

## Westfield Residents, Firefighters Call for Increased Staffing

By LAUREN S. BARR  
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WESTFIELD – Following Saturday's house fire on Barchester Way, approximately 20 members of the Westfield Fire Department (WFD) were present at Tuesday night's Westfield Town Council meeting in support of increased staffing.

Saturday's fire call was received at 1:26 p.m. and WFD arrived on scene at 1:31 p.m. WFD's second engine was on a mutual aid call in Springfield at the time of the Barchester Way call and did not arrive on scene until 1:43 p.m.

Fire Chief Dan Kelly told *The Westfield Leader* that when the first engine arrived on scene they acti-

vated the Union County Mutual Aid system and recalled off-duty firefighters. In total, 11 departments responded to the fire, with eight utilized on scene and three covering the rest of the town. Firefighters were in the house for approximately one hour battling the blaze, which began in a microwave, until there was a partial roof collapse and the structure was deemed unsafe.

Westfield Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association (FMBA) No. 30 President Mike Sawicki introduced state FMBA President Bill Lavin, who spoke to the town council about the need for increased staffing.

Mr. Lavin told the council that this is, "not just a Westfield issue but a

statewide problem." He said that because of the Springfield Fire Department's understaffing, there was only one engine in town at the time of Saturday's fire. He said he knows Westfield has applied for a federal grant that would allow it to hire more firefighters, but he is concerned that with the current staffing levels, the town is running "the risk of having a serious tragedy."

Mayor Andy Skibitsky said that while unpopular, the town's new sewer fee has been instituted, "to insure we could maintain a paid fire department."

Ellen Di Iorio, whose Cumberland Street home was destroyed by fire in September of last year, spoke to the council of the need for more firefighters. She said the fire started in the basement of their home, and blocked them from being able to escape from their bedroom, except from the window. Mrs. Di Iorio said the family lost not only their home, but a dog, cat and two birds. She said if her children, who are now grown, had been across the hall from her bedroom, "they may have lost their lives." She told the council the WFD did not have enough manpower to enter the house, and it was not until the Plainfield Fire Department arrived 15 minutes later that firefighters actually entered the home to battle the blaze.

Councilwoman JoAnn Neylan, who chairs the council's Public Safety Committee, told Mrs. Di Iorio, "thank you for having the courage to come and speak." She said council members all live in town and share the same risks as all residents, adding that the town is not hiring more firefighters because it does not want to. "What we're trying to do is provide the best service with the funds we have," she said.

Resident John Blake said the council has been lessening public safety by not hiring more firefighters. He said the "mutual aid [system] is being used for regionalization" and not for catastrophic events as it was designed for. He said if the town asked each household for an additional \$10 to

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## The Pointe vs. Garwood Litigation Concluded

By CHRISTINA M. HINKE  
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GARWOOD – Litigation between The Pointe and the borough concerning snow and garbage removal was concluded as of last Friday, after a hearing that lasted about eight months, Borough Attorney Joseph Triarsi said Tuesday at the Garwood Borough Council meeting. Mr. Triarsi said he expects to hear the judge's written decision in about two weeks.

In other business, Councilman Lou Petruzzelli, committee representative for the \$2.1-million Athletic Field Complex, which will replace the Little League field off of South Avenue between Oak Street and Rankin Avenue with a large and diverse field for an array of athletics, said addendums were added after the pre-bid meeting took place. The addendums included clarifying the extent of the environmental work that needs to be undertaken at the site and to set a new date of Thursday, June 7, to receive bids.

During public comment, Richard King asked if it was true that the Athletic Field Complex was being "squashed."

"No, it's not true," Mayor Patricia Quattrocchi said. "Since there was adequate monies to handle construction...the project is going forward."

Albert DeConti, who inquired at the last council meeting about the rat problem on the 400 block of Willow Avenue, where he owns property, said he had met with the health inspector and had resolved his issues with her. He

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SAFETY CONCERNS...Members of the Westfield Fire Department fill the back rows at the Westfield Town Council meeting on Tuesday to show concern over low staffing levels at the Westfield Fire Department.

## Freeholders' Budget Vote Moved As Trenton Delays Refinancing

By PAUL J. PEYTON  
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COUNTY – Union County Freeholder Fiscal Affairs Committee Chairman Dan Sullivan announced Thursday that the board's adoption vote on the county's \$483-million budget, originally scheduled for Thursday, May 31, has been moved to Thursday, June 14. He said the move was needed due to postponement of the county's application before the state's Local Finance Board to refinance \$83 million of long-term debt. That hearing was originally set for May 9 in Trenton, but has been moved to Friday, May 25.

"This effectively pushes back the date of anticipation of any revenue the county would realize if the financing plan is approved by the DCA

(Department of Community Affairs)," Mr. Sullivan said in a statement read at the start of the meeting.

He said an amendment to the 2012 county budget per the Local Finance Board action would be introduced at the May 31 freeholders meeting, with a public hearing scheduled at the start of the June 14 meeting prior to the board's adoption vote on the budget.

The Local Finance Board approved the refinancing of \$24.7 million in

bonds from the Union County Juvenile Detention Center facility project and another \$5 million in revenue refunding bonds for the correctional facility project at its April 11 meeting. The board was to have heard the refinancing of \$24.9 million in bonds for the City of Plainfield/Park Madison Redevelopment and \$28 million in outstanding debt for the juvenile detention center projects on May 9. Those applications will now be heard

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## Teachers Union Appears In Black at Mtsd. BOE Meeting

By DOMINIC A. LAGANO  
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MOUNTAINSIDE – At the Board of Education (BOE) meeting Tuesday evening, Mountainside Education Association (MEA) President Suzanne Jenks told the BOE, "We are here tonight to voice our frustration over not having an [contract] agreement for over two years." Approximately 40 members of the union stood behind Ms. Jenks. Most were attired in black as a symbol of solidarity.

Ms. Jenks continued, "We sat here

two years ago and listened in astonishment as the administration announced, and the board approved, a zero percent increase for all staff in the district. This was the first of several unilateral decisions made by the past administration and Board of Education."

Ms. Jenks said the MEA (Mountainside Education Association) appreciates the current economic crisis in the United States and how it affects the negotiation process. "The association [MEA]

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CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS...Members of the Mountainside Education Association appear en masse at the Mountainside Board of Education meeting on Tuesday night to address contract negotiations.

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SORRY SIGHT...Firefighters spent approximately three hours on Saturday afternoon putting out an accidental fire that was believed to have originated in a microwave and ultimately destroyed a two-story home on Barchester Way in Westfield. Several Westfield High School students attempted to control the fire and assisted in removing the two children from the residence before firefighters arrived.

## CF Committee Passes Ord. For Birchwood Development

By DELL SIMEONE  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

CRANFORD – After a two-hour long public hearing Tuesday night in which member of the public begged, accused, and challenged the Cranford Township Committee not to amend a supplement to the township's land-use ordinance to create an inclusionary multi-family residence zone, the Committee adopted the ordinance. Committeeman Kevin Campbell cast the lone dissenting vote.

"I have to vote no, this is not meant to be a criticism of my colleagues, but it (the measure) does not meet the statutory requirements of the land-use law," Mr. Campbell said.

Other committee members, especially Lisa Aduabato Nesi, explained the reason the committee had to vote yes before the Committee could appeal the decision by state Superior Judge Lisa Chrystal who ordered Cranford to amend the ordinance to coincide with a proposed development on Birchwood Avenue. Residents living in the Birchwood Avenue neighborhood, who, along with hundreds of others suffered the ravishes of Hurricane Irene

this past summer, rallied against the amendment, showed pictures to the committee of flooded streets, told of days without electricity, and accused the committee of not standing up for the citizens of Cranford.

"Our justice system doesn't work that way. It is not held to public opinion," Ms. Aduabato Nesi responded to the residents.

Township Attorney Phil Morin explained that the ordinance is the first step necessary to bring Cranford Township into compliance with the New Jersey COAH (Council on Affordable Housing)/Fair Share Housing requirements. Judge Chrystal ordered the township to adopt the ordinance on December 9, 2011.

The Cranford Development Group, a subsidiary of the S. Hekeman Group of Paramus, owners and prospective developers of the property known as at 235 Birchwood Avenue, brought a builder's remedy lawsuit against the township, which was vulnerable because it had not met its fair share of low and moderate income housing obligation mandated by the state under the

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FLOWER POWER...Gardeners shop for flowers at the Union County Master Gardeners Spring Garden Fair and Plant Sale held Sunday at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside.



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**CHIRP...**The swallows returned to San Juan Capistrano, Calif., on March 19 to read *The Westfield Leader*. Some remained to sing and flit around the beautiful gardens and lily pond at the old mission. They enjoy greeting the visitors like Honey Corbin from Peach Tree City, Ga., shown above.

## Union County Freeholders

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on May 25.

As the county continues to move ahead with privatization for operations at Runnells Specialized Hospital, the freeholders on Thursday approved a resolution to procure a vendor to take over dietary, housekeeping and laundry services at the Berkeley Heights hospital. The county is laying off 280 workers, accounting for 10 percent of its workforce, in order to close an estimated \$35-million budget hole.

One-hundred-and-fifty of the layoffs are at Runnells in the departments listed above, as well as in physical, occupational and recreation therapy. The freeholders previously approved a one-year, \$1.9-million contract to Kennett Square, Pa.-based Genesis ElderCare to take over occupational, physical and speech therapy services at Runnells.

During its agenda meeting on Thursday, the board considered items for the June 14 action agenda. Resolutions will be on the agenda June 14 to add Roselle Park and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in Rahway, as well as South Orange in Essex County, to the list of entities to be serviced by the expansion of Union County's 9-1-1 emergency dispatch center in Westfield.

The county will provide dispatch services for Roselle Park's fire and Emergency Medical Basic Life Support Dispatch Services, for two paramedic units at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and for South Orange's EMS. As a result of these shared-service agreements, eight entities will be serviced by the Union County dispatch service. Fanwood, Hillside, Roselle, Scotch Plains and Springfield also have agreements with the county. The new towns joining, including South Orange, were serviced by CenCom out of Overlook Medical Center in Summit. CenCom has said it will close its doors on June 1.

Andrew Moran, the county's public safety director, said that Union County representatives met with South Orange officials on May 16. "They were very impressed with our operation and we spoke to them today [May 17] and they want to go ahead with the shared-service agreement," Mr. Moran told the board.

"The more municipalities we have on it will lower the county's portion in operating the county's dispatch center," Mr. Moran said. Freeholder Chairman Al Mirabella added, "I think it's very good for this county to be taking on some of that dispatching out of necessity for CenCom closing, but (also) to help our municipalities. I think they will realize a savings as well as contribute

to the overall operation in the dispatch area."

The board also considered resolutions to enable the county to proceed with the issuing of \$100 million in bonds as part of the refinancing of \$130 million in short-term bond anticipation notes issued July 1, 2011.

"We are taking advantage of current market conditions to implement our long-term financing plans," Finance Director Bibi Taylor explained to the freeholders.

Human Services Director Frank Guzzo said revenue provided to the county through the state's casino revenue tax has plummeted \$273,000 from last year to \$1,082,533. A resolution will be on the June 14 agenda for the county to enter into a contract with NJ Transit to secure the funding through the Casino Tax Revenue, Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents Transportation Assistance Program Grant. The county uses the funds for its Paratransit program.

Mr. Guzzo said he was hopeful that legislation in Trenton to initiate Internet gaming in New Jersey would move forward.

"It is our belief that if that takes effect that will add much needed dollars to those coffers to provide services for Paratransit as well as other senior programs throughout the State of New Jersey," Mr. Guzzo said.

In the meantime, he said the county is "at that tipping point" where the county is "going to have to start making some very, very tough decisions relative to services for individuals that rely on this service, which are the elderly and the disabled."

He said transportation for chemotherapy and medical services trips would likely be continued while socialization and shopping trip transportation might have to be cut.

"We are looking at every option that we can to avoid reducing services at all," Mr. Guzzo said.

On another issue relative to outside funding sources, Ron Zuber, director of the county's Parks and Community Renewal Department, said the county would receive \$5 million through the Community Development Block Grant, \$846,000 for the county's HOME Investment Partnership and \$421,000 for the emergency shelter grant. All three are through the federal government's Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

County Manager Al Faella said the grants are down 16 percent from last year. "So we may be facing similar choices and difficult decisions to make relative to some of our community development programs as well," Mr. Faella said.

## Westfield Council

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fund the fire department they would be applauded, and that the council cannot say the town is as safe with six firefighters on duty as opposed to the 10 it used to have.

"Would we be safer if we had one firefighter per household? Absolutely," Councilwoman Neylan responded. But, she said, the problem is the national economy and its trickle down effect to municipalities. "It's not us against you."

First Ward Councilman Frank Arena accused Mr. Blake of having an agenda.

Third Ward Councilman Dave Haas said it was inappropriate for Mr. Arena to discuss anyone's motives. Mr. Haas added that the motives of all the council members are good, but that he feels the finance committee's meetings should be open so that the actual debates on expenditures are public.

"Oh, we have debate; we don't just go in lock step," Councilwoman Neylan retorted. WFD Lieutenant Tim Brennan, who spoke as both a member of the department and a Westfield resident, said the department is "still fast and effective, but no longer fully capable." He said the rescue that was done of a man trapped by fire on Mountain Avenue last year violated several laws and that the department needs more firefighters.

Mayor Skibitsky said if the FMBA was willing to open the contract up for renegotiation, the town could possibly increase the number of firefighters on each shift. Lieutenant Brennan re-

sponded that he could not speak on behalf of the union, but when pressed for his personal opinion by Fourth Ward Councilman Jim Foerst, he said, "to a point, yes."

In other business, the council approved a resolution to formalize the agreement between the town and the Westfield Board of Education to make traffic and parking improvements in the area of Westfield High School (WHS). The board of education approved the same resolution at its May 15 meeting.

The plan includes an expansion of the current WHS parking lot along Rahway Avenue, re-striping of the Armory parking lot to create more spaces, the construction of a pullout for buses on Rahway Avenue, expansion of the parking lot at Edison Intermediate School, new parking restrictions on one side of the street on Dorian Road, Dorian Court, Dorian Place, Shadowlawn Drive and Nottingham Place, as well as the opening of one side of the street parking on Edgar Road.

Resident David Gibson of Dorian Road expressed some concern that he was not notified of this project, and was especially concerned as to the aesthetics of the new parking lot.

Councilwoman Neylan said special attention would be paid to the landscaping of the parking lot. She said residents in her ward had a similar concern when Temple Emanu-El constructed its parking lot, and the landscaping there makes its lot nearly unseen.

## Memorial Day Events in Westfield, Mtsd., CF, SP-F

WESTFIELD - Area towns will hold traditional Memorial Day parades on Monday, among them Westfield, Scotch Plains-Fanwood and Cranford, as well as Mountainside, which will hold its first parade to honor fallen veterans.

The annual Westfield Memorial Day Parade will start at 9 a.m. with services at the World War I Veterans Memorial Monument at the North Avenue and East Broad Street Plaza. After opening ceremonies, the parade route will be north on East Broad Street, straight up to Fairview Cemetery, where the Veterans of Foreign Wars will have closing ceremonies.

The Westfield Memorial Day Parade Committee has selected Korean War veteran William Albert Kessinger of Scotch Plains as this year's grand marshal. He currently is commander of Westfield American Legion Martin Wallberg Post No. 3.

Mountainside's first-ever Memorial Day Parade will commence on Monday at noon at the Veterans flagpole monument on Constitution Plaza, between the firehouse on New Providence Road and the Mountainside Public Library. Upon conclusion of the opening ceremony, veterans, scouts, rescue squad, fire department and police personnel, Rotary Club members and community groups will parade toward Deerfield Elementary School. The parade will proceed from Constitution Plaza up to Bridle Path to Wood Valley Road to Central Avenue, ending in Deerfield's parking lot. The parade is expected to end at 1 p.m.

Cranford will hold its parade on Monday beginning at 9 a.m. The parade route runs from Sherman Park, across from the Cranford Methodist Church on Lincoln Avenue, to Memorial Park on Springfield Avenue. The parade will follow Lincoln Avenue south to Walnut Avenue, to North Avenue, to Eastman Street, to Centennial Avenue, to Springfield Av-

enue to Memorial Park.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood Memorial Day observances will kick off with a special free concert by the Westfield Community Band, entitled "A Tribute to Fallen Heroes." It will take place this Sunday, May 27, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the north side of the Fanwood railroad station. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets.

Memorial Day observances will begin on Monday, May 28, with a memorial service at 8 a.m. at American Legion Post No. 209 at Park Avenue and Sunset Place in Scotch Plains, followed by a 9 a.m. laying of wreaths at the Fanwood Memorial Library at Tillotson Road and North Avenue. Wreaths will then be presented at the Veterans Monument at Park Avenue and Front Street in Scotch Plains at 10 a.m. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS) Chamber Choir, led by Jan Allen, will perform its renditions of "The National Anthem" and "God Bless America" during that ceremony.

The parade will kick off at 10:45 a.m., with Vietnam veteran Robert LaCosta, acting township administrator and long-time zoning officer in Scotch Plains, serving as grand marshal. Led by the color guards of the parade honorees (Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 10122, American Legion Post No. 209 and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter No. 688), the parade will begin at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building at 430 Park Avenue. It will proceed along Park Avenue, moving down Martine Avenue into the center of Fanwood and end at LaGrande Park.

The SPFHS Marching Band, under the direction of Durand Thomas, will again lead the line of march. Following the band will be representatives from the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, YMCA activities, youth athletic organizations, multiple other bands, including SPFHS Rhythm Sense, and various civic groups.

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liquor license transfer from Little Joe, Inc. - Eric Hirsch, president, to Joseph M. Polyak. Little Joe was a liquor store and bar, now closed, situated next to Kings Supermarket, where GNC is now located. Mr. Polyak was the former owner of Little Joe, which was transferred to a corporation headed by Mr. Hirsch. The corporation defaulted on its deed for the property occupied by Little Joe, and therefore Mr. Polyak resumed ownership.

Councilman Mathieu said in his Library Committee report that registration will begin Wednesday, June 13, for the summer reading program. Ryan Palmer was hired as a part-time seasonal helper to work for the DPW at \$9 per hour.

After the daughter of former Mayor George Casabona asked four months ago that a dedication to her father be made at the underpass in the borough, Mayor Quattrocchi said she was able to

get a meeting last week with NJ Transit. She received information she needed to go forward with having a plaque mounted there, but said the borough would have to hire an architect and an engineer. Also, she obtained a source for the funding of the plaque. The people who would fund it are more interested in having it hung at Borough Hall instead of at the underpass because of the dirt and grime that could be a detriment to the plaque, the mayor said. The underpass project began in 1952 and broke ground in 1962. Mayor Quattrocchi told *The Westfield Leader*. Ms. Todisco called the underpass a Garwood landmark.

Mr. Petruzzelli said the borough should reinstate the Green Team, which dissolved when former Councilman Anthony Sytko left office, to take advantage of the grant money available for alternate means of energy.

## Cranford Council

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Mt. Laurel agreement.

"The ordinance will provide Cranford with a policy document, with a housing element, and a vision for future development regardless of the Birchwood matter," Mr. Morin said. "It provides an analysis of the number of units and a view of demographics and employment statistics based on the 2010 Census data."

"The housing element addresses the 360 units of which 54 are to be for low-moderate income families. The unit numbers are to be in ratio to the area median income designed to bring Cranford in compliance with the Fair Share Plan, and regulates how each project will be constructed. The goal for total compliance is 2018," Mr. Morin added.

Opponents to the change in the land use ordinance fear that the change would allow development in an area that is environmentally sensitive and prone to flooding. They also fear an increase in traffic and an overburdening of the school system.

In other business, the final reading and public hearing on the \$33.7-million budget for 2012 was postponed to the Tuesday, June 12 meeting, due to an error in the ordinance.

The Committee will also vote, on June 12, on an amendment to the budget to include a state Clean Communities Grant of \$400,000 from the State Payment In Lieu of Taxes Program (PILOT).

An ordinance authorizing the elevation of houses at various locations in, by, and for the township, appropriating \$4,182,012, which will be raised from federal grants from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and insurance payments from the affected property owners was adopted by the committee. The homes being raised were destroyed during Hurricane Irene.

Another bond ordinance was adopted by the Committee to authorize the reconstruction of the lower level and other improvements to the Cranford Municipal Building due to damage by Irene. The move will appropriate \$3,500,000 to pay for the cost, make a down payment, authorize bonds to finance the appropriation, and to provide for the issuance of bonds, and anticipation notes in anticipation of such bonds.

The Committee also honored Eagle Scout John Hollier of Troop 75 and his fellow scouts for landscaping and power washing done at the First Methodist Church of Cranford.

## Westfield Vietnam War Memorial

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Veterans Fund will begin next month to construct a Vietnam War Memorial commemorating the service of all citizens of Westfield who served in the Vietnam War. The Vietnam War monument will honor those who sacrificed their lives in service of their country, as well the men and women who came home to begin or continue their adult lives.

The Memorial will be built in Monument Park on East Broad Street next to the train trestle. A sign currently marks the future location. Donations are still being accepted. The goal is to have the monument completed this summer and have a dedication ceremony on Veterans Day, November 11, 2012.

The Westfield Veterans Fund is appealing to all those who wish to honor these veterans by donating to this tribute. The Westfield Veterans Fund has been formed as a nonprofit 501c3 corporation to accept tax-deductible donations and grants.

The Westfield Veterans Fund would also like to thank those individuals and businesses that have already contributed to this Memorial. Donations can be made online at [www.westfieldveteransfund.org](http://www.westfieldveteransfund.org) or by mail to Westfield Veterans Fund, 405 Elm Street Westfield, N.J. 07090.



**TO HONOR OUR HEROES...**The Westfield Veterans Fund will begin next month to construct a Vietnam War Memorial commemorating the service of all citizens of Westfield who served in the Vietnam War.



**GUTEN TAG...**Bob Cozzolina catches up on local news in *The Westfield Leader* in front of Checkpoint Charlie in Berlin, Germany. The checkpoint became a symbol during the Cold War, representing the separation of east and west by preventing escape across the city sector border from East Berlin to West Berlin.

## Mountainside BOE

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recognizes the financial hardships of the school district as well as the struggles of many of the families within the community. We, too, have had to deal with many of the same situations in our own homes. For those reasons, we have made proposals reflective of our understanding of the current economic conditions."

Citing increases in health care benefit costs for MEA members as well as three unfair labor practices charges that were filed on behalf of MEA members in 2010, Ms. Jenks requested a solution to the negotiation process, one that is reasonable in her view.

"We have come here to the meeting tonight to reconsider the proposal currently on the table...we are the ones who counsel, protect and educate your children. We are on the front lines day in and day out. We are the safest investment this board will ever make," Ms. Jenks said.

Ridge Drive resident Marilyn Berney, a previous candidate for BOE, also addressed the board regarding the contract negotiations.

"As a parent in this district, I'm very torn in this scenario...I feel that there is a chasm within the school during the day when teachers come to school all dressed in black as a showing that they're in unity, they're unified. I don't believe necessarily that that is a great message for our kids."

Ms. Berney continued, "That being said, as a parent in the district knowing the financial constraints, I am appalled that after two years a contract has not been settled...This is nothing that happened overnight. Some of it was sprung on by the state, we all know that, but the over-

all picture, you knew a contract was coming up two years ago; something should have been in play back then. I don't think it's fair the teachers work without a contract. I do think they deserve some sort of increase to go along with their in-

creased health care cost contributions. I appreciate all their service, but there's got to be a better way than this divide that has been created."

Board member Dante Gioia, a member of the BOE's Personnel/Negotiations Committee, addressed Ms. Jenks and Ms. Berney. "Since everybody is here, just so we understand how schools are provided for, the majority in Mountainside is provided for through property taxes. In a lot of other districts, they have their property tax plus there's another huge pot of money that comes from our income taxes, which includes yours, and gets sent down to Trenton."

Mr. Gioia continued, "We send a little over \$50 million, the citizens of Mountainside. We receive back about 2 percent. There are other districts that are receiving four, and five, and six, and seven and eight hundred percent of what they send to Trenton. So, if you divide it equally, and I'm not sure that's the right formula, but if you did provide equally based on the number of students that are in the district, we would qualify for close to about \$8 million more [a year]."

"So we're having these conversations, and you know, in a way if everybody out there [Mountainside residents], if they understood what's happening, they could help us help you [the MEA] because it's not the teachers - the state did take stuff away. We're fighting to get it back, but it's going to be a very long battle."

BOE Vice-President Christopher Minks stated in a previous meeting that the next step in the negotiation process would include a fact finder, or mediator, to assist in the negotiations.

The next BOE meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 5, at 6:30 p.m., at Beechwood School. This meeting will be the annual goal-setting retreat. The public is encouraged to attend.

## CenCom Closing June 1 As MONOC Takes Over 9-1-1

SUMMIT - Atlantic Ambulance Corp., a subsidiary of Atlantic Health System, has announced that it will officially transfer operations for its regional 9-1-1 emergency dispatch center, known as CenCom, to the Monmouth Ocean Hospital Service Corporation, better known as MONOC, as of June 1 under a seven-year agreement. MONOC's 9-1-1 dispatch center is based out of Wall Township.

As previously reported by *The Westfield Leader*, word first spread of the closing of CenCom in February, when letters were mailed by MONOC and CenCom to member towns. CenCom has operated out of Overlook Medical Center in Summit for 30 years.

According to a press release from Atlantic Health Corp., under the agreement MONOC's medevac helicopter will operate cooperatively with Atlantic Ambulance's medevac fleet, which will be dispatched for emergency flights by MONOC.

CenCom, which was founded in 1982, handled 9-1-1, fire, paramedic and air dispatch for 18 paramedic units in 22 towns in Union, Essex and Morris Counties, as well as all of Atlantic Ambulance's air and ground emergency units.

"Combining the services handled previously by CenCom with those currently handled by MONOC, will make response to medical emergencies far more efficient," said Richard Donovan, director of Atlantic Ambulance Corp. "This will be a huge step towards meeting the changing needs of dispatching services in New Jersey, and ultimately better serving the public."

"Both of our organizations have made great efforts to ensure that the transition of CenCom's services will be seamless, with no change in the level of services or cost to client agencies," said Jeff Behm, senior vice-president and chief operating

officer at MONOC.

"As part of our expanding strategic alliance with Atlantic Ambulance Corp., MONOC is also seriously investigating participation in a statewide MedEvac network Atlantic is currently forming," said Vincent Robbins, MONOC president and chief executive officer.

According to the press release, Atlantic Ambulance and MONOC representatives are in the process of notifying agencies that will be affected by the transition, such as local EMS squads.

In recent weeks, Union County has signed agreements with Scotch Plains, Springfield, Hillside, Roselle, Roselle Park, and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway, as well as the Essex County community of South Orange, to join the expanding Union County dispatch center based out of Westfield as the county has reached out to or been contacted by towns serviced by CenCom.

In addition to their current dispatch responsibilities, MONOC will now dispatch Atlantic Ambulance's paramedic and 9-1-1 basic life support (BLS) units, several northern municipality BLS units, and will perform emergency medical dispatch 9-1-1 call screening for several other municipalities.

"As part of the agreement, MONOC will also dispatch Atlantic Ambulance's fleet of air medevac helicopters, known as Atlantic Air One, Two and Three. MONOC's own medevac helicopter, MONOC One, will operate cooperatively with Atlantic Ambulance's medevac fleet," according to the release.

Atlantic Ambulance will continue internal, non-emergency dispatch operations, such as inter-facility transport, as well as operating the Patient Transfer Center and proprietary ambulance dispatch, which are 24-hour-a-day, 365 day-a-year operations.

## Concert and Parade Among SP-F Memorial Day Events

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Scotch Plains-Fanwood Memorial Day observances will kick off with a special free concert by the Westfield Community Band, entitled “A Tribute to Fallen Heroes.” It will take place this Sunday, May 27, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the north side of the

Fanwood railroad station. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets.

Memorial Day observances will begin on Monday, May 28, with a memorial service at 8 a.m. at American Legion Post No. 209 at Park Avenue and Sunset Place in Scotch Plains, followed by a 9 a.m. laying of wreaths at the Fanwood Memorial Library at Tillotson Road and North Avenue. Wreaths will then be presented at the Veterans Monument at Park Avenue and Front Street in Scotch Plains at 10 a.m. The Scotch

Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS) Chamber Choir, led by Jan Allen, will perform its renditions of “The National Anthem” and “God Bless America” during that ceremony.

The parade will kick off at 10:45 a.m., with Vietnam veteran Robert LaCosta, acting township administrator and long-time zoning officer in Scotch Plains, serving as grand marshal. Led by the color guards of the parade honorees (Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 10122, American Legion Post No. 209 and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter No. 688), the parade will begin at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building at 430 Park Avenue. It will proceed along Park Avenue, moving down Martine Avenue into the center of Fanwood and end at LaGrande Park.

Scotch Plains parade announcers will be Vinnie and Nick Losavio, while Donna Dolce and Dale Flowers will provide Fanwood commentaries.

The SPFHS Marching Band, under the direction of Durand Thomas, will again lead the line of march. Following the band will be representatives from the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, YMCA activities, youth athletic organizations, multiple other bands, including SPFHS Rhythm Sense, and various civic groups.

The annual Westfield Memorial Day Parade will start at 9 a.m. with services at the World War I Veterans Memorial Monument at the North Avenue and East Broad Street Plaza. After opening ceremonies, the parade route will be north on East Broad Street, straight up to Fairview Cemetery, where the Veterans of Foreign Wars will have closing ceremonies.

The Westfield Memorial Day Parade Committee has selected Korean War veteran William Albert Kessinger of Scotch Plains as this year’s grand marshal. He currently is commander of Westfield American Legion Martin Wallberg Post No. 3.

Mountainside’s first-ever Memorial Day Parade will commence on Monday at noon at the Veterans flagpole monument on Constitution Plaza, between the firehouse on New Provi-

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## CenCom Closing June 1 As MONOC Takes Over 9-1-1

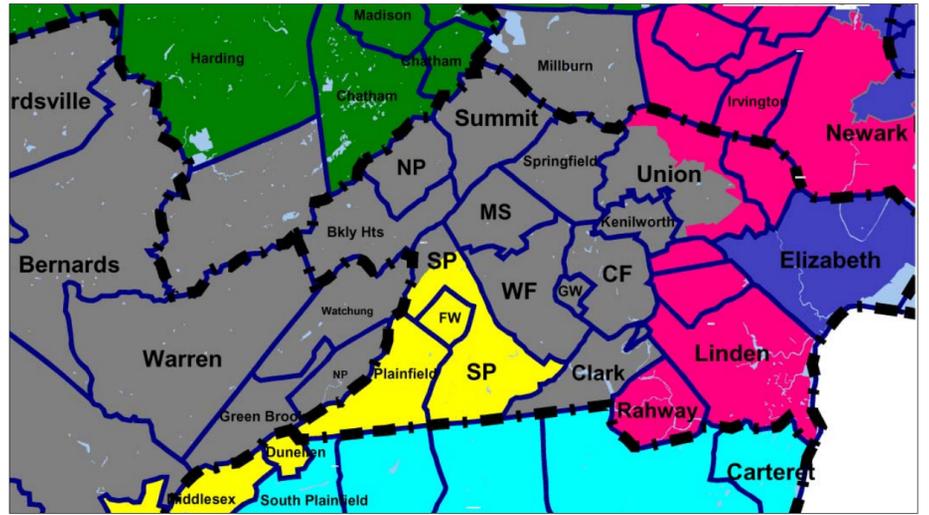
SUMMIT – Atlantic Ambulance Corp., a subsidiary of Atlantic Health System, has announced that it will officially transfer operations for its regional 9-1-1 emergency dispatch center, known as CenCom, to the Monmouth Ocean Hospital Service Corporation, better known as MONOC, as of June 1 under a seven-year agreement. MONOC’s 9-1-1 dispatch center is based out of Wall Township.

As previously reported by *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*, word first spread of the closing of CenCom in February, when letters were mailed by MONOC and CenCom to member towns. CenCom has operated out of Overlook Medical Center in Summit for 30 years.

According to a press release from Atlantic Health Corp., under the agreement MONOC’s medevac helicopter will operate cooperatively with Atlantic Ambulance’s medevac fleet, which will be dispatched for emergency flights by MONOC.

CenCom, which was founded in 1982, handled 9-1-1, fire, paramedic and air dispatch for 18 paramedic units in 22 towns in Union, Essex and Morris Counties, as well as all of Atlantic Ambulance’s air and ground emergency units.

“Combining the services handled previously by CenCom with those currently handled by MONOC, will make response to medical emergencies far more efficient,” said Richard Donovan, director of Atlantic Ambulance Corp. “This will be a huge step towards meeting the changing needs



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REALIGNED... Under the newly realigned New Jersey Congressional Districts map, all but a small section of Scotch Plains and all of Fanwood have been moved from the 7th Congressional District to the 12th District. The 12th District stretches from Ewing Township in Mercer County through Middlesex County and into Union County. A small section of Scotch Plains, mostly along Route 22 and consisting of around 1,000 residents, will remain in District 7. Please see statewide Congressional District map on Page 10.

## Freeholders’ Budget Vote Moved As Trenton Delays Refinancing

By PAUL J. PEYTON  
Specially Written for *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*

COUNTY – Union County Freeholder Fiscal Affairs Committee Chairman Dan Sullivan announced Thursday that the board’s adoption vote on the county’s \$483-million budget, originally scheduled for Thursday, May 31, has been moved to Thursday, June 14. He said the move was needed due to postponement of the county’s application before the state’s Local Finance Board to refinance \$83 million of long-term debt. That hearing was originally set for May 9 in Trenton, but has been moved to Friday, May 25.

“This effectively pushes back the date of anticipation of any revenue the county would realize if the financing plan is approved by the DCA (Department of Community Affairs),” Mr. Sullivan said in a statement read at the start of the meeting.

He said an amendment to the 2012

county budget per the Local Finance Board action would be introduced at the May 31 freeholders meeting, with a public hearing scheduled at the start of the June 14 meeting prior to the board’s adoption vote on the budget.

The Local Finance Board approved the refinancing of \$24.7 million in bonds from the Union County Juvenile Detention Center facility project and another \$5 million in revenue refunding bonds for the correctional facility project at its April 11 meet-

ing. The board was to have heard the refinancing of \$24.9 million in bonds for the City of Plainfield/Park Madison Redevelopment and \$28 million in outstanding debt for the juvenile detention center projects on May 9. Those applications will now be heard on May 25.

As the county continues to move ahead with privatization for operations at Runnells Specialized Hospital, the freeholders on Thursday ap-

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## The Pointe vs. Garwood Litigation Concluded

By CHRISTINA M. HINKE  
Specially Written for *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*

GARWOOD – Litigation between The Pointe and the borough concerning snow and garbage removal was concluded as of last Friday, after a hearing that lasted about eight months, Borough Attorney Joseph Triarsi said Tuesday at the Garwood Borough Council meeting. Mr. Triarsi said he expects to hear the judge’s written decision in about two weeks.

Lou Petruzzelli, committee representative for the \$2.1-million Athletic Field Complex, which will replace the Little League field off of South Avenue, between Oak Street and Rankin Avenue, with a large and diverse field for an array of

athletics, said addendums were added after the pre-bid meeting took place. The addendums included clarifying the extent of the environmental work that needs to be undertaken at the site and to set a new date of Thursday, June 7, to receive bids.

During public comment, Richard King asked if it was true that the Athletic Field Complex was being “squashed.”

“No, it’s not true,” Mayor Patricia Quattrocchi said. “Since there was adequate monies to handle construction... the project is going forward.”

Albert DeConti, who inquired at the last council meeting about the

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Paul Lachenauer for *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*

FLOWER POWER... Gardeners shop for flowers at the Union County Master Gardeners Spring Garden Fair and Plant Sale held Sunday at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside. The annual sale is a fund-raising event that helps support the community projects of the Master Gardeners. This year marks the 22nd anniversary of the event, which has been chaired by Scotch Plains Master Gardener Joanne Kreuger since 1991.

## Choir Festival Raises Money For SP, FW Rescue Squads

By SARA MAGNOLA-TANER  
Specially Written for *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*

FANWOOD – The first annual Fanwood Choir Festival, which was held Sunday evening at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, featured musicians and directors from Scotch Plains, Fanwood and surrounding communities performing instrumental anthems. A free-will offering was collected to raise money for the Scotch Plains and Fanwood Rescue Squads.

“It takes many facets to make a community,” said Fanwood Councilwoman Katherine Mitchell, who was attending in place of Mayor Colleen Mahr. “We don’t think about our public safety people until we need them, so it’s fitting for community choir(s) to be helping to raise money.”

The 60-person choir opened with a powerful and uplifting version of “Let There Be Light,” conducted by Andrew Moore, chairman of the music department at The Pingry School, filling the vaulted church ceilings with the beautiful harmony of voices and organ notes.

Other musical highlights from the

evening included a jovial and upbeat rendition of “Psalm of Deliverance,” during which children from the audience joined the choirs in singing, and a performance of “Here I am Lord,” which was punctuated by the reverberations of the violin and cello, played by Christina and Daniel Ragonese, respectively.

Tom Kranz of the Fanwood Rescue Squad and Deacon Robert Gurske of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, who were both in attendance, thanked the audience prior to the free-will offering.

“Thanks, everyone, for coming and especially (to the) choir,” Mr. Kranz said. “The rescue squad is all volunteers. We do it because we want to, and really appreciate the support of the community.”

“This is a place of great friendship here tonight. We members of the rescue squad are your friends and neighbors, and we are here for you in your time of need,” Mr. Gurske added.

Fanwood Presbyterian Church Choir Director Tom Berdos said the event drew an attendance of 230 and helped raise \$2,100 in funds for the

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Paul Lachenauer for *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*

WOOF WALK... Canines and their human companions get some exercise and enjoy the beautiful weather at the Rotary Club Woof Walk held Sunday in Scotch Plains.



Photo courtesy of Lu Ann Kaldor

DEDICATION... On Earth Day, Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr dedicated a bench in the Fanwood Nature Center to one of its founders, Donald Schnable. What started as a project between two neighbors is now considered to be “the best kept secret in town.” For more information, visit fanwoodec.org/nature-center.

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CHIRP...The swallows returned to San Juan Capistrano, Calif., on March 19 to read *The Westfield Leader*. Some remained to sing and flit around the beautiful gardens and lily pond at the old mission. They enjoy greeting the visitors like Honey Corbin from Peach Tree City, Ga., shown above.

# WF Residents, Firefighters Call for Increased Staffing

By LAUREN S. BARR  
Specially Written for *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*

WESTFIELD – Following Saturday's house fire on Barchester Way, approximately 20 members of the Westfield Fire Department (WFD) were present at Tuesday night's Westfield Town Council meeting in support of increased staffing.

Saturday's fire call was received at 1:26 p.m. and WFD arrived on scene at 1:31 p.m. WFD's second engine was on a mutual aid call in Springfield at the time of the Barchester Way call and did not arrive on scene until 1:43 p.m.

Fire Chief Dan Kelly told *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* that when the first engine arrived on scene they activated the Union County Mutual Aid system and recalled off-duty firefighters. In total, 11 departments responded to the fire, with eight utilized on scene and three covering the rest of the town. Firefighters were in the house for approximately one hour battling the blaze, which began in a microwave, until there was a partial roof collapse and the structure was deemed unsafe.

Westfield Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association (FMBA) No. 30 President Mike Sawicki introduced state FMBA President Bill Lavin, who spoke to the town council about the need for increased staffing.

Mr. Lavin told the council that this is, "not just a Westfield issue but a statewide problem." He said that because of the Springfield Fire Department's understaffing, there was only one engine in town at the time of Saturday's fire. He said he knows the town has applied for a federal grant that would allow it to hire more firefighters, but he is concerned that with the current staffing levels, the town is running "the risk of having a serious tragedy."

Mayor Andy Skibitsky said that while unpopular, the town's new sewer fee has been instituted, "to insure we could maintain a paid fire department."

Ellen Di Iorio, whose Cumberland Street home was destroyed by fire in September of last year, spoke to the council of the need for more firefighters. She said the fire started in the basement of their home, and blocked them from being able to escape from their bedroom, except from the window. Mrs. Di Iorio said the family lost not only their home, but a dog, cat and two birds. She said if her children, who are now grown, had been across the hall from her bedroom, "they may have lost their lives." She told the council the WFD did not have enough manpower to enter the house, and it was not until the Plainfield Fire Department arrived 15 minutes later that firefighters actually entered the home to battle the blaze.

Councilwoman JoAnn Neylan, who chairs the council's Public Safety Committee, told Mrs. Di Iorio, "thank you for having the courage to come and speak." She said council members all live in town and share the same risks as all residents, adding that the town is not hiring more firefighters because it does not want to. "What we're trying to do is provide the best service with the funds we have," she said.

Resident John Blake said the council has been lessening public safety by not hiring more firefighters. He said the "mutual aid [system] is being used for regionalization" and not for catastrophic events as it was designed for. He said if the town asked each household for an additional \$10 to fund the fire department they would be applauded, and that the council cannot say the town is as safe with six firefighters on duty as opposed to the 10 it used to have.

"Would we be safer if we had one firefighter per household? Absolutely," Councilwoman Neylan responded. But, she said, the problem is the national economy and its trickle down effect to municipalities. "It's not us against you."

First Ward Councilman Frank Arena accused Mr. Blake of having an agenda.

Third Ward Councilman Dave Haas said it was inappropriate for Mr. Arena to discuss anyone's motives. Mr. Haas added that the motives of all the council members are good, but that he feels that the finance committee's meetings should be open so that the actual debates on expenditures are public.

"Oh, we have debate; we don't just go in lock step," Councilwoman Neylan retorted.

WFD Lieutenant Tim Brennan, who spoke as both a member of the department and a Westfield resident, said that the department is "still fast and effective, but no longer fully capable." He said the rescue that was done of a man trapped by fire on Mountain Avenue last year violated several laws and that the department needs more firefighters.

Mayor Skibitsky said if the FMBA was willing to open the contract up for renegotiation, the town could possibly increase the number of firefighters on each shift. Lieutenant Brennan responded that he could not speak on behalf of the union, but when pressed for his personal opinion by Fourth Ward Councilman Jim Foerst, he said, "to a point, yes."

In other business, the council approved a resolution to formalize the agreement between the town and the Westfield Board of Education to make traffic and parking improvements in the area of Westfield High School

(WHS). The board of education approved the same resolution at its May 15 meeting.

The plan includes an expansion of the current WHS parking lot along Rahway Avenue, re-striping of the Armory parking lot to create more spaces, the construction of a pullout for buses on Rahway Avenue, expansion of the parking lot at Edison Intermediate School, new parking restrictions on one side of the street on Dorian Road, Dorian Court, Dorian Place, Shadowlawn Drive, and Nottingham Place, as well as the opening of one side of the street parking on Edgar Road.

Resident David Gibson of Dorian Road expressed some concern that he was not notified of this project, and was especially concerned as to the aesthetics of the new parking lot.

Councilwoman Neylan said special attention would be paid to the landscaping of the parking lot. She said residents in her ward had a similar concern when Temple Emanu-El constructed its parking lot, and the landscaping there makes its lot nearly unseen.

## Parades

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dence Road and the Mountainside Public Library.

Upon conclusion of the opening ceremony, veterans, Scouts, rescue squad, fire department and police personnel, Rotary Club members and community groups will parade toward Deerfield Elementary School. The parade will proceed from Constitution Plaza up to Bridle Path to Wood Valley Road to Central Avenue, ending in Deerfield's parking lot. The parade is expected to end at 1 p.m.

Cranford will hold its parade on Monday beginning at 9 a.m. The parade route runs from Sherman Park, across from the Cranford Methodist Church on Lincoln Avenue, to Memorial Park on Springfield Avenue. The parade will follow Lincoln Avenue south to Walnut Avenue, to North Avenue, to Eastman Street, to Centennial Avenue, to Springfield Avenue to Memorial Park.



GUTEN TAG...Bob Cozzolina catches up on local news in *The Westfield Leader* in front of Checkpoint Charlie in Berlin, Germany. The checkpoint became a symbol during the Cold War, representing the separation of east and west by preventing escape across the city sector border from East Berlin to West Berlin.

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rat problem on the 400 block of Willow Avenue, where he owns property, said he had met with the health inspector and had resolved his issues with her. He asked what the borough was doing to correct the issue. Councilwoman Sara Todisco said the borough has a plan in place to remove weed overgrowth along the entire brook on Friday, May 25, and then poison will be set out for the rats.

The council introduced a bond ordinance in the amount of \$340,000 to authorize the 2012 road and drainage improvement project. Councilman Jim Mathieu abstained because he said his employer instructed him to abstain from voting on bonding ordinances.

The borough has signed on with Nixle alert system, where residents can sign up to receive text or e-mail messages for priority notices about public safety issues from the Garwood Police Department.

The council awarded a contract to Nature's Choice Corporation for the removal of brush and mixed yard waste at the quote of \$490 for a 30 cubic yard roll off-container and \$14.95 per yard delivered to the transfer station by the Depart-

ment of Public Works (DPW) for a one-year term beginning Friday, June 1. The council also awarded a contract to Grinnell Recycling to dispose of street sweepings and spoils for one year beginning June 1 at the quote of \$660 per load of a 20-yard cubic yard container.

Ms. Todisco announced that the Memorial Day ceremony will take place at the Knights of Columbus at noon, and that hot dogs and chips will be served. Garwood will take part in Cranford's Memorial Day parade beginning at 9 a.m.

Also on the consent agenda was a liquor license transfer from Little Joe, Inc. – Eric Hirsch, President, to Joseph M. Polyak. Little Joe was a liquor store and bar, now closed, situated next to Kings Supermarket, where GNC is now located. Mr. Polyak was the former owner of Little Joe, which was transferred to a corporation headed by Mr. Hirsch. The corporation defaulted on its deed for the property occupied by Little Joe, and therefore Mr. Polyak resumed ownership.

Councilman Mathieu said in his Library Committee report that registration will begin Wednesday, June 13, for the summer reading program.

## Union County Freeholders

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proved a resolution to procure a vendor to take over dietary, housekeeping and laundry services at the Berkeley Heights hospital. The county is laying off 280 workers, accounting for 10 percent of its workforce, in order to close an estimated \$35-million budget hole.

One hundred-and-fifty of the layoffs are at Runnells in the departments listed above, as well as in physical, occupational and recreation therapy. The freeholders approved a one-year, \$1.9-million contract to Kennett Square, Pa.-based Genesis ElderCare to take over occupational, physical and speech therapy services at Runnells.

During its agenda meeting on Thursday, the board considered items for the June 14 action agenda. Resolutions will be on the agenda to add Roselle Park and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway, as well as South Orange in Essex County, to the list of entities to be serviced by the expansion of Union County's 9-1-1 emergency dispatch center in Westfield.

The county will provide dispatch services for Roselle Park's fire and Emergency Medical Basic Life Support Dispatch Services, for two paramedic units at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and for South Orange's EMS. As a result of these shared-service agreements, eight entities will be serviced by the Union County dispatch service. Fanwood, Hillside, Roselle, Scotch Plains and Springfield also have agreements with the county. The new towns joining, including South Orange, were serviced by CenCom out of Overlook Medical Center in Summit. CenCom has said it will close its doors on June 1.

Andrew Moran, the county's public safety director, said that Union County representatives met with South Orange officials on May 16. "They were very impressed with our operation and we spoke to them today [May 17] and they want to go ahead with the shared-service agreement," Mr. Moran told the board.

"The more municipalities we have on it will lower the county's portion in operating the county's dispatch center," Mr. Moran said. Freeholder Chairman Al Mirabella added, "I think it's very good for this county to be taking on some of that dispatching out of necessity for CenCom closing, but (also) to help our municipalities. I think they will realize a savings as well as contribute to the overall operation in the dispatch area."

The board also considered resolutions to enable the county to proceed with the issuing of \$100 million in bonds as part of the refinancing of \$130 million in short-term bond anticipation notes issued July 1, 2011.

"We are taking advantage of current market conditions to implement our long-term financing plans," Finance Director Bibi Taylor explained to the freeholders.

Human Services Director Frank Guzzo said revenue provided to the county through the state's casino revenue tax has plummeted \$273,000 from last year to \$1,082,533. A resolution will be on the June 14 agenda for the county to enter into a contract with NJ Transit to secure the funding

through the Casino Tax Revenue, Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents Transportation Assistance Program Grant. The county uses the funds for its Paratransit program.

Mr. Guzzo said he was hopeful that legislation in Trenton to initiate Internet gaming in New Jersey would move forward.

"It is our belief that if that takes effect that will add much needed dollars to those coffers to provide services for Paratransit as well as other senior programs throughout the State of New Jersey," Mr. Guzzo said.

In the meantime, he said the county is "at that tipping point" where the county is "going to have to start making some very, very tough decisions relative to services for individuals that rely on this service, which are the elderly and the disabled."

He said transportation for chemotherapy and medical services trips would likely be continued while socialization and shopping trip transportation might have to be cut.

"We are looking at every option that we can to avoid reducing services at all," Mr. Guzzo said.

On another issue relative to outside funding sources, Ron Zuber, director of the county's Parks and Community Renewal Department, said the county would receive \$5 million through the Community Development Block Grant, \$846,000 for the county's HOME Investment Partnership and \$421,000 for the emergency shelter grant. All three are through the federal government's Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

County Manager Al Faella said the grants are down 16 percent from last year. "So we may be facing similar choices and difficult decisions to make relative to some of our community development programs as well," Mr. Faella said.

## Choir

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two squads.

"It was my idea to do the fundraiser, having done a similar event years ago at another church," Mr. Berdos told *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*. "There is strong positive sentiment about doing this again next year. I'm hopeful that we will!"

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municipality BLS units, and will perform emergency medical dispatch 9-1-1 call screening for several other municipalities.

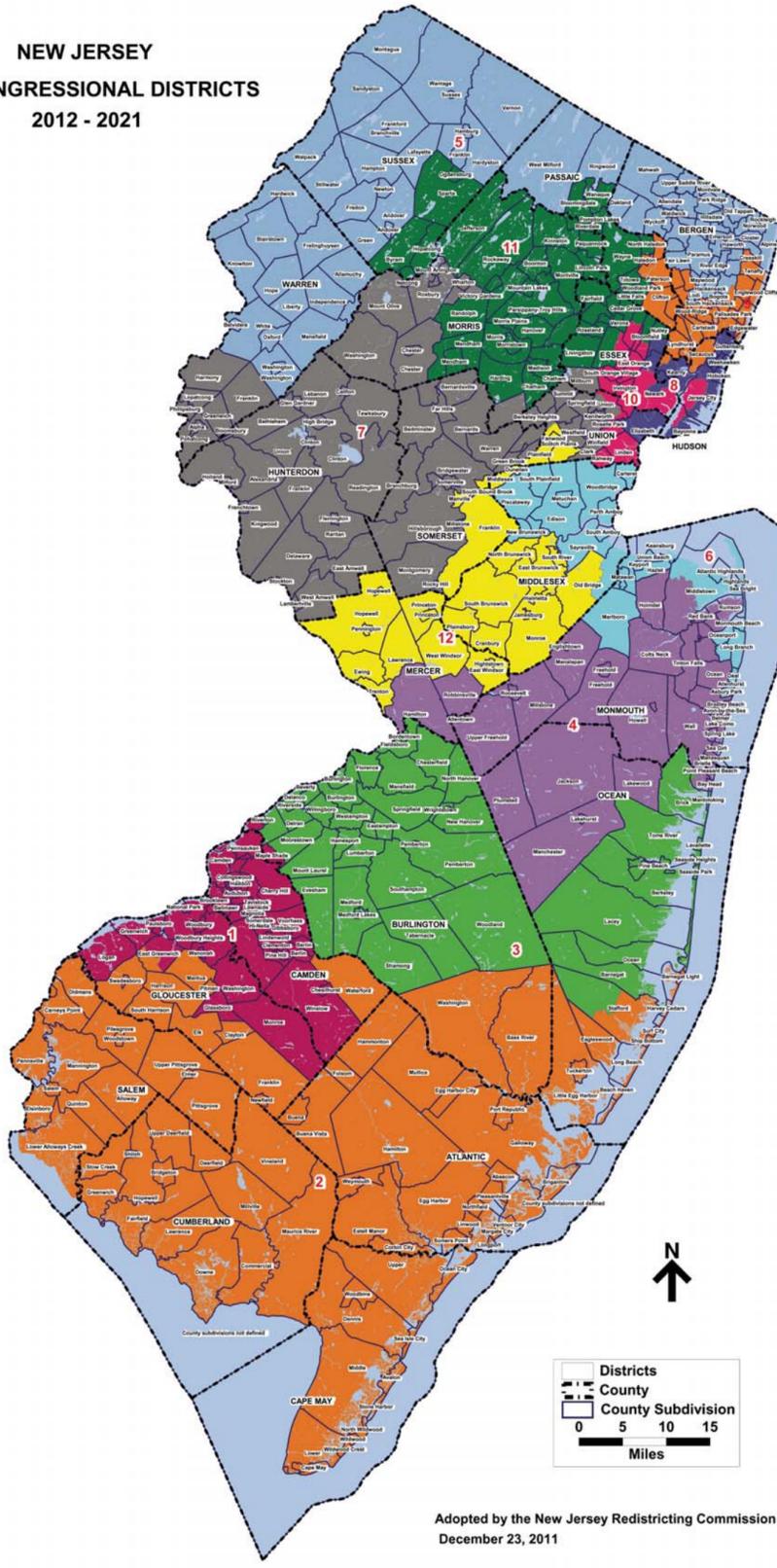
"As part of the agreement, MONOC will also dispatch Atlantic Ambulance's fleet of air medevac helicopters, known as Atlantic Air One, Two and Three. MONOC's own medevac helicopter, MONOC One, will operate cooperatively with Atlantic Ambulance's medevac fleet," according to the release.

Atlantic Ambulance will continue internal, non-emergency dispatch operations, such as inter-facility transport, as well as operating the Patient Transfer Center and proprietary ambulance dispatch, which are 24-hour-a-day, 365 day-a-year operations.



SORRY SIGHT...Firefighters spent approximately three hours on Saturday afternoon putting out an accidental fire that was believed to have originated in a microwave and ultimately destroyed a two-story home on Barchester Way in Westfield. Several Westfield High School students attempted to control the fire and assisted in removing the two children from the residence before firefighters arrived.

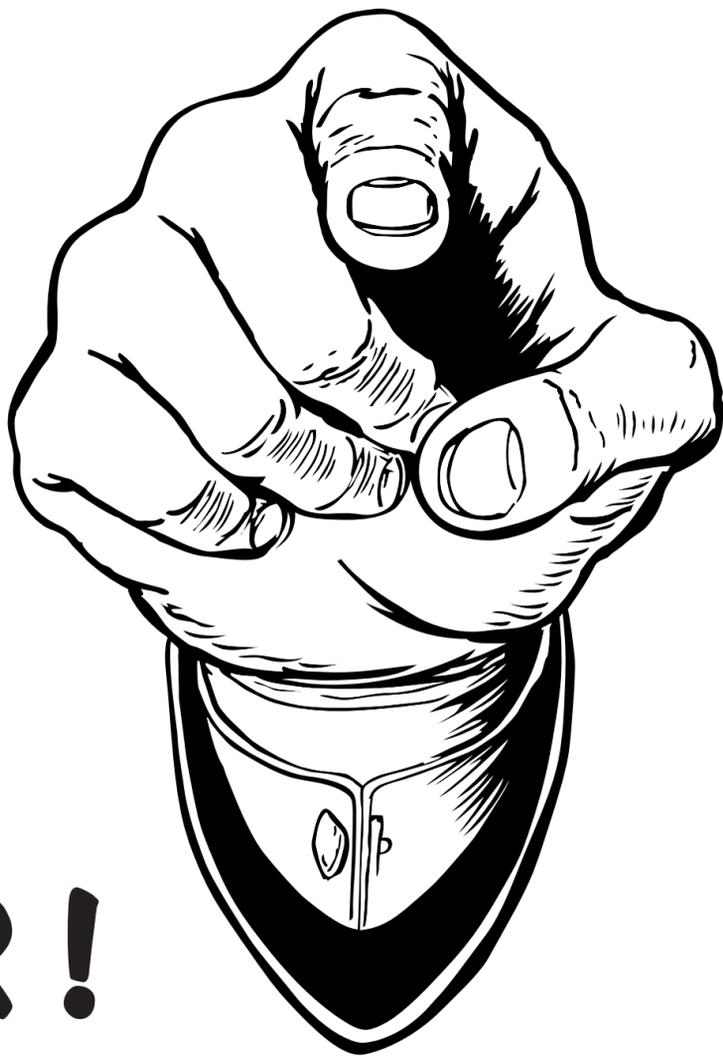
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Robert Barrett

### Rescue Squad EMT Robert Barrett Receives Overlook Award

SUMMIT — Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad member Robert Barrett will receive the Overlook Medical Center 2012 EMT Excellence Award. The award was to be presented at Overlook's annual Excellence in EMS Awards dinner last night, May 23, in Summit.

Mr. Barrett has been a member of the all-volunteer squad for 20 years. During those 20 years at the squad, he has served as captain, president, vice-president and treasurer.

Mr. Barrett said the reason he has volunteered for so long is that he has a desire to help people in a time of need. Not just helping people with injuries or medical needs, but for

their emotional needs as well. When asked why he does the squad work, Mr. Barrett replied, "I just like helping people, the sick, injured and elderly, and being on the squad has allowed me to do that." Mr. Barrett and his wife Nancy have been Westfield residents for 40 years.

This award comes during the squad's 2012 fund drive, which started in March. Westfield residents will again be receiving a mailing asking for their continued support of the squad with a donation. Fund Drive Chairwoman Lynn Feldman said the reason for the second mailing is to remind those who have not yet made a donation.

### SP, GW Projects Recognized By State Planning Officials

AREA — Union County was well represented at the New Jersey Planning Officials' (NJPO) 14th annual Achievements in Planning Awards banquet held May 4 at the Woodbridge Hilton Hotel.

NJPO, the association of planning boards and zoning boards of adjustment which originated in 1939, works to preserve communities' quality of life standards by educating local municipal officials. Their board recognized two local projects by bestowing awards upon The Mews at Garwood, located in Garwood and Park Avenue Green in Scotch Plains. Newark Mayor Cory Booker was the keynote speaker for the event.

Park Avenue Green, built by Steve Needle of Needle Point Homes, was designed to include 12 luxury rental units in the heart of downtown Scotch Plains. This project achieved Energy Star recognition by incorporating energy efficient features to lessen

energy usage. Additionally, Park Avenue Green is located to offer easy access to public transportation, shopping, restaurants and other community offerings. Architect Roger Winkle and James Watson of EKA Engineering were engaged for their professional expertise.

The Mews at Garwood, constructed by Arc Properties and Millennium Homes of Livingston, is a mixed-use facility featuring retail and commercial spaces, residential condominiums and rental apartments. The project reclaimed a long unoccupied site, revitalizing Garwood by making use of its proximity to commuter transportation and the downtown area. Harbor Engineering and architects Chester Partnership were instrumental in this project.

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### Peyton's Peek at the Week In Politics

By Paul Peyton of The Leader/Times



#### Roselle Council Endorses Rice in Congressional Race

The Roselle Democratic Committee, Roselle Mayor Jamel Holley and the majority of the Borough Council, including Council members Christine Dansereau, Roy Locke, Randy Sandifer and Kim Shaw, last week formally endorsed Newark Councilman Ron C. Rice's 10th Congressional District bid leading up to the June 5 Primary, [politickernj.com](http://politickernj.com) has reported. They join Union County Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh, also a Roselle resident, who endorsed Mr. Rice in April. Councilman Rice is the son of state Senator Ron L. Rice (D-28, Newark).

Mr. Rice joins a Democratic field that includes State Senator Nia Gill (D-34, Montclair), Newark Councilman Donald M. Payne, Jr., Irvington Mayor Wayne Smith, and Cathy Wright of Newark. Brian Kelemen of Bayonne is the lone Republican in the heavily Democratic district contest. They are seeking to replace the late long-time Rep. Donald Payne, Sr.

Donald Payne, Jr., Mr. Smith and Mr. Rice are also candidates in a special election to be held June 5 to finish out the remaining six months of the Congressman Payne's term.

#### Christie at 53 Percent Approval Race in Poll

Governor Chris Christie received a 53 percent approval rating in the latest Quinnipiac University poll of 1,582 registered voters. In the same poll, President Barack Obama received a 54 percent approval rating from New Jerseyans.

"It's interesting. Obama is, without a doubt, the best campaigner we've seen in a long time. Christie does know how to keep himself favorably in front of people," poll director Maurice Carroll told [politickernj.com](http://politickernj.com). "They're both just excellent at projecting themselves and telling people who they are."

Also, Democratic first-term incumbent U.S. Sen. Robert Menendez leads Republican State Senator Joseph Kyrillos, 45 to 35 percent, in the U.S. Senate race. Democrats backed Mr. Menendez, 80 - 3 percent, while Republicans backed Mr. Kyrillos 79 - 7 percent, according to the poll.

#### President Clinton Endorses Pascrell Over Rothman

Former President Bill Clinton has announced his support for Rep. Bill Pascrell (D-8th) in the Ninth Congressional District Democratic Primary, [politickernj.com](http://politickernj.com) has reported. Mr. Pascrell is being challenged by

Rep. Steve Rothman (D-9th). The primary fight developed after Mr. Rothman was redistricted into Rep. Scott Garrett's (R-5th) district, but opted to run against Mr. Pascrell instead of Mr. Garrett.

"I know Bill Pascrell and he is the fighter we need to support President Obama," President Clinton said. "Nothing is more important to Bill than creating jobs in New Jersey. I saw that in the eight years we worked together to build unprecedented prosperity for America. We can't afford to lose his ideas, energy, and experience just when they're needed most."

#### Sen. Scutari Schedules Hearing To Consider Harris for High Court

Republican Chatham Borough Mayor Bruce Harris, Governor Chris Christie's nominee to the state Supreme Court, will get a confirmation hearing May 31, Sen. Nicholas Scutari (D-22, Linden), the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee has announced.

Mr. Harris would be the first openly gay justice and the third African American to serve on the state's highest court if confirmed. His confirmation hearing was postponed in March because the Senate committee spent the day questioning Gov. Christie's other nominee, First Assistant State Attorney General Phillip Kwon, whose nomination was defeated in a 7-6 party-line vote, [nj.com](http://nj.com) reported.

Senate Minority Leader Thomas Kean Jr. (R-21, Westfield) said in a statement that Mr. Harris "deserves better than a repeat of Kwon's confirmation hearing."

"As a public and commercial finance attorney and a long-standing local elected official, Bruce Harris uniquely understands how the Supreme Court's interpretation of the state constitution impacts the citizens of this state," Mr. Kean said. "Unfortunately, the last confirmation conducted for a Supreme Court nominee was anything but fair, impartial, or deliberate. Phil Kwon was rejected for reasons of partisanship and politics rather than his merits and qualifications."

#### Allen wants to Extend Bullying Bill of Rights to Teachers

State Senator Diane Allen (R-8, Burlington) has proposed legislation to speed the disciplinary process for teachers and other school officials found to have engaged in bullying, intimidation, or harassment of students.

"My bill extends New Jersey's Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act to bullying that is conducted by teachers and other school employees," she said.



GREEN AWARD WINNERS... Wendy Ramirez and Sandy Coleman of Artemesia were awarded the Cranford Green Business Certificate at a recent Cranford Township Committee meeting. Pictured, from left to right, are: Cranford Councilman Ed O'Malley, Mayor David Robinson, Cranford Chamber of Commerce President Eugene Matics, Cranford Green Business Team Chairwoman Debra Walker, Ms. Coleman and Ms. Ramirez.

### DWC Readies for Summer; Ferraro's to Reopen in Sept.

By DOMINIC A. LAGANO  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD — The Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC), the management entity of the Special Improvement District (SID), discussed upcoming events in town for the summer months at its monthly board of directors meeting Monday night.

Registration has been opened for the 11th annual Downtown Westfield 5K Run and Pizza Extravaganza scheduled for Wednesday, July 25, at 7 p.m. The first 2,000 registrants will receive a free T-shirt commemorating the event. Entrants can find information for registration at [WestfieldToday.com](http://WestfieldToday.com). Last year's run had over 2,500 participants and over 6,000 spectators were present in the downtown area.

Executive Director Sherry Cronin stated there is already interest in this year's race. "We are doing well on our sponsorships for the 5K...considering where we're at compared to past year. Online, we've had 189 people who have registered." The deadline for registration is Monday, July 23.

The 16th annual Sweet Sounds Downtown Jazz Festival will be held Tuesday nights in July and August from 7 to 9 p.m. More than 30 jazz bands will be performing in four locations across town: Central Avenue by Quimby Street, the corner of East Broad Street and North Avenue, Elm Street near Orchard Street, and North Avenue near the train station.

The complete schedule for the jazz festival is featured on the DWC's website. In case of inclement weather, the event will move to the following Wednesday.

Several board members observed that restaurants are usually the only downtown businesses that remain

open from 5 to 7 p.m. while retailers usually close their stores at 5 p.m.

A discussion ensued amongst the board members on how to encourage businesses to remain open later in the evening to take advantage of the patrons in town for the jazz event, similar to the Girls Night Out event.

"We bring so many people downtown for jazz, why aren't they [retailers] open? Or why aren't they using that to cross promote their business, like Girls Night Out?" Ms. Cronin responded. "Girls Night Out is a ring the register type of event. Jazz is not. It's really more for the restaurants because it's different and it ended up that way. But it doesn't have to be."

The board then considered ideas on how to encourage retail businesses to remain open on jazz nights, which they will pass on to downtown retailers.

In other news, it was announced that Ferraro's Restaurant would be reopening its doors on Elm Street this September. A six-alarm fire on May 5 of last year destroyed restaurant and caused significant damage to neighboring buildings.

Initial estimates put the restaurant's reopening for this past Mother's Day. A reassessment later changed that date to June of this year. Town Administrator Jim Gildea said the construction delay was due to permit issues.

"They had an issue on how they were going to work on their interior. The exterior they had permits for, the interior was the issue they had. So, it is now two weeks ago they received their permits on the interior. We are waiting for them to get back to us with how it's going to be finished and so forth," Mr. Gildea said.

Mr. Gildea continued, "They're on pace now; they're going to move very fast. They're looking to September at this point."

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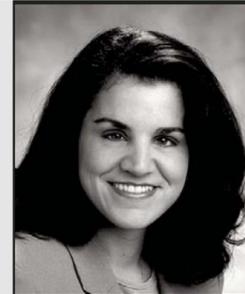
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## Dear Residents of Westfield

As you may know, the Westfield Board of Education has been discussing, and recently approved for public vote on September 24, the issuance of bonds to fund roof replacements and to install a multi-purpose artificial turf field. Approximately 85 percent of our aging existing roofs would be replaced, with some work done at each of our 12 buildings. The artificial turf field would be installed at Westfield High School, which would benefit every student at WHS, as well as benefit the increased number of students and children throughout our town. All of the Board discussions on these projects are available for viewing at your convenience at [www.westfieldnj12.org](http://www.westfieldnj12.org).

Some residents have subsequently raised questions about these projects and in a few cases, it is apparent that information circulating in the community was either misreported or misunderstood as originally communicated. The purpose of this letter is to help clarify the information and respond to these inquiries.

**Roofs:** You may recall that starting about two years ago we embarked on a project to put solar on our roofs. Through many meetings with solar developers and after being considered for a broader Union County solar initiative, we learned that no solar developer would undertake a meaningful solar project because too much underlying roof repair was necessary to ensure that the roofs would last for the entire life of the solar project. The average age of the majority of our roofs is over 20 years old. The "patch as you go" approach is no longer sustainable. We would spend too much money each year just trying to keep up and to replace only a small portion of the roofs in any one year. That approach quickly becomes extremely uneconomical and inefficient.

**How did we get into such a position?**

1. About ten years ago the state took away our ability to save more than 2 percent in our reserve fund balance.
2. Three years ago the state decreased our state aid by 96 percent.
3. Two years ago the state placed a 2 percent cap on all school district budgets.

As a result, we do not have the ability to save for large capital improvement projects. There is no scenario that will allow us to fund our current roofing needs without a bond issuance. We do have a five-year facilities plan and we have been able to make headway with replacement of boilers, windows, lockers and other projects. We cannot fund new roofs through our operating budget without making substantial cuts to all the valuable programs and people who help bring success to our Westfield students and continue to attract new families to our town.

**Lighted Turf Field:** Do we really "need" a turf field at Westfield High School? It would be a struggle to suggest that the District can't survive without one. But we are not measuring "need" by whether we can get by without one. We are measuring "need" based on, among other things, field usage, safety, current field conditions, and the projected number of students to be playing on our fields in the future. Additionally, we asked a simple question: Do we want to increase capacity to allow more of our children to spend more time outdoors undertaking physical activity through gym classes and organized sports? As you know from our vote on the turf field, the answer is a resounding YES. We believe that it is important to increase field usage capacity during periods of poor weather and during non-daylight hours for these purposes. The Board of Education believes it is important to provide as much opportunity as possible for all of our students to participate in our outdoor athletic programs (in this case, WHS gym classes and programs) as well as in organized sports (if you have the time to review the Board presentations on this topic at [www.westfieldnj12.org](http://www.westfieldnj12.org), the growth in programs over the years will be obvious). Currently, Westfield has only one turf field that is regulation size for most sports (Kehler). A town like Chatham, which is smaller in population than Westfield, has four regulation size turf fields.

We have been asked to make the leagues pay for the turf field, or simply to impose a user fee on those using the fields. While we could ask the leagues to contribute, or impose such a fee, there is no way we would collect enough to put down a turf field. When we have asked for help from the leagues in the past, they have been there. But these have been requests in the thousands of dollars, not in amounts that we could rely on to build and maintain a project of this scale. The improved safety and availability of playing time on the turf field will benefit every student in physical education classes at Westfield High School as well as the student athletes who work hard to bring home both county and state championships, and the growing number of younger children in feeder programs throughout the town. We know there are many in town whose kids have moved on. They don't feel the need to fund a field for today's children

and that makes some sense. As a Board we believe that everyone benefits when we build a stronger school district. This may be directly, as you watch your own kids go through the system, or, for those whose children have all moved on, it may be indirectly, as you continue to live in an attractive town that takes pride in what we have to offer.

We also have heard that a turf field will complicate traffic conditions and cause lighting concerns for residents close to the field. We are sensitive to these issues. We will be mindful of the scheduling of events and will work to utilize our increased parking facilities to handle parking flow. That is not an easy undertaking and we know that we will need to continue to partner with the Army and Town to ensure multiple large-scale events do not occur at one time, and to safely direct traffic if individual large events do occur. We do not believe that the addition of a turf field will cause additional traffic complications during routine use of the field as compared to the field's current usage. If there appears to be a problem, we can adjust and monitor as necessary.

The lighting also is a concern to the Board. We anticipate using the same system in place at Houlihan/Sid Fey which is a system designed to minimize the spillage effect of the lights. We will work hard to place the lights in such positions as to minimize the spillage. There is no doubt that it will look different at the high school after dark when the field is in use. We will work hard to ensure that any disruption caused by that will be minimal. We also have been asked to build the turf field at Westfield High School, but to put the lights on Kehler. We are creating a regulation size multi-purpose field at Westfield High School to add maximum capacity to the District for our sports programs. It makes sense to light the newer facility, which will also accommodate more sports, such as softball.

Many ancillary issues regarding the turf field also have been raised. These include the fact that turf fields become excessively hot on sunny days. Our architect and athletic supervisor are investigating the latest surface, which is less apt to cause concern. We are reviewing the information that we have received on this topic and would never proceed with any project (turf field or otherwise) if our experts were to advise that the project is detrimental to student health. It also has been brought to our attention that children use the high school field hill to sled in the winter and to play in a natural environment. We agree with the importance of such uses, but on balance do not believe that such uses would outweigh the benefits of a turf field at the high school.

**Bond Format:** People have suggested that they will vote "no" to a bond issuance in all different scenarios - If the bond only includes roofs; if the bond only includes a turf field; if the roofs and field are linked as one vote; etc. The recommendation of the Facilities Committee is to combine the vote on both of these projects into one vote, as has been done on prior issuances that contained multiple projects, because both projects are important to the integrity and safety of our facilities - both indoor and out. The Board will decide on the exact wording of the bond referendum proposal during one of its June meetings and most likely on June 5.

**Timing:** Our bond referendum is in September. We discussed having it in November to sync up with the existing election schedule. But more important than the election schedule, we want the roof work to be done next summer, when school is not in session. The roofs won't get done in time if we wait to start the process until after the November elections. If the turf field is approved, we are hopeful that the work can be completed in time for the 2013-2014 school year.

**Cost:** To provide for both the roof replacement and turf field, the allocated annual cost of the bond to the average assessed home in Westfield will be \$108. There would be no impact in the 2012-2013 school year due to the timing of the issuance. Taking the retirement of prior bond issuances into account, however, your tax bill for the 2013-2014 school year would go up \$45, not \$108. That annual net impact amount will vary over the next 20 years (the life of the bond) from a high of \$55 to a low of a decrease of \$157. The exact schedule was shown in a prior Board presentation and can be viewed on our website. Some have pointed out that \$45 a year equates to about 12 cents a day and therefore, we should move this forward. Others have pointed out that \$45 a year is \$45 a year, and in fact, wouldn't it be nice if our taxes did not have to increase at all? Both points of view are equally valid and fully understood by the Board of Education. Bond interest rates are also at historic lows. Taking advantage of the current interest rate environment also helps to minimize the cost impact of the projects.

It also has been suggested that we should instead issue bonds for more computers, librarians, and teachers. Personnel costs fall squarely within our

annual operating budget and we cannot rely on future bond issuances to maintain our personnel or programs. Computers and similar assets have much more limited lives (requiring faster repayment) than the larger capital improvement projects that are typically bonded. In addition, we view such assets as more normal course purchases that must be sustained from the ongoing operating budget rather than from a bond issuance.

The Board of Education hopes this letter will clarify the community's understanding of the need and funding for school building roof replacements and repairs and a lighted turf field to benefit all high school physical education students and student athletes throughout Westfield. The Westfield community has a strong tradition of supporting education and our public schools. The Board of Education is now asking the community to continue that support by endorsing these projects in a referendum vote on Monday, September 24.

We look forward to continued communications with you on these projects in the future. We can be contacted at [wboe@westfieldnj12.org](mailto:wboe@westfieldnj12.org).

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## County Begins New Scrap Metal Recycling Program

COUNTY - The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced the start of a new program that enables county residents to recycle scrap metal free of charge. A wide variety of metal goods, from household appliances to gutters and sheds, are included in the program.

The Scrap Metal Recycling Program is available for use by households, commercial establishments, nonprofit agencies and other organizations.

Starting on Thursday, June 7, the program will be open on the first Thursday of each month and the third Saturday of each month, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Scrap metal from any Union County municipality may be brought to any of the following four drop-off centers: Oak Ridge Park, 36 Oak Ridge Road (the Oak Ridge Service Yard) in Clark; Watchung Reservation, Tracy Drive (the Loop parking area) in Mountainside; Rahway Park, Rahway Service Yard (across from the pool) in Rahway, and at the Westfield Conservation Center, 1300 Lamberts Mill Road, in Westfield.

County residents who are recycling refrigerators or freezers must remove the doors as is required by law. Refrigerators or freezers with the doors intact will not be accepted.

Acceptable items include: aluminum scrap, aluminum cans, brass, copper, dishwashers, gutters, micro-waves, refrigerators and freezers with doors removed, stoves, clothes washers and dryers, air conditioners, metal cabinets, metal chain or wire fencing, clothes irons, railings, metal sheds, tire rims (with tires removed), metal window frames (with glass removed), bicycles, metal lawn furni-

ture, rebar, aluminum siding, toasters, and wire hangers.

The Scrap Metal Recycling Program will be available every month of the year; however, in the event of extreme bad weather individual events may be cancelled.

To get more details online about the scrap metal program and other Union County recycling programs, visit [ucnj.org/recycling](http://ucnj.org/recycling). For information by phone, including weather-related cancellations, call the Union County Recycling Hotline at (908) 654-9889.

## UC Bus. Breakfast Set for June 6 in Eliz.

COUNTY - The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders encourage local business owners and managers to attend the fourth session of the Union County Means Business free networking breakfast series on Wednesday, June 6, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Union County College Kellogg Building in midtown Elizabeth. The topic of this session is "Your Workforce: Incentives, Training and Resources to Develop Current Employees and Find Qualified Employees."

The breakfast series is designed to help owners and managers get firsthand information about issues, programs and resources that affect their businesses. It features expert speakers and local representatives addressing a variety of topics including financing, new media, public/private partnerships and other emerging opportunities. All sessions are free, but pre-registration is required. To register and to get more details about the June 6 session visit [ucnj.org/UCMeansBusiness](http://ucnj.org/UCMeansBusiness) or call (908) 527-4200.

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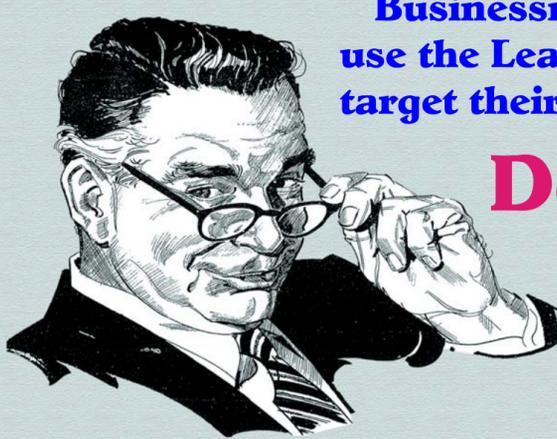
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**Letters to the Editor**

**Improvement Authority Provides Background on Animal Shelter**

This is in response to the recent letter of Margaret Sur, of Del Air, Md., who questioned what the Freeholders "did" with \$6.5 million she believed to be allocated for a Union County animal shelter. There has been no bonding for an animal shelter. To correctly put the animal shelter project in perspective, I submit the following information:

In 2006, the County of Union entered into an inter-local services agreement with the Union County Improvement Authority ("UCIA"), which gave the UCIA the authority to find a site for the animal shelter, manage its construction, and issue bonds to finance it. Importantly, because of difficulties that began with locating a site, no bonds have ever been issued for an animal shelter and no bonds will be issued until there is a viable project.

Initially, the UCIA chose a site for the animal shelter in Springfield, on property leased by the county from the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation (DOT), in Houdaille Quarry. The UCIA asked the DOT to amend the lease so that the financial investment in the animal shelter would be protected if the DOT decided it wanted its property back. Two succeeding DOT commissioners refused to agree to amend the lease. Next, the UCIA selected property, and to build on it, the UCIA would require per-

mission from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Green Acres Division. The Green Acres Division refused to consider the request.

In an ongoing search for viable property the UCIA and the county have considered several county-owned properties for the animal shelter. Acquisition of property and other fiscal issues have caused the Board of Chosen Freeholders and the administration to reorganize their priorities for necessary projects, which require bonding.

There are many of us who want a new, state-of-the-art shelter in Union County that will provide resources for unwanted and stray animals, and offer adoption services to give these animals a second chance, in addition to aiding municipalities in cost containment for mandated animal services. Based on a revisit of the county's priorities for on-going projects that require capitalization during these economic times require us to wait.

I'm assured that the animal shelter remains a priority for Union County government and there is an extraordinary interest in this project from our residents. Bonds will be issued at the proper time.

**Charlotte DeFilippo**  
 UCIA Executive Director

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**Diction Deception**

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

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

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

**Answers to last week's arcane words.**

1. Eustomatous - Having a well-developed mouth
2. Smaragdine - Pertaining to the emerald
3. Fluctisonous - Resembling the sound of waves
4. Petard - A kind of firecracker

**KILLIGREW**

1. Cornish crow with red feet and beak
2. A small bell similar to a sleighbell
3. A traitor; turcoat
4. A lake dwelling built on an artificial island

**TUMBEKI**

1. A gipsy
2. A species of green tea from China
3. A small globular vessel of polished brass
4. A kind of Persian tobacco

**DEINOUS**

1. Balanced; stable
2. Sharpness; eagerness
3. Arrogant; haughty
4. Uselessness; of little or no value

**STRABISMUS**

1. Cross-eyed
2. Furred like a fan
3. A tendency or leaning
4. A scar or ulcer underneath the skin of sheep

**Memorial Day Calls Upon All Americans To 'Occupy Freedom'**

Remember them all Monday, Memorial Day: America's military men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of their nation and its people, from the Revolutionary War to present-day conflicts. The uniforms of these fallen heroes may have changed over the centuries, along with the enemies they faced and the battlefields and seas on which they fought. All of them, however, gave their fellow human beings the same precious gift - the gift of freedom.

It was a gift the American colonists gave their families and their neighbors when they challenged the mightiest empire in the world for the right to form an independent nation. It was a gift Civil War soldiers gave to American men, women and children held in bondage. It was a gift the "Greatest Generation" of World War II gave to millions in Europe, and guaranteed for an entire world.

It was this same gift so many others carried with them to Korea, Vietnam and many other fronts throughout the world, and which American troops continue to bring to the peoples of Afghanistan and Iraq today. Even during unpopular conflicts, our military ranks never wavered in their determination to bring that gift to others who had lost their freedom, or perhaps never tasted freedom at all.

Memorial Day's origins can be traced to the 19th Century practice in various American communities of decorating the graves of Civil War soldiers. General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, inaugurated this day of remembrance with a proclamation dated May 5, 1868. The first observance took place

on May 30, 1868, when the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery were adorned with flowers. This holiday originally commemorated Civil War dead exclusively, and for many years was called Decoration Day.

New York was the first among the states to officially recognize the holiday, in 1873. By 1890 all the northern states had followed. However, southern states opted to honor their war dead on different days until after World War I, when the holiday was broadened to serve as a memorial to Americans who died in all wars.

In 1971, an act of Congress established Memorial Day as a national holiday, observed on the last Monday in May. Falling on a three-day weekend each year, Memorial Day also has become known as the unofficial kickoff to summer. We enjoy picnics, trips to the shore and other leisurely pursuits. These activities are not inappropriate, but they should not eclipse the true meaning of the holiday.

This Memorial Day, let us remember to fly our flag, a symbol of that priceless gift for which so many fought and died. Attend the parades, as a "thank you" to all American service members, living and deceased, who ensured that this gift survived. Decorate the graves of those lost in defense of their nation.

The biggest tribute we all could pay is in how we live our lives - giving as we have received with heart and faith in each other. Stop asking what you deserve. You may get it. Don't Occupy Wall Street - Occupy Freedom.

**FairTax Concept Promoted for Primary Election on June 5**

The Primary Election will take place in New Jersey on Tuesday, June 5. We have valuable information for you about where the U.S. Senate candidates from New Jersey stand on the FairTax.

On the Republican side we have: Joe Rullo, www.rulloforsenate.com, who is an unconditional FairTax supporter. Joe Rullo has pledged to co-sponsor the FairTax if elected to the Senate. Joe Rullo's web site reflects that position. Joe Rullo has pledged to run for only one term and contends that this pledge will keep him from bowing to pressure from the leadership and to the pressures of reelection. Joe Rullo believes that he then would be free to be an independent voice and co-sponsor the FairTax.

Bader Qarmout, www.bgq4nj.com, who has said he is open to the FairTax or the FlatTax, but has not committed to the FairTax.

Joe Kyrillos, www.joekyrillos.com, who has been briefed but has not committed to the FairTax.

On the Democratic side we have: Robert Menendez, www.menendezforj.com. Menendez's staff has been briefed, but Menendez has not committed to the FairTax. Menendez has no oppo-

sition in the Democratic Party.

We do not know the positions of the minor party candidates, but they will not be on the Primary ballot.

If you are a registered Republican or an unaffiliated voter, you can vote in the Republican Primary. If you are a registered Democrat, it is too late for you to change your affiliation to vote in the Republican Primary. That deadline was 55 days before the Primary Election. You can un-affiliate or re-affiliate, if you wish, now in time for the next Primary Election.

If you have not registered to vote, you need to do so for the next election. To vote, you must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years or older by the time of the election, a resident of your county for 30 days and not disqualified. You must register no later than 21 days before the next election. You can register, among other places, with your municipal or county clerk.

We hope this information will help you in exercising your most important right as an American citizen.

For more information contact John J. O'Rourke, volunteer FairTax state director, (732) 458-9271, (732) 814-7875, jorourke468@comcast.net.

**Jim Bennett**  
 Summit

**Letters to the Editor**

**Community Players Fundraiser Was A 'Huge Success'**

Mobile Meals of Westfield recently held a fundraiser on Friday, May 11 at the Westfield Community Players in Westfield for the performance of *Don't Dress for Dinner*. It was a huge success and the money that was raised will help us subsidize the 17,000 meals we deliver each year.

The evening would not have been successful without the support of many local businesses. First, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the Westfield Community Players who so graciously opened up their establishment to our organization. In addition, we would like to thank the many local businesses that donated the baskets that were part of our tricky tray auction: Adlers Jewelers, the Somerset Patriots, Casa Di Pizza, the Farmhouse Store, The Giants and Jets organizations, 16 Prospect, Turning Point Restaurant, Westfield Seafood, ShopRite Liquors, ShopRite, Westfield Symphony Orchestra, Ahrrr's Coffee Roastery, Keurig, Stew Leonard's Wine in Springfield, Hynes Jewelers, Kilkenny House, Italian Pantry, Perrotti's Meats, Periwinkle's, Dryer Farms, Jay's Cycle, and Bath Junkie. We would also like to thank Ferraro's Restaurant and Buona Pizza in Westfield for the trays of food that were donated, and to Bovella's Pastry Shop for the desserts for the enjoyment of those who attended. Lastly, we would like to thank all those who attended that night and who supported our organization.

Mobile Meals is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. We have been generously supported for many years by the Westfield United Fund and also receive support from Exxon and several other area foundations. We deliver over 50 meals, Monday to Friday, to the towns of Westfield, Cranford, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Clark, Garwood and Mountainside. With food prices and the price of packaging rising, the amount raised will help us to fray these costs.

The evening was such a success and we have been asked by the Westfield Community Players to come back next year. So, if you were unable to attend this year's performance, hopefully, you can attend next year's!

To all those who donated and attended and made this a success: Thank you!

**Mary Doyle, Board of Trustees**  
 Mobile Meals of Westfield

**Letters to the Editor**

**MS Teachers' Union Rejects BOE Offer as Unreasonable, Demands Settlement of Their Contract Now**

Since July 1, 2010, the Mountainside Education Association (MEA) has been negotiating in good faith with the Mountainside Board of Education, but there have been many bumps in the road. In the midst of negotiating, there has been turnover on the Board of Education, administrators have left our district, and leaders in our association have fallen ill. We were compelled to file for mediation due to the previous board's unwillingness to discuss negotiations items in a fair and proper manner. Unfortunately, the process was not successful because the Board of Education was unwilling to narrow down their excessive proposals as was suggested by the mediator. Several weeks later two Board members abruptly resigned their positions on the board, leaving us at a standstill. Despite all of this, and considering the fact our association members have been working under an expired contract for

almost two years, we continue to go above and beyond, devoting our time to school events and extracurricular activities.

Making matters worse, at the end of the 2010 school year the Board imposed a salary freeze for all association members for the year 2010-2011 without negotiating this in good faith or fairness. Regardless, our association members remained committed to our students and to our professional commitments.

While we were able to move forward with the newly seated board this year, the Board is still unwilling to give us a fair and reasonable salary. While we are aware of the current fiscal climate in our nation, and we, the Mountainside Education Association members, are grateful to be employed in what we consider to be an outstanding district, we can no longer sit idle without a fair contract. We have agreed to the Board's

changes in the existing contract as a compromise in an effort to settle, and have offered suggestions that will save the district money. In return, we have been offered an unreasonable salary proposal. This is not acceptable.

We want to see your tax dollars go towards your children's education rather than towards the BOE lawyers and state-appointed mediator fees. Mountainside residents please call your Board of Education members and urge them to settle the contract now.

We, the teachers, paraprofessionals, custodians, nurses, secretaries, and Child Study Team members of the Mountainside School District, will continue to provide a positive and effective learning environment for our students.

Let's Settle Now.

**Suzanne Jenks**  
 President, MEA

**Westfield Community Must Step Up When It Comes to Pedestrian Laws**

I am lucky to be writing this letter. Yesterday, May 17, I was almost killed. While walking across the North Avenue traffic circle (near the now-jinxed Lord & Taylor) with the white pedestrian logo fully lit, a quick reflex jump back prevented me from getting mowed down by, not just one, but two SUV's that were roaring through the intersection. I screamed. But neither one of them bothered to stop or give a thought to my welfare.

To make matters worse, as I froze in the middle of the intersection, I overheard a motorist who had clearly witnessed the near-miss accident while waiting for the light to change say to her car companion. "What's her problem? She doesn't even have the right of way."

I quickly turned to her, saying, "As a matter of fact, I do. You drive in this state? About time you knew the law."

OK but shaken, I finished walking safely to the sidewalk. Then, only seconds later, I watch in horror as two cars almost collided at the circle on South Avenue as the person with the right-of-way (head of the circle) had to brake on a dime for the person bearing right who not only didn't yield, he didn't even look.

That's when the real tragedy sank in for me. In the heartbeat of a few minutes, there might have been two more Westfield fatalities. Local news headlines, everybody talking about what a senseless shame, someone should do something, blah blah blah. And then, like before, nothing.

A few months ago, a woman was killed trying to cross North Avenue by Tuttle Parkway, arguably one of the most dangerous traffic areas in our town. (It's bad enough that we need paid crossing guards to escort able-bodied 13- and 14-year-old students to school). Are there plans in place to install a traffic light?? Will there ever be?

Why do we as town residents accept and endure the reckless behavior of others without voicing our outrage? And why is what little money being appropriated for road renovations being wasted? I remember the summer seven or eight years ago when most of the South Avenue circle was ripped up and we had to put up with smell of tar in the air for months.

Whatever was being done was supposed to make the traffic patterns safer.

Well here we are, years later, and everybody still drives around the circle like they own it, ignoring Yield signs and police presence. How many of those emergency sirens I hear all day long are due to some poor innocent (who had the audacity to try and walk somewhere in this town) getting hit by a late-to-pickup-my-kid from baseball practice mom in her Navigator? Or the trusting soul in his car who believes that traffic signs are going to be obeyed getting broadsided by a teen driver in an Audi who never knew you were supposed to yield the right-of-way?

Westfield is a privileged town, I get it. But I also know that we as a community have to step up, effect change and stop enabling stupidity.

**Gail Seagull**  
 Westfield

**Curmudgeon of Foul Balls, No Rational Basis**

I am responding to your (*Star-Ledger*) newspaper report over a foul ball at Union Catholic in today's (last week) paper.

The school was there before the guy (that assaulted the student). Before he purchased his home, he should have looked around and seen a school and understood that kids play ball at school.

Therefore, he had no rational basis for complaining about foul balls, and the town (Scotch Plains) should throw the book at him.

On a different level, and as a human being, he should be gratified that kids have sports to play that sharpens their collective minds and makes them better human beings (and he should applaud that effort). Would he rather have the kids hang around and get in trouble?

I would hope the entire neighborhood speaks to this curmudgeon and sets him straight.

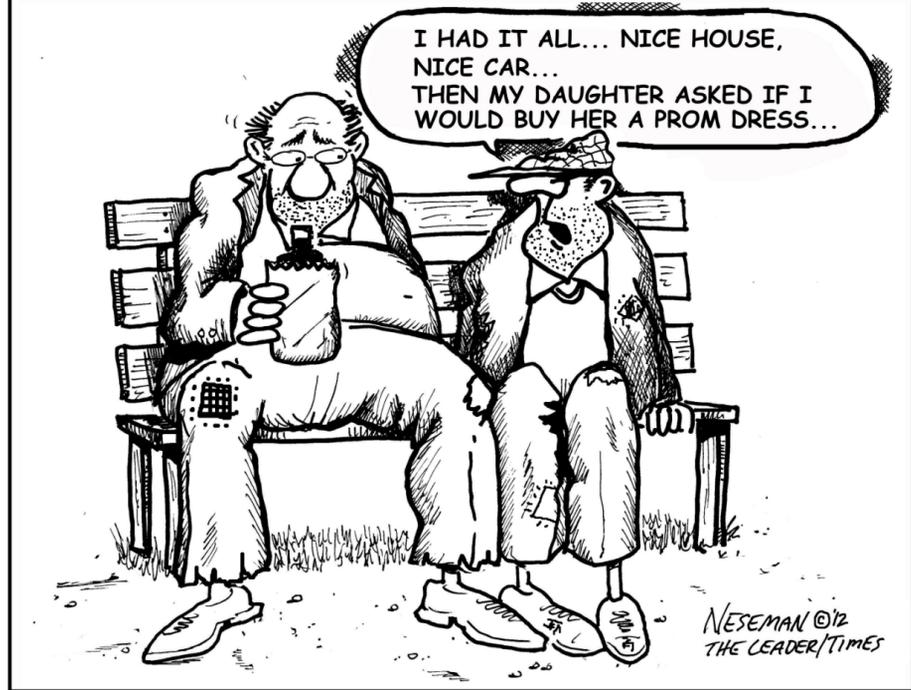
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## Letters to the Editor

### Westfield BOE Should Be a Good Neighbor, Not Build Un-Needed Turf

A unanimous vote by the Board of Education to create a lighted turf field at Westfield High School is preposterous on so many levels.

First is the hypocrisy of such a ridiculous recommendation. Twice the Board tried to put lights on Kehler Stadium, one of the two already existing turf fields in this town (do we need a third?), and twice it was vigorously protested by the residents surrounding Kehler, and as a result, did not happen. Why are the residents surrounding the high school any different? We don't want it either - you would know if you had just asked us.

Wasn't it just last year that the Board of Education cut teachers' pay, threatened to eliminate the paraprofessionals jobs or at least take away their benefits, reduced arts programs, took away field trips, cut back on librarians and music teachers, amongst other painful cuts? With all the state budget cuts, an out of balance county budget, and ever-struggling economy, isn't there something better to spend taxpayers' money on in this town than a third turf field with lights? Shouldn't they reinstate what they took away before spending our money on something so frivolous?

The square block surrounding the high school - First Street, Trinity Place, Dorian Road and Rahway Avenue - is already burdened with the demands of a high school, parochial school, commuter parking, two churches, and the Armory, with all the shows and activities that come with them. All these groups place a heavy demand on minimal and on-street parking, and contribute to excess traffic and noise in this residential neighborhood. Won't a lit turf field just aggravate that further? We believe that it will dramatically.

You say that this new parking plan that you also voted on, will help alleviate some of the burden on this already overburdened neighborhood. Well adding a few spots is not the solution to this huge problem. And the parking issue isn't just about the lack of parking spaces. The behavior of the high school students is horrendous. The litter, drug use, cigarette smoking with cigarette butts put out in the street or on our lawns, foul language, and sexual activity in cars leaving used condoms on the street, is disgraceful. You say putting a "code of conduct" in place is going to stop this? It's happening now. Adding a few spaces and a code of conduct is not going to take it away.

So the Board thinks we need lights on a turf field, so games and practices can go on into the dark hours of the night. You say the lights will create minimal spillage onto our properties. Why should we have to put up with any spillage? Then there's the noise that comes from games played until 9:30 p.m. or later - whistles, airhorns, cheering, yelling. Add tournament play to that and we increase traffic and noise, as well as aggravate the already overburdened parking situation further. There are many young children who live in the houses sur-

rounding that high school field - they need to go to bed before 9:30, so that they can be well rested to succeed in school the next day. That will be very difficult with all the added noise. And I personally do not want to be entertaining in my backyard and have to hear all these noises.

And then there's the benefits that the residents who put up with all these issues get from having the current field there, which you are taking away. When sports teams and physical education classes are not using the fields, residents walk down and allow their dogs to run in the fenced-in area. The hills are used throughout the winter as a sledding destination when the weather permits - children from infants through the McKinley and Edison Schools go there for unstructured play in a natural environment. For these children, that loss is irreplaceable. Many families play their Thanksgiving football and soccer games on those fields every year. Others use it regularly to throw a ball around with Dad, or for pitching and batting practice. Not to mention taking away the beauty of the natural grass environment that currently exists.

Westfield does already have two turf fields. One of them already has lights. Why do we need a third? Why do we need another, with lights? Why not put the lights on Kehler? What is the impact of another turf field, with lights, going to have on the environment? Will there be drainage issues? Will the residents suffer from the odor? Will there be carcinogens released into the air? What is the impact on our health of the turf overheating?

The Board of Education wants to be a "good neighbor?" Then just as the high school places a letter in the mailboxes of the surrounding houses every year to warn them of the inconvenience that high school graduation is going to cause them (once a year!), they should put a letter in each mailbox telling us what the plan is and ask us for feedback. In fact, a good neighbor would have done just that before they voted unanimously in support of the project. In speaking to many neighbors, they had no idea that this was even up for discussion, and were shocked to hear it was already a done deal.

And the fact that you are piggy backing this bond referendum on another bond to repair roofs on the school is just unfair to the voting public. When we decide how to vote, you want us to weigh the need for roof repairs on our schools, with the need for a third turf field, with lights? Can't we separate the two?

Come on Board of Ed - be a good neighbor. The neighbors surrounding the high school don't want a turf field, with lights. Your town doesn't need a third turf field, with lights. Find something else to spend our money on, like...we'll save that for another time.

Kathy and Scott Robb  
Westfield



### Union County News Honor Holiday by Connecting With a Veteran This Memorial Day

Al Mirabella, Chairman  
Union County Freeholder Board

As Memorial Day approaches, our thoughts naturally turn to the sacrifices that have been made by Union County residents while serving in the U.S. military.

Each year on this day, thousands of Union County residents from all walks of life, including my colleagues on the Freeholder Board and many county employees, join in commemorative ceremonies and activities to keep the memory of the deceased alive in our hearts.

One of Union County's long-running traditions is the distribution of tens of thousands of American flags to veterans' groups and civic organizations like the Boy Scouts. Members of these groups fan out across the cemeteries of Union County each Memorial Day to ensure that every veteran's grave is visited, recognized and honored.

This year, we felt that it was important to establish a new tradition of reaching out, recognizing and supporting Union County's military personnel throughout their lives as well as in death.

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are drawing to a close, but as history tells us there will always be conflict zones around the world, both small and large, that place our active duty personnel in harm's way. Training and readiness can also involve ex-

traordinary risks and long periods away from home.

To help raise public awareness of the many active duty military personnel and veterans who make their home in Union County, for the first time this summer we are marking one of our annual Summer Arts Festival free outdoor concerts as a special Recognition Day.

For active duty military personnel and their immediate families, we are also providing a number of complimentary passes to our recreation programs that normally require a fee, such as the county swimming pools.

We also hosted a Veterans' Job Fair on Wednesday, May 23, at the National Guard Armory in Westfield. Active duty military personnel were invited to attend, and admission was free of charge. More than 50 organizations, government agencies, recruiting firms and companies in Union County came together to make this event a success, including major employers like Wells Fargo, Prudential, Johnson & Johnson, Panasonic, Barnabas Health, NJ Transit, and PSE&G.

I hope to see many of my friends and neighbors at a Memorial Day parade or remembrance ceremony this year to join in strengthening the spirit of respect and appreciation that lasts all year long.

### Mountainside Schools Update Holiday Schedule and Website Plans

Dear Mountainside families:

As we look forward to our Memorial Day weekend, I just want to remind you that we will be off from Friday, May 25 through Tuesday, May 29. School will reopen on Wednesday, May 30. In addition, as school draws to a close, I want to make you aware of a change in schedule for the last three days of school so that you can plan accordingly.

We are scheduled for half days on Tuesday, June 19 through Thursday, June 21. Traditionally our half days end at 1 p.m. Because of a multi-day teacher workshop that begins promptly at 1 p.m. for two of the three days, it will be necessary to dismiss students at 12:30 p.m.

Maschio's Food Service will not be serving lunch on these days. Students are free to bring a snack. Bus pick up will remain at 1 p.m. and supervision will be provided between 12:30 and 1 p.m. for students who ride the bus.

If this earlier dismissal creates a hardship for your family, please con-

tact the building principal to make special arrangements.

Also, you were recently sent two links to which I would appreciate your response. The first is a survey about our website. We would like your feedback so that we can work on substantial changes over the summer and launch a brand new website in September. Please see the survey at [www.mountainsideschools.org](http://www.mountainsideschools.org). The second link is for volunteers to help us make improvements in the appearance of our schools, both inside and out over the summer. Please see the projects and sign up.

Please contact Wayne De Vico (908-232-8828, ext. 222) for additional information.

Nancy Lubarsky  
MS Chief School Administrator

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### Appointed Member Ohlig to Run for Full Term on the Westfield BOE

I am writing to publicly announce my intention to run for a three-year seat on the Westfield Board of Education. It was an honor to be appointed to the board in January to fill an open vacancy and this time of service has been a positive experience. I believe I have become a contributing member of the Board in this time and I would like to continue in that role. Certainly, the involvement I've had this year will allow me to hit the road running should I be elected to serve again.

I believe I am uniquely qualified to serve on the board. First, I have the perspective and experience of a parent with three children currently enrolled in our district's schools. As a parent, I have become intimately familiar with Westfield's special education system and the tremendous resources it demands to provide our most vulnerable students with the best education possible. Second, my professional training as an attorney has provided me with the ability to listen, to quickly process lots of information, to identify core issues, and to solve problems in a rational and logical way despite the heat or emotion of the moment.

Finally, I have many years of volunteer experience in our schools and community. I participated in the Westfield School District Strategic Planning Council, which created the district's current 2010-2015 Strategic Plan. My involvement in this process gave me the opportunity to focus on the wide-ranging needs of our district, identify those areas in need

of attention and improvement, and conceive of concrete solutions and action steps to achieve our stated goals. I have been a volunteer in our schools, serving as president of the Jefferson PTO, member of the Parent Teacher Council, and on various school committees. In addition, I have extensive volunteer experience on the town-wide level.

I was a trustee and president of the Westfield Education Fund, a member of the Board of Directors of the Westfield Area Y, and previously was appointed to serve on the Westfield Planning Board. I am a founding board member and officer of Liam's Room, a Westfield-based non-profit organization aimed at improving pediatric palliative care. My parenting, professional and volunteer experiences have prepared me to serve as an effective member of our board of education.

Like any Westfield parent, I hope that my children and all students who graduate from the Westfield School district leave confident and prepared to tackle whatever academic roads or careers lie before them. More importantly, they should be good citizens who act with integrity and a sense of service. I want to continue to serve on the board to further support our school district in this goal. I look forward to talking to members of our community about the issues they believe are critical to the success of our schools and garnering public support for my election.

Gretchen Ohlig  
Westfield

### Clancy Will Not Seek Re-Election To the Westfield Bd. of Education

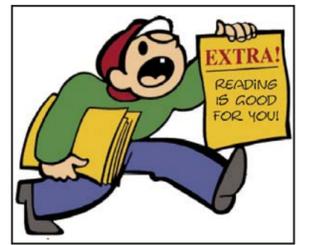
Thank you, Westfield, for allowing me to serve on the Board of Education since 2006. As a 26-year resident and a mom of soon to be five Westfield school graduates, I have been honored to work alongside the most dedicated and hard working people of our community. I have said it many times before and I'll say it again, we are so fortunate to live in a community that cares so deeply about its children and their education.

I am filled with mixed emotions as I declare that I will not be seeking another term on the Westfield Board of Education. I promise to dedicate my time and energy over the next seven months to the board's current goals and objectives. However, next year, with our fifth child heading off to college, and two more to go, I will be increasing my career responsibilities.

As an educator, I spend every day guiding children, making inquiries, exploring new concepts and ideas and hopefully instilling in them a

love of learning. How lucky I feel to passionately love what I do! I hope that I have made a positive impact on the district; I know that it has had one on me. Every person working in this district has one objective - to maintain and raise the quality of education for our children. I thank all of them for their continued hard work and I again thank the community for giving me an opportunity to serve you.

Jane Clancy  
Westfield BOE Member



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**GOLDEN SERVICE TO 'Y'...** Colleagues congratulate Mark Swingle, center, on being named the Westfield Area "Y"'s Golden Volunteer Award recipient for 2012. Flanking Mr. Swingle are Stephen Murphy, Westfield Area "Y" board member, left, and Mark Elsasser, Westfield Area "Y" Chief Executive Officer.

## Mark Swingle Is Honored As 'Y' Golden Volunteer

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Area "Y" has announced that Mark Swingle is the 2012 recipient of the "Y"'s Golden Volunteer Award. This is the highest volunteer award the Westfield Area "Y" bestows.

Mr. Swingle is a lifelong Westfield resident and has been a "Y" board member since 2004. While on the Westfield Area "Y" board, he has served on multiple committees, including Buildings and Grounds, Board Development, Nominating, Financial Development, Long Range Planning and Youth and Teens.

During that time, he also chaired the following committees: Investments, Executive and Executive Review and Youth and Teens. He received the Character Development Award for his involvement with the

Youth and Teen Committee.

Mr. Swingle also is active within the community. He has been a member of the Rotary Club of Westfield since 1996 and served as president from 2009 to 2010.

The Golden Volunteer Award was initiated in 1973 during the 50th anniversary of the Westfield Area "Y" to honor individuals for outstanding service to the community and the "Y." The Westfield Area "Y" congratulates Mr. Swingle on receiving the Golden Volunteer Award and thanks him for his outstanding service and dedication to the "Y" and the community.

To learn more about Westfield Area "Y" programs, visit [westfieldnj.org](http://westfieldnj.org). Financial assistance is available for those who qualify.

## Portraits of Osborn Couple To Be Unveiled at Museum

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood has announced that a reception and unveiling of the portraits of Aaron and Harriet Osborn will take place on Sunday, June 3, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Osborn Cannonball House Museum. The portraits will be unveiled at 1:30 p.m. The museum is located at 1840 Front Street in Scotch Plains.

On hand for the occasion will be the Osborns' descendants, the Coursen family. Twenty-five years ago the portraits were passed down to Professor Bradner W. Coursen. In researching his family tree, he discovered he was a direct descendant of Aaron Osborn. Professor Coursen traveled to the Osborn Museum about five years ago and determined that the portraits should be donated to the museum.

Aaron's grandparents, John and Abigail Osborn, built the little home that is now the local museum. Aaron grew up next door to his grandparents. He married Harriet Manning in 1810. They had eight children in their 17 years of marriage (he died in 1827, she in 1828). Aaron was the third

postmaster in Plainfield.

Professor Bradner died several years ago, but his wife and sons completed his wishes by donating the portraits to the Osborn-Cannonball House Museum - returning them to Aaron's hometown. Two of Professor Bradner's sons will unveil the portraits.

The portraits appear to be the work of well-known portrait artist Micah Williams, who worked principally in Monmouth County and created likenesses of area residents. His portraits post-date the War of 1812. For many years his works were misattributed to Henry Conover. Williams made his own pastel pigments and backed many of his portraits with layers of newspapers.

Both portraits, oil on canvas, are in fair condition. There is some surface crazing, some damaged areas, and both canvases are very fragile. To preserve and return them to good condition will require significant money, according to the historical society. The June 3 event also will serve as a fundraiser to benefit restoration of the portraits. Punch and period light refreshments will be served.



**HARDY AWARD HONOREE...** Olivia Pecora, a Westfield High School senior, receives the 2012 Marc Wesley Hardy Human Rights Award for her work on behalf of universal education for girls. Aaron Marc Hardy, nephew of Marc Hardy, presented the award in memory of his uncle at a recent ceremony at the First Congregational Church of Westfield.

## Olivia Pecora Is Recipient Of Marc Hardy Award

WESTFIELD - Olivia Lubrano Pecora, a Westfield High School senior, has been named the recipient of this year's Marc Wesley Hardy Human Rights Award, given annually to a young person for outstanding commitment to human rights. Aaron Marc Hardy, Marc's nephew, presented the award in memory of his uncle on April 29 during a ceremony at the First Congregational Church of Westfield.

Olivia received the award for her extensive involvement with Girls Learn International, a non-profit organization that supports universal education for girls. She founded and served as president of the Westfield High School chapter, publishing a Girls Learn International newsletter at the school for four years and organizing several successful fundraisers for the school's sister school in Afghanistan.

Olivia recently served as a delegate to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. She spent one week as a journalist, work-

ing with nine girls from various areas of the world to help them develop their own personal stories. She was recognized with an award from Kean University for her work as an outstanding human rights activist.

Olivia also has excelled academically at Westfield High School, where she is a high honor roll student and a member of the National Honor Society. A varsity field hockey and softball player, she received an award for Leadership and Athletics. She will attend Penn State University Schreyers Honors College in the fall, where she plans to major in Women's Studies. She is the daughter of Richard and Fran Pecora of Westfield.

Marc Hardy was a member of the First Congregational Church and a talented and promising student who lost his life in a car accident in his senior year at Westfield High School in 1990. Because of his dedication and commitment to human rights, this award was established in his memory.



Doug Lynch from A-1 Basement Solutions

## Home Video Studio Helps Business Promote Services

WESTFIELD - When Doug Lynch found out he'd been "caught being honest" on a *Today Show* undercover expose of mold inspectors, he immediately knew he had a small window of time to take advantage of the buzz. Mr. Lynch, owner of A-1 Basement Solutions in Scotch Plains, was one of eight contractors called in to assess a possible mold situation, and he was the only one of eight to do a test to determine that it was not mold.

After hearing of the show's airing, Mr. Lynch immediately called Dan Weiniger, owner of Home Video Studio in Westfield, to edit and post the clip on YouTube. "Thank God I know Dan Weiniger of Home Video Studio," said Mr. Lynch. "All that NBC provided was access to embed the video. The problem was that the video was seven minutes long, and I'm only in it for about five seconds, and it does not identify me by name." Mr. Weiniger edited the video down to two minutes, identifying Mr. Lynch on screen and giving his company logo and contact information at the end. "Not only was this amazing as far as Dan's talent in terms of the video, but he got it up there so quickly. The turnaround time really blew me away."

This was not Mr. Lynch's first experience with Home Video Studio. He recently completed several product videos for his basement solution company, all uploaded to YouTube. "The service that he provided was of the highest quality and well produced. His production values were tremendous," he said. "I've known Dan to be a man of high standards and it shows in every aspect of his work."

The product videos, which can be

found on A-1 Basement's YouTube channel, were shot on a green screen, which allows special-effect backgrounds to be added later. Mr. Lynch uses these videos on sales calls. "I bring my iPad with me," he said. "When someone wants to know how the water power sump pump works, instead of explaining it, I show them on the video. People are impressed with that. It's become a focal point of my sales presentation."

Mr. Weiniger also creates slideshows and videos for fundraisers, Bar/Bat Mitzvah parties, reunion events and conferences. He shoots and edits videos for commercials, college scholarship applications, sales presentations and more. Mr. Weiniger transfers videos and movies to Platinum Archival DVDs. Learn more about Westfield's Home Video Studio at <http://www.homevideostudio.com/dan>. Contact him at (908) 301-9300 or at [dan.w@homevideostudio.com](mailto:dan.w@homevideostudio.com). You can reach Mr. Lynch at A-1 Basement Solutions at (908) 322-1313 or <http://A-1Basements.com>.

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**CEDAR BROOK CLEANUP...** Holy Trinity Interparochial School Cub Scout Pack No. 73 of Westfield led scouts and local volunteers in cleaning up trash and debris from Cedar Brook Park on April 14. Cedar Brook Park is a Union County park located in Plainfield. Pictured are scouts from Pack No. 73 and local volunteers.

## Folk Duo Finley and Pagdon Plan Library Performance

SCOTCH PLAINS - Woodstock-based duo Denise Jordan Finley and Daniel Pagdon, lifelong natives of the Hudson Valley, will perform contemporary folk music that touches on traditional, Americana, Bluegrass, jazz, rock and classical on Sunday, June 10, at 2 p.m. at the Scotch Plains Public Library.

Known as Finley and Pagdon, the pair is self-taught on their instruments. Anchoring their music on two guitars, along with Ms. Finley's vocals and their songwriting, they perform with full bands at colleges, theaters and outdoor parks and festivals. Both started playing professionally as children. Between them, they have played for a sum of more than six decades.

To date, they have won multiple

honors and awards, including mentions, places and wins in regional, national and international competitions in songwriting, among them the New Jersey Folk Festival, Falcon Ridge Festival, Old Songs Festival, Walnut Valley Festival, The Great American Songwriters Competition, Plowshares Competition, Mid-Atlantic States Songwriting Competition and Great Lakes Songwriting Contest.

The concert will be open to the public without charge. Seating will begin at 1:30 p.m. No registration is required. In the event of cancellation due to illness or other events, check the library's website, [scotlib.org](http://scotlib.org). The Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue, one block from Park Avenue, in the center of the township.

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**HEADING FOR HOOVER...** Fanwood-Scotch Plains fifth-grade Junior Girl Scout Troop No. 40857 presented "Hooverpalooza!" on April 23, an event to prepare first- and second-grade Girl Scouts for their first trip to Girl Scout Camp Hoover. During this workshop at Terrill Middle School, the older girls passed along their camp expertise to three younger troops. Troop No. 40857 also presented this workshop to three other younger troops at individual troop meetings, all in advance of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Camporee from May 18 to 20, when all Fanwood-Scotch Plains Girl Scout troops visited Camp Hoover in Sussex County.

## Kalellis Book Offers Advice On Difficult Relationships

WESTFIELD - Westfield author and therapist, Dr. Peter Kalellis' new book, "Living in Difficult Relationships," will give you the tools to:

- \* Confront and gain peace of mind with persons who make your life miserable.
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- \* Communicate with a mate or spouse, son, daughter, friend or relative who won't speak to you.
- \* Eliminate anxiety or depressive feelings by learning to express yourself with people who intimidate you.

Dr. Kalellis is a nationally recognized speaker and author and you can reach him for a free introductory consultation at (908) 232-6118, e-mail: [Kalellis717@Verizon.net](mailto:Kalellis717@Verizon.net). Website: [PeterKalellis.com](http://PeterKalellis.com).

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## Volunteers Needed at Union County Bio-Blitz

RAHWAY - Union County offers nature lovers of all ages the opportunity to get up-close and personal with wildlife in their own "backyard" during Bio-Blitz 2012. Beginning on Friday, June 8, at 5 p.m., the annual outdoor event will organize teams of plant and wildlife specialists to scour three sections of Union County's Rahway River Parkway in Rahway, Clark, Winfield Park and Cranford in search of plants and animals over a 24-hour period.

Volunteer expert and amateur scientists and naturalists are needed to participate as team Bio-Blitz members. To volunteer, or to receive a brochure and application, call (908) 789-3683. When calling, please specify your level of experience and team preference. Registration also can be done online at the Union County website: [www.ucnj.org](http://www.ucnj.org).

Plant, fungi, insect, fish, bird, mammal, amphibian and reptile experts, and water monitors (along with amateur naturalists) will collect and identify species from the three sections of parkland. Teams will return to Bio-Blitz Central, an outdoor, tented field lab and exhibit space in Rahway River Park, off St. Georges Avenue in Rahway, to sort and count what they find.

The primary purpose of Bio-Blitz 2012 is to gain a "snapshot" of the biodiversity (or richness of species) in the 384-acre (0.6 square mile) Rahway River Parkway. Another important goal of the event is to raise public awareness of the importance of parkland as wildlife habitat and outdoor classrooms.

Rahway River Parkway boasts some excellent floodplain, stream, river, meadow and woodland habitat. Greenways provide valuable habitat, and act as a stopover and wildlife corridor for migratory and resident wildlife, including red tail hawks, screech owls, great horned owls, great egrets, great blue herons, coyotes and foxes.

Free nature-related programs for all ages will be offered throughout the event, including evening programs from 6 to 11 p.m. on Friday, June 8, and from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 9. Free shuttle buses will be available to get participants to and from program sites. Programs offered will include: River and Lake Sampling; Owl Prowl; Wild Edible Plant Walk; Fungi Foray; Early Morning Birding, and more. Bio-Blitz Bingo will offer younger "scientists" an opportunity to record their findings and enter a drawing to win nature-related prizes. A Junior Scientist tent will have young naturalists interacting with hands-on activities related to the natural environment.

For more information or to receive a brochure, call (908) 789-3683 and leave your email address. Brochures also will be available at Trailside Nature and Science Center at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside.

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# Memorial Day Parade Set For Monday In Westfield

WESTFIELD - The annual Westfield Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for Monday, May 28. Opening ceremonies will begin at 9 a.m. at the World War I Monument Circle, located at the North Avenue and East Broad Street plaza.

Participants marching in the parade are asked to be in the Lord & Taylor West parking lot by 8 a.m., where line of march locations will be assigned.

This year's tribute will feature opening remarks by Master of Ceremonies Peter Hogaboom. Bob D'Arecca, chaplain and membership chairperson for American Legion Post No. 3, will offer the opening prayer and benediction. Westfield Mayor Andrew Skibitsky also will express his thoughts regarding the importance of Memorial Day.

The ceremonies additionally will include Kerry Stubbs singing his a cappella rendition of "God Bless America." The Westfield High School Marching Band will play "The Star Spangled Banner," directed by Chris Vitali. Theodore Schlosberg from the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts will direct a special Echo Taps ensemble. Playing the "echo" portion will be Clayton Beyert, Dale Beyert and Leslie Bartsch.

Wreaths will be sponsored and placed at the monument by the Westfield American Legion, Mountainside Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Westfield Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Ladies Auxiliary. Boy Scout Troop No. 73 from the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church of Westfield also will offer a wreath.

After Taps, Jack Panosh, Westfield Bell Master and curator of the Town Clock, both located in the Tower of the First United Methodist Church of Westfield, will ring the bell in memory of all veterans killed or wounded in action during any wars preserving freedom and independence. Mr. Panosh also will enable the bell to "ring" its way through the parade.

After opening ceremonies, the parade, directed by Rob Whitehead, will head up East Broad Street to Fairview Cemetery, where the Westfield and Mountainside VFW chapters will hold closing ceremonies. The Westfield High School Band and the Echo Taps ensemble will participate in the closing ceremony.

The parade line of march will be led by Grand Marshal Bill Kessinger, veterans organizations, police escorts, the mayor and town council, as well as members of the board of education. Mr. Kessinger will be driven in a vintage 1941 Cadillac Convertible, owned and operated by Arnie J. Civins.

The Westfield Fire Department, Department of Public Works and Rescue Squad will all be present, as well as various civic and youth orga-

nizations, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Brownies, the Westfield High School Marching Band and the Westfield Community Band. The Lions Club also will be represented.

Additionally this year, the Rotary Club will sponsor a seven-piece band playing World War II-era music. The band is part of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts "Jazz and Rock Band" and will be led by Mr. Schlosberg.

This year, a contingent of National Guard personnel from the Westfield Armory representing the HHT-1-102 Calvary Regiment will be on hand as well.

Sherryl Pascal of Westfield, Ms. North America Globe 2011, also will be part of the procession. Her sons, who attend the Marine Military Academy, will accompany her.

Members of the Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Ladies Auxiliary will walk throughout the parade route offering American Flags for a donation to offset the parade costs.

The Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution will conduct their annual memorial service at the Revolutionary War Cemetery.

The parade committee would like to thank the management of Westfield's Lord & Taylor for the use of their parking lot and acknowledged their community spirit by opening their store one hour later than other stores on Memorial Day.

In the event of poor or questionable weather on the parade day, call (908) 233-2767 for a recorded announcement. Any other questions can be directed to this same number.

## 'Memories' to Look At Hilltop Tennis

FANWOOD - The Fanwood Historic Preservation Commission will continue its series entitled "Memories of Fanwood" on Sunday, June 3, at 2 p.m. at the Fanwood Museum. The museum is located on the lower level of the historic railroad station in Fanwood, near the corner of North and Martine Avenues.

Members of Fanwood's Hilltop Tennis Club will share with attendees a perspective on tennis and the people of Fanwood who played tennis at the Hilltop court from the year 1922 to the present. The program will include readings from archival journals, legal documents and letters. Participants will learn about the customs, humor, drama, challenges, failures and celebrations of this Fanwood institution.

Attendees are asked to bring Hilltop Tennis Club memorabilia to the presentation. All will be encouraged to participate by sharing information and joining in the discussions.



READ WITH ME... Author and Olympic champion figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi speaks to children about the joy and importance of reading. Ms. Yamaguchi will be at the Fanwood Memorial Library on Sunday, June 3, at 4:30 p.m. to help kick off the library's 2012 Summer Reading Club. During her visit she will speak and read selections from her children's books.

## Kristi Yamaguchi to Visit Fanwood Library June 3

FANWOOD - The Fanwood Memorial Library will present a special book-signing event by author Kristi Yamaguchi, 1992 Olympic Gold Medalist in Figure Skating, in its Children's Department as the kickoff to the library's 2012 Summer Reading Club.

Ms. Yamaguchi will visit the library on Sunday, June 3, at 4:30 p.m. The library is located at North Avenue and Tillotson Road in Fanwood.

The theme for this year's Summer Reading Club will be "Dream Big, Read!" Ms. Yamaguchi will speak and read selections from her *New York Times* bestsellers, "Dream Big, Little Pig!" and "It's A Big World, Little Pig!" In collaboration with the Town Book Store of Westfield, books will be available for purchase that day (cash or check only.) Books also may be purchased prior to the event at the Town Book Store.

Following her victory at the 1992 Winter Olympics, Ms. Yamaguchi established the Always Dream Foundation to support the lives of children through educational and recreational initiatives and has championed the Foundation for almost 20 years.

"We want to reach the underserved children who don't have easy access to books and need the support to establish a love of books and reading, especially by

engaging their parents at home as well. It's all about giving children the early fundamental tools to succeed in life," Ms. Yamaguchi has said about her foundation's commitment to early childhood literacy.

For more information, call the Fanwood Memorial Library's Children's Department at (908) 322-4377.

## Mr. Ungar to Perform Comedy Songs Today

MOUNTAINSIDE - The public is invited to a fun, free musical program today, Thursday, May 24, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Mountainside Public Library. The library is located on Constitution Plaza.

Pianist Skip Ungar will perform his new show, "Comedy Songs from Broadway Musicals." Mr. Ungar will introduce each song with some information about the show in which it originally appeared and will then play these tunes on the library's piano.

The Friends of the Mountainside Library will sponsor this program. Admission is free. Registration is not necessary, but to ensure a seat, call the library at (908) 233-0115. For more information on the library and its many services and programs, visit [mountainsidelibrary.org](http://mountainsidelibrary.org).

# Torah Center Announces Celebration of Shavuot

WESTFIELD - The Union County Torah Center, located at 509 Central Avenue in Westfield, will celebrate Shavuot with events scheduled for this Saturday and Sunday, May 26 and 27. Shavuot is a two-day festival that commemorates the giving of the Ten Commandments and the Torah on Mount Sinai.

The holiday will start Saturday evening and continue on Sunday and Monday. On Saturday, the Torah Center will present a midnight Shavuot lecture entitled "The Talmud & Kabbalah on the Ten Commandments." This program will be open to the public free of charge and reservations are not necessary.

On Sunday, the first day of Shavuot, the Torah Center will offer a special reading of the Ten Commandments at 11 a.m., followed by

an Ice Cream Party for children and a dairy Kiddush with an assortment of cheese cakes and salads for the adults. Everyone is welcome and there will be no charge.

This festive holiday places a special emphasis on the education of children. The Midrash relates that various guarantees were offered at Mount Sinai to ensure that the Torah would always be cherished amongst the Jewish people. All the suggestions, however, were refused until they proclaimed, "Our children will be our guarantors!" Thus, special events are customarily held to involve children in the holiday's celebrations.

For more information, call the Torah Center at (908) 789-5252 or e-mail [info@torahcenter.org](mailto:info@torahcenter.org).

## Synagogue to Present Meet-Greet Event

WESTFIELD - Temple Emanu-El will hold a Prospective New Member Erev Shabbat Meet and Greet event on Friday, June 1. The temple is located at 756 East Broad Street in Westfield.

At 7 p.m., attendees will have an opportunity to meet newer and longtime members, clergy and senior staff, as well as learn about Temple Emanu-El's religious school, special-education program, youth group programs and Early Childhood Education Center. They also will learn about the synagogue's education initiatives, its social action programs, worship opportunities and social happenings during tours of the sanctuary, classrooms, meeting rooms and community room.

At 7:45 p.m., all will be welcome to worship with congregants at a Shabbat Hallelu, an Erev Shabbat service in song, featuring contemporary Jewish music and Israeli dancing. This service will be accessible to people of all ages.

Following services, participants may share in the temple's congregational Oneg Shabbat (Joy of Shabbat) reception with cookies, fruit and coffee. A Shulchan Shalom table, offering an assortment of allergy-free foods, also will be available.

For more information, contact Carolyn Shane, executive director, at (908) 232-6770, extension no. 114, or [cshane@tewnj.org](mailto:cshane@tewnj.org), or visit the temple's website, [tewnj.org](http://tewnj.org).

## Home-Based Businesses To Be Program Topic

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Scotch Plains Public Library's Career Networking Group will present "Your Successful Home-Based Business" on Monday, June 18, at 6:30 p.m.

During this program, participants will learn how to develop a home-based business. Topics will include: Zoning and municipal regulations; maintenance of accurate records; insurance needs; marketing; tax consequences; deduction of business expenses; nurturing of connections, and motivation.

Presenter Herb Caesar is president of CED Solutions, LLC and a retained consultant for the Small Business Development Center at Kean University. His company is a consultant to the New Jersey Schools Development Authority and the Contractor Business Development Project.

This program will be free and open to all. To register, visit [scotlib.org](http://scotlib.org) and click on Events; call (908) 322-5007, extension no. 204, or e-mail [library@scotlib.org](mailto:library@scotlib.org).

Individuals may connect with the library's Career Networking Group on Linked In, Career Networking Group at SPPL. The Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue, one block from Park Avenue, in the center of the township.

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## Mary Miner, 93, Was Westfield Teacher; Active In Church and Civic Groups

Longtime Westfield resident Mary Evelyn Miner, 93, died on Thursday, May 10, in Midlothian, Va. She lived in Westfield from 1947 to 2001.

Born in South Carolina on December 31, 1918, she was the ninth of ten children. The family relocated to Carteret, N.J. in 1924, where she lived until marrying Robert S. Miner, Jr. the day after Christmas, 1942.

Mrs. Miner was a graduate of Carteret High School and Barnard College, receiving her bachelor's degree in mathematics in 1939 at the age of 20. Upon graduation she went to work as the first woman in the Actuarial Department of the Prudential Insurance Company, moving to Bamberger's after her marriage.

Mrs. Miner raised two children (daughter Becky and son Scott) and added a foster daughter (Esther) in the early 1950s. All three survive. Mrs. Miner went back to work in the early 1950s when her husband en-

tered fulltime graduate study, and over the next 15 years became well known in the Westfield Public Schools as a junior high/high school math teacher and substitute. She also was very active in the College Women's Club, the Garden Club and The Presbyterian Church in Westfield and was an avid and very capable bridge player. A year following the death of her husband of 57 years, Mrs. Miner relocated to the Richmond, Va. area.

Private interment will be in the cremains area of the Revolutionary War Cemetery of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. In addition to her three children, she is survived by her grandchildren, her younger sister, Maude Stockman of California, and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Barnard College or to The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, N.J.

May 24, 2012



### IN SESSION

## Advice For Those Seeking To Find Right Therapist

By Carol Pedro, Exec. Dir. Youth & Family Counseling Service

I think we all have been affected by the cautionary tales with "buyer beware" and investigative-style reporting that is associated with many businesses. We have all become more astute, more aware, thanks to the deluge of media coverage that "doctors don't always know best."

In regards to this valid quest for the best use of our time, effort and money, I encounter many clients looking to make a first-time appointment for themselves or a family member. The barrage of questions has included inquiries about the sex, heritage, education, age and religion of the therapist. In some ways, I say "Good for you!" Your mental health and emotional wellbeing is worth every effort to diligently question someone's qualifications, education and specialty areas. Be your own best advocate!

However, you may be surprised by your experience if you remain willing and open to the therapeutic process. Hopefully, if and when you decide to look for therapy, you re-

member the following points:

- \*A good therapist is non-judging and accepting.
- \*Therapy is a process - it takes your time and your commitment (there are no magic wands).
- \*Be willing and keep an open mind - someone who appears very different from you could still provide you with a positive, helpful experience.
- \*Go with your gut - do not rule out your intuition.

The therapeutic process requires open communication and trust. The therapist will use basic skills learned through their education and experience that will hopefully facilitate positive change in the client seeking assistance. This is a collaborative effort between the individual and the psychotherapist. The key to successful treatment is not only the right therapist fit but...you.

In addition, basic knowledge of the most commonly held professional titles may help you navigate this alphabet soup of designations. Here is a basic overview:

- \*Psychiatrists (MD): These are doctors who specialize in the diagnosis and treatment of mental or psychiatric illnesses and are licensed to prescribe drugs.
- \*Psychologists: These are doctoral degree (Ph.D. or Psy.D.) experts in psychology. Cognitive behavioral therapy is the psychologist's main treatment tool. Psychologists are not licensed to prescribe medications.
- \*Social workers (LCSW): These are specialists who provide social services in health-related settings that now are governed by managed care organizations. Social workers help people function at their best in their environment and they help people deal with relationships and solve personal and family problems.
- \*Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC): These counselors are required by state licensure laws to have at least a master's degree in counseling and 3,000 hours of post-master's experience. They are either licensed or certified. Counselors can help with a wide range of problems, including depression, substance abuse, stress management, self-esteem issues, issues of aging, emotional health and family problems.

Finally, I hope you find the best therapist for you! As you search for your emotional wellbeing and summon the courage to change, remember... "Life is not what it's supposed to be. It's what it is. The way you cope with it is what makes the difference." - Virginia Satir.

### Prayer to The Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail)

Oh most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me! Show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none who can withstand your power. Show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3x).

Holy Spirit, You who solve all problems, light all roads so that I may attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life You are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank You as I confirm once again that I never want to be separated from You in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. Amen.

Say this prayer on three consecutive days. Publish this prayer after the favor is granted.

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## Obituaries

### Vincent Mannino, 96, Lifelong Resident; World War II Bronze Star Recipient

Vincent C. Mannino (aka James), 96, of Westfield, N.J. died on Wednesday, May 2, 2012, at Runnells Specialized Hospital.

Born January 24, 1916, Vincent was a life-long resident of Westfield, graduated Westfield High School in 1935 and attended New York University and Pace University in New York City. Vincent worked as an accountant for RKO Radio City Music Hall, New York City, for several years before joining the U.S. Army in 1942. Vincent, who had played tennis with the Westfield Terrace Tennis Club, won singles and doubles tennis tournaments while stationed at Fort Croft in Fort Benning, Ga.

Vincent served with the 5th Division, 3rd Army under General George S. Patton and fought at the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium, where he was wounded in 1944. Vincent was later awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, Presidential Citation, Infantry Combat Badge, Good Conduct Medal and two campaign ribbons.

Vincent, along with his brothers, owned R. Mannino & Sons Construction Co. and The Towne Car Wash of Westfield, until he retired in 1987.

He was predeceased by his wife of 51 years, Rosemarie Santoro Mannino; his brothers, Martino, Charles and Thomas Mannino, and his sisters, Vincenza Abbruscato and Concetta Ferrara.

Surviving are his son Lawrence Mannino and his wife, Stephanie Stapp; son Paul Mannino and his wife, Dorothy Krahnert; daughter Elaine Musarra and her husband,



Vincent C. Mannino

Anthony Musarra, and daughter Carol Smith and her husband, Vaughn Smith. He also was beloved to his 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Vincent was very proud of his Sicilian heritage, a man who lived every day to the fullest, with faith and humor and great love of family.

The family would like to personally thank John Dooley and Chuck Tombs of Dooley Colonial Home of Westfield for their professionalism and caring support.

In his memory, donations may be made to Westfield Veterans Fund, 405 Elm Street, Westfield, N.J. 07090 or visit WestfieldVeteransFund.com.

May 24, 2012

**Elizabeth E. Brown, 90**

Elizabeth E. Brown, 90, of Mesa, Ariz. passed away on Thursday, May 17, 2012.

Betty was born August 31, 1921 in Charlotte, Mich. to Delbert and Katherine Brown and graduated from Westfield High School, N.J. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from Albion College, Michigan, in 1943 and a Master of Library Science degree from Pratt Institute in 1953.

Betty worked for the Enjay Co. in New York City and then joined IBM. She retired in March 1982 as an information retrieval specialist. She moved to Colorado, where she cared for her mother and spent many years working on family genealogy, discovering a direct connection to the *Mayflower*.

She was a member of many organizations involving chemistry, library science and genealogy. Betty is included in the Marquis publications "Who's Who in America," "Who's Who in the World" and "Who's Who of American Women."

Her siblings, Barbara and Philip, predeceased her.

Betty is survived by her brother, Edward, of Fairfield Bay, Ark.; six nieces and a nephew. Interment will be at a later date in Traverse City, Mich.

May 24, 2012

## F-SP YMCA Announces Summer Registration

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA will begin registration for its Summer Session on Tuesday, May 29, for all adult classes. Full-member registration will begin on Thursday, May 31, while Basic registration will begin Saturday, June 2, and open registration will begin Saturday, June 9.

Summer Session will run from June 25 to August 19. A variety of membership options allows adults, senior adults and children to participate in programs and classes designed for youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

Youth classes include Tae Kwon Do, Pee Wee All Sports, Youth Sports, Youth Tri Club, Youth Gymnastics, Junior Tennis, Y Kids Run, Yoga, and Dance. Teens are invited to stay in shape with Tween Cycle, Tween Tri Club, Tween Dance, Progressive Skills Gymnastics, Dodgeball, Wellness Center weight

training and Tae Kwon Do.

Parent/toddler gymnastics classes are designed for parents and their children who are walking through 3½ years old. The progressive preschool program for 3- to 5-year-olds uses gymnastics and a positive attitude to promote self-esteem. KinderGym offers an introduction to gymnastics to kindergarten girls. For girls in grades 1 to 12, the progressive skills program teaches skills on all four events of women's gymnastics in a safe environment.

Preschool and youth swim lessons for ages 3 to 14 feature a progressive skills format, with an emphasis on stroke development and personal safety. Parent/child lessons for ages 6 months to 3 years, as well as adult lessons, also are offered. New is Masters Swim Team membership for anyone age 19 and up who wants to improve his or her swimming experience.

In addition to a Wellness Center that offers cardio and strength-training machines, adult fitness classes are held during day and evening hours for all levels, with some programs specifically designed to meet the needs of senior adults. Adult aquatics classes allow participants to improve their fitness level while reducing stress on joints. There also is a new TRX Group Personal Training and a rehabilitation program for breast cancer survivors called "Moving On."

For information on membership or programs, or to request a schedule of classes, call the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA at (908) 889-8880 or visit the Y's website, fanwoodscotchplainsymca.org. Financial assistance is available for those who qualify.

### SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-12001881  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
CHANCERY DIVISION  
UNION COUNTY  
DOCKET NO. 035354-10  
Plaintiff: WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.  
VS.  
Defendant: MICHAEL HEWSON, KATE HEWSON  
Sale Date: 06/06/2012  
Writ of Execution: 03/27/2012

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, New Jersey, on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day, All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is: \*\*\*Four Hundred Seventeen Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Eight and 73/100\*\*\* \$417,478.73.

Property to be sold is located in the Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union, State of New Jersey.

Premises commonly known as: 2293 Hill Road, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076-4213.

Being Known as Lot 11, Block 7701 on the official Tax Map of the Township of Scotch Plains.

Dimensions: 125.0 Feet x 50.0 Feet x 125.0 feet x 50.0 feet.

Nearest Cross Street: Marlboro Road.

Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Total Usset: \*\*\*Four Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Nine and 99/100\*\*\* \$433,389.99 together with lawful interest and costs.

Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited in the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.

Ralph Froehlich Sheriff

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## POLICE BLOTTER

**Westfield**

Monday, May 14, a Westfield resident reported the theft of a wallet from a locker at a Clark Street facility. The approximate value of the theft was \$96, according to police.

Monday, May 14, Angel Roldan, 48, of Brooklyn, N.Y. was arrested and charged with possession of suspected cocaine after police responded to a residence on Plymouth Road to investigate an alleged theft by a moving company. The victim reported a missing camera and also located multiple pieces of jewelry and other personal items hidden inside their residence, according to police.

Roldan was transported to police headquarters, where he was processed and issued a summons with an appearance in Union County Superior Court. The investigation regarding the alleged theft was forwarded to the detective bureau.

Tuesday, May 15, Roberto Cartagena, 34, of Edison was arrested at Central and Sycamore Avenues on an outstanding South River warrant. Bail was set at \$378. He was released on his own recognizance after processing.

Wednesday, May 16, Nicole Parsons, 21, of Rahway was arrested at Clark police headquarters on an outstanding Westfield traffic warrant for \$150. Parsons was processed and held in lieu of posted bail.

Wednesday, May 16, a resident of the 1300 block of Grandview Avenue reported a burglary in which someone unknown gained entry to the home and stole \$600 worth of personal belongings.

Wednesday, May 16, Ibrahim Ali, 43, of Newark was arrested during a motor vehicle stop on South Avenue near West Broad Street on an outstanding Westfield warrant for \$86. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released after posting bail.

Wednesday, May 16, a Mountaineer resident reported the theft of her wallet by someone unknown at a Central Avenue coffee shop. The wallet was valued at \$200 and contained \$50 in cash plus multiple credit cards.

Wednesday, May 16, a resident of the 200 block of Palsted Avenue reported being the victim of criminal mischief. Someone unknown damaged the victim's car by smashing the front windshield and denting the trunk area. The vehicle was parked in front of the victim's home at the time.

Wednesday, May 16, Klausdier E. Sonnenberg, III, 23, of Cranford was arrested during a motor vehicle stop in the area of West North Avenue and Clark Street on criminal warrants from Point Pleasant Beach and Newark. Sonnenberg was transported to police headquarters, processed and released after posting \$328 cash bail for the Point Pleasant Beach warrant and \$150 cash bail for Newark.

Wednesday, May 16, Patricia A. Lyp, 40, of Medford was arrested on an outstanding Springfield criminal warrant for \$300 pursuant to a motor vehicle stop at East Broad Street and Central Avenue. She was transported to police headquarters, processed and released on posted bail.

Wednesday, May 16, a resident of the 200 block of Westfield Avenue reported being the victim of a theft while at Roosevelt Intermediate School on Clark Street. Stolen was an iPhone valued at \$300.

Thursday, May 17, a resident of the 800 block of Bradford Avenue reported being the victim of criminal mischief. Someone unknown broke the mirrors on the victim's motor vehicle, which was parked in front of the victim's residence.

Thursday, May 17, a resident of the 200 block of Seneca Place reported being the victim of a burglary and theft. Someone unknown gained entry to the victim's motor vehicle and stole a pocketbook. Taken was approximately \$250 in cash and a debit card.

Thursday, May 17, Brandon West, 23, of Westfield was arrested after turning himself in at police headquarters on two Westfield warrants with bail totaling \$138. He was released after posting bail.

Thursday, May 17, Victoria A. Markowski, 19, of Westfield responded to police headquarters to satisfy an active Westfield traffic warrant. She was processed and released after posting \$475 cash bail.

Thursday, May 17, Ranessa J. Crosby, 26, of Roselle was arrested during a motor vehicle stop in the area of East South Avenue and Cacciola Place on outstanding warrants from Cranford, for \$583, and North Plainfield, for \$92. Crosby was transported to police headquarters, processed and released after posting the full cash bail.

Saturday, May 19, Ternice Ramos, 21, of Paterson was arrested during a motor vehicle stop on the 600 block of South Avenue on warrants from Paterson and Hackensack in the amounts of \$500 and \$100, respectively. She was released on her own recognizance on both warrants and given a court date of May 21.

Saturday, May 19, Jeremy Ettinger, 25, of Westfield was arrested on a Westfield warrant for \$190 after turning himself in at police headquarters. He was released after posting bail.

**Scotch Plains**

Monday, May 14, Ester Rodriguez, 21, of Scotch Plains was arrested and charged with assault on a police officer after police responded to a disturbance call at her residence. According to police, while the officer was speaking with Rodriguez, she tried to run away and while she was being placed under arrest she struck the officer several times. She was transported to police headquarters, processed and transported to the Union County jail for failure to post bail set at \$25,000.

Tuesday, May 15, a resident of Roberts Lane reported that someone made multiple purchases on her credit card without her authorization.

Wednesday, May 16, a resident of Country Club Lane reported that sometime during the last few weeks someone removed multiple personnel documents from her vehicle.

Wednesday, May 16, a student at the Vocational-Technical Schools reported that he left his phone in his bag during class and when he returned, the phone, valued at approximately \$250, was gone.

Thursday, May 17, Tomas Guardado, 57, of Plainfield was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22 on an outstanding North Plainfield warrant for \$600. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Thursday, May 17, Antone Smith-Greene, Jr., 23, of Piscataway was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on Terrill Road on an outstanding \$800 Scotch Plains warrant. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Thursday, May 17, Gregory O'Connor, 27, of Metuchen was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on Rahway Road on an outstanding \$1,000 Scotch Plains warrant. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Thursday, May 17, Franklin Glasper, 20, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with credit card fraud after an investigation into the case of an individual using stolen credit cards at a local business. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released after posting bail.

Thursday, May 17, Shellyann White, 35, of Plainfield was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on Raritan Road on an outstanding \$300 Bound Brook warrant. She was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

**Fanwood**

Monday, May 14, Jams Rodriguez, 23, of Jersey City was arrested on an active warrant out of East Rutherford after a motor vehicle stop at LaGrande Avenue and Helen Street. He was processed, posted bail and released.

Friday, May 18, Erika Keats, 41, of Scotch Plains was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on the 2600 block of Plainfield Avenue in Scotch Plains on an active warrant out of the Union County Sheriff's Office. She was processed and turned over to the Union County Sheriff's Office.

Friday, May 18, Marilia Roach, 43, of Plainfield was arrested on an active South Plainfield warrant after a motor vehicle stop at LaGrande Avenue and MacDermott Place. She was processed and released by the South Plainfield Municipal Court pending a court hearing.

Friday, May 18, Aja Bundy, 25, of Fanwood was arrested on an active Bloomfield warrant after a motor vehicle stop at Morse Avenue and Westfield Road. She was processed and released by the Bloomfield Municipal Court.

Saturday, May 19, Keri Maimone, 24, of Landing was arrested on an active Roxbury Township warrant after a motor vehicle stop at Terrill Road and Edwin Place. She was processed, posted bail and released.

Saturday, May 19, a resident of the 40 block of Glenwood Road reported that his unlocked, parked motor vehicle was entered and gone through sometime overnight but nothing was reported missing.

Sunday, May 20, Steven Rouse, 44, of Linden was arrested on an active Scotch Plains warrant after a motor vehicle stop at East 3rd Street and Terrill Road. He was processed and turned over to the Scotch Plains Police Department.

**Mountaineer**

Wednesday, May 16, a patron of a Route 22 theater reported that she lost her wallet at the theater and attempts to locate it were unsuccessful. According to police, the wallet contained \$400 in cash, personal papers, several credit cards, a Medicare card and her driver's license, all of which have been cancelled or replaced.

Friday, May 18, Jennifer L. Jerauld, 48, of Summit was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) after a motor vehicle stop on Mountain Avenue. She was transported to police headquarters, processed and taken to Overlook Medical Center in Summit for severe intoxication, according to police.

Friday, May 18, Alan C. Walton, 36, of Jersey City and Gregory Bush, 43, of Newark were arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated after they allegedly unlawfully entered a no-trespassing area on Sheffield Street and were attempting to remove scrap metal, which they had placed in their van, authorities said. They were transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Sunday, May 20, an employee of a Route 22 restaurant reported that she had a fight with a female employee and when she retrieved her motor vehicle at the end of the night, her front tire had been slashed and the front quarter panel had been scratched.



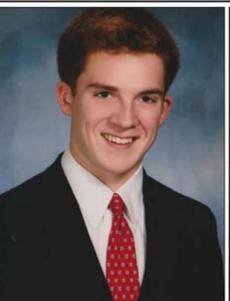
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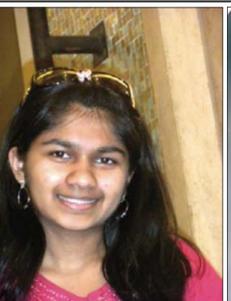
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## The Woman's Club of Westfield Announces Spring 2012 Scholarships

WESTFIELD – At the May general meeting of the Woman's Club of Westfield (WCW), held at the Masonic Lodge in Westfield, the 2012 spring scholarships were awarded to eight Westfield High School (WHS) seniors. Each winner will receive a \$5,000 one-time freshman grant.

Scholarships were awarded to: Wilson Cheung, Ryan Elliott, Alexa Geltzeiler, Alex Goldschmidt, Kavita Mehta, Sarah Ramiré, Kaitlyn Johnson and Rory Fitzpatrick.

Wilson Cheung is the son of Kit-Mui and But-Sung Cheung. Wilson is a conscientious and very capable young man whose motivation makes him a dedicated student. He is part of the WHS cross-country track team and co-creator/president of the Odd Jobs for Charity Club. Wilson also worked on weekends and is a member of the National Honor Society. He will attend Rutgers University

and plans to major in Engineering.

Ryan Elliott is the son of Mary and Richard Elliott. Ryan is the oldest of five children and an exceptionally hard worker. His work ethic is highlighted by being inducted into the National Honor Society and elected its vice-president. Ryan also proved himself on the football field, leading the WHS team as captain, and more leadership was shown contributing to the WHS Transition's team. His work includes youth umpire/referee and youth sports coach. Ryan plans to attend The College of the Holy Cross with an undecided major.

Alexa Geltzeiler is the daughter of Karen and Steven Geltzeiler. Alexa is a creative, free-spirited person who enjoyably excels in the classroom. She combines academics and the arts and achieves a high degree of success. Alexa has done very well in Honors and AP courses and is a mem-

ber of the National Honor Society. She plays the flute in the WHS Marching Band while holding the title of flute leader. Alexa is very involved in the Theater Department at WHS. She will attend New York University, looking at a Genetic Counseling major.

Alex Goldschmidt is the son of Beverly and Edward Goldschmidt. Alex is a naturally bright student who has challenged himself by taking a great many honor and advanced placement courses. No one was surprised when he did exceedingly well. Alex truly loves music, especially the piano, and currently is president of the Westfield Jr. Musical Club, plus a WHS tennis player ranked 16th in the state. Alex tutors students in five subjects and still has time to win awards in astronomy. He will attend Tufts University with a major in Astrophysics.

Kavita Mehta is the daughter of

Jayshree and Mukesh Mehta. Kavita is a very strong student academically and has proven her ability by taking many honors and advanced placement courses. She is a focused, well-organized student who has a great determination. Kavita was captain of the Federal Challenge, staff writer for the *Hi's Eye*, the WHS newspaper, and ran WHS winter track. She is a member of the National Honor Society, volunteers at Children's Specialized Hospital and is a Westfield Recreation Counselor. Kavita will attend Carnegie Mellon University to further her interest in business.

Sarah Ramiré is the daughter of Margaret and Leon Ramiré. Sarah is a mature, hard-working young woman who has served as representative and vice-president for the Westfield High School Student Government. Through the years, Sarah has always shown a great interest in

talent for dance. She has been a transition leader, reader for blind dialysis patients, crocheted hats for ill babies in hospitals, read to the congregation of a local church, babysat and served food for Clyne & Murphy Caterers. Sarah will attend Providence College and major in Marketing.

Kaitlyn Johnson is the winner of the WCW Erma Sloane Chambers one-time freshman merit scholarship. Kaitlyn is the daughter of Christine and Stephen Johnson. Kaitlyn is a highly motivated, determined and enthusiastic young woman. She participated in and was captain of two Westfield High School track teams and captain of the school's gymnastics team. Kaitlyn is a member of the National Honor Society, has worked as a lifeguard and taught gymnastics to young children. She also has been a transition leader, peer minister and community service volunteer, assist-

ing in repairing ravaged homes in Florida. Kaitlyn will attend Georgetown University to major in Engineering.

Rory Fitzpatrick is the winner of the WCW Ruth L. Quadenfield Antiques Department one-time freshman scholarship. She is the daughter of Kristen and Scott Fitzpatrick. Rory is an enthusiastic, strong student who has been gifted with a true love of learning and a high academic ability. At the same time, she is very well rounded. Rory has earned the respected Girl Scout Gold Award and played the position of catcher on the WHS girls' softball team. In addition, she plays the alto saxophone and is the only girl in the WHS Jazz Band. Rory is a member of the WHS Wind Ensemble and is woodwind captain in the WHS Marching Band. Rory will attend Princeton University with an interest in math and science.



HANDS ON LEARNING...Students participated in a Service Learning Project designed to help them apply civic principles in an active and reflective way at the Dyslexia Center in Scotch Plains. Pictured, from left to right are: Andrew Walker, Christine Soltesz, Derek Phansalker, Judy Shapiro, Justin Purvis, Beth Ruggieri, Abraham May and Lisa Purvis.

## Scotch Plains Students Raise Dyslexia Awareness

SCOTCH PLAINS — Justin Purvis, a former student of the Children's Dyslexia Center in Scotch Plains, asked three of his classmates at Park Middle School in Scotch Plains to join him in his effort to raise awareness about dyslexia. The students are participating in a Service Learning Project designed to help them apply civic principles in an active and reflective way.

Justin, along with Abraham May, Derek Phansalker and Andrew Walker, gave an informative PowerPoint presentation to the Dyslexia Center's teachers and staff May 1. The presentation emphasized the importance of early diagnosis and treatment, and it covered a variety of topics, including a section on why people should care about children with dyslexia.

One of the highlights of the presentation was when Justin spoke about his personal experience with dyslexia. He shared information about what has helped him deal with his dyslexia over the years, includ-

ing the help he received at this Dyslexia Center, exclaiming that his reading level jumped three grade levels after completing his program at the center. Justin passionately stressed to his audience that children with dyslexia need systematic, explicit instruction, help boosting their self esteem, parents who are supportive, teachers who are willing to use a multi-sensory approach and accommodations and modifications to help them succeed.

On May 10, the boys gave another presentation during the Dyslexia Center's closing ceremonies. This time the focus was on empowering the children who attend the center. The boys gave an inspiring presentation about famous people with dyslexia. They spoke about the accomplishments of Albert Einstein, Whoopi Goldberg, John Lennon and Walt Disney, emphasizing to the children that they, too, can be just as successful as all these individuals despite having dyslexia.

The Children's Dyslexia Center is located at 301 Forest Road in Scotch Plains. Director Judy Shapiro and Supervisor Christine Soltesz can be reached at (908) 322-6241.



### Bornstein Earns Graduate Degree From Quinnipiac

HAMDEN, Conn. – The following area resident received a master's degree from Quinnipiac University during a commencement ceremony held May 13 at the TD Bank Sports Center: Joshua B. Bornstein of Westfield earned a Master of Business Administration degree.



### Layton Receives Law Degree from W&L

LEXINGTON, Va. – Kelli Ann Layton of Westfield received her juris doctor degree on May 5 from Washington and Lee University School of Law.



PENNIES FOR PEACE...Third-grade students at Evergreen Elementary School in Scotch Plains collected pennies for Pennies for Peace. Pictured, left to right, back row, are: Ethan Pawelec, Nicolas Ruggieri and Ian Joshua. Pictured, front row, left to right, are: JJ Dionisio, Allie Serio and Cadence Weiss.

## WF Teachers Receive Outstanding Teaching Awards

WESTFIELD – Westfield Public School teachers Kristi Houghtaling and Stephanie Kwiatkowski were named Outstanding Intermediate School Teachers for 2012 by the Optimist Club of Westfield and will be honored by the Westfield Board of Education on Tuesday, June 5.

A reception sponsored by the Roosevelt and Edison Intermediate Schools' PTOs will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room at 302 Elm Street. Resolutions will be presented to the teachers by Board President Richard Mattessich during the business portion of the meeting at 8 p.m.

Ms. Houghtaling and Ms. Kwiatkowski are the recipients of the 15th annual Optimist Award, established in 1998 to recognize the importance of teaching in the intermediate grades. The award is presented annually to two Westfield teachers – one each from Edison and Roosevelt Intermediate Schools.

Ms. Houghtaling is in her 16th year as a science teacher at Edison Intermediate School in Westfield. She teaches both eighth-grade science and biology for eighth-grade students in the Gifted Program.

Ms. Houghtaling holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Cell and Molecular Biology and a post graduate degree in Biological Education from the University of Washington. She also holds a Master of Science degree in Biology from Montclair State University, where she was published in an academic science journal for her work in biology. In addition to her graduate work, Ms. Houghtaling has done research at Princeton University and the Cancer Institute of New Jersey. Commenting on receiving the Optimist Award, she said, "It is a great honor to be chosen to receive such a distinguished award. I am deeply moved."

Ms. Kwiatkowski is in her sixth year as an eighth-grade science teacher at Roosevelt Intermediate School (RIS) in Westfield. She also is the advisor for the Eighth Grade Service Project, which is responsible for a myriad of activities for the eighth graders during NJASK testing week. This year, eighth graders continued

the yearly beautification of the school grounds, worked collaboratively with the third graders at McKinley Elementary School on an electrical circuit project, created toiletry kits for the homeless and participated in cooking and Zumba classes. To fund a portion of the events, multiple fundraisers were held beginning in October, including this year's first RIS Spaghetti Dinner.

Ms. Kwiatkowski holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Food Science and teaching certification in Biology from Rutgers University.

In commenting on receiving the Optimist Award, she said, "Upon hearing the news, I was extremely overwhelmed and grateful to be considered among the deserving past recipients. To be considered among a group of individuals whom I admire as educational leaders is truly humbling."

Both Ms. Houghtaling and Ms. Kwiatkowski are members of the National Science Teachers Association.



Kristi Houghtaling, left, and Stephanie Kwiatkowski

### MEF Accepting 'Outstanding Character' Nominations

MOUNTAINSIDE — The Mountainside Education Foundation (MEF) is accepting nominations for its Outstanding Character Award, to be given to a graduating eighth-grade Deerfield School student.

The purpose of this award is to recognize a student who has demonstrated a continuing commitment to character and self-development, and to emphasize the importance that these attributes play in a child's growth to adulthood. The core principles of the MEF Outstanding Character Award Program are Courage - Taking risks and following your conscience; Integrity - Being truthful and trustworthy to oneself and others; Responsibility - Conveying an attitude of commitment and conviction and Concern - Demonstrating compassion and a caring attitude toward others.

Nominations for the award may come from any member of the Mountainside community, who is not related to the nominee, including teachers, school staff, coaches and scout leaders.

Completed applications for the MEF Outstanding Character Award must be submitted to the MEF mailbox at either Deerfield or Beechwood School, or emailed to jwargaski@verizon.net, no later than Friday, June 8, in order for the candidate to be considered.

All award applications will be reviewed by the Mountainside Education Foundation Board of Trustees. One recipient will be selected based on the criteria listed above and the information provided in the application. The award will be presented to the recipient at the Deerfield School graduation ceremony on Thursday, June 21.

The application can be found on the MEF website, mountainsideeducationfoundation.org.



SPARKING CURIOSITY...Westfield High School physics students learned to wire four switches and four bulbs in any way they chose, as shown here by students Elizabeth Connolly, left, and Zoe Korunow.

### WHS Physics Students Design Electrical Circuits

WESTFIELD – Students in both Josh Garodnick's and Rudy Scipione's Westfield High School physics classes experienced hands-on electrical circuit design this spring.

"These projects require logic, problem solving, understanding DC cir-

cuits, and it applies to real life when it comes to wiring your home," explained Mr. Garodnick. "This is something you can use," remarked student Adam Greene. Fellow student Elizabeth Connolly added, "It's really cool to see how the circuits work, not just draw it, and to see the lights go on."

The physics teachers pointed out that the project also ties into the school district's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) initiative. Supplies for the classroom project were donated by Jose Moradas, assistant manager of the Garwood Home Depot.

### SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY Maldiner Honored by Newhouse School

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Jenna Maldiner of Westfield, a graduating senior at Syracuse University's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, received the Newhouse Advertising Student of The Year award, for a senior advertising major with demonstrated academic excellence, outstanding service and extracurricular activity.



SENIOR OF THE YEAR...Jessica Clarke of Scotch Plains was named Senior of the Year for The Wardlaw-Hartridge School by the Edison Rotary Club at its 15th Annual Senior of the Year Awards Dinner on May 10. Jessica was chosen from a group of 11 classmates who were selected Student of the Month. All nominees and winners were selected for selflessly giving back to the community in a myriad of significant ways.

PERFECT...Dara Maguire of Scotch Plains, a junior at Union Catholic High School (UC), scored a perfect 800 on the math section of the SAT. A particularly involved student, Dara is a UC Ambassador, Executive Board member for Student Movement Against Cancer, and is a member of the varsity lacrosse team.



BIRDS OF PREY...Lincoln School in Westfield received a visit from Bill Streeter, director of the Delaware Valley Raptor Center, who brought with him a variety of live birds of prey. Pictured here is a hawk perched on Mr. Streeter's hand. An owl, falcon and eagle also were on display. The presentation included an explanation of the Raptor Center's dedication to the preservation and conservation of birds of prey and its humane professional care for orphaned, ill and injured birds so they can ultimately be returned to the wild.

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# THE WEEK IN SPORTS

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## RAIDER CASTORE WINS S.P., BLUE DEVIL FAGAN P.V.

### Vikings Get 1st, at UC Track; Blue Devils 3rd, Cougars 7th

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Senior Allen Eke won the 1,600 meters and the 800 meters as the Union Catholic High School Viking boys won six events to easily capture the team title at the Union County Championship at Hub Stine Field in Plainfield on May 17-18.

The Vikings totaled 122 points, well ahead of second-placed Governor Livingston at 71 and the Westfield Blue Devils, who finished third at 54. The Cranford Cougars placed seventh with a total of 22.5 and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders finished 12th with 10 points.

The Vikings took top honors in four of the eight events on May 17 and held a commanding lead in the team total over Governor Livingston,

59-37, with Westfield being a distance sixth at 19.

The eye-opening race of that day came in the 1,600 meters, which was spearheaded by Eke, New Providence Pioneer Everett Price and Blue Devils Jack Leahy, Matt Luppino and Dan Luzzi.

After the first lap, Eke and Price began to distance themselves from the rest of the pack. Eke drafted Price but turned on the burners and crossed first with a time of 4:11.69, just shy of the meet record, but it was the fourth-best time in the state this season.

"I honestly did not know. I had no clue I would run a 4:11. My goal was to stay with him and then maybe kick. I had more left too. I didn't really want to look back, but I looked back and thought how could he be

that far behind? Then I thought, 'what did I just run?' I was very excited. It's just amazing," Eke said.

Eke, whose previous best time was 4:21, began his kick with about 300 yards remaining and used his experience as one of the top runners in the 800 to beat Price (4:18.43) by nearly seven seconds. Leahy finished third at 4:20.04, followed by Luppino at 4:22.03. Luzzi finished sixth at 4:30.85.

"I saw his hands open up, and I thought, 'awe he's tired!' Then I went inside of him and just made my move. The 800 is definitely my strong side, but I ran a huge PR, so the mile could be there too. I was coming into the race working and trying to get second and run, at least 4:14 or 4:16. You

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CLEARING THE HURDLE...Raider Leah Salituro clears the hurdle in her heat of the 400 intermediate hurdles at the Union County track & field meet in Plainfield on May 17.

## VANBENSCHOTEN WINS 2; GRANT, RENFREE 1 EACH

### Cougars Get 2nd, Raiders 4th At Union County Girls Track

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Jen Edobi won two individual events and anchored the winning 4x400 relay to lead the Union High School girls track & field team to the team title at the Union County Championships at Hub Stine Field in Plainfield on May 17-18.

The Farmers had a team total of 105 to outscore the Cranford Cou-

gars, who finished second at 80.66. Summit took third at 54, Scotch Plains-Fanwood took fourth at 49, Roselle placed fifth at 48 and Westfield took sixth at 45.33.

Edobi broke the meet record of 55.66 set by Cougar Natalie Englese last year in the 400 meters, crossing in 55.03. Cougars Ashley McGuire at 59.64 and Jenna Ellenbacher at 1:00.03 finished 5-6. Blue Devil Amanda

Fischer finished seventh at 1:00.55.

Edobi won the 800 with a time of 2:17.75. Raider Erin Pierce finished fourth at 2:21.58, followed by Blue Devils Amanda Marcotullio at 2:22.44 and Ellie Callinan at 2:23.59. Edobi anchored the 4x400 that finished first at 3:57.84. Blue Devils Amanda Fischer, Amanda Marcotullio, Noelle Rosa and Eileen Cook finished fifth at

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TAKING THE LEAD IN THE 3,200...Blue Devil John Kirna, No. 2, keeps ahead of Cougar Tom Feeney, No. 1, and GL Highlander Anthony Bucci, left, during the first several laps of the 3,200. Bucci finished first, Kirna took second and Feeney took third.

## HENKELS WHACKS 4 HITS, 3 RBI; D'ANGELO FANS 10

### Raiders Pull Out All Stops to Turn Back Viking Nine, 10-3

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Gutsy base running coupled with a 15-hit attack, along with an equally gutsy performance on the mound by junior right-hander James D'Angelo put the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School baseball team on the right path to a 10-3 victory over hosting Union Catholic on May 16.

Senior catcher Ryan Henkels became the major contributor at the plate with four singles, a run scored and three RBI. He also led the way on the base paths, being the vanguard on the second of a pair of double steals. Henkels finished with four of the 13-10 Raiders' 11 stolen bases.

"I saw them well. I just waited. I

definitely hit better in pressure situations. We were picking up on their signs, and we had good jumps. The catcher's arm wasn't very strong, so we took advantage of it," Henkels said.

"One of the things that we talked about before the game was to put pressure on them and make them make plays. We wanted to make things happen. If we get opportunities to run, let's see what happens and make them throw us out," Raider Head Coach Tom Baylock said.

Leadoff hitter Christian Zazzali (3-for-5, 2 runs scored, RBI) also made the Viking defense nervous in all four times that he reached base safely. Zazzali had three stolen bases, but also advanced on a passed ball and

scored on a wild pitch. "He is one of the best base runners we've got. When he gets on base, he's able to create a lot of havoc," Coach Baylock said.

D'Angelo, the starting pitcher, struggled with a lot of pitches in the second and third innings but toughed it out to strike out 10 Vikings, while yielding five hits, two runs, three walks and a hit batter in his six innings on the mound. Kevin Raszka tossed the seventh inning and allowed one run on no hits, while walking one.

"My fastball was working really well today. The slider was really my out pitch to get all those strikeouts. I tried to keep the ball low today. I tried

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CLOSE PLAY AT THE PLATE...Raider Frank Degnan dives toward the plate and jars the ball loose from Viking catcher Joe Bonacorso in the second inning. The Raiders won, 10-3.

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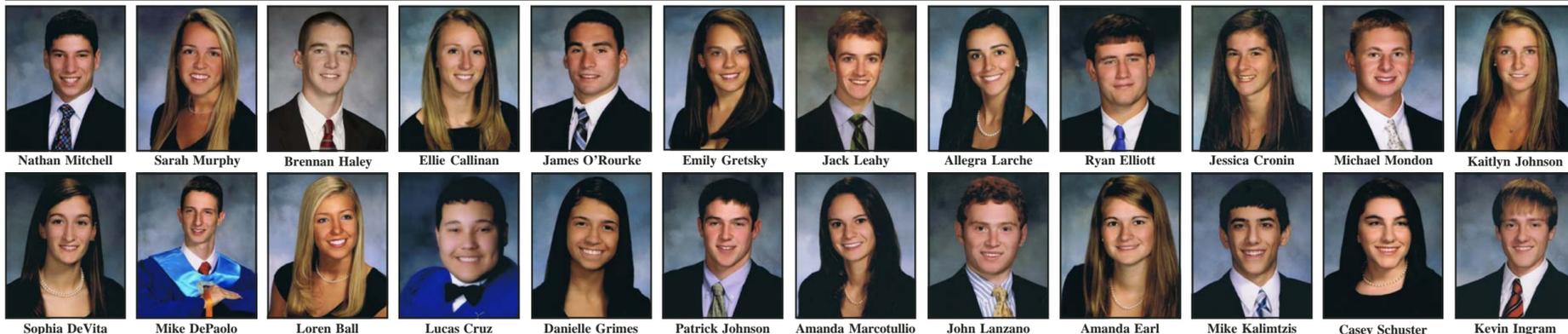
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# Westfield School Boosters Association Presents 45th Annual Booster Club Awards to 26 High School Senior Athletes

The Westfield High School Boosters Association awarded 26 scholarships at the annual ceremony on May 16. A scholarship committee consisting of Tom Madaras, Gary Fox, Bill Taylor, Brett Cummings, Jason McLane and John Fietkiewicz evaluated the candidates based on the information received from the athletes themselves, the Guidance department, and Supervisor of Athletics Sandy Mamary, who also reviewed all the applications.

The Walter L. Clarkson Honorary Award (Friends of Westfield Track - presented by cross-country coach Thom Hornish). Mike DePaolo, son of Elena and Steven DePaolo, earned five letters in winter and spring track (captain). Honors: Union County Conference (UCC) high jump champion. Winter track: All-County (All-UC) high jump recognition after placing second in the State Sectionals, third at the UC Championships, and sixth at the Group IV meet. Mike was also voted the Most Valuable Senior for the field events.

Academic honors: 4.25 GPA; National Honor Society; National Merit Scholarship Letter of Commendation; founder and president of the Odd Jobs for Charity Club. Mike will attend Rutgers University.

The Alumni Scholarship, initiated by the Roger Love family and funded jointly by the Boosters and John and Faith Bennett (former president and presenter), was awarded to Patrick Johnson, son of Christine and Steve Johnson.

Patrick earned four varsity letters in football and lacrosse. He was second team All-Conference (2010) in football, and (2011) first-team All-Conference and second-team All-UC.

Academic honors: honor roll, AP scholar, National Honor Society. Others: Peer Minister at St. Helen's, volunteer referee St. Helen's parish basketball. Patrick will attend Boston College.

The Toni Bristol Honorary Award (presented by George Kapner, boys soccer and boys tennis coach). Jessica Cronin, daughter of Ellen and Marty Cronin, earned four letters in swimming (team captain), received All-UC recognition in each season and qualified for the Meet of Champions in an individual event and a relay event.

Other athletic: WHS records in 100 backstroke and 200-medley relay, All-Area and All-State honors for individual, as well as medley relay team. This season, Jessica received the Lt. Daniel Nichols Memorial Award for humility, dedication, sportsmanship and leadership.

Academic honors: National Honor Society, USA Swimming Scholastic All-American, Latin Club, Senior Girl Scout (Bronze & Silver Awards and on way to earning Gold Award). Jessica will attend Connecticut College.

The Gary Kehler Award (Presenter - Glen Kehler a WHS Hall of Fame member). Gary Kehler was WHS "Hall of Fame" former Athletic Director, football coach, wrestling coach, and golf coach.

James O'Rourke, son of SueAnn and Terry O'Rourke, earned five letters (3 football, 2 baseball - captain of both). Honors: Baseball 2011 - first team All-UC, second team All-Group IV, Football 2011 - first team All-Group IV, All-UC, All-Area, All-Conference and *The Courier News* Defensive Player of the Year, selected by teammates as the Most Valuable Senior on offense.

James has volunteered as a counselor at various football camps, including the Kehler Camp. James will attend Gettysburg College and play football.

The Jack Martin Spirit Award (presented by cross-country/track coach Jack Martin) is given to a male runner who exemplifies the spirit, commitment and achievement.

Kevin Ingram, son of Linda and Richard Ingram, earned 10 letters in cross-country (XC), winter track, and spring track. Honors: XC - part of three consecutive state championship teams; last season - All-UC first team. Indoor - second place in the 800 at the UCC championships. Broke the 2:00 mark while leading off the 4x800 team at the Penn Relays. On May 12, won UCC 800 meters. Winter track: Selected Most Valuable Senior.

Kevin is an honor roll student, Transitions Leader, and Eagle Scout. Kevin will attend the College of New Jersey and run XC and track.

The Thomas Hornish (girls track, XC) Achievement Award was given to a female runner who exemplifies the spirit, commitment, sense of community and team and achievement. Danielle Grimes, daughter of Olivia Pinto Grimes and Raymond Grimes, earned 11 letters in XC, winter track, and spring track (captain of XC and spring track). Honors: XC freshman champion at the UC and Conference Championships, four time All-Conference or All-UC. Track - Top-10 at the UC and Conference championships in 1600 and 3200.

Academic honors: WHS Soles for Souls organization, Westfield Rotary Club, organized WHS Spring Food Drive to benefit surrounding communities. Danielle will attend Ursinus College and continue her XC and track.

The Peter Houlihan Awards (presenter Tim Houlihan) to male and female athlete to honor the late Peter Houlihan, past member of the Boosters active in promoting soccer through his work with the Westfield Soccer Association.

Female Recipient - Amanda Earl, daughter of Mary and David Earl, earned three letters in volleyball. A team captain, she was the recipient of the Most Valuable Senior Award, and she received All-UC and All-Conference (2011).

Academic honors: distinguished honor roll maintains a 4.17 GPA, National Honor Society, National Merit Scholarship Letter of Commendation, Peer Leader, Breast Cancer Awareness Club and the Habitat for Humanity Club, helped organize and run the Play 4 Pink charity volleyball event, which raises money for breast cancer research. Amanda will attend Tulane University.

Male Recipient - Mike Kalimtzis, son of Dina and Harry Kalimtzis, earned

four letters in wrestling (captain junior and senior years). Honors: compiled more than 100 wins, Three-time District Champion, two-time UC Champion, and regional finalist. Set a record for most pins in senior season.

Academic honors: National Honor Society, Transition Leader, Young Republicans Club. Mike will attend the Stevens Institute of Technology and will continue wrestling.

The Westfield Basketball Association Awards (Presenter WBA President Rick Elliott) for good sportsmanship and leadership on the basketball court.

Female Recipient, Casey Schuster, daughter of Shari and Jay Schuster, earned her letter in basketball (captain), and also played soccer. She was selected Most Valuable Senior.

Academic honors: National Society of High School Scholars, Spanish Club, and volunteer at the Children's Specialized Hospital and as a camp counselor. Casey will attend Syracuse University.

Male Recipient, Nathan Mitchell, son of Barbara and Mark Mitchell, earned four letters (2 basketball - captain, 1 football, 1 baseball). He received All-UC and All-Area honors in football.

Academic honors: AP Scholar, National Honor Society WHS recipient of the NJSIAA Student Athlete Award. Nate will attend the University of Richmond.

John Byrne Memorial Scholarship (Owen Brand presenter) is given to a male or female varsity athlete who has competed in at least two sports and has exhibited leadership, determination, hustle, academic achievement, and school and community involvement.

Brennan Haley, son of Kim and Drew Haley, earned eight letters (4 swimming - captain, 4 golf) Individual swim events - second team All-UC (500-free - 2011), first team All-UC (2012), at UC Championships (second in 500-free, third in 100-backstroke), also on the "Top 15" list in the 100-backstroke, 100-free, 500-free. In relays: on UC Championship 400-free relay, 200-medley relay that touched second and 200-medley relay team that placed fifth in the Meet of Champions.

Academic: distinguished honor roll, National Honor Society, Transition Project Peer Leader, Latin Club. Brennan will attend Washington and Lee University and will continue swimming.

The Friends and Family of Marge and Bob Brewster (Presenters - Marge and son Bob WHS varsity baseball coach). The Brewsters have been long-time supporters of the Boosters and the local football, basketball and baseball programs.

Jonathan Gribbin, son of Laura and Daniel Gribbin, played football (3 letters), baseball (2 letters/captain) and basketball. Football honors: All-Area first team and All-Conference (2011), holds WHS record for the most field goals, longest field goal, and most field goals in a game.

Academic honors: honor roll throughout career, member of Life's Not Fair and the Plainfield Connection, volunteers as Youth Group Mentor at his church, at the St. Claire's Home for Children with Aids, the Interfaith Hospitality Network, and the Plainfield Meals Soup Kitchen. Jon will attend the University of Rhode Island and play baseball.

The Greta Schoenemann Memorial Scholarship (Presented by Greta's father, Robert) presented to a senior girl soccer player about whom it can be said - "she was a great teammate."

Sophia DeVita, daughter of Lynn LoCastro and Robert DeVita, was the soccer team goalie last year. She became a goalie before the season because the team needed one. Sophia earned seven letters in soccer, spring track (captain), winter track (Most Valuable Senior) and basketball.

Achievements: Part of several WHS record setting relay teams - 4x400 (sophomore year); 3x400 intermediate hurdles and triple jump relay (junior), All-UC 4x400 relay team (freshman). Recently, Sophia competed on the long jump and high jump relay teams that placed at the UC Relays.

Academic honors: National Honor Society, National Italian Honor Society, founded the Chemistry Club, Breast Cancer Awareness Club, Italian Club. Sophia will attend Fairfield University where she will continue as a goalie.

The Jim Nicoll Scholarship Award (Thom Hornish presenter) to recognize the commitment made to the cross-

country and/or track & field programs as a competitor and as a volunteer to the Friends of Westfield Track and the Westfield community.

Amanda Marcotullio, daughter of Mary and Paul Marcotullio, earned eight letters (4 spring track - captain, 2 soccer, 1 winter track, 1 basketball). Honors: first team All-UC (spring track 2011), fourth in the 800 (this winter's UC Championships), member of the 4x400 relay that won the UC and Conference Championships (2010), member of the 3x400 intermediate hurdles that set the WHS outdoor record (2010).

Academics: maintains GPA above 4, National Honor Society, National Italian Honor Society, Italian Club, Peer Minister at St. Helen's, volunteers as youth track coach at the Westfield Y and as youth coach in a summer soccer camp. Amanda was nominated for the UNICO Brian Piccolo Memorial Scholar/Athlete Award. Amanda will attend Vanderbilt University.

The Westfield Baseball League Award (WBA President Leo White presenter) recognized a senior baseball athlete, who demonstrates leadership and sportsmanship in representing his town and school.

Michael Mondon, son of Roseann and Robert Mondon, earned four letters (2 football, 2 baseball - captain). He also played basketball. This spring, Mike helped lead the baseball team to the UC Championship with a strong performance on the mound and at the plate. Last spring, he had a 7-1 record and was an integral part of the team's first State Sectional Championship in many years. He was selected to play in the Union/Essex Underclassman All-Star Game.

Academics: distinguished honor roll maintains a GPA above 4, AP scholar, National Honor Society, Italian Honor Society, National Society of High School Scholars, member of Life's Not Fair and the Italian Club. He has volunteered as a youth basketball coach for the St. Thomas CYO, and helped raise money for the CYO by working the concessions at the games. Mike will attend the University of Rochester and play baseball.

The Girls Softball League of Westfield Scholarship (Presenter President Joe Verga) was given to an athlete who has achieved a high level of success in softball and who, by her teamwork, leadership and sportsmanship, exemplifies the type of player the League strives to develop.

Audrey Peterson, daughter of Susan Kowalenko and Marlin Peterson, played softball (2 letters, captain) and basketball. In softball, Audrey leads the team in doubles, triples, RBI, and on-base percentage, and is second in home runs, batting average, and slugging percentage. She also has shown a great glove at first base.

Academics: distinguished honor roll, maintains a GPA above 4, National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, bronze award winner on the National Spanish Exam. Last June, she received the Girl Scout's Gold Award - highest honor bestowed by the organization.

Other credits: member of WHS Marching Band, and WHS symphony orchestra, Spanish Club, Environmental Club, Community Service Club, volunteer at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital, instructor at clinics for young softball players run by the GSLW. Audrey will attend Lafayette College and hopes to continue playing softball.

The Tri-Sports Achievement Scholarship (Presenters and sponsors Rick Lessner and Tom Tresnan) recognizes an athlete who has demonstrated outstanding athletic abilities as evidenced by achieving three varsity letters in three different and distinct sports during senior year.

Ellie Callinan, daughter of Christy and John Callinan, played four sports at WHS - soccer, basketball (captain), track, and lacrosse, and earned five letters. She received All-UC recognition in soccer.

Academics: distinguished honor roll, officer of the 2012 Class Council all four years, Transitions Project Leader, participant in the French Exchange Program, volunteered on mission trips with her church and as a youth soccer coach. Ellie will attend Miami University in Ohio.

The Friends of Girl's Lacrosse Award (Presented by Ginny Leiz) recognizes a female student athlete who plays lacrosse and who promotes the sport through her leadership, sportsmanship

and scholarship.

Emily Gretscky, daughter of David and Andrea Gretscky, earned three letters in lacrosse (captain). She also played soccer and ran track. Honors: All-UC (2010 & 2011), first team All-League Freedom Division (2011).

Academics: National Honor Society, president of the Chemistry Club, Environmental Club, Autism Club, volunteer fundraiser for an orphanage in Tanzania, youth lacrosse coach, member of Operation Smile. Emily will attend Wesleyan University and play lacrosse.

The Westfield Tennis Association Award (presented by Janice Honymar) is given to a varsity tennis player who has demonstrated exceptional dedication to improving his or her tennis skills, exhibiting good sportsmanship and being an ultimate team player.

Sarah Murphy, daughter of Eileen Cleary and Sean Murphy, earned three letters in tennis. She also ran winter and spring track (freshman and sophomore years), earning a letter in winter track.

Tennis credits: UCT champion at first doubles and first team All-UC and second team All-Group IV (2010), UCT third singles champ, captain and selected Most Valuable Senior (2011). In October 2011, she was selected as the Blue Devil of the Month at WHS.

Academics: distinguished honor roll, National Honor Society, President of Soles 4 Souls past three years, member of Operation Smile. Sarah will attend Georgetown University and hopes to continue tennis.

The Deborah Tuohy Memorial Scholarship (presented by Dennis Tuohy, Deborah's husband, and son Patrick Tuohy - assistant varsity lacrosse coach) is given to a male lacrosse athlete who demonstrates leadership, enthusiasm, initiative, integrity, and selflessness on and off the field.

John Lanzano, son of Lora and George Lanzano, earned six letters - 3 football, 3 lacrosse. He earned All-Conference honors (football), and he was MVP on defense (freshman lacrosse). He was selected captain of both teams.

Academics: honor roll student (all four years), camp counselor for the Westfield Recreation Department. John will attend Virginia Tech University.

The Judith A. McLane Memorial Award (presented by Jason McLane, Judy's son) recognizes an athlete who demonstrates leadership and integrity both on the field and in the classroom.

Allegra Larche, daughter of Robyn and Dominic Larche, earned seven letters (3 cross-country - captain, 2 winter track, 2 spring track). Honors: All-Conference XC, posted terrific times in the 800, 1000 and 1600 in track that made the "all-time" WHS list.

Academics: distinguished honor roll, maintains a 4.37 GPA, AP Scholar, National Honor Society, finished third in the State on the National Spanish Exam, Transition Project Leader and active in other school clubs. She participated in mission trips with the Presbyterian Church, and is a math tutor for elementary and middle school students. Allegra will attend the University of Pennsylvania.

The Athletic Directors Scholarship (presented by Sandy Mamary, Supervisor of Athletics) in honor of WHS former Athletic Directors - Ed Tranchina, Bob Duncan, John Lay and Gary Kehler - and funded jointly by the Boosters, The Friends of Westfield Track, and the Westfield PAL, recognizes an athlete who competed hard, was dedicated to his team and teammates, and was a leader on and off the field.

Ryan Elliott, son of Mary and Rick Elliott, earned three letters in football (captain) and two in spring track. He has also played baseball and ran winter track. In football, he was first team All-UC (2010) and second team All-Conference (2010 & 2011).

Academics: distinguished honor roll, officer of National Honor Society, Transition Project Team Leader. He volunteers as a youth basketball coach in the St. Helen's in-parish basketball program, and he plays club rugby. Ryan will attend Holy Cross and plans to play rugby.

Advisor's Awards (presented by Bob Arnold, the Boosters' second Vice President) are given to recognize a male and a female athlete who have demonstrated commitment to their teams and teammates, in the classroom and within the community.

Female Recipient, Loren Leigh Ball, daughter of Adele and Robert Ball, earned four letters in swimming. Accomplishments: captain and Most Valuable Senior, part of the WHS record-breaking 200- and 400-freestyle relays, in the top 15 WHS all-time in the 50- and 100-freestyle.

Honors: 2012 - first team All-State, All-Area and All-UC for her relay work, first team All-UC for the 50-freestyle - 2011 - similar All-State, All-Area and All-UC, as well as All-America recognition for the 200-freestyle relay.

Academics: distinguished honor roll, National Honor Society, selected WHS female recipient of the Union County Scholar Athlete Award, President of Operation Smile, president of the Food Pantry Connection, member of the Bella Chora Women's Ensemble choral group.

She is a volunteer at Holy Trinity, working as a religious education aide, a member of a team that rebuilt homes in poverty stricken areas of Florida, and a member of a group that prepares lunches for less-fortunate families in the area. Loren will attend Boston College and continue swimming.

Male Recipient, Lucas Cruz, son of Ramona Coleman-Cruz and Julio Cruz, earned four letters in bowling (captain junior and senior seasons and selected Most Valuable Senior by teammates).

Honors: Sophomore, junior and senior seasons, was WHS's triple-crown winner for high average, high game and high series; this year, he finished 13th at the NJSIAA individual state championships, and had the third highest game at the State team championships.

Academics: outstanding honor roll student at the Union County Magnet School, AP Scholar, with honors he is a National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar, member of the winning team in the 2010 Annual Mathematics Contest of New Jersey. Lucas volunteers each year in the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life," and in the Prodigal Foundation's Bowling fundraiser. He also is a member of the Youth American Bowling Association. Lucas will attend Lehigh University and will continue bowling.

The Executive Committee Award (presented by Gary Fox, Boosters First Vice-President) is given to a student athlete whose hard work, dedication and leadership are indicative of what high school athletics represent.

Jack Leahy, son of Margaret and Christopher Leahy, earned 10 varsity letters (4 cross-country, 3 winter, 3 spring track). He was X-C captain and its Most Valuable Senior.

Honors: part of 3 straight X-C state championship, first team All-UC and second team All-Group IV (sophomore); first team All-UC, second team All-Group IV, All-Northeast Region (junior); won Nike Northeast Regional Championship and UC Championship, named first team All-Northeast Region, first team All-State, first team All-Group IV, first team All-UC (senior).

Indoor track - UC 3,200 champion (junior), third in 3,200 at the state sectionals, second in the 1,600 at the UC Conference championships. Outdoors: won the 1,600 and the 3,200 at the UC Conference Championships.

Academics: honor-roll, recently selected WHS male recipient of the Union County Scholar Athlete Award. Jack is a volunteer counselor at a YMCA camp, and volunteer with the Appalachian Trail Mountain Club. Jack will attend The College of New Jersey and will run cross-country and track.

The President's Award, considered the most prestigious, (presented by Booster President Mike Helfand) is presented to an outstanding senior athlete who exemplifies leadership, character, good sportsmanship, and the spirit of Westfield athletics.

Kaitlyn Johnson, daughter of Christine and Steve Johnson, earned eight varsity letters (4 gymnastics, 2 winter track, 2 spring track). Gymnastics: captain junior and senior years, leading the team to UC championships both seasons; selected Most Valuable Senior.

Winter track, captain, set a WHS record in the 1,600, placed second in the state sectionals and third in the Counties, part of the 4x800 team that placed second at the UC relays and the 4x400 team that placed sixth, selected Most Valuable Senior runner.

Spring track: captain, received All-Conference recognition (2011), and in 2012 anchored the 4x1,600 relay team that finished second at the UC relays, led off the 4x800 team that took second, anchored the Sprint Medley relay team that finished fifth.

Academics: distinguished honor roll, maintains a 4.35 GPA, National Honor Society, AP Scholar with honors, Transition Project Leader, mentor and tutor in the WHS PAL Mentoring/Tutoring Program, Peer Minister at St. Helen's, Board Member of the Junior Twig Program of the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside. Kaitlyn will attend Georgetown University.

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**FERRARO GOES 4-FOR-4, RBI; GALLO RAPS 3 HITS**

**Blue Devils Score in 3rd, 4th; Blank Softball Raiders, 4-0**

By **FRED LECOMTE**  
*Specialty Writer for The Westfield Leader and The Times*

Efficient pitching and fine fielding kept the Westfield and Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School softball teams in a tight and well-played contest, but it took the Blue Devils' two innings to earn a 4-0 victory in Scotch Plains on May 17.

Blue Devil pitcher Elena Scarano,

and I'm proud of them for that. Sometimes when you're four and something, it's tough," said Raider Head Coach Jess Hulnik.

The improved Raiders came close to scoring in the bottom of the second inning when Killeen and Gallo each singled and Marcus was awarded a base after taking one for the team to load the pods with one out. Ferraro

an RBI single to left while Peterson followed with an RBI single to left.

In the bottom of the inning, Cali Chambliss initiated a second-to-first double play.

"Today we played really good defense. We made one error on a hard hit ball to second base and that is going to happen, but the good thing is, if you make one mistake it's not the end of the world. If you make a bunch, that's when you start to get yourself in trouble, so we picked ourselves up and that's what you need to do to win a game," said coach McDonald.

Westfield notched two runs in the fourth inning to make the score, 4-0. Natalie Tupper, the No. 9 batter in the lineup, looped a single to center, swiped second base, advanced to third on a sac fly ball off the stick of Chambliss and scored on Ferraro's bloop single to left. Next, Ferraro hustled to second, advanced on a passed ball and scored on Shaefer's single to right.

Defensively, Raider Kelly Lapham made two outstanding plays at second base. In the fourth inning, catcher Ariel Zuaro made a key play,



Fred Lecomte for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
**PLOWING IN TO SCORE...Blue Devil Chrissy Ferraro, No. 16, scores as Raider catcher Ariel Zuaro prepares to scoop the throw. The Blue Devils shut out the Raiders, 4-0.**

in impressive fashion, yielded six hits and one walk, while fanning three. Second baseman Julia Criscuolo, first baseman Audrey Peterson (2-for-4), centerfielder Chrissy Ferraro (4-for-4), right fielder and Shannon Schaefer (2-for-4) provided the Blue Devils four runs.

"It was a well-played game. Defense on both sides is pretty tight; they have definitely improved from the beginning of the season. The last game we played against them was also a game, but it was back and forth, so many runs (15-10). This time, both pitchers had a better performance. Elena pitched great today, Tif (Gregory) did a great job behind the plate and our bats came alive just enough to push four runs across the board," said Westfield Head Coach Caitlin McDonald.

Also impressive on the mound, Raider pitcher Amanda Marcus tossed a nine-hitter, walking just one batter. Centerfielder Liz Gallo led the Raider offense, going 3-for-3. Second baseman Amanda Schroeder, right fielder Sara Killeen and Lindsey Wilkinson, who returned after suffering an injury, provided one hit each.

"I thought we played solid. We needed a couple of those hits to fall when we had runners on, thought we put the ball in play real nicely. They made some excellent plays; they're a good solid team. Our girls came out to play every game this year despite the opponent or how they are ranked,

however came up with a heads-up running snag and Scarano, on a three-and-two count, sat down the batter ending the threat.

"One thing she is doing better is getting ahead of the count. Screwball is really looking good lately, she's placing her fastball well when she is a little behind and she has a beautiful rise ball, so we're going to use everything she's got," said McDonald of Scarano.

The 15-9 Blue Devils lit the scoreboard with two runs in the third inning. Ferraro executed a perfect bunt single, Shannon spanked a sharp single to centerfield, Criscuolo ripped

gunning down the runner attempting to steal second.

"Amanda Marcus threw a really nice game and Ari called a great game. They seemed to be on the same page most of the time. Infield played solidly. We've come a long way since the beginning of the season and it's almost a shame it's coming to an end, because I really feel we're playing well right now," concluded coach Hulnik.

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**Raiders Turn Back Baseball Vikings, 10-3**

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to get them to put the ball on the ground. I fought off some bases-loaded jams. I did struggle. It was a little mental. It was hard pitching on the turf [field], but you got to overcome that, and that is what I did," D'Angelo said.

The first three innings, he had about 65 pitches, almost 70 pitches. The next three innings, he settled down and threw about 12 pitches an inning. His footing was real bad on the mound, but he figured out how to do it without slipping," Coach Baylock said.

"Dan pitched well. He's 6-0 right now. That's great for our team," Henkels said.

D'Angelo was also successful at the plate with two singles, an RBI and a run scored. Raszka reached base four times with three walks and a fastball to the back, and scored twice. Anthony Krajscik went 2-for-3, with double, a walk and two stolen bases. Frank Degnan had a bunt single, walked, stole a base and scored twice. Matt Marino and Mike Colineri each had an RBI single, and Brad Alleman singled and scored once.

The Raiders scored once in the top of the first inning. Raszka walked, advanced to second on a groundout and scored on Henkels' single to right. The Raiders then pulled out all the stops in the second inning to add five more runs on seven hits, four stolen bases, which included the first double steal, a passed ball and a wild pitch.

**SPF H.S. Schedules Meet Coaches Night**

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Meet the Coaches Night has been set for June 13 at 7 p.m. Parents and athletes from grades 8-11 are invited to attend.

The program is designed as an opportunity to meet the coaches and gain knowledge of the program goals, summer schedules and practice schedules. The SPF Athletic Boosters will be selling Raider wear.

The 14-7 Vikings got on the scoreboard with two runs in the bottom of the second. Dave Schanz singled, Ryan Paul walked, Anthony Colletti singled to load the bases, and Brendan Lloyd drilled a two-run single off the tip of D'Angelo's glove. Christian Mora chopped a one-out single to reload the bases, but D'Angelo struck out the next two batters.

In the third, Degnan walked, stole second and scored on Zazzali's single over second to make the score 7-2. In the Viking third, Oscar Mujica lashed a leadoff single and Schantz was hit-by-a-pitch. D'Angelo fanned the next batter and walked Colletti to load the bases, but he struck out the next two batters.

The Raiders added a run in the fourth on a wild pitch after D'Angelo singled and Krajscik doubled. In the sixth, Henkels singled and stole second. Krajscik walked then both advanced on a double steal, and Colineri tapped an RBI single to right.

Zazzali scored the Raiders' final run in the seventh when he singled, stole second and scored on Henkels' single to center. The Vikings scored once in the bottom of the seventh when Joe Bonaccorso scored on Schantz's looper over second.

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INVOLVED IN A FAST RACE... From left to right, Blue Devils Jack Leahy and Matt Luppino stick with Viking Allen Eke and Pioneer Everett Price in the 1,600. Eke crossed first in 4:11.69 (fourth best in state).

Cougars 2nd, Raiders 4th at UC Girls Track

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4:10.55. Raiders Isabel Crystal, Devora Ward, Justine Valdes and Pierce placed sixth a 4:20.89.

Union held a slight 53-47 lead over the Cougars on May 17, and the race of the afternoon came in the 1,600 meters. Raider Pierce was the frontrunner until midway through the third lap when Summit's Isabella Yozzi temporarily took the lead.

"My strategy, for the most part, is to try to let someone else do the work. I just lag constantly behind them, but it never really works out. I guess I always feel that I can go a little bit faster, so I try to push the pace a little bit more. I don't think I have the strongest kick at the end, so I went out hard and tried to tire out the other girls. It didn't quite work out today. She caught me right at the end.

Pierce and Yozzi also had a neck-and-neck race last year, but just before the finish line, Pierce collapsed and could not finish.

"We are pretty good friends. Last year, we were going at it in the same event, and I collapsed. We were talking about that, but it turned out [today] we both had a good day. I'm happy. It would have been nice for the win, but it was a good race except for the last 0.5 meters," Pierce said.

Blue Devil Kaitlyn Johnson also ran a smart race and drafted Summit Hilltoppers Bridget O'Brien and Kristy Gargiulo until midway through the final lap. She managed to pass Gargiulo and finished fourth with a time of 5:12.84 (personal record - PR), four seconds faster than her time at the conference meet last week.

"I tried to stay with them and do the best I can. I am more interested in my time more than I care about my place. There is really good competition in the counties, so I am just trying to improve myself," Johnson said.

The next day, Johnson finished second in the 3,200 at 11:34.45, followed by teammate Johanna Mermer at 11:44.56.

Cranford Cougars Bryanna Grant with a distance of 38-2, Gillian Burke with a PR 37-10 and Regine Hunter with a PR 37-8.5 swept 1-2-3 in the triple jump. Blue Devil Sophia DeVita placed sixth at 33-11.

"My last one [PR] was 36-9, so that's big for me. I surprised myself. I came in excited. I did my 100 [meter dash] first then I got ready for triple and kept my mind on that," said

Blue Devils Crush

W. Orange Laxers, 18-2

The Westfield High School boys lacrosse team crushed West Orange, 18-2, in the first round of the Group 4 Tournament in Westfield on May 19. Matt Webb netted three goals and two assists for the 10-7 Blue Devils. Jack Flaherty (2 assists), Dane Huber (assist), Abe Fertig-Cohen (assist) and Sam Rosenburgh each fired in two goals. Jackson O'Leary had a goal and four assists.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. W. Orange (9-9) 1 1 0 0 2, Westfield 6 6 4 2 18

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that an ordinance of which the following is a copy was introduced, read and passed on first reading by the Council of the Town of Westfield at a meeting held May 22, 2012, and that the said Council will further consider the same for final passage on the 5th day of June, 2012 at 8:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, in the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at which time and place any person who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance.

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 1988

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 1980 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD CHAPTER 2, "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE II, TOWN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, DIVISION 3, PERSONNEL POSITIONS AND SALARY SCHEDULE," SEC. 2-12.28, "SCHEDULE."

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF WESTFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF UNION AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. That the Code of the Town of Westfield be and is hereby amended by revising Section 2-12.28, "Schedule," in Chapter 2, "Administration" Article II, "Town Officers and Employees," Division 3, "Personnel Positions and Salary Schedule," so that the same shall read as follows:

Table with 3 columns: JOB TITLE, SALARY RANGE. Includes positions like Custodian, Library Assistant, Senior Custodian, etc.

SECTION II.

The Personnel and Position Salary Schedule set forth in Sec. 2-12.28 as hereby amended shall take place as of January 1, 2012.

SECTION III.

Any of all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict, or inconsistent, with any part of the terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in such conflict or inconsistent.

SECTION IV.

In the event that any section, part or provision of this ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court, such holdings shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so held unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION V.

This ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication as soon as, and in the manner provided by law.

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Hunter, who placed fourth in the 100 meters at 12.97.

Cougar Head Coach Peter Kane was quite pleased with all three girls' performances.

"He was very excited. He pumps me up every time. He is my inspiration," Hunter said.

Throughout the season, the trio has been pushing each other.

"I love working with them. We have great vibes. I actually got closer with Bry and Gilliam as the year progressed. As we keep going, we are going to get closer and better," Hunter said.

Cougar Kristen VanBenschoten came through with a PR shove of 37-6 to take top honors in the shot put. Raider Samantha Renfree placed third with a push of 35-1.

"It was a PR by two feet. I was very happy with my success. I guess I peaked at the right time. I am happy that I can contribute to the team," VanBenschoten said.

VanBenschoten also took top honors in the discus with a throw of 113-6. Renfree was second at 102-10 and Cougar Summer Kortbaoui took fifth at 90-2.25.

"I threw 110 on my first throw. My PR is 116. On my last throw I threw 113, so I am very happy with that," VanBenschoten said.

Renfree, however, won the javelin with a toss of 110-1, followed by Blue Devils Christina Mosco at 108-

9 and Meghan Reilly at 107-4. Blue Devil Emily Mastrocola placed sixth at 95-0.

Prior to those events, Raider field coach Ken Hernandez said, "Samantha in the conference last week had a big throw. The girls from Westfield, whom she has been very competitive with, threw a 115 and she answered with a big throw of 120. Yesterday, she took third in the shot put, so she is an all-around athlete."

"The shot I had a 35, so I got third. The discus was 103 for second, and the javelin was 110 for first. Overall, it was a good performance. I wish I could have done better in jav[elin]. I was a lot more in the mind set last week than I was this week. There was a lot more rushing this week between the events," Renfree said.

Grant placed third in the pole vault with a height of 9-6, followed by Blue Devil Mai Devin, who also cleared 9-6. Grant took fifth in the 100 hurdles with a time of 15.19. Grant, Hunter and Callinan tied for fourth in the high jump with a height of 4-10.

Burke took second in the long jump with a leap of 16-11.75, followed by Raider Christine Charles at 16-8.75. Cougar Rebecca Shimonov took fifth at 16-7.25. Raider Leah Salituro took eighth at 15-8. Raider Ward crossed third in the 200 with a time of 26.45. Cougars Ashley McGuire at 26.84 and Burke at 27.21 finished 4-6.



CLEARING AT THE SAME TIME... Blue Devil Amanda Marcotullio, left, and Raider Najla Gilliam clear their hurdle at the same time.

WF Netmen Beat Franklin, JP Stevens for Section Title

The Westfield High School boys tennis team defeated Franklin, 3.5-1.5, in semifinal round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 tournament on May 17. Then on May 18, the Blue Devils defeated JP Stevens, 4-1, for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 championship. The Blue Devils advanced to play for the Group 4 championship at Mercer County Park.

Last year, the Blue Devils failed to win the section title, but in 2010 the Westfield boys topped the great Blue Devil teams of 1986-88 - See June 3,

2010 Devils Den - beating Livingston in the semifinals and then Lenape to win its fourth straight state Group 4 title, something no other WHS tennis team had ever done.

WESTFIELD 3.5, FRANKLIN 1.5 First singles: Leandro Araneta (F) d Scott Thompson, 5-7, 6-3 (retired) Second singles: Adam Greene (W) drew with Martin Del Prado, 6-2, 6-7 (3-7) Third singles: Max Mancini (W) d Kevin Liu, 7-5, 6-2 First doubles: Jack Rickles and Jacob Harris (W) d Sunday Ebo and Ahil Rajwani, 6-2, 6-0 Second doubles: Justin Cafiero and Jacob Ziff (W) d Destyn Futter-Hope and Alex Tang, 6-0, 6-1

WESTFIELD 4, JP STEVENS 1 First singles: Sarthak Mohanty (JP) d Thompson, 6-0, 6-3 Second singles: Greene (W) d Ajit Bopalcar, 2-6, 6-1, 6-4 Third singles: Mancini (W) d Neil Nadpara, 7-5, 6-2 First doubles: Jack Rickles and Jacob Harris (W) d Karthik Ramakrishnan and Jason Kwan, 6-4, 6-1 Second doubles: Justin Cafiero and Jacob Ziff (W) d Jessie Wu and Kevin Ho, 6-1, 6-1

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Scotch Plains will hold a public hearing on June 7, 2012, at 7:30 pm, Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Council Chambers to hear the following appeals:

Julia Beaumont, for a Variance to construct a 30 feet x 25 feet deck at property located at 413 Farley Avenue, Block 501, Lot 29, R-3A Zone contrary to the following section of the Zoning Ordinance: Section 23-3.4A Para. H, Col. 10-Rear Yard Setback. Required: 30 feet. Proposed: 13' +/- feet.

James Cleaves, for a Certificate of Non-Conformity validating the two-family usage of the property at 385 Westfield Road, Block 03005, Lot 25, R-3A Zone, contrary to the following sections of the zoning ordinance:

23-3.8(a)-Permitted Uses. Allowed: Single-family homes. Proposed: Continued usage as a two-family.

Evangel Church, for a Variance to install an above-ground generator and diesel tank at 1251 Terrill Road, Block 11603, Lot 15, R-1 Zone contrary to the following section of the Zoning Ordinance:

Section 23-2.3q-Regulations Applicable To All Zones stipulates: Prohibited Uses: Any use not specifically permitted in the zoning district established by this chapter is hereby prohibited from that district. Proposed: Above-ground diesel tanks are not permitted.

Apollo 22, LLC (Grillstone Restaurant), 2377 Route 22 West, Block 3904, Lot 1, located in the R-3A Zone for site plan completeness review only. The application is proposed to construct a 567 square foot addition and a 1,622 square foot outdoor patio area.

All interested persons may be present and be heard.

The files pertaining to this application are in the Office of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, 430 Park Avenue, 2nd Floor, Scotch Plains and is available for public inspection during regular office hours.

Barbara Hovey, Secretary Zoning Board of Adjustment T - 5/24/12, The Times Fee: \$47.94

Vikings First, Westfield Third at UC Track

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never know yet," Eke said.

Viking Tom Fried won two events, the discus with a toss of 133-3 and the javelin with a toss of 181-8. Cougar Rob Kessler placed fifth in the discus at 123-10 and third in the javelin at 159-8. Blue Devil Joe Rinaldi took fifth in the javelin at 151-11. Viking Christophe Scott won the long jump with a distance of 22-6. Blue Devil Chris Jimenez took sixth at 21-7.5.

Blue Devil Mike DePaolo tied for third in the high jump with a clearance of 6-0. Scott took fifth at 5-10. Vikings Obafemi Animashaun at 54.44, and Taylor McLaughlin and Zach Ghizzone both at 56.84 placed 5-6 in the 400 hurdles. Viking Darryl Costello finished fourth in the 400 at 49.9. Viking Jordan Jimerson finished fourth in the 100 meters at 11.2.

On May 18, Eke crossed first in the 800 with a time of 1:54.07. Blue Devil Luppino finished sixth at 1:59.21. Cougar Carl Lieberman finished 11th at 2:01.81.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD

Notice is hereby given that ORDINANCE NO. 12-06-S

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 86, SALARIES AND COMPENSATION, AND CHAPTER 67, POLICE DEPARTMENT, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD

was passed and adopted on the second and final reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood held on May 15, 2012.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication as required by law.

Eleanor McGovern Borough Clerk T - 5/24/12, The Times Fee: \$19.89

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY

DOCKET NO. F-10800-11 FILE NO. 13630-11

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT (L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: ROXANNE HENRIQUEZ;

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon PELLEGRINO AND FELDSTEIN, LLC, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 290 Route 46 West, Denville, New Jersey, an Answer to the Amended Complaint filed in a Civil Action, in which US BANK CUST FOR CCTS CAPITAL, LLC is the plaintiff and JOSE ALVARADO, ET ALS: are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, UNION COUNTY and bearing Docket No. F-10800-11 within thirty-five (35) days after May 24, 2012 exclusive of such date. If you fail to answer or appear in accordance with Rule 4:4-6, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for relief demanded in the Amended Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

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

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

1. A certain tax certificate 10-280, sold on 12/2/2009, dated 12/8/2009, and was recorded on 2/8/2010 in Book 12862 at Page 67, made by MARIA GLAVAN, Collector of Taxes of PLAINFIELD, and State of New Jersey to US BANK CUST FOR CCTS CAPITAL, LLC and subsequently assigned to plaintiff, US BANK CUST FOR CCTS CAPITAL, LLC. This covers real estate located in PLAINFIELD, County of UNION, and State of New Jersey, known as LOT 10 BLOCK 406 as shown on the Tax Assessment Map and Tax Map duplicate of PLAINFIELD, and concerns premises commonly known as 274-76 NETHERWOOD AVENUE, PLAINFIELD, New Jersey.

YOU, ROXANNE HENRIQUEZ, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on November 7, 2002, a judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Essex County, by Roxanne Henriquez against Antonio Jose Alvarado Jr a/k/a Jose Alvarado disclosing a debt in the amount of \$15,000.00. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-265248-2002. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

DATED: May 18, 2012

Jennifer M. Perez, Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey PELLEGRINO & FELDSTEIN, L.L.C. Denville Law Center 290 Route 46 West Denville, New Jersey 07834 T - 5/24/12, The Leader Fee: \$67.83

Blue Devil Peter Fagan took top honors in the pole vault with a height of 13-6. Teammate John Stelmach took second at the same height. Cougar Pat Lynch tied for fifth at 12-0. Cougar Mike Helmstetter and Raider Joe Desiato tied for seventh at 11-6.

Last week at the conference meet, the Raiders demonstrated their influence in field events, especially the shot put.

"In the conference, we had our first 50 of the year registered by Jamie Kaiser. He's built so much confidence from the beginning of the year until now. Billy Castore is keeping him honest. Billy hit 49 in the winter, so we are hoping to get big numbers out of him. I think Kaiser jumping ahead of him is going to fuel the fire. And, of course Chris Burke has always been consistent," Raider field coach Ken Hernandez said.

Castore was indeed fueled up as he won the shot put with a shove of 51-4.75. Cougars TJ Nichols at 44-2 and JD Foye at 44-0.5 finished 6-7. Burke and Kaiser placed 8-9, respectively.

"This week, I had a couple of good practices, and performed. I had a 51-4.75 a personal best. My last personal best was 49. I just went after it on that

No. 2 Ridgewood Tops Blue Devil Laxers, 17-7

The No. 2 ranked Ridgewood High School girls lacrosse team defeated Westfield, 17-7, in the quarterfinal round of the North Jersey, Group 4 tournament on May 17. Elizabeth Cusick and Courtney Weisse (assist) each netted two goals for the Blue Devils.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Westfield 5 2 7, Ridgewood 7 10 17

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GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 1987

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 1893 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD AND VARIOUS AMENDMENTS THERETO."

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF WESTFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF UNION AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I.

That General Ordinance No. 1893, as titled above, be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. POLICE DEPARTMENT

I. ANNUAL SALARIES

(1) (1) All salaries shall be retroactive to their effective dates and the annual salaries of the Westfield Police Department shall be as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Effective, Effective, Effective, Effective. Lists salaries for various police ranks from 1/1/2010 to 1/1/2014.

(2) Employees currently assigned as Detective Grade 2 or 1 at the time of the adoption of this ordinance will follow the following salary schedule subject to contractual requirements:

Table with 4 columns: Effective, Effective, Effective, Effective. Lists salaries for Detective 1st and 2nd Grade from 1/1/2010 to 1/1/2014.

(3) Employees assigned as Detectives will receive a stipend of \$3,000 per year prorated on a monthly basis where a full calendar year is not served in the assignment.

SECTION II.

Any of all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict, or inconsistent, with any part of the terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in such conflict or inconsistent.

SECTION III.

In the event that any section, part or provision of this ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court, such holdings shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so held unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION IV.

This ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication as soon as, and in the manner provided by law.

T - 5/24/12, The Leader Fee: \$132.60

throw. I had an extra push. I even screamed a little bit. Kaiser, my teammates pushed me. I think that's a reason why I threw a 51 this week," Castore said.

Highlander Anthony Bucci and Blue Devil John Kirma were having quite a race in the 3,200. Kirma headed the pack for several laps, but in the end, Bucci kicked hard down the stretch to cross first at 9:39.62, while Kirma finished second at 9:45.6. Cougars Tom Feeney at 9:50.26 and Connor McMahon at 10:14.36 finished 3-7.

"I was trying to stay up there as much as I could. When I am in the lead, I am more relaxed that way. I knew they were right behind me, so I just did my best to keep my position," Kirma said.

Cougar Adam McGuire placed third in the triple jump with a distance of 43-0.5, followed by Blue Devils Mike DePaolo at 42-7 and Declan Fitzmaurice at 42-1.5. Blue Devil Rob Ciardullo crossed sixth in the 200 at 22.74. Blue Devils Jake Vergara, Ciardullo, Alex Hay and Jason Ibsit finished sixth in the 4x400 at 3:28.38.

Kingsway Boys Jolt Raider Laxers, 17-8

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys lacrosse team experienced a 17-8 defeat at the sticks of 15-5 Kingsway in the Group 3 Tournament on May 19. Kingsway held a slim, 4-3 lead at the half but surged in the second half.

Jack Cunningham flicked in three goals for the 9-11 Raiders, while Dan Nizolak (assist) and Kevin Kirby (2 assists) each netted two goals, and Matt Greenberg added one goal.

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The Westfield Girls Varsity Crew

## Westfield Crew Fares Well At Stotesbury Cup Regatta

Westfield Crew completed its spring season on a high note last weekend, placing three boats in the semifinals of the prestigious Stotesbury Cup Regatta in Philadelphia.

The Girls Varsity Quad, with Erika May, Sarah Friedman, Delia Annitsakis and Cecelia Mosco reached the semifinals and finished sixth in their 1.5-kilometer race.

The Girls Lightweight double, with Charlotte Dreizen and Katie Eliades, and the Girls JV Quad with Sandy Choi, Jenny Amador, Marissa Jennings and Sara Hoerner also advanced to the semifinals where both boats placed sixth as well.

The Stotesbury Cup bills itself as the largest high-school regatta in the world, with over 5,000 athletes and 200 rowing teams participating in the two-day regatta that takes place on the Schuylkill River each year.

Westfield's results were impressive for the second year in a row. This

young rowing club, which is not part of the Westfield High School athletic department, competes with some of the best high school crews in the country and continues to perform better with every passing year.

"It's gratifying to end our spring season with such a good showing. Our athletes have worked hard all season and they came away with very nice results," noted Helen Makohon, the club President.

Westfield Crew has about 40 student athletes, grades 9 through 12, who row competitively each spring and fall season in Philadelphia, Cooper River, Mercer Lake in Princeton, Oyster Bay, N.Y., and at other tri-state venues.

Rising 8th graders and all High School athletes are eligible to participate in the Westfield Crew Summer Learn to Row Program at the Rutgers Univ. boathouse in New Brunswick. For more information, please visit [www.westfieldcrew.com](http://www.westfieldcrew.com).



PENN RELAY WALL OF FAME...Pictured, left to right, Akanni Gbadamosi, Andrew Valmon, Seton Hall Head Track Coach John Moon, Barron Chambliss and David Jones, who were 2012 Inductees to Penn Relay "Wall of Fame".

## WF's Chambliss Inducted Into Penn Relay Wall of Fame

Barron Chambliss of Alexandria Township, a two-time track All-American at Seton Hall University was honored by being inducted into the Penn Relays "Wall of Fame" on April 28.

In 1986, Chambliss, along with his teammates, set a Penn Relays record by beating a University of Texas Longhorn team in the sprint medley. Although both teams ran an identical record time of 3:13.65, Seton Hall was declared the winner in a photo finish. The record stood for the next eight years.

The sprint medley is a race in which two runners run 200 meters each, the third runner runs 400 meters and the last runner finishes with an 800 meter run. David Jones, currently a fireman in Montclair, ran the first 200.

Chambliss ran the second 200 with a split of 20.0. Andrew Valmon, a former two-time Olympic Gold Medalist and the current Head Track Coach of the University of Maryland, ran the 400. Valmon has also

been named the Head Track Coach for the 2012 United States Olympic Team. Akanni Gbadamosi, originally from Nigeria and presently a financial specialist, ran the 800 leg.

Following his graduation from Seton Hall, Chambliss ran competitively in the United States, Europe, Central and South America. He grew up in Westfield and graduated from Westfield High School.

In 2000, he moved to Alexandria Township with his wife Kathy and their son Jared, a sixth grader in Alexandria Middle School. Chambliss is a Detective First Grade for the Westfield Police Department where he has been employed for the past 20 years.

In 1985, he established a record time for the 300 meters in the "Big East Indoor Track Meet" at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse University. This record remained unbroken for many years. In 1986, he was ranked number 11 in the world for this same event.

## Union County Senior 50+ Softball League Standings:

**50+ DIVISION A (May 20):**

TEAM	W	L
Renda Roads	6	1
Roselle American Legion	6	1
Top Line Appliance	3	3
Liberty Lighting/Frenchy's	2	4

**50+ DIVISION B:**

TEAM	W	L
Contact Lens & Vision	5	1
Awnings Galore	4	2
Driftwood V/Linwood	3	3
A.J. Jersey	0	6

**50+ DIVISION C:**

TEAM	W	L
Molly Maguire's	4	2
Driftwood Bar & Grill II	2	4
Sun Tavern	1	5
D&K Associates	1	5

**SUPER SENIORS A DIVISION:**

TEAM	W	L
Kilkenny House	4	0
Creative Industries I	4	0
Awnings Galore	3	3

**SUPER SENIORS B DIVISION:**

TEAM	W	L
Creative Industries II	2	3
The Office	2	4
Nicolina Pizza	2	4
Associated Auto Parts	1	5

**Contact Lens 19, AJ Jersey 2**  
Multi-hit games, including a long triple from Kerry Gelb, three hits from Jerry Archibald and towering double from Peter Byers led the Contact Lens attack. Bernie Maguire won his fifth game.

**D&K 12, LLG/Frenchy's 11**  
Don Miller went 4-for-4 for LLG.

**Roselle Am. Leg. 17, Molly's 2**  
Leading the Legion's 24-hit attack, Al Genova was perfect, with Bill Dugan and Jim McCullough adding three hits each. Bill Bateau, John Amato, Ralph Genova and Ed Mitjans each had two hits. Harry Streep was tough on the mound. Bob Colaneri had a nifty glove. Pete Katula (3 hits) and Vic Trindade (2 hits) paced Molly's offense.

**Renda Roads 19, Driftwood II 10**  
Leading a 21 hit attack, Pat Nigro (4-for-4, triple, 2 doubles), Gary Pence (3 hits) and six with multiple-hit games led the Roadsters.  
**Top Line 8, Sun Tavern 6**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Scotch Plains will hold a public hearing on **June 7, 2012, at 7:30 p.m.**, Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Council Chambers to hear the appeal of Ernest Fantini.

The property which is the subject of this application is known as Lot 26 in Block 1101 of the Tax Map, located on the northwesterly side of Myrtle Avenue in the R-3A Zone and commonly known as 444 Myrtle Avenue. The property is fully improved with a two-family dwelling and a single-family dwelling in the rear. On June 9, 1998 the Board memorialized a resolution granting a variance allowing the construction of an addition to the existing single-family dwelling. The dwelling in question had a work shop storage area separated from the house by a breezeway. When applicant began the work it became apparent that the workshop storage area and breezeway were in very poor condition. Seeing this the applicant eliminated this area and created two additional rooms neither of which is a kitchen or bathroom. Since the work went beyond what was approved a stop work order was issued.

The applicant is requesting a variance to allow him to complete the addition as set forth above, continue the existing two-family dwelling and such other variances as the Board may deem necessary in order to grant the application as proposed. All interested persons may be present and be heard. The files pertaining to this application are in the Office of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, 430 Park Avenue, 2nd Floor, Scotch Plains and is available for public inspection during regular office hours.

Barbara Horev, Secretary  
Zoning Board of Adjustment  
1 T - 5/24/12, The Times Fee: \$39.78

Top Liners were Joe Viso (3-for-3), Lou Collins (2 hits), Greg Harnett (2-for-2, HR), Ed McColgan, Bill Moore and Pete Osborn each banded out three hits for Sun Tavern.

**Linda's Driftwood I 5, Awnings 2**  
Linda's infield performed four double plays. Joe Sarica and Pat Enright (2 hits each) supported rookie pitcher Rich Banasiak. Awnings had nine hits with Bruce Crawford and Bobby Rahnenfuhrer getting two hits each.

**Nicolina 14, Associated Auto 5**  
George Vircik (HR, 2 triples), John Symczak (2 hits, HR), Rich Pelesko (3 hits) and Mike Caputo (3 hits) led the Pizza men. Richie Krov and Dave Levine (3 hits each) and Phil Fink, Pat Sarullo, Larry Lesnik and Donny White (2 hits each) led Associated.

**Creative I 10, Awnings II 9**  
Awnings grabbed an early 6-2 lead, but succumbed to the dazzling pitching of Larry Berra. Bill Reichle (3 hits) and Berra, Dana Kimmel, Frank Deluca, Steve Ferro and Dennis Mosier (2 hits) led Creative. Ray Meigs (two-run doubles in second and third innings), and Tom Pasko and Rich Polonitz (3 hits each), and Rich Grossberg (2 hits) led Awnings.

### WF's Carpetto Assists Muhlenberg Laxers

ALLENTOWN, PA. - Junior Michael Carpetto (Westfield/St. Joseph) was a key contributor to the Muhlenberg College men's lacrosse team this season.

Carpetto finished sixth on the team in scoring with 10 points on five goals and five assists, and also ranked third with 43 ground balls. He notched his second career multi-goal game with two tallies against Montclair State and picked up a career-high six ground balls against Scranton. He currently ranks 10th in school history with 103 career ground balls.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**TOWN OF WESTFIELD PLANNING BOARD**  
The Planning Board of the Town of Westfield, New Jersey will meet on **June 4, 2012** in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey at 7:30 p.m. to hear and consider the following appeal for minor subdivision approval with a variance relief from the requirements of the Westfield Land Use Ordinance.

**PB 12-13(V) Michael Mahoney, LLC, 926 Carleton Road, Block 4707, Lot 17 4/30/12**

Applicant is seeking minor subdivision approval to subdivide an existing lot containing a single family residence into two residential lots. One lot will contain the existing house and garage, the second lot will contain a new single family residence. Applicant is requesting variance relief from the following sections of the Land use Ordinance:

- §11.08E5 - Ordinance requires a minimum front yard setback of 43.37 feet. Proposed is 38.96 feet.
- §13.01G1a - Ordinance requires a minimum side yard setback for accessory buildings of 5 feet. Proposed is 2.37 feet.
- §13.01G1a - Ordinance requires a minimum rear yard setback for accessory structures of 5 feet. Proposed is 3.69 feet.

Variances, waivers or exceptions from certain site plan details or relief from requirements may be sought as appropriate. Plans and application 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.

Arthur P. Attenasio, Esq.  
Attorney for Applicant  
Arthur Attenasio, LLC  
P.O. Box 490  
Westfield, New Jersey 07091-0490  
(908) 233-6013  
1 T - 5/24/12, The Leader Fee: \$40.29

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**TOWN OF WESTFIELD PENDING BOND ORDINANCE**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the following proposed bond ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Westfield, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on the 22nd day of May, 2012, and that said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at the meeting of said Town Council to be held at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, on the 5th day of June, 2012, at 8:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

A copy of this ordinance has been posted on the Bulletin Board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Municipal Building of the Town, and a copy is available up to and including the time of such meeting to the members of the general public of the Town who shall request such copies, at the office of the Clerk in said Municipal Building in Westfield, New Jersey.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield, in the County of Union, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Town of Westfield, in the County of Union, New Jersey (the "Town") is hereby authorized to refund \$2,816,000 aggregate principal amount of outstanding bonds (subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities) dated July 15, 2002 and maturing on or after July 15, 2013 (the "Outstanding Bonds").

The Outstanding Bonds consist of the following two issues of bonds, bearing interest at the rates per annum, payable on January 15 and July 15 of each year until maturity or prior redemption, and maturing in annual installments on July 15 in each year, as follows:

**\$2,267,000 General Improvement Bonds**

Year	Principal Amount	Interest Rate
2013	\$450,000	4.00%
2014	450,000	4.00
2015	455,000	4.10
2016	455,000	4.20
2017	457,000	4.30

**\$549,000 Swimming Pool Utility Bonds**

Year	Principal Amount	Interest Rate
2013	\$110,000	4.00%
2014	110,000	4.00
2015	110,000	4.10
2016	110,000	4.20
2017	109,000	4.30

The Outstanding Bonds are subject to optional redemption on or after July 15, 2012 at a redemption price of 100%.

The Town Council may determine by subsequent resolution not to refund a portion of the Outstanding Bonds.

Section 2. The Town Council of the Town has ascertained and hereby determines that the Outstanding Bonds set forth in Section 1 of this ordinance have not been paid or

discharged and that the Town is authorized by Section 51 (a) of the Local Bond Law of New Jersey (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law") to issue its refunding bonds as hereinafter provided to refund the Outstanding Bonds. The object of the refunding is to effect debt service savings for the Town.

Section 3. A sum not exceeding \$2,950,000 is hereby appropriated (a) to refund the Outstanding Bonds set forth in Section 1 of this ordinance in the aggregate principal amount of \$2,816,000 and (b) to pay an amount not exceeding \$80,000 for the cost of the issuance of the refunding bonds, including underwriter's compensation, printing, advertising, financial and legal expenses therefor, as permitted by Section 51 (b) of the Local Bond Law (collectively, the "Purpose").

Section 4. To finance the Purpose, refunding bonds of said Town in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$2,950,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law (the "Refunding Bonds"). The Refunding Bonds shall be sold at private sale by resolution of the Town Council and shall be in registered form and shall contain the word "refunding" in their title and shall recite that they are issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law and shall bear such date or dates, mature at such time or times not exceeding 40 years as may be approved by the Local Finance Board from their date, bear interest at such rate or rates per annum, be payable at such time or times, be in such denominations, carry such registration privileges, be executed in such manner consistent with the provisions of the Local Bond Law for bonds of a municipality, be payable at such place or places, and be subject to such terms of redemption, with or without premium, as may be hereafter determined by resolution of the Town Council within the limitations prescribed by law.

Section 5. The Refunding Bonds shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Town and the Town shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all taxable real property within the Town for the payment of the principal of and the interest on the Refunding Bonds without limitation as to rate or amount. The full faith and credit of the Town are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the Refunding Bonds. Each Refunding Bond issued pursuant to this ordinance shall recite that all conditions, acts and things required by the Constitution or statutes of the State of New Jersey to exist, to have happened and to have been performed precedent to and in the issuance of the Refunding Bond exist, have happened and have been performed, and that the Refunding Bond, together with all other indebtedness of the Town, is within every debt and other limit prescribed by the Constitution or statutes of said State.

Section 6. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to execute a certificate addressed to the underwriters of the Refunding Bonds stating that the preliminary official statement to be prepared by the Town with respect to the Refunding Bonds is "deemed final" as of its date within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The distribution of such preliminary official statement to potential purchasers of the Refunding Bonds is hereby approved.

Section 7. All matters with respect to the Refunding Bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by subsequent resolution or resolutions to be hereafter adopted by the Town Council of the Town, or the performance or determination thereof delegated by resolution or resolutions, to the Chief Financial Officer.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Town Clerk of said Town, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Town, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$2,950,000, but \$2,816,000 (the principal amount of the Outstanding Bonds being paid from the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds) shall be deducted from gross debt pursuant to Section 52 of the Local Bond Law, and that the issuance of the bonds authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 9. It is hereby determined and stated that no sum need be appropriated hereby as a down payment.

Section 10. The Town is hereby authorized to enter into any agreements that may be necessary to effect the purchase of securities, as permitted by Sections 53(c) and 60 of the Local Bond Law, to accomplish the refunding.

Section 11. This refunding bond ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage as provided by the Local Bond Law.  
1 T - 5/24/12, The Leader Fee: \$199.92



HEADING SOUTH FOR SOCCER...Westfield High School senior Max Marciano signs a Letter of Intent to play soccer at Methodist University in Fayetteville, NC. Pictured, left to right, behind Max are: Westfield High School Principal Peter Renwick, Max's mother Patricia and Director of Athletics Sandy Mamary.

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

### ANGELS DIVISION: (As of May 18:)

TEAM	W	L	Pct
St. James	2	0	1.000
St. Nicholas	1	1	.500
St. Anne	0	1	.000
St. Killian	0	1	.000
St. Alexander	0	2	.000

### SAINTS DIVISION:

TEAM	W	L	Pct
St. Anthony	2	0	1.000
St. John	1	0	1.000
St. Joseph	1	1	.500
St. George	0	1	.000
St. Jude	0	2	.000

**St. Anthony 12, St. Jude 2**

The first game was dubbed "The Postal Bowl" since both captains are postal employees. Pitching ace/Captain Tony Perconte allowed just nine hits. Dave Rothenberg (2 hits, 3 RBI), Nash Warfield (3 hits), rookie Glenn Gang (2 hits, runs & RBI) and Kevin St. Onge (3 hits) were slugging standouts. For St. Jude, Keith Middleton, Daryl Fornuff and Tony Perfilio each had two hits.

**St. Nicholas 23, St. Anne 13**

St. Nick scored 10 unanswered runs in the top of the eighth inning to get rookie Captain Ron Labin his first victory. Rookie replacement player Rich Reich, rookie Mike Barcellona and Gus Alvarez (4 hits each), and Frank Samulian and Eric Fisher (3 hits each) led St. Nick. For St. Anne, Kevin Stines and Dave Weischadle each had three hits.

**St. James 19, St. Alexander 8**

Bill Aumenta (2 hits, 2 runs) and

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**BOROUGH OF FANWOOD NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 12-08-R AND PUBLIC HEARING**  
An ordinance was introduced by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood on May 15, 2012. Copies of this ordinance can be obtained without cost in the Clerk's Office, at the Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey between the hours of 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

This ordinance amends Chapter 184 of the Fanwood Borough Code to delete certain uses as conditional uses and to allow apartments on the second floor in the General Commercial Business District.

This ordinance is scheduled for public hearing and adoption on June 19, 2012, at 7:30 P.M., Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey.

Eleanor McGovern  
Borough Clerk  
1 T - 5/24/12, The Times Fee: \$21.42

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**TOWN OF WESTFIELD SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2175 BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY**

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on May 22, 2012, and the 20-day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available, at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

**TITLE: A BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPROVEMENT OF NORTH EUCLID AVENUE (FROM EAST BROAD STREET TO MOUNTAIN AVENUE) IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$165,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**

Purpose(s): Improvement of North Euclid Avenue (from East Broad Street to Mountain Avenue), including roadway reconstruction and installation of curbs, undertaking of drainage improvements and installation of handicapped access ramps, where necessary.

Appropriations: \$165,000  
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$19,000  
Grants (if any) Appropriated: \$145,000  
Section 20 Costs: \$2,000  
Useful Life: 10 years

Claire J. Gray, Town Clerk  
Town of Westfield  
County of Union  
State of New Jersey  
1 T - 5/24/12, The Leader Fee: \$52.02

Peter Chemidlin (3 hits, 4 RBI) led the Neo James Gang's 24-hit ambush. Captain Harold Hopler (2 hits, 4 RBI) and Dave Roth (3 hits, 3 RBI) led Alexander.

**St. John 14, St. Joseph 2**

The Johnnies put a hurtin' on the Joeyes. Every St. John player had a hit, especially rookie phenom Ray Gambino (4 RBI, 3 hits, HR). Joeyes Russ Voorhees and Mike Abram each had three hits.

**St. James 3, St. Killian 1**

The "James Gang" must have been using bee bees, but Killian was using a cap gun. There were a total of just 14 hits and no player had more than one hit.

**St. Anthony 12, St. George 11**

Anthony scored once in the seventh then held the Georgies to no runs. Nash Warfield, Dave Rothenberg and Glenn Gang had three hits apiece for Ant's Army. Georgies Kevin Spellman and John Deitch each had three hits.

**St. Joseph 7, St. Jude 2**

Mike Abram (3 runs, 3 hits), Tom Ulichny (HR, 2 hits, 3 RBI) and rookie Dave Merkel (3 RBI) led the Joeyes. St. Jude captain Joe DeChiario had three hits.

**St. Alexander 3, St. Nicholas 2**

Joe DeRosa and Steve Spoljaric each had a pair of hits for Alexander. Scott Curtis (3 hits) and captain Ron Labin, Rich Reich, Chuck Dunn and Mike Barcellona (2 hits each) led St. Nick.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-010962-11 FILE NO. 51333-269**

### NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO JUDY E. SULLIVAN**

YOU ARE HEREBY summoned and required to serve upon the Law Offices of Goldenberg, Mackler, Sayegh, Mintz, Pfeffer, Bonchi & Gill, A Professional Corporation, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 660 New Road, Suite 1-A, Northfield, New Jersey 08225, an answer to the Amended Complaint filed in a civil action in which U.S. Bank as Custodian for Phoenix Funding is plaintiff and John J. Sullivan, Jr. and Joanne D. Sullivan, husband and wife, et al. are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, within 35 days after May 24, 2012, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, P.O. Box 971, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625, in accordance with the rules of Civil Practice and Procedure. You are further advised that if you cannot afford an attorney, you may call the Legal Services office in the county where you live or the Legal Services of New Jersey.

**Statedwide Hotline at 1-888-LSNJ-LAW (1-888-576-5529).** If you do not have an attorney and are not eligible for free legal assistance, you may obtain a referral to an attorney by calling one of the Lawyer Referral Services. The names and telephone numbers of such agencies are as follows: Lawyer Referral Service: (908) 353-4715. Legal Service: (908) 354-4340.

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APPLYING THE HAMMER...Erin Rossi of Scotch Plains is pictured with Coach Megan Johnson, after placing second for Cornell University in the hammer throw at the Ivy League Track and Field Championships held at Franklin Field in Philadelphia. Rossi a senior broke the All-Time Cornell record in the event on her final throw. Rossi graduated from Scotch Plains Fanwood High School in 2008 and was a four-year member of the Raiders Track & Field team.

**WF Tennis Association Singles Ladder Results:**

The first reporting period of the WTA singles ladder season had only one change to the initial top five positions and 15 matches played. Richard Perez kept the top spot with a 6-1, 6-5 (lights out at Tamaques) win over Joshua Suri. Andrew Federbusch remained in the second spot with an efficient 6-1, 6-1 win over Tuyen Diep.

- 4. Tuyen Diep (5)\*
- 5. Rappoport (1)\*
- 6. Aaron Keith (1)\*
- 7. Rich Pardo (1)\*
- 8. Ren Gao
- 9. Josh Suri (5)\*
- 10. Joe Buda
- 11. David Ferio (1)\*
- 12. T Bigosinski
- 13. F Adriaens(1)\*
- 14. I Bouchouev
- 15. D Loffredo(1)\*
- 16. Blair Lehnert(1)\*
- 17. Morgan Willis(1)\*
- 18. Jason Krauss
- 19. Chris Farella
- 20. Jeff Brinker
- 21. Daniel Ives
- 22. Nate Suri (1)\*
- 23. Jon Jacobs(1)\*
- 27. Tyler Becker
- 28. Tim Lough (1)\*
- 29. C Wendel (2)\*
- 30. Weldon Chin
- 31. Mikel Muroff
- 32. Dave Lennon
- 33. Chris Miller
- 34. Chris Bonn
- 35. Olga Yee
- 36. Don Beal
- 37. Mitch Mankin
- 38. Rich McGlinn
- 39. Manny Erlich
- 40. Ravi Motwani
- 41. Chris Fischer
- 42. Ted Moss
- 43. J Tannenbaum
- 44. Scott Berman
- 45. Erik Bronander
- 46. Mike McGlynn

\*match played in reporting period

**WTA Masters Singles Tennis Ladder Told:**

The WTA Masters Singles group had a slow start this season with only two matches played. Joe Donnolo beat Mike McGlynn, 8-4, and Peter Lee also won, 8-4, against Janice Honymar.

- 1. Joe Donnolo (1)\*
- 2. Peter Lee (1)\*
- 3. Janice Honymar (1)\*
- 4. Mike McGlynn (1)\*
- 5. Chris Wendel
- 6. Don Dohm

\* active in 1st reporting period Check the WTA website at www.westfieldnj.com/wta for complete details.

The next reporting period ends on June 3.

**Match Results**  
Lee d Honymar (8-4)  
Donnolo d McGlynn (8-4)

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-10880-11 FILE NO. 13811-11**

**NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT (L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: ANTHONY F NATALE, ESQ.;**

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon PELLEGRINO AND FELDSTEIN, LLC, plaintiffs attorneys, whose address is 2900 Route 46 West, Denville, New Jersey, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a Civil Action, in which US BANK CUSTODIAN FOR LIENLOGIC FUND I, LLC is the plaintiff and RICHARD TULLIS, ET ALS; are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County and bearing Docket No. F-10880-11 within thirty-five (35) days after May 24, 2012 exclusive of such date. If you fail to answer or appear in accordance with Rule 4:4-6, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

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

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

1. A certain tax certificate 08-00012, sold on 10/23/2008, dated 10/24/2008, and was recorded on 10/31/2008 in Book 12587 at Page 253, made by TERRI MALANDA, Collector of Taxes of UNION, and State of New Jersey to EDISON TAX SERVICES, LLC and subsequently assigned to plaintiff, US BANK CUSTODIAN FOR LIENLOGIC FUND I, LLC on 5/31/2011 and was recorded on 6/17/2011 in Assignment Book 1390 at Page 734. This covers real estate located in UNION, County of UNION, and State of New Jersey, known as LOT 75 BLOCK 1501 as shown on the Tax Assessment Map and Tax Map duplicate of UNION, and contains premises commonly known as 1218 BROOKSIDE AVE, UNION, New Jersey.

YOU, ANTHONY F NATALE, ESQ., are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on August 20, 2002, a judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Union County, by Anthony F Natale, Esq. against Henrietta Tullis and Richard Tullis disclosing a debt in the amount of \$558,00, plus costs. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-195063-2002. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

DATED: May 18, 2012 Jennifer M. Perez, Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey PELLEGRINO & FELDSTEIN, L.L.C. Denville Law Center 290 Route 46 West Denville, New Jersey 07834 1 T - 5/24/12, The Leader Fee: \$67.83

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-008344-11 FILE NO. 51333-208**

**NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO JOREATHA [ALSO SPELLED JOREATHE] ARNOLD, WIDOW, HER HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST; WILUS J. ARNOLD A/K/A WILLIS J. ARNOLD; ROSE ARNOLD CONNER, WIDOW, HER HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST; GERALDINE ARNOLD KELLY, HER HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST; VERNON J. KELLY [HUSBAND OF GERALDINE ARNOLD KELLY]; JOREATHA R. FLOOD; RENNI ARNOLD; VERNON KELLY, JR.; DORIA ARNOLD [WIFE OF KEITH ARNOLD]; FLORENCE JOHNSON;

YOU ARE HEREBY summoned and required to serve upon the Law Offices of Goldenberg, Mackler, Sayegh, Mintz, Pfeffer, Bonchi & Gill, A Professional Corporation, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 660 New Road, Suite 1-A, Northfield, New Jersey 08225, an answer to the Second Amended Complaint filed in a civil action in which U.S. Bank Custodian for Phoenix is plaintiff and Joreatha [also spelled Joreathe] Arnold, widow, her heirs, devisees and personal representatives, and their or any of their successors in right, title and interest, et al. are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, within 35 days after May 24, 2012, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Second Amended Complaint. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, P.O. Box 971, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625, in accordance with the rules of Civil Practice and Procedure. You are further advised that if you cannot afford an attorney, you may call the Legal Services office in the county where you live or the Legal Services of New Jersey Statewide Hotline at 1-888-LSNJ-LAW (1-888-576-5529). If you do not have an attorney and are not eligible for free legal assistance, you may obtain a referral to an attorney by calling one of the Lawyer Referral Services. The names and telephone numbers of such

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agencies are as follows: Lawyer Referral Service: (908) 353-4715. Legal Service: (908) 354-4340.

THE ACTION has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing Tax Sale Certificate #08-00149 dated June 8, 2009, made by Robert A. Mack, Collector of Taxes of the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, and State of New Jersey to U.S. Bank Custodian for Phoenix and covers real estate located at 226 South Fifth Street in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, and State of New Jersey, known as Lot 1190, Block 5, as shown on the Tax Assessment Map and Tax Map duplicate of the City of Elizabeth. Said tax sale certificate was recorded in the Clerk's office of Union County on August 3, 2009, in book 12756, page 430.

YOU, JOREATHA [ALSO SPELLED JOREATHE] ARNOLD, WIDOW, are made a defendant in the above entitled action because you are the record owner of the property being foreclosed.

YOU, HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF JOREATHA [ALSO SPELLED JOREATHE] ARNOLD, WIDOW, AND THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST, AND EACH of you are made defendants in the above entitled action because Joreatha Arnold died, intestate, on October 10, 1991, a resident of Union County. There is no record of probate or administration filed in her estate in the Union County Surrogate's Office. Inasmuch as Joreatha Arnold died intestate, plaintiff joined Joreatha [also spelled Joreathe] Arnold, widow, her heirs, devisees and personal representatives, and their or any of their successors in right, title and interest as party defendants.

YOU, WILUS J. ARNOLD A/K/A WILLIS J. ARNOLD, are made a defendant in the above entitled action because you are a child of Joreatha [also spelled Joreathe] Arnold, widow, record owner of the property being foreclosed.

YOU, ROSE ARNOLD CONNER, WIDOW, are made a defendant in the above entitled action because you are a child of Joreatha [also spelled Joreathe] Arnold, widow, record owner of the property being foreclosed.

YOU, HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF ROSE ARNOLD CONNER, WIDOW, AND THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST, AND EACH of you are made defendants in the above entitled action because Rose Arnold Conner died on March 23, 2004. Inasmuch as Rose Arnold Conner, widow, died after her mother, and absent proof of probate or administration in her estate, plaintiff joined her, her heirs, devisees and personal representatives, and their or any of their successors in right, title and interest as party defendants.

YOU, GERALDINE ARNOLD KELLY, are made a defendant in the above entitled action because you are a child of Joreatha [also spelled Joreathe] Arnold, widow, record owner of the property being foreclosed.

YOU, HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PER-

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SONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF GERALDINE ARNOLD KELLY, AND THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST, AND EACH of you are made defendants in the above entitled action because Geraldine Arnold Kelly died on September 7, 2004. Inasmuch as Geraldine Arnold Kelly died after her mother, and absent proof of probate or administration in her estate, plaintiff joined her, her heirs, devisees and personal representatives, and their or any of their successors in right, title and interest as party defendants.

YOU, VERNON J. KELLY [HUSBAND OF GERALDINE ARNOLD KELLY], are made a defendant in the above entitled action because you are the surviving spouse of Geraldine Arnold Kelly, daughter of Joreathe [also spelled Joreathe] Arnold, widow, record owner of the property being foreclosed.

YOU, JOREATHA R. FLOOD, are made a defendant in the above entitled action because you are a surviving child of Geraldine Arnold Kelly, daughter of Joreathe [also spelled Joreathe] Arnold, widow, record owner of the property being foreclosed.

YOU, RENNI ARNOLD, are made a defendant in the above entitled action because you are a surviving child of Geraldine Arnold Kelly, daughter of Joreathe [also spelled Joreathe] Arnold, widow, record owner of the property being foreclosed.

YOU, DORIA ARNOLD [WIFE OF KEITH ARNOLD], are made a defendant in the above entitled action because you, together with Keith Arnold, reside in the premises being foreclosed. Therefore plaintiff joined you as a party defendant to foreclose your interest as tenant, purchaser, equitable owner and any other manner.

YOU, FLORENCE JOHNSON, are made a defendant in the above entitled action because on August 3, 2000 you entered a judgment in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Child Support Index, Union County, against Willis Arnold for a debt of [none stated-continuing child support judgment]. Docket No. J-152659-2000. Case No. CS-82647854A.

The nature of which and the reason that you and each of you are joined as defendants is set forth with particularity in the Second Amended Complaint, a copy of which will be furnished you on request addressed to the attorneys of the plaintiff at the above mentioned address. DATED: May 24, 2012. JENNIFER M. PEREZ, ACTING CLERK Superior Court of New Jersey Goldenberg, Mackler, Sayegh, Mintz, Pfeffer, Bonchi & Gill A Professional Corporation Attorneys At Law 660 New Road, Suite 1-A Northfield, New Jersey 08225 (609) 646-0222 1 T - 5/24/12, The Leader Fee: \$183.09

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By MICHAEL S. GOLDBERGER Film Critic

Explaining Johnny Depp's niche in the film world, my daughter Erin, a promising player in the New York art scene, informed that the lead in Tim Burton's "Dark Shadows" is an iconoclast for the masses. Joanne, her mother, my wife and a college professor, simply exclaimed, "I just want to see my Johnny." My obsolescence couldn't be more satisfying.

Neither a fan of the series when it played the small screen from 1966 to 1971, nor of vampires in general, approaching this assignment I would then be FilmDad's Alexis de Tocqueville, an outsider, the objective surveyor. As such, I bring news that, as long as you're not expecting too much, this is a decent and rather witty homage to the franchise.

Not jealous an iota, on the contrary just glad my competition isn't Clark Gable or Errol Flynn, I found that Johnny, well, Johnny, and again quite good at it. In the service of full disclosure, I long held that Depp was my favorite young actor. But time, money and stereotypes being what they are, serious comparisons to Spencer Tracy are now on hold.

All the same, the one-two combination he and filmmaker Burton have so fondly fashioned continues here its bizarre scrollwork, this time invading the gothic ruminations of never-ending love, unholy eternity and good old class distinction. And recent memory doesn't recall a better rendition of a well-known axiom than is etched here by Eva Green.

She is Angelique Bouchard, the lowly but beautiful servant who Mr. Depp's Barnabas Collins, prince apparent of Collinsport, Maine's, name-sake Brahmins, trifled with to a terrible and tragic fault. Angelique effusively illustrates that indeed hell hath no fury like a woman scorned, and that it's double coupons if said jilted female is a bona fide witch.

Yipes! Young sons should see this before being allowed to date. But not too young, as the PG-13 rating barely escapes the R some of the scariness surely deserves. One scene, wherein incompetent parents commit their troubled little daughter to an insane asylum, had me worried for the tots

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TOWN OF WESTFIELD PLANNING BOARD**

The Westfield Planning Board will meet on Monday, June 4, 2012 in Council Chambers in the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey at 7:30 p.m. to hear and consider the following application for Preliminary and Final Major Site Plan Approval and variance relief by Dr. Thomas M. Burns (the "Applicant") relative to premises known as 525 Westfield Avenue and shown as Block 3003, Lot 45 on the Tax Map of the Town of Westfield (the "Property").

The first floor of the building is currently used as an office for the practice of orthodontic dentistry and the second floor is used as a two bedroom residential apartment.

Applicant proposes to develop the property in two phases. In Phase One there will be minor interior reconstruction and the enclosure of a portion of a rear porch with the sterilization and lab area moved to that portion of the building. The residential apartment will remain unchanged.

In Phase Two the residential apartment on the second floor will be eliminated and the first floor orthodontic dentistry office will be expanded into the second floor in order to improve the utilization and efficiency of the current orthodontic dental office use.

The dental practice currently has 1 doctor and five full time employees and that occupancy will remain unchanged.

Applicant seeks variances from the following provisions of the Westfield Land Use Ordinance:

List of New C.40: 55D-70c Variances Requested:

**Minimum number of parking spaces per Zone requirements.** § 17.02 B.2 requires 12 parking spaces when computed by the zone requirements. There are currently 7 parking spaces on the Property.

**Minimum number of parking spaces pre Use requirements** § 17.02 C 5 requires 14 parking spaces calculated by use requirements. There are currently 7 parking spaces. Seven (7) parking spaces are proposed.

Any and all other variances, waivers or exceptions from certain site plan details or Relief from requirements of the Land Use Ordinance will be sought as appropriate.

Plans and application are on file in the office of the Town Engineer, 959 North Avenue, West, Westfield, New Jersey and may be seen Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Arthur P. Attenasio, Esq. 324 East Broad Street P.O. Box 490 Westfield, New Jersey 07091-0490 (908) 233-6013 1 T - 5/24/12, The Leader Fee: \$56.10

It's more interesting than it is funny, an amalgam of ideas and vignettes drawing far more attention to the artistic process than the rote retelling of its prosaic vampire tale. A great assemblage of pertinent but borrowed songs, including "Nights in White Satin," is the telltale coup de grace, divulging that, alas, "Dark Shadows" has no soul of its own.

"Dark Shadows," rated PG-13, is a Warner Bros. Pictures release directed by Tim Burton and stars Johnny Depp, Michelle Pfeiffer and Eva Green. Running time: 113 minutes

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**BOROUGH OF FANWOOD NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE**

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Borough of Fanwood, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on May 15, 2012. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the Borough Council to be held at the Municipal Building, 75 North Martine Avenue, in said Borough on June 19, 2012 at 7:30 o'clock PM. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: Bond Ordinance Providing Appropriation Of \$2,561,000 For The Drainage Improvements at Glenwood Road and Tillotson Road By And For The Borough Of Fanwood In The County Of Union, New Jersey And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,542,300 In Bonds Or Notes Of The Borough For Financing Part Of The Appropriation

Purpose(s): Drainage Improvements at Glenwood Road and Tillotson Road, including the acquisition of easements in connection therewith.

Appropriation: \$2,561,000 Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$2,542,300 Grants (if any) Appropriated: None Section 20 Costs: \$500,000 Useful Life: 40 Years

This Notice is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17. Eleanor McGovern, Clerk 1 T - 5/24/12, The Times Fee: \$37.74

## NJWA Concert Band to Play At Temple Emanu-El June 3

WESTFIELD — The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts (NJWA) Concert Band under the direction of conductor Howard Toplansky, will perform a spring concert at Temple Emanu-El, 756 East Broad Street in Westfield on Sunday, June 3, at 3 p.m. This is the fifth of a five concert series for the 2011-2012 concert season. The event is open to the public and admission is \$10 per person.

"We are delighted to be invited back to play at Temple Emanu-El. Our musical selections are geared to please a variety of musical tastes and range from Renaissance to Ragtime favorites," stated Mr. Toplansky. "Mill on the Rock" Overture by Reissiger, highlights from *Oklahoma* by Richard Rodgers, and "Fughetta" by Handel will be featured on this program.

The concert will also offer "Apple Jack Rag" by Johnson and "The Glow

Worm Idyll" by Paul Lincke. Several fine marches will also be performed on this program, which include "Pan American" and "Bonds of Unity," both by Karl King and "In Defense of the Motherland" by Russian composer Viktor Runov. Mr. Runov is an icon in the pantheon of great Russian military band composers and was one of the directors of the elite Frontier Guards Wind Orchestra, which performed for very high level state ceremonies.

Rounding out this concert will be "Estellita Waltz" by Victor Herbert, "Livonian Castle Dances" by Latvian composer Peteris Butans and "Fare for a Festival" by American band composer Frank Erickson.

For further information about the concert or to learn how to become a member of the NJWA Concert Band, call (908) 789-9696 or e-mail at njwaband@att.net.



**GRADUATION RECITAL...**The Junior Musical Club of Westfield will hold its annual Graduation Recital at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm Street in Westfield, on Wednesday, June 6, at 7 p.m. Pictured, left to right, are: Alex Goldschmidt, Rebecca Dias, Mary Lamberti, and Jahzeel Paguntalan, the seniors who will perform at a graduation recital.

## Junior Musical Club of WF to Present Graduation Recital

WESTFIELD - The Junior Musical Club of Westfield will hold its annual Graduation Recital at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm Street, Westfield, on Wednesday, June 6, at 7 p.m. The concert is open to the public free of charge. The recital celebrates high school seniors in the club about to leave for college.

Soprano Rebecca Dias, a senior from Arthur L. Johnson High School, will be performing "The Willow Song" from *The Ballad of Baby Doe* by Douglass Moore, "Goodbye, Goodbye World" (text from the play *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder, set to music by Lee Hoiby), and "Green Finch and Linnet Bird" from the musical *Sweeney Todd* by Stephen Sondheim. Rebecca served as Vice President of Auditions for the Junior Musical Club this year.

Pianist Alex Goldschmidt, a senior from Westfield High School, will be performing two works by Frédéric Chopin, *Étude in A minor, Op. 25, No. 11*, known as the "Winter Wind," and also the *Nocturne in C-sharp minor, Op. Posthumous*. Alex served as President of the Junior Musical Club this year.

Pianist Mary Lamberti, a senior from Union County Magnet High School, will be performing *Prelude and Fugue Number 21 in B-flat Major* from *The Well-Tempered Clavier* by Johann Sebastian Bach and the first movement of *Ludwig van Beethoven's Piano Sonata No. 18 in E-flat major, Op. 31, No. 3*.

Violinist Jahzeel Paguntalan, a senior from Academy for Allied Health Sciences, will be performing *Rondo from Violin Concerto No. 7 in A Minor, Op. 9* by Pierre Rode and *Allegro non troppo from Symphonie Espagnole in D minor, Op. 21* by Édouard Lalo. Jahzeel served as Vice President of Programs for the Junior Musical Club this year.

Members of the Junior Musical Club will also be performing during the Westfield Symphony Orchestra's Annual Tour of Notable Homes on Saturday, June 2. The tour will feature a home in Summit and four homes in Westfield.

Finally, the Junior Musical Club will be holding auditions for the 2012-2013 year on Sunday, June 24, at the home of Beverly Thomson Shea, 2121 Princeton Avenue in Scotch Plains. Auditions are open to students currently in the eighth through twelfth grade who live in Westfield and the surrounding area.

The student must perform two pieces of contrasting style, and memorization of some portion of a piece is encouraged. Also, the student must provide his or her own accompanist and music stand. If the student is unable to find an accompanist, he or she may contact Rebecca Dias, home (732) 396-4644, cell (732) 882-5681 or e-mail [Rbcca6@aol.com](mailto:Rbcca6@aol.com) for a list of pianists. To obtain an audition appointment, the student should contact Rebecca or Beverly Shea, (908) 654-1036, e-mail [juniormusicalclub@gmail.com](mailto:juniormusicalclub@gmail.com).



**FUN FOR ALL AGES...**The NJWA Summer Symphony Orchestra, intended for musicians of all ages, will hold rehearsals during June and July and will perform a concert at Temple Emanu-El in Westfield on July 19.

## Registration Now Open For NJWA Summer Orchestra

WESTFIELD — The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts (NJWA) Summer Symphony Orchestra, which provides musicians of all ages an opportunity to continue developing their talents over the summer months, is presently holding registration for the session, which begins on Tuesday, June 19, and ends with a concert on Thursday, July 19. The orchestra will rehearse on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:15 until 9 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El at 756 East Broad Street in Westfield. A dress rehearsal will be held on Wednesday, July 18.

Janet Lyman, who will conduct the orchestra for the thirteenth year, stated, "The audience will hear great music by a great summer symphony." These musicians will be playing the works of Rimsky-Korsakov, Mendelssohn, Smetana and Mozart, among those of other

### WF Therapist Publishes Self-Help Book

WESTFIELD - The month of May has been a triumph in book publishing for Westfield Therapist Dr. Peter M. Kalellis.

"Living In Difficult Relationships" is his eighth self-help book in the market. This book is destined to be a classic for marital and couple relationships.

Dr. Kalellis provides for readers meaningful insights for coping and facing life's many challenges as encountered by couples who live together or by spouses. "Living in Difficult Relationships" is a provocative, fantasy-crushing, and mature diagnosis of ailing relationships. It represents a heartfelt concern of the author for couples who wish to go beyond the obstacles, real or imagined, that most married couples or couples who live together experience.

"Living in Difficult Relationships" is a helpful book for spouses or individuals who tend to find fault with the other and ignore their contribution for their relationship.

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is not an easy one! The solo woodwind players - flutist Tanya Witek, oboist Richard Foley, clarinetist William Shadel and bassoonist James Jeter, shone in their many solo passages, and the quiet string playing had a beautiful silvery shimmer to the sound.

The program ended with another of Copland's popular works - the short "Hoe-Down" from an earlier ballet, *Rodeo*. It uses the country fiddling tune "Bonaparte's Retreat" note-for-note as a lively square-dance theme, and you can almost see those cowboys kicking up their heels. It made an engaging and energetic finale to both the ballet and the concert.

Westfield is unique for a town its size in having a professional orchestra in residence. Their 30th season begins in September - check [westfieldsymphony.org](http://westfieldsymphony.org), for details - come out and support the home team!

great composers.

To be eligible for the group, musicians who play strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion should have some ensemble playing experience. Additional requirements are listed in the Summer Symphony brochure.

The fee for the 2012 summer orchestra is \$150 and all musicians are required to bring a music stand to rehearsals.

Ms. Lyman, an instructor at the NJWA Music Studio and Summer Workshop, has performed with many area orchestras. The recipient of many honors and awards, Ms. Lyman holds both a B.M. in Violin and an M.M.Ed. in Music Education from the Manhattan School of Music. A faculty member in the Tenafly school system, she is also the founder and conductor of the Tenafly Symphony Orchestra and Music Director at Zion Lutheran Church, where she directs the Adult Choir and Children's Choirs, and the Adult and Children's Hand Bell Choirs.

To register for the NJWA Summer Symphony Orchestra, call (908) 789-9696, visit the studios at 150-152 East Broad Street in Westfield or log on to [www.njworkshopforthearts.com](http://www.njworkshopforthearts.com) for more details and to download the registration form.

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**FAITHFUL VOLUNTEER...**Helen Allegro, right, was honored recently at a general meeting of the Woman's Club of Westfield for 35 years of continuing service and membership in the club. Dolores Geisow, left, president of the Woman's Club of Westfield, honored her by presenting her with a commemorative pin. Helen, a longtime Westfield resident, has held several positions and offices in the club over the years while contributing to scores of activities with faithful volunteerism.

## South Avenue in WF - A Great Place For Restaurants

By JAYNE SALOMON  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD - When Splash of Thai opened its doors in 2006, I thought what a perfect spot for a trendy upscale restaurant. There could be no better location for a restaurant than along the strip of South Avenue that extends from Westfield Avenue to the Boulevard. With abundant parking provided by the train station parking lot across the street, one would think this could become Westfield's "restaurant row."

Since that time, a few fast food places as well as Café Tutti Baci have appeared. But it was not until Boulevard Bistro opened in 2009 that it seemed my vision may become a reality. Now, San Marzano Pasta House just joined Bistro, Splash and the others helping to contribute to the transformation I envisioned six years ago. Albeit slowly, I believe other savvy restaurateurs will eventually capitalize on this neighborhood.

Westfield always seems to have room for one more Italian restaurant but what about other ethnic restaurants? Why not convert these three blocks into an international food destination?

How about a traditional but high-end Chinese restaurant or a quaint French bistro similar to Cranford's Café Paris? After all, most of our Asian restaurants focus on sushi or take-out. And as far as French restaurants, Chez Catherine, a top-rated Zagat pick has pretty much had a monopoly on French fare for over 30 years.

I can picture a small French bistro, with tables outside, of course, that offers a menu of basic French dishes. The kinds of foods the French eat daily. A typical menu would include a variety of crepes, galettes, salads and sandwiches.

But since this does not yet exist in Westfield, yet, here are a few classic French comfort food recipes to make at home.

Ingredients	Procedure
6 medium to large onions, peeled and thinly sliced 2 tablespoons butter 1 tablespoon olive oil ¼ teaspoon sugar 7 cups boiled water 10 beef bouillon cubes ½ teaspoon gravy master 3 tablespoons sherry or any red wine Salt and pepper to taste 7 -10 slices of toasted French bread	In a large saucepan, heat the butter and oil until hot. Add the onions. Saute over a medium heat for about five minutes. Add the sugar and continue to cook until browned. Meanwhile, in a large pot, boil the water. Add the bouillon cubes. When the cubes are dissolved, add the onions, gravy master and wine. Simmer for one hour. Season with salt and pepper. Ladle the soup into oven-proof soup bowls. Place a slice of toasted bread on top of each and sprinkle with the cheeses. Place under a broiler at 350 degrees, until the cheese bubbles and is slightly browned, about five minutes. Yield: 4-6 servings

Ingredients	Procedure
1 head frisee (French curly endive), washed and white stems removed and torn into bite size pieces 6 ounces lardons or bacon cut into 1 inch chunks* 1 shallot, chopped 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar 2 tablespoons white vinegar 4 eggs at room temperature Salt and pepper to taste	To poach the eggs, half fill a large saucepan with water and stir in the white vinegar. Bring to a light simmer. Crack each egg into an individual cup. Add a pinch of salt and pepper to each egg. Swirl the simmering liquid with a slotted spoon to create a whirlpool. Gently slide one egg in the simmering liquid. Repeat with the remaining three eggs. Simmer the eggs for three minutes. Remove each egg with the slotted spoon and slightly drain on a cloth towel. Place on top of the tossed frisee with warm dressing. Serve immediately. Yield: 4 servings *If you cannot find lardons, substitute with slab bacon or ham.

Ingredients	Procedure
3 eggs 1 1/3 cups milk 3/4 cup all-purpose flour ¾ teaspoon salt ¼ pound + 4 tablespoons (1-1/2 sticks) butter 2 tablespoons brown sugar	Place the frisee on a large serving platter. In a skillet, cook the lardons and the shallot until browned. Add the red wine vinegar and bring to a boil. Turn the heat off. Toss the hot dressing with the frisee.

**Banana Crepes**  
and brown sugar into a blender. Pulse until well blended. Let batter sit at room temperature for 30 to 45 minutes. Heat up an eight-inch skillet and melt one tablespoon of butter. Use ¼ cup measure to pour batter into the pan. Swirl the pan to make sure the batter covers the entire bottom. Lift the edges with your fingers and then using a large spatula, carefully turn. Then slide onto a plate. Repeat until all the batter is gone.

**Banana Filling**  
In a medium pan, sauté the bananas in the butter. Add the sugar and coat well. Place a teaspoon of sour cream down the middle of each crepe. Spoon the banana mixture onto the sour cream and fold into crepe shape. Sprinkle with sifted confectioners' sugar and crushed glazed pecans.  
Yield: 8 servings  
Note: Excess batter can be stored in the refrigerator for up to four days. Cooked crepes can be stored in the refrigerator for up to four days as well. Individually wrap them in wax paper.

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## Arts & Entertainment



The Imperial Brass

### Imperial Brass to Perform Benefit Concert June 2

WESTFIELD - The Imperial Brass, featuring guest conductor Torgny Hanson will perform a memorial concert for the Margaret Kritsch Anderson Children's Education Fund on Saturday, June 2, at 7:30 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church and School.

The Imperial Brass affords musicians to perform and audiences to enjoy a wide array of challenging literature. The concert will feature both classic and contemporary brass literature including "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring" by J.S. Bach, "The Girl I Left Behind Me" by Philip Sparke, and "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy", arranged by Mark Freeh, featuring Mitch Brodsky, Roger Widicus and Doug Schwartz. Additional selections for the evening include, "Twilight Dreams" by Herbert L. Clarke, featuring soloist Mitch Brodsky, "Sinfonietta" by Erik Leidzen, and a work featuring 8 cornets, "Blazon" by Gilbert Vinter.

The band is honored to work with Torgny Hanson, a guest conductor from Sweden. He has worked with several prominent conductors in Sweden and extensively tours as a guest conductor and teacher in Scandinavia, UK, Canada and the United States.

Margaret Kritsch Anderson, loving wife and mother of two, was a Westfield High School graduate, Class of 1995. She joined the National Park Service as a Park Ranger and was stationed at Mt. Rainier National Park in Washington State where she was killed in the line of duty.

The concert is a benefit for the Education Fund for the Margaret Kritsch Anderson Children's Education Fund. Admission is \$20. Tickets are available at the door starting at 6:45 p.m. The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. Redeemer Lutheran Church and School is located at 229 Cowperthwaite Place in Westfield. For more information, visit [www.imperialbrass.com](http://www.imperialbrass.com).

### WF Art Association Exhibit To Include Student Artwork

WESTFIELD - A Spring Exhibition by members of the Westfield Art Association (WAA) will, for the first time in the Association's 90-year history, include 40 artworks by students from the Westfield High School, Edison Intermediate School, and Roosevelt Intermediate School, as selected by the Fine Arts Faculty at those schools. Approximately 100 pieces of artwork will be on display. The WAA looks forward to including Westfield's student artists in all of its future activities.

Three Awards of Excellence, four Awards of Merit, and five Honorable Mentions - each award consisting of a ribbon, certificate, and monetary award - will be presented for the best artworks as judged by acclaimed artist Paul Casale. A second, identical set of 12 awards is available to the student artists.

The exhibition, open to the public and free-of-charge, will be held in the Community Room at the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield from 1 - 4 p.m. on two consecutive weekends, June 2 and 3 and June 9 and 10. The Community Room is handicapped-accessible.

The Artists' Reception, open to the public and free-of-charge, will be held on Sunday, June 3 from 1 - 4 p.m. Award winners will be announced at the Artist's Reception. All member artists and student artists are encouraged to invite family and friends. Light refreshments will be served.

The Westfield Art Association, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) organization under the Internal Revenue Code. Further information may be obtained by calling Paul Deroo at (908) 337-2535 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., or by e-mail at [pwderoo@comcast.net](mailto:pwderoo@comcast.net).

## Westfield Symphony Orchestra Performs Engaging and Energetic Season Finale

By BARBARA THOMSON  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Symphony Orchestra presented the last concert of their current season on May 20 at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield. A repeat of the concert they played Friday in Ridgewood with the Pro Arte Chorale, the program featured a lesser-known Beethoven mass, and two works of vibrant Americana by Aaron Copland.

Sometimes a relatively unknown work by a major composer is unknown because, in truth, it is not very good. But this is not the case with Beethoven's lovely *Mass in C Major*. It is not the Beethoven of the raging passions and demonic energy of common lore - it is a more mellow Beethoven of lovely melodic lines and often surprising gentleness. This is not to say it does not have its dramatic moments - it does. Joyous outbursts and lively fugues are there as well, but overall, it is a much more serene work than, say, his massive *Missa Solemnis* which followed fifteen years later.

The text is the standard Latin mass of the Catholic Church, and was commissioned by Prince Nicholas Esterhazy - long Haydn's patron - to celebrate his wife's name day. The first performance was evidently a shambles, since many of the choir members did not come to the rehearsal and were sight reading the music - badly. When the Prince chastised Beethoven for the performance, he stormed out and held a grudge for the rest of his life. But the mass itself has come to be considered an important and successful work.

Sunday's performance featured the excellent Pro Arte Chorale from Ridgewood. They sang cleanly and crisply, with excellent diction and musical line. In several quiet sections they produced a wonderful, warm sound, almost like a halo around the music, and in others were force-

ful, energetic and rhythmic. They are an outstanding group, and much credit goes to their director, Joshua Greene. My only complaint is that, due to the structure of the church, the chorus had to sing from the balconies, and to see conductor David Wroe, had to face sideways across the room. The sound would have more presence if they could face the audience directly, but there is not really much to be done about it in that space.

They were joined by four soloists, three of whom, soprano Sara Murphy, tenor William Joyner, and bass Young-Bok Kim are seasoned professionals with big voices and lots of experience. They did an excellent job. The fourth soloist, mezzo-soprano Avery Amero, a college undergraduate, was miscast, and completely overpowered by the other soloists. Mezzo-soprano voices tend to get lost in the texture anyway, and it takes a strong singer to carry the part and sing up to the level of the others. We saw her lips move, but unfortunately, no one could hear anything come out. This was the only flaw in an otherwise excellent performance of a work, which deserves to be heard more often.

The second half of the program featured one of the most famous and popular works of American classical music - Aaron Copland's *Appalachian Spring*. The music was commissioned by Martha Graham for her famous dance company, and Copland later condensed the score into an orchestral suite. Originally composed for a group of thirteen instruments, Copland subsequently arranged it for full orchestra, which was the version heard here.

When the work was commissioned, Graham had only a basic idea that it would be about an American pioneer couple, so Copland proceeded to work on the piece he just

called "ballet for Martha". It was not until the ballet was in final rehearsals that he enquired as to the title she had given it - *Appalachian Spring*. It was always a source of humor to him that people would gush over how perfectly it evoked spring in the mountains, as he had no idea, while writing it, that was what it would be about!

Nonetheless, it does evoke a uniquely American experience. Copland had in many previous works used American folk music - often that of Appalachia - to fine effect, and it colored his musical style for many years. He wanted to find a truly American voice, and wanted to write music that would resonate with the public (as opposed to the 12-tone serial music being written in the 1940s by many of his colleagues). He succeeded, and his most enduring success was with the Shaker melody, "Simple Gifts". His set of variations on this now-famous tune is the high point of *Appalachian Spring*, and its climax is bound to bring a lump to the throat of most listeners. No surprise that this work won Copland the Pulitzer Prize for composition in 1945.

The orchestra sounded wonderful, cleanly negotiating the many tricky rhythms and meter changes. This may be a populist work, but it

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#### Correction

Two photos that accompanied the Westfield Community Player's *Don't Dress for Dinner* review in last week's edition of *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times* incorrectly identified two actresses. The caption with four actors should have stated that Christine Laydon played the mistress, Suzanne, and the photo of Suzette, the cook, should have identified the actress as Erica Flory.

We regret the error.

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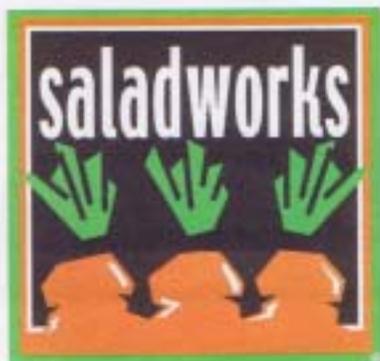
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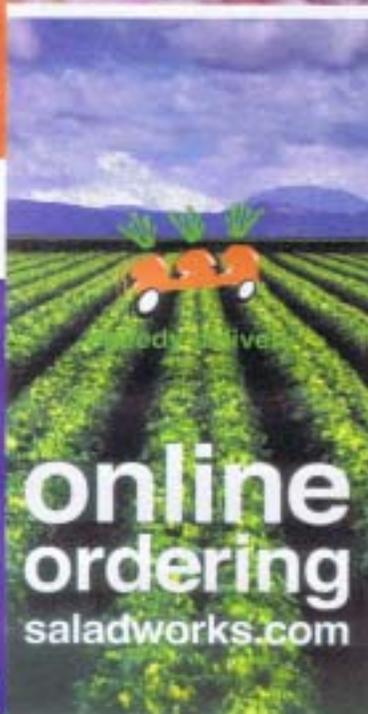
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VANBENSCHOTEN WINS SHOT, DISCUS; GRANT TRIPLE JUMP, SPF'S RENFREE JAVELIN

Cougars Get Second, Raiders Fourth at UC Girls Track

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Jen Edobi won two individual events and anchored the winning 4x400 relay to lead the Union High School girls track & field team to the team title at the Union County Championships at Hub Stine Field in Plainfield on May 17-18.

The Farmers had a team total of 105 to outscore the Cranford Cougars, who finished second at 80.66. Summit took third at 54, Scotch Plains-Fanwood took fourth at 49, Roselle placed fifth at 48 and Westfield took sixth at 45.33,

Edobi broke the meet record of 55.66 set by Cougar Natalie Englese last year in the 400 meters, crossing in 55.03. Cougars Ashley McGuire at 59.64 and Jenna Ellenbacher at 1:00.03 finished 5-6. Blue Devil Amanda Fischer finished seventh at 1:00.55.

Edobi won the 800 with a time of 2:17.75. Raider Erin Pierce finished fourth at 2:21.58, followed by Blue Devils Amanda Marcotullio at 2:22.44 and Ellie Callinan at 2:23.59. Edobi anchored the 4x400 that finished first at 3:57.84. Blue Devils Amanda Fischer, Amanda Marcotullio, Noelle Rosa and Eileen Cook finished fifth at 4:10.55. Raiders Isabel Crystal, Devora Ward, Justine Valdes and Pierce placed sixth at 4:20.89.

Union held a slight 53-47 lead over the Cougars on May 17, and the race of the afternoon came in the 1,600 meters. Raider Pierce was the frontrunner until midway through the third lap when Summit's Isabella Yoizzi tempo-

rarily took the lead. Pierce regained the lead and kept it down the stretch, but Yoizzi nudged past her at the line to grab first with a time of 5:09.69, while Pierce crossed in 5:10.36.

"My strategy, for the most part,

that I can go a little bit faster, so I try to push the pace a little bit more. I don't think I have the strongest kick at the end, so I went out hard and tried to tire out the other girls. It didn't quite work out today. She caught me

"We are pretty good friends. Last year, we were going at it in the same event, and I collapsed. We were talking about that, but it turned out [today] we both had a good day. I'm happy. It would have been nice for the win, but it was a good race except for the last 0.5 meters," Pierce said.

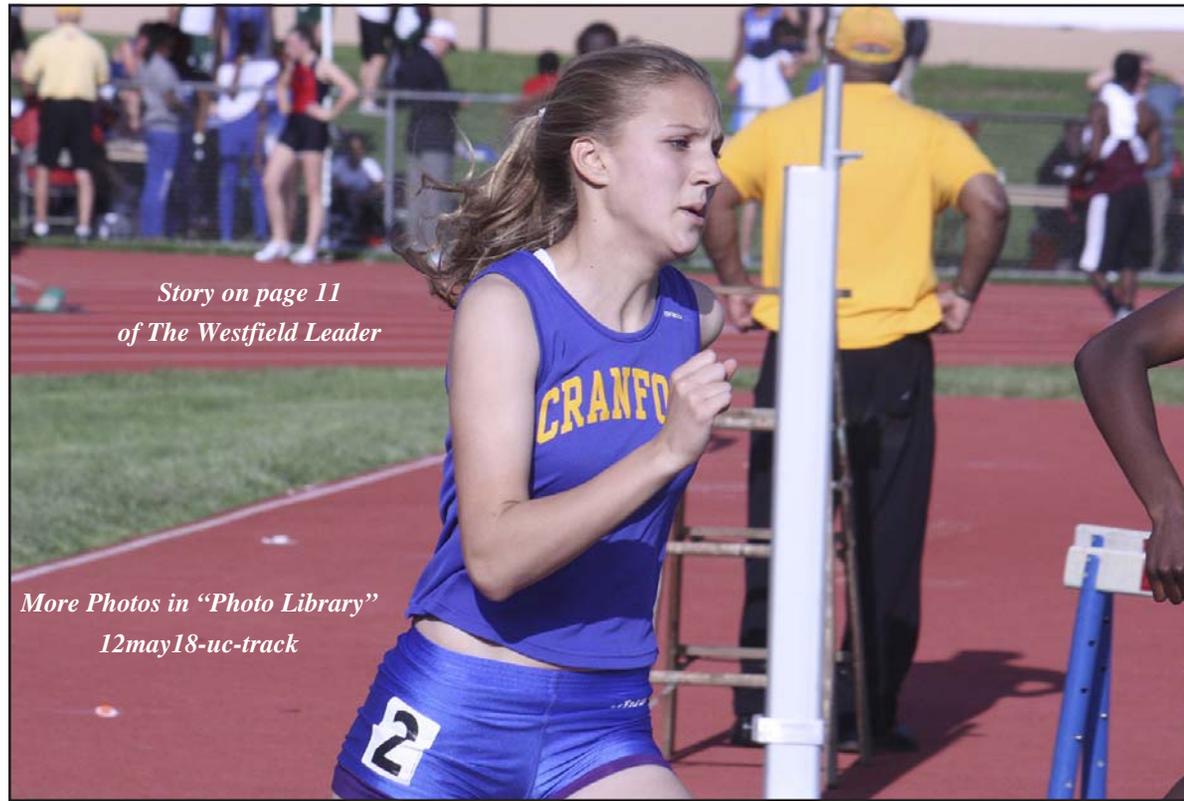
Blue Devil Kaitlyn Johnson also ran a smart race and drafted Summit Hilltoppers Bridget O'Brien and Kristy Gargiulo until midway through the final lap. She managed to pass Gargiulo and finished fourth with a time of 5:12.84 (personal record - PR), four seconds faster than her time at the conference meet last week.

"I tried to stay with them and do the best I can. I am more interested in my time more than I care about my place. There is really good competition in the counties, so I am just trying to improve myself," Johnson said.

The next day, Johnson finished second in the 3,200 at 11:34.45, followed by teammate Johanna Mermer at 11:44.56.

Cranford Cougars Bryanna Grant with a distance of 38-2, Gillian Burke with a PR 37-10 and Regine Hunter with a PR 37-8.5

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FINISHING SIXTH IN THE 400...Cougar Jenna Ellenbacher placed sixth in the 400 meters at the Union County Championships at Hub Stine Field in Plainfield on May 18

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is to try to let someone else do the work. I just lag constantly behind them, but it never really works out. I guess I always feel



right at the end. Pierce and Yoizzi also had a neck-and-neck race last year, but just before the finish line, Pierce collapsed and could not finish.

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Cougars! Go and See a Game!

# Cougars Place Second, Raiders Finish Fourth at Union County Girls Track

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swept 1-2-3 in the triple jump. Blue Devil Sophia DeVita placed sixth at 33-11.

"My last one [PR] was 36-9, so that's big for me. I surprised myself. I came in excited. I did my 100 [meter dash] first then I got ready for triple and kept my mind on that," said Hunter, who placed fourth in the 100 meters at 12.97.

Cougar Head Coach Peter Kane was quite pleased with all three girls' performances.

"He was very excited. He pumps me up every time. He is my inspiration," Hunter said.

Throughout the season, the trio has been pushing each other.

"I love working with them. We have great vibes. I actually got closer with Bry and Gilliam as the year progressed. As we keep going, we are going to get closer and better," Hunter said.

Cougar Kristen VanBenschoten came through with a PR shove of 37-6 to take top honors in the shot put. Raider Samantha Renfree placed third with a push of 35-1.

"It was a PR by two feet. I was very happy with my success. I guess I peaked at the right time.

I am happy that I can contribute to the team," VanBenschoten said.

VanBenschoten also took top honors in the discus with a throw of 113-6. Renfree was second at 102-10 and Cougar Summer Kortbaoui took fifth at 90-2.25.

"I threw 110 on my first throw. My PR is 116. On my last throw I threw 113, so I am very happy with that," VanBenschoten said.

Renfree, however, won the javelin with a toss of 110-1, followed by Blue Devils Christina Mosco at 108-9 and Meghan Reilly at 107-4. Blue Devil Emily

Mastrocola placed sixth at 95-0.

Prior to those events, Raider field coach Ken Hernandez said, "Samantha in the conference last week had a big throw. The girls from Westfield, whom she has been very competitive with, threw a 115 and she answered with a big throw of 120. Yesterday, she took third in the shot put, so she is an all-around athlete."

"The shot I had a 35, so I got third. The disc was 103 for second, and the javelin was 110 for first. Overall, it was a good performance. I wish I could have done better in jav[elin]. I was a lot more in the mind set last week than I was this week. There was a lot more rushing this week between the events," Renfree

said.

Grant placed third in the pole vault with a height of 9-6, followed by Blue Devil Mai Devin, who also cleared 9-6. Grant took fifth in the 100 hurdles with a time of 15.19. Grant, Hunter and Callinan tied for fourth in the high jump with a height of 4-10.

Burke took second in the long jump with a leap of 16-11.75, followed by Raider Christine Charles at 16-8.75. Cougar Rebecca Shimonov took fifth at 16-7.25. Raider Leah Salituro took eighth at 15-8. Raider Ward crossed third in the 200 with a time of 26.45. Cougars Ashley McGuire at 26.84 and Burke at 27.21 finished 4-6.

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Blue Devil Amanda Marcotullio, left, and Raider Najla Gilliam in the 400 hurdles

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Raiders Christine Charles, left, Devora Ward in the 100

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**RAIDER CASTORE WINS SHOT PUT EVENT, BLUE DEVIL FAGAN WINS POLE VAULT AT 13-6****Vikings Get 1st, at UC Track; Westfield 3rd, Cougars 7th**

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Specially Written for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*

Senior Allen Eke won the 1,600 meters and the 800 meters as the Union Catholic High School Viking boys won six events to easily capture the team title at the Union County Championship at Hub Stine Field in Plainfield on May 17-18.

The Vikings totaled 122 points, well ahead of second-placed Governor Livingston at 71 and the Westfield Blue Devils, who finished third at 54. The Cranford Cougars placed seventh with a total of 22.5 and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders finished 12th with 10 points.

The Vikings took top honors in four of the eight events on May 17 and held a commanding lead in the team total over Governor Livingston, 59-37, with Westfield being a distance sixth at 19.

The eye-opening race of that day came in the 1,600 meters, which was spearheaded by Eke, New Providence Pioneer Everett Price and Blue Devils Jack Leahy, Matt Luppino and Dan Luzzi.

After the first lap, Eke and Price began to distance themselves from the rest of the pack. Eke drafted Price but turned on the burners and crossed first with a time of 4:11.69, just shy of the meet record, but it was the fourth-best time in the state this season.

"I honestly did not know. I had no clue I would run a 4:11. My goal was to stay with him and then maybe kick. I had more left too. I didn't really want to look back, but I looked back and thought how could he be that far behind? Then I thought, 'what did I just run?' I was very ex-

cited. It's just amazing," Eke said.

Eke, whose previous best time was 4:21, began his kick with about 300 yards remaining and used his experience as one of the top runners in the 800 to beat Price (4:18.43) by nearly seven seconds. Leahy finished third at 4:20.04, followed by Luppino at 4:22.03. Luzzi finished sixth at 4:30.85.

"I saw his hands open up, and I thought, 'awe he's tired!' Then I went inside of him and just made my move. The 800 is definitely my strong side, but I ran a huge PR, so the mile could be

there too. I was coming into the race working and trying to get second and run, at least 4:14 or 4:16. You never know yet," Eke said.

Viking Tom Fried won two events, the discus with a toss of 133-3 and the javelin with a toss of 181-8. Cougar Rob Kessler placed fifth in the discus at 123-10 and third in the javelin at 159-8. Blue Devil Joe Rinaldi took fifth in the javelin at 151-11. Viking Christophe Scott won the long jump with a distance of 22-6. Blue Devil Chris Jimenez took sixth at 21-7.5.

Blue Devil Mike DePaolo tied for third in the high jump with a clearance of 6-0. Scott took fifth at 5-10. Vikings Obafemi Animashaun at 54.44, and Taylor McLaughlin and Zach Ghizzone both at 56.84 placed 5-6 in the 400 hurdles. Viking Darryl Costello finished fourth in the 400 at 49.9. Viking Jordan Jimerson finished fourth in the 100 meters at 11.2.

On May 18, Eke crossed first in the 800 with a time of 1:54.07. Blue Devil Luppino finished sixth at 1:59.21. Cougar Carl Lieberman finished 11th at

2:01.81.

Blue Devil Peter Fagan took top honors in the pole vault with a height of 13-6. Teammate John Stelmach took second at the same height. Cougar Pat Lynch tied for fifth at 12-0. Cougar Mike Helmstetter and Raider Joe Desiato tied for seventh at 11-6.

Last week at the conference meet, the Raiders demonstrated their influence in field events, especially the shot put.

"In the conference, we had our first 50 of the year registered by Jamie Kaiser. He's built so much confidence from the beginning of the year until now. Billy Castore is keeping him honest. Billy hit 49 in the winter, so we are hoping to get big numbers out of him. I think Kaiser jumping ahead of him is going to fuel the fire. And, of course Chris Burke has always been consistent," Raider field coach Ken Hernandez said.

Castore was indeed fueled up as he won the shot put with a shove of 51-4.75. Cougars TJ Nichols at 44-2 and JD Foye at 44-0.5 finished 6-7. Burke and Kaiser placed 8-9, respectively.

"This week, I had a couple of good practices, and performed. I had a 51-4.75 a personal best. My last personal best was 49. I just went after it on that throw. I had an extra push. I even screamed a little bit. Kaiser, my teammates pushed me. I think that's a reason why I threw a 51 this week," Castore said.

Highlander Anthony Bucci and Blue Devil John Kirna were having quite a race in the 3,200. Kirna headed the pack for several laps, but in the end, Bucci kicked hard down the stretch to cross first at 9:39.62, while Kirna finished second at 9:45.6. Cougars Tom Feeney at 9:50.26 and Connor McMahon at 10:14.36 fin-

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**TAKING THE LEAD...**Blue Devil John Kirna, No. 2, keeps ahead of Cougar Tom Feeney, No. 1, and GL Highlander Anthony Bucci, left, during the first several laps of the 3,200. Bucci finished first, Kirna took second and Feeney took third.

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# Blue Devils Third, Cougars Seventh at UC Track

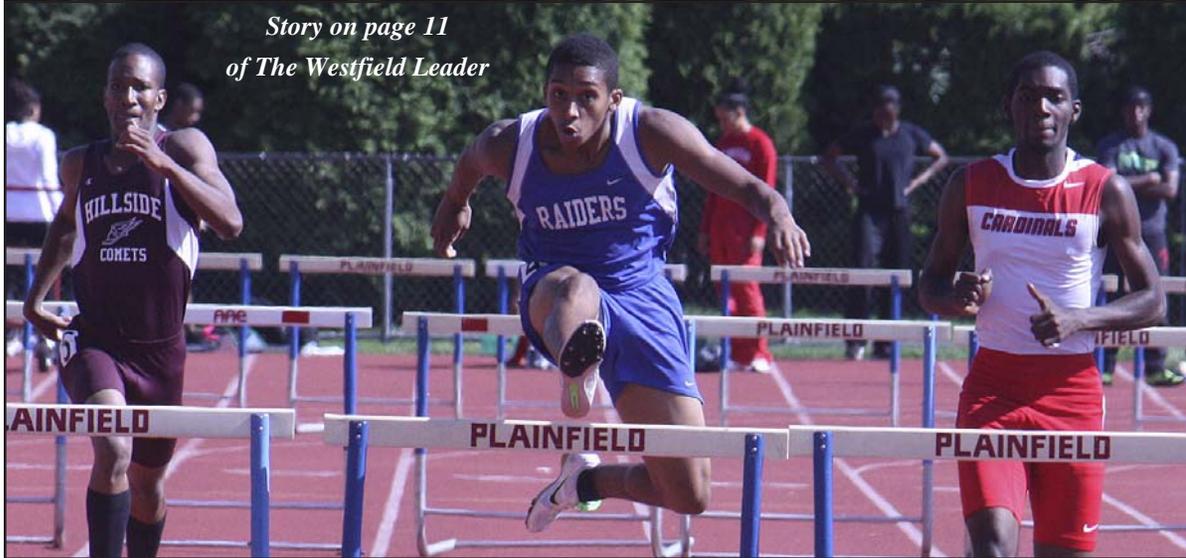
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ished 3-7. "I was trying to stay up there as much as I could. When I am in the lead, I am more relaxed that way. I knew they were right behind me, so I just did my best to

keep my position," Kirna said. Cougar Adham McGuire placed third in the triple jump with a distance of 43-0.5, followed by Blue Devils Mike DePaolo at 42-7 and Declan Fitzmaurice at 42-

1.5. Blue Devil Rob Ciardullo crossed sixth in the 200 at 22.74. Blue Devils Jake Vergara, Ciardullo, Alex Hay and Jason Isbit finished sixth in the 4x400 at 3;28.38.

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# Sights at the UC Track Meet



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**COUGAR ATHLETE OF THE WEEK...**Kevin King, a junior on the varsity golf team, recently shot a 77 to finish fourth in the Union County Tournament and a 79 to finish fourth in the Union County Conference Tournament. He also has the golf team's lowest scoring average of the season.

# Cranford Committee Passes Ordinance For Birchwood Development Project

By DELL SIMEONE

*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader*

CRANFORD — After a two-hour long public hearing Tuesday night in which member of the public begged, accused, and challenged the Cranford Township Committee not to amend a supplement to the township's land-use ordinance to create an inclusionary multi-family residence zone, the Committee adopted the ordinance. Committeeman Kevin Campbell cast the lone dissenting vote.

"I have to vote no, this is not meant to be a criticism of my colleagues, but it (the measure) does not meet the statutory requirements of the land-use law," Mr. Campbell said.

Other committee members, especially Lisa Adubato Nesi, explained the reason the committee had to vote yes before the Committee could appeal the decision by state Superior Judge Lisa Chrystal who ordered Cranford to amend the ordinance to coincide with a proposed development on Birchwood Avenue. Residents living in the Birchwood Avenue neighborhood, who, along with hundreds of others suffered the ravishes of Hurricane Irene this past summer, rallied against the amendment, showed pictures to the committee of flooded streets, told of days without electricity, and accused the committee of not standing up for the citizens of Cranford.

"Our justice system doesn't work that way. It is not held to public opinion," Ms. Adubato Nesi responded to the residents.

Township Attorney Phil Morin explained that the ordinance is the first step necessary to bring Cranford Township into compliance with the New Jersey COAH (Council on Affordable Housing)/Fair Share Housing requirements.

Judge Chrystal ordered the township to adopt the ordinance on December 9, 2011.

The Cranford Development Group, a subsidiary of the S. Hekeman Group of Paramus, owners and prospective developers of the property known as at 235 Birchwood Avenue, brought a builder's remedy lawsuit against the township, which was vulnerable because it had not met its fair share of low and moderate income housing obligation mandated by the state under the Mt. Laurel agreement.

"The ordinance will provide Cranford with a policy document, with a housing element, and a vision for future development regardless of the Birchwood matter," Mr. Morin said. "It provides an analysis of the number of units and a view of demographics and employment statistics based on the 2010 Census data."

"The housing element addresses the 360 units of which 54 are to be for low-moderate income families. The unit numbers are to be in ratio to the area median income designed to bring Cranford in compliance with the Fair Share Plan, and regulates how each project will be constructed. The goal for total compliance is 2018," Mr. Morin added.

Opponents to the change in the land use ordinance fear that the change would allow development in an area that is environmentally sensitive and prone to flooding. They also fear an increase in traffic and an overburdening of the school system.

In other business, the final reading and public hearing on the \$33.7-million budget for 2012 was postponed to the Tuesday, June 12 meeting, due to an error in the ordinance.

The Committee will also vote, on

June 12, on an amendment to the budget to include a state Clean Communities Grant of \$400,000 from the State Payment In Lieu of Taxes Program (PILOT).

An ordinance authorizing the elevation of houses at various locations in, by, and for the township, appropriating \$4,182,012, which will be raised from federal grants from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and insurance payments from the affected property owners was adopted by the committee. The homes being raised were destroyed during Hurricane Irene.

Another bond ordinance was adopted by the Committee to authorize the reconstruction of the lower level and other improvements to the Cranford Municipal Building due to damage by Irene. The move will appropriate \$3,500,000 to pay for the cost, make a down payment, authorize bonds to finance the appropriation, and to provide for the issuance of bonds, and anticipation notes in anticipation of such bonds.

The Committee also honored Eagle Scout John Hollier of Troop 75 and his fellow scouts for landscaping and power washing done at the First Methodist Church of Cranford.

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# The Pointe vs. Garwood Litigation Concluded

By CHRISTINA M. HINKE

*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader*

GARWOOD – Litigation between The Pointe and the borough concerning snow and garbage removal was concluded as of last Friday, after a hearing that lasted about eight months, Borough Attorney Joseph Triarsi said Tuesday at the Garwood Borough Council meeting. Mr. Triarsi said he expects to hear the judge's written decision in about two weeks.

In other business, Councilman Lou Petruzzelli, committee representative for the \$2.1-million Athletic Field Complex, which will replace the Little League field off of South Avenue between Oak Street and Rankin Avenue with a large and diverse field for an array of athletics, said addendums were added after the pre-bid meeting took place. The addendums included clarifying the extent of the environmental work that needs to be undertaken at the site and to set a new date of Thursday, June 7, to receive bids.

During public comment, Richard King asked if it was true that the Athletic Field Complex was being "squashed."

"No, it's not true," Mayor Patricia Quattrocchi said. "Since there was adequate monies to handle construction...the project is going forward."

Albert DelConti, who inquired at the last council meeting about the rat problem on the 400 block of Willow Avenue, where he owns property, said he had met with the health inspector and had resolved his issues with her. He asked what the borough was doing to correct the issue. Councilwoman Sara Todisco said the borough has a plan in place to remove weed overgrowth along

the entire brook on Friday, May 25, and then poison will be set out for the rats.

The council introduced a bond ordinance in the amount of \$340,000 to authorize the 2012 road and drainage improvement project. Councilman Jim Mathieu abstained because he said his employer instructed him to abstain from voting on bonding ordinances.

The borough has signed on with Nixle alert system, where residents can sign up to receive text or e-mail messages for priority notices about public safety issues from the Garwood Police Department.

The council awarded a contract to Nature's Choice Corporation for the removal of brush and mixed yard waste at the quote of \$490 for a 30 cubic yard roll off-container and \$14.95 per yard delivered to the transfer station by the Department of Public Works (DPW) for a one-year term beginning Friday, June 1. The council also awarded a contract to Grinnell Recycling to dispose of street sweepings and spoils for one year beginning June 1 at the quote of \$660 per load of a 20-yard cubic yard container.

Ms. Todisco announced that the Memorial Day ceremony will take place at the Knights of Columbus at noon, and that hot dogs and chips will be served. Garwood will take part in Cranford's Memorial Day parade beginning at 9 a.m.

Also on the consent agenda was a liquor license transfer from Little Joe, Inc. – Eric Hirsch, president, to Joseph M. Polyak. Little Joe was a liquor store and bar, now closed, situated next to Kings Supermarket, where GNC is now located. Mr. Polyak was the former owner of Little Joe, which was transferred to a corporation

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**Pointe vs. Garwood Litigation Concluded**

headed by Mr. Hirsch. The corporation defaulted on its deed for the property occupied by Little Joe, and therefore Mr. Polyak resumed ownership.

Councilman Mathieu said in his Library Committee report that registration will begin Wednesday, June 13, for the summer reading program. Ryan Palmer was hired as a part-time seasonal helper to work for the DPW at \$9 per hour.

After the daughter of former Mayor George Casabona asked four months ago that a dedication to her father be made at the underpass in the borough, Mayor Quattrocchi said she was able to get a meeting last week with NJ Transit. She received information she needed to go forward with having a plaque mounted there, but said the borough would have to hire an architect and an engineer. Also, she obtained a source for the funding of the plaque. The people who would fund it are more interested in having it hung at Borough Hall instead of at the underpass because of the dirt and grime that could be a detriment to the plaque, the mayor said. The

underpass project began in 1952 and broke ground in 1962, Mayor Quattrocchi told *The Westfield Leader*. Ms. Todisco called the underpass a Garwood landmark.

Mr. Petruzzelli said the borough

should reinstate the Green Team, which dissolved when former Councilman Anthony Sytko left office, to take advantage of the grant money available for alternate means of energy.



**GREEN AWARD WINNERS...**Wendy Ramirez and Sandy Coleman of Artemesia were awarded the Cranford Green Business Certificate at a recent Cranford Township Committee meeting. Pictured, from left to right, are: Cranford Councilman Ed O'Malley, Mayor David Robinson, Cranford Chamber of Commerce President Eugene Matics, Cranford Green Business Team Chairwoman Debra Walker, Ms. Coleman and Ms. Ramirez.

**SP, GW Projects Recognized  
By State Planning Officials**

AREA — Union County was well represented at the New Jersey Planning Officials' (NJPO) 14th annual Achievements in Planning Awards banquet held May 4 at the Woodbridge Hilton Hotel.

NJPO, the association of planning boards and zoning boards of adjustment which originated in

1939, works to preserve communities' quality of life standards by educating local municipal officials. Their board recognized two local projects by bestowing awards upon The Mews at Garwood, located in Garwood and Park Avenue Green in Scotch Plains. Newark Mayor Cory Booker was the keynote speaker for the event.

Park Avenue Green, built by Steve Needle of Needle Point Homes, was designed to include 12 luxury rental units in the heart of downtown Scotch Plains. This project achieved Energy Star recognition by incorporating energy efficient features to lessen energy usage. Additionally, Park Avenue Green is located to offer easy access to public transportation, shopping, restaurants and other community offerings. Architect Roger Winkle and James Watson of EKA Engineering were engaged for their professional expertise.

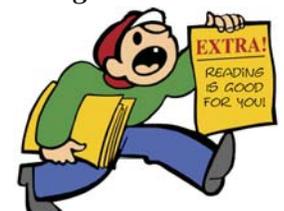
The Mews at Garwood, constructed by Arc Properties and Millennium Homes of Livingston, is a mixed-use facility featuring retail and commercial spaces, residential condominiums and rental apartments. The project reclaimed a long unoccupied site, revitalizing Garwood by making use of its proximity to commuter transportation and the downtown area. Harbor Engineering and architects Chester Partnership were instrumental in this project.

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