Christmas, Regimental Commander of the South Carolina Corps of Cadets. “The Class of 2022 has been waiting patiently for this day. We will wear them proudly.”

One of the very first acts the cadets performed after receiving their rings was to salute The Citadel War Memorial — marching by in rows of four — as they left the Chapel.

“Ring Presentation is something we have all dreamed about from our early days as knobs. Then, it seemed like an eternity away — yet here we

are, getting to join the brother and sisterhood of those who wear the ring,” said Cadet Grayson Gasque, Deputy Regimental Commander of the South Carolina Corps of Cadets. “For the Class of ’22, our rings symbolize the culmination of our efforts here at The Citadel and the efforts of those who helped us along the way. From this day forward, we have the privilege and responsibility of wearing the Band of Gold.”

The Citadel, with its iconic campus located in Charleston, S.C., offers a classic military college education for young men and women focused on leadership excellence and academic distinction. The approximately 2,400 members of the South Carolina Corps of Cadets are not required to serve in the military, but about one-third of each class earns commissions to become officers in every branch of United States military service.

The Citadel Graduate College, founded more than 50 years ago, offers dozens of graduate degree, graduate certificate and evening undergraduate programs in the evening or online. For more information, visit citadel.edu.

Scholarship Foundation Posts Restaurant Week Fundraiser

SCOTCH PLAINS/FANWOOD — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Scholarship Foundation invites members of the community to save the cooking for Thanksgiving and treat themselves to a night — or two — on the town during Scotch Plains and Fanwood Restaurant Week 2021.

Beginning Monday, November 15, and continuing through Thursday, November 18, participating restaurants will donate 5 percent of their profits from customers’ checks to the Foundation (the purchase of alcoholic beverages is excluded).

“We are excited to work with our local restaurants to host, what we hope will become, an annual Restaurant Week event,” said Joy Donaldson, Foundation trustee and lead organizer of the event.

“The participating restaurants will be providing generous support to this endeavor. We look forward to seeing our friends in the community dining out and enjoying some of the area’s best culinary experiences while supporting the Foundation,” she added.

Dine-in, pickup and direct from establishment delivery orders qualify. Orders via third-party delivery services such as UberEats, Grubhub and DoorDash are not eligible for this fund-raising event.

“The cancellation and postponement of so many community events caused by the pandemic had an effect on our fund-raising efforts. In the spirit of the Thanksgiving season, we look forward to this event supporting our local businesses as well as the many students deserving of scholarship support,” said Foundation President Michelle Wywra.

Customers are asked to mention to their server or cashier that they are dining out in support of Scotch Plains and Fanwood Restaurant Week and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Scholarship Foundation, or show a copy of the Restaurant Week flyer found on the Foundation’s website, spfscholarshipfoundation.org.

The calendar of participation is as follows:

Monday, November 15 — Stage House Tavern, 366 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains.

Tuesday, November 16 — Nick’s Pizza and Deli, 42 S. Martine Av-

enue, Fanwood; Sheelen’s Crossing, 200 South Avenue, Fanwood.

Wednesday, November 17 — Stage House Tavern, 366 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains; Darby Road Public House, 450 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains; Houdini Pizza Lab, 25 South Avenue, Fanwood.

Thursday, November 18 — Yummies, 2581 Route 22 West, Scotch Plains; Max’s Pizza and Bistro, 381 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains.

Since 1966, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Scholarship Foundation has been awarding scholarship assistance to graduating seniors and current college students residing in Scotch Plains and Fanwood. To date, the Foundation has awarded over \$3.5 million to 3,317 local students. Scholarships are made possible by the Foundation’s efforts during its annual Dollars for Students campaign. In addition to the Dollars for Students awards, the Foundation administers more than 40 separate honorary and memorial scholarships, funded via individuals or groups from the local community and beyond. Scholarship assistance is made possible by Scotch Plains and Fanwood businesses, organizations, community members and other contributions. For more information, visit spfscholarshipfoundation.org.

Active Military, Vets Can Use Y For Free

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Area YMCA is honoring local military members and veterans by inviting them to come and use the Y at no cost during the month of November.

The Y also will waive the joiners fee for active military, reserve military and veterans who become new Y members at any time of the year. To take advantage of these benefits, military members and veterans will have to show proof of their service, such as a DD214 form.

For more information, visit the Main Y Facility Welcome Center, located at 220 Clark Street, Westfield, or call (908) 301-YMCA (9622). Financial assistance is available for YMCA programs and memberships for those who qualify. Further information is available at westfieldynj.org.

Author Robert Constant to Be College Club Presenter

FANWOOD/SCOTCH PLAINS — The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains will host a program via Zoom at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 15. Robert E. Constant, an award-winning author who enjoys writing about people, places and communities that have impacted his life, will be the presenter.

Mr. Constant is the associate director for leadership gifts at Princeton University and is an adjunct professor at Georgetown University. He leads fund-raising activities for alumni in New York City and the state of Florida. Mr. Constant earned his master’s degree from St. Thomas University in Miami, Fla., and his bachelor’s degree from Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, Ala. He

Robert E. Constant

currently resides in Scotch Plains with his wife and two children.

During his presentation, Mr. Constant will share information and insights about his children’s books. His book “Hey Tuskegee!” spotlights the importance of Tuskegee, Ala., and Tuskegee University in United States history. Mr. Constant is of Antiguan and Bahamian descent and has been traveling to the Bahamas since he was six weeks old. His book “Hello Grandma!” takes his family back to the Bahamas, where they learn about Bahamian culture, foods and animals.

This program is free and open to the public. To receive a link to view this program, send an email request to tishisack17@gmail.com.

Cranford Library Previews Early December Programs

CRANFORD — The Cranford Public Library has announced the dates and details for multiple programs happening between December 1 and 8.

The library will run a Geronimo Stilton Book Club for students in grades 2 to 4 on Thursday, December 2, at 4 p.m. Participants will talk about “The Mummy with No Name” and play fun games. The first 10 people to register will get a free copy of the book. Registration for this virtual program is required and can be done online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/168638443123>.

Library visitors are invited to bring home a Cookie of the Month Grab and Go Kit and whip up a batch of Holiday Drop Cookies. Kits will be available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Children’s Desk while supplies last. They will be offered starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 7. Jars will contain all necessary dry ingredients; participants will need to add wet ingredients.

The library will put out Grab and Go Kits for winter-themed activities on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. Interested persons can stop by on December 4 to get the supplies to make a paper snowman, December 11 for mitten scratch art, and December 18

for a beaded snowflake craft. Kits will be available on a first-come, first-served basis in the library’s non-contact pickup area, while supplies last.

Students in grades 4 to 6 are invited to take part in the library’s first-ever virtual Tween Writing Group on Wednesday, December 8, at 6 p.m. The library will provide registrants with a small notebook, which attendees will decorate together. Once the journals are decorated, participants will get started with some writing prompts. While there will be time for participants to share their work, reading what one has written is not required. Registration is required and space is limited. To register, access <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/200519458097>.

Additional library activities for later in December will be announced. The library is located at 224 Walnut Avenue, Cranford. For information on all library programs and services, visit cranfordlibrary.org.

Kids Game Day On Tap Nov. 16

CRANFORD — The Cranford Public Library will present a Game Day on Tuesday, November 16, at 4 p.m. Children are invited to enjoy an hour of picture bingo and the chance to win prizes like toys and books.

This program is for youngsters of all ages with a caregiver. Registration is not required, but participants will be asked to sign in upon arrival. This program will be held at the Cranford Community Center, located at 220 Walnut Avenue.

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Michael B. Blacker, 79, Attorney; Family Man and Avid Sports Fan

Michael Bruce Blacker, 79, a long-time resident of Scotch Plains (recently of South Orange), passed away peacefully at Overlook Medical Center on Saturday, November 6, due to complications of COVID-19.

A practicing attorney from 1966 until the time of his passing, Michael's career was marked by numerous accomplishments. He loved being a lawyer, interacting with colleagues, lending advice and sharing anecdotes. He maintained a solo practice in Scotch Plains for over 50 years and was a well-known and beloved figure both in that community as well as throughout Union County. Aside from his legal acumen, he was known for his affability and sense of humor. While other attorneys presented heavy legal topics at the annual New Jersey Bar Association Convention in Atlantic City, Michael chose to weigh in on "Courthouse Cuisine," detailing favored eateries close to all 21 county courthouses.

He was a 1959 graduate of Columbia High School, a 1963 graduate of Miami University (Ohio) and a 1966 graduate of Rutgers Law School.

Upon graduation from law school and completion of a judicial clerkship and active duty with the U.S. Army Reserves, he was among the first group of attorneys in the newly-established Office of the Public Defender. He served in both the trial and appellate sections. He engaged in numerous civic activities in the Scotch Plains community, including serving as both Municipal Prosecutor and Acting Township Manager. He was one of the leading members of the Union County Bar Association for over 50 years, including a term as President in 1988. During his tenure, he established the tradition of honoring members who had passed away the previous year with an annual Memorial Service. By judicial appointment, he served in numerous capacities including as Condemnation Commissioner, Special Master, and arbitrator in Civil and Family Court matters. He was the proud author of two volumes of the New Jersey Practice Series. During his distinguished ca-

reer, he handled pro bono cases on behalf of indigent clients and successfully argued two such cases before the New Jersey Supreme Court, which established important legal principles.

Michael was an avid sports fan, traveling to every Major League Baseball stadium with his son, Ross. The indelible memories created on those trips included not only the game itself, but visits to historical sites and local attractions near each ballpark. He was an inveterate sports fan. In recent years, he traveled to Big Ten stadiums to cheer on the Rutgers football team, attended many United States golf Opens, high school and college basketball and football games and track meets. No sporting event was too minor to escape his interest, nor any college nickname unknown to him. In addition to watching games and events, Michael took pleasure in the traditions of sports such as the playing of "My Old Kentucky Home" at the Kentucky Derby and teams shaking hands following NHL Playoff Series.

Michael loved spending time with his family and friends. He was a loving husband and partner, best friend to his son and doting grandfather. Whether it be in his son's backyard in Massachusetts, his home in New Jersey or the Saratoga picnic areas, he relished spending time in the company of those closest to him. A below average golfer by his own admission, he enjoyed time on the golf course more for the fellowship and laughs than the birdies and bogeys. He also was a true devotee of Americana, traveling to national parks and state fairs.

He was predeceased by his wife of 42 years, Marilyn (Plisky) Blacker. He is survived by his son, Ross Blacker; daughter-in-law, Shannon, and grandsons, Connor and Brendan; his sister, Natalie Tambor, and her husband, Ron, as well as his companion, Bobbi Bromberg.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, November 14, at Shackamaxon Country Club, 100 Tillinghast Turn, Scotch Plains, N.J., at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

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August A. Branna, 87, of Cranford; Was Insurance Agency Founder

August A. Branna, 87, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, October 31, 2021. Born in Jersey City, N.J., he was a longtime resident of Cranford, N.J.

Private interment was held at Holy Cross Cemetery in North Arlington.

He was an insurance professional for over 50 years and founder of The Branna Agency in Mountainside. August spent two years in the Army installing telephone service in Alaska. He was predeceased by his par-

ents, August and Barbara Branna of Linden.

Surviving are his loving wife of 59 years, Penelope (née Smith); two children, Christian and Stephanie, and five grandchildren, Emily Hinton (Scott), Nicolas Nuila, Victoria Fera (Derek), Brian and Christian.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or to any charity of your choice.

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HONORING OUR VETERANS...Sandra Antonelli, Fairview Cemetery trustee, presents a donation to Randy Grizzard, president of American Legion Post No. 3, in honor of Veterans Day.

Fairview Cemetery Presents Donation to American Legion

November 11 is Veterans Day, which is a time for Americans to pause and remember those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country, and to salute those who continue to serve. Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. It was subsequently declared a legal holiday in 1938 and officially became Veterans Day in 1954. Fairview Cemetery is the resting place for many veterans dating back to the Civil War and earlier. There are hundreds of markers around the property honoring people who have

served in all branches of our military service. Fairview has placed over 250 flags on the premises at key locations to honor those veterans who have been laid to rest on the grounds.

In further support and recognition of our local veterans, Fairview Cemetery presented a donation to the Martin Wallberg American Legion Post No. 3. This local chapter will host a remembrance ceremony on November 11, at the town World War I memorial, located at the circle at North Avenue and East Broad Street. The event will be followed by a lunchtime buffet at Post No. 3.

— Obituaries —

Joan Ranhofer, 90, Cranford Native; Dedicated Nurse and Teacher

Joan B. Ranhofer, 90, of Plainfield, New Jersey, passed on surrounded by love on Monday, November 1, 2021, at JFK University Medical Center in Edison. Born and raised in Cranford, New Jersey, daughter of Jesse Grossman and John Ranhofer, she was a lifelong member of the Calvary Lutheran Church in Cranford. She was preceded in death by her beloved sister, Caroline "Honey" Ranhofer, and brother, John "Jack" Ranhofer; surviving is her nephew, John Ranhofer of Castle Rock, Colorado.

A registered nurse, she graduated from Cranford High School, Muhlenberg Hospital School of Nursing, Seton Hall University (BSNED) and Kean College (MA Ed/Admin). She served in the United States Air Force, Nurse Corps, as a flight nurse with the rank of Captain from 1958 to 1962, and later in the USAF Reserves. After an honorable discharge, Joan taught high school biology and related sciences for the gifted and talented in Elizabeth, where she loved and was loved

by generations of students. She received many recognitions and awards as an outstanding teacher.

A woman ahead of her times, she was strong, independent, brilliant and caring; also fun-loving, young at heart, and young at mind! She loved sailing her boat Aries, flying, marine biology, gardening, and a good rum and coke. In addition to Honey, Joan's other sister (by choice) was fellow adventurer Betty Therezo of Colonia, who will continue sharing their stories with Joan's many devoted friends and neighbors. A longstanding resident of Plainfield, Joan was seen daily walking the neighborhood with her dear terrier companion, B.J. III. (All her dogs over the years were named B.J.) Joan was loved by all who knew her and will be missed for years to come.

Services were held at Dooley Funeral Home in Cranford; the Reverend Carol A. Lindsay officiated. Joan was interred in her family plot in Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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Joan Ranhofer

Eagle Candidate Seeks Lax Equip. For Players In Need

WESTFIELD — Westfield resident and Eagle Scout candidate Joseph Slingerland has announced a gently-used lacrosse-equipment drive and GoFundMe to support CityLax, Inc. as his project.

The Seton Hall Prep sophomore and member of the Seton Hall Prep Junior Varsity Lacrosse Team is collecting the equipment for young men and women from middle school through high school. The equipment will be donated to CityLax, Inc., a nonprofit organization that supports underserved youth across the five boroughs of New York City.

Alongside the equipment drive, Joseph has organized a GoFundMe to support CityLax in its programming. Both the equipment drive and GoFundMe will end on Friday, December 10. For those who wish to help support the Eagle Scout Project through GoFundMe, visit: <https://gofund.me/ede69219>.

In addition to his Prep team, Joseph is a defenseman/LSM with Blue Star Lacrosse and is a Westfield Lacrosse Club alum. When asked why he chose CityLax, Inc. for his Eagle Scout project, he said, "I'm so happy that I've been able to find an organization that supports student athletes with the sport of lacrosse that I love so much. CityLax is an outstanding organization that supports underserved student athletes on and off the field. I can see

myself involved in this organization in some way for years to come."

Joseph also will work with the CityLax organization this winter during its winter clinics in the New York City area.

Joseph has been a member of Troop 73 Scouts BSA, Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, Westfield, since 2018. The troop has been in existence since 1936. More than 145 Scouts from Troop 73 have achieved the rank of Eagle. Scouts are required to earn 21 merit badges as part of their requirements to become an Eagle Scout. Only about 4 percent of all Scouts complete the trail to Eagle, which demonstrates the several-year commitment to leadership, service and outdoor activities. To learn more, visit troop73nj.org.

Equipment Needs (gently used):

Helmets (new or gently used). Completely strung sticks with shafts (not more than two to three years old).

Shoulder pads (no rips or holes).

Gloves and arm pads (must be paired; no rips or holes).

Girls Goggles.

Goalie pads in usable condition.

Balls.

Mouthguards (new only).

Gently-used equipment can be dropped at 727 Oak Avenue, Westfield (front porch) until December 10. Pickup is available: text (908) 300-7380. New equipment will be accepted.

Jeffrey T. Hamilton, Sr., Had Worked For NASA, Owned Technology Firm

Jeffrey Thomas Hamilton, Sr. passed away peacefully at home in Garwood on Tuesday, November 9, 2021. Born on February 1, 1938 in St. Louis, Missouri, Jeff was the oldest of 12 children. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame with dual degrees in English and mechanical engineering in 1960 and 1962. He subsequently jumped into the New Frontier by testing Saturn V rockets for NASA's lunar missions, and then working in Houston Control for Apollo 11 through 13. He was then NASA's Director of Technology Utilization in Washington, DC, which led to him earning an MBA from the MIT Sloan School in Cambridge, Mass.

In 1977, Jeff and his wife, Louise Miller Hamilton, moved their five children to Westfield, and Jeff worked for Exxon Enterprises on alternative energy, including solar. Later, Jeff worked at New York City venture capital firms Rothchild, Euclid Partners, and Stuart-James, and he ultimately founded his own firm, Westford Technology Ventures in Newark, N.J.

Jeff was a member of The Parish Community of Saint Helen for 44 years. He served as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister and was a long-time member of the Pastoral Council. He also volunteered delivering loaves, fishes, and other meals to St. Joseph

Social Service Center in Elizabeth.

Jeff was a lifelong fan of the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame. He also coached his kids' various basketball and soccer teams, and he loved attending his grandchildren's events. An avid reader of books and newspapers, Jeff

often showed up to family gatherings with "press clippings." Jeff also loved to golf and he and Louise were members of Echo Lake Country Club.

Jeff is survived by his wife of 59 years, Louise; his five children, Laura, Beth (Jeff Nickelski), Jeffrey (Kim Burke), Michael (Caroline Benton) and Meg (Neal Bradley), and nine grandchildren, Jack, Maddie and Grace Nickelski of Blue Bell, Pa.; Emma, Katie and James Hamilton of Westfield; and Thomas, Charlie and Brady Hamilton of Summit; and seven Hamilton siblings.

The wake will be held at Dooley Colonial Funeral Home, 556 Westfield Avenue, Westfield, this Friday, November 12, from 4 to 8 p.m., and the Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be this Saturday, November 13, at 10 a.m., at St. Helen's Church in Westfield. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Helen's Helping Hands and Hearts.

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Jeffrey T. Hamilton, Sr.

J.A. Coles Students Focus on Giving, Good Health, Safety

SCOTCH PLAINS — J.A. Coles Elementary School students have returned to in-person learning during what Coles describes as a "close-to-normal" school year.

While the transition back to the classrooms is a big change from last year, what has not changed is the students' commitment to the longstanding values of the school, among them supporting others in the community and making healthy and safe choices. These were the focus of some recent activities.

Students carried on the tradition of the Sharing Lunches Program, in which students prepare and share lunches with local families in need. In partnership with the Salvation Army, 167 lunches were donated by students to feed children and families.

"Sharing Lunches is a cornerstone of the Coles Kids Care effort and is an easy way to engage even the youngest of students in giving back to our local community," according to Coles School's description of the program.

Coles students also got into the Halloween spirit with a Halloween Costume Drive, another Coles Kids Care program. Through the drive, Coles donated approximately 100 new or gently-used costumes to be distributed to local children in need via the Salvation Army of Plainfield.

According to Coles, the Halloween Costume Drive is a reminder of

how holidays are an important time to give, and to help others enjoy and participate in holiday fun.

In early October, many Coles students and their families put on their walking shoes or readied their bikes to participate in the Coles Walk to School Day. Accompanied by Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr and Scotch Plains Mayor Joshua Losardo, as well as many community heroes from the two municipalities' fire departments, Coles families walked throughout the school's neighborhood, arriving safely and on time for the start of the day.

This event is part of the International Walk to School Day campaign, which aims to empower communities to make walking and biking to school a safe and appealing option.

Safe and healthy choices continued as a theme for the start of the school year, as Coles students also participated in Healthy Snack Day. Healthy Snack Day reminds students how healthy food choices are important and also can be very enjoyable.

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Cougars Crumble Norsemen In Grid First Round, 56-26

By DAVID B. CORBIN
For The Westfield Leader and The Union County HAWK

Offense was on the menu and the top-seeded Cranford High School football team wasted no time gobbling up yardage in its North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 first round game against the eighth-seeded Demarest Norsemen at Memorial Field in Cranford on November 5. The 9-0 Cougars chalked up five rushing touchdowns and two touchdown receptions in the first half then set the Mercy Rule clock ticking with another rushing touchdown at the beginning of the second half en route to a 56-26 victory.

Senior running back Colin Murray burned the turf with five rushing touchdowns (81, 22, 12, 27, 45 respectively) and totaled 238 yards on 12 carries. Murray, whose previous touchdown high was four in the season opener against North Hunterdon,

boosted his touchdown total to 26 and is nearing the 1,500-yard mark in rushing.

"It's a record for me. That's how it all starts. We have a lot of big guys up front. They make holes for me and (senior Lukas) Ruby, he sneaks through. I only have to break a couple of tackles. They get the guys in front of me, so that guarantees five, 10 yards getting those guys out of my way. They do their job, I got to do mine," Murray said.

Senior running back Lucca Limeira carried three times for 30 yards, including a nine-yard touchdown, and set up one of Murray's touchdowns with an interception at midfield. Quarterback Shane Van Dam completed 10 of 16 passes for 155 yards, including a pair of touchdown passes to Will Gallagher, who finished with six receptions for 94 yards. Lukas Ruby and Jake Carter both had a 19-yard

reception, Liam Godwin, who kicked all eight points after touchdown, had a 14-yard reception and Jack Conley had a nine-yard reception.

The primary running back for Demarest was Chris Short, who carried 14 times for 113 yards, including an eight-yard touchdown and a 45-yard touchdown. Mike Mai carried three times for six yards, which included a one-yard touchdown plunge. Quarterback Dan Argenziano tossed a 25-yard touchdown to Karan Khemlani and ran in a two-point conversion.

Prior to the game the Cougars added a new touch by dying their hair.

"We all bleached it for the playoff. We had to do something. In 2015, everyone got Mohawks and they won states. We did something cool and we are hoping we can take us to the promised land," Limeira explained.

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HEADING FOR ANOTHER TD...Cougar running back Colin Murray, No. 13, heads for another touchdown in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 quarterfinal against Demarest in Cranford on November 5. Murray scored five touchdowns.

ROBINSON, NATHANIEL, SCHUMANN NET TOUCHDOWNS

S.J. Falcons Hold Off Raiders In Grid Crossover Game, 24-19

Prepared By DAVID B. CORBIN
For The Westfield Leader and The Union County HAWK

What appeared to be the making of a spectacular comeback victory for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School football team dissolved when three straight passes near the end zone hit the turf, allowing the St. Joseph (Metuchen) Falcons to take over possession with 46 seconds remaining in the crossover game in Scotch Plains on November 3. From there, the Falcons took a knee to secure a 24-19 win.

The 5-6 Raiders rushed 10 times in the first half for a total of 71 yards, which included a 61-yard touchdown run by senior running back Anthony Robinson, and added 14 rushes for 53 yards in the second half to total 124 yards on the ground. Junior quarterback Weston Fischer completed nine

of 15 passes for 108 yards, including a 16-yard touchdown strike to senior tight end Isaiah Nathaniel. Senior Damon Shumann attempted a trick pass but it fell incomplete.

Robinson carried 17 times for 118 yards. Senior Matt Power carried twice for 11 yards, Schumann carried three times for 14 yards and Fischer carried twice for minus 19 yards. Power made three receptions for 20 yards. Schumann had two receptions for 50 yards, wide receiver Khadar Jackson had two receptions for 12 yards, wide receiver Ethan Filler had a 10-yard reception and Nathaniel had his 16-yard touchdown reception.

The 3-6 Falcons carried 20 times for 59 yards, including a one-yard touchdown by quarterback Christian Solino, in the first half but the Raider

defense limited them to just 13 yards on eight carries in the second half. Running back Omari Jones, who carried the ball all eight times in that second half, carried 14 times in the first half for 63 yards. Solino carried five times for minus 13 yards and running back Kwame Herod carried once for nine yards.

Solino went with a number of receivers and completed 12 of 17 passes for 91 yards (3-of-5, 10 yards in second half), which included a six-yard touchdown strike to Jeremy DeCaro, who finished with two receptions for 10 yards. Luca Mannello had five receptions for 41 yards. JoJo Huntley had two receptions for one yard. Prince Fontenette had a 19-yard reception, Anthony Roige had one for 15 yards and Chris Magliano had a

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MIXING IT WITH AN EAGLE...Blue Devil Matt Lynch, No. 11, tries to maneuver the ball past an Edison Eagle during the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 quarterfinal at Gary Kehler Stadium on November 4. The Blue Devils won 2-0.

MACIK BOOMING FREE KICK GOAL, TAPS IN 2ND GOAL

Blue Devils Oust Edison, 2-0, In Boys Soccer Quarterfinal

By DAVID B. CORBIN
For The Westfield Leader and The Union County HAWK

Senior forward Andrew Macik netted a spectacular free kick in the first half then tapped in a second goal late in the second half to secure a 2-0 victory for the third-seeded, No. 9-ranked Westfield High School boys soccer team over the sixth-seeded Edison Eagles in the quarterfinals of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Tournament at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield on November 4.

The 14-3-1 Blue Devils used an offensive strategy of numerous designed plays through the efforts of Macik, co-captain Max Rokhsar and junior midfielder Mike Blake, along with seniors Chris Ciccio, Evan Tompkins and Matt Lynch, while the 13-6-1 Eagles relied on short-lived breakaways or set free kicks. When

the Eagles did pose a threat, the Blue Devils' defense quickly rejected their shots or senior goalkeeper Ryan Friedberg used his leaping skills to make the few saves he needed to make.

"They were relying on the counter attack. There's moments when we are going to give ball away and we just had to make sure that we are balanced, which we were most of the match. These are always the most difficult matches because teams sit in and you have to be a little bit more creative finding opportunities. We created a couple, a moment or two being offside," Blue Devil Head Coach Eric Shaw pointed out.

The first offside call on a goal came 12 minutes into the game when Rokhsar beat the defender a little too soon and slid the ball past Edison goalkeeper Matt Faria. The second offside goal

came with 13:47 left in the half when Macik made a nice cross to Matias Arbelaez, who was just a little ahead of the defender. Having two goals negated could have been disheartening to the Blue Devils.

"Absolutely! If we kind of tail inside or hold your run for a second, the match is easily in hand in the first 15-20 minutes of the game. But we don't do that, so we have to be aware of those situations and try to put it away earlier," Coach Shaw said.

"Getting called offside in the first 10 minutes really puts a challenge on your team because you deserve to be one up. When the ref calls it offside, you have to look at the bright side and think about getting the next goal and not making an offside," Rokhsar added.

The Blue Devils did have more

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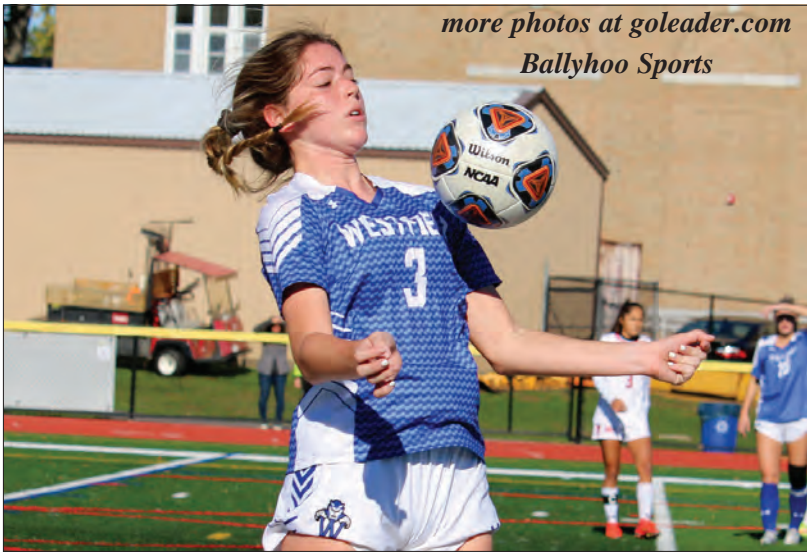


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GREAT GOAL LINE STANCE...Raider co-captain/lineman Mike Banic's, No. 66, helmet comes off after keeping the St. Joseph (Metuchen) Falcons from scoring during the crossover game in Scotch Plains on November 3.

Lady Blue Devils Rip Tigers, Elizabeth



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SETTLING THE BALL...Blue Devil Kim DiFilippo, No. 3, settles the ball during the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 quarterfinal game against Elizabeth on November 5. The Blue Devils won 7-0. See account on page 10

Cougars Rout Ferris, No. Hunterdon



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DANGEROUS HEADER...Cougar Jake Icklan, No. 17, heads the ball toward the Ferris goal during the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 first round in Cranford on November 1. They went on the beat North Hunterdon. See account on page 10

West Orange Tops Blue Devils, 28-14



Charles Mulrooney for The Westfield Leader and Union County HAWK

GOING FOR THE TD...Blue Devil Paul Cerro, No. 16, heads for the end zone for a touchdown during the North Jersey, Section 1, Group 5 quarterfinal game in West Orange on November 5. West Orange won 28-14. See account on page 10

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WF Blue Devils Oust Edison, 2-0, in Boys Soccer

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opportunities in the first half and would have several more in the second half with their well-designed plays but many failed to hit the mark.

“The final piece! The finisher! That’s the hardest part of the game. We know that. The strikers are aware of that,” Coach Shaw expressed. “They just need to keep plugging away. They are going to miss more than they make. It’s the mental side that they just have to be strong with. It took a little bit longer, maybe 77-78 minutes to get the second goal and put it away. Once you do that, it knocks the belief out of your opponent and



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ALMOST GETTING A HEAD ON IT...Blue Devil Evan Tompkins, No. 4, tries to get his head on the ball during the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 quarterfinal game against Edison at Gary Kehler Stadium on November 4.

Blue Devils Top Union, Wat. Hills In North 2, Group 4 Volleyball

The second-seeded Westfield High School girls volleyball team defeated the seventh-seeded Union Farmers, 25-12, 25-18, in the quarterfinal round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Tournament in Westfield on November 3. In the semifinals on November 5, the 16-6 Blue Devils ousted sixth-seeded Watchung Hills in a very close match, 25-21, 25-23.

Against Linden, Chloe Kreusser notched seven kills, three blocks and four service points. Chelsea Duan had eight assists and five service points with an ace. Carly Rodrigues recorded seven assists, six digs and two service points with an ace. Chloe Wiedman had four kills and 11 digs. Taylor Addis recorded six kills, a block, three digs and seven service points with two aces. Olivia Bryan

they believed until that second goal.”

Finally Macik received a free kick on the right hash mark from 30 yards out with 8:26 left in the first half. He launched a boomer over the outstretched arms of Faria that lodged into the upper right corner.

“I had a similar shot against Elizabeth one time but unfortunately it hit both posts. This time I moved the ball a little bit more to the left so I could keep it on track. I know that if I had a little bit more power, the keeper will not be able to react. It was able to hit the crossbar and go in. It was the most beautiful ball I’ve ever scored,” Macik



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ALMOST GETTING A HEAD ON IT...Blue Devil Evan Tompkins, No. 4, tries to get his head on the ball during the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 quarterfinal game against Edison at Gary Kehler Stadium on November 4.

had eight digs and an assist. Caitlin Cabrales had two blocks, three digs and four service points. Krista Rumpeters had three digs and three assists.

Against Watchung Hills, Cabrales recorded 10 kills, three digs and three service points with an ace. Duan recorded 12 assists, four digs and two service aces. Kreusser had three kills, a block, three digs and three service points with an ace. Rodrigues had six assists, three digs, a kill and two service points. Jessica Currie had three kills, a block, a dig and an assist. Addis had four kills, three blocks, an assist and seven service points.. Isabella Panora had five digs and an assist. Bryan scooped five digs and Allison DiFalco had eight digs and two assists.

Falcons Hold Off Raiders in Grid Crossover, 24-19

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five-yard reception.

The Falcons received the opening kickoff and returned it to the Raider 14 but a strong pass rush on the first play resulted in a seven-yard sack that was followed by a pair of passes and a punt to the Raider 17. Unfortunately the Raiders returned the favor and punted to the SPF 44. From there, Solino mixed five running plays with four passes to get to the one where he sneaked in for the touchdown with 2:28 left in the first quarter. The point after made the score 7-0.

The Falcons were on the move again in the second quarter but Schumann picked off Solino’s pass at the Raider 15 and returned it to the 31. Fischer completed an eight-yard pass to Jackson then Robinson received fine blocking, broke a few tackles then hooked down the left sideline for a 61-yard touchdown with 6:24 left in the half to knot the score.

On the ensuing kickoff, the Falcons returned the ball to midfield. Seven plays later, the Falcons were on the Raider six where Solino hooked up with DeCaro on the right flank for the six-yard touchdown to up the score to 14-7 with 3:15 left in the half. Later, the Falcons got another chance to move the ball but Raider senior defensive lineman Mike Judge recorded a 12-yard sack.

The Raiders made good on the opening kickoff of the second half when Robinson gave his team great field position on the 41. Despite a 12-yard sack, Fischer managed to move the ball to the Falcon 16 on eight plays. He then found Nathaniel on the right side for the 16-yard touchdown with 7:45 on the clock. A two-point conversion pass failed.

The Raider defense stuffed the Falcons on their next possession but a fine punt came to rest on the Raider 45. The Raiders moved the ball to the St. Joseph 38 but a sack was followed by a fumble and Falcon Destin Kurzenberger scooped it up and sprinted into the end zone to make the score 21-13.

Early in the fourth quarter the Raiders fumbled again and the Falcons recovered it at the Scotch-Plains-Fanwood five-yard line. Stubborn defense led by linemen Mike Banic, Tom Schmidt and Judge, along with

Nathaniel and linebacker Rob Koch forced the Falcons to kick a 24-yard field goal to up their lead to 24-13.

The Falcons tried to get cute with a squib kick on the kickoff but they



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MAKING THE RECEPTION...Raider wide receiver Ethan Filler, No. 15, makes the reception and tries to pick up more yardage against the St. Joseph (Metuchen) Falcons.

directed it to the wrong Raider. Schumann took it on the hop and weaved his way 60 yards for the touchdown to narrow the margin to 24-19. Another two-point pass attempt failed.

The Raider defense got even nastier with key plays from Power,

Schumann, Schmidt and junior defensive back Anthony Tittanegro and the Falcons punted to the SPF nine-yard line. Six plays later, which included a 40-yard hookup to



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MAKING THE RECEPTION...Raider wide receiver Ethan Filler, No. 15, makes the reception and tries to pick up more yardage against the St. Joseph (Metuchen) Falcons.

Schumann, the Raiders had a second down-and-seven at the Falcon 33. But three straight passes toward the end zone were knocked down.

St. Joseph (Met)	7	7	7	3	24
Sc. Pl-Fanwood	0	7	6	6	19

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD PLANNING BOARD

TAKE NOTICE that on the 3rd of November 2021, the Planning Board of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union took the following action:

1. **Application PB-21-006** – Granted approval to Cranford Senior Housing for Amended Preliminary and Final Site Plan, as well as "c" variances for the installation of a generator and related equipment in a front yard on Block 532 Lot 8 as designated on the Township Tax Map also known as 40 Meeker Avenue in the R-SC-Zone.

2. **Application PB-18-00006** – Granted an Extension of Time to National Christmas Products, LLC to complete Condition No. 3 relating to Site Lighting Fixture Changes and obtain certificate of approval per Condition No. 9 of Amended Final Site Plan Approval on Block 637, Lot 6.01 as designated on the Township Tax Map also known as 70 Jackson Drive in the C-1 Zone.

Kathy Lenahan
Board Administrator
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Kimberly Moriak
Senior Citizen Coordinator
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CRUNCHING A NORSEMAN...Cougars Shane Kanterman, No. 47, Ryan Heesters, No. 62, Jake Carvalho, No. 81, and Angelo Fiorenza, No. 19, prepare to crunch a Demarest Norseman in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 quarterfinal game in Cranford on November 5.

Cougars Crumble Norsemen in 1st Round, 56-26

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After the Norsemen had to punt on their first possession, the Cougars had the ball on their own 19. On the first play, Murray got some good blocking, shed some tackles and bolted down the right sideline for his 81-yard touchdown with 8:58 on the clock. The Norsemen answered with a 12-play, 66-yard scoring drive when Mai bashed in from the one with 4:27 left in the quarter. Cougar Shane Kanterman blocked the extra point attempt.

A Cougar fumble turned the ball over to the Norsemen but Limeira picked off Argenziano’s pass at midfield then on the third play, Murray sprinted 22 yards for the touchdown.

“I was on the right side. I just turned around and it was just in my hands. I didn’t really do much,” Limeira recalled.

On the ensuing squib kickoff, the ball deflected off a Norseman and Kanterman grabbed it and carried it to the 20. On the third play, Limeira scooted in from the nine-yard line to jump the lead to 21-6 with 33.1 seconds left in the quarter.

“On the right side, it’s Matt Fries

No. 9 Blue Devils Edge Franklin in Soccer, 3-2

The third-seeded, No. 9 Westfield High School boys soccer team held off the 14th-seeded Franklin Warriors, 3-2, in the first round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Tournament at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield on November 1. The 13-3-1 Blue Devils scored a first-half goal by senior forward Matias Arbelaez on an assist from senior Andrew Macik then scored the first two goals of the second half before ceding a pair of goals to the 9-10-1 Warriors.

Senior forward Chris Cicca scored unassisted six minutes into the second half then junior Noah Fischer on an assist from co-captain Max Rokhsar, scored a minute later. Ilyas Jaber scored both goals for the Warriors. Senior co-captain Ryan Friedberg recorded five saves for Westfield and Warrior goalkeeper Brett Pallay recorded seven saves for Franklin.

Franklin	0	2	2
Westfield	1	2	3

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the Township of Scotch Plains in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, at 10:00 AM prevailing time on **Tuesday, November 30, 2021**, for the following:

“FURNISHING AND DELIVERING OF CROSSING GUARD SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS FROM JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022”

The work of this contract shall consist of providing Crossing Guard services for approximately 14 established posts in the Township of Scotch Plains, for the Scotch Plains Police Department, as specified and described in the bid documents.

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

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

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq. A complete statement as to these requirements is included in the specifications.

Plans and specifications may be seen or procured at the office of the Township Clerk, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey. The Mayor and Council reserve the right to reject any bid, and to waive any informality in any bid, if in the interest of the Township, it is deemed advisable to do so.

Alexander Mirabella
Township Manager

Bozena Lacina,
Township Clerk
1 T - 11/11/21, UC Hawk Fee: \$43.86

and Kyle Fay then it’s running behind Lukas Ruby. We were just barreling through people and trying to get as many yards as possible,” Limeira described.

In the second quarter, the Cougars covered 64 yards in six plays when Murray broke through for his 12-yard touchdown. The Norsemen jumped on another squib kick at their 46 and eventually scored when Argenziano threw the 25-yard strike to Khemlani. A two-point conversion attempt failed.

Demarest attempted an onside kick but the Cougars smothered it at midfield. Five plays later, Murray netted his fourth touchdown using his gyroscopic balance with a 27-yard spin-and-sprint run with 4:34 left.

“I think it might be a little bit of the wrestling background. I got balance, I guess. It just kind of comes natural to me,” Murray explained.

Demarest answered within two minutes when Short dashed 45 yards into the end zone. The two-point attempt failed.

The Cougars were not done yet and on their seventh offensive play, Van Dam hit Gallagher in the middle of the end zone for a 29-yard touchdown to up the lead to 42-18 with 1:02 left in the half. Kanterman recovered a Norseman fumble at their 27 and on the second play, Van Dam spotted Gallagher crossing in the middle of the end zone for the 13-yard touchdown with 7.8 seconds left in the half, making the score 49-18.

“Shane is a great quarterback. He puts it on me and I catch it. The first one was a post over the middle. That was a good ball. The second one you come across the middle and try to get

behind the defense and I just settled right behind the linebacker and was wide open,” Gallagher described.

Cranford received the kickoff to start the second half and Carter set up great field position with a return to the Demarest 45. The only mercy the Cougars showed the Norsemen was on the clock when Murray sprinted 45 yards for his fifth touchdown with 11:44 left in the third quarter to up the lead to 56-18. Reserves came in for the remainder of the game then the Norsemen scored their final touchdown on Short’s eight-yard burst with 5:14 left in the game. Argenziano ran in the two-point conversion.

This Friday, November 12, the Cougars will host fourth-seeded Pascack Valley, 34-17, winners over fifth-seeded Montville, in the semifinal round.

“As a group, we are playing like it’s our last game ever because it very well could be the last game on our field and we don’t want to go out at home,” Limeira said.

“We expect every game to be a close game. I don’t think anyone expected us to beat this team like that. It comes back to practice. We work very hard in practice no matter who we are going to play. Next week we got to get better, step it up, make less mistakes,” Murray added.

“They are only going to get harder from here. They were a solid team but we just took it to them on offense. But it could be our last game and we don’t want it to be our last game. We want to go out with a win,” Gallagher expressed.

Demarest	6	12	0	8	26
Cranford	21	28	7	0	56

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WREATHS FOR SALE...The College Woman's Club of Westfield is offering for sale fresh balsam fir wreaths along with grave blankets, with proceeds to support its 2022 Scholarship Fund. Pictured, club member Anne-Marie Crowley volunteered last year for the distribution of the fresh holiday greens.

CWC Wreath, Grave Blanket Sale to Support Scholarships

WESTFIELD — The College Woman's Club (CWC) has announced its annual Holiday Wreath and Grave Blanket Sale. The CWC continues to strive to raise money for scholarships for local young women who are graduating from high school and plan to attend college, and those already enrolled in college. Proceeds from the sale will support the club's 2022 Scholarship Fund.

Fresh balsam fir wreaths with pinecones, berries and a red bow are available. They include 30-inch wreaths for \$44 each and 22-inch wreaths for \$30 each. The large grave blanket is two feet by three feet and comes with stakes to secure the blanket from being blown away by wind. Blankets cost \$45 each.

The deadline to order is Wednesday, November 24. Pickup details will be sent upon order confirmation. All orders must be prepaid.

To order online and pay by credit card, visit <https://bit.ly/21WreathSale>. To order online and pay by check, visit <https://bit.ly/21WreathCheckOrder>.

Founded in 1917 to further higher education for women, the CWC awards scholarships to young women from Westfield on the basis

of academics, leadership and financial need. The College Woman's Club of Westfield has awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships since 1995.

To learn more about the CWC and its activities, go to the club website at cwclubwestfield.org or its Facebook page, College Woman's Club of Westfield. Interested persons also may contact the College Woman's Club directly by email cwc.westfield@gmail.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD

CONTRACTOR: CDW Government, 75 Remittance Drive, Suite 1515, Chicago, Illinois 60675-1515

NATURE OF SERVICES: Technical Upgrades to Westfield Council Chambers

DURATION: 1 year

AMOUNT: Not to exceed \$173,577.77 under New Jersey State Approved Co-Op Contract No. ESCNJ 18/19-03, charged to Special Ordinances 2216 and 2221, under account numbers C-07-19-216-6D1 (\$154,800.00) and C-07-21-222-1F1 (\$18,777.77), using Purchase Order No 21-03573.

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

Tara Rowley, RMC
Town Clerk

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Nominations Being Sought For Westfield Hall of Fame Inductees

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Hall of Fame Awards, established in 2009 with the late Lee M. Hale at the helm, has inducted 46 individuals or families to date. Worthy recipients are chosen by nominations from the Hall of Fame Committee, members of the Westfield Historical Society and residents of Westfield, past or present.

Barbara Hale, chair of the Hall of Fame Committee, encourages residents to submit names of present or former Westfield residents, living or deceased, who deserve to be inducted into the Hall of Fame for their meaningful achievements which have made a wide-ranging impact on Westfield and beyond.

Nominees may represent a variety of occupations, from politics to business and finance, sports, education,

science and medicine, to the arts, religion/spiritual, military, law and community service. Submissions should describe a nominee's demonstrated talent, ability and accomplishments which have brought recognition, acclaim and pride to Westfield.

Winners over the years have included cartoonist Charles Addams; Jeff Torborg, Major League Baseball catcher and manager; Grover Connell, CEO of Connell, Rice & Sugar; Anne Revere, Oscar winner; Gerry Glasser, professor, businessman, philanthropist and dedicated/devoted/ardent civic leader; Rabbi Charles Kroloff, religious leader, dedicated to community service; Virginia Apgar, MD, creator of the Apgar Score test to assess health of newborns; and Harry and Wende Devlin, artists and authors. For a full list of Hall of Fame

inductees, visit westfieldhistoricalsociety.org/westfield-hall-of-fame/.

Those inducted will be honored at a banquet on October 7, 2022 at Echo Lake Country Club, based on votes tallied from all sources. Submissions may be emailed to: westfieldhistoricalsociety@gmail.com or mailed to Westfield Historical Society, Hall of Fame Committee, P.O. Box 613, Westfield, N.J. 07091-0613, to arrive no later than Saturday, December 4, 2021.

Since 1968, the 501(c)(3) non-profit Westfield Historical Society has worked to preserve, interpret and encourage interest in history, Westfield and its residents through educational efforts and community-outreach programs.

For further information on the

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TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY ORDINANCE NO. 2021-17

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, CHAPTER 255 LAND DEVELOPMENT, PERTAINING TO ELEVATION OF BUILDINGS IN THE FLOODPLAIN OVERLAY DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the 2009 Master Plan made an ordinance recommendation for all single-family districts to "revise ordinances to permit homes to be raised outside of the floodplain in a manner that does not require variance relief"; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Master Plan Reexamination Report goal #18 is to "maintain participation in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System, and identify opportunities to improve the Township's rating class"; and

WHEREAS, the National Flood Insurance Community Rating System Coordinators Manual by FEMA (Section 531.B(5)(d)(i)) states "although elevating a building solely to meet the NFIP rules is not credited, credit is provided for bringing a noncompliant building into compliance of the project was implemented voluntarily or pursuant to a community action, such as providing financial assistance or declaring a dilapidated structure to be unsafe and uninhabitable"; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Geological Survey maintains observational monitoring river gauge #01394500 at the Rahway River at Springfield with a flood stage of 7 feet and the observed flood level during Tropical Cyclone Irene on August 28, 2011 was 10.88 feet and the observed flood level during Hurricane Ida on September 2, 2021 was 10.81 feet; and

WHEREAS, the Township's professional staff continually reviews existing regulations for inconsistencies and conflicts so as to improve the Township's practice of effective land use regulation;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the municipality and its residents to ease the elevation of dwellings in the floodplain to improve resilience from inundation;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, Union County, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 255, Article I. Land Development. Section 1 B is hereby amended as follows: § 255-1 Purposes; definitions

B. Definitions

GRADE PLANE

(a) Areas located outside the flood hazard area: a reference plane representing the average of the finished ground level adjoining the building at all exterior walls. Finished grade shall be pre-construction grade on level sites and not in excess of two feet above the pre-construction grade on the upland side(s) of a structure on sloping sites.

(b) Areas or portions of the building area of a lot located within the flood hazard area: The reference plane shall be the more restrictive of the base flood elevation or advisory base flood elevation of the flood hazard area plus four feet.

SECTION 2.

Chapter 255, Article IV. Development Requirements and Standards, Section 26 H. is hereby amended as follows:

Building facades facing the street.

1. Applicability

a. All nonresidential buildings in the D-C, D-B, D-T, VC and NC Districts, whether newly constructed or substantially improved, shall comply with the regulations in this subsection.

b. The project architect will be responsible for providing sufficient drawings, calculations and general notes to specifically identify how the proposed building complies with the regulations set forth below.

c. The word "facade" as used in this Subsection H refers to the building wall facing the street. In most instances, this will only be the front wall. In the case of a corner building, the regulations apply to both building walls facing the street.

d. Dwellings in Floodplain Overlay District are only subject to provisions of Section 255-26.H.3 below.

2. Regulations.

a. Materials.

1) To be used over at least 75% of the nonglazed portion of the building facade:
[a] Standard brick masonry.
[b] Stone (e.g., brownstone, limestone, sandstone).
[c] Metal.

2) To be limited to less than 25% of the nonglazed portion of the building facade:
[a] Wood or materials designed to simulate the appearance of wood.
[b] Synthetic stucco systems or exterior insulation and finish systems.
[c] Cement stucco.

b. Articulation. Variation in the surface is to be achieved with a combination of some or all of the following features: bay windows, balconies, stoops and vertical and/or horizontal demarcations as stipulated below:

1) Vertical demarcations.

[a] A vertical demarcation shall be required at every 25 linear feet or less of building facade.

[b] A vertical demarcation having a depth of at least four feet shall be required for every 100 linear feet of building facade.

2) Horizontal demarcations shall be required for any building taller than three stories. A horizontal demarcation may be achieved by such elements as a cornice line, a course of brick or stone which projects or is differently colored or differently laid, or a floor (such as the ground floor) which has a different material from the main facade.

c. Fenestration.

1) All windows shall be inset in the masonry opening a minimum of three inches and shall be operable (i.e., ribbon windows and extensive glazing such as curtain wall construction shall not be permitted).

2) The pattern or rhythm of fenestration shall be similar to that of the buildings on the balance of the same or opposite block face to the greatest extent possible.

3) Glazing shall represent at least 40% of the total facade area.

3) Dwellings in the Floodplain Overlay District shall comply with the regulations below:

a. Below the first floor level which contains a habitable room, a wall or breakaway wall shall be provided and the exterior shall be finished with one of the following materials:

[a] Standard brick masonry

[b] Stone (e.g., brownstone, limestone, sandstone)

[c] Metal

[d] Wood or materials designed to simulate the appearance of wood.

[e] Synthetic stucco systems or exterior insulation and finish systems.

[f] Cement stucco.

SECTION 3.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Chapter 255, Article V, Zoning, Section 35 D. is hereby amended as follows:

Yard regulations.

1. Required yards shall be open to the sky and unobstructed, except that parapets, windowsills, door posts, rainwater leaders and similar ornamental or structural fixtures may project up to one foot into such yards.

2. Cornices, eaves, bay windows and chimneys may project up to two feet into any minimum required front, side or rear yard as set forth in the Schedule of Zone District Area, Yard and Building Requirements, as annotated, or, in the case of an accessory structure, as provided at § 255-38.

3. Uncovered steps only may project up to five feet into a required front or rear yard. If the existing front yard setback is nonconforming, uncovered steps may be reconstructed in their existing locations and footprints, but not increased further in size or encroach further into the required front yard area.

a. For properties located within the Floodplain Overlay District, uncovered steps only may project up to seven feet into a required front or rear yard and may be located no closer to the front or rear property line than 15 feet.

4. Room air-conditioning equipment, ground-mounted generators, barbecues or patios may be located only within any side or rear yard, so long as the furthest extending side is not less than five feet from any property line. Outside central air-conditioning equipment may be located only in any side or rear yard, provided that the closest face of the unit is not less than five feet from the property line.

a. For properties located within the Floodplain Overlay District, building-mounted platforms to accommodate air conditioning equipment or generators may be placed within a side or rear yard setback, so long as the further extending side is not less than five feet from any property line and subject to the following:

i. Platforms shall not be placed within any area of the side yard designated as a required parking area.

ii. The height of the platform shall not be greater than four feet higher than the height required for the base flood elevation or advisory base flood elevation of the flood hazard area.

5. Where any lot abuts a street right-of-way which is proposed to be widened as indicated on the Master Plan or Official Map of the Township of Cranford or Master Plan of Union County or by the State of New Jersey, setbacks shall be measured from such proposed right-of-way.

6. In the R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4 and R-5 Zones, a roof with unenclosed sides over an entrance platform of a dwelling may project into the required or existing nonconforming front yard setback, provided that the roof over an entrance platform shall not extend into the required or existing nonconforming front yard setback more than five feet, nor beyond the platform and steps, nor shall the total area of the extensions in the required or existing nonconforming front yard setback exceed 25 square feet.

a. For properties located within the Floodplain Overlay District, a roof with unenclosed sides over an entrance platform shall not extend into the required or existing nonconforming front yard setback more than seven feet, nor beyond the platform. Nor shall the width of the extension in the required or existing nonconforming front yard setback exceed one-third of the width of the front facade wall of the dwelling. Steps accessing the entrance platform may be covered by a roof and project no further than four feet from the entrance platform in to the required or existing nonconforming front yard setback.

SECTION 4.

Chapter 255, Article V. Zoning, Section 36 G. is hereby amended as follows: Floodplain Overlay District.

6. Floodplain District Provisions

a. General Provisions.

1. All uses, activities and developments occurring within the Floodplain District shall be undertaken only in strict compliance with the provisions of this subsection as well as Chapter 225, Flood Damage Prevention, of this Code and with all other applicable codes and ordinances, such as the Building Code and the subdivision and site plan provisions of this chapter. In addition, all such uses, activities and developments shall be undertaken only in compliance with federal or state law.

2. Under no circumstances shall any use, activity and/or development lower the capacity of the channels or floodways of any watercourse, drainage ditch or any other drainage facility or system.

3. Prior to any proposed alteration or relocation of any stream, watercourse, etc., within the municipality, a permit shall be obtained from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

4. Further, notification of the proposal by the municipality shall be given to all affected adjacent municipalities. Copies of such notification shall be forwarded to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

5. In the Floodplain District, no development shall be permitted except where any rise in flood height caused by the proposed development will be fully offset by accompanying improvements which have been approved by all appropriate local, state and federal authorities as required above.

6. The following obstructions and activities present special hazards in floodplains: hospitals, public or private, and nursing homes, public or private. No construction, enlargement or expansion of any of the obstructions or commencement of any of the activities listed above shall be undertaken in any one-hundred-year floodplain.[3]

[3] Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II).

7. All new or replacement public sanitary sewer facilities shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of floodwaters into systems and discharges from the systems into the floodwaters. In addition, they should be located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage and impact. All new or replacement water facilities shall be located and constructed to minimize the chance of impairment during a flood. All utilities, such as gas lines and electrical and telephone systems, being placed in the floodplain should be located, elevated (where possible) and constructed to minimize the chance of impairment during a flood. Adequate drainage shall be provided to reduce exposure to flood hazards.

8. Any structure placed in the floodplain shall be anchored firmly to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement. The Zoning Officer shall require the applicant to submit the written opinion of a licensed engineer that the proposed structural design meets this criterion.

9. No part of any private sewage treatment and/or disposal system related to the treatment and renovation of sewage effluent shall be constructed within the floodplain.

10. No materials that can float, that are explosive or that are toxic to humans, animals or vegetation shall be stored in the floodplain. Any new or substantially improved structure which will be used for the production or storage of any of the following dangerous materials or any dangerous materials or substances, including but not limited to the following, on the premises shall not be permitted in the floodplain:

i. Acetone.

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ii. Ammonia.

iii. Benzene.

iv. Calcium carbide.

v. Carbon disulfide.

vi. Celluloid.

vii. Chlorine.

viii. Hydrochloric acid.

ix. Hydrocyanic acid.

x. Magnesium.

xi. Nitric acid and oxides of nitrogen.

xii. Pesticides, including insecticides, fungicides and rodenticides.

xiii. Petroleum products (gasoline, fuel oil, etc.).

xiv. Phosphorus.

xv. Potassium.

xvi. Radioactive substances.

xvii. Sodium.

xviii. Sulphur and sulphur products.

b. Permitted uses. In the Floodplain District, all uses and activities within the underlying district are permitted unless specifically prohibited by this Subsection G.

c. Alteration of existing buildings or structures. Any building or structure within the floodplain at the time of enactment of this chapter may be altered or extended, provided that:

1. The alteration or extension conforms to all applicable regulations of this chapter.

2. The alteration does not constitute a substantial improvement (50% or more of the structure's market value).

3. Any increase in volume or area shall not exceed an aggregate of more than 25% of such volume or area during the life of the structure.

4. For all nonresidential development applications, whenever a variance for maximum impervious coverage is granted, the property owner must mitigate the impact of the additional impervious surfaces unless the stormwater management plan for the development provides for these increases in impervious surfaces.

5. Alterations of existing buildings or structures that meet all requirements listed below shall be exempt from Section 255-36G(6)(c)(2) and Section 255-36G(6)(c)(3):

(a) The lowest floor of the building is reconstructed or elevated to at least one foot above the Base Flood Elevation.

(b) The building footprint is not increased by more than 300 sq. ft.

(c) Any space within the building below the Base Flood Elevation shall not be used as a habitable room, kitchen, bathroom, laundry nor mechanical room.

SECTION 5.

Chapter 255, Article V. Zoning, Section 38 F. is hereby amended as follows:

F. Decks in residential zones. In all residence zones, decks shall be permitted to encroach into the minimum rear and side yard setback only in accordance with the following requirements:

1. Decks no greater than four feet in height shall be permitted to encroach into the minimum required rear yard a maximum of 25%, but not closer than Subsection E(2) below. Height shall be measured from the average grade to the floor of the deck.

a. Decks located in the Floodplain Overlay District, no higher than the level of the first floor above the Base Flood Elevation, shall be permitted to encroach into the minimum required rear yard a maximum of 25% but not closer than Subsection F(2) below.

2. The minimum rear yard setback for any deck shall be 20 feet.

3. The minimum side yard setback for any deck shall be seven feet or the side yard setback otherwise allowed by this chapter, whichever is less.

4. In any flood-fringe area, the construction of a deck which otherwise conforms to all zoning requirements shall be subject to administrative approval by the Township Engineer in lieu of application to the Planning Board.

If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Township of Cranford, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern. All other parts, portions and provisions of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Cranford are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof.

SECTION 8. The Township Clerk is directed to give notice at least ten (10) days prior to a hearing on the adoption of this ordinance to the Union County Planning Board and to all other persons entitled thereto pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-15, and N.J.S.A. 40:55D-63 (if required).

SECTION 9. After introduction, the Township Clerk is hereby directed to submit a copy of the within Ordinance to the Planning Board of the Township of Cranford for its review in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26 and N.J.S.A. 40:55D-64.

SECTION 10. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon (1) adoption and publication in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey; (2) filing of the final form of adopted ordinance by the Clerk with (a) the Union County Planning Board pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-16, and (b) the Township Tax Assessor as required by N.J.S.A. 40:49-2.1.

EXPLANATION – Matter struck through this in the above Ordinance is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law. Matter underlined thus is newmatter.

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

The foregoing ordinance was introduced and approved on first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey on Tuesday, October 26, 2021. The foregoing ordinance was amended at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 and will be further considered for final passage after public hearing to be held at the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as this matter can be reached. All persons interested will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance. Copies of Ordinance 2021-17 are available, for no fee, in the office of the Township Clerk, Cranford Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey 07016, during the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (email p-donahue@cranfordnj.org or call 908-709-7210). A copy of Ordinance 2021-17 has been posted on the Bulletin Board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Municipal Building of the Township.

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Municipal Clerk

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Fee: \$481.95



Pianist Min Kwon to Give Concert Sunday at St. Paul’s

WESTFIELD — Steeple Concerts at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church will host pianist Min Kwon in concert this Sunday, November 14, at 5 p.m. The general public is invited to attend. Dr. Kwon is professor of piano at Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University. A Steinway artist, she is praised for her “captivating enthusiasm, superb technique, warm emotional lyricism, and explosive energy” (*Piano* magazine). St. Paul’s is located at 414 East Broad Street, near Euclid Avenue, in Westfield. Church and area parking are free. Tickets, which are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students, are available online at steepleconcerts.org. As with all Steeple Concert performers, Dr. Kwon is celebrated for her outstanding artistry and technique. She has performed as soloist with the Philadelphia, Atlanta, New Jersey, Korean, Seoul and Sydney Symphony Orchestras, and as soloist/chamber music recitalist at Carnegie’s Weill Recital Hall, in France, and in coun-

tries across Europe and South America. Her recital in Manila, Philippines, was described as “a ravishingly beautiful and powerful performance, forging a special bond with the audience” (*Philippine Daily Inquirer*). Dr. Kwon holds Doctor of Musical Arts and Master of Music degrees from The Juilliard School in New York City and a Bachelor of Music degree from The Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. She completed post-doctoral studies at Mozarteum University in Salzburg, Austria, and her many awards include the Beethoven Competition and Juilliard’s Gina Bachauer International Piano Award. She is founder and director of the Center for Musical Excellence, a non-profit organization dedicated to mentoring and supporting gifted young musicians. On July 4, 2021, Dr. Kwon premiered *America/Beautiful*, a project comprised of some 70 variations of “America the Beautiful,”

each composed by a leading American composer commissioned by Dr. Kwon. The goal was “to paint a sonic picture of her adopted country in all of its sprawling complexity, and to ultimately...find the beauty at the core of the American experiment and its credo of *e pluribus unum*” (out of many, one). Following New Jersey and Diocesan guidelines, Steeple Concerts are 60-minute events, with no intermission. All concertgoers must wear a mask in the church and remain seated in their assigned pew during the performance. Per updated state directives, these guidelines/concert programs are subject to revision and concerts may be streamed online in lieu of in-person attendance. Steeple Concerts are supported by the Friends of Music at St. Paul’s.

Paula Vogel’s *Indecent* To be Performed At Kean

UNION – *Indecent*, by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Paula Vogel, will open on Friday, November 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Kean’s University’s Wilkins Theatre. Directed by Holly Logue, the Tony Award-nominated *Indecent* will run through Saturday, November 20. Chair of the Theatre Conservatory and longtime member of the theatre faculty, Ms. Logue has assembled a creative team comprised of guest artists and faculty that includes music direction by Mark Baron, choreography by Susan Speidel, set design by David M. Barber, costume design by Karen Lee Hart, projection and lighting design by Joshua Langman. *Indecent* is a deeply moving play inspired by the true events surrounding the controversial 1923 Broadway debut of Sholem Asch’s *God of Vengeance* — a play seen

by some as a seminal work of Jewish culture, and by others as an act of traitorous libel. *Indecent* follows the history of an incendiary drama and the path of the artists who risked their careers and lives to perform it. As *Indecent* theatrically moves through time from Warsaw to Berlin, St. Petersburg to Constantinople, Bratislava to New York, brief scenes from *God of Vengeance* are performed and we learn the story of a Jewish brothel owner who uses his profits to arrange a marriage for his daughter; until she falls in love with one of his prostitutes. The cast of twelve Kean theatre students plays over 30 roles, swapping an article of clothing, a vocal inflection, or a physicality to indicate the change. Infused with klezmer music, *Indecent* was uniformly praised by critics when it debuted Off-Broadway where Charles Isherwood in *The New York Times* called it “a powerful new play.” It would go on to Broadway where it was nominated for three Tony Awards, winning Best Direction and Best Lighting Design. Tickets for *Indecent* are available by calling (908) 737-7469, online at www.kean.universitytickets.com or at the Wilkins Theatre Box Office located at Kean University, 1000 Morris Avenue. Tickets range from \$10-15.

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Mostly Music Returns With Live Concert Line Up

WESTFIELD -- Mostly Music returns to live concerts on Sunday afternoons at 3:30 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El in Westfield with an exciting season of spectacular performances. Mostly Music’s 42nd concert season begins on Sunday, November 21, with a program by the Imani Winds. Celebrating over 20 years of music making, the Imani Winds have led both a revolution and the evolution of the wind quintet through their dynamic playing, adventurous programming, imaginative collaborations and outreach endeavors that have inspired audiences of all ages and backgrounds. In 2021, Imani Winds released their latest album, “Bruits,” which Gramophone declared “the ensemble’s hot rapport churns with conviction throughout...”

The Sunday, December 12 program will feature Grammy winning guitarist, Jason Vieaux, described by NPR as “perhaps the most precise and soulful classical guitarist of his generation.” He will be joined by Mostly Music’s former co-artistic director and current principal cellist of the New York Philharmonic, Carter Brey. The concert includes elegant works by Paganini as well as Boccherini’s flamboyant “Fan-

dango” Quintet. David Finckel, the co-artistic director of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center and former cellist of the Emerson String Quartet, will join violinist Arnaud Sussman, for his first performance at Mostly Music’s concert on Sunday, March 13. We will hear the influence of Jewish, Gypsy and Moldavian folk themes that are pervasive in Weinberg’s String Trio and enjoy the suave and humorous Franc’s aix String Trio, plus majestic trios by Schubert and Beethoven. Returning to Mostly Music are Aaron Boyd on violin and Anne-Marie McDermott on piano for the Sunday, April 24 concert, which will include “Dumka: Duo Concertante” by the British-American composer and violinist Rebecca Clark, as well as a very romantic trio by Ludwig Thuille and Mendelssohn’s popular Piano Trio in C-minor. The 2021-2022 concert season will conclude on Sunday, May 15 with a program featuring the artistry of one of the world’s premiere clarinetists,

David Shifrin, joined by Mostly Music’s former co-artistic director and violinist Ani Kavafian. The program features the quirky “Concerto a Tre” by Ingolf Dahl as well as the sublime Clarinet Quintet by Mozart. Mostly Music’s artistic director, renowned violist Paul Neubauer, commented: “We are delighted that Mostly Music is able to share the exhilaration of live chamber music performances with our devoted audience in Westfield. After such a profoundly difficult time we hope that these concerts will heal and inspire. We are so grateful to be able to offer these programs and encourage all music fans to enjoy these magnificent concerts.” A five-concert subscription for Mostly Music’s 2021-2022 concert season is available for \$150. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$40 for each concert. Students under age 21 are free. Proof of vaccination and masks will be required and seating will be spaced. For additional information about the concerts go to <http://mostlymusic.org> or call (908) 789-8578.

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Foodie Trivia Monday, November 15, 7 p.m. Join the Scotch Plains Public Library for its fourth virtual trivia event for adults. Test your foodie knowledge via Zoom covering global favorites, famous chefs, and all things delicious. To register, please visit scotlib.org/event/foodie-trivia.
Read to a Dog Wednesday, November 17, 4 p.m. Children are invited to practice their reading with a trained therapy dog at this outdoor program. This event will be held in the front of the library. To register, please visit scotlib.org/event/read-to-a-dog-6.
Memoir Writing Group Wednesdays, November 17, December 1 & 15, January 5 & 19, February 2, at 2 p.m. Join local teacher and writer Edie Scher for a series of classes on creating a memoir. You’ll be guided through the process of writing, editing, and compiling your chapters in a supportive environment. Space is limited; priority will be given to Scotch Plains and Fanwood resident cardholders. To register, please visit scotlib.org/event/memoir-writing-group-9.
The Imani Winds Sunday, November 21, 3:30 p.m. Join Mostly

Music at Temple Emanu-El in Westfield for this quintet that will offer a lively, jazzy take on some beloved classical music. Students under 21 are free. To purchase tickets or for more information, please visit mostlymusic.org.
Return of The Three Holiday Tenors Saturday, December 18, 7 p.m. Award-winning tenors, guests and choruses join New Jersey Festival Orchestra to celebrate the holiday season with a dazzling selection of renowned tenor and holiday fare. To purchase tickets or for more information, please visit njfestivalorchestra.org.
Ring in the New Year with NJFO Friday, December 31, 7 p.m. Join NJ Festival Orchestra’s quintessential New Year’s celebration at Westfield High School with a superb revue of Broadway showstoppers in glorious symphonic splendor. To purchase tickets or for more information, please visit njfestivalorchestra.org/njfo-special-events.

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Mixing With Zest

By HILLARY SHOPE

For The Westfield Leader and Union County HAWK

Autumn Oven Medley

My husband and I are currently updating our kitchen so we’re making our meals on the grill or via a toaster oven in the basement. However, just because we can’t use our kitchen, doesn’t mean we can’t make a tasty meal. This recipe is tasty, full of fall flavors and is super flexible when it comes to ingredients. If you don’t have carrots or sweet potatoes, feel free to substitute any sweet, fall

vegetable such as butternut or acorn squash. Store leftovers in an airtight container and reheat via toaster oven or microwave.
Ingredients:
• 1 ½ cup carrots, peeled and chopped
• 1 large sweet potato, peeled and chopped
• 3 Tbsp olive oil
• 2 Tbsp maple syrup
• 1/4 tsp kosher salt
• 1/4 cup light brown sugar
• 1/3 cup raw chopped pecans
Directions:
1. Peel carrots and sweet potato then chop.
2. Place in a medium bowl.
3. Add olive oil, maple syrup, kosher salt and brown sugar. Mix to combine.
4. Line your toaster oven pan with parchment paper to prevent sticking.
5. Pour your vegetable mixture (including the leftover liquid) into the pan.
6. Bake at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for about 45 minutes, or until soft.
7. While your vegetables are baking, chop your pecans. Set aside.
8. Remove vegetables from the oven and toss with chopped pecans. Enjoy!



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MACIK LAUNCHES BOOMING FREE KICK FOR FIRST-HALF GOAL, TAPS IN SECOND-HALF GOAL

Blue Devils Oust Edison, 2-0, in Boys Soccer Quarterfinal

By DAVID B. CORBIN
For The Westfield Leader and The Union County HAWK

Senior forward Andrew Macik netted a spectacular free kick in the first half then tapped in a second goal late in the second half to secure a 2-0 victory for the third-seeded, No. 9-ranked Westfield High School boys soccer team over the sixth-seeded Edison Eagles at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield on November 4.

The 14-3-1 Blue Devils used an

offensive strategy of numerous designed plays through the efforts of Macik, co-captain Max Rokhsar and junior midfielder Mike Blake, along with seniors Chris Ciccio, Matias Arbelaez, Evan Tompkins and Matt Lynch, while the 13-6-1 Eagles relied on short-lived breakaways or set free kicks. When the Eagles did pose a threat, the Blue Devils' defense quickly rejected their shots or senior goalkeeper Ryan Friedberg used his leaping skills to make the few saves he needed to make.

"They were relying on the counter attack. There's moments when we are going to give ball away and we just had to make sure that we are balanced, which we were most of the match. These are always the most difficult matches because teams sit in and you have to be a little bit more creative finding opportunities. We created a couple, a moment or two being offside," Blue Devil Head Coach Eric Shaw pointed out.

The first offside call on a goal came 12 minutes into the game when Rokhsar beat the defender

a little too soon and slid the ball past Edison goalkeeper Matt Faria. The second offside goal came with 13:47 left in the half when Macik made a nice cross to Arbelaez, who was just a little ahead of the defender. Having two goals negated could have been disheartening to the Blue Devils.

"Absolutely! If we kind of tail onside or hold your run for a second, the match is easily in hand in the first 15-20 minutes of the game. But we don't do that, so we have to be aware of those situations and try to put it away earlier," Coach Shaw said.

"Getting called offside in the first 10 minutes really puts a challenge on your team because you deserve to be one up. When the ref calls it offside, you have

to look at the bright side and think about getting the next goal and not making an offside," Rokhsar added.

The Blue Devils did have more opportunities in the first half and would have several more in the second half with their well-designed plays but many failed to hit the mark.

"The final piece! The finisher! That's the hardest part of the game. We know that. The strikers are aware of that," Coach Shaw expressed. "They just need to keep plugging away. They are going to miss more than they make. It's the mental side that they just have to be strong with. It took a little bit longer, maybe 77-78 minutes to get the second goal and put it away. Once you

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do that, it knocks the belief out of your opponent and they believed until that second goal."

Finally Macik received a free kick on the right hash mark from 30 yards out with 8:26 left in the first half. He launched a boomer over the outstretched arms of Faria that lodged into the upper right corner.

"I had a similar shot against Elizabeth one time but unfortunately it hit both posts. This time I moved the ball a little bit more to the left so I could keep it on track. I know that if I had a little bit more power, the keeper will not be able to react. It was able to hit the crossbar

and go in. It was the most beautiful ball I've ever scored," Macik recalled.

The Blue Devils did have several corner kicks which were taken by Rokhsar but instead of drilling a long shot into the box, he would tap it to Blake then head toward the goal.

"We worked on it in training. We thought it was one of our options on the corners and we felt like it worked the first time, why not keep going with it," Rokhsar explained.

Trailing by just one, Edison had a late push in the second half and managed to get a few free kicks but Friedberg was ready.

"We heard it individually, we heard it from their fans. It's only 1-0. Anytime it's one nil, people believe. Only one physical mistake can allow them to get back in it," Coach Shaw explained.

"I think the only way they were going to score on us was to give them a set piece, which is something we try not to let them do, but when they did, the defense and I just cleaned it up," Friedberg explained.

"Ryan with his size and agility to come off the line and win the ball is tremendous. Anyone who relies on that on their set pieces, it's very difficult to get over Ryan," Coach Shaw added.

The Eagles were still in the game but Macik sucked all the wind from beneath their wings when he received a cross from Arbelaez and tapped it in for the second goal with only 2:33 remaining.

"Matias crossed it in. I just saw an easy tap in. Went one-on-one with the keeper and I kept it on train. It would most likely go in and it did," Macik described.

However Macik was still flying high and wanted more as he took another wicked shot with 30 seconds on the clock that Faria managed to stop.

"Right at the end, I was screaming at Max to pass me

the ball because I really wanted the hat trick but it was a good save by the keeper. Maybe in another game, I will get one," Macik said.

As to Friedberg's viewpoint of Macik's goals, he said, "Seeing it curve up and around the wall was a thing of beauty and the second one, was a great cross from Matias and Macik put it in. It was great from my vantage point and we want to keep it going."

Next, the Blue Devils would face second-seeded, No. 3, 16-1-1 Hunterdon Central on November 8.

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